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I.P.W. 29 PART II

CUNEO DIVISION

July 1945 - Oct. 1946

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CUNEO DIVISION

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Subject: Repatriation - ITALIAN PW

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
MIDDLE EAST LAND FORCES
L. 83981 AG5 (a)

5 Oct 46

GHE CME

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission
Allied Commission
MMA
IPW Division

Wait

Reference your 3055/A2 dated 10 Jan 46 and 22 Sep 46 and further to our letter of even reference dated 10 Oct 45.

In view of TROOPERS signal 91180 PW2 of 29 Dec 45 the ITALIAN PW referred to in our letter of 10 Oct 45, with the exception of two PW who escaped and are still at large, have been repatriated to ITALY on the dates as shown

9473	Sold.	CITTONI G	-	Absent from	20/4/44
9475	Sold.	COSENTINI F	-	Absent from	4/7/46
9471	Sold.	FRANCO G	-	Repatriated	27/5/46
9474	Sold.	DEL PINO G	-	Repatriated	31/3/46
12114	Sold.	LANZA G	-	Repatriated	26/3/46
12110	Sold.	DE MARCHI O	-	Repatriated	20/3/46
13006	Sold.	PAGANO G	-	Repatriated	30/7/46
12256	Sold.	PAGANO F	-	Repatriated	20/8/46
13565	Sold.	PARDO H	-	Repatriated	16/3/46
8793	Sold.	ROSSI G	-	Repatriated	26/5/46

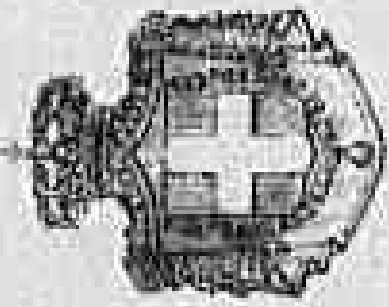
Delay is regretted.

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OFFICE OF WAR DIVISION
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P. G. BULFIN
AA4, U-187
General
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Val./To

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

6/3072/1203

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Italian P.W. in Egypt.

1. Reference is made to the Allied Commission's memorandum n. IPW/29/135 dated January 17th, 1943.
2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be much obliged to the Allied Commission if a reply as to the decision concerning the above stated subject could be furnished with as little delay as possible. *A*

Rome, September 25th, 1943.



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2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be much obliged to the Allied Commission if a reply as to the decision concerning the above stated subject could be furnished with as little delay as possible. A

Rome, September 10th, 1945.



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SUBJECT:

Repatriation of IPW to Turkey

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M.M.I.A.

CHQ CMT

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Further to our 3055/A2 dated 10 Jan 46.

It would be appreciated if information could now please be given as to action taken

ACW/ack

W.D. MORGAN,
Lt-Gen,
C-in-C.

Copy to - Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission,
MIA,
IPW Division.

Your IPW/29/112 dated 30 July 46 refers.

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

IPW/29/142

30/7/46

SUBJECT : Italian PW in Egypt

TO : G.I.R., GMP

Ref our IPW/29/123, dtd 7 Jan 46 & your to C in C
REF, 3055/A2, dtd 10 Jan 46

1. Can an answer now please be given to our s/q letter re the eight Italian soldiers now held in Egypt as cooperators.
2. It is understood that said soldiers enrolled in the Italian Army of Liberation after the signature of the Armistice. They never bore arms against the Allies.

For the Chief Commissioner


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

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Sta/Di

*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*

6/276, 1081

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Italian PW in Egypt

1. Reference is made to your Memorandum IPW/29/125 dated 17th January 1946.

2. An early reply as to decisions concerning the question submitted by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs with Memorandum n.6/5365/3323 dated 27th December 1945 will be greatly appreciated. A

Rome, July 17th, 1946.

PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION.

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M.M.I.P.

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SUBJECT: - Repatriation of Italian PW - Onco Div.CHQ CEF3891/A222 May 46Land Forces sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
MIA, IPW Division.

Reference your IPW/29/136 dated 17 May 46.

