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P. O. W. Camps - GENERAL

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CONFIDENTIAL  
COPY NO. 1SUBJECT: Location of PW Camps in UK.Land Forces Sub Commission,  
Allied Commission,  
MMA,  
IIFW Division.  
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CONFIDENTIAL

GHQ CAMP.

3155/A2.

27 Mar 46.

Your IIFW/11/71 dated 5 Mar refers.

1. Enclosed as requested is list of PW Camps in UK, received under covering letter from War Office dated 19 Mar, copy enclosed.

HEW/MC.  
Encl.

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JOLC NAPIER,  
Brigadier,  
DAG.

N.F.D.

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RECEIVED PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,  
LONDON C. 30 MAR 1946  
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Tel. No. MAYFAIR 9400....

THE WAR OFFICE

Curzon Street House,  
Curzon Street,  
LONDON, W.1.

19th March, 1946.

MEMORANDUM for:-

GHQ CMT.

Reference your 3155/A2 of 8th Mar 46, requesting a location statement of Italian PW camps in the UK for the use of Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, NMIA(IPW Division).

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a location statement of all PW camps in the UK. The symbol in brackets after the number of the camp indicates the category to which the camp belongs:-

(B.C.) Base Camp  
(Rec Unit) Reception Unit  
(S.C.) Special Camp.  
(G.W.C.) German Working Camp.  
(I.L.B.) Italian Labour Battalion.  
(I.W.C.) Italian Working Camp.  
(G.P.C.) Group Pioneer Corps.  
(It.W.Coy) Italian Working Coy.  
(G.W.Coy) German Working Coy.  
(It A.Wks, Coy) Italia Artizan Working Coy.

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(Sgd) ??? Major DAAG.  
DIRECTOR OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

WARP/ang

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

IPW/11/71

5 March 1946

SUBJECT : Request for location of POW in U.K.

TO : G 1 (Br) A.F.H.Q.

May this division please be furnished with up to date location statements in the United Kingdom, of the following :

- a) Italian Prisoner of War Camps.
- b) Italian Labour Battalions.
- c) Italian Prisoner of War Working Camps.

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JAMES S. REGIS  
Lieut. Colonel  
Chief  
IPW Division

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Telephone:  
489081  
Ext 368LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
M.M.I.A.  
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/11/70

11 February 1946

SUBJECT: Request for Roster of Italian Service Units  
TO : BPATC, Hq PBS, APO 782 US Army (Attention: Maj E. S. TURNER)

1. Ref your AG 383.6 BPATC (23-2) of 4 Feb 46, it is regretted that no record exists in this Division of a list of Italian Service Units believed by you to have been forwarded by you along with roster of PW Camps.
2. The undersigned personally knows that no such list accompanied the PW Camps roster, and a careful search of our files fails to reveal such a list forwarded at any previous time.
3. However, from old lists of Italian PWs held in American custody and serving in various Italian Service Units, the undersigned has compiled the attached list which may or may not be of some assistance.
4. Wherever possible the location of the units is also given, but it is desired to point out that the PW lists from which the attached was made up were all received by this Division during 1944, and it is quite possible many of these Service Units may no longer exist, and also that there may be errors in the list.
5. However, this is the best we can do under the circumstances.
6. We are pleased that the list of PW Camps proved helpful.

H. ARMAND, JR. 4804  
Capt., Spec. Res., AGS  
forJ. E. REGIS  
Lt. Col., CAC  
Chief  
IPW Division

incl:

List of Italian Service Units (partial).

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LIST OF ITALIAN SERVICE UNITS (PARTIAL), COMPILED FROM PRISONER  
OF WAR LISTS IN FILES OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION  
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.) ALLIED COMMISSION

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By Capt. HENRI ARMAND de MASI, Spec. Res., AUS

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7003 Port Battalion (Italian) - Hq, Cos. A, B, C and D  
7008 QM Service Battalion (Italian) - Hq, Cos. A, B, C and D  
7035 QM Service Battalion (Italian) - Cos. C and D  
Detachment A, 7005 Admin. Co (Italian)  
7140 QM Service Co (Italian)  
7406 Port Battalion (Italian) - Cos. C and E  
7398 QM Service Co (Italian)  
7071 QM Service Battalion (Italian) (Camp 137) - Hq Det., Cos. A, B and C  
7145 Sanitary Co (Italian)  
7005 Admin Co (Pw)  
8006 MP Co (Italian)  
8007 MP Co (Italian)  
7130 QM Service Co (Camp 180) APO 600 US Army  
7106 QM Service Co (Italian)  
7071 QM Service Battalion (Italian) - Co D  
7033 Port Battalion (Italian) - Co B  
7035 QM Service Battalion (Italian) - Co B, Camp 178, APO 600 US Army  
2601 P/A Administrative Co B, Hq, Pw Camp 146, APO 600 US Army  
Hq Pw Camp 133 (thru Hq Det Group A, 2601 Pw Adm Co), APO 600 US Army  
7192 Sanitary Co (Italian), Hq Pw Camp 149, APO 600 US Army  
7585 Sanitary Co (Italian), " " " " " "  
7120 Sanitary Co ( " ), " " " " " "  
7144 Sanitary Co ( " ), " " " " " "  
7187 Sanitary Co ( " ), " " " " " "  
7193 Sanitary Co ( " ), " " " " " "  
7198 Sanitary Co ( " ), " " " " " "  
Hq Pw Camp 143, 2601 Pw Adm Co (Prov), Grp A, APO 600 US Army  
Hq Pw Camp 145, 2601 Pw Grp A, APO 600 US Army  
7043 Port Battalion (Italian), Pw Camp 149, APO 600 US Army  
7587 Medical Sanitary Co (Italian)  
7404 QM Service Battalion (Italian) - Co A  
7036 Engineer Battalion (Italian), Pw Camp 147, APO 600 US Army  
6th Replacement Battalion (Italian)  
7th Replacement Battalion (Italian)  
Pw Camp 139  
Pw Camp 134  
7066 Engineer Battalion (Italian), Pw Camp 136, APO 600 US Army  
7067 Engineer Battalion (Italian), " " " " " "  
7007 Engineer Battalion (Italian), " " " " " "  
7401 QM Battalion (Italian), " " " " " "  
Hq Det 7057 Battalion (Italian), " " " " " "  
7057 Battalion (Italian), Co D " " " " " "  
7558 Engineer Maintenance Co (It.) " " " " " "  
7096 Engineer Battalion (Italian), Hq Pw Camp 147, APO 600 US Army  
7196 Engineer ~~Battalion~~ Co (DF-Italian), " " " " " "  
7033 Port Battalion (Italian), Pw Camp 149, APO 600, US Army

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2 - List of Italian Service Units (Partial)  
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6th Battalion (Italian), Cos A, D and G (NATOUSA) (also Co B and F)  
7th Battalion (Italian), Cos A and B (NATOUSA) (also Cos C and F)  
7802 QM Service Battalion (Italian), NATOUSA  
7041 QM Training Battalion (Italian), Co D NATOUSA  
8000 MP Co (Italian) NATOUSA  
7096 Hq and Hq Service Co, NATOUSA  
7203 E Gp, GS Regt, Hq and Hq Service Co, NATOUSA  
Hq PW Camp 135, 2801 PW Adm Group B, APO 600 US Army  
7201 Port Battalion (Italian) - Co B - Hq ABS  
7117 Engineer Co P1 (Italian)  
7004 Admin Co (Italian)  
7015 Base Depot Co (Italian)  
7054 Battalion (Italian) - Co D  
Italian Training Battalion  
7114 QM Salvage Rep (Italian)  
7116 Special Service Co (Italian)  
7597 Ordnance Amm Co (Italian)  
7118 QM Service Co (Italian)

HEADQUARTERS  
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
APO 782

8 FEB 1946

RECEIVED 7 FEB 1946

AG 383.6 BPATC  
(23-2)

FEB 4 1946

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SUBJECT: Request for Roster of Italian Service Units

TO: Director, Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.)  
Allied Commission  
Italian Prisoners of War Division  
APO 394, U.S. Army

1. Reference is made to your letter, file IPW/1/11/(GEN)/69, dated 23 January 1946, which forwarded a complete roster of Prisoner of War Camps to this headquarters. The information contained therein will be most helpful in the restoration of Prisoner of War Information Bureau files which were destroyed by fire.

2. It is believed that a list of Italian Service Units was also forwarded to your office along with a roster of Prisoner of War camps. If a copy of this list is available request that it be forwarded to this headquarters.

3. The above mentioned roster is urgently needed in connection with the distribution of mail and answering of inquiries pertaining to Italian Service Unit Personnel.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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E. S. TURNER  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Assistant Adj. General

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission  
10 AC APO 384  
Received 7 FEB 1946  
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Telephone:  
489081  
Ext 368

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

IPW/11/11/69

23 January 1946

SUBJECT: Roster of PW Camps and PW Service Units

TO : Hq, PBS (Attention: Capt. A.J. MARSHALL, AGD, Asst Adj Gen)

1. Ref your AG 363.6 BPATC of 16 Jan 46, attached hereto we are forwarding copy of list PW camps and PW service units which you sent to us in December 45 at our request.

2. Notations in red, purple and green inks were added by us.

3. In addition, we are also forwarding herewith additional lists of political internment, punishment and detention camps that we had compiled from other sources.

4. It is possible there are some duplications in these lists, but it is hoped that the combined lists will give you a groundwork with which you may begin to rebuild your destroyed records.

5. The loss by fire sustained by the Prisoner of War Information Bureau is deeply regretted.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

H. ARMAND AS HASTI.  
Capt. B. C. HASTI. AGS

for  
J. R. REGIS  
Lt. Col., CAC  
Chief  
IPW Division

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incls:

1. copy of list of PW camps and PW service units as supplied to IPW by PWIB, ATC, Hq, PBS
2. copy of list of political internment and punishment PW Camps
3. copy of list of PW camps (Allied)
4. 2 copies of list location statement of IPW and detention camps

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HEADQUARTERS  
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
APO 782

AG 383.6 BPATC

16 January 1946

SUBJECT: Roster of Prisoner of War Camps and Prisoner of War Service Units

TO : Director, Civil Affairs Section  
Allied Commission  
APO 394

1. Prisoner of War Information Bureau, this headquarters, was completely destroyed by fire the night of 11 January 1946. In order to partially restore the files maintained by this Bureau it is necessary that a copy of the roster referred to below be obtained by this headquarters.

2. This headquarters forwarded in December a roster of prisoner of war camps and prisoner of war service units under Allied control in this theater and service units released to the Italian Government. It is requested that a copy of this roster be returned to this headquarters as soon as possible.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

A. J. MARSHALL  
Captain, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen.

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National Personnel War Relocation Commission  
 10 AG APO 304 21 JAN 1946  
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FOR

MISS WILSON

HEADQUARTERS  
LUCCA PROVINCE  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref.

MEMORANDUM

NOV 28 1945

SUBJECT: List of PW Camps "A" to "U"  
TO: All Concerned

1. I have received the following list of PW Camps in the "A" to "U" categories from Hq, PBS:

- "A" Civilian Internee Camp (formerly 371 PWC)
- "B" PW and Report Centre
- "D" Transit Camp
- "P" PW Camp (Brindisi)
- "R" Civilian Internee Camp (formerly No. 2 Internee Camp)
- "R" PW Camp (Taranto)
- "S" PW Camp (Taranto)
- "U" PW Camp (Ancona)

2. All correspondence regarding PWs in these camps should be addressed to E.P.W. Section, GHQ, 2d Echelon, CMP (British).

3. For your information.

Registers a  
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Italian Prisoners of War Sub Commission  
NO 40 AND 344  
Received 29 NOV 1945  
Log No 421

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H. ARMANDO C. HASL.  
Capt. 1st Lt. Regt. AUS

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION  
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Camps for Italians (not under DPRSC) FILE NO. DPR/25/G-II (IT)

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission  
I.P.O.W. Division.

16 November 1945

1. A request has been made to this Sub-Commission by the Ministero Assistenza Post Bellica for a list of the a/m Camps run by the Allied Commission and the location of these Camps.

2. Request you forward such a list to this Sub-Commission.

For the Director:

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Tulian [REDACTED] Sub Commission  
12-2 34 19 NOV 1945  
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*James J. Elliman*  
for C.A. OLIVER,  
Lt. Col.,  
G-1 Italian.

Capt.

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

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IPW/11/65

23 November 1945

SUBJECT : Camps for repatriated IPWTO : G-1 (Br)  
Displaced Persons and Repatriated IPW

1. Ref your DPR/25/ G-II (Br) dated 16 Nov 45.
2. Herewith location of camps as requested.

|         |                   |          |        |
|---------|-------------------|----------|--------|
| LECCE   | Centri Alloggio   | Capacity | 1550   |
| TARANTO | T Camp            | "        | 10.000 |
| BARI    | Centri Alloggio   | "        | 1650   |
| NAPLES  | Afragola          | "        | 10.000 |
| ROME    | Centri Alloggio   | "        | 3000   |
| LEGHORN | Not yet ready     | "        | 5000   |
| NOVARA  | being transformed | "        | 2000   |
| MILAN   | "                 | "        | 2000   |
| TREVISO | "                 | "        | 2000   |

JAMES E. REGIS  
Lieut. Colonel  
Chief  
IPW Div.

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

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IPW/11/6322 Oct. '45

SUBJECT : Postal address

TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance

1. Ref. your 5104 of 24 Sept. '45
2. Camp 209 NAPLES has not been dissolved and is still in British hands.
3. 208 PW Camp NAPLES is no longer used as the return address for for Italian Cooperators.
4. The return address to be used by Italian Cooperators will be the same as that used by British troops of the Unit to which they are posted or attached. Cooperators held in 211 PW Camp will use the return address 211 PW Camp ALGIERS ALGERIA.

