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P. W. RETURNING FROM RUSSIA

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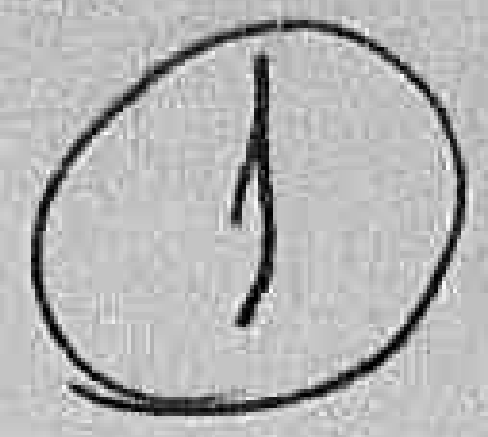
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ROYAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY
The Secretary General

19/19285/50

14 September 1945



TO: Colonel REGIS J.E.
IPW Sub Commission

Rome

Dear Colonel Regis,

Following my letter 10 September 1945 I am pleased to tell you, as recently communicated by our Embassy in Moscow, that a direct agreement has been made between the American Military Authorities and the Soviet Authorities for the repatriation of the Italian internees in the part of Germany that was liberated by the Russian Army- These operations have begun on the 19 of August.

I am sure that with the help of the Allies the internees will be repatriated in the shortest possible time.

signed
Prunas

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE
Tele : 293618 / 23

Ref : BLU/17

25 November 1946

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RECEIVED 2 DEC 1946

Subject : P.O.W. (Italian)

To : Hq., M.M.I.A.
(Attn. Italian POW Branch)

S/Lt. VITTORI PASQUALE - (Services)
52 SEZIONE SUSSISTENZA
DIVISIONE TORINO
P.M. 152

1. One of the Italian members of this Hq. is very interested in the present whereabouts of the a/n Italian Officer.
2. The latest news concerning this man was received on the 16th November 1942.
3. He was a Prisoner of War in RUSSIA.
4. Any help you can give in this matter will be much appreciated.

D.S.L. GREGSON
D.S.L. GREGSON
Major,
DIA & QMG
7 B.L.U.

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2 DEC 1946
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31 October 1946

MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE
Pow Bureau

Prot.n.51466

TO : Allied Commission
S/C for It.Pow.

ROME

SUBJECT : It.Pow. in Soviet hands , in German territory
occupied by the Russians -

Certain individuals who have recently been repatriated from Germany, have reported that many Italians, ex prisoners of the Germans are still in Russian custody in that country.

It seems that the total number is of about three or four thousand , of which a great number are being used as workmen in the Berlin area: another 700, amongst whom are many officers, are in a camp situated in Francfort on the Oder.

Furthermore a German Red Cross nurse in June 1946, reported the presence of about 60 sick and mutilated individuals in the hospital at Luneburg, Landsberg (Warten) and Fuerth (Bayern).

Will you please inform us if the above has been brought to your attention.

Col Paris
What action pl?
no action for the moment
signed *[Signature]* D.F. NITTI
10/11/46

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MINISTRY OF WAR DIVISION,
- 5 NOV 1946
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reg. No

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ALON ROSE (P.O. 3040)

ALBERT VIGNA

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REPORTED TO ITALIAN WAR MEMBERS TOO ITALIAN PW AT
PRISON AT SAN VALENTINO NEAR
VIENNA IN RUSSIA (.) MAY THIS PLEASE BE
CONFIRMED AND IT A ITALY GIVEN

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Epstein

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

M.M.I.A.

Originator's Reference: MIL/136

Message Centre No.: H/6144

Date/Time of Origin: 291730B AUG

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 310830

M.M.I.A.
6/31
SIGNALS

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ACABRIT VIENNA

TO : ALCOM ROME (MMIA)

IPW

[Handwritten Signature]

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Your IPW/65 28/8.126 italian PW ex Russia despatched Vienna 20 Aug. Number of repat was 125 not 150. Nothing known of 3 general officers.

Chief of Div
Fos. 80 and 79 refer.
Seem to be eight missing.

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ACTION: MMIA 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS
31 AUG 1946
A.C.

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PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION
2 SEP 1946
Log. No.

ALCOM ROME (H.M.T.A.)

ROUTINE

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ALCOM VIENNA

IPW/63

FURTHER TO OUR SIGNAL IPW/31/63 OF 211010Z IN REFERENCE
ITALIAN PW VIENNA (.) PW NOW ARRIVED ITALY BUT ONLY 117
OUT OF EXPECTED 150 (.) THREE GENERAL OFFICERS EXPECTED
BUT NONE ARRIVED

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Lull → IPW/31

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IPW DIVISION

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JAMES R. REHS Lt Col.

~~SECRET~~

LROF V MENT NR 24 PP

IMPORTANT IPW 5234

FROM 5 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT 1723// 171230Z
TO HQ MMIA (ATT PU BRANCH ROME)
BT

RECEIVED
20 AUG 1948

M.M.I.A.
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presumably Melit

AG/69. UNCLASS
5 COMILITER REPORT THAT 150 P O FROM
RUSSIA AT PRESENT IN VIENNA.
COULD YOU LET THIS HQ KNOW SOONEST
WHETHER REPORT SXX IS CORRECT AND ETA OF AM IN UDINE

BT
SENT NR 24 AF AR TKS
~~MMIA~~ RD KNN 1245 092 KKK
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PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,
C. 20 AUG 1948
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NIMIA
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SUBJECT: IPW in Russian Custody.

GHC CMT.
3855/A2.

[Handwritten signature]

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

RECEIVED 29 JUL 1946
27 Jul 46.

Reference your IPW/1/31/75 dated 16 Jul 46.

1. This Headquarters has no means of obtaining information about the detention of Italian officers// PW by the Russians.
2. It is suggested that this matter is one for the Italian Government to take up through diplomatic channels.

[Handwritten signature]
L. JB ROBERTSON, Brig.
DAG.

*These prisoners returned 7/20/46
Col. R. [unclear] to see
No action
get !! 2-29/7*

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PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,
M. A. C.
29 JUL 1946
Log No. 8849

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M.M.I.A.

INFORMAL ROUTING SLIP

Log: 1995

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

IPW

Suspense:

File _____

SUBJECT: Cable from Mrs. Assunta Corcione, dated 7 July 1946.

No.	From	Phone	To	Date	
1	AG Ops (Trans)	227	Allied Commission	16 Jul 1946	Translation furnished for appropriate disposition.
					1 Incl: ltr trans. w/cable

M. Frances Aman
M. FRANCES AMAN
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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*Already in hand
CMT 1947*

RECEIVED 19 JUL 1946

PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
19 JUL 1946
Log No. 8617.

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TRANSLATION

Torre Annunziata, 7 July 1946

TO: The AFHQ

I have gathered from "Buonsenso" Newspaper that 50 Italian POW Officers were hindered from repatriating by the Russian Authorities for being suspected with entertaining anti-communist feelings. Among these Officers there is also my son. On behalf of all the Prisoner's mothers I beg your Command to take into consideration their case and to make arrangements for their immediate release.

s/ Assunta Corcione

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Indicazioni eventuali abbreviate

Mod. 30 Telegr. 1934

INDICAZIONI DI URGENZA

Urgente	oppure = D =
Urgentissimo	• = UOS =
Parzialmente urgente	• = PU =
Differito	• = LC =
Lettera telegramma	• = ELT =
	• = NLT =
	• = DLT =
Risposta pagata x (lire o franchi oro)	• = RPX =
Telegramma collazionato	• = TC =
Avviso di ricevimento telegrafico	• = PC =
Telegramma da telefonarsi	• = TF =

Avviso di ricevimento postale	oppure = PCP =
Far proseguire	• = FS =
Far proseguire pagato	• = FSP =
Posta raccomandata	• = PR =
Espresso pagato	• = XP =
Da consegnarsi in mani proprie	• = MP =
Fermo telegrafo	• = TR =
Fermo posta	• = OP =
Fermo posta raccomandata	• = OPR =
X indirizzi	• = TMx =
Comunicare tutti indirizzi	• = CTA =

UFFICIO TELEGRAFICO
DI



Il Governo non assume alcuna responsabilità civile in conseguenza del servizio della telegrafia.
Le tasse riscosse in meno per errore od in seguito a rifiuto o irreperibilità del destinatario devono essere completate dal mittente.
Il destinatario è invitato a firmare la ricevuta presentata dal fattorino ed a segnarvi la data e l'ora della consegna del telegramma. In mancanza di tali indicazioni, il destinatario perde il diritto a reclamare in caso di ritardo della consegna.

Ricevuto il 17 19 11 ore 15
Pel circuito N. 50
Ricevente 



Le ore si contano sul meridiano corrispondente al tempo medio dell'Europa centrale, e per telegrammi inviati a vari paesi esteri di seguito da una mezzogiornata all'altra.
Nei telegrammi impressi in caratteri romani il primo numero dopo il nome del luogo d'origine rappresenta quello del telegramma, il secondo quello delle ore, gli altri la data, l'ora e minuti della presentazione.

QUALIFICA	DESTINAZIONE	PROVENIENZA	NUM.	PAROLE	DATA DELLA PRESENTAZIONE		VIA E INDICAZIONI EVENTUALI D'UFFICIO
					Giorno e mese	Ore e minuti	
	CASERTA	<i>Corso Am...</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>15</i>

Il giornale Buon senso legge che sono stati tratti in
50 ufficiali prigionieri durante viaggio dalla Russia
per sospetti Anticomunisti fra questi c'è mio figlio
Piero sua madre ~~era~~ a nome *Fulvia* madre
madrug cuore forte questi giovani farli impastare

Assunta Corcione

Tip. MASI - PORTICI 20-11-33 XII Ord. 413 (6.150.000)

Indicazioni eventuali abbreviate

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Ricevuto il 19 ore

Ricevente

Pel circuito N.



Le ore si contano sul meridiano corrispondente al tempo medio dell'Europa centrale, e per telegrammi interni e con vari paesi esteri di seguito da una mezzanotte all'altra.

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				Giorno e mese	Ore e minuti	
		Correggio	4	15	19	

Al giornale, Buon senso legge che sono spato trattenuti 50 ufficiali prigionieri durante viaggio dalla Russia per sospetti antifocomunisti fra questi c'è mio figlio Paolo mio madre e nonni tutte madri prendere cuore so che questi giovani farli impetare

Assunta Corcious

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

~~Diagona~~
IPW

Originator's Reference: SC-32524
Date/Time of Origin: JULY 11 1430 B

Message Centre No: H/4590
Date Time Rec'd: JULY 12 1030 B
Precedence: ROUTINE

SIGNED
FROM: HQ USEET/MCNARNEY CITE ETALC
TO: ALLIE CONTROL COMMISSION, ROME, ITALY

UNCLASSIFIED.

Italian Liaison section this HQ request following message be transmitted to Italian Ministry of War cabinet: "04576 42 Italian Citizens former prisoners of War arrived July 11 from CZECHOSLOVACIA. Are assembled mittenwald camp. Will be repatriated as soon as possible. Signed Colonel BRUNO "

~~ES~~
ES
Di. informed 10/7
15/7

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ACTION ~~SECRET~~ MHA (IPW Div.)
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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Date 13-7-46
Regd. No. 2

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12 JUL 1946

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PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,
18 JUL 1946
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/1/31/75

16/7/46

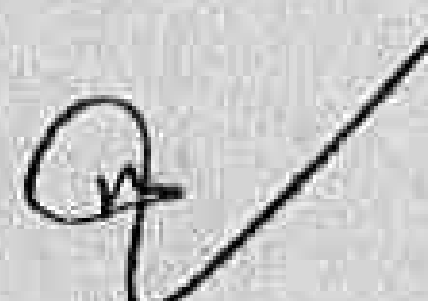
SUBJECT : IPW in Russian Custody

TO : G.H.Q., CMF
(A Branch)

1. The attached report, received from Italian Ministry of War regarding the arrival of a convoy of IPW which arrived from Russia on 7 July 1946, is forwarded for information and any action that may be possible.

2. Attention is invited to paragraph 2 b).
It would be appreciated if some information could be obtained as to why these officer PW *are* detained at Sighens.

For the Chief Commissioner



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

Encl.

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Rome, 11 July 1946.

