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Apr 1944 - Jan 1945

/ PART I REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN SOLDIERS + P.O.W. FROM THE Balkans

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ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG, FHGDS, FHQAE

TO: ALCOM 5th ARMY, 8th ARMY, LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)

CONFIDENTIAL.

Patriots coming thru our lines will be afforded treatment similar to that accorded the Italian Army. Pending receipt of detailed instructions you are authorized to issue rations on scale approved for Italian Army and clothing and equipment thru MMIA per individual where required on following scale:

1 pr boots, 2 pr sox, 1 pr trousers wool, 1 shirt wool, 1 jersey pullover or equivalent, 1 gas cape or raincoat or equivalent, 1 mess tin or equivalent.

In addition 1 blanket is authorized within limits of availability.

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ACTION: Patriots Br 2  
Land Forces 2  
INFO: Chief Commissioner  
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NOTES ON MEETING WITH GENERAL MANNERINI.

1. Gen. Mannerini handed me a study on the organization for the repatriation of POW. The study was forwarded under a letter signed by His Excellency CASATI.
2. I discussed with Gen. Mannerini all the outstanding questions in connection with Italian soldiers and POW in the Balkans. I agreed that strong representation should be made to higher authorities for the repatriation of all Italian soldiers and POW in countries such as Albania, Bulgaria, parts of Yugoslavia etc.
3. It was agreed that with regard to Italian soldiers who had found their way into Turkey that the Italian Government should take this question up direct and if any further assistance was required in this matter it would again be referred to me.
4. The question of rations for the returning soldiers and POW was discussed. Gen. Mannerini made strong representation for type 30 ration to be made available for the camps at Naples, Bari, Lecce and a 2nd camp at Taranto. Now that Army rations are being supplied to Patriots coming through the lines in the North and Type 30 ration being issued to Italian soldiers and POW returning from the Balkans who arrive at Taranto, it would seem that if at all possible, the type of ration supplied to repatriated Italian soldiers and POW should be a universal one and similar for all parties returning to Italy.

6 JAN. 45.

J. A. C.

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MINISTRY OF WAR  
Office of War Veterans and Repatriated  
POW N. 401451

Rome January 8th 1945

To: The Presidency of the Allied Commission.

Subject: Clothes for War Veterans and Repatriated Italian POW.

*See 102.*

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

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

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

- the rigor of the Winter months and the poor physical condition of the repatriated in question.
- That many War Veterans, having been given their destinations to Combat Units and to Groups of workers.
- The grave moral repercussion that we have verified in consequence of this state of affairs; all this should authorize the immediate consignment of 5.000 series of clothes turned in from the Italian Combat troops proceeding their being clothed in uniforms, provided by the Allies.

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

signed the Minister  
CAGNATI

of giving the necessary aid to these men and women, (as the War Veterans Italian Army has informed us that it cannot grant our request, I send this request to are considered civilians untill their return to the Army) I send this request to the Presidency of the Allied Commission, for examination and benevolent consideration in the meantime it is to taken to account:

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

signed the Minister  
CASATI.

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copy in file 114. encl.

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

## INTER OFFICE MEMO

IPW/22/88

27 December 1944

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission. ✓  
(Att: DA & QMG).

Subject: Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War in Central Europe.

Reference conversation with Col. Noakes this morning.

- 1/. It is understood that all questions in connection with Italian soldiers or Prisoners of War in Central Europe will be handled by you.
- 2/. I attach translations of certain letters recently received from the Italian War Ministry, which require a certain amount of action, and unless I hear from you I shall presume that whatever action is necessary will be taken by you.



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

Encl:

400898RPGR of 18 Dec.  
400861/RPGR of 17 Dec.  
40066/RPGR of 13 Dec.  
400572/RPGR of 12 Dec.  
40044/RPGR of 5 Dec.

P.O.W. Sub-Commission.

1. Returned to you. It is understood that these matters will be handled by Land Forces Sub-Commission but not yet. The machines have not been set up nor has the subject been discussed.