1. Copy of your IPW/29/13/1006 dated 14 May under cover of our 3891/A2 dated 21 May 46, copy to you, was forward to CHQ IEF. List of names shown in your IPW/29/136 dated 17 May was included in your IPW/1/13/1006 dated 14 May.

AM/AP

Good. No action at present.

We should hear later?

[Signature]
 COL MAFER
 Brigadier,
 DAG

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

IPW/29/139

23/5/46

SUBJECT : Italian PW in Egypt

TO : G.H.Q., COMF
C1 (Br)

Ref your 3055/A2, dtd 10 Jan 46, and further to our
IPW/29/123, dtd 7 Jan

Is it now possible please to give a decision in the matter.
For the Chief Commissioner


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

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Sta/Di

*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Italian PW in Egypt. 125

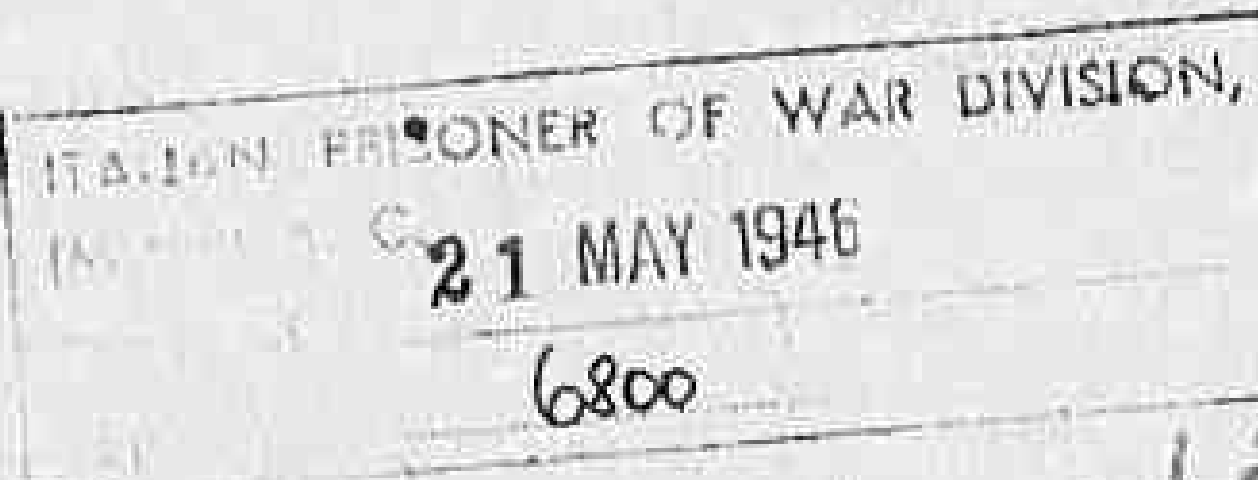
1. Reference is made to your Memorandum IPW/29/125 dated 17 January 1946.

2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be very grateful if an early reply as to decisions concerning the question presented with MFA Memorandum n. 3/5365/3323 dated 27 December 1945 could be obtained. A

Rome, May 18th, 1946.

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From :- Maj. S.E.R. Philips,
G.S.O.II IP Div.
Land Forces Sub/Comm.
W.M.I.A.

IPW/33/224

16/5/46

Dear J.

Reference your letter: 3038, dtd 2/5/46;
2973, dtd 30/4/46, and 3642, dtd 7/5/46.

I agree that a case must be made for these officers of the "Cuneo" Division, and I am submitting the list to higher authority, strongly recommending their early repatriation.

I fear that the case of sold. Ettore PAOLANTONIO does not offer sufficient grounds for a speedy release, and I can do nothing to help him at the moment.

It is agreed that the information available regarding Alessandro TUCCIMEI indicates that his early return might be secured on compassionate grounds, but you have forwarded insufficient details.

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I am sorry that I must ask for the above details, but you realise that all cases submitted from this Division must contain all the facts and must be strongly recommended by Col. Regis or myself. You must know, however, that all cases forwarded by you receive the closest attention at this Division.

Yours

W. R. R. PHILLIPS, Major

To: - Gen. A. INFANTE, First A.d.C.
to H.R.H. the Lt. Gen. of the Realm.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

M.N.I.A.