11 July

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War
Veterans and Repatriated
PWS

Prot.n.13222/223 RPGR

TO : LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ITALIAN PRIS. OF WAR DIVISION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Col. Regis to SEE
13/7

Mammioni is
getting worried
about pris.
21/7

ROMESUBJECT : It.POW in Russian custody -

1°) On the afternoon of the 7th of July the convoy of It. Veterans in arrival from Russia were taken in custody at Arnoldstein (Austria) composed of :

- 551 Junior officers
- 176 Warrant officers and soldiers of whom 40 belonged to the A.R.M.I.R. the rest, of about a hundred captured were in Austria and in Yugoslavia; 36 from the high Tyrol who were enrolled in the German Army and 4 civilians=
- 8 women married to Italians and 4 children

2°) According to statements made by the veterans the present situation of the It. prisoners in Russia ^{custody} is as follows:

a) 3 Generals, 27 senior officers, and 50 Junior officers still in concentration camps in Soviet Territory.

b) 50 Junior officers stopped by the Russian police during the halt of the convoy at Sighens (Transylvania).

According to a statement made by the Russian escort officer of the convoy they will be sent later to Italy. ??

c) A few soldiers - not more than 50- scattered about in hospitals and concentration camps on the out-skirts.

3°) As, according to the Veterans, the health conditions, in particular of the Senior Officers, is anything but favourable and their families are continuously requesting that these repatriations be hurried up inasmuch as is possible, we beg your Division

to take the matter up with the Soviet Authorities in order to obtain the repatriation of all of our prisoners from that country and whom so ever is being detained.

signed/ GEN.A.MANNERINI

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IPW DIV

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ONE STOP FOUR AQ/41 OF 271930 B STOP TWO COL MUSCO AND LE COL
 TRAINA WILL NOT REPEAT NOT NOW PROCEED TO AUSTRIA STOP THREE
 STOP NO INFORMATION RECEIVED YET FROM MOSCOW REGARDING ARRIVAL
 OF IPW AT SAN VALENTINO STOP FOUR STOP OFFICERS MENTIONED ABOVE
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 THIS HQ WILL INFORM TERRITORIAL COMMAND UDINE THROUGH MINISTER OF
 WAR OF POINT IPW CROSS FRONTIER IN ORDER THAT THE TWO OFFICERS
 CAN PROCEED TO THAT POINT

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E.W. BYATT, Major



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IMPORTANT

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R.W. BEATT, Major

SM/254
24 June 6

JEL

SUBJECT: 800 Italians arrive in SAN VALENTINO,

TO : Major V.E. SIMCOCK, *JEL*
D.P. & R.S.C. z.c.

1/ Reference is made to our SM/247 dated 12 June 1946.

2/ You are informed that the date of the arrival and acceptance of 800 Italian Ex. PW in SAN VALENTINO will be from 27 to 29 June 1946. Therefore, you are kindly requested to inform the appropriate Authorities in order they could arrange a train for them for 29 June 1946.

3/ In connection with illness of Major TITOV V. he will not be able to leave for SAN VALENTINO and it would be appreciated if you would issue Movement Orders for Major ANDREEV leaving Lt. BARANOV, as an interpreter. The above named Officers are to leave ROME for SAN VALENTINO on 25 June 1946.

4/ The previous Movement Orders are attached herewith.

*Read in
in Sir*

*How good ?
uninsured.*

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SUBJECT: 800 Italians arrive in SAN VALENTINO.

TO : Major V.E. SIMCOCK, *JEW*
D.P. & R.S.C. A.O.

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at New GHQ

Specs will amount train

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Colonel P.G. IAKOVLEV
Delegate of Representative
C C U S S R

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LOG. NO.	8049
DATE	25 JUN 1946
OFFICE OF WAR DIVISION	

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WERP/fe


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

IPW/1/31/71

14/6/46

SUBJECT : Movement of Italian Officers

TO : M.M.I.A., (attn. "Q")



Major King-Major Philips, spoke, 14 June 46

1. May movement orders please be issued for the w/m Italian Officers to proceed to S. Valentino, near Vienna, on or about 17 June 46 for approximately 16 days.
2. These Officers are travelling in tpt arranged by the URSS Representative in Rome and are accompanying two Soviet Officers in order to arrange the hand-over of some 800 Italian PW ex Russia.

Col. E. MUSCO - Italian Min. of War
Lt. Col. I. TRAINO " " "

*Received 15 June
opened to Musco.*



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

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Note:-
Showed Fo. (70) *
Deputy Comd 17 June.
17/6

*Call Warsaw 130 / 14-29
Action taken by me 11/19/49
Udine 1949*

SM/247
12 June 6

1. Spoke Russian Delegate 14/6 & told him we would of course arrange the move.

SUBJECT: 800 Italians Arrive in SAN VALENTINO.

TO : *M. P. V. R. S. G. A. S.* IPW Division ✓

Italians cannot do anything in British-occupied Austria.

It has been received information from Moscow that 800 Italian Ex. PW will arrive in SAN VALENTINO / Austria from RUSSIA and that it is necessary to hand them over to the Italian Authorities at this point.

Two Officers named Col. MUSKO ETTORE and Lt. Col. TRAINO ITOLO have been appointed by the Italian War Office. From our side for handing over those 800 Italians and accompanying the Italian Officers who are to accept the Ex. PW, Major TITOV Viktor with Lt. BARANOV Viktor, as an interpreter, have been appointed.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would inform the appropriate authorities and send them our request to organize transportation of the Italian Ex. PW from SAN VALENTINO to UDINE / Italy and arrange movement orders for the above said officers to enter San Valentino and come back to Italy with this transport.

You are kindly requested to treat 4410

this matter as urgent. After contacting GHO (person permits) for the rail move from S. Valentino to UDINE. *seen arranged by Maj. SMERK*

3. After contacting GHO (person permits) for the rail move from S. Valentino to UDINE. *seen arranged by Maj. SMERK*

Colonel P. G. JAKOVIC ✓

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SUBJECT: 800 Italians Arrive in SAN VALENTINO.
TO: Major V. J. S. [unclear] A.S. ✓
IPW Division ✓

Italians cannot do

anything in British-occupied Austria. I asked Russians to let us know as soon

as possible the E.T.A. of their IPW at S. Valentino m. VIENNA.

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contact Q (Movements) B.T.F. & fix the rail move from S. Valentino. *in case seen covered by Maj. Smerck*

3. After contacting GHO (person pending) and A.C. (FALK BAKER) & M.A.S. KING (Q-Movs - MIA) I told Russians that Allied Hill. Also down need a permit to enter Brit. Zone Austria, & that a movement order signed by Genl IAKOVLEV must suffice - as long as it is written in English.

Colonel P.G. IAKOVLEV
Delegate of Representative
U S S R

130 V. Nonnikova, Rome.
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L. TOUKINA.

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4. Arranged movement orders for the Italian Ex. PW - see exhibit folio.

5. Arranging move of arrival, when we can inform Q Movements G.H.Q. ✓

14/Jan 46.

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

IPW/1/31/69

15/4/46

SUBJECT: Request for news of Lt. GUARNIERI, Giuseppe.

TO : H.Q., A.C., Office of Chief Commissioner
attn. ; Comandante Apostole

Ref. your Memorandum of December 1945

1. A reply has now been received from the Soviet PW and DP Division stating that the whereabouts of Lt. Guarnieri has not been established.

2. If more details can be obtained and forwarded to this Division, farther investigation will be made.

W
W.E.R. PHILIPS
Major
Chief
IPW Div.

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

IPW/1/31/68


15/4/46

SUBJECT : IPW in occupied Zones

TO : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW

Ref your No 3376/52⁵⁸ dated 13 Feb 46

1. There are 244 IPW held in PW camps in the U.S. Zone in Germany, and it is anticipated that they will be repatriated in the near future.
2. The report in para 3 of your letter is incorrect; the latest figures of IPW and DP held in the whole of the British Zone are 204, which includes Stalag 11B at Fallingbommel.
3. Further information has been asked for, and it is hoped that some light can be thrown on the position by Advanced HQ & DP Division for Combined Repatriation Executive, from whom a reply is awaited.


W.E.R. PHILIPS
Major,
Chief
IPW Div

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ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA
(British Element)

Subject: Tracing of Missing PW.

ACA/M1126/4/A.

To : HQ Allied Commission
APO 394
Civil Affairs Section
Italian Prisoner of War Div.

8. Apr 46.

Reference your letter IPW/1/31/38 dated 18 Dec 45.

A reply has now been received from the Soviet PW and DP Division stating that the whereabouts of Lt GUARNIERI has not been established.

It is regretted that no further action can be taken.

*F.S.
Please speak
should ask C. from more
details - some this
Annoyance -*

14/4

J. Galt. - M. B.

Schönbrunn Palace.
DCG/MPM.

Brigadier,
Deputy Director,
Military Division.

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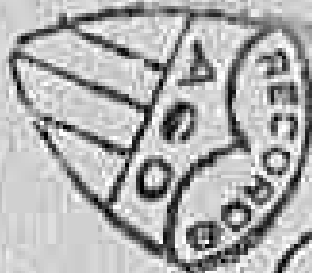
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Hq, US Forces, European Theater, APO 757 - 25 March 1946

J. Jones

TO: Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

1. There are 244 Italian prisoners of war held in prisoner of war camps in the US Zone in Germany.
2. It is anticipated that these prisoners of war will be repatriated in the near future.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:



Robert F. Shearer

ROBERT F. SHEARER
Major AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

Telephone: Frankfurt 2-1816.

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AG 383.6/002 A-0 3rd Ind.
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TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission, MIA.

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For your information.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IEE:

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

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

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4/4/46

SUBJECT : Italian PW in AUSTRIA

TO : Allied Military Government, Udine Province
Office of the Provincial Commissioner.

Ref. your UDI/PO/49 of 21/Jan/46

1. This Division has been informed by the Allied Commission Austria (Br.Element) that the allegation that numbers of Italian PW are being retained in Russian Camps in AUSTRIA has been investigated by the Soviet Element of the Allied Commission for Austria.
2. The following reply has been received:-
" If the Italian Department supposes that there is a large number of IPW in Soviet Camps in Austria, then the PW Division of the Soviet Element would like to receive concrete information as to exactly where they are.
At the present moment, we have no Italian Prisoner of War, and Italians arriving from the territory of the USSR are handed over via the camp at St.Valentine."
3. In particular nothing is known of n°204 Camp, Vienna. 4405
4. Please cause further investigation to be made and when new details are obtained submit them to this Division when further representation will be made.


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

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ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA.
(British Element)

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Subject: Italian PW in AUSTRIA.

ACA/Mil/103/A.

To : Italian Prisoners of War Division
MMIA
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

29 March 46.

Reference your IPW/1/31/47 dated 29 Jan 46.

1. The allegation that numbers of Italian PW are being retained in Russian Camps in AUSTRIA has been investigated by the Soviet Element of the Allied Commission for AUSTRIA.

2. The following reply has been received:-

" If the Italian Department supposes that there is a large number of Italian PW in Soviet Camps in AUSTRIA, then the PW Division of the Soviet Element would like to receive concrete information as to exactly where they are.

At the present moment, we have no Italian Prisoners of War, and Italians arriving from the territory of the USSR are handed over via the camp at St. Valetine"

3. In particular nothing is known of No.204 Camp, VIENNA.

4. If any definite information can be provided, it will be passed by this Division to the Soviet Element immediately, for further investigation.

Schonbrunn Palace.
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Repl. new A. J. 10 (46)*

[Signature] Brigadier,
Deputy Director,
Military Division.

PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,
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SUBJECT: Repatriation - Italian PW.

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29 Mar 46.

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

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Your IPW/1/31/60 dated 26 Feb refers.

Attached please find copy of letter PWDP/55632/PW dated 20 Mar from Main Headquarters Control Commission for Germany (HE).

HHW/MC.

*We have not got
enough info to Adv HQ PW
He must write to Adv HQ PW
& DP Div if we do not
hear soon*

J. Napier
JIC NAPIER,
Brigadier,
DAG.

B/F 25 April

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PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,
WASHINGTON, D. C. 1 APR 1946
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Tel: 2767

Ref: PWDF/55632/PW

To: G.H.Q.
Central Mediterranean Forces.