30 Dec 44.

W.P. Miller  
in 2. 14

## ACTION SLIP

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

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Ref attached

1. Food Sub Commission advise that the civil ration for prisoners in penal establishments and returning PsW is as follows:-

|           |                                     |      |     |     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|------|-----|-----|
| Bread     | 300                                 | gms  | per | day |
| Dried Veg | 100                                 | "    | "   | "   |
| Soup      | 100                                 | "    | "   | "   |
| Sugar     | 8.3                                 | "    | "   | "   |
| Bouillon  | 1                                   | cube | per | day |
| Olive Oil | The current normal consumers scale. |      |     |     |

2. It is a meagre ration and I cannot comment on the equity of a felon and a repatriated P.W. receiving the same ration, albeit it is a temporary measure.

3. The disparity between this scale and the scale 30 issued at Taranto is so great as to justify further exploration.

4. It is a 'Q' Staff matter at this stage. Will you initiate further action?

29 Dec 44.  
BLP/dvw

*S.K. Venkataswamy*  
Lt.Col.  
A.D.S.T.

Col Rane

What is 30 Scale Ration?

(K)

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

INTER OFFICE MEMO

IPW/22/90

29 December 1944

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission. (MMIA). ✓

Subject: Rations for repatriated Italians from the Balkans.

- 1/. The Autonomous Office for POW of the Italian Ministry of War have requested that the "30 Type" ration similar to that given at S. Andrea Camp, Taranto, the hospitals at Mesagne and Grottaferrata be issued to:

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| (a) Falanga Barracks. Bari     | Capacity 1200 |
| (b) Altamura Hospital          | Capacity 400  |
| (c) Italian Transit Camp Lecce | Capacity 1200 |
- 2/. This would appear to be a fair request as the above-mentioned places are being utilized for exactly the same purposes as the camps and hospitals in the TARANTO area. i.e. to receive, look after and disperse Italian soldiers and POW returning from the Balkans.
- 3/. The Autonomous Office for POW further requests that certain clothing be released to them as a considerable number of the Italians returning from the Balkans are practically without clothes.
- 4/. As the whole question of Italian soldiers in the Balkans is now being handled by the Land Forces Sub-Commission it is requested that you take action with regard to this matter, dealing direct with General Mannerini.

See 98.

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5/. It is requested that confirmation of any action taken be forwarded to this office for reference and filing.

*C. Partidge*  
major  
for J.A. CAMPBELL  
Lieut.-Colonel  
Director  
WMD & IPOW Sub-Com.

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Prepared by: J. A. CAMPBELL

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Lt. Col. HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 478733

Ref: IPW/22/95

8 January 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Soldiers and Prisoners of War from the Balkans.

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

*See 93, 92, 89, also 93/84 + 96  
+ 116*

1. The Italian Government have again requested me to take steps to have their soldiers and Prisoners of War repatriated from the following countries in the Balkans:

*See 122*

Albania, Croatia, Bulgaria, Macedonia.

2. General Mannerini who now commands the Autonomous Office for Veteran Soldiers and Repatriated Prisoners of War points out that in these countries there are considerable numbers of Italian soldiers practically starving.

3. Attached are translations of letters on this subject received from the Italian War Ministry.

4. The Italian War Ministry states that if these Italian soldiers are repatriated at the earliest possible moment, a number of them can, after a short period of leave, be used as drafts for the Italian Combat units in Italy, for which reinforcements are now required.

5. In forwarding the requests of the Italian Government with regard to these soldiers and Prisoners of War in the Balkans, it has been noted that recently a small number of Italians have been arriving in Italy from these countries; these arrivals may denote the commencement of the repatriation of all Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War from the Balkan countries.

6. I shall be pleased if you can inform me if there is at present any policy regarding the repatriation of Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War from the Balkans, and if ~~no~~ definite policy has yet been formulated, if it is possible in any way to meet the requests of the Italian Government in this matter.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Encls.

83. 1. 40044/AFGR 93. 4. 400881/AFGR  
84. 2. 400572/AFGR 89. 5. 401092/AFGR  
86. 3. 400601/AFGR

(PTO)

Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

*B/F 12/1/45 ✓  
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23 December 1944

WAR OFFICE

Autonomous Office for repatr. P.W.  
& Veterans

To: P.W. Sub-Commission A.C.

ROME

40088Fi/RPCR, one enclosure

Subject: Soldiers in the Balkans  
to the knowledge of: Land Forces Sub-Comm. (M.M.I.A.) Rome

See 119 -

I transmit as is my duty a copy of letter N. 127 of 3/December/1944 from the interrogatory Commission for the Soldiers coming back from the Balkans, by which we are informed about the miserable conditions in which live about 5.600 Italian Soldiers in the North West part of Macedonia.