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IP# /29/136

17/5/46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW "Cuneo Division"

TO : G.H.Q., C.M.F.
attn.: GI (Br)

1. The u/m officers PW have been notified to this Division as being still held in Camp 305, EGYPT.
2. They all belonged to the "Cuneo Division" and in view of their attitude towards the Germans in 1943, may some consideration please be given to the question of their early release?
3. Your remarks would be appreciated.

9476	Capt. RAMBALDI, Eugenio	8509	S/ten. RUSSO, Mauro
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11829	" ZALTIERI, Giov. Batt.	5314	" Micheli, Giuliano
10301	Ten. BORELLA, Roberto	9215	" NELLAY, Ruggero
8563	" ROLANDO, Emilio	8940	" MUNARINI, Nicola
8803	" ROMA, GianCarlo	2838	" ROVELLI, Bruno
8508	" DI RIENZO, Marino	5815	" POLITI, Antonio
8507	" VERDAGNASSI, Ettore	5005	" CARIDI, Giovanni
3530	" CERNI, Felice	5984	" SCAGNOLI, Mario
10793	" PERE, Fulvio	228	" SCORRANO, Carlo
9214	" VALENTINI, Giovanni	10560	" IADANZA, Renato
10302	" BIFFI, Giuseppe	5004	" BOLGIANI, Lido
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426 " VENIERI, Leonida

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8940 " MUNARINI, Nicola
8808 " ROVELLI, Bruno
5815 " POLITI, Antonio
5005 " CARIDI, Giovanni
5984 " SCAGNOLI, Mario
228 " SCORRANO, Carlo
10560 " IADANZA, Renato
5004 " BOLGIANI, Lido
9123 " DELLA VALENTINA, Mario

For the Chief Commissioner

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

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

IPW/29/134

3/5/46

SUBJECT : Italian PW in Egypt

TO; : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW

Ref your: 3814/136, dtd 25/2/46

1. The PW referred to in a/q letter are mostly held in 305 Camp Egypt.
2. They have been down-graded to non-cooperator status, due to their pro-fascist tendencies and crime.
3. GHQ,MEF state they will be repatriated after Co-operators have been cleared from the Middle East.
4. 33 PW who were captured in Palestine and who are co-operators, will be repatriated as soon as shipping becomes available.

[Signature]
J.E.REGIS
Lieut.Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

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SUBJECT: Italian PW - Egypt.RECEIVED 3 MAY 1946
6295GHQ CMF.3055/A2.30 Apr 46.

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

Reference your IPW/29/132 dated 28 Feb 46.

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MB/MC.

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Rebanded in these terms
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J. MAR. D. Capt
JLC NAPIER,
Brigadier,
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/29/132

28/Feb/46

SUBJECT : Italian Pws in Egypt

TO : G1 (Br)
G.H.Q.
C.M.F.

Ref. this Div.letter IPW/29/127, dtd 18/1/46

1. Information has been received that there are approximately 200 officers and ORs in Camp 304 and 305, Egypt, in addition to the Personnel of the "Cuneo" and "Regina" Division, who were in the Aegean Islands at the time of the Armistice.
2. These people found their way into Turkish territory and subsequently accepted transfer to the Middle East for repatriation and enlistment.
It appears, however, that they were interned in the s/n PW Camps.
3. In view of the fact that the situation of these men is similar to that of the personnel of the "Cuneo" and "Regina" Divisions to whom priority repatriation has been given, may enquiries please be made in order that the Pws in question can also receive priority.
For the Chief Commissioner.


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

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MINISTRI OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
& Repatriated PW's

File No. 3811/36/REWR

Rome 25 February 1946

SUBJECT: Military Personnel of the "Cuneo" and "Regina" Divisions.

TO : Allied Commission, IFW Div Rome.

In Camps 304 and 305, Egypt, besides the Military personnel of the "Cuneo" and "Regina" Divisions, there is a group of more than 200 individuals (Officers and Enlisted Men) who were in the islands of the Egco when the Armistice was signed.