HQ FW & DP Division,
Main H.Q.
Control Commission for
Germany (BE)
Bunde, B.A.O.R.

20 Mar 46

Subject; Repatriation of
Italian ex Prisoners of war.

1. Your 3821/A2 dated 4 Mar 46 has been passed to this Division by H.Q. British Army of the Rhine.
2. The report in para 2. of the Allied Commission, MMIR, IFW Division, that there are 1000 Italian prisoners of war at STALAG XI B, FALLINGBOMSTEL, is incorrect.
The latest figures of ITALIAN PWX and DPs held in the whole of the British Zone are 204.
3. A copy of the Allied Commission, MMIA letter referred to, is being passed to Combined Repatriation Executive, for any action they are able to take on paras 1 and 3.

(Sgd) R.R BIRNISTLE,
Major.
for Chief FW & DP Div.

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Copy to:- Adv HQ IW & DP Division for CRX
(Together with copy of Italian Prisoners
of War Division, MMIA, Land Forces Sub Commission R.C.
ref. ITW/1/31/60 dated 26 Feb 46.)

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26 February 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR WAR
VETERANS AND REPATRIATED PW
REF. 4413/223

TO ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION
IPW DIVISION
R O M E

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian POW from territory occupied by
Russians.

- 1) Reference your letter IPW/1/31/55 dated 8th Feb. 1946 and following our letter No. 3376 dated 15th Feb. 1946.
- 2) We are informed of small groups of Italian prisoners in the Breslavia and Stettinio areas.
- 3) The prisoners in question could be put on trains in the locality of Hoff.
- 4) Sick prisoners will be taken to Merano and the rest to Pescantina.
- 5) We have asked the Italian Liaison section of the 3rd American Army to furnish us with further details regarding the number of these prisoners and the exact localities occupied by the Russians in which they are held.

Sgd.
Col. Anfoso

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
 HQ AC APO 394
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26 February 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
 AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR WAR
 VETERANS AND REPATRIATED PW
 REF. 4414/222/1

TO ALLIED COMMISSION
 SUB COMMISSION
 IPW DIVISION
R O M E

SUBJECT : Sick POW in Poland.

- 1) Reference your letter IPW/1/31/57 dated 12th Feb. and following our letter 3376 dated 13th Feb.
- 2) We have been informed as follows by the Ministry of foreign Affairs :
 - a) agreements made between the Polish and Czech Authorities guarantee the care of sick Italian POW at Katowice. Therefore that locality is the place to send all our sick POW in Poland as in said locality, the Polish Red Cross is in liaison with the Delegation of the Italian Red Cross at Warsaw for the care and sorting out of the sick POW.
 - b) other groups of the sick of 150 and 200 respectively are to be sent to Praga.
- 3) The sick prisoners on arriving in Italy will be sent to Merano.

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Sgd.
 Col. Anfoso

(Signature)

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

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IPW/1/51/60

26 February 1946

Subject : Repatriation of IPW in the Russian and
American occupied zone.

To : G-1 (B), GHQ, G.M.F.
G-1 American, GHQ, G.M.F.

- 1/. From Italian sources it has been learnt that at SCHOKENBURG and MURLOFF (in the American occupied zone) there are many sick Italian PW awaiting repatriation.
- 2/. Camp 11 B is stated to be situated at FALLINBOUSTEL and to hold 1000 IPW.
- 3/. In Poland it is reputed there are some 4-5000 IPW amongst whom are many sick.
- 4/. This information is chiefly gained from repatriated IPW and is neither reliable or explicit.
May steps please be taken with the appropriate Allied Authorities in the countries concerned to verify this information.

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J. E. Reiss
J. E. REISS, Lt. Col.
Chief
IPW Division

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16 February 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR WAR
VETERANS AND REPATRIATED PW
REF. 3492/252

TO ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION
IPW DIVISION
R O M E

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW from the Russian occupied zone.

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Ref. your IPW/I/31/55 dated 8 Feb. 46.

This Ministry already informed your Division of the location of IPWs in Poland and in Russian occupied zone, with letter No. 3376/252 dated 13 Feb. 46.

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Sgd.
Gen. Mannerini

Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission
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MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War
Veterans and Repatriated PW.

13 February 1946

No. 3376/252

TO: IPW Division, A.C.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of IPW in the Russian occupied zone.

Following our 2653/252 of 3 Feb 46 and reference to verbal request of Capt. HALL.

- 1) This office has been unable to find out the exact location of IPWs in the Russian occupied zone.
- 2) It appears, from information given by Capt. Morandini, Italian Liaison Officer at the Command of the 3rd American Army, to the American Command at HOFF, that at SCHOENBURG and MURLOFF there are the majority of sick IPWs.
- 3) From information given by PW repatriated to Italy, it appears that FALLINBOOSTELL is the location of Camp 11B, with about 1000IPW
- 4) It appears that in Poland, as already communicated with letter No. 3045 dated 9 Feb 46, there are 4000 - 5000 IPW variously located. For these we should either apply to the Polish Red Cross at KATOVICE or at VARSAVIA.

non existent in Poland!!

THE GENERAL
CHIEF OF AUTONOMOUS OFFICE
(A. Mannerini)

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/1/31/57

12/Feb/46

SUBJECT : Sick PW in Poland

TO : Autonomous Office for War Veterans & Repatriated PW

1. Ref your letter 3045/222/1/RPGR dtd 9 Feb 46

2. This matter has been discussed with transportation S/C, Allied Commission, who have asked us to obtain the following information:

- See 61*
- a) Planned collecting points of PW in Poland (Katovice)
 - b) Numbers of sick PW it is proposed to collect, and whether they will be ready at these collecting points.
 - c) Whether permits have been obtained from the Polish authorities for the PW to leave Poland & from the Russian authorities to cross Russian occupied Germany.
 - d) Whether a staff can be provided for the train in the event that the Russian authorities are unwilling to allow Italian military personnel to travel through territory they control.
 - e) Arrangements for the reception of the sick PW in Italy.

3. When the above details are available, Transportation S/C will submit a plan to AFHQ for their approval & eventually contact the Allied Occupation Forces in Germany.

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

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MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
& Repatriated POW

File No. 3045/222/1/RPCR

Rome 9 February 1946

SUBJECT: Sick Prisoners in Poland.

TO : Italian Prisoners of War Division,
Civil Affairs Section - Rome -
Att'n: Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Rome -
Italian Embassy - Warsaw -
Colonel Fiore Vernazza,
A.C.S. U.S.F.E.T.
A.P.O. 757 - U.S. ARMY.

A Military Chaplain (Lt) who returned recently from Poland in company with 50 sick Italians has stated amongst other things that:

- To-day in Poland there are still a few thousand Italians (at the most 4 or 5000) which number includes a numerous quantity of sick;
- The Russian and Polish authorities have no means with which to send these people to Italy.;
- The Russians are getting out their Sanitary Units into their own territory and our sick who are being taken care of by these Units, run the risk of having to leave with them, thereby going still further away from their own Country which will render their repatriation even more difficult.

We beg your Division to take steps with the Allied Authorities of Occupation in Germany, in order to obtain the authorization for the Hospital train DNR 817 (13 Bis. C.R.I.), which is at present running as far as Hoff, to go to Poland, in particular to Katowice to pick up our sick prisoners.

At Katowice the train will contact the Polish Red Cross (Ulizza Kosciolna n.8) that is in report with the Italian Red Cross Delegation of Warsaw.

Sgd. General A. Mannerini

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
HQ AC APO 304

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

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IPW/1/25/55

8/Feb/46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian PW in Russian occupied Zone

TO : Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW

1. Ref. your 2122/252 dtd 29/Jan/46 and your 2653/252 dtd 3/2/46
2. The plan mentioned in your second letter is at present under consideration at AFHQ.
3. Transportation S/C, AC. have promised to try to obtain from AFHQ permission to use the returning trains to carry Italian PW, when the plan is definitely decided upon.
4. In the meantime, they have requested us to give them the location and numbers of Italian PW in Poland and Russian occupied Germany.
5. Will you please give us any such information you may have, and also suggested entraining points in Europe (e.g.Hof), and detraining points in Italy (Pescoantina?)

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

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Rome 3 February 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for Repatriated POW

File No. 2653/252

TO ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ROME

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian POW in Russian occupied zone.

1. It appears that arrangements are being made by the Allies to transport German POW at present in Italy into Germany, in trains which, on the return journey, are apparently to carry Italian POW.
2. We should be grateful if you could obtain information about this project, and find out whether it is planned eventually to use these trains for the repatriation of Italian POW from German territory occupied by the Russians.
3. In that case, please ignore the proposal made by this Ministry in letter 2122 dtd 29 January 1946.

Sgd. THE GENERAL
Chief of the Autonomous Office
A. Mannerini

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lets notify
Gen. G. G. G.

Done A.M.

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Italian Prisoners of War Sub Commission
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Napoli, 10 gennaio 1946

Sig. Colonnello JAMES RAGGIE
 Capo della Sottocommissione Alleata
 per i prigionieri di guerra.

R O M A

Colle più vive felicitazioni da parte nostra per la meritata distinzione avuta e delicato incarico affidatole veniamo vivamente a pregarla di compiacersi segnalarci, sempre che Le riuscirà possibile e non sarà di fastidio se i sottosegnati Ufficiali, nostri cari congiunti : Magg. MASSA - GALLUCCI ALBERTO, S. T. BARONE TOMMASO, prigionieri nel Campo n. 160 in Russia, dei quali non ancora abbiamo potuto avere dirette notizie, si trovino in buone condizioni di salute e in grado di prossimo rimpatrio, come è nei nostri ardenti voti e di tutti i familiari, trepidanti per la loro sorte.

Al suo alto senso di umanità e piena comprensione di questa ambascia facciamo quindi appello, perchè ci conceda tanto agognato bene.

Con tanti devoti omaggi

Luigi Gallucci - Via G. Crispi n. 31 Napoli
TSI Registrar - File. Answered by Col Raggie

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

IPW/1/31/52

1.2.46

Subject: Italian PW in Russian hands.

To: Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW, War Ministry

1. Ref your 579/223/RPGR dated 10 Jan 46.
2. Enquiries re the presence of Italian PW in Hungary were made by the British Military Mission in Hungary, and the following reply cabled by them to this Division on Jan 30:

* Extensive enquiries with both Soviet and Italian authorities fail to give any indication of any such train-loads being at present in Hungary*.

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J.E. REGIS
Lieut Col,
Chief,
IPW Div. *52*

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FROM BMM HUNGARY 301215A

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TO IPW LANDFORCES S/C MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

M.M.I.A.

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BMM/176. UNCLASSIFIED. REF YOUR UNDATED SIGNAL NO 209 A CIPW SUBJECT TRAINLOADS OF ITALIAN EX-PW IN HUNGARY.

EXTENSIVE ENQUIRIES WITH BOTH SOVIET AND ITALIAN AUTHORITIES FAIL TO GIVE ANY INDICATION OF ANY SUCH TRAINLOADS BEING AT PRESENT IN HUNGARY

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Antonio Fadda

Maggiore Boniperti Carlo

2° Alpini. divisione Cuneense -
Comandante Battaglione Saluzo

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prof. Vallone Francesco
via della Giudea 82
Roma

1/31 Lt. Bombardi Jonetta
Casa Parca 6 Cuneo.

Rome 29 January 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for
War Veterans and Repatriated
PWs

Prot.n.2122/252

TO ALLIED COMMISSION
S/C for It.POW

R O M E

SUBJECT : It.Military trains to return POW from the German zone
of Russian occupation

1°) Capt.MORANDINI, Lt.Liaison Officer with the 3rd American Army has notified us that it would be a very good idea to send military trains to Hoff, German territory under Russian control, in order to bring back the It.Prisoners besides the hospital train no 817, which is doing the same job for the sick prisoners.

2°) The It.State Railways have informed us that they have the possibility of filling out a military train composed of 10 railcars, heated and with food, and one rail car filled ~~out~~ with stretchers to be sent weekly.