THE GENERAL CHIEF OF THE  
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE  
A. Rennerini

See 95

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ENCLOSURE

**MILITARY COMMAND OF PUGLIA & LUCANIA**  
 Interrogatory Commission of Italian Soldiers coming back from the Balkans

Taranto 3 December 1944

N. 127/R. di prot.

Subject: Informations given by the Ind. Lieut. FONTANA Oreste.

To: The Military Command of Puglia & Lucania Office Informations

P.M. 67

I transmit a few informations given by Ind. Lieut. FONTANA Oreste of the 313rd Infantry Regiment (Aja-Larissa) disembarked at Taranto on the 29 November 1944. In North West Macedonia there is a concentration of about 3600 Italian Soldiers sub-divided in 4 groups:

1) - Ducese

- 1 Battaglione of the 313 Inf. Regiment, but for I Company
- one Battery of I Autonomos Group of Artillery of 100/17 ("Brennero")
- one Company of G.A.F., M.G. (Located near Volo)
- two platoons Cann. 47/32 of the Company 313th Inf. Regiment
- two platoons of III 14th Inf.
- isolated soldiers from Nerada (about 1000 escaped since November 1944) and from Albania (very few)

2) - Missoluri

- 1 Company I Battaglione 313rd Infan. Reg.
- 1 " M.G. of the III Battaglione of 3rd C.A.
- Company n.a. 47/50, Division "Pinerolo"
- isolated soldiers from Nerada (few)

3) - Eptacorri

- one Company of G.A.F. - M.G. (located at Tempi)
- Company "Gunnery" 47/32 Divs.
- isolated soldiers from the Epiro and from Nerada.

4) - Prosseron

- 1 Battaglione of the 13th Infantry taken Prisoners by the Andartes of March 7th 1945 (Commanded by Maj. Perrone)
- Battery acc. of 65/17 of the 13th Infantry
- Moreover there are Italian Soldiers working as farm-hands scattered all over that zone and who live in desperate conditions. They are about 800.

The whole of them are taken care of by one Liaison officer with the A 15834 Mission and by the Elas (9th Division)

The Chief of the Office was Capt. of the Mountaineers Zenagioni (here present) up till 6 June 1944.

After him Inf. Capt. (7th Battaglione of 13th Infantry) Ederle Aldo Maria took over his job.

The condition of the Camps is disastrous, because clothes and medicines are not available. Food is very scarce. The £ (Pound) which the British pay is not

enough for the big number of sick (more than 1000 who cannot be moved).

Owing to the mountainous region it will be impossible to transport those soldiers to the nearest by port (the nearest is S. Quaranta).

None of those soldiers have been taken to the port yet.

Help is asked urgently and proposed to be dropped by air in order give those unfortunate soldiers a chance to get through the winter.

At 8 hours walk from the central point of this group of Camps there is the airport of Treviso.

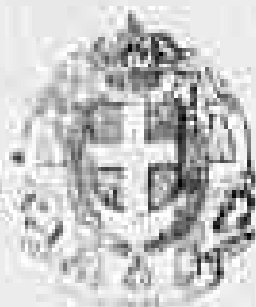
Lt. Lieut. Fontana has with him the lists of all the soldiers in the four Camps and also a list of the deceased.

For THE PRESIDENT OF THE Commission

Col. PALMA Marcello

P.C.C.,  
Lt. Col.  
F. BORDO I

BA/cm



Roma 23 Dicembre 1944

*Ministero della Guerra*  
 Uff. Auton. Reduci Prigionia  
 di Guerra e Rimpatriati

TO WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL  
 AND P.W. SUB COMMISSION  
 = R O M A =

*400887* RPGR *Allegati 1*

Responsible of the  
 Via \_\_\_\_\_ N° \_\_\_\_\_

Oggetto: Militari della Balcania.-

e, per conoscenza :

TO LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

= R O M A =

" " " " " " "

Si trasmette, per doverosa informazione, copia del foglio n.127 in data 3 dicembre c.a. della Commissione interrogatrice dei militari provenienti dai Balcani, col quale vengono segnalate le miserevoli condizioni in cui si trovano circa 3600 militari italiani nella Macedonia nord-occidentale.-

IL GENERALE

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CAPO DELL'UFFICIO AUTONOMO

(A. Mangorini)

*A. Mangorini*

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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA  
Commissione Interrogatrice Dei Militari Provenienti Balcani

T A R A N T O

N. 127/R di prot.

Taranto, li 3 dicembre 1944

O G G E T T O : Notizie fornite dal S.Ten. S.P.E. FONTANA Oreste.-

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA

- Ufficio Informazioni -

P.M. 67

Trasmetto qui di seguito alcune notizie fornitemi dal S.Ten. in s.p.e. FONTANA Oreste, del 313° Rgt. Ftr. (Aja - Larissa) sbarcato a Taranto il 29/11/44.