These people after having reacted against the Germans, escaped capture and fled into Turkish territory.

Subsequently they accepted transfer to the A.E. to be repatriated and re-enlisted to fight the Germans. Instead of which they were interned in the POW Camps No. 304 and 305.

The situation of these men is therefore the same of those of the "Cuneo" and "Regina" Divisions, to whom priority had been given in their repatriation.

We beg your Commission to intervene benevolently in their behalf, in order that they may be given the same priority in repatriation as those of the two Divisions mentioned above.

Sgd. General A. Marmerini

Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission
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"	Erzo		10482
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"	Valerio		10686
Terente BUSICO	Euse		10633
Capit. CALVIA	Giovanni		11263
Terente CAPRIO	Edmondo		7126
S.Ter. CARPENZANO	Valter		388
S.Ter. CASSANELLA	Antonio		10791
Terente CICI	Alfio		11335
S.Ter. D'ANDREA	di PESCO. Feto		10792
Terente DEMARTINI	Piero		376
"	DE PASCALE VINCI		10567
"	DIDATO ARLESCO		10277
"	FERRI Federico		11408
Capit. GABERINI	G. Giacomo		11267
"	GERALIA Geremia		11278
S.Ter. GIANNI	Guido		9001
S.Ter. GRIMALDI	Paolo		205245
Terente LA ROSA	Giuseppe		11264
"	IUSARDI Donerico		3877
"	MASONE Massimo		10491
Capit. MONACELLI	Luigi		12100
Terente MORACC	Giuseppe		11279
S.Ter. MONTERISI	Antonio		10789

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S.Ten. CASSANELLA Antonio	10791
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Terente AZERI Achille	10688
S.Ten. PALESE Vincenzo	229
Terente POLVERONI Franco	10915
" PONSØ Mario	12136
S.Ten. PRESTI Nunzio	12146
Capit. PUCCI Federico	10478
" ROSSI Augusto	352
" RUGGE Mario	11266

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

IPW/29/130

14 February 1946

SUBJECT : Italian PW in Egypt

TO : Gen.A.MANNERINI
Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated PW
Ministry of War - Rome

1. Ref your 1174/136/RPGR dated 17 Jan 46.
2. The attached copy of GHQ Middle East Forces letter 9694/1/AG5(a) dated 8 Feb 46 is forwarded herewith for your information.

W
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

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CONFIDENTIALCOPY NO: 1SUBJECT:- Italian PW in EGYPT.

TO:- Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
MIA,
IPW Division.

GHQ CMT3055/A211 Feb 46

Reference your IPW/29/127 of 18 Jan 46.

Copy of GHQ MIDDLE EAST FORCES letter 9694/1/AG5(a) dated
8 Feb 46 is forwarded herewith for your information.

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Adams S/Cpt
✓ Major General,
D.A.G.

Italian Prisoner of War Sub. Commission

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C O P YCONFIDENTIAL.SUBJECT: Italian PW.GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
MIDDLE EAST FORCE
9694/1/AG2 (a)

Feb 16.

GHQ,
Central Mediterranean Force.

Reference your 3055/A2 dated 22 Jan 1946 forwarding a translated copy of a letter from the Italian War Ministry.

1. Briefly the case concerning personnel of the CUTEO and REGINA Divisions is as follows:

In August 1945 some 5,000 refused to work and in effect mutinied. They were warned that if they persisted there would be no alternative but to down grade them and return them to a PW Camp. It was also made clear to them that such action would cause forfeiture of any priority for repatriation. Considerable patience and persuasion was exercised, but at the end of two days some 2800 still refused to work and were consequently returned to a PW Camp.

In reviewing this case of serious lack of discipline, their ^{re}previous record was taken into consideration and they were informed that if their behaviour was satisfactory they would be given the opportunity of cooperating once again in two months time. This would give them their pay and freedom of movement, but it was clearly understood that they had lost their priority claim to repatriation before all other cooperators.

2. The situation now is that all those who continued to work have been repatriated. Of the mutineers, all but 7 are cooperating again and will be repatriated in their turn.

In view of the consideration already shown to these PW and in fairness to other cooperators, it is regretted that no further revision can be made.