3°) We beg your Division to interest the competent Commands in order to obtain the authorization for the passage of the train in question over the frontier and inform us as to what Command will take care of this movement.

signed.Col.Anfosso

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Committee
HQ AC 420 304 31 JAN 1946

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Capitano M O S S I A T T I L I O di Enrico - classe 1899 -
appartenente all' A.R.M.I.R. quale Comandante della 3.ª Com-
pagnia Cannoni 47 / 32 A.D. - 38° Regg. Fanteria - Divisione
Ravenna == Dichiarato disperso (Russia) ==

~~Capitano M O S S I P I O di Enrico ==
Prigioniero di guerra - Campo 360 A. Noarugo THIKA - KENIA -~~

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TORTONA

Tortona, 22 Gennaio 1945

Raccomandata

Preg.mo Sig. Col. J. E. REGIS

ROMA.

Le sarei oltremodo grato se volesse con la Sua autorevole posizione, svolgere indagini nei riguardi

dei signori :

Capitano ATTILIO MOSSI,

Capitano PIO MOSSI,

il primo dato disperso in Russia,

il secondo prigioniero di guerra in Africa del Sud.

Allego alla presente i dati necessari per la bisogna.

Trattasi di due miei cari amici di Tortona, e buoni cittadini.

Chiedo scusa del disturbo arrecato e fiducioso della opera Sua fattiva, vivamente la ringrazio anche a nome dei famigliari.

Rispettosi ossequi.

HP 4387

Preg.mo Sig. Col. J. E. REGIS

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Rispettosi ossequi.

Suo dev.mo

Bohannelli

Capitano MOSSI Attilio = TORTONA (AL.)
Capitano MOSSI Pio = TORTONA (AL.)

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

IPW/1/31/47

29/Jan/46

SUBJECT : Italian PW in Austria

TO : Allied Commission, Austria (British Element)

1. This office has received a communication from the Provincial Commissioner, A.M.G., Udine, stating that he has been informed by an escaped Italian PW that numbers of Italian PW are being kept in Russian Camps in Austria; this PW also claims that the Russians do not intend to allow these Italians to repatriate.
2. In particular, there are alleged to have been, on 10/Jan. 46, a total of 6400 Italian PW (including 200 officers) in No 204 camp, Vienna.
3. We should be grateful if steps could be taken to ascertain whether these allegations are based on facts, and if so, whether there are any prospects of having these PW repatriated.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

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Tel. No:
A. M. G. Udine Ext. 4
File No. UDI/FC/49

Date: 21 Jan 46.

Subject : Treatment of Italian Po. o W In Austria.

To : HQ. AC. ROME.

1. De Pian Pietro fu Pietro belonging to the V Regg. Alpini Div. "Julia", just returned from Russia, affirms that in Vienna and in many other cities of Austria there are several Italians who live in Russian concentration camps. The Russians do not intend to allow these Italians to repatriate.
2. De Pian escaped from No. 204 Camp of Vienna, in which according to the roll call made on the 10th. inst. it was ascertained that there were 5400 Italians present including 200 officers.
3. There are many ill with typhoid in the hospitals.

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
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BH Archer Capt
H. N. BRIGHT Lt. Col.
Provincial Commissioner
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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19 January 1946

IPW 1/31/45

TO: Sig. FINOCCHIARO Cesare, Farmacista
TORRE FARO (Messina)

Gentile Sig. Finocchiaro;

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In risposta alla sua dell'8 gennaio 1946, vi
comunico che non appena potrò andare nella Repubblica Sovietica,
farò il mio meglio per ottenere tutte le informazioni possibili circa
i nostri prigionieri.

Spero che al mio ritorno potrò darle buone
notizie.

Rispettosamente vostro

J. REGIS, Lt. Col.
IPW Division, Chief

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FARMACIA
VINCIGLIANO DES
TORE VERDE

Distinto Col. James Feggs
Roma 44

Avendo saputo che V. L. ha breccia di per-
tina nell'Unione Sovietica, alle scopi di cultura
personalmente con te competenti Autorità di
quel paese, si sollecito con simpatia degli ex prigio-
neri di guerra italiani:

richieste prendere in considerazione i lamenti
stuaranti di un padre che dal 1942, manca del
proprio figlio, Finocchio Guido di Cesare.

S. parente medico, prigioniero in Turcia, nel
Campo di concentramento 160 e che torresi città
in attesa di rimpatrio:

onde mi si voglia restituire il figlio, col primo
scopione del paese ritorno in Italia, attendendo
delirante, la propria mamma ed il padre nella
misera età di 67 anni, pura come è rimasta ¹⁹⁴³
famiglia, di tutti i suoi tre figli, agli effetti di
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una guerra feroce che ha costato
di un costo il cammino della libertà nel
mondo!

Restandoti immensamente grato per
tutto interesse paterno, in ordine
ai bisogni di una famiglia afflitta,

Collegat.

Famiglia Marchese Cesare
Correjo Pereira si 8-4-946

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

JEH/tb

IPW 1/31/43.

15 January 1946


TO : Mr. Gastano FOTI,
13, Via Cairoli
Siracusa, SICILY

Dear Mr. FOTI;

yours of 10 January 1946 received and contents noted.

If permission is granted for my visit to Moscow, I will do my best when there to secure all information from the Soviet Authorities about all our Prisoners and hope to be able to give you some good news upon my return.

Very truly yours


J.M. REGIS, Lt.Col.
Chief
IPW Division

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13, via Cairoli
Syracuse, January 10th 1946

The Colonel James Regis
Rome.

Copy C/o the Italian Embassy - Moscow
Copy C/o the British Embassy - Moscow

Sir,

I read in the leading newspapers that, officially charged, you'll go to Russia to efficaciously operate and repatriate Italian prisoners of that Section.

Whilst I wish you the best achievement for such a mission, which is deeply humanitarian, I respectfully beg to make you a request.

I am the father of the Sublieutenant Mr. FOTI SALVATORE, born on 1916, belonging to 82° Regiment of Infantry, Division "TORINO", declared missing since the end of December 1942 .

It has been ascertained that my son was in charge at the front at the Clothing store (because he did belong to Military Administration) of the above Division, placed at Kierasew, small town on the line Millerov-Rostow.

Informations add that the Division "TORINO" started to march falling back on Dec. 19th '42, and marching 24 hours a day, with continuous fightings, they arrived at ARBUSOW on daybreak Dec. 23rd 1942. There the column was sieged and harshly hammered by the fire of the ennemy. My son has been seen there during the 23rd and 24th December 1942.

I rely upon your heart, which is not only that of a soldier, but even a father's heart, and much hope you, granting my request, will do your best to track my son, or at least to gather sure news about him and his chances.

Even mournful, please give me whatever news, to which I'm prepared, though I expect to have good ones.

With my best thanks in advance, and kindest regards, I remain, Sir,

respectfully,
(Gaetano Foti)
Gaetano Foti H-2

IPW Division, Land Forces S/C, HQIA

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ADD HUNGARY (British Element)

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PARA ONE PD THIS DIVISION INFORMED BY ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY SIX TRAIN ~~LOADS~~ LOADS
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR EX RUSSIA ARRIVED RECENTLY BUDAPEST PD

PARA TWO FOR ACTION ABLE CHARLIE CHARLIE HUNGARY PARAN BRITISH ELEMENT PARAN FROM
ALCOM CITE ACIPW PARAN

PARA TWO PD REQUEST CONFIRMATION OR DENIAL THIS INFORMATION AND WHETHER POSSIBLE
COMPLETE REPATRIATION TO ITALY PD

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G.J. LEONE
CWO, U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

Rome 10 January 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for
War Veterans & Repatriated PsW
File No. 579/223/RPGR

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

SUBJECT: Repatriation of PsW from the U.R.S.S.

We are informed that a Russian Military train arrived at the end of August at Francfert on the Oder and six others have arrived recently at Budapest bringing numerous Italian Prisoners who are still waiting in those countries for transport to Italy.

In the impossibility of being able to control this news, we beg your Division to find out if aforesaid information is correct, and if so, please facilitate if possible the repatriation of the prisoners in question.

Sgd. Col. M. Anfesso.

See log
Capr Hall
Col Regis
14.1.46

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
HQ AO APO 304
Received 11 JAN 1946
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ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA

(British Element)

Subject: Request for News and possible repatriation of Italian P.O.

ACA/MIL/126/4/A

Tel Ext: 315.

To: Military Division, Allied Commission, (Soviet Element).

2 Jan 46.

1. The attached copy of a letter received from HQ Allied Commission I.P.W. Division is forwarded for your consideration.
2. Will you please investigate the welfare of Lt GUARNINI, and consider the possibility of repatriation as suggested in paragraph 4.
3. May this Division be informed of your decision in due course.

noted

Schönbrunn Palace.
TMS/EM

J. J. [Signature]
Lieut-General,
Chief Commissioner,
ACA (BE)

Copy to: HQ Allied Commission APO 394, 11

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Civil Affairs Section,
Italian Pw Division (your Dec 1/31/38 of 18 Dec

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Telephone:
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Ext 368

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

IPW/1/S1/38

18 December 1945

SUBJECT: Request for news and possible repatriation
of Lt. GUARNIERI Giuseppe

TO : Allied Control Commission for Austria, VIENNA

1. This Division has received a request, through the Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq, Allied Commission, for news concerning subject PW.

2. Son of Enzo and Mabel (BOZZI) GUARNIERI, Lt. GUARNIERI was born in FILTRE (BELLUNO Province) on 22 July 21. He belongs to the 1st Regiment Alpini, Pieve di Teco Battalion, 111th Company, P.M. 203.

3. He was a PW in Russia since 1943, and is supposedly in a Russian military hospital in Vienna or near Vienna, under care of American Officers. His last-known address was: "Military Hospital R.S.T.; Surgical Department for Officers No. 320; bed No. 421.

4. The family desire information as to his welfare, whether he is still in the same hospital and, if not, his present address, and finally, whether he could be repatriated at the family's expense, if his condition warrants and if there are no security objections.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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H. Armand de Masi

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

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

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Major Corbelli 83/5470

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

DEC 14 1945

The Guarnieri family of Feltre, Belluno, ask news of.-

Tenente Giuseppe Guarnieri, son of Enzo and Mabel Bossi Guarnieri, born in Feltre, (Belluno), on the 22nd July 1921. He belongs to the 1st. Regiment Alpini. Battaglione "Pieve di Teco" 111 Compagnia. P.M. 203. Prisoner of War in Russia since 1943. He is supposedly in a Military Russian Hospital in Vienna or near Vienna, under the care of American officers.

Military Hospital R.S.T.
Surgical Department for Officers. No. 320
Bed No. 421

The family wish to know if he could be repatriated at their expense.

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International Red Cross - 28 Via Gregoriana.

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*Guarnieri
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Magg. A. ...*

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
HQ AC APO 394
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ENTERED ON CARDS:	DATE: 7 DEC 1945
INITIALS:	<i>[Signature]</i>

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW 1/31/56

14 December 1945

Subject : IPW from Russia

To : Autonomous Office for War Veterans
and Repatriated PW, Ministry of War.
Attn: Gen. Mammorini

- 1/. Reference your 423969 dated 30 November 1945.
- 2/. The contents of this letter were cabled to AFHQ for investigation. A reply has now been received stating there is no record of 5,000 IPW being prevented entry into American zone because of inadequate clothing. Exchange points have, accepting IPW on arrival and now both points are cleared. *seen.*
- 3/. If further information is desired it is requested that additional details be furnished us as to locations of Italians alleged to be prevented from entering U.S. zone.

JH
J.E. REOIS, Lt.Col.
Chief
I W Division

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INCOMING MESSAGE

JPW

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: SET 703/211

Message Centre No: G/5214

Date/Time of Origin: 081400A

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Date Time Rec'd: 091700

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: DAA FROM USFET MAIN

TO : AFHQ, ALCOM ROME : OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR GERMANY (US) FOR COMBINED REPATRIATION EXECUTIVE

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NO RECORD OF 3,000 ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR REFERRED TO IN YOUR FX-55226, BEING PREVENTED ENTRY INTO AMERICAN ZONE BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE CLOTHING. REF NO S-34280 SIGNED MCNARNEY CITE ETGEC SRYPTO SECURITY APPLIES. EXCHANGE POINTS, HOF AND BEBRA ACCEPTING ITALIANS ON ARRIVAL. BOTH POINTS ARE NOW CLEARED. IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS DESIRED IT IS REQUESTED THAT ADDITIONAL DETAILS BE FURNISHED US AS TO LOCATION OF ITALIANS ALLEGED TO BE PREVENTED FROM ENTERING US ZONE.