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

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62SUBJECT:- Postal Address.GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

3726/A2

TO :- Headquarters,  
Allied Commission,  
IPW Sub-Commission.  
-----18 Oct 45

1. Reference your IPW/11/61 of 2 Oct 45.

2. Herewith are answers to your queries :-

(a) Camp 209 NAPLES has not been dissolved and is still under British authority.

(b) "208 PW Camp, NAPLES" is no longer used as the return address for Italian Co-operators.

The following amendment was made to the pamphlet  
"Administration of Italian PW Co-operators" :-

DELETE para 67 (a) (ii) and SUBSTITUTE

"(ii) The return address to be used by Italian Co-operators will be the same as that used by British Troops of the Unit to which they are posted or attached. Co-operators held in 211 PW Camp will use the return address "211 PW Camp, ALTIERS, ALGERIA".

*G.H. Davies*G.H. DAVIES, Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
for Major General,  
D.A.G. 4794

GHD/AP

See 60

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission  
HQ AC APO 524

Received 20-10-45

Log No 11005

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

IPW/11/612nd Oct. '45

SUBJECT : POW Camp 209

TO : G1 (Br)  
A.F.H.Q.

1. Ref. telephone conversation of even date (HAMILTON-CONDON)
2. The Italian Government have asked us for the following information:
  - a) Has Camp 209, NAPLES, in British custody, been dissolved?
  - b) What is the new postal Address of Campo 209 NAPLES. Letters being sent to this address are returned with the comment: 'Camp dissolved'.

*File**Sw 60**See 62**Just*

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

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EB/pb

Rome 24th September 1945

Ministry of Post War Assistance  
POW Bureau - Information Section

TO : The Allied Commission  
Sub Commission for Italian POW  
Rome

N°5104 di prot.

SUBJECT : POW Camp 209.

We beg you to inform us if Camp 209 Naples in  
British Custody has been dissolved.

We also beg you to give us the new Postal address  
of Italian POW who are in British Custody and whose address  
up to the present, has been Camp 208 - Naples - Italy.

What is written above is due to the fact that  
corrispondence addressed to that camp has been returned  
with "Returned to Sender - Camp dissolved".

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Dott. Fausto Nitti.

*Handwritten:*  
Res 61 + 62  
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Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission  
HQ AC APO 394  
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28 SEP 1945  
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1 PW 3730

SUBJECT:- Prison Camps in INDIA - Camp 2.

Headquarters,  
Allied Commission.  
IPW Sub Commission.  
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.G1(Br)/3455/A2.26 Aug 45.

1. Reference your IPW/11/30 of 4 Jan 45.
2. GHQ., INDIA have now informed this Headquarters that the matter is being investigated and a reply will be forwarded as soon as possible.
3. The delay is <sup>regretted.</sup> requested.

*T.R. Condon*  
T.R. CONDRON,  
Major, D.A.A.G.,  
for Major General,  
DAG. G.1(Br).

TRC/DDKT.

HEADQUARTERS  
28 AUG 1945

Seen 29 Aug  
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SUBJECT:- Italian PW in CEYLON.

Headquarters,  
Allied Commission.  
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G1(Br)/3455/A2.

6 Aug 45.

Reference your IPW/11/54 dated 5 Jul 45.

1. Advice has been received from GHQ., INDIA that No. 105 Italian Auxiliary Pioneer Group has not yet returned to INDIA, but it is expected that this group together with Nos. 103 and 104 Italian Auxiliary Pioneer Groups now located in CEYLON will do so in the near future.

HDH/AP

7 AUG 1945

H.D. HANPER, Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
for Major General,  
DAG., G.1(Br).

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SUBJECT: - Italian PW.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

~~Commander-in-Chief,  
INDIA.~~

G1(Br)/3455/A2.

12 Jul 45.

See 54, 53, 52.

1. Reference the attached copy of the Ital an High Commissioner for PW letter of 2 July 45 to Headquarters, Allied Commission, IPW Sub-Commission, regarding Italian PW in ORIENT.

2. It would be much appreciated if you would forward to this Headquarters necessary information on this matter in order that a reply to the above quoted letter may be given.

*W.A.E. Milbriden*

W.A.E. MILBRIDEN,  
Major, D.A.A.C.,  
for Field Marshal,  
Supreme Allied Commander,  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE.

WAC/AP

Copy to: - Headquarters, Allied Commission, IPW Sub-Commission. (Your IPW/11/54 of 5 Jul 45 refers).

13 JUL 1945

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IPW/11/58

4 July 1945

SUBJECT: PW Camps in India.TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512  
Att: G-5 (Br)

see 42/41

1. Reference our IPW/11/41 dated 10 April 45,  
your CR/3455/G-1 (Br) dated 13 April 45.

2. May I call your attention to this matter and  
may I be notified if a reply has been received from  
GHQ India, so that I may inform the Italian High Commis-  
sioner for PWs of any action taken.

For the Chief Commissioner:

*J.A. Campbell*  
J.A. CAMPBELL  
Lieut.-Colonel,  
Director  
WED & IPOW Sub-Comm.

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ROUTINE

HQ ALLIED PW REPATRIATION UNIT CAMP

(1) FREEDOM CITY HQCAB (2) MAIN 15 ARMY GROUP (3) CG MTOUSA ATTENTION AG  
CASUALTY (4) CG DELTABASE (5) COMBONS MTOUSA (6) HQ ALOCA (7) AG BRIT (8)  
A MAIN 8TH ARMY (9) MAIN 5TH ARMY (10) GREENHILL (11) 5 CORPS (12) 12 AIR FORCE  
(13) DISTONE (14) DISTRO (15) DISTREE (16) HOME ALLIED AREA COMMAND (17)  
FLORENCE COMMAND (18) BOLOGNA CITY COMMAND (19) 52 AREA (20) 54 AREA (21)  
55 AREA (22) 56 AREA (23) 57 AREA (24) 59 AREA (25) 61 AREA (26) 86 AREA  
(27) 212 AREA (28) 217 AREA (29) 60 SUB AREA (30) 71 SUB AREA (31) 151 SUB  
AREA (32) 201 SUB AREA (33) 208 SUB AREA (34) 209 SUB AREA (35) 210 SUB AREA  
(36) 211 SUB AREA (38) 215 SUB AREA (39) 216 SUB AREA (40) HQ SO (M) LIAISON  
HQ (41) COMEIGHT (42) FLORENCE COMMAND FOR IS9 (43) A I S C/O SIGNALMASTER  
56 AREA (44) B L U REAR POLCORPS (45) OC TROOPS FOGGIA (46) 52 B L U

RESTRICTED.

1. Locations Camps Collection Posts and Detachments Allied PW Repatriation Unit  
0800 hrs 3 July 45 ref Map ITALY 1/200000. A (No 1) Allied PW Repatriation Camp 52  
Rest Camp BARI. B (No 2) Allied PW Repatriation Camp and Indian Wing REGINA RAPLEA.  
F (Allied PW) Collection Post KLAGENFURT southern AUSTRIA. O (No 1) Det att'd 308  
Transit Camp TARANTO F7414. A Indian Indep Camp Brickfields TARANTO F7611. P (No 2)  
Det c/o Intelligence 2 (Br) ONU WEINE C4020. K (No 3) Det att'd 159 Transit Camp ROMA  
F7962. L (No 4) Det c/o No 5 Transit Camp BOLOGNA. M (No 5) Det under Adm Comd 215  
Sub Area Villa Vansetti SAN ZENO VERONA F8153. R (No 6) Det moving to 2 Transit  
Camp PALOMBINO S5447 3 July. S (No 8) Det c/o 52 BLU BERGAMO K6438. T (No 9) Det  
att'd 151 Sub Area Albergo GENOA 14 Via Sacchi TURIN. Q (No 10) Det att'd 29 LAA Regt  
LEONCINI 00145. J (No 12) Det KLAGENFURT Southern AUSTRIA. Indian Increment AFRU  
under command HQ Delta Base Sector APO 772 located MONTREUX area MANSFIELD.

2. Following Camps Collection Posts and Det disbanding. C (No 3) APWR Camp  
FORLI. D (Allied PW) Collection Post att'd 2 Transit Camp PALOMBINO moving to FORLI  
for disbandment. E (Allied PW) Collection Post att'd Det 197 Transit Camp FOGGIA.  
N (No 7) Det att'd Det 197 Transit Camp FOGGIA. H (No 11) Det c/o 86 Army Area MEST  
moving to FORLI for disbandment. All informed. DIST (OVER)

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# READ IT FIRST

## Abstract

**ACTION: DANGER**

INFO: Chief Commissioner

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5 JUL 1945

## Results

Log No.

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IPW/11/54

5 July 1945

Subject : Italian PWs in Ceylon.

To : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512, U.S. Army  
Attn: G-1 (B).

See 53/52/57

- 1/. The attached translation of letter from the Italian High Commissioner for PWs is forwarded for your information and whatever action you deem necessary.
- 2/. On 21 June 45 this office informed the High Commissioner that information has been received that there are no PW Camp in Ceylon.
- 3/. This information was secured from your list of locations of PW Camps forwarded by your office on 7 May 45.
- 4/. May I be informed if Group 103 has been returned to the Continent.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

Incl.- Translation of letter from I.H.C.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW  
No. 2084/Pol/C-13 di prot.

Rome, 2 July 45

To: IPOW S/C, Allied Commission,  
ROME

SUBJECT : POWs in Ceylon.

*1 Dec 52 / 54*  
Reference your letter IPW/II/52 dated 21 June 45.

We thank you for your information regarding the Italian PW in Ceylon.

From recent news however it results that besides the working detachment No. 22 & 23 (that includes the Pioneer Group 103 & 104 of 2178 men) in the month of March 45, another group (105th) were transferred to Ceylon in the locality of Trincomal, which is a region that has been reported as a malaria center.

We would greatly appreciate if your Sub-Commission would ascertain if this last group, who has recently ~~left~~ the island, has returned to the continent.

s/ for Gen. V. Dapino  
(illegible)

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(F)IPW/11/5221 June 1945**SUBJECT: POWs in Ceylon.****TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.***See 51, 49(b) 48, 53*

Reference your 1991/Pol/C-13 dated 18 June 1945.

1. I refer to my IPW/11/48 of 20 April, in which I stated as follows:

"The whole question of the general health of Italian Prisoners of War in India has been taken up with General Headquarters, India.

The information at present available to my office is that the health and general well-being of all Italian Prisoners of War in India is good, and in every way conforms to the conditions as laid down by the Geneva Convention."

2. Since writing above, I have received information that there are no PW camps in Ceylon; it may be presumed that all Italian PWs who were formerly there, have been transferred to the mainland.

[s] J. A. CAMPBELL

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

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR  
N° 1991/Pol/C-13

Rome 18th June

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TO: The Allied Commission  
R O M E

SUBJECT: Conditions of our POW in the Island of Ceylon and their repatriation.

*See 48/49(b) 52*

1/. The High Commissariat has taken note of your Communication in letter IPW/11/48 dated the 20th of April 1945, regarding the death of Italian Prisoners of War in India and forwarded said information to the interested Authorities.

2/. The High Commissariat however, calls to your attention that the three letters from this Office, that your Sub Commission refers to in your answer, regarded exclusively our POW in working Units in the Island of Ceylon and in particular the condition of their health in respect to the climate of that territory and the formation of the detachments.

3/. It is also the duty of the High Commissariat to call your attention to the fact, always relative to the health conditions, that visits made to those detachments in the months of October and November 1944, by the Delegate of the International Red Cross, as we have already informed you, gave very preoccupying news.

The Delegate of the I.R.C. relative to the 22nd labor Detachment, that results as being the worst from a climatic point of view and is composed of about 900 P.O.W., wrote the following report, herewith translated and copied from his own words:

" The general conditions are good, but the physical condition of the prisoners is not as satisfactory as it should be. In effect, the number of invalids have increased: 51 P.O.W. are in Hospital, 71 are unable to work. Since January there have been 80 new cases of malaria, number to be added to those who have had relapses. The pay is still considered insufficient and certain Prisoners seem demoralized, by the work they have to perform at that detachment."

4/. We must add that, notwithstanding the objections made by the delegate of the I.R.C., regarding the climatic conditions of this place, which he visited in September October and November of 1944, and reported his views to the British Authorities, it results that in

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the following month of February, another group of 105 Italian P.O.W. (Prisoners) were sent to the Island.

5/. It is thought at the High Commissariat; that our workmen who have served in the interest of the co-belligerency and have under such difficult conditions worked for the Allies, should be shown a particular regard on the part of the Allied Authorities, and that in justice they should be taken away from such unhealthy tropical regions and returned to their own country. For these reasons their situation is different from their comrades who are P.O.W. in India, and the Allied Commission will certainly understand their difficulties and adhere to the request of the Italian Government to have them repatriated.

/s/ FOR THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Gen. V. DAPINO

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 SECTION  
APO 512

G-5: 254

20 May 45

SUBJECT: Location of PW Camps.  
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.  
(for IPW Sub-Commission) ✓

The attached list of Italian PW Camps and location in the United States is forwarded for information.

It is understood the Italian Government requested this list.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

*John*  
*Grant*  
C. GRANT,  
S. Comdr.



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Incl: as above.  
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PRISONER OF WAR CAMP AND LOCATION United States

1. Fort Crook, Nebraska
2. Camp Haan, California
3. Mitchell Convalescent Hospital  
Campo, California
4. Torney General Hospital  
Palm Springs, California
5. Hereford, Texas
6. Amarillo Army Air Field, Texas
7. Hill Field, Utah
8. Fort Douglas, Utah
9. Bushnell General Hospital, Utah
10. Monticello, Arkansas
11. Tooele, Utah
12. Deseret Chemical Warfare,  
Depot, Utah
13. Letterman General Hospital, California
14. Weingarten, Missouri
15. St. Louis, Missouri
16. Parkville, Missouri
17. O'Reilly General Hospital, Missouri
18. Schick, General Hospital, Iowa
19. Topeka, Kansas
20. Sikeston, Missouri
21. Denver, Colorado
22. Gasconade, Missouri
23. Territory of Hawaii

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✓ PW 977 (49)

SUBJECT:- PW Camps - Locations.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G1(Br)/3736/A2.7 May 45.Headquarters,  
Allied Commission,  
(IPW Sub-Commission).  
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Attached hereto is list of PW Camps as requested.

