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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel: 476

28 March 1945

Ref: 43-1/118/FOOD

SUBJECT: Returning Italian Prisoners of War

TO : War Materials Disposal and I.P.W. Sub-Commission, I.P.W. Division

Following conversation between Lt.Col. Campbell and Major Parker,
attached are copies of letters on the above subject from Presidency of the
Ministers Cabinet and High Commissioner for Food for your attention.

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Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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MINISTERO DELL'AGRICOLTURA E DELLE FORESTE
Segretariato Generale dell'Alimentazione

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TRANSLATION

FOOD HIGH COMMISSIONER 'S OFFICE
NOTE FOR THE ALLIED FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

Ref : 2134

10 March 1945

SUBJECT : Alimentary treatment for the former war-prisoners and other persons returning home.

The Presidency of the Ministers' Cabinet has notified that it would be right to equilibrate the alimentary treatment of the former war-prisoners and other persons returning home, either they suffered the same privations or the ration scale laid down for some categories, is not sufficient to restore the human organisms already seriously undermined.

As per attached copy of a letter sent by the Presidency of the Ministers' Cabinet, the following alimentary treatment has been in force for those returning home :

1) For the former war-prisoners or persons returning home from France.

Ration made up of foodstuffs to be purchased through the Seprals and from the dealers (as per attached form I)

2) For the returning men from Balançania.

a) Food ration "30" (which is distributed to the men landing at Taranto and lodging in the S. Andrew Center managed by the Allied Military Authorities (as per form 2) : 4319

b) food ration as per form I (distributed to the other persons landing at the other harbours and lodging in the resting centers managed by the Italiana Military Authorities)

In order to solve this situation , as it is a matter of urgency, and taking into account that many returning men are subject to the military service and have to return to their Armies or working groups, as soon as their licenses expire, we beg the Allied Food Sub-Commission to kindly cancel the paragraphs, concerning the former war-pri-

soners returning home (chapter II-para) B) from the Rationing new general scheme for military service men, whcih was sent to you for your approval with letter 1563 /CII/R dated November 9th 1944.

Meanwhile we beg you to authorize, for the moment, only those returning home to enjoy the special alimentary treatment proposed in the shheme,

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MINISTERO DELL'AGRICOLTURA E DELLE FORESTE
Segretariato Generale dell'Alimentazione.

TRANSLATION
FOOD HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

Copy of the letter, dated 25th January 1945, no 24861/10909/44/19.5 sent to the Food High Commissioner by the Presidency of the Ministers' Cabinet.

SUBJECT : Food ration scale for the former -war prisoners and others returning home.

The Ministry of the War notified this Presidency that, at the present time, the following food ration scale is in force for the former war-prisoners and others returning home from France and Balcania. :

- a) ration " 30 " (as per form 1) distributed only to the returning men from Grecia and landing at Taranto and lodging in the S.Andrew Center, under the control of the Allied Military Authorities.
- b) ration as per form 2 made up of merchandise purchase through Sepral and wholesalers, distributed to the former war-prisoners returning men from France and to those returning from Balcania (Grecia included) not lodging in the S.Andrew Center.

The Ministry of the War specified that this difference in the alimentary treatment is for the British Authorities regard the Italian troops coming back from Grecia, returning home and assisted by them as the Allied refugee, while the former war-prisoners the returning men from France and other zones of Balcania, and even the military troops from Grecia who addressed themselves to the Italian Authorities, are considered as Italian civilians (before their re-employment as military troops).

As the present rations have a great difference in quality and quantity (ration 30 is more than sufficient, while the other is insufficient) many inconveniences and moral discontent rise up among the men enjoying the latter alimentary treatment. 4317

In order to avoid this situation the Ministry of the War on December 5th 1944, sent to the Military Allied Authorities concerned, for approval, the following proposals : (one of them should be approved at least):

- everybody returning home should enjoy the ration 30
- everybody returning home enjoying, at the present time, the alimentary treatment as per form 2 should be authorized to enjoy

the " military ration tipu unico for the Italian Forces " or their present treatment should be improved.

While we are waiting for the approval of the Allied Authorities, as it is a matter of urgency to improve the food rations for the returning men not enjoying the ration 30 during the winter season we request that the Italian Food Civil Authorities increase the ration pointed out in the form 2.

To this purpose we notify that it would be sufficient to restore the ration as per form 3, already in force until last October for the above mentioned category of returning persons.

Therefore we beg you to kindly take into consideration our proposals and to improve, as far as you are concerned, the basic situation of those persons.

Awaiting your kind reply and further information.

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Translation

List attached to the letter 2134 N° 1.

FOOD RATION DISTRIBUTED TO THE FORMER WAR-PRISONERS AND OTHERS
RETURNING HOME.

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FOODSTUFFS TO BE PURCHASED THROUGH SE.PA.AL.

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| - Bread | Gr. 300 |
| - Dried Vegetables | " 100 |
| - D.Soup | " 100 |
| - Sugar | " 8,3 |
| - Fats | " 6,6 |

FOODSTUFFS TO BE PURCHASES FROM THE MARKETS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| - Fresh Green Vegetables | gr. 350 |
| - Meat or fish or fresh milk products | " 150 (every two days- |
| - fresh fruit | " 150 |
| - wine | litres $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| - Tobacco | gr. 5 |
| - Salt | gr. 15 |

REMARKS - Moreover they have authorized the distribution of the following foodstuffs, to be purchased from the Market, to the undermined persons, after accurate medical control, and not exceeding the 25% of the Staff lodging there :

- one egg
- 1/2 litre of milk
- 40 grams of jam

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FROM ATTACHED TO THE LETTER 2134 - N° 2.