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission

HQ AO APO 384

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPR/18/9/G-II (IT)

Tel. 489081 Ext. 594

7 December 1945

SUBJECT : Relief Unit.
TO : Officer Commanding,
Pescantina Camp.

1. This is to introduce Mr. Raymond BOLLAM and Mr. Manfredo ROSSI who comprise the UNRRA Relief Unit referred to in our Priority Signal 9047 dated 6 November 1945.

2. This Unit is part of a Mobile Hygiene Unit, and comes to you with the express purpose of helping with the groups of Italian P.O.W. and civilians coming from Russia via Mittenwald to Pescantina. These groups may be of 1500 persons each and are said to be in a deplorable condition.

3. Please accommodate and ration Mr. Bollam and Mr. Rossi and give them every assistance possible in their work.

For the Director.

Oliver
G.A. OLIVER
Lt. Colonel
O.i/c Repatriation.

Copy to : H.Q. UNRRA (Italy)
I.P.W. Division, A.C.

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission
HQ AG APO 394
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PARA ONE PD UFFRA RELIEF UNIT LEAVES HOME EIGHT DECEMBER EXPECTED TIME ARRIVAL
RESCANTINA ONE ZERO DECEMBER PD

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PARA TWO PD ABOVE REFERENCE OUR NINE ZERO FOUR SEVEN DATED SIX DECEMBER

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Copies for HQ. UFFRA(Italy)
(Attn: Mr. NADRO)
I.P.W. Division, A.C.

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Phonogram by hand.

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Sender: Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated.

To : Italian POW. Division, Civil Affairs Section

R O M E

Text: NR. 424255/RPGR di Prot. stop Following letter NR.423969 dated 30 November 1945 military personnel recently repatriated from imprisonment in Russia confirm that American Authorities prohibit the entrance of Italian personnel in German territory occupied by the Americans, because the Italians' clothing is in bad condition; many of these prisoners are obliged to stay in the zones controlled by the Russians in order to procure articles of clothing in exchange for the torn clothes they are wearing at present stop. This condition of affairs is increasing the sad condition of these prisoners stop We beg your Division to interest yourself on their behalf and give the assurance to the veterans that they will be clothed on arriving in Italy stop.

Signed for Gen. Mannerini
Col. Anfoso.

*no further action
this was already
to some time ago
Rome had been
etc. noted*

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PARA ONE PD EXPECTED TO ARRIVE VERY SHORTLY AT PESCANTINA GROUPS OF ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO
EACH OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR AND CIVILIANS FROM RUSSIA VIA BITTENWALD OMA
CONDITION DEPLORABLE PD

PARA TWO FOR ACTION VENEZIA REGION FOR ITALIAN FIVE FOUR CAMP PESCANTINA DISPER INFO
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DISPER REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALCON CITE AGDPR PARAF

PARA TWO PD UNRRA IS SENDING RELIEF UNIT TO PESCANTINA WITH CLOTHING OMA SHOES AND
OTHER RELIEF SUPPLIES PD EXPECTED TIME ARRIVAL APPROXIMATELY ONE ONE DECEMBER PD BE
PREPARED TO ACCOMMODATE AND NATION APPROXIMATELY FOUR PERSONS PD

11.12.45

PARA THREE PD SIGNAL EXPECTED TIME ARRIVAL THESE GROUPS PESCANTINA AS SOON AS KNOWN
AND IF YOU CAN HOLD PENDING ARRIVAL UNRRA UNIT

Distribution (by hand) : H.Q. UNRRA (Italy)
(Attn: Mr. NADZO)
I. .W. Division, A.C.

Col Legie to see -
Presumably these are
the people that
you mentioned is 4370
with H. J. [initials]

From DISPER
4890-1 Ext. 594

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
HQ AC APO 384, 7 DEC 1945
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW#1/31/30

7/Dec/45

SUBJECT: Return of IPW from RUSSIA

TO : Ministry of War:Autonomous Office for War Veterans &
Repatriated PW(Att.:Gen.Mannerini)

- 1./ The attached comunique regarding the return of IPW from Russia is being published in the Milan Press.
- 2./ Forwarded to you for information.

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

Encl.:As above

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION LOMBARDIA
APO 394

R/2386.

29 November 1945.

Subject : Return of Italian PW from Russia.

To : Regional Commissioner Liguria,
Regional Commissioner Piemonte,
Regional Commissioner Venezia.

1. For your information the attached communique regarding the repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War in Russian hands is being published in the Lombardy press at the request of Civil Affairs Section, Italian POW Division.

2. It is thought that it may be of interest to you.

A. M. Hancock

A.M. HANCOCK,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

Copy to:

→ Civil Affairs Section,
Italian POW Division,
HQ. - Allied Commission.

Capt. Hall, PW Div.
AC. HQ. ~~War~~ Office.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION LOMBARDIA
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R/2385.

29 November 1945.

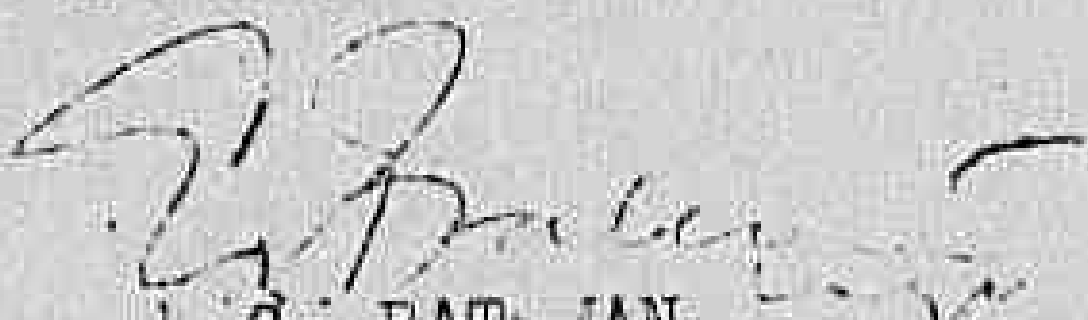
Subject : Return of Italian PW from Russia.

To : All Provincial Commissioners.

1. The attached communique regarding the return of Italian PW from Russia is being published in the Milan Press on instructions from Civil Affairs Section, Italian POW Div.

2. Please take steps to have a similar notice published in your local press.

By order of Colonel HANCOCK:


E.C. BATEMAN,
Major,
Reg. Executive Officer.

Copy to:-

Civil Affairs Section,) your IPW/1/31/26
Italian POW Division, (of 21 Nov 45
HQ. Allied Commission) refers.

Capt. Hall, IFW Div.
AC. HQ. Milan Office.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION LOMBARDIA
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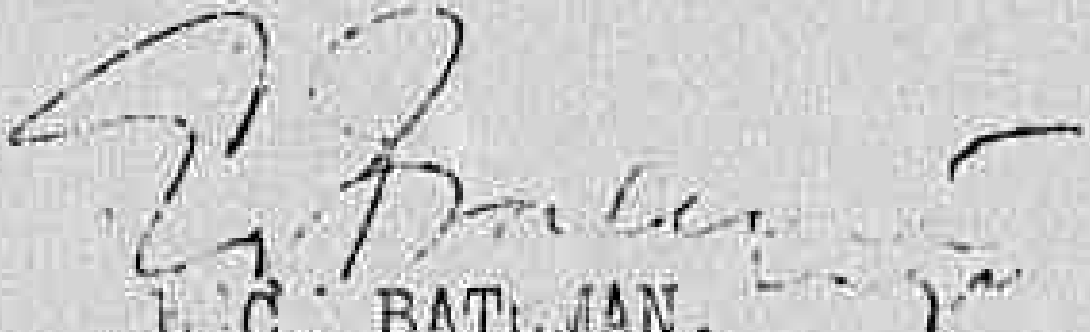
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Major,
Reg. Executive Officer.

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Civil Affairs Section) your IPW/1/31/26
Italian POW Division, (of 21 Nov 45
HQ. Allied Commission) refers.
Capt. Hall, IPW Div.
AC. HQ. Milan Office.

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IL GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO COMUNICA:

E' stato recentemente discusso a Roma, fra i rappresentanti del Comando Alleato, della Commissione Alleata, della Missione Militare Sovietica, del Presidente del Consiglio e dei rappresentanti dei Ministeri per l'Assistenza Post-bellica e per gli Affari Esteri, il problema dei prigionieri Italiani di guerra in mano dei Russi.

Tale problema venne in seguito discusso anche fra il Capo della Sezione Prigionieri di Guerra presso la Commissione Alleata, l'Ambasciatore Sovietico e i Consiglieri politici Inglesi ed Americani.

Il 31 Agosto l'Ambasciatore Sovietico informò il Ministero degli Esteri in Roma che era stata decisa la liberazione dei Prigionieri di guerra Italiani in mano russa.

A seguito di questa dichiarazione 90.000 dei 130.000 prigionieri in mano dei Russi in Germania sono già stati rimpatriati, ed altri 40.000 stanno per esserlo.

Venne anche deciso il rimpatrio in Italia dei 19.640 prigionieri tuttora in territorio russo. Difficoltà di trasporto hanno ritardato tale rimpatrio, però 8.000 sono già ritornati e l'afflusso continua. Si spera che il rimpatrio possa essere accelerato nel prossimo futuro.

I familiari dei prigionieri possono tranquillizzarsi che i loro uomini non sono dimenticati. Ogni sforzo viene fatto dalle Autorità Alleate, dal Governo Italiano e dal Vaticano per assicurare il rapido ritorno di questi prigionieri alle loro case.

Discussions on the problem of Soviet held Italian Prisoners of War have recently been held in Rome between representatives of the Allied Command, the Allied Commission, the Soviet Military Mission, the Italian Prime Minister, and the Ministries of Post-War Assistance and Foreign Affairs.

The problem was further discussed between the chief of the Prisoners of War Section of the Allied Commission, the Soviet Ambassador to Italy, and the British and American Political Advisors.

On the 31st August the Soviet Ambassador informed the Foreign Office in Rome that it had been decided to liberate the Russian held Italian prisoners-of-war. Following this declaration some 90,000 out of the 130,000 prisoners held by the Russians in Germany were repatriated and a further 40,000 are in process of repatriation.

Similarly the return to Italy of the 19,640 prisoners held in Russian territory was also agreed to. Transportation difficulties have somewhat retarded the rate of repatriation but 8,000 have already been returned and the movement continues.

It is hoped that the liberation process will be accelerated in the near future.

The relatives of prisoners can rest assured that these men are not forgotten. Everything possible is being done by the Allied Authorities, the Italian Government, and the Vatican to ensure a speedy return of these prisoners to their homes.

INCOMING MESSAGE *JPW*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FA 55226 Message Centre No: G/4808
 Date/Time of Origin: DEC 021715A Date Time Rec'd: DEC 031200A
 FROM: FREEDOM CITE ENGEG SIGNED SACMED Precedence: PRIORITY
 TO : ACTION: USFET MAIN INFO: ALCOM ROME, CPX BERLIN

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1. 3000 Italian PW from Russian alleged by Italian Ministry of War being prevented by Allied authorities from crossing border to American occupied zone as they are badly clothed. Grateful you investigate and report.
2. If allegation true and lack of adequate clothing only defect, request these Italians be allowed to proceed as clothing available on arrival Italy. ✓
3. For ALCOM, Your 8886 November 30 refers.

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 HQ AC APO 384
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PARA ONE PD ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR REPORT THAT THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO ITALIAN PETER WILLIAM FROM RUS IA EN ROUTE FOR ITALY ARE BEING PREVENTED BY ALLIED AUTHORITIES FROM CROSSING THE BORDER TO AMERICAN OCCUPIED ZONE AS THEY ARE VERY BADLY CLOTHED PD

PARA TWO PD FOR ACTION ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM ALCOM CITE AOIPW PAREN

PARA TWO PD URGENTLY REQUEST THEY BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE JOURNEY PD

PARA THREE PD CLOTHING WILL BE SUPPLIED WHEN THEY ARRIVE ITALY PD

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Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission
 HQ AD APO 800
 30 Nov 1945
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G. J. LORNE
 CWO, U.S.A.
 Asst. Adjutant

Ministry of War
Autonomous Office for
War Veterans and Repatriated.