(Sgd) : ? : General,
Commander-in-Chief,

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CONFIDENTIALCOPY NO: 2SUBJECT:- Italian PW.CHQ. CMTCommander - in - Chief,
MIDDLE EAST FORCES.3055/4222 Jan 46

The attached translation copy of the Italian War Ministry letter dated 17 Jan 46, received through Allied Commission, is forwarded for your information and consideration.

GHD/EN.
Encl.

Stavros S. Cpr
Lieutenant General,
Commander-in-Chief,
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission,
MMA, IPW Division. (Yr IPW/29/127 of 18 Jan 46 refers.)

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

LPW/29/12710/Jan/46

SUBJECT : Italian PW in Egypt.

TO : G1 (Br)
G.H.Q., CMF

- 1./ Attached is copy (translation) of a letter sent to this office by the Italian War Ministry on the subject of 4,000 members of the "Cuneo" Division, at present held in Camp 305, Egypt.
- 2./ It is not known whether the men in question will receive the same priority in repatriation as has been given to the rest of the "Cuneo" Division, since they have been reduced to the status of non-cooperators.
- 3./ This Ministry request that due consideration be given to their record in action against the Germans, and that they be not made to suffer unduly for acts of indiscipline which, it is claimed, were mainly due to their impatience to return to Italy as a formation to fight the Germans.

For the Chief Commissioner

[Signature]
J. E. REGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
LPW Div.

Encl.: letter as above

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Rome 17 January 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
& Repatriated POW

File No. 1174/136/RPGR

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

SUBJECT: Military Personnel belonging to the "Cuneo" and
"Regina" Divisions.

Regarding the above matter, this Office is pleased to have been informed, as of your letter IPW/29/149 dtd 11 Dec 1944, that the first nucleus of the Military Personnel belonging to the "Cuneo" Division, have arrived at Taranto, and this Ministry thanks the interest your Office took in this question.

In May 1944, a part of the Division under discussion, after having fought against the Germans on the side of the Allies in the Dodecanese (December 1943) were interned in Egypt to await repatriation and were used as co-operators; following actions that showed they lacked discipline, they were removed to Camp 305 in Egypt and were not considered as being co-operators.

The repatriates of this Group that have returned, have informed us that the number of the above mentioned internees that are still in Camp 305, amounts to about 4000 men.

In consideration of their praiseworthy actions, they performed in the struggle against the Germans and the fact that the lack of discipline they showed was due to the fact that they were not repatriated immediately as they had hoped, in order to continue the War against the Germans, this Ministry begs your Office to have their position re-examined.

Clemency, shown to this Personnel (who having demonstrated by their actions that a certain consideration was owed to them and who found themselves, while awaiting repatriation on a POW status), would make a very good impression in Italy, they, having been judged by numerous Allied Commands, as valorous soldiers who fought very well against the Germans.

In prospecting the above question, great trust is shown in the comprehension that your Office has always shown and it is hoped that you will give your support to obtain from the Superior

Authorities the repatriation of said personnel together with those of the other Division mentioned in subject, and we express our most sincere thanks regarding the matter in question.

Sgd. General A. Mannerini

MH/ls

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

IPW/29/12517/Jan/46

SUBJECT : Italian PW in EGYPT

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- 1./ Reference your memo 6/5365/3323 dtd 2/Dec/45
- 2./ This matter has been taken up with GHQ, Central Mediterranean Forces, who have in turn communicated with the Commander in Chief, Middle East Forces.
- 3./ We will inform you at once of any decision reached by the latter.

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

Copy to: Executive Commissioner

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CONFIDENTIAL

COPY NO:

SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Italian PW to TURKEY.GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCESTO:- Commander - 16 - Chief,
MIDDLE EAST FORCES.

3055/42

10 Jan 46

Reference your 83961/405 of 10 Oct 45.

1. The attached translation copy of Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs received through Allied Commission is forwarded for your information and any action you may consider necessary.
2. In view of TROOPERS signal 91160 PW2 of 29 Dec 45 it is appreciated that these men will not be repatriated direct to TURKEY.