Nella Macedonia nord-occidentale esiste un concentramento di circa 3600 militari italiani suddivisi in quattro raggruppamenti:

1°) - Duccedò

- 1° Btg. 313° meno 1° Cp.
- una Btr. del I Gr. Auton. Art. da 100/17 ("Brennero")
- una Cp. GAF. Mtr. da posiz. (dislocata presso Volo)
- 2 Pl. Cann. 47/32 della Cp. Regg.le 313° Ftr.
- 2 Pl. del III 14° Ftr.
- sbandati provenienti da Nersida (circa 1000 fuggitivi nel Nov. 1943) e dall'Albania (pochissimi).

2°) - Missoluri

- 1° Cp. I Btg. 313° Ftr.
- 1° Cp. Mtr. del III Btg. del 3° C.A.
- Cp. a.a. 47/50, div. "Pinerolo"
- sbandati provenienti da Nersida (pochi).

3°) - Eptaçori

- una Cp. GAF. Mtr. (dislocata a Tempi).
- Cp. cann. 47/32
- sbandati provenienti dall'Epiro e da Nersida.-

4°) - Prosveron

- I Btg. 13° Ftr. preso prigioniero dagli Andartes il 7 marzo 1943 (comanda dato dal Maggiore S.P.E. PERRONE).
- Btg. acc. da 65/17 del 13° Ftr.

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WAR OFFICE

28/December 1944

AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR REPATRIATED PW.  
AND VETERANS

401171/RGR

Subject: Repatriation Italian Soldiers from Albania

To: the Italian P.W. Sub-Commission

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

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see 95

Sequel to letter N. 400572 of 12 December 1944.

The latest informations received confirm the sad conditions in which live the Italian Soldiers in Albania of whom one group, arrived at Bari on 24/December/1944 consists for nearly 2/3rds of sick of which one died on the journey and one on the arrival in Italy.

The clothes of all of them are in the worst conditions possible.

For that reason I take the liberty to represent once more the urgent necessity to provide to the repatriation of all the Italian soldiers who are still in Albania, extending to them in the meantime Ration "type 30" as was proposed by letter 400268/RGR of the War-Office (20/December/1944) and distributing to them indispensable clothes just as was done to the Veterans from Greece.

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The General  
Chief of the Autonomons Office  
A.Mannerini

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Ref. 88.

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Original with Land Forces Sub-Com. footnote signed by Col. Pidsley handed to Brig. Lush by Col. Campbell on 29 Dec. 44.

Also 'IN LOG' No. 1831 ref. 40088FI/RPGR dated 23 Dec. 44 from Gen. Mannerini handed to Brig. Lush. (Original Italian letter and translation (3copies.)

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

INTER OFFICE MEMO

IPW/22/90

29 December 1944

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission. (MMIA).

Subject: Rations for repatriated Italians from the Balkans.

1/. The Autonomous Office for POW of the Italian Ministry of War have requested that the "30 Type" ration similar to that given at S. Andrea Camp, Taranto, the hospitals at Messagne and Grottaferrata be issued to:

- |     |                                                                                |               |
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| (a) | Falanga Barracks, Bari<br>(Italian Transit Camp)                               | Capacity 1200 |
| (b) | Altamura Hospital<br>(This is in place of S. Eramo<br>Colle hospital in Bari). | Capacity 400  |
| (c) | Italian Transit Camp Lecce                                                     | Capacity 1200 |

2/. This would appear to be a fair request as the above-mentioned places are being utilized for exactly the same purposes as the camps and hospitals in the TARANTO area, i.e. to receive, look after and disperse Italian soldiers and POW returning from the Balkans.

3/. The Autonomous Office for POW further requests that certain clothing be released to them as a considerable number of the Italians returning from the Balkans are practically without clothes.