Rome, 30 November 1945

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR
DIVISION CIVIL AFFAIRS
SECTION

R O M E

Prot: N° 423969.

Subject : Veterans from Russia.

The Milan office for War Veterans and Repatriated
POW has forwarded the following communication:

" About 3000 Veterans from Russia have been stop-
ped in German territory on the line of demarca-
tion between the Russian American zones stop.
The American Authorities will not permit them
to enter the territory under their jurisdiction
because the prisoners in question are without
clothes stop. It seems that in the past the
American Authorities has sent sufficient clo-
thes in which to dress them but said clothes
did not arrive at destination stop untill this
matter of the clothes is cleared up the Ameri-
can Authorities will not allow the transit of
our veterans through the territory controlled
by them stop "

We beg your Division to give the necessary dispo-
sals for the repatriation of the Veterans in question.

(Signed)
M. Anfosso ;

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission
HQ AC APO 304 30 NOV 1945
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 524
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

Ref. No. 429004
Ext. 311

21st November, 1945.

Ref : IAW/1/31/26.

Subject: Italian PW in Russia.

To : HQ AMG LOMBARDIA Region
(request forwarded by you to
Capt Hall refers)

Capt Hall, RA,
IWA Division, HQ AG
Milan Office,
APO 394

*Copy by hand -
to P.R.O.
A.C.
Public Relations
Office.*

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1. Reference your IAW/10/11 of 15 Nov 45.
2. The subject of the Soviet held Italian prisoners of war has been a matter of discussion between this Division and G-3 AFHQ, Chief Commissioner AG, Soviet Military Mission Chief at AG, Italian War Ministry, Ministry of Post War Assistance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister. It was further discussed personally by the under signed with the Soviet Ambassador for Italy, and the American and British Political Advisor.
3. On the 7th August the Soviet Ambassador in Rome informed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in turn the Ministry of War and Aerials, that Moscow had decided to liberate the Russian held Italian PWs.
4. During the months of September and October some 90,000 of the 120,000 Italian prisoners of war held by them in Germany were repatriated and some 40,000 are being in process of repatriation. So much for the Italian PW in Russian hands in Germany.
5. The repatriation of 19,640 Italian PW in Russia proper was agreed by the Soviet Authorities and due to the difficulties of transport etc some 8,000 of this category have been returned and this movement continues.
6. Permission has been asked from the Soviet Authorities to allow the Italian Government to send missions to Russia in order to facilitate and help repatriation, but permission was never granted.

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3. On the 1st August the Soviet Ambassador in Rome informed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in turn the Ministry of War and symbol, that Moscow had decided to liberate the Russian held Italian PWs.
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6. Permission has been asked from the Soviet Authorities to allow the Italian Government to send missions to Russia in order to facilitate and help repatriation, but permission was never granted.
7. The Soviets have never ²ratified the Geneva Convention, so that they cannot be held under Treaty Governing Land Warfare or any of its articles.
8. It is hoped that the repatriation of these unfortunate individuals ⁴³⁶¹ will be stepped up in the very near future and you can assure their families that these prisoners are not forgotten and everything is being done by the Allied Authorities, Italian Government and even the Vatican to secure their speedy release.
9. Will you please take steps to have the contents of this letter published in the Italian press. This has already been done in the Cuneo Region.

Signed by Col Regis 26

J. F. HARRIS, Lt. Col.,
Chief,
IWM Division.

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

IPW/10/11
15 Nov. 45

SUBJECT : Repatriation of PW

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

The enclosed letter, received from AMG Lombardia Region, is self explanatory.

In view of the fact that the repatriation of PW from Russia has begun, some of the requests contained in the appeal no longer apply. However, should all the 19,500 Italian PW stated to be in Russian hands not return with this first batch, it may be possible to take steps to satisfy at least the demand for a list of those still in Russia.

M.G.F. Hall Capt RA

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

Transmitted with letter

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
HQ AC APO 394
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Milan 9/11/1945

The undersigned, mothers and wives of prisoners in Russia in the name of all Italian mothers and wives, consider that the present situation is uncivilized. It is not possible to prevent them from protesting against the tragic situation that has been forced upon them for the last few years. They continue to protest, they are victims of international laws that are wrong and the lack of interest on the part of the Italian Government and the Allied Authorities.

It has been said in these days that 19.500 are left of the Armir.

We want:

- 1 - That the Italian Government and the Allies interest themselves immediately in the prisoners in Russia.
- 2 - That the list of the names of these 19.500 Italians be published immediately.
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- 5 - Ask also for what reason the mail service does not go in Russia.

The situation is very serious and the results could be even more serious if we are not satisfied.

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Suggest you chairman should deal with this

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signed by

Moro Isabella - Via Carlo Ravizza 4 - Milan
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 Albinì Luigia in Scotti - Viale Mazzini - Abbiategrasso
 Boschetti Giulia - Ved. Rognoni - Via Cimarosa 13 - Milan
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 Vismara " " Campo dei Fiori.
 Brandoni Giuseppina - Abbiategrasso
 Stringhetti Pietro - Via Giorgio Merula 62 - Milan
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 Cometti Luigia - Via Aldini 108
 Franchi Chiara - Via 5 Maggio 4
 Manetta Carmelina - Via Certosa 14
 Argi Carla - Via Privata Parma 7 - Milano - Chiaravalle
 Stefanoni Ernesto - Via Privata Parma 7 - Milan - Chiaravalle
 Viganò Maria - Via Milan
 Stainer Giuseppa in Stainer - Via Gadames 119
 Bertett Celestina Sante Bertett Gaetano 2 Camp 1 Batt. 278
 Regg. Fanteria Posta Militare 156
 Covegni Carlo - Via E. Tosi 2 - Abbiategrasso - Milan
 Vergani Tito - Viale Pasubio 12
 Granati Annibale - Divisione Vecenza
 Zibelli Emilio - Via Bianca di Savoia 20
 Mignone Maria - Via Giorgini 14
 Togni Primo - Piazzale 5 Gornate 6
 Anita Panebianco - Via Mameli 48 (mother)
 Maria Pastamia - Via Marconi 41 (mother)
 Cagnoni Carolina - Via Mameli 48 (mother)
 Freddi Rosina - Via Spartaco 4 (mother)
 Calvi Maddalena ved. Pegola - Via Borilli 12 (mother)
 Anita De Gennaro - Via Catone 11 (mother)
 Longhi Bruna - Torricelli 3
 De Gennaro Emma (mother)
 Crippa Teresa (mother)
 Longoni Elvira - Torricelli
 Asti Maria - Via Vallossa 15
 Gasparotti Annunciata - Via Giorgio Stepalenol 95 (aint)
 Cornaghi Giuseppina - Cascina Pestigalla
 Albinì Maria - Abbiategrasso
 Agosti Gina - Abbiategrasso
 Bolis Luigia - Abbiategrasso
 Previtali Carolina - Via Ceresaro 9 - Trezzo d'Ado

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Tosoni Lucia - Creso Vercelli 20
Pagliarini Ved. Tagliabue Olga - Scalvini 10
Luoni Carla - Via Salvini 1 - Milan
Venegoni Gervaso - Villapia Parabiago
De Vecchi Emilia - Via Infossi 4 - Abbiategrasso
Stefani Carla - Via Privata Macerata 9
Simoni Crestina - Via Privata Macerata 9
Rivolta Maria - Cascina Cantagrilla - Abbiategrasso
Garolfi Rosetta - Cascina Fontana - Abbiategrasso
Brizzolara Giulia - Rezzoaglio
Bianchi Olanda - Via Oglio 16 - Milan
Bianchi Aielli Battista - Via Bovisasca 70 - Milan
Rossi Adele - Via Beresina 98 - Milan
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Deccò Piero - Via Imbriani
Bettarello Iride - Via Scalvini 10
Rigamonti - Corso Vercelli 20
Chiesa Erminia - Via G.B. Bodoni 4
Cuopi - Abbiategrasso - Via Statuto 1
Baranice Carlo - Via Parabiago 14
Magnoni Teresa - Via Giuseppe Graziani 42 - Milan
Moioni Maria - Via Guerzoni 5 - Milan
De Carlini Luigia - Via Imer 54 - Milan
De Dionigi Enrica - Via XX Settembre 15 - Abbiategrasso
Rancati Maria Teresa - Via Canova 25
Agosti Giovanni - Cascina Frascina - Abbiategrasso
Scotti Sarrina - Cascinella Gentile - Abbiategrasso
Toselli Gilda in Caioni - Corso Vercelli 23
Caicati Luigi - Molino Comune - Abbiategrasso
Pellegata Cesare - Cascina Greppe - Abbiategrasso
Moroni Mario Ciervia - Abbiategrasso
Codegoni Giuseppina - Via 24 Maggio 2 - Abbiategrasso
Albertini Carolina - Via Mombretti 34 - Milano
Bossi Lermo - Via Varesina 22
Cansanni Fiore - Via Aldini 45
Squacquarelli Adele - Ripa Ticinese 21
Vergani Maria - Ripa Ticinese
Marchi Adele - Via De Masetti 5
Cerecia Maria - Via Mombretti 29
Colombo Teresa - Via Guerzoni 2
Pierotti Rachele - Bagni di Lucca ter - S. Gemignano di Contrani
Ferrari Giovanni - Graffignano Lodigiano
Magnaghi Rosa - Via Pimioli - P.zza Giovia Monti 4 - Milano
Bacchi Nellini Vittorina - Via Giambellino 98

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Col. ANFOSSO phoned 12 00hrs 14 Nov. '45

8,000 IPW returned from RUSSIA through Brennero to
PESCANTINA -MILAN.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/11/31/23

4 Nov. '45

SUBJECT : Italian PW in the BALKANS

TO : Ministry of War: Autonomous Office for War Veterans
& Repatriated PW.
TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.~~

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 51390
Date/Time of Origin: NOV 1/1430A

Message Centre No: G 2775
Date Time Rec'd: NOV 3/1715A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE RHGEG
TO : ACTION: ALOOM RCME

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 374
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW 1/31/21

5 November 1945

Subject : Italian PW in Russia.

To : Provincial Commissioner,
APO, Cuneo

Leontina, Russia (request forwarded by you to Capt. [unclear])

Capt. [unclear]

Michela, 115 [unclear]

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8/. It is hoped that the repatriation of these unfortunate individuals will be stemmed up in the very near future and you can assure their families that these prisoners are not forgotten and everything is being done by the Allied Authorities, Italian Government and even the Vatican to secure their speedy release.

9/ Will you please take steps to have the contents of this letter published in the Italian press. This has already been done with the Corso Africa.

[Signature]
J. V. MOIS
Lt. Colonel
Chief
IPW Division

HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

26th October 1945

REFERENCE : PR/ESO/121.1
SUBJECT : ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN RUSSIA
TO : HQ., A. C.
(Attn: ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION)

- 1. Herewith letter PR/CU/53/1 dated 23 October 1945 and enclosures received from the Provincial Commissioner, Cuneo Province.
- 2. Any information you can furnish in the matter will be appreciated.

By order of COLONEL McPHEE.

Col. Regis to see, etc.
Blf for Col. Regis in his return from M. Gray

A. W. Micklewright Lt
A. W. MICKLEWRIGHT
Capt. R. A.
Exec. S. O. (B)

Copy to : P. C. CUNEO

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*31 August 1945
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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
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 ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War in RUSSIA Ref: FR/CU/53/1

TO: Regional Commissioner, AMG FIFTH REGION Date: 23 OCT 45



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5. At approximately 1120 hrs, Lt MURPHY, IO 178 Med Regt RA, att'd to this HQ, arrived whilst the crowd was still clamouring outside. He was informed of what had already transpired. He therefore addressed the crowd through an interpreter, promising that their complaint would be immediately reported to Regional HQ TORINO in order that further representation could be made by the Allied authorities in ROME to the Russian Government.