GHD/ER.
Rushy

James S. Capt
Lieutenant General,
Commander-in-Chief,
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES.

Copy to:- Headquarters, Allied Commission, IFW Division.
(Your IFW/29/123 of 7 Jan 45 refers.) ✓

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/29/123

7 January 1946

SUBJECT : IPW in Egypt

TO : G-1 Br
GHQ
CMF.

1. Further to our IPW29/III dated 25 Sept 1945 and your 3055/A 2 dated 3 Oct 45, copy to us. The answer to the enquiries contained in GHQ M.E.F. letter 83981/AG5 dated 10 Oct 1945 was forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. The attached reply has now been received from the Ministry and is forwarded to you for such action as you may deem necessary.

✓
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

Copy to Executive Commissioner

Encl: Ministry of Foreign Affairs memo 6/5365/3323 dated
27 Dec 45 6467

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject : Italian ex-soldiers P.O.W. in Egypt.

1. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs thank the Allied Commission for their kind communication contained in note IPW/29/118 of 14 November 1945.

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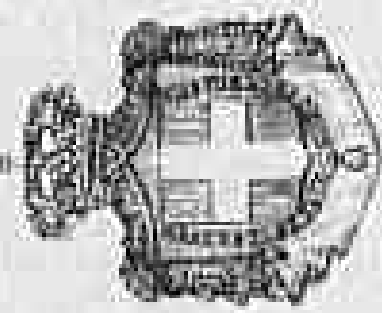
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Rome, December 27th, 1945

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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Rome, December 27th, 1945

Italian Prisoners of War Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

PW/29/111/DEC/45

SUBJECT : "Regina" & "Cuneo" Divisions

TO : Ministry of War

- 1./ Ref. your letter n° 215603/11 dated 16/7/45, addressed to M.M.I.A. and passed to this Division for action.
- 2./ The War Office has directed that, when repatriation commences, from the Middle East, members of the "Cuneo" and "Regina" Division, and the Italian naval personnel who escaped from the Dodecanese should be given priority.
- 3./ The War Office has further directed that the Italian Officer and 9 other Ranks, mentioned in the a/quoted letter, should if possible, be included in the first draft of repatriates from the Middle East.

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

Copy to: Land Forces S/C.A.C.
M.M.I.A., your ALOI, dated 2/8/45

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COPYSUBJECT: Repatriation of "CUNEO" and REGINA DivisionsGeneral Headquarters
Central Mediterranean Forces.3055/A2
30 Nov. 45.Headquarters,
Allied Commission
IPW Division

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Signed
(Sign. Illegible)
Major General
DAG.

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Rome 7th November 1945

Ministry of Post War Assistance
POW Bureau - I^a Div. I^a Sct. (Pol)

TO : The Allied Commission
Sub Commission for Italian POW
ROME

Prot. 4107/G-1

SUBJECT : Italian Military Personnel belonging to the
Division "Cuneo" and "Regina".

I desire to call your attention to the sad situation, moral and material, in which the 6.000 men (officers and warrant officers) of the "Cuneo and "Regina" divisions are living, as prisoners in the Middle East.

We beg you to make the following considerations:

1°) This personnel on the 8th of September 1943, without hesitation and with highly patriotic sentiments, went over to the Allied cause and fought shoulder to shoulder with the Allied troops and the Greek partisans against the common enemy.

2°) The Allies promised them that as soon as was possible, they would be given arms, organized and sent to the front in order to continue the war.

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3°) That they would not be considered as POW but would be considered as combat units: instead of which they were left in the Middle East as Co/operators in working units and in the greater part, deprived of their officers.

4°) Subsequently their condition was changed for the worst in as much as the men of the two Divisions in question, saw themselves considered as collaborators instead of Co/belligerents and were treated in the same manner as the Italian Military Personnel who had never taken arms against the Germans and were considered POW by the Allies.

Their rations in consequence of this were reduced, their uniforms were changed to those worn by the POW, the Italian flag was taken down from over their camp and many of them were interned.