4/. As the whole question of Italian soldiers in the Balkans is now being handled by the Land Forces Sub-Commission it is requested that you take action with regard to this matter, dealing direct with General Mannerini.

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5/. It is requested that confirmation of any action taken be forwarded to this office for reference and filing.

*JAC*

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

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Bor/cb

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MINISTRY OF WAR

Repatriated PW Office

File No. 401092/RPGR

Rome, December 24th 1944

Subject : Repatriation of Italian soldiers from Ragusa.To : WAD & IPW Sub CommissionROME

and for attention of :

LAND FORCES Sub Commission A.C. (L.M.I.A.)

ROME

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See 95.

Reference letter No. 400441, dated December 5th 1944.

We have been told by an Italian M.C.O., who escaped from the German concentration Camp near Ragusa (Dalmazia), that since their arrival at Ragusa, in October 1944, the Croatian partisans continued to hold the Italian soldiers in the concentration camp as the Germans did.

Those partisans took everything the Italian soldiers had (rings, watches, fountain pens, money, clothes, etc.) and they made them work under those conditions treating them very badly.

The Italian soldiers beg for their repatriation which would put an end to their terrible conditions, especially now that the bad season is coming.

We, therefore, ask this Sub Commission to examine the possibility of having them repatriated.

/s/ A. Lannerini  
General

Director Repatriated PW Office

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hand F. and G. ...

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

INTER OFFICE MEMO

IPW/22/82

27 December 1944

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission.  
(Att: DA & WMD).

Subject: Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War in Central Europe.

*See 96.*

Reference conversation with Col. Hoakes this morning.

- 1/. It is understood that all questions in connection with Italian soldiers or Prisoners of War in Central Europe will be handled by you.
- 2/. I attach translations of certain letters recently received from the Italian War Ministry, which require a certain amount of action, and unless I hear from you I shall presume that whatever action is necessary will be taken by you.

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

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(encl. 345)*

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WAR OFFICE

18 December 1944

Office of Veterans and Repatriated P.W.  
400898RFRTo the ALLIED Commission ROME  
and to the knowledge of Land Forces  
Sub CommissionROME

In order to complete the organization in the under mentioned places for the reception of the Veterans and the repatriating P.W., we need actually material for bedding and general service for:

300 places at Gorizia  
200 " " Lecce  
1200 " " Orta

It is urgent to complete the organization because the number of repatriating P.W. increases continually and will do more so in the future.

We beg therefore the A.C. to interest the competent Authorities in order to obtain the "unfreezing" of the Italian Material necessary for the above-mentioned purpose.

The General  
Commanding the Autonomous Office  
A. Mannerini

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*IPW/22*

*body in file W10/51.  
for info.  
(Action should be taken in IPW/22)*

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BOR/cm

Ministry of War

Office for refugees and repatriated PW

N. 400801/ REGR

Rome, December 17th, 1944

Subject: Italian Soldiers in Bulgaria.

To: War MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN P.W. SUB-COMMISSION

&amp; for informations to: LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROME.

*See sub*

The Royal Italian Military Attache in Sofia writes the following about the situation of the Italian soldiers, taken prisoners by the Germans and who are now in Bulgaria:

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| in Sofia    | N. 1400 ( among them 2 officers) |
| in Hermanli | " 750 ( among them 3 officers)   |
| in Sadovo   | " 739 (                          |
| in Vidin    | " 1000 ( about)                  |
| in Plovdiv  | " 14                             |

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N. 3396 ( about)

He also says that he has been informed that 3000 Italian soldiers ex prisoners of the Germans, are in Skoplje ( Macedonia).  
Considering how poor is the situation of these soldiers, in dire need of clothes, linen and medicines, we beg the A.C. to repatriate them, through Salonika, as soon as possible.

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The General

Head office.

A. MANNERINI.

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BOR/cm

MINISTRY OF WAR

Repatriated PW Office

file n. 40066/RPCR

Rome, december 13th 1944

subject: Italian soldiers in Turkeyto. WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSIONROME

and for attention of:

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.N.I.A.)

ROME

The Italian Embassy in Ankara states that on November 17th 1944 a group of Italian soldiers escaped from the Dodecanese islands and arrived at Kusadasi ( Eastern Coast of Anatolia ).

We inform this sub Commission of this matter and we ask you to do something about the repatriation of those soldiers.