FOOD RATION "Type 30"

| Merchandise | Daily Ration scale (grams) |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Bread | gr. 340 |
| or Biscuits | " 285 |
| Frozen meat with bones or | " 141.7 |
| Frozen meat without bones or | " 106 |
| Preserved meat | " 106 |
| Fresh green vegetables or | " 113.4 |
| canned vegetables or | " 28.35 |
| Canned beans | " 28.35 |
| Onions or | " 56.7 |
| Powdered or dried onions | " 4.72 |
| Fresh potatoes or | " 226.8 |
| Canned potatoes | " 113.4 |
| Macaroni or | " 28.35 |
| Flour | " 28.35 |
| Peas or beans, or lentils (dried on the spot) | " 85 |
| Pasta or | " 113.4 |
| Flour | " 113.4 |
| Fresh fruit or | " 56.7 |
| Shelled walnuts or | " 56.7 |
| Dried fruit | " 8.1 |
| Canned sausages | " 45.35 |
| Sugar | " 28.35 |
| Tea or | " 7.1 |
| Coffee | " 21.27 |
| Milk of British source or Dominions' | " 45.35 |
| American milk | " 56.7 |
| Jam | " 28.35 |
| Cotton seed oil | " 49.6 |
| Salt | " 14.17 |
| Pepper | " 0.28 |
| Firewood | " 907.2 |
| Charcoal | " 453.6 |
| Mustard | " 0.28 |

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Recently the above mentioned ration was completed with the following food-stuffs from the Ministry of the War :

1/2 Litre of wine
5 grams of tobacco

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB-COM.
D/O IPW/22/126
10 February 1945

Dear *Jackling*

With reference to my conversation with you on 31 January 1945 regarding the question of putting all repatriated Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War on one type of ration (namely Italian Army rations or type 3G). My IPW/22/94 dated 8 January 1945 refers.

I wonder if you have been able to get any further on this matter as I am being rather badgered by the different Italian Government Departments concerned.

Sorry to worry you but I would like some decision and really feel it is quite impossible to answer the Italian Government as long as my only reply is - "civilian rations" - which are quite inadequate to meet the position.

Yours *anxiety*
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Lt. Col. D.S. Jackling,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512,
G-5 Section.

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

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12 January 1945

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

Subject : Clothes and Rations for Italian soldiers and POW
repatriated from the Balkans.

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See 96b.

Reference my conversation with Major DRIFFIELD-WHITE regarding the question of clothing and rations for Transit Camps other than S.Andrea used for the reception of repatriated Italian soldiers and POW.

- 1/. It was agreed that the question of the higher scale ration for the camps referred to would be pursued by you, and that you would again communicate with me on the matter.
- 2/. In respect of clothing held at S.Andrea camp, it was agreed that a percentage of this clothing could be transferred to the Italian Command provided a record of such clothing issued was kept at the camp where issues were made.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 478733

Ref: IPW/22/94

8 January 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation and return of Italian Soldiers
from the Balkans.

TO : GSS Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 812.

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Referency my letter No. IPW/22/81 dated 5 December, 1944 on the above subject to which an answer is still awaited.

1. The Autonomous Office for Veteran Soldiers and Repatriated Prisoners of War of the Italian War Ministry have again requested that urgent consideration be given to the question of a universal type of ration for all Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War who are being repatriated to Italy.
2. In my letter referred to above, a request was made that type 50 ration be made available to the Transit Camp at Bari which handles the repatriation of a considerable number of soldiers and Prisoners of War coming into Italy from the Balkans and the East.
3. General Mannerini who is in charge of the Autonomous Office for Veteran Soldiers and Repatriated Prisoners of War has now requested that type 30 rations be not only made available at Bari but also for camps at Lecce and a second camp at Taranto.
Naples
4. Now that instructions have been issued that Patriots coming through our lines will be afforded treatment similar to that accorded the Italian Army in respect of rations and clothing, it is for urgent consideration that those other Italians returning from the Balkans who have been fighting with the Patriots in these countries should have similar treatment. I would point out that those passing through the Bari, Lecce and the Small Taranto Camp are small in number compared with those coming from Greece and the numbers likely to come through our lines from the North.

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5. It is very difficult to get the Italian Government to understand the necessity to issue civilian rations in one instance, and the higher scale of rations in the other, purely on account of the fact that soldiers or Prisoners of War arrive by different means and at different Ports.

6. It is strongly recommended that all camps receiving repatriated Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War be put on the same footing in respect of rations and clothing as the camp operating at Taranto.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. Clark

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

cc: Civil Affairs Section.
Land Forces Sub-Com. (MMIA).
Food Sub-Commission.

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4. The question of rations for the returning soldiers and POW was discussed. Gen. Mannerini made strong representation for type 30 ration to be made available for the Camps at Naples, Bari, Lecce and a 2nd Camp at Taranto. Now that Army rations are being supplied to Patriots coming through the lines in the North and Type 30 ration being issued to Italian soldiers and POW returning from the Balkans who arrive at Taranto, it would seem that if at all possible, the type of ration supplied to repatriated Italian soldiers and POW should be a universal one and similar for all parties returning to Italy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

IPW/22/81

5 December 1944

TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.SUBJECT: Repatriation and return of Italian soldiers
from the Balkans.

- 1/. The Italian Ministry of War has pointed out that a considerable number of soldiers repatriated from the Balkans are arriving in Bari District by airplane and small boats. A camp has been prepared at Bari for their reception.
- 2/. The Italian Ministry of War has requested that authority be given for the issue of type 30 ration to the Camp at Bari under similar conditions as those prevailing at the Camp in Taranto.
- 3/. The Italian personnel arriving at Bari are in every way similar to those arriving at Taranto and it is therefore recommended that type 30 ration be made available as requested.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(SGD) C. S. P.

J. A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
WMD & IPOW Sub-Comm 4308