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

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LOCATION OF P.W. BASE CAMPS.

MIDDLE EAST

P.W. Camp No.

|                     | Longitude East | Latitude North |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 304                 | 310 20'        | 290 52'        |
| 305                 | 310 52'        | 300 33'        |
| 306                 | 310 17'        | 300 18'        |
| 307                 | 320 20'        | 300 15'        |
| 379                 | 310 48'        | 300 34'        |
| 380                 | 320 17'        | 300 17'        |
| 381                 | 260 30'        | 310 00'        |
| 382                 | 280 26'        | 310 05'        |
| 383                 | 280 25'        | 310 04'        |
| 4 General Hospital  | 310 56'        | 300 34'        |
| 19 General Hospital | 310 18'        | 300 17'        |

EAST AFRICA

|     | Co-operator Group Camps<br>No. 351 Co-operator Group<br>353 Co-operator Group<br>359 Co-operator Group                                                                                                          | -(Italians)- |                                                             |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              | NAIROBI, KENYA<br>GILGIL<br>BURGURET near<br>NANYUKI, KENYA |
| (b) | Camp for unemployed co-operators and potential co-operator Italian other ranks.                                                                                                                                 |              |                                                             |
| (c) | No. 360 PW Camp.<br>(with adm. Staff of Italian co-operators)<br>Camp for potential co-operator officers (Italian)                                                                                              |              | NDARUGU near,<br>THIKA, KENYA.                              |
| (d) | No. 366 PW Camp.<br>(with adm. Staff of Italian Co-operators).<br>Camp for Italian other ranks unacceptable as co-operators.                                                                                    |              | ELDORET, KENYA.                                             |
| (e) | No. 366 PW Camp.<br>(with Adm. Staff of Italian Co-operators)<br>Camp for Italian officers and other ranks 'bad characters' and for German P.W.<br>No. 365 PW Camp<br>(with Adm. Staff of Italian Co-operators) |              | JINJA, UGANDA.<br>LONDANI, KENYA                            |

- (a) Co-operator Group Camps - (Italians)-  
 No. 351 Co-operator Group NAIROBI, KENYA  
 353 Co-operator Group GILGIL  
 359 Co-operator Group BURGURUT near  
 NANYUKI, KENYA
- (b) Camp for unemployed co-operators and potential co-operator  
 Italian other ranks.  
 No. 360 PW Camp.  
 (with adm. Staff of Italian Co-operators) NDARUGU near,  
 THIKA, KENYA.
- (c) Camp for potential co-operator  
 officers (Italian)  
 No. 356 PW Camp.  
 (with adm. Staff of Italian Co-operators). ELDORET, KENYA.
- (d) Camp for Italian other ranks unacceptable  
 as co-operators.  
 No. 366 PW Camp.  
 (with Adm. Staff of Italian Co-operators) JINJA, UGANDA. 4778
- (e) Camp for Italian officers and other ranks  
 'bad characters' and for German P.W.  
 No. 365 PW Camp  
 (with Adm. Staff of Italian Co-operators) LONDIANI, KENYA
- (f) Technical Camp for Italian artisans at NAKURU, KENYA.
- (g) Co-operator Sub-Units at the following places:-
- |            |             |             |                   |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| - KIJABE   | KENYA       | - KIDOGA    | KENYA             |
| - UELANDS  | "           | - NANYUKI   | "                 |
| - KIPIPIRI | "           | - NAIROBI   | "                 |
| - NAIWASHA | "           | - MITUBIRI  | "                 |
| - RULRI    | "           | - MOMBASA   | "                 |
| - MOSHI    | TANGANYIKI  | - THIKA     | "                 |
| - LUSAKA   | N. RHODESIA | - LOGADISHU | S. SOMALIA        |
| - KISUMA   | KENYA       | - HARGEISHA | BRIT. SOMALILAND. |

INDIA

GROUP

CAMP NUMBERS

LOCATION

NATIONALITY OF P.W.

9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

RAIRAGARH  
(MR. BHOPAL)

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| <u>GROUP</u>                                                                                            | <u>CAMP NUMBERS</u> | <u>LOCATION</u>       | <u>NATIONALITY OF P.W.</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| No. 5                                                                                                   | 25, 26, 27, 28      | KANGRA VALLEY<br>YOLL | ITALIAN                    |
| No. 6.                                                                                                  | 29                  | BEGANER               | JAPANESE                   |
| General Officers                                                                                        |                     | DEPULA DUN            | ITALIAN GENERAL OFFICERS   |
| <u>AUSTRALIA</u>                                                                                        |                     |                       |                            |
| GAYTHORNE - QUEENSLAND<br>COOMERA GROUP }<br>HAY GROUP } NEW SOUTH WALES<br>MURCHINSON GROUP - VICTORIA |                     |                       |                            |
| <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u>                                                                                     |                     |                       |                            |
|                                                                                                         |                     | ZONDERWATER           | ITALIAN                    |
| <u>WEST AFRICA</u>                                                                                      |                     |                       |                            |
| No. 1.                                                                                                  |                     | LACUS NIGERIA         | } ITALIAN.                 |
| Nos. 2 & 3                                                                                              |                     | ACCRA GOLD COAST      |                            |
| No. 6                                                                                                   |                     | FREETOWN SIERRA LEONE |                            |
| <u>A.F.H.Q.</u>                                                                                         |                     |                       |                            |
| <u>NORTH AFRICA</u>                                                                                     |                     |                       |                            |
| 211 P.W. CAMP                                                                                           |                     | Cap. MATIFOU, ALGERIA |                            |
| <u>ITALY</u>                                                                                            |                     |                       |                            |
| 207 P.W. CAMP                                                                                           |                     | BARI                  |                            |
| 209 P.W. CAMP                                                                                           |                     | AFRAGOLA, Nr. NAPLES  |                            |
| 368 P.W. CAMP                                                                                           |                     | TAPANIO               |                            |
| (Q) (St Andrews)<br>P.W. CAMP                                                                           |                     | TAVANTO               |                            |
| <u>GREECE</u>                                                                                           |                     |                       |                            |
| 577 P.W. CAMP                                                                                           |                     | ATHENS                | 4777                       |
| 203 P.W. CAMP                                                                                           | en route            | ATHENS                |                            |

WEST AFRICA

No. 1.  
Nos. 2 & 3  
No. 6

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368 P.W. CAMP

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(Q) (St Andrews)  
P.W. CAMP

TARANTO

GREECE

377 P.W. CAMP

ATHENS

203 P.W. CAMP

en route ATHENS

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LOCATION OF P.W. BASE CAMPS CONTD.

| <u>CAMP NO.</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> |         |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| 20              | GRAVENHURST     | ONTARIO |
| 23              | MONTMITH        | ONTARIO |
| 30              | BOUMANVILLE     | ONTARIO |
| 32              | HUIL            | QUEBEC  |
| 33              | PETWAWA         | ONTARIO |
| 40              | PARNHAM         | P.Q.    |
| 42              | SHERBROOKE      | QUEBEC  |
| 44              | GRANDO LIGNO    | QUEBEC  |
| 70              | FREDERICTON     | N.B.    |
| 100             | NEYS            | ONTARIO |
| 101             | ANGLER          | ONTARIO |
| 130             | SEEBE           | ALBERTA |
| 132             | MEDICINE HAT    | ALBERTA |
| 133             | LETHBRIDGE      | ALBERTA |

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Prisoner of War Information Bureau,  
Curzon Street House,  
Curzon Street,  
LONDON, W.1.

Bureau's Reference:  
PWIB/291

14th March, 1945.

Allied Force Headquarters.

With reference to your letter CR/3822/G1(Br)  
dated 6th March, 1945, where no theatre is  
mentioned, the Camps are in the United Kingdom.

Camps 77, 120, 57 and 701 are all in the  
U.K.

With reference to para. 3, your request  
has been passed to P.W.1 for action.

(signed)

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IRW/11/4820 April 1945

SUBJECT: Health of Italian Prisoners of War in PW Camps  
in India.

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

*See 42/47. 29/34/50*

Reference your underquoted letters.

No. 777/Pol/C-13 dated 13 March 1945.  
No. 1027/Pol/C-13 dated 4 April 1945.  
No. 1080/Pol/C-13 dated 9 April 1945.

1. The whole question of the general health of Italian Prisoners of War in India has been taken up with General Headquarters, India.

2. The information at present available to my office is that the health and general well-being of all Italian Prisoners of War in India is good, and in every way conforms to the conditions as laid down by the Geneva Convention.

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

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PRISONERS OF WAR  
Prot. No. 1080/Pol./C#13.

Rome 9th April 1945

*See 48, 46/41, - 34/29*  
TO: Allied Commission  
R O M E

SUBJECT: Health Conditions of Italian POW in Detachment No 23  
at Colombo Ceylon.

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Following my letter No. 777/Pol/C#13 dated the 13th of March  
1945.

We herewith copy some of the phrases of the delegate of the  
C.I.R.C. relative to the question.

"our Delegate at Ceylon has telegraphed that he has visited the  
"Detachment No. 23" on the 26th of November"..... "44 of this  
number are sick in the Camp Hospital and 33 are in Hospital at Colombo  
Twenty of these latter individuals must be repatriated".

We beg the Allied Commission to interest the competent Authori-  
ties on this matter, that disposals may be given to have these above-  
mentioned 20 sick individuals repatriated.

Thanking you /s/ The High Commissioner  
Gen. P. GAZZERA.

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High Commissioner for It.PW.

Rome 4th April 1945

To the Allied Commission

Sub-Commission for It. PW.

No; 1027/Pol/C-13 di Prot.

Subject: Conditions of our P.O.Ws. in the Island of Ceylon.

See 42, 41, 34, 33  
 32, 30, 29, 44,  
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Referring again to my letter 626/Pol/C-13 dated the 26th of February and letter 777/Pol/c-13 dated the 13th. of March, I inform you that we have received detailed reports of visits made by the delegate of the C.I.C.R. in Sept. 1944 to Italian P.O.W. Camps 103 and 104, that includes the detachment No. 23 in the Island of Ceylon.

Herewith attached is a copy of the two reports and a list of the maladies for which our P.O.Ws., are sent to a hospital at Colombo.

On examining the two important documents it seems that the health of our compatriots of the 23rd. detachment is more serious than those of detachment 22, also in the Island of Ceylon, and on which we have already reported to your Commission, because the P.O.Ws. of the Labor Detachment No. 23, apart from the malaria with which that district is infected, have many other diseases due to the tropical climate.

In these prison Camps, visited by the delegate of the C.I.C.R. on the Island of Ceylon; the following percentage of illness was found:

|                           |                                                                                            |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| - Labour Detachment No.22 | 839 people - 120 sick equal to 13.61% .                                                    |
| - Labour Detachment No.23 | 2131 people (in Camp 103: 859 <del>sick</del> ; Camp 104 1272) 244 sick - equal to 11.45%. |

which means in all a percentage of 12.08 on the total number of our prisoners on that Island.

This signifies that the general climatic conditions of the Island, are very bad and can not be neutralized by food or therapeutic cures given by the detaining powers, notwithstanding that both are more than adequate.

The difference in the climate and the food from their own country and their long detention in tropical climate is probably the only reason for the bad health of our soldiers.

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To one thing and another it must also be added the fact that most of them, at the moment of capture, had already had some years of colonial life and therefore they have now had too many years of a tropical climate.

In particular it is to be observed that there exists a very grave increase of mental maladies in camp 103, as the delegate of the C.I.C.R. declared in his report as follows.

"The greater part of these cases, as far as we can judge, have a good chance of recovery if they can be removed from this atmosphere, on the other hand, it seems doubtful that they will recover <sup>in the</sup> enervating climate of Colombo. Therefore, for these reasons, the repatriation of these prisoners in the near future is urgently required".

Given the above situation it is thought necessary to beg your Commission to call this matter to the attention of the proper Allied Authorities who should give consent, for the repatriation of all our P.O.Ws. who due, to their long imprisonment are weakened to this extent and above all the urgent repatriation of the sick and their removal to a climate, better suited to their state of health.

The British Authorities who received the report of the Delegate of the C.I.C.R. have certainly taken to heart the urgent needs of our P.O.W. intensifying the cures, organization of convalescent homes etc.etc. but as the delegate who visited Camp 103 reported, the conditions require definite measures, such as removal to other climates and repatriation.

It is to be considered, that owing to the state of Co-belligerency and the article 72 of the Geneva Convention relative to humanitarian reasons, the request of the Italian Authorities on this matter could and should be satisfied.

Signed the High Commissioner

Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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Rome 13th. March 1945.

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High Commission for IT.PW.

No. 777/Pol/C-13 di Prot.

To the Allied Commission

Sub-Commission for It. PW.

Subject: Sanitary conditions of Italian P.O.Ws. in the  
detachment No. 22 at Ceylon.

Following our letter No. 626/C-13 dated the 26th. of  
February 1945 and with reference to a telephone call re-  
ceived from Major Partridge, herewith attached and forwarded  
to you is a part of a report made by the International Red  
Cross relative to the visit made by them to the It. P.O.Ws.  
at the detachment No. 22 in Ceylon.

Signed the High Commission

Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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Committee of the International Red Cross,  
Central Agency for P.O.Ws.

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Geneve 27th. Nov. 1944.

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Subject: Visits to the P.W. Camps in the British Indies and  
Ceylon.

On the 12th. of Nov. 1944, our delegate visited at Ceylon  
again the working detachment No. 22.