5°) This state of affairs has produced a sense of injustice in the heart of these brave soldiers and a great deal of discontent, for which reason I permit myself to bring the matter in question to your attention, this state of affairs brought about, due to their exasperation, a strike in the company of Co/operators and now interned in concentration camps as punishment, they feel that their repatriation will be delayed.

I beg the Allied Commission to courteously examine the situation and assure the personnel of the

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two divisions "Cuneo" and "Regina", that they will be given priority in repatriation and that in the meanwhile they will be treated in a just and honorable manner, in accordance with their position as valorous soldiers who have always done their duty.

The Ministry
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/29/118

14 NOV. '45

SUBJECT : Italian ex soldiers POW in EGYPT

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1. Reference is made to your memo 6/3260/1543 dated 10 Sept. '55

2. This matter was passed to Higher Authority, and a reply has now been received.

3. The cases of the 9 Italian referred to have been investigated.

G.H.Q., M.E.F. holds records of the following IPW:

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2. DO2E 9471 " FRANCO, Giacomo, 305 PW Camp. (ex TURKEY ex Coop.; downgraded for disciplinary reasons)
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7. D02E 13086 Sold. PAGANO, Giorgio 305 Pw Camp
8. D02E 12256 " PAGANO, Fortunato 216 Group HQ Pw Corps (ex Cuneo & Palestine)
9. D02E 12265 Sold. PARDI, Nedin, repatriated Italy 16/5/45
10. D02E 8793 Sold. ROSSI, Carlo 216 Group HQ Pw Corps. (ex Cuneo & Palestine).

4. These men have been given military status and will continue to serve as cooperators. 118

5. For your inf., plans have been made for the mass release of IPW in British hands & members of CUNEO Div. will be given high priority.

Copy to: Office of Executive Commissioner

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

SUBJECT:- Italian PW - Military Status.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

3055/A2

8 Nov 45.

TO :- Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
IPW Division.

1. Reference your IPW/29/115 of 23 Oct 45.
2. Attached herewith copy of GHQ MEF letter 9693/A25 dated 9 Oct 45 as requested in your above-quoted letter.
3. It will be noted that a copy of this MEF letter was addressed to you.

GD/AP

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

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission

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*Why could we not
have this?*

*It was there
at Messing center*

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COPY.

SUBJECT:- Italian PW - Military Status.GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,
MIDDLE EAST FORCE
9693/AG5.Allied Force Hq
G1(Br)

9 Oct 45.

Copy to:- HQ Allied Commission
(1 PW Sub Commission).

247535	LEONE	Eugenio
247493	RUSSO	Giovanni
247265	RE	Antonio
248026	ROSSI	Adriano
11708	DE SIMONE	Antonio
249573	LA PASTINA	Antonio
246589	MASON	Carlo
247588	GENNARO.	Alfio.

1. Reference your G1(Br)/3068/A2 dated 30 Sep 45 forwarding a letter from the High Commissioner for PW, Rome, stating that the above named PW were of military status and claiming that they should not be regarded as PW.

2. Although not members of the CUNEO Division these men are bound up with the same problem, and until the War Office have given a decision on your G1(Br)/3055/A2 of 21 Aug 45 and our A5/41813 (Cipher) of 28 Aug 45, it is not desired to repatriate these men.

3. In the meantime they will be given military Status and continue to serve as Co-operators.

(Sgd) ? ? ? ?
General.
Commander-in-Chief.

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SUBJECT:- Release - Italian PW.

1 POW

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE.

HQ
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4 Nov. 45.

No. 929505 VALDI BERNARDO.
211 PW C. SP. B11A.

1. Authority was given under cover this HQ Letter of even reference dated 4 Aug 45 addressed to HQ 2nd Echelon for the release of the a/n PW.
2. A further application for his release has been received through PW Section.
3. It would be appreciated if this HQ could be informed of the present location and status of the a/n and whether he is likely to be repatriated in the near future.



GHD/MR.

G.H. DAVIES, Capt. 3/Capt.
for Maj - Gen.
DAG.

Copies to:- HQ 2nd Echelon
HQ A.C. IPW S/O
HQ DAAC.