6. By 1200 hrs, the crowd had still not dispersed, so they were asked to choose three representatives to attend this HQ tomorrow morning and lay their case before the P.C. on his return. Thereupon, the crowd gradually dispersed, not without, however, some murmuring against the Allies "who do not want to help us". It is quite likely that a similar demonstration will be staged tomorrow morning.
7. The following information regarding the present position of the prisoners of war in RUSSIA has been obtained from the Distretto Militare:†
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9. In view of the large numbers of families in this Province with relatives still in Russian hands, it is requested that the matter be taken up with the Russian Government as soon as possible. Even if it is not possible, owing to transport difficulties, to arrange for their speedy repatriation, it is suggested that at least adequate facilities be granted to permit the Prisoners of War and their families to correspond with each other. It would alleviate much distress and anxiety experienced by the families, who still do not know whether their

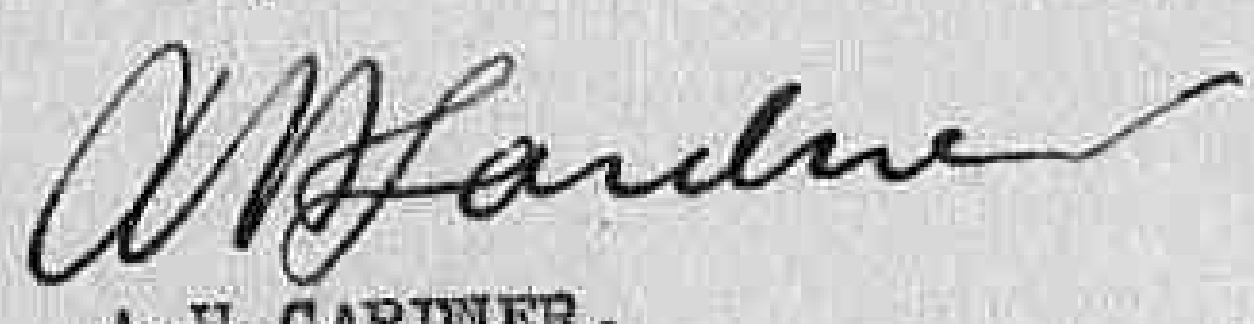
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menfolk are alive or dead, if the local Italian Military authorities could be provided with a list of all Italian Prisoners of War still in Russian hands and also of those who are known to have been killed or have died in Russia.

10. Further reports will be submitted should any further demonstrations arise in the future.



A.H. GARDNER,
Major, RA,
Provincial Commissioner,
AMG CUNEO PROVINCE.

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Copy to:- Lt MURPHY, LO 178 Fd Regt RA

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Distretto Militare CUNEO

The Prefect CUNEO

HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

APO 394

Office of the Regional Public Safety Officer

27 July 145

REF : PR/PS/18/47
SUBJECT : P.O.W.
TO : P.F.S.O. Cuneo Province

Reference your PR/CU/53 dated 24th July 1945.

1. The attached document are returned as the channel of inquiry is through the local Italian Red Cross.

For the Regional Commissioner

H. MIGHALL
Major
Regional Public Safety
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HQ. AM.G. PIEMONTE REGION
(Att. R.P.S.O.)

PR/CU/53

24th July 945

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ERRICO CHATELAINAT

ROCCAVIONE (Cuneo)

Roccevlone, July 16-1945

To A.M.G. CUNEO.

To the Prefect of the Province of CUNEO

Subject: War Prisoners of Russia-

Kindly excuse me if I take the opportunity of drawing your attention on the Alpine Cuneense Division still prisoner in Russia.

What have we done up till now to help them return to their families and to welcome them when returning in their Country? Very little, it seems, and yet they are very good people, most of them are mountaineers and country men who, after having serenely done their duty on the battle field, they never pretended to have saved Italy neither did they rush to occupy empty places in the various prebend administrations, but they always knew to limit themselves to retake hard country works with quiet simplicity. Should these good boys now be neglected?

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Anyhow, examining the practical side of the matter, I would propose the following solutions:

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- 1°- Designate one or more elements charged for information and measures,
- 2°- Take direct contact with Sovietische Authorities and possibly, forward in the concentration place of Alpini in Russia through of a connection agent.
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Translated by:

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Roccarione, 16 Luglio 1945

Onorevole Comando Alleato

Piazza di

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All' Eccellenza il PREFETTO di

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Oggetto: Prigionieri in Russia.

Vogliate scusarmi se mi permetto di attrarre l'attenzione Vostra sugli elementi della Divisione Alpina Cuneese attualmente ancora prigionieri in Russia.

Che s'è fatto sinora per aiutarli a ritornare nelle loro famiglie e per accoglierli al ritorno in Patria? Ben poco e quanto sembra, eppure trattasi di brava gente, montanari e contadini per lo più, che, dopo aver fatto serenamente il loro dovere al fronte, non pretesero mai di aver salvato l'Italia nè tanto meno si buttarono all'arenabaggio dei posti vacanti nelle varie prebende amministrative, ma seppero sempre limitarsi a riprendere le dure fatiche campestri con tranquilla semplicità. Per questo dunque bravi ragazzi dovrebbero essere ora trascurati?

Forse qualche si sarà fatto, non dico di no, ma in tutti i casi le famiglie interessate non ne sanno niente ed hanno ragione di ritenersi abbandonate al proprio destino senza aver nemmeno ^{403/44} cor-
ferto di una parvenza di interessamento da parte delle Autorità cos-

All' Eccellenza IL PREFETTO di

C U N E O

Oggetto: Prigionieri in Russia.

Vogliate scusarmi se mi permetto di attrarre l'attenzione Vostra sugli elementi della Divisione Alpina Cuneese attualmente ancora prigionieri in Russia.

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forso di una parvenza di interessamento da parte delle Autorità costituite. Non è forse così?

Nella relazione inclusa (effettuata nell'aprile 1943) troverete alcuni dati atti a documentare questa penosa vicenda, e dallo voi ci raccolte sembra si possa contare su 10 a 12 mila superstiti, ma ben inteso la cifra precisa dei reduci potrà essere conosciuta solo all'atto del loro arrivo, e Dio voglia che tal numero possa essere elevato

Ad ogni modo, esaminando il lato pratico della questione, io proporrei le seguenti soluzioni:

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1° - designare uno o più elementi incaricati di coordinare informazioni e provvedimenti.

2° - entrare in contatto diretto colle Autorità Sovietiche, e possibilmente, spedire nel luogo do concentramento degli Alpini in Russia un Agente di collegamento.

3° - farsi dare da tutti i Comuni della Provincia l'elenco dettagliato dei dispersi con generalità e reparti di appartenenza.

4° - effettuare un lavoro di classificazione atto a permettere di interrogare i reduci all'atto dell' arrivo onde aver notizie sicure dei loro compagni mancanti, e poter rintracciare in seguito gli eventuali informatori.

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Ringraiscandovi io anticipo di ciò che vorrete fare in tal senso, vi porgo i più distinti saluti.

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F.to (illeggibile) 4343

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MEMORANDUM

Rome 26th October 1945

Major Hamilton has given disposals that officers repatriated from the Russian Zones, will be concentrated in Milan in order to be questioned and requested, that the names of these officers be forwarded to him as they arrive in Milan.

Subsequently the Information Services ordered that 2 groups of officers of the S.I.M., should be sent to Milan and Pescantina to interrogate the officers in question.

We would like to be informed if after the questioning, the officers will be freed.

Gen. A. Mannerini.

Col. Legis

Folio 15 lay down that CSDIK Increment to Italian Army is the guiding authority — not us, H.

~~OTAP~~

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission

HQ AC APO 394

Received 27 October 1945

Log No 11250

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TRANSLATION TELEGRAM

ROME = MILAN 469 = 35 24/20/1630

3 COMILITER MILAN 08/518 STOP REFERENCE TELEGRAM 41678
DATED 11 OCTOBER 1945 WE INFORM YOU THAT GENERAL GHE CARLO
ARRIVED 23RD OCTOBER LODGING CENTER MILAN AND IS AT DISPO=
SAL OF THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES FOR QUESTIONING STOP COMILITER
MILAN 160024.

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MINISTERO GUERRA
 N. 420890 DATA 25-10-45

Indicazioni di urgenza	Ricev. il 25/10 ore 0630		Pel circuito N. <i>Militer</i> Ricevuta <i>Salvi</i>	Mod. 80 (1042 XX) MODULARIO C. - Teleg. - 63
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ROMA MILANO 469 35 24/20 1630

3* COMILITER MILANO 08/518 ALT RIFERIM. TELE 41678
 DATA 11 CORR. COMUNICASI NOMINATIVO GENERALE GHE CARLO
 GIUNTO GIORNO 23 CENTRO ALLOGGIO MILANO AT
 DISPOSIZIONE AUTORITA' ALLEATE PER INFORMAZIONI ALT
 COMILITER MILANO 160024

Salvi
 25 OTT 1945 4340
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Rome 24th October 1945

Ministry of War
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
and Repatriated POW

TO: Italian POW Civil Affairs Section
ATTENTION
Colonel Regis.

Prot. N. 420473/RPGR

SUBJECT : Questioning of officers who have repatriated
from Russian Zones.

As verbally agreed herewith attached and forward-
ed to you is a copy of the disposals that have been given
for the questioning of officers who have returned from the
Russian Zones.

An invitation has been sent to Major Hamilton
as of signal N. 419678.

General A.Mannerini.

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Rome 19th October 1945

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
and Repatriated POW

TO: The Territorial Militari Command

MILANO

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BOLEANO

The Delegation of the Office RPGR

MILANO

The Command of the Lodging Center

PESCANTINA

Prot. N. 420409/RPGR

SUBJECT : Questioning of officers who have repatriated from
Russian Zones.

Reference Signal N.418678/RPGR we inform you that
Capt. Audoly of the I/C.S.D. Group is at the head of the offi-
cers ^{in Milan} who are charged to interrogate the officers who have been
repatriated from Russian Zones.

Capt. Zappulli is at the head of another group
who performs the same duty at the Lodging Center of Pescanti-
na.

No changes however, regarding the sending of
officers repatriated from Russian Zones of high rank, superior
to Major.

General A. Mannerini.

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SIGNAL

FROM War Veterans Repatriated
ROME

TO Comiliter MILANO
" UDINE
" BOLZANO
Delegation Veterans Office -
Via Albania 36 - MILAN

N.R./419678/RPGR DI PROT. THIS SIGNAL IS DIRECTED TO COMILITER MILANO, COMILITER UDINE, COMILITER BOLZANO AND IS A FURTHER CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TO THE DELEGATION WAR VETERANS - VIA ALBANIA NR.36 MILAN STOP. GENERAL OFFICERS AND SUPERIOR OFFICERS (EXCLUDING MAJORS) WHO ON REPATRIATING FROM ZONES OCCUPIED BY RUSSIANS OR FROM RUSSIA WILL BE SENT TO THE LODGING CENTERS AT MILAN AND WILL PUT THEMSELVES AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES FOR INFORMATION AND QUESTIONING STOP NUMBER AND NAME OF GENERAL WILL IMMEDIATELY BE SENT TO THIS OFFICE STOP FOR GENERAL MANNERINI A.P.S. COLONEL ANFOSSO.

For the General
Chief of Autonomous Office A2p.s.
The Colonel Chief Division
M.Anfosso.

p.c.c.

The Colonel
Chief of Logistic Division
(M.Anfosso)

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

IPW

Originator's Reference: **FX 49963**

Message Centre No: **G/1826**

Date/Time of Origin **OCT 231407A**

Date Time Rec'd: **OCT 232000A**

Precedence: **IMPORTANT**

FROM: **FREEDOM SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGBI**

TO: **ACTION ALCOM INFO REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE LOMBARDIA.**

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 Italian Increment CSDIC already in touch with GENERAL MANERINI and the two interrogators now at MILAN. For addressee Number 1 IPW Section your 7533 and further to our FX 48927 for addressee Number 2 attention MAJOR HEATH suggest advisable entire matter be handled Italian CSDIC MANERINI LEVEL and you take no repeat no further action. Captain MORRIS Liaison Officer Italian CSDIC telephone ROME 478284 familiar details.

Received with him in

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24 Oct 45

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23 OCT 1945

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- " " 2 Info Chief Commissioner
- " " 3 " Exec Commissioner
- " " 4 " C.A.S.
- " " 5 " File

*Copy Has placed 24 Oct 45.
 3 full extracts annexed at Milan
 and are being held at
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 Savonia Cervallaris Italiana*

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Message from Major HEATH

22 October 1945

Text of Telegram:

"Rome NL Number one eight eight one seven two words 88/86 date of delivery 11/10 - 900 addressed to Veterans Delegation Office, Via Albania 36 BT.