The number of people in this detachment are as follows:

23 officers  
102 non coms  
764 soldiers

The general conditions of this detachment are good, except for  
the state of health of the prisoners, which I thought was not  
as good as it should have been. In effect, the number of the  
sick has risen, 51 P.O.Ws. are in hospital and 70 are convalescent.  
After January 80 new cases of malaria were reported; to which number  
must be added a quantity of relapses of this malady.

The pay is not considered sufficient and the P.O.Ws. are  
disappointed on the conditions of the life they are living in  
this detachment. The new arrivals from Italy had a very bad  
effect on the morale of many of them. The responsible authorities  
do their best to assure a normale life to these P.O.Ws. and they  
created a rest camp for 200 men in a higher country, where the  
climate is healthy. Our delegate added that the repatriation of  
these invalids has not yet been started, and thus ends his report.

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G 65  
G 78/M

COMITE' INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX ROUGE  
Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre

Genève, 27 Novembre 1944

Concerne: Visites de camps aux Indes Britanniques et à Ceylan.

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Le 12 novembre, notre Délégué à Ceylan visitait a nouveau le  
Détachement de travail n.22.

L'effectif actuel de ce détachement est de

23 officiers  
102 sous-officiers  
764 soldats.

Les conditions générales son bonnes néanmoins la santé de ces prisonniers ne semble pas aussi satisfaisante qu'elle devrait être. En effet, le nombre des malades a quelque peu augmenté, 51 prisonniers de guerre sont hospitalisés, 70 se trouvent au repos. Depuis janvier 80 cas nouveaux de malaria se sont déclarés, auquel viennent s'ajouter de nombreuses rechutes. La paie est toujours considérée comme insuffisant et certains prisonniers de guerre paraissent quelque peu décus des conditions de vie qui leur sont faites dans ce détachement. Les nouvelles provenant d'Italie contribuent à rendre le moral de certains mauvais. Les autorités responsables font de leur mieux pour assurer une vie normale à ces prisonniers de guerre, elles ont projeté la création d'un camp de repos pour 200 ~~prisonniers~~ dans une région élevée au climat salubre. Notre Déléguée ajoute que

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Translation of the report of the visit to Camp 104 of the 23rd.  
Labour Detachment - C/O C.F.O. Bombay.

### Health and Hygiene

We had unfortunately to observe that the number of sick prisoners are increasing; on the day of our visit, 42 soldiers of this group were in the camp hospital, 24 in hospital at Colombo, apart from 89 sick in bed with light complaints, a total of 155, that exceeds the 10% of the whole. Many of the sick in the Camp Hospital had a skin disease which the Italian doctors call epidermofizie (ring-worm). A malady very difficult to cure and is also contagious. There are also cases of mastoditis, bronchitis and a few isolated cases of tropical fevers including swamp fever. Intestinal infections are <sup>RARE</sup> ~~rare~~, thanks to the great cleanliness of the camps and the energetic prophylactic measures that are used to prevent contamination (attention attached list of patients with the same maladies in hospital at Colombo).

Three Italian medical officers from India (rank Lieutenants) have been assigned to this group to replace their colleagues who have been transferred to India.

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List of Italian P.O.Ws in Hospital at Colombo from groupes 103 and 104

N° 103 I.A.P. Group

(an 9th Sept. 1944)

N° 104 I.A.P. Group

(an 7th Sept. 1944)

| <u>Maladies</u>          | <u>Date of admission to the Hospital</u> | <u>Maladies</u>                | <u>Date of admission</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Genito-Urinary T.B.   | 9-5-44 (R)                               | 1) Lacerated wound r. arm      | 26-8-44                  |
| 2) General Breakdown     | 13-7-44                                  | 2) Chronic cholecystitis       | 30-9-44                  |
| 3) Psychoastenia         | 15-7-44 (R)                              | 3) Umbilical hernia            | 25-8-44                  |
| 4) do.                   | 19-7-44 (R)                              | 4) Chronic tonsillitis         | 6-9-44                   |
| 5) Traumatic sinovitis   | 23-7-44                                  | 5) Hemorrhoids                 | 5-9-44                   |
| 6) Psychoastenia         | 23-7-44 (R)                              | 6) Psicosis (asyle d'aliènes)  | 28-3-44 (R)              |
| 7) Endogenous depression | 4-8-44 (R)                               | 7) Chronic Cystitis            | 22-3-44 (R)              |
| 8) Glenorrhagic Infect.  | 13-6-44                                  | 8) Renal Colic                 | 21-7-44                  |
| 9) Psychoastenia         | 18-8-44 (R)                              | 9) Foreign body r; forearm     | 25-8-44                  |
| 10) do.                  | 27-8-44 (R)                              | 10) Gastric Ulcer              | 5-6-44                   |
| 11) Gastric Ulcer        | 27-8-44                                  | 11) Right inguinal hernia      | 22-6-44                  |
| 12) Schizophrenia        | 3-9-44                                   | 12) Varicocoele                | 2-8-44                   |
| 13) Hemorrhoids          | 7-9-44                                   | 13) Hemorrhoids                | 12-8-44                  |
| 14) Renal Calculosis     | 7-9-44                                   | 14) Tuberculous testes         | 7-4-44                   |
|                          |                                          | 15) Duodenal ulcer             | 16-8-44 (R)              |
|                          |                                          | 16) do                         | 1-6-44 (R)               |
|                          |                                          | 17) Renal colic                | 23-3-44 (R)              |
|                          |                                          | 18) Fistula right side chest   | 12-8-44                  |
|                          |                                          | 19) left femur fracture        | 22-5-44                  |
|                          |                                          | 20) Varicocoele                | 19-8-44                  |
|                          |                                          | 21) Left tibia & fibula fract. | 22-5-44                  |
|                          |                                          | 22) Right inguinal hernia      | 21-8-44                  |
|                          |                                          | 23) Chronic cholecystitis      | 22-7-44                  |
|                          |                                          | 24) Chronic Tonsillitis        | 6-9-44                   |
|                          |                                          | 25) Varicocoele                | 8-8-44                   |

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The cases marked (R) will probably be repatriated in the near futur.

Signed. A. O. Haller  
Delegate

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STRALCIO DEL RAPPORTO DI VISITA AL CAMPO N° 104 DEL 23 ITALIAN  
LABOUR DETACHMENT - c/o G.P.O. BOMBAY

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Santé et hygiène -

Nous avons dû constater que malheureusement, le nombre de prisonniers atteints de diverses maladies, va en augmentant. Le jour de notre visite, 42 soldats de ce Groupe étaient soignés à l'infirmerie du camp, 24 hospitalisés à Colombo, tandis que 89 autres restaient en baraquas pour des indispositions légères. Ceci fait un total de 155, qui excède le 10% des effectifs. Parmi les 42 malades soignés à l'infirmerie, il y eut, dans des baraquas d'isolement, de nombreux cas d'une maladie de la peau que les médecins italiens désignent par le nom d'epidermoïdisme (terme anglais: ringworm); elle se révèle assez difficile à guérir, et semble être de nature contagieuse. Ensuite il y a des cas d'otite, de bronchite, et des cas isolés de fièvre tropicales, y compris le paludisme. Les affections intestinales sont peu nombreuses, sans doute, grâce à la grande propreté qui règne au camp, et aux mesures efficaces prises pour empêcher la contamination des vivres. (Pour les cas hospitalisés à Colombo, se référer à l'annexe à ce rapport).

Trois officiers italiens, tous arrivés récemment de l'Inde et possédant le grade de tenente medico, sont affectés à ce Groupe pour le service de santé, en remplacement de leurs collègues transférés aux Indes.

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TRANSLATION OF THE REPORT OF A VISIT TO CAMP 103 OF THE 22nd. ITALIAN  
LABOUR DETACHMENT c/o C.P.O. BOMBAY

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

This service is directed by a Medical Officer, rank Capt. who functions as "Senior Italian Officer", and his colleague who has the rank of Lieut. The first mentioned officer is an ear, throat and nose specialist and seems competent.

The statistics of the sick the day of our visit were as follows;

|                        |    |                     |
|------------------------|----|---------------------|
| In Hospital at Colombo | 14 |                     |
| Group Hospital         | 31 |                     |
| Sick in Camp           | 44 |                     |
| Total                  | 89 | sick more than 10%. |

Of the 31 in the group Hospital 10 were malaria cases, 6 Gonorrhea. (the Hygiene has done a great deal to decrease Venereal diseases, but in the island they are always in existence. As punishment, for not having taken the proper precautions, the transgressors are deprived of their pay for a period of 15(?) days. The other maladies are cured in the Camp including mastodites, frequent in these countries. (Attention the list of those in Hospital at Colombo sick with the same maladies).

The Italian Medical Capt. told us he was well supplied with medicines, thanks to the British Authorities.

The quantity of mental cases in this group, is a reason for serious reflection. We visited 7 of these unfortunates in a Hospital at Colombo the 6th of September. Most of these cases are to be considered as having a good chance of recovery on the condition that they be removed to another atmosphere, on the other hand their recovery seems doubtful if they remain in the present atmosphere and enervating climate of Colombo. For these reasons the repatriation of these prisoners in the near future is desirable.

In consideration of what is written above it would be a good idea, (for the moral and physical good of these men in this camp and in all other Camp as well,) to install a Rest Camp in the nearby hills, where the officers non coms and soldiers could be sent for short periods on rotation to renew their strength, we consider that this matter is deserving of the attention of the competent Authorities and we have not failed to make a memorandum of the question.

Dental Service in Camp. As in group 104, is limited to extractions and to such care as they are entitled.

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STRALCIO DEL RAPPORTO DI VISITA AL CAMPO N° 103 DEL 22 ITALIAN  
LABOUR DETACHMENT - c/o G.P.O. BOMBAY

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Santé et hygiène -

Ce service est dirigé par un Capitano medico fonctionnant comme "Senior Italian Medical Officer", et son collègue qui a la grade de Tenente. Le premier mentionné est spécialiste pour les maladies des oreilles, du nez et de la gorge. Il semble compétent.

La statistique des malades le jour de notre visite fut la suivante :

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Hospital at Colombo | 14                   |
| Group Hospital      | 31                   |
| Sick in Camp        | <u>44</u>            |
|                     | 89 malades au total, |

soit donc plus du 10% des effectifs.

Sur les 31 malades traités à l'infirmerie du camp (Group Hospital), 10 souffraient de la malaria, 5 de blennorrhagie. (La prophylaxie a eu pour résultat de diminuer l'extension des maladies vénériennes, mais des cas isolés se produisent toujours. Par mesure de punition pour ne pas avoir pris les précautions nécessaires, les coupables sont privés de leur solde pendant une période de 15 (?) jours). Diverses autres maladies, sont soignées au camp y compris des otites, fréquentes dans ce pays. (Voir aussi en annexe les cas hospitalisés à Colombo).

Le capitaine-médecin italien du camp s'est plu à reconnaître qu'il est bien approvisionné en médecines, et bien outillé, grâce à l'obligeance des autorités britanniques.

Dans ce Groupe, le nombre inquiétant de prisonniers atteints par des troubles mentaux, donne à réfléchir. Nous avons revu sept de ces infortunés dans un hôpital de Colombo (le 6 septembre). Quoiqu'il s'agisse dans la plupart des cas, pour autant que nous ayons pu en juger, de malades ayant une bonne chance de guérir à condition qu'ils vécussent dans une autre ambiance, il semble douteux qu'une guérison soit possible dans l'atmosphère d'un camp ou dans le climat énervant de Colombo. Pour ces raisons, le rapatriement de ces prisonniers dans un avenir prochain nous paraît absolument désirable. 4764

Dans le même ordre d'idées, pour lutter contre la fatigue physique et morale discernable dans ce camp (et dans les camps en général), l'idée d'installer quelque-part, à la montagne un camp de repos (Rest-Camp) où pourraient se rendre les officiers, sous-officiers et soldats italiens pour de courtes périodes dans le but de

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se retenir des forces, mériteraient à notre avis toute l'attention des autorités compétentes. Ainsi n'avons-nous pas manqué de signaler ce fait dans notre Memorandum.

Le service dentaire au camp; comme dans le Groupe 104, est limité aux extractions, et aux prothèses pour ceux y ayant droit.

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FOR NO  
RECORDED  
NO VO 450 254  
JUL 10 1942  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
WAR DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT:- PW Camps in INDIA.

WMD + IPW

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3455/G1 (Br).

Headquarters,  
Allied Commission.  
(IPW Sub Commission).  
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13 Apr 45.

See 41.456

Reference your IPW/11/41 dated 10 Apr 45.

1. No reply has yet been received from GHQ, INDIA, but the matter 4762  
has again been taken up with them and you will be advised as soon  
as an answer is received.

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HEADQUARTERS

W.A.K. FINLAYSON,  
Major, D.A.A.G.,  
for Major General,  
DAG, G.1 (Br).

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IPW/11/41

10 April 1945

SUBJECT: PW Camps in India.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters - APO 512 U.S. Army  
(Att. G-1 (B))Reference your CR/3455/G1(B) dated 10 January 1945.  
*see your letter*

*Re 34,30,29/42/56*

May I please be informed if a reply has yet been received from G.H.Q. India in relation to complaint made by Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

For the Chief Commissioner:

*clb*J. A. CAMPBELL  
Lieut.-Colonel  
Director  
WMD & IPW Sub-Comm.