General A. Mannerini  
Director of Repatriated PW Office

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MINISTRY OF WAR

Repatriated PW Office

File N. 400572/RIGR

Rome, december 12th 1944

Subject : Italian Soldiers in AlbaniaTo : WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN P.W. SUB COMMISSION ROME  
and for attention of:

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. ( M.M.I.A. )

ROME

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Reference letter N. 400094, dated November 13th 1944.

It has come to our knowledge that the number of Italian soldiers now in Albania is six or seven thousand. It appears that two thousand of them are fighting with the Albanian partisans, whilst all the rest are working with the peasants ( who treat them really badly , and have practically no clothing.

When the agricultural work is finished these men will be left alone and will have nothing to eat and no lodgings.

It is urgent, therefore, for those soldiers to be sent towards the coast near the Albanian ports from where they could be repatriated; it would also remove them from an area which has revolutionary tendencies.

I therefore beg this Sub Commission to see if it possible to do something for them and, especially, if they could be repatriated.

The Undersecretary of State for War

General Oxilia

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Bor/cb

Ministry of War

Office for repatriated PW &amp; internees

N. 40044/RPGR

Rome, December 5th, 1944

Subject: request of repatriation of IPW in Ragusa ( Croatia )

TO: WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN P.W. SUB-COMMISSION.ROME.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C. ( M.M.I.A. )

A message signed "a group of Italian Prisoners in Dubrovnik" has been sent to us. This group of Italian soldiers is asking to be repatriated, having been taken by the Germans and shut in the fortress of Ragusa ( Croatia ), as PW.

We beg the Allied Commission to consider the possibility of repatriating the above mentioned soldiers, who, at present, are reformed into labour companies, working for the Yugoslavs partisans.

The under Secretary of State

General Oxilia.

22. we take action

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Ministry of War

Rome 3 December 1944

Off. Aut. Repatriation of Prisoners of War:

To: Land Forces Sub Commission

Subject: Accommodations for repatriated PW from the Balkans:

We are transmitting a return complete of Data, to comply with the request of the Allied Commission Sub-Commission. The enclosed sheet is substituting the one transmitted on the 24th of November 1944. n.400350/R.P.G.R.

The General  
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## MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Ufficio Autonomo Reduci Prigionia di Guerra e Rimpatriati

AMENTI PER REDUCI BALCANIA E PRIGIONIA DI GUERRA

|                                             | Posti approntati | Posti da approntare | totale posti |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| ex tappa n.8 nei<br>ali militari) . . . . . | 1.800            | =                   | 1.800        |
| le Cairoli (locali militari)                | 1.200            | =                   | 1.200        |
| . . . . .                                   | 150              | =                   | 150          |
| militari) . . . . .                         | 600              | =                   | 600          |
| i requisiti) . . . . .                      | 80               | =                   | 80           |
| cali requisiti) . . . . .                   | 400              | =                   | 400          |
| al deposito 48° Fant.                       | 400              | =                   | 400          |
| . . . . .                                   | =                | 1.600               | 1.600        |
| meria presidiaria<br>li militari) . . . . . | =                | 300                 | 300          |
| glia (locali militari)                      | =                | 300                 | 300          |
|                                             | 4.630            | 2.200               | 6.830        |



















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GENERAL HIGH COMMAND -  
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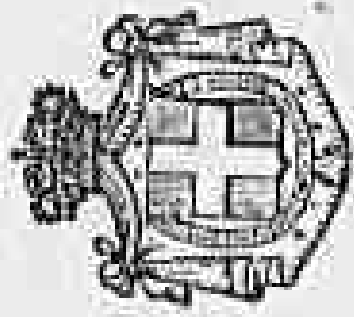
Dear Colonel Campbell,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the information you have given me in your letter D/O, IPH/22/72 of August 26th, 1944, concerning the repatriation of the Italian military from the Balkans.

I thank you sincerely for your action

General Scattini

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O G G E T T O : truppe italiane nei Balcani. =

Caro Colonnello Campbell,

Nel prendere atto della comunicazione che mi ha fatto con foglio 0/0, IPW/22/72 del 26 agosto c.a. circa il rimpatrio dei militari italiani dalla Balcania, La ringrazio vivamente del suo fattivo interessamento.

Suo aff. mo  
gen. Quattini

P.L. 151, 8 Settembre 1944

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