*COMILITER MILAN - 41678 RPGR DI PROT STOP PRESENT (?) AND TO COMILITER MILAN UDINE COMILITER BOLZANO AND CONFIRMING TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION TO VETERANS DELEGATION OFFICE VIA ALBANIA NO. 36 MILAN STOP GENERALS AND SUPERIOR OFFICERS (EXCLUDING MAJORS) VETERANS FROM INTERNMENT IN AREA OCCUPIED BY RUSSIA OR FROM IMPRISONMENT IN RUSSIA MUST BE SENT FROM CENTER ALLOZIO TO MILAN AT THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES' DISPOSAL FOR INTERROGATION STOP THE NUMBER AND THE NAMES OF THE GENERALS MUST BE COMMUNICATED AT ONCE TO THIS OFFICE STOP FOR GENERAL MANNERINI A P S COLONEL AMMOSSI

SIGNATURE

P. C. C.

LT. COLONEL

COLLARILE NICOLA

Col. Edigio PANZARDI has already reported at Milano. Major ^{Heath} 4335 awaiting early instructions as to procedure —

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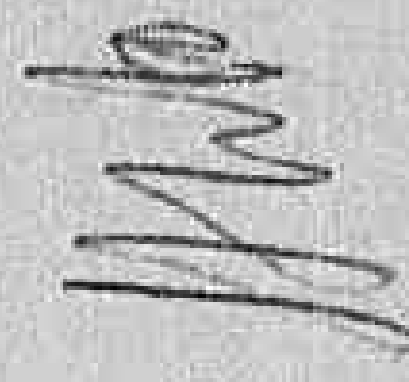
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LT. COLONEL

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Major Houghton phone No = Milano 2563*

* COMILITER - Comando Militare (Military Hqs.)



TO: Major Hamilton IPW 5/2

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15th Divis Staff - Security Div -

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Originator's Reference: F49827
 Date/Time of Origin: OCT 221511

Message Centre No: G/1719
 Date Time Rec'd: OCT 230900
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE CSDIC
 TO : ACTION ALCOM.

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Italian increment informed by General MANERINI 18th October some Italian officers arrived MILAN. Reference your 7351 dated 19th October cite IPWAC. Interrogators already despatched.

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Col Regis to note.
See by

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INFM: REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER LOEBARDIA REGION (ATTENTION MAJOR HEATH)

22 OCT 45

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PARA ONE PD REUR FOX FOX FOUR EIGHT NINE ONE THREE OF ONE SIX OCTOBER PD

PARA TWO FOR ACTION ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS AND FOR INFORMATION REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER LOEBARDIA REGION ATTENTION MAJOR HEATH PAREN

PARA TWO PD COLONEL EGIDIO PANZARDI, VIA ALBANIA THREE SIX, MILAN PD PW

FROM RUSSIA PD THIS OFFICER IS BEING HELD PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU PD

Copy of this sent to Chief Commissioners office 25 Oct 45.

See para 15

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M. J. Sullivan

LEONE
Asst Adjt
CWO USA

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AFHQ SIGNED SIGNED CITE FHOBI

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18 October 1945

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PARA ONE PD REUR FOX FOX FOUR EIGHT NINE ONE THREE OF ONE SIX OCTOBER PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS SIGNED SIGNED CITE FHOBI FROM ALCON
CITE IPWAO PAREN

PARA TWO PD NO ARRIVALS AT MILAN PD

PARA THREE PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE NO MEANS OF KNOWING WHEN TO EXPECT FUTURE
ARRIVALS FROM RUSSIA PD

see para 13

cc: Chief Commissioner

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IPW Division

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CWO, USMC.
Asst. Adjutant

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Copy No 1

Originator's Reference: FF 48913
Date/Time of Origin: OCT 161350A

Message Centre No: G/1192
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 162000A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGBI
TO : ALCOM FOR IPW FOR HAMILTON

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Reference telephone conversation HAMILTON-APPLEBY 15 October. Further to our FX 48184 and F48117.

Since 147 Generals and 15 Colonels dispersed they and others similarly dispersed may be written off. 13 CORPS handling any new arrivals entering through northeast and these need not be evacuated MILAN.

2. Request number and ranks all officers PW from RUSSIA now MILAN or expected arrive near future. Pending receipt this information will take no action here. If upon receipt this information situation appears promising plan request Italian increment to OSDIC to contact Colonel ANFOSSO direct.

Col Regis

para (2) Will you see

Gen. Manzerini for the names

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Originator's Reference: *F 48417*

Message Centre No: *G 815*

Date/Time of Origin: *OCT 121449A*

Date Time Rec'd: *OCT 130900A*

FROM: *AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGBI*

Precedence: *IMPORTANT*

TO : *HQ ALCOM*

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Our FX 48184 is reference.

- ① Make no reference to CSDIC or the purpose of interrogation.
- ② Dispatch and hold bodies at MILAN as suggested conversation Major HAMILTON Lt Col HOFFMAN.
- ③ Advise AFHQ number and ranks and if possible names. Further instructions on or about Monday.

① see 7
② Bodies arriving - advise to the Dept. Name by AFHQ. } agreement to be sent to Milan. } to be Hoffman is Oct 13
③ Advise AFHQ by ②

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference UD/PC/14
Date/Time of Origin OCT 130930A

Message Centre No: G/1000
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 141330
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER AMG UDINE
TO : ACTION HQ ALCOM, AFHQ, INFO: HQ AMG VENEZIA REGION, HQ 13 CORPS,
CAPT STRAUSS I/C DP CENTRE UDINE

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Reference ALCOM telegram 6934 dated 11 October and AFHQ telegram FX 48161 received 12 and 11 October respectively. 147 Italian Generals 15 Colonels passed through refugee centre UDINE from RUSSIA 5 October en route DP camp VERONA. Names available here all further particulars may be obtained DP Centre VERONA.

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REF OUR SIX NINE THREE FOUR OF ONE ONE OCT PARA TWO ED

PAREN TO ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT UDINE RPTD COMBINED SERVICES DETAILED
INTERROGATION CENTRE ROME CMA ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS PAREN

DELETE BY CSDIC PD

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G. J. LEONE
CWO, U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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*Signed
Maj Han*

ACTION AMG UDINE
INFM OSDIO ROME AFHQ

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11 OCT 45

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PARA ONE PD REQUEST YOU DETAIN ALL ITALIAN EX PRISONERS ABOVE RANK OF MAJOR RETURNING FROM RUSSIA PD

PAREN TO ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT UDINE RPTD OSDIO ROME CMA ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS PAREN

PARA TWO PD THEY ARE REQUIRED FOR INTERROGATION BY OSDIO PD

PARA THREE PD NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS OF ARRIVAL PD

PARA FOUR PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED PD

PARA FIVE PD AFHQ AND OSDIO PD AFHQ SIGNAL FOX X-RAY FOUR EIGHT ONE FOUR EIGHT OF ONE ZERO REFERS PD

Col HOSSMAM G2. AFHQ directs all of them be sent to Milan & detained for interrogation

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IPW DIVISION
489081 Ext 484 *J. M. ...*

G.J. LEONE
CWO USA
Asst Adjt

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 48183
Date/Time of Origin: OCT 10 1941A

Message Centre No: G/598
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 10 0850
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE MIBEL
TO : ACTION CSDIC ROME INFO ALLIED COMMISSION ROME FOR IPW SC.

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1. Information received here large numbers Italian Ex-War Prisoners including high ranking and general officers from RUSSIA now arriving UDINE at ANP.
2. Interrogation through 13 CORPS directed however facilities not available there for handling large numbers and possibility exists some personnel already cleared into ITALY.
3. Understand ALLIED COMMISSION IPW SC next screening agency before Italian Government assumes control.
4. Request you liase with ALLIED COMMISSION to insure availability personnel named para one before Italian agencies assume control.
5. Directed that Russian Order of Battle be secured by interrogation and brief will be forwarded fastest.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 504
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW 1/51/5

21 September 1945

My Dear Dr. Prunas:

Reference your letter 19/18795/48 dated 10 Sept 45 and your
19/19285/50 dated 14 Sept 45.

These letters reached my desk this morning, and in view of the
agreement made between the American Military Authorities and the Soviet
Authorities for the repatriation of the Italian internees in the part of
Germany liberated by the Russian Army, I presume that it will not be
necessary to secure permission for Gen. Dupino to go to Germany.

You can rest assured, my dear Dr. Prunas, that I and my Division,
with the able help of General Mannerini, will do our best to repatriate
these unfortunate individuals in the shortest possible time.

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JAMES E. REGIS
Lt.-Colonel
Chief
IPW Division

TO: Dr. R. PHUNAS
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The General Secretary

12.9.1945

MFL/mdp

col Regis to see

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19/18795/48

to: Colonel REGIS

attached

Dear Colonel Regis

In reference to my letter n.19/15147/ 37 dated 7.8.1945 addressed to Colonel J.A.CAMPBELL and whose copy is here enclosed I inform you that the Military Soviet Authorities wish that a representative of the Italian Government be present at the moment when the ex Italian Prisoners of War will pass from Russian in Allied custody.

The Ministry of War and the Post-War Assistance Ministry have agreed to choose for this mission General DAPINO who, until a short time ago, was General Secretary to the High Commissariate for Prisoners of War and who for this knowledge of all matters concerning Prisoners of War is particularly indicated for this mission.

I ask dear Colonel, to obtain the authorization from competent Military Authorities in Germany so that when the moment arrives, General DAPINO can reach the demarcation line in Germany where ex Italian Prisoners of War will pass from Soviet in Allied custody.

I will be grateful, dear Colonel, for a kind acknowledgment of this letter.

Best regards;

s/ Prunas

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*IPW
1/7/51*

15147/37

Rome, 7 August 1945

Dear Colonel CAMPBELL

Referring to my letter n° 19/14685/ 39 dated 1 August 1945 I inform you that our Embassy in Moscow has again made known to us that the Soviet Government has agreed to proceed to repatriation of all Italians soldiers and civilians, prisoners in Germany and liberated by the Russian Army on the Eastern Front. The Soviet Military Authorities have had instructions to make agreements with the Allied Authorities for the consignment^{MENT} of the italians in a locality, yet to be decided, on the demarcation line in Germany. The Soviet Authorities have declared all italians will have passed in Allied hands after two weeks of the beginning of repatriation movements.

The above news makes a decision very urgent on the matters I wrote to you in my last letter and I hope you will answer soon with your usual courtesy.

With best regards

s/ Prunas

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15147/37

Roma 7 agosto 1945

Caro Colonnello Campell,

facendo seguito alla mia lettera n. 19/14685/39 del 1 agosto corrente, La informo che la nostra Ambasciata a Mosca ha ulteriormente riferito che il Governo sovietico è d'accordo di procedere senz'altro alla restituzione degli italiani, sia militari che civili, già internati dai tedeschi e liberati dall'esercito russo sul fronte orientale.

Le Autorità militari sovietiche hanno già avuto istruzioni di prendere accordi con le Autorità Alleate per la consegna degli italiani ad un punto da stabilirsi lungo la linea di demarcazione in Germania. Le Autorità sovietiche si sono dichiarate in grado di completare la consegna degli italiani liberati entro due settimane dall'inizio dell'operazione.

Le notizie che precedono rendono urgente che sia presa una decisione in merito a quanto Le ho detto nella mia ultima lettera e attendo perciò una Sua cortese risposta.

Con molti cordiali saluti

F/to PRUNAS

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facendo seguito alla mia lettera n. 19/14685/39 del 1 agosto corrente, La informo che la nostra Ambasciata a Mosca ha ulteriormente riferito che il Governo sovietico è d'accordo di procedere senz'altro alla restituzione degli italiani, sia militari che civili, già internati dai tedeschi e liberati dall'esercito russo sul fronte orientale.

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Le notizie che precedono rendono urgente che sia presa una decisione in merito a quanto Le ho detto nella mia ultima lettera e attendo perciò una Sua cortese risposta.

Con molti cordiali saluti

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