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| I A   | Stablak 6/206                  | Konigsberg<br>(15.VI.'44)    |
| II A  |                                | Gustrow                      |
| II A  |                                | Priemerburg                  |
| II A  |                                | Rostock                      |
| II B  |                                | (12.VI.'44)                  |
|       |                                | Hammerstein                  |
| II C  |                                | (30.VIII.'44)                |
|       |                                | Greifswald i/Pommern         |
| II D  | Stargard i/Pommern<br>Post 514 | Müglitz b/Bergen-Rügen       |
| III A |                                | Grifenberg                   |
| III B |                                | Berlin                       |
| III D |                                | Cuben                        |
|       |                                | Berlin                       |
|       | AK 182                         | (13.VII.'44)                 |
|       | AK 183                         |                              |
|       | AK 794 M                       | (10.VI.'44)                  |
|       | AK 180b                        | (26.VI.'44)                  |
|       | AK 1811                        | (28.VII.'44)                 |
|       | 2 Komp Arb Batl (L) 10         |                              |
|       | 3/Bau und Arb Batl (It) 198 II | (21.VIII.'44)                |
|       | Strasse 50 über Berlin         | Hohnstein (Sachs<br>Schweiz) |
| IV A  |                                | (29.VII.'44)                 |
| IV A  | Hohnstein (Sachs-Schweiz)      | Dresden                      |
|       |                                | (10.VI.'44)                  |
|       |                                | Freital                      |
| IV B  |                                | (17.VI.'44)                  |
| IV G  |                                | Elbe                         |
|       |                                | Oschatz                      |
|       |                                | (15.IX.'44)                  |
|       | Res Laz (Kgt) Zeithain         | Mühlberg/Elbe                |
|       | Mühlberg/Elbe                  | (1.VII.'44)                  |
|       |                                | Zeithain                     |

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| III A | AK 182                         | Berlin                    | (13.VII.'44)  |
| III B | AK 183                         | Cuben                     |               |
| III D | AK 794 N                       | Berlin                    | (10.VI.'44)   |
|       | AK 1806                        |                           | (26.VI.'44)   |
|       | AK 1811                        |                           | (28.VII.'44)  |
|       | 2 Komp Arb Batl (L) 10         |                           |               |
|       | 3/Bau und Arb Batl (It) 198 II |                           |               |
|       | Strasse 50 über Berlin         |                           |               |
| IV A  |                                | Hohnstein (Sachs-Schweiz) | (21.VIII.'44) |
|       |                                | Schweiz                   |               |
|       |                                |                           | (29.VII.'44)  |
| IV A  |                                | Dresden                   |               |
|       |                                |                           | (10.VI.'44)   |
|       |                                | Freital                   |               |
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| IV B  |                                | Elbe                      |               |
| IV G  |                                | Oschatz                   |               |
|       |                                |                           | (15.IX.'44)   |
|       | Res Laz (Kgt) Zeithain         | Türrberg/Elbe             |               |
|       |                                |                           | (1.VII.'44)   |
|       | Mühlberg/Elbe                  | Zeithain                  |               |
|       |                                |                           | (7.VI.'44)    |
| IV C  |                                | Oschatz                   |               |
| IV D  |                                | Torgau-Elbe               |               |
|       | AK Me 49 I                     | Hamburg                   |               |
|       | Torgau/Elbe                    | Angersdorf                |               |
|       |                                | Elmig                     |               |
|       | Torgau/Elbe AK BS 10           | Anthensen Worblitz        |               |
|       | Torgau/Elbe AK 4135            | Bad-Liebenwerda           |               |
|       |                                |                           | (23.VII.'44)  |
|       | Torgau/Elbe B I I              | Bitterfelde               |               |
|       |                                |                           | (18.V.'44)    |
|       | Torgau/Elbe AK T & SO          | Rehfeld                   |               |
|       |                                |                           | (11.VI.'44)   |
| IV F  | AK R 122                       | Bocholt (Westfalen)       |               |
|       |                                | Hermannsdorf b/Chemnitz   |               |
|       |                                |                           | (20.VII.'44)  |
| IV G  | Oschatz/Sa                     | Böhlen Kreis Borna        |               |

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| V A  | Heilbronn<br>(12.VII.'44)                                 |         |  |
| V B  | Kostanz<br>St Gergen im Schwar-<br>zwald<br>(25.VIII.'44) |         |  |
| V B  | Villingen                                                 |         |  |
| V G  | Morshenich                                                |         |  |
| VI A | Hemer (Krs. Iserlohn<br>(27.IX.'44)                       |         |  |
| VI C | Fullen<br>(14.IX.'44)                                     |         |  |
|      | Verson (Meppen)<br>(10.VIII.'44)                          |         |  |
|      | Bauhof - Meppen<br>(2.VII.'44)                            |         |  |
| VI D | Dortmund (Westfalen)                                      |         |  |
|      | Bochum<br>(18.VI.'44)                                     |         |  |
|      | Hagen<br>(25.VI.'44)                                      | AK 341  |  |
|      | Unna<br>(25.VI.'44)                                       | AKI 745 |  |
|      | Dortmund<br>(1.VI.'44)                                    | AK 1242 |  |
|      | Dortmund                                                  |         |  |
|      | Witten                                                    |         |  |
| VI F | Bocholt (Westfalen)<br>(8.IX.'44)                         |         |  |
|      | Menchlebek<br>(13.VI.'44)                                 |         |  |
|      | über Münster<br>(20.VIII.'44)                             |         |  |
| VI G | Bonn a/Rhein<br>(25.IX.'44)                               |         |  |
|      | Bonn a/Rhein<br>(6.VIII.'44)                              |         |  |
|      | Bonn a/Rhein 4759<br>(14.II.'44)                          |         |  |
|      | Brandenburg Holzweiler                                    |         |  |
|      | Dortmund (Westfalen)                                      |         |  |
|      | 45 (10.VII.'44)                                           |         |  |
|      | Gummersbach I.                                            |         |  |
|      | Bonn a/Rhein                                              |         |  |
|      | Bocholt (Westfalen)                                       |         |  |
|      | Bocholt (Westfalen) Lager<br>Menchlebek                   |         |  |
|      | AK 309                                                    |         |  |
|      | AK 481                                                    |         |  |
|      | AK 530                                                    |         |  |
|      | Bonn a/Rhein                                              |         |  |
|      | Bonn a/Rhein AK 182                                       |         |  |
|      | Bonn a/Rhein AK 282                                       |         |  |

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| AK 341  | Hagen                   | (18.VI.'44)   |
| AKI 745 | Unre                    | (25.VI.'44)   |
| AK 1242 | Dortmund                | (25.VI.'44)   |
|         | Dortmund                | (1.VI.'44)    |
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|         | Bocholt (Westfalen)     |               |
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|         | Menchlebek              |               |
|         |                         | (13.VI.'44)   |
|         | über Muster             |               |
|         |                         | (20.VIII.'44) |
|         | Bonn a/Rhein            |               |
|         |                         | (25.IX.'44)   |
|         | Bonn a/Rhein            |               |
|         |                         | (6.VIII.'44)  |
|         | Bonn a/Rhein            | 4759          |
|         |                         | (14.II.'44)   |
|         | Brandenburg Holzweiler  |               |
|         | Dortmund (Westfalen)    |               |
|         | 45                      | (10.VII.'44)  |
|         | Gummersbach I.          |               |
|         |                         | (20.VIII.'44) |
|         | Krefeld-Fichtenhain     |               |
|         |                         | (3.VII.'44)   |
|         | Duisburg                |               |
|         | Essen                   |               |
|         | Oberhausen Holten       |               |
|         | Lindorf II° Reg-Dussel- |               |
|         | dorf                    |               |
|         | Forellfrug ü/Paderborn  |               |
|         | Brackwede               |               |
|         |                         | (11.VI.'44)   |
|         | Monaco di Riviera       |               |
|         | 15 Km. da Monaco        |               |
|         |                         | (18.VI.'44)   |
|         | Monaco                  |               |
|         |                         | (11.VI.'44)   |
|         | Peuzberg                |               |
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| AK 1040 | Bocholt (Westfalen)       |
|         | Bocholt (Westfalen) Lager |
|         | Menchlebek                |
| VI G    | AK 309                    |
|         | AK 481                    |
|         | AK 530                    |
|         | Bonn a/Rhein              |
|         | Bonn a/Rhein AK 182       |
|         | Bonn a/Rhein AK 202       |
| VI I    |                           |
| VI J    | Krefeld-Fichtenhain       |
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| VI J    |                           |
| VI K    | (Stalag. 326) AK 688      |
| VII A   |                           |
|         | AK 3488                   |
|         | Lager 13 AK 3049          |
| VII A   | AK 3750                   |

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| VII B  | AK 615 B                          | Memmingen<br>(4.VI.'44)                                            |
| VIII A | "Görlitz                          | Görlitz<br>(18.VI.'44)                                             |
|        | AK 15152                          | Goldberg<br>(10.IV.'44)                                            |
| VIII B |                                   | Teschen O/S                                                        |
| VIII C |                                   | Sagan                                                              |
|        | Sagan AK 6030                     | Breslau<br>(20.VI.'44)                                             |
|        | Sagan                             | Hannover                                                           |
|        | Ziegenhain Bez Kassel AK 3006 (I) | Walden<br>(18.IX.'44)                                              |
|        | Res Laz Abt B                     | Wegscheide                                                         |
| IX C   | AK 316                            | Dieburg<br>(4.VI.'44)                                              |
|        | AK 481                            | Nüchel<br>(10.VI.'44)                                              |
| X A    | 1439                              | Zweiglager Schellroda<br>über Erfurt<br>(6.VII.'44)                |
|        | 3/Bau U Arb Btl (It) 201          | Danimarca<br>(21.V.'44)                                            |
| X A    | AK 592                            | Hamburg                                                            |
|        |                                   | Schleswig                                                          |
| X E    |                                   | Schleswig<br>(10.VI.'44)                                           |
|        | AK 998                            | Hannover (Sandbostel<br>bei Bre mervörde<br>Lüneburg<br>(21.V.'44) |
|        | AK 1413                           | Rendsburg<br>(24.VIII.'44)                                         |
|        | AK 4112                           | LGPA Wien<br>(24.VIII.'44)                                         |
| X B    |                                   | Schorkeu (Fosen)<br>(27.VIII.'44)                                  |
| X C    | Bar. 2                            | Nienburg (Hess<br>(5.VIII.'44)                                     |
| X D    | Trier                             | Igel                                                               |

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| IX C | AK 318                   | (4.VI.'44)    | München                                              |
|      | AK 481                   | (10.VI.'44)   | Zweiglager Schellroda<br>über Erfurt                 |
| X A  | 1439                     | (6.VII.'44)   | Danimarca                                            |
|      | 3/Bau U Arb Btl (It) 201 | (21.V.'44)    | Hamburg                                              |
| X A  | AK 592                   |               | Schleswig                                            |
|      |                          |               | Schleswig                                            |
| X E  | AK 998                   | (10.VI.'44)   | Hannover (Sandbostel<br>bei Ere merwörde<br>Lüneburg |
|      | AK 1413                  | (21.V.'44)    | Rendsburg                                            |
|      | AK 4112                  | (24.VIII.'44) | LGPA Wien                                            |
| X B  |                          | (24.VIII.'44) | Schorkeu (Posen)                                     |
| X C  | Bar. 2                   | (27.VIII.'44) | Nienburg (Heser)                                     |
| X D  |                          | (5.VIII.'44)  | Igel                                                 |
| XI A |                          |               | Dessau                                               |
|      | A 1425/3                 |               | Georgen im Schwarzwald                               |
|      | AK 544/49                |               | Ilseburg                                             |
|      | AK 544/55                | (16.IX.'44)   | Ilseburg                                             |
|      |                          | (27.VI.'44)   | Magdeburg                                            |
| XI B |                          | (4.IX.'44)    | Wietzendorf Kr. Soltan                               |
|      |                          |               | Hannover                                             |
|      |                          | (24.VI.'44)   | Holzminen (Weser)                                    |
|      |                          | (6.IX.'44)    | Seesen (Holzminen)                                   |
|      |                          |               | Sinnhorst                                            |
|      |                          |               | Wien                                                 |
|      | AK 6010                  | (23.VIII.'44) | Kr. Celle                                            |
|      |                          | (26.VII.'44)  |                                                      |



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| XII D | Trier | (24.VIII.'44) | Ahrweiler                                |
|       |       | (22.VIII.'44) | Beles (Lux)                              |
|       |       |               | Coblentz Metternich 445                  |
|       |       | (21.VII.'44)  | Eddesdorf                                |
|       |       |               | Ehrang                                   |
|       |       |               | Grevenmacher                             |
|       |       |               | Herdord/Sieg                             |
|       |       |               | Hillesheim Eifel                         |
|       |       | (25.VI.'44)   | Honningen                                |
|       |       |               | Karthaus                                 |
|       |       |               | Luxembourg                               |
|       |       |               | St. Goar II Rhein                        |
|       |       |               | Kr. Wadern                               |
|       |       |               | Wissen/Sieg                              |
|       |       |               | Andernach Rhein                          |
|       |       | (15.VI.'44)   | Beles (Lux)                              |
|       |       |               | Neuwied/Rhein Remy                       |
|       |       | (3.VII.'44)   | Cochem-Mosel                             |
|       |       | (31.VIII.'44) | Bronsok AG                               |
|       |       |               | Moselle                                  |
|       |       | (25.VI.'44)   | AK 998 A Rasselstein Neuwied/Rh Nohausen |
|       |       |               | AK 1001 A Niederschelden                 |
|       |       |               | AK 1005 A Nehbach (Sieg)                 |
|       |       | (26.VI.'44)   | AK 1039 A 44634 Neuwied Bosselstein      |
|       |       |               | AK 1044 Sieg Weissblock                  |
|       |       | (23.VIII.'44) | AK 1044 A Wissen (Sieg)                  |
|       |       | (18.VI.'44)   | AK 1054 A Emmerzaun Deaden (Westervald)  |
|       |       | (11.VIII.'44) | AK 1056 A sen Andernach                  |
|       |       | (10.VI.'44)   | AK 1058 A Betzorf/Sieg                   |
|       |       | (26.VIII.'44) |                                          |

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| AK 1060 A            | Neuwied (Rhein)     |  |
| AK 1062              | (8.X.'44)           |  |
| AK 1082              | Grevenmacher        |  |
| AK 1090/A            | (24.VI.'44)         |  |
| AK 1102 A            | Meunof b/Wittlich   |  |
| AK 1103              | (25.VIII.'44)       |  |
| AK 1130              | Rheinbrohl          |  |
| AK 1151              | (25.VII.'44)        |  |
| AK 1152 A            | Bad Kreuznach       |  |
| AK Erweitertesrevier | (22.VIII.'44)       |  |
| IMI Lager 364        | Wengerch            |  |
| Feldpost 1027        | Derfham (22.IX.'44) |  |
| AK 113               | Meubruche           |  |
| AK 707               | (22.VIII.'44)       |  |
| AK 2007              | Thalfang            |  |
| AK 2034              | (18.VI.'44)         |  |
| AK 2012              | Igel                |  |
| AK 2063 B            | (27.VI.'44)         |  |
| Halberg              | Marialaich          |  |
|                      | (9.IX.'44)          |  |
|                      | Mosella             |  |
|                      | Saarburg            |  |
|                      | Forbach-Westmark    |  |
|                      | Forbach             |  |
|                      | (28.VIII.'44)       |  |
|                      | Forbach             |  |
|                      | (18.VII.'44)        |  |
|                      | Merlenbach          |  |
|                      | (4.VII.'44)         |  |
|                      | Forbach             |  |
|                      | (5.X.'44)           |  |
|                      | Friedrichsthal      |  |
|                      | (20.IX.'44)         |  |
|                      | Kapsweyer           |  |
|                      | Kapsweyer           |  |
|                      | (22.V.'44)          |  |
|                      | Ludwigshafen        |  |
|                      | (20.VII.'44)        |  |
|                      | Ludwigshafen        |  |
|                      | (8.VI.'44)          |  |
|                      | Sulzbach-Rosenberg  |  |
|                      | Weiden              |  |
|                      | AK 1154 B           |  |
| XII F                |                     |  |
| XII F                |                     |  |
| XIII A               |                     |  |
| XIII B               |                     |  |



|         |                                                           |                                                                   |
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| XVIII A | 113 GW                                                    | Kimberg (Austria)<br>(8.VI. '44)                                  |
|         | AX 200 GW                                                 | Bad Radein<br>(28.V. '44)                                         |
|         | 956 GW                                                    | Colonia<br>(25.VIII. '44)                                         |
| XVIII C |                                                           |                                                                   |
|         | Stalag. 317 Markt<br>Pongau (Gau Salzburg)<br>AK 27586/GW |                                                                   |
| XX A    |                                                           | Tyrol<br>(4.VI. '44)                                              |
|         |                                                           | Thorn<br>(7.IX. '44)                                              |
| XX B    |                                                           | Danzig                                                            |
| XXI D   | AK D 80                                                   | Posen<br>(9.IX. '44)                                              |
| 307     |                                                           | Deblin-Irena (Lublin)<br>(30.XI. '43)                             |
| 319/C   |                                                           | Cholm<br>(23.VIII. '44)                                           |
| 325     | Oflag VI Oberlangen<br>:<br>(23)<br>Werlin                | Post Lathen (EMS)                                                 |
| 327     |                                                           | Minsk<br>(21.IX. '44)                                             |
| 328     |                                                           | Przemil                                                           |
| 329     |                                                           | Lemberg                                                           |
| 334     |                                                           | Wietzendorf (Kr. Soltan)<br>Lamsdorf-Oberschlesien<br>(6.IX. '44) |
| :       | Taillager                                                 | Zweiglager Biala Podlaska                                         |
| 336     |                                                           | Mariahutte                                                        |
| 364     |                                                           | Siedlce (Warschau)                                                |
| 366     |                                                           | Tschenstochau<br>(1.VIII. '44)                                    |
| 367     | BI III                                                    | Fliegerhorst                                                      |
| 398     |                                                           |                                                                   |
| 6       | Wesuwe (23) Post Wesuwe über Neppen<br>OFLAG.             | Hannover-Misburg<br>(EMS)                                         |
| 64/2    |                                                           | Schokren Posen<br>(15.VIII. '44)                                  |
| 73      | Kartel                                                    | Nürnberg<br>Nürnberg<br>Nürnberg                                  |

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| 319/c               | Oflag VI Oberlengen<br>: (23)<br>Werlin                      | Cholm<br>(23.VIII.'44)<br>Post Lathen (EMS)                                           |
| 325                 |                                                              | Minsk<br>(21.IX.'44)                                                                  |
| 327                 |                                                              | Przemil                                                                               |
| 328                 |                                                              | Lemberg                                                                               |
| 329                 |                                                              | Wietzendorf (Kr. Soltan)                                                              |
| 334                 |                                                              | Lamsdorf-Oberschlesien<br>(6.IX.'44)                                                  |
| :                   | Taillager                                                    |                                                                                       |
| 336                 |                                                              | Zweiglager Biela Podlaska                                                             |
| 364                 |                                                              | Mariahutte                                                                            |
| 366                 |                                                              | Siedlce (Warschau)                                                                    |
| 367                 | BI III                                                       | Tschenstochau<br>(1.VIII.'44)                                                         |
| 398                 |                                                              | Fliegerhorst                                                                          |
| 6                   | Wesuwe (23) Post Wesuwe über Meppen                          | Hannover-Misburg<br>(EMS)                                                             |
| 64/2                |                                                              | Schokken Posen<br>(15.VIII.'44)                                                       |
| 73                  | Kartel<br>Feldpost 18754<br>Block VI/10.5<br>Block V Bar. 77 | Nürnberg<br>Nürnberg<br>Nürnberg<br>Nürnberg (30.VII.'44)<br>Nürnberg<br>(15.VII.'44) |
| 77                  | Block 7 A Bar. 125                                           | Nürnberg                                                                              |
| 83                  | Block 1 (Campo per Internati)                                | Deblin Irena (Lublin)                                                                 |
| 96                  | Wietzendorf (Kr. Soltan)                                     | Nienburg<br>Schokken (Posen)                                                          |
|                     | <u>VARIE</u>                                                 |                                                                                       |
| 2/Bau u Arb Btl 194 | Stalang. III D                                               | Berlin<br>(26.VI.'44)                                                                 |
| 3/Bau u Arb Btl 196 |                                                              | Bremen<br>Bremen<br>(29.VIII.'44)                                                     |
| 4/Bau u Arb Btl 196 |                                                              | Bremen<br>(1.IX.'44)                                                                  |

5/Bau u Arb Btl 150  
3/Bau u Arb Btl 201  
3/Bau u Arb 201 Hamburg 1  
Bau u Arb Btl 197  
AK 1509

AK 1160/GW

Bei Statte AK M Stab

Gemeinschafts Muster (Westfalen)

Badenstrandstrasse 14 "Friedrich  
Schule"

Westarbeiterlager Zweiniger Jacobstrasse 8-12

Zweiglager Lazaret

Lager Haselhorst Lerck

Birken Kamp

Lager Hille Wiese b/Lobmachersen

Stalag. Kgfard Res (It) 27  
Campo Italiano 5

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L 62305 LGPA

L 30534/Lager LGPA

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Bremen  
Hamburg  
Neugraben  
(27)Hamburg 33  
Nordhon (Bentheim)  
(29.IX.'44)  
Linz/Donau  
Lenastrasse  
(8.X.'44)  
Heuber (Baden)  
(24.I.'44)  
Mecklenbach  
(9.VIII.'44)  
Hannover  
(20.VIII.'44)  
Chemnitz (Sachsen)  
(2.IX.'44)  
Dorsten i/Westfalen  
(26.VI.'44)  
Berlin  
(31.VIII.'44)  
Wesendorr (Hannover 2)  
(5.X.'44)  
uber Salzgitter  
(27.IX.'44)  
Teschene O/S  
Hochtegraben Heibebre-  
ch O/S (5.VI.'44)  
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(30.VIII.'44)  
Wien  
(8.VII.'44)  
Dresden  
(21.IX.'44)

SUBJECT:- Location of PW Camps.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/3736/G1(Br).

Headquarters,  
Allied Commission (IPW Sub-Commission).

20 Feb 45.

See 38 & 49.

1. Reference your IPW/11/38 dated 15 Feb 45.
2. It is regretted that information on the location etc. of all PW Camps is not available. The War Office have been asked to furnish this, but have been unable to do so.
3. For your information the following ~~Italian~~ PW Camps holding Italians are in existence in this theatre.

1. (a) 209 PW Camp.  
(b) Afragola, Nr. NAPLES.  
(c) 600  
(d) All PW. - no question of release as they are members of Fascist Republican Army captured since Armistice.
2. (a) 211 PW Camp.  
(b) Fort of L'Eau Nr. ALGIERS.  
(c) 1100  
(d) Non Co-operators.
3. (a) 'A' Internee Camp.  
(b) PADULA.  
(c) 1744 males - 65 females.  
(d) All civilian internees.
4. (a) 'R' Internee Camp.  
(b) TERNI.  
(c) 800  
(d) Civilian Internees.

WAKE/ER.

HEADQUARTERS

22 FEB 1945

W.A.K. FINLAYSON,  
Major, D.A.A.G.,  
for Major General,  
DAG, G.1(Br).

26/4/45

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Spoke with Maj Finlayson and requested  
that "Troops" be again asked to produce  
a list of all PW Camps under British control  
26/2/45

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

CSP/tb

IPW/11/38

15 February 1945

To : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512  
(Att: Major P. Thorpe) G-1 (B)

Subject : Location of PW Camps.

*See 39.*

- 1/. Enquiries are continually being received in this office regarding the location of various PW Camps.
- 2/. Would it be possible to supply me with a list of all Italian POW camps showing in each case:
  - a) Number of the camp
  - b) Location
  - c) No. of PW held
  - d) Any special features (e.g all fascists)
- 3/. I would be most grateful if this list can be given to me.

*clp*

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

War Materials Disposal and  
Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission  
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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

N.I75/Pol./C.I3 di prot.

Rome, January 19th 1945

SUBJECT: Conditions of It. P.O.W.'s in India.

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

*See 33*

Reference your letter IPW/II/33 dated January 11th 1945.

We thank you for the information and we have taken note to give  
priority to the P.O.W.'s of Group 2 (Bhopal).

Signed:

the High Commissioner  
General Pietro Gazzera.

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

IPW/11/3615 January 1945

SUBJECT: Prisoner of War Camps in ETHIOPIA, SOMALILAND, ERITREA  
and LYBIA.

TO : Italian High Commissioner for POW.

35, 31, 28, 22.

Reference your 2069/Pol/O.7 dated 30 November 44 and my  
IPW/11/31 dated 4 January 1945.

1. Allied Force Headquarters now inform me that there are no  
Prisoner of War Camps in ETHIOPIA or in BRITISH (or former ITALIAN)  
SOMALILAND.

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

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Subject:- PW Camps in ETHIOPIA, SOMALILAND, ERITREA and LIBYA.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3455/G1(Br).

Headquarters,  
Allied Commission. (For IPW Sub-Commission).

10 Jan 45.

27-28-31-36

1. Further to this Headquarters letter of even reference dated 30 Dec.
2. Information has now been received that there are no PW camps in ETHIOPIA or in BRITISH (or former ITALIAN) SOMALILAND.

P. Thorp.

P. THORP.  
Major, D.A.A.G.,  
for Major General,  
DAG, G.1(Br).

PT/HW.

IPW  
11.

4749

Subject:- PW Camps in INDIA.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3455/G1(Br).

Headquarters,  
Allied Commission.

10 Jan 45.

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see 41.

1. Reference your IPW/11/30 dated 4 Jan.
2. G.H.Q., India has already carried out an investigation on the Group 2 PW Camps as a result of the representation made by the I.R.C.C. Delegation. (This Headquarters' letter of even reference dated 9 Jan refers). 32.
3. As, however, G.H.Q., India's report to this Headquarters only covers the question of malarial incidence, the complaint made by the Italian High Commissioner has been forwarded for investigation.

*P. Thorp.*

P. THORP.  
Major, D.A.A.G.,  
for Major General,  
DAG, G.1(Br).

PT/HW.

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Reply to (29) when AFHQ forwards  
more information.

c/c.

*P/F* 10/24/45  
*AC*

(33)

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

IPW/11/3311 January 1945

SUBJECT: Conditions of POW in Camps in India.

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

19 / 121 / 32 37.

Reference your letter No.1988/Pol/O-9 dated 23 November 44.

1. The complaints referred to in your letter above were fully investigated, and the attached copies of reports received from the Commandant, POW Camp Hospital, BHOPAL speak for themselves.

2. Your request that Prisoners of War in Group 2 POW Camps should be the first to be repatriated from India has been noted.

*CSH*

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

4747

SUBJECT:- Italian PW Camps in INDIA.

Headquarters,  
Allied Commission.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3455/G1(Br).

9 Jan 45.

19. 21 / 33
1. Reference your IPW/11/21 dated 1 Dec 44.
  2. The following reply has now been received from GHQ., INDIA:-
    - "1. The matter regarding the incidence of malaria at Group 2 P.W. Camps, Bhopal, was fully investigated in July this year, consequent upon a representation being made by the I.R.C.C. Delegation.
    2. A copy of the report dated the 24th July, 1944, received from the Commandant PW Camp Hospital, Bhopal, is enclosed.
    3. The I.R.C.C. Delegate based his report on information supplied to him by the Italian doctors at Bhopal, and in this connection please see the attached extracts from an earlier report dated 15th May, 1944, submitted by the Commandant PW Hospital in which it is stated that a large number of cases are wrongly diagnosed as malaria, and it will be noted that the Commandant PW Hospital again refers to this aspect in para 4 of his second report dated 24th July.
    4. The High Commissioner's request that PW in Group 2 PW Camps should be the first to be repatriated when final repatriation of Italian PW in India is ordered, has been noted."
  3. The reports referred to in Paras 2 and 3 of above extract are enclosed for your perusal.

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PT/DDKT.

P. Thorp  
P. THORP,  
Major, D.A.A.G.,  
for Major General,  
DAG. G.1(Br).

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Extracts from No.C/16, dated 15th May, 1944, from  
Comdt. P.O.W. Camp, Hospital, Bairagarh. 632

For some time, I have been doubtful as to the correctness of the Italian Malaria figures. I accordingly ordered early in April that all cases of malaria be admitted to Hospital and now the numbers are very different.

It is either that Italian Medical Officers are lamentably ignorant, deliberately faking figures or calling every case of fever malaria, probably a combination of the first and the last.

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Copy of No. MAL 4936, 24th July 1944 from Comdt. P.O.W. Camp Hospital & S.E.M.O., Bairagarh.

Subject:- Malaria amongst P.O.W.

1. Report reg. the incidence of malaria among Ps. of War is as follows:-

2. The following table shows the number of cases of malaria per thousand Ps.O.W. in the three months April to June 1943.

| Months '43. | Admitted to hospital. | Treated in camps. |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| April       | 3.9                   | 41.3              |
| May         | 5.0                   | 34.2              |
| June        | 6.6                   | 53.4              |

3. In April of this year I ordered all cases of malaria to be admitted to the Italian Hospital for microscopic diagnosis. The figures for the corresponding months of this year are as follows:-

No. of cases of malaria per 1000 Ps.of W.

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Admitted to hospital.</u> |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| April '44.   | 13.3                         |
| May '44.     | 14.5                         |
| June '44.    | 10.2                         |

4. During the last three months NO cases were treated through the Italian M.I. Rooms in the Camps. The obvious conclusion is that the large number of cases in the Camps were wrongly diagnosed as malaria.

5. In so far as it has been possible to check the amounts of A.M. drugs issued to the Italian M.I. Rooms, it has been found that they agree with the number of cases of alleged malaria. It is pointed out that Ps.of W. are very fond of taking medicines.

6. Patients with enlarged spleen have always been treated.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

IPT/11/31

4 January 1945

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Prisoner of War Camps in ETHIOPIA, SOMALILAND,  
ERITREA and LIBYA.

22 35/36

Further to your letter No. 2069/Pol/C.7 dated  
30 November 1944.

- 1/. The following information regarding Prisoner of War  
Camps in ERITREA and LIBYA has been received from  
Allied Force Headquarters.

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ERITREA.

Only one Prisoner of War Camp exists.

This Camp accommodates approximately 100 Prisoners  
of War who are employed under conditions of "freedom  
of movement" within the Camp or are employed on sim-  
ilar terms by the Military Authorities outside the  
Camp boundaries.

LIBYA

The Camp which was situated near TRIPOLI was closed  
in September last, the Prisoners of War who were ac-  
commodated there being transferred either to the Delta  
or onto Italian Co-operator Companies located in the  
area of TRIPOLI.

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- 2/. Both Camps have been visited periodically by the Repre-  
sentative of the Protecting Power for Italian Interests  
in Egypt and by the Delegate the I.R.C.C., CAIRO.
- 3/. I will advise you when any information is available re-  
garding camps in ETHIOPIA and SOMALILAND.

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

B/F 30/1/45  
c/c

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

IPW/11/30

4 January 1945

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.  
(Attention G-1 (B)).

Subject: Prison Camps in India.

- 1/. Enclosed is a copy letter received from General  
Gazzera, the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners  
of War.
- 2/. Could this matter please be investigated and a re-  
port rendered to this office in due course, for on-  
ward transmission to General Gazzera?

For the Chief Commissioner:

*cl*

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

Encl.  
2377/Pol/C-9

cc: G-5, AFHQ.

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*B/F**c/c**copy with (B)**10/24/45  
4/2/45  
20/1/45*

Rome 30<sup>th</sup>. 1944

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To the Allied Commission  
Sub-Commission for I+. PW

Rome

High Commission for I+. PW.

Political Section

N. 2377 Pol. / C-9

Subject: Prison Camps in India.

The Red Cross delegate who visited the Prison Camps in India in the month of April last has reported to the responsible British Authorities that the climate where camp 2 is situated is not favorable to the PSW affected with G.B., heart trouble and mental disturbances, and asked for the transfer of these invalids to a climate more suitable to their various conditions.

The delegate also declared that the mental and physical condition of these PSW suffered very much from the extreme heat of the country during the summer months.

With reference to above we beg this Commission to inform the competent authorities of these conditions of affairs that have been reported by an International Red Cross delegate, that they may be given the most benevolent attention, and the aforesaid inconveniences eliminated as quickly as possible.

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Thanking you in advance.

signed.

see 30 + 34  
High Commission

(General Pietro Gazzera)

IPW  
11.

J. P. O. W. S. H.  
(28)SUBJECT:- PW Camps in ETHIOPIA, SOMALILAND, ERITREA and LIBYA.Headquarters,  
Allied Commission.  
-----ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.CR/3455/G1(Br).30 Dec 44.

1. Reference your IPW/11/23 of 6 Dec. *see 23-25 35/36*
- X 2. The following information regarding PW Camps in ERITREA and LIBYA has been received. *from Africa*

"ERITREA.

Only one PW Camp exists.

This Camp accommodates approximately 100 PW who are employed under conditions of "freedom of movement" within the Camp or are employed on similar terms by the Military Authorities outside the Camp boundaries.

LIBYA.

The Camp which was situated near TRIPOLI was closed in September last, the PW who were accommodated there being transferred either to the Delta or onto Italian Co-operator Coys located in the area of TRIPOLI."

3. Both Camps have been visited periodically by the Representative of the Protecting Power for Italian Interests in Egypt and by the Delegate the I.R.C.C., CAIRO. X
- || 4. No information from EAST AFRICA concerning camps in ETHIOPIA and SOMALILAND is as yet available.

OG/DDKT.

*P. Thorp.*  
P. THORP,  
Major, D.A.A.G.,  
for Major General,  
DAG. G.1(Br).

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*see 31.*

*30/1/45*  
*B/F*  
*c/c.*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

WMD + POW  
TBJ/BMR/WSW

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G-5: 383.6-19

29 December 1944

SUBJECT: Camp No. 555 - Great Britain.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

(15)  
Reference your IPW/11/15 of 29 Sep 44.

The War Office has advised this Headquarters that  
X this matter has been fully investigated and a report has  
been received that the morale of the prisoners of No. 555 PW.  
Working Company is satisfactory. An Italian Officer is al-  
ready carried on the War Establishment of all Co-operator  
Units in UK. X

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

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See 146)  
+ 27.  
T. B. JACKMAN,  
Lt. Colonel.

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

IPW/11/27

2 January 1945

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Camp No. 555 -- Great Britain.

14(a)

Reference your letter No. 1041/POL/C.12 dated  
25 September 1944.

The War Office has advised me through Allied Force Headquarters that this matter has been fully investigated and a report has been received that the morale of the prisoners of No. 555 PW Working Company is satisfactory. An Italian Officer is already carried on the War Establishment of all Co-operator Units in United Kingdom.

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

*see 26*

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L.P.W 5413  
(25)

SUBJECT:- PW Camps in ETHIOPIA, SOMALILAND, ERITREA & LIBYA.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/3455/G1(Br).

Headquarters,  
Allied Commission.

11 Dec 44.

Reference your IPW/11/23 dated 6 Dec 44.

- B/F ||
2. The information requested in Para 3 (a) and (b) is being obtained from the Commands concerned and will be forwarded when received.
  3. With regard to 3 (c), it is not thought a practicable proposition to ask camps to prepare special sets of nominal rolls: this information would not be made available to visiting representatives of the Protecting Power.
  4. The source from which such information would be obtained is the Prisoners of War Information Bureau, LONDON, but as they have forwarded duplicates of all their records to the Italian Red Cross in ROME, it is suggested that the Italian High Commissioner be asked to enquire from them.

Done

HEADQUARTERS  
12 DEC 1944  
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PD/CR.

P. Thorp  
P. THORP,  
Major, D.A.A.F.,  
for Major General,  
DAC, G.I(Br).

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B/F  
129 Dec.

4/11/45.

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

IPW/11/24

6 December 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Prisoner of War camps in Ethiopia, Somaliland,  
Eritrea and Libya.

(22)

1/. In reply to your letter No. 2069/Pol/6.7 dated  
30 November 1944.

2/. We are making enquiries about these camps and will  
advise you in due course of any information received.

3/. In the meantime may we suggest that you write to the  
International Red Cross who should hold the information  
you require.

C.C.P.

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

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To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Prisoner of War camps in Ethiopia, Somaliland,  
Eritrea and Libya.

(22)

- 1/. In reply to your letter No. 2069/Pol/S.7 dated  
30 November 1944.
- 2/. We are making enquiries about these camps and will  
advise you in due course of any information received.
- 3/. In the meantime may we suggest that you write to the  
International Red Cross who should hold the information  
you require.

*CLL*

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

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*See 22 + 23.*

(23)

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

IPW/11/23

6 December 1944

To: G-1 British, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.  
(Attention Major Thorpe).

Subject: PW Camps in Ethiopia, Somaliland, Eritrea and Libya.

- 1/. Confirming phone conversation Major Thorpe - Lt. Col. Partridge to-day.
- 2/. The Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War has requested information about Prisoner of War Camps situated in Somaliland, Eritrea, Libya and Ethiopia. He states that he has had no direct news of these camps since 1942.
- 3/. The High Commissioner asks for the following information:-
  - a. If there are any camps still in existence in these Regions.
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  - c. A list of PW in Each camp.
- 4/. Please let me have such information as is available on this subject.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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J.A. CAMPBELL  
Lt.-Colonel

(22)

To: G-1 British, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 612,  
(Attention Major Thorpe).

Subject: PW Camps in Ethiopia, Somaliland, Eritrea and Libya.

- 1/. Confirming phone conversation Major Thorpe - Lt. Col. Partridge to-day.
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For the Chief Commissioner:

*CLD.* 4735

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

*See 22.  
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+ 25.*

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR ITALIAN PW  
Military Office

Rome, 30 November 1944

TO: Allied Commission  
R O M E

(22)

File No. 2069 Pol/C.7.

Subject: PW ETIOPIA - SOMALY ERITREA & LYBIA.

We beg the Allied Commission to inform us on the PW Camps in Somaly, Eritrea, & Libia and Etiopia.

Since 1942 we have no direct news of these Camps, so to bring our books up to date we would like to be informed on the following items if possible.

- a) if in the above mentioned Regions there are still IPW Camps.
- b) their number.
- c) the list of the PW.

We thank you

s/

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW  
Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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L'Alto Commissario

per i prigionieri di guerra

Ufficio Politico

N. 2059 SA/C. 7

Roma, 30 novembre 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

R O M A

OGGETTO: p.g. in Etiopia, Somalia, Eritrea e Libia.

Non essendo stato finora possibile a questo Alto Commissariato di poter aggiornare le notizie che risalgono al 1942 relativamente ai campi di p.g. in Etiopia, Somalia, Eritrea e Libia, si prega questa Commissione di voler cortesemente far conoscere le seguenti informazioni, *se possibile*:

- a) se nelle su citate regioni esistono tuttora campi di p.g. italiani;
- b) il loro numero;
- c) possibilmente le liste nominative degli internati.

Si ringrazia.

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO

(Generale Pietro Gazzera)

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Si ringrazia.

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO  
(Generale Pietro Gazzera) 4733

*P. Gazzera*

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

IPW/11/21

1 December 1944

To: G-1 British, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 612.

Subject: Italian Prisoner of War Camps in INDIA.

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- 1/. A request has been received from General Gazzera, the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War as regards to Prisoner of War Camps in INDIA situated in malarious districts.
  - 2/. The proposal put forward by the High Commissioner suggests that the Camps numbered from 9 to 16, and the hospital of II Group should be the first camps to be closed as and when more Prisoners of War are repatriated from INDIA.
  - 3/. The High Commissioner claims that a large number of Prisoners in these camps are affected by malaria, and is most anxious that steps should be taken to prevent an increase in the number of cases.
  - 4/. Would you therefore please give this matter careful consideration and advise us in due course of any action taken.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

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For the Chief Commissioner:

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

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

IPW/11/20

1 December 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Italian Prisoners of War in India -- II Group -  
Camps from 9 to 16 and hospital.

*See 19*

In reply to your letter No. 1988/Pol/C-9 dated 23 November 1944. We would advise you that your request has been forwarded to the competent authorities.

We will advise you of their reply in due course.

*CLP.*

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

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Rome, 23 November 1944

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

File No. 1988/Pol/C-9

TO: A.C. R O M E

SUBJECT: IPW in India - II Group - Camps from 9 to 16 and Hospital.

It appears that the Italian PW Camps, group II, in India are in a country where malaria is epidemic, therefore a large number of prisoners ~~are~~ affected by this illness.

As the repatriation and the transferring from India of a great number of PW, is provided, I beg the Commission to kindly interest the competent Authorities to abolish if possible, the camps of the II group, that is those from 9 to 16 in order to avoid ~~that~~ the illness ~~which~~ will ~~diffuse~~ among the other Italian PW.

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s/ The HIGH COMMISSIONER  
General P. Gazzera

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IPW/1/220

23 October 1944

My Dear Ambassador,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 18 October 1944 concerning the deaths of certain Italian Prisoners of War.

I shall convey the information as set forth to the President of the Council of Ministers.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE  
Commodore, USNR  
Acting Chief Commissioner

The Hon. Alexander Kirk,  
United States Representative to  
Advisory Council for Italy,  
Via Vittorio Veneto, 119, ROME.

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*Prepared by Deane, Jr.,  
10mD/1PW Sub Com.*

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Gabinetto

N. 203219/11 di protocollo

P.M. 151 li 30 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: Approntamento locali per la ricezione dei prigionieri di guerra.

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA  
 AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA  
 AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SICILIA  
 AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA  
 AL COMANDO DEL TERRITORIO DI  
 ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO DEL 1° ADIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE DI  
 S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO  
 ALL'UFFICIO DEL 1° ADIUTANTE DI CAMPO DI S.A.R.  
 IL DUCA D'AOSTA

ALL'ECCELLENZA ALTO COMMISSARIO PER I PRIGIONIERI  
 DI GUERRA

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO-Uff. Trasporti  
 ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO  
 ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITA' MILITARE  
 ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI AMMINISTRATIVI  
 ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE  
 ALLE RIMANENTI DIREZIONI GENERALI ED UFFICI AUTONOMI  
 MI DEL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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I comandi di regione militare saranno verosimilmente già in possesso dei primi risultati delle ricognizioni conseguenti alla lettera di questo Ministero n. 202330/11 in data 14 settembre u.s. -

Sembra conveniente di non dimenticare l'opportunità di utilizzare al massimo l'attrezzatura già esistente e relativa alla custodia dei prigionieri di guerra ex nemici (es. Cecchignola per il territorio di Roma) attrezzatura che in gran parte dovrebbe ancora esistere con qualche lavoro di circospezione, potrebbe essere rimessa in completo efficienza.

Si potrebbe far sorgere così, in quelle ed in altre zone, dei villaggi

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ALL'UFFICIO DEL 1° ADIUTANTE DI CAMPO DI S.M.R.

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Si potrebbe far sorgere così, in quella ed in altre zone, dei villaggi per reducir dalla prigionia affidandosi, per gli eventuali ampliamenti ed adattamenti, anche alla possibilità della direzione generale del genio di mettere a disposizione dei comandi in indirizzo un numero adeguato di baracche.-

Al riguardo la Direzione Generale del Genio è pregata di sollecitare le operazioni di censimento ordinate con lettera n. 203020/11 del 27 c.m.

Si gradirà conoscere al più presto possibile quanto sarà stato attuato al riguardo.-

P. C. C.

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

(Col. di S.M. Ezio De Michelis)

IL MINISTRO  
F/to A.Casati

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TRANSLATION

From War Minister

Ref. 203719/11

To: Mil. Gen. HQ Campania

Date: Sept. 30th 1944

Subject: Preparation of premises for the reception  
of ex-POW.

The Regional Military Headquarters is probably already in possession of the results of the inspection following the letter 202330/11 dated 14 September from this office.

It would be wise to keep in mind the opportunity of utilising to the fullest extent the facilities already existing and which were formerly used for the custody of ex-enemy prisoners of war (eg. Cecchignola for the Rome area) facilities which, in a large part, should still exist and which, with some work, could be made completely efficient.

Thus it would be possible to raise villages in this and in other zones for returning ex-prisoners of war. In order to have the necessary enlargements and improvements it would be possible to request the General Headquarters of the Engineers to put at the disposition of the above mentioned offices an adequate number of barracks.

In reference to the above, the General Headquarters of the Army Engineers is requested to hasten the census ordered in letter 203020/11 of the 27th Sept.

We should appreciate being informed as quickly as possible what action has been taken in regard to it.

/s/

THE MINISTER  
A. Casati

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F. B. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394, U.S. ARMY  
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB-COMMISSION

IPW/11/16  
29 September 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner for  
Prisoners of War.

Subject: Camp No. 555 - Great Britain.

Reference your N. 1041/ Pol/C.12 dated 25 September  
1944.

The request contained in your letter has been  
forwarded to higher authority for consideration.

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

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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394, U.S. ARMY  
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB-COMMISSION

IPW/11/15

29 September 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, G-5.

Subject: Camp No. 555 - Great Britain.

1. The attached translation of letter No.1041/Pol/C.12 dated 25 September 1944 from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War is forwarded.
2. I shall be pleased if you will notify me in due course of any action taken.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394, U.S. Army  
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

17W  
WMD/11/15

3 October 1944

To: Colonel Ralph Wilthamuth,  
Provost Marshal, ORAN.

Subject: Italian Prisoners of War.

The attached translation of a letter received from Marshal Messe, Italian Chief of Staff, is forwarded.

The expression of appreciation by Marshal Messe of the treatment of Italian Prisoners of War is received by me with pleasure, and is helpful in the handling of this sometimes difficult and delicate question "the status of Italian Prisoners of War".

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

*JAC*

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

Encl.  
Ltr. fr Marshal Messe. 3 OCT 1944  
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Hq. Allied Control Commission  
War Materials Disposal Sub

Copy to Chief of Staff

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Dear Marshal Messe,

I thank you for your letter of 1 October regarding Italian Prisoners of War who will be employed in auxiliary units with the 7th American Army.

I am pleased to know that you are satisfied with the treatment of these Prisoners of War, and will have pleasure in forwarding your message of thanks to Colonel Ralph Wilthamuth.

Very truly yours,

*EWB*  
ELLERY W. STONE  
Capt, USNR

Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe,  
Chief of Italian General Staff,  
Stato Maggiore Generale.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF WAR  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Chief of Staff

TRANSLATION

THE CHIEF OF STAFF

P.M. 151, 1 October 1944

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Dear Captain Stone,

I recently had news from Colonel Bruno, detached from the General Staff to the C.B.S. - Italian Service Units in Oran, about the contingent of Italian prisoners of war who will be employed in the auxiliary units with the 7th American Army.

I learnt with great pleasure that these troops are very well treated from every point of view (especially those of the region of Oran).

I shall be very grateful if you will kindly thank for me the American officer in charge of the Oran organization, Provost Marshal, Colonel RALPH WILHAMUTH.

I hope that the question of the prisoner 'status' of the Italian personnel will soon be solved; meanwhile I'm very glad of the good news which I mentioned to you, and which I wanted you to know well knowing your kind interest for these Italians.

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY  
CHIEF OF STAFF  
(Giovanni Messe)

/s/ G. Messe

Captain Hilary W. Stone  
Chief Commissioner of the  
Allied Control Commission  
R O M E

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IL CAPO DI STATO, MAGGIORE GENERALE

P.M. 151, 29 settembre 1944

151 OTT. 1944

Caro Comandante Stone,

ho avuto recenti notizie dal Colonnello di S.M. Bruno, distaccato da questo Stato Maggiore Generale presso il C.B.S. - Italian Services, ad Orano, sul contingente dei prigionieri di guerra italiani che saranno impiegati nelle unità ausiliarie al seguito della 7<sup>a</sup> Armata Americana.

Ho così appreso, ed Ella comprende con quanto piacere, che il trattamento che viene praticato a tali truppe è veramente ottimo sotto ogni aspetto (specialmente a quelle della zona di Orano).

Al riguardo desidero segnalare in modo speciale l'ufficiale americano che dirige l'organizzazione di Orano, Provost Marshal, Colonnello RALPH WILTHAMUTH, al quale sarei ben lieto se Ella volesse far giungere il mio particolare ringraziamento.

Mi auguro che presto anche la questione dello "status" di prigionieri, di tale personale italiano possa trovare soluzione adeguata: intanto sono stato molto lieto delle buone notizie di cui Le ho detto sopra, e delle quali ho ritenuto opportuno informarla, ben conoscendo il Suo autorevole interessamento anche per tali Italiani.

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IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA

CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE

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IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA  
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE  
(Giovanni Messe)



Al Capitano di Vascello  
Ellery W. STONE  
Capo della Commissione Alleata di Controllo

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High Commissioner for PW.  
File N. 1041/Pol/C.12

25 September 1944  
To: A.C.C. = R o m e

SUBJECT: Camp N. 555 - Great Britain.

The High Commissioner has been informed that the morale of the PsW detained in Camp. N. 555 in Great Britain is unsatisfactory, in spite of the excellent material condition of the Camp.

It seems that the fact is due to the behaviour of some PsW.

It would, therefore, be desirable that, in order to do away with the above condition, an Italian Officer be entrusted with the internal discipline of the Camp, - a measure, which has met with great success in India as well as in America.

I thank you.

High Commissioner  
General Pietro GAZZERA

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION  
REAR H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSIONSubject: Irregular transfer of PW.ASC/4/60.To : High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, Cava.19 Jun 44.

1. I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter N. 391.Pol/1-2 dated 14 June 1944, subject matter of which is having attention.

J.A. CAMPBELL,  
Lt. Colonel.

B/F Asc/11.

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION  
REAR H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

(12)

19 June 1944

To: A.P.H.Q. C-5 Section, A.P.O. 512.

Subject: Irregular transfer of P.W.

1. The attached translation of letter received from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War is forwarded.
2. May I be informed in due course of the action taken in this matter.

For the Chief Commissioner:



J. A. CAMPBELL,  
Lieut. Colonel.

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Translation No. 767 17 June 1944 Romano  
High Commissioner for PW, Cave del Tirreni, 14 June 1944  
File No. 391.Pol/1-2 TO: A.C.C.  
SUBJECT: Irregular transfer of PW. (11)

According to information we have received, it appears that in July of 1943 and later in November, all the officers of Camp No. 4 were transferred, without a definite reason, to Camp No. 17 comprising officers and O.L.R.s, mixed together, and classified as anti-British, very indisciplined, and comprising also, it seems, criminals set free in Italian East Africa.

Such mingling, besides creating a state of considerable moral and material discomfort to the officers in general, would subsequently cause, because of different ideologic tendencies, collective tension and aggression towards the group of officers transferred there.

As is known, Article 21 of the Geneva Convention predisposes that the officers PW be treated with the regards due to their grade and age: officers be kept in camp separate from the troops (Art. 43). I therefore beg the A.C.C. to courteously request His. Br. Majesty's Government to transfer the officers in question from the camp.

The Italian PW understand Camp No. 17 to be a "Punishment Camp" and that is what they call it.

But "Punishment" camps, according to the Geneva Convention, cannot exist, since the maximum punishment for definite, confirmed lack of discipline cannot exceed 30 days, and no soldier, whatever his grade, can be "punished" permanently; much less then for his so-called political ideas.

I therefore beg that the same treatment as that used for all other Italian PW, be adopted also for Camp No. 17, according to Articles 4 and 48 of the Geneva Convention.

The High Commissioner  
/s/ P. Gazzera

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L'Alto Commissario

per i prigionieri di guerra

Cava dei Tirreni, 14 giugno 1944

N. 391.Pol/I-2

OGGETTO : Trasferimento irregolare di prigionieri di guerra.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

S a l e r n o

Da notizie giunte, risulterebbe che nel luglio e successivamente nel novembre 1943, si è verificato in Gran Bretagna che tutti gli ufficiali del Campo n. 4 furono senza chiara ragione trasferiti nel Campo n. 17 comprendente ufficiali e truppa, misti assieme, e classificati antibritannici, molto indisciplinati, e comprendente anche, a quanto pare, delinquenti liberati nell'Africa Orientale Italiana.

Detta promiscuità oltre che a creare uno stato di grande disagio morale e materiale fra gli ufficiali in genere, avrebbe causato in seguito, per ragioni di divergenze ideologiche, tensioni ed aggressioni collettive verso un gruppo di ufficiali ivi trasferiti.

Come è noto l'art.21 della Convenzione di Ginevra prescrive che gli ufficiali prigionieri di guerra siano trattati con i riguardi dovuti al loro grado ed alla loro età: gli ufficiali devono essere tenuti in campi separati dalle truppe (art.43). Perciò prego codesta Commissione Alleata di Controllo di voler cortesemente interessarsi presso il Governo di S.M.Britannica affinché ufficiali vengano trasferiti dal campo.

I prigionieri di guerra italiani ritengono che il campo n°17 sia un "campo di punizione", e così è chiamato da loro.

Ora non possono esistere, secondo la Convenzione di Ginevra, campi di "punizione" inquantochè la punizione massima per precise constatate mancanze disciplinari non può eccedere i trenta giorni, e nessun militare, di qualunque grado, può essere "punito".

18 June 44.  
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Prego perciò che anche nel Campo 17 sia adottato il trattamento che viene usato per tutti gli altri prigionieri di guerra italiani, giusta l'art. 4 della Convenzione di Ginevra.

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO  
(Generale Pietro Gazzera)

*P. Gazzera*

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ARMY SUB-COMMISSION  
REAR H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

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ASC/11/1.  
28 June 1944.

To: High Commission for PW, Cava.

Subject: PW Camps.

*Roman Satute - Leibusins*

- 1/. With reference to your letter N 387/FOL/1-2-b dated 14 June 1944.
- 2/. The matter has again been referred to higher authority with the request that your instructions be passed to the Italian Officer in charge of all PW Camps.

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*Disposition:-  
Pol wrote to President Min. AFM -  
he to War Office instructions were*

*J.C.*  
J.A. CAMPBELL,  
Lt-Colonel,  
Army Sub-Commission.

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29 May 1944

## MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief of Staff,  
Allied Force Headquarters.

1. The attached translation of a letter from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War is forwarded.
2. I shall be pleased to have your reply regarding this matter.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE  
Lieutenant General  
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:

Cy ltr fr Gen Gazzera,  
293/ASS of 17 May 1944.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR P.O.W.

CAVA 17 MAY. (4)

File No. 293/ASS

TO:- A.C.C.

SUBJECT :- SHORTAGES OF ITEMS IN ARMY STORE NO. 304 OF POW  
CAMP in EGYPT.

We are informed that in some PW camps, and particularly those in Egypt (for example, Camp No. 304) the stores are deprived of items of every day use which some Italian Officers need very badly, but have not been able to obtain, together with any uniform or material to have a uniform made.

I wish to ask the Commission to kindly look into this matter so that the stores of the camps, in accordance with the precise provisions of Article 2 of the Geneva Convention, will be equipped with the necessary material so that the POW can obtain indispensable clothing.

The High Commissioner  
(Gen. Pietro GAZZERA)

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ARMY SUB-COMMISSION,  
ADVANCED HEAD-QUARTERS,  
REAR H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

TO High Commissioner for P.O.W., Cava dei Tirreni.

ASO/11/3

SUBJECT: Shortages of items in Army Store No. 304 of  
P.O.W. Camp in Egypt.

23 MAY, 1944.

I have to acknowledge your letter dated 17 May 1944.

The matter is being referred to higher authority with a  
request for investigation and such action as necessary.

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*J.A.C.*  
J.A. CAMPBELL,  
Major,  
O i/c Adv. H.Q.  
Army Sub-Commission.

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