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Italian Prisoner of War Section
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/29/11523 Oct. '45

SUBJECT : Italian PW in TURKEY

TO : G.H.Q.
C.M.F.

1. Ref. GHQ. MFF. letter 83981/AG5. dated 10 Oct. '45 addressed to you.
2. Para 3 of a/one quoted letter draws attention to their letter n° 9693/AG5 of 9 Oct. '45.
3. May a copy of this letter please be sent to this division.

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

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Subject: Application for Repatriation of Italian PW to Turkey

General Headquarters,
Middle East Force.

83981/AG5.

10 Oct 45.

G.R. CMF.

Copy to: HQ Allied Commission, CMF.
(IPW Sub-Commission), CMF.

1. Reference your 855/A2 dated 3 Oct forwarding copy of memo 6/3260/1548 dated 10 Sep 45 from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. The cases of the 8 Italians referred to have been investigated. CMF MP holds records of the following Italian PW.

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(ex Turkey).

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(ex Turkey).

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(ex Turkey, ex-Cooperator - downgraded for disciplinary reasons).

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(ex Cuneo & Palestine).

3. For information on the policy of repatriation regarding these PW please see our 8593/AG5 dated 9 Oct 45. All PW with the initial designation "DO2E" are ex-cobelligerents.

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 (ex Turkey, ex-Cooperator - downgraded for
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 (ex Cuneo & Palestine).

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 initial designation "D02E" are ex-cobelligerents.

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(Sgd) P.G. BULFIN
 for General, Lt. Col
 Commander-in-Chief.

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Office of the War Relocation Authority

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/29/113

6 Oct. '45

SUBJECT : Italian PW in EGYPT
TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1. Ref. your memorandum b/3260/1543 dated 10 Sept. '45
2. This matter has been forwarded to Commander in Chief Middle East Forces for investigation.
3. You will be informed of any action taken.

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Hereward

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

3. You will be informed of any action taken.

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Hereward Day

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

copy to: office of Executive Commissioner

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PW

SUBJECT:- Application for the Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War to TURKEY.

GHQ CMT

TO :- Commander-in-Chief,
MIDDLE EAST FORCES.

3055/A2

3 Oct 45.

COPY TO:- Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(IPW Sub-Commission) - Your IPW/29/111 dated
25 Sep 45 refers.

1. With reference to the attached copy of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs memo 6/3260/1543 dated 10 Sep 45.

2. Will you please investigate the case of these 9 Italians and advise this Headquarters of their present location and status.

4 OCT 1945

EL/AP

E. LEDGER, Captain,
Staff Captain,
for Lieutenant General,
Acting Commander-in-Chief,
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES.

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

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IPW/29/111

29 September 1945

Subject : Italian ex soldiers POW in Egypt.

To : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
Attn: G-1 (8)

- 1/. Attached herewith a memorandum received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs asking that the Allied Commission take steps to secure release and repatriation of the Italian ex soldiers POW in Egypt and their return to Turkey.
- 2/. Will you please inform me of any action taken so that I may notify the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

For the Chief Commissioners:

JAMES E. BRUCE
Lt. Colonel
Chief
IPW Division

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

6/2390/1243

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Italian ex soldiers p.o.w. in Egypt.

1. Reference is made to this Ministry's memo 6/2390/1243 dated August 13th, 1945.

2. The Italian Embassy in Ankara has pointed out the case of 9 Italian citizens, residents of Istanbul and Smyrna, who volunteered into the Italian army of liberation early in 1944, namely Giuseppe CITTONI, Giacomo FRANCO, Giorgio DELFINO, Flavio COSENTINI, Carlo LANZA, Osvaldo DE MARCHI, Remo PAGANO, Neddy PARDO, Carlo RUSSO.

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4. An early reply would be much appreciated.

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Rome, September 10th, 1945

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31 Aug 45

TO : Headquarters, FEMA (2)

2. You are requested to make arrangements to repatriate these Italians and any others of the same category sending this Headquarters a complete advanced list of those to be shipped, copy to Allied Commission

J. W. GUNN, JR.
J. W. GUNN, JR.,
MAY 1900

Copy to: Headquarters, Allied Commission
(G-5:014.33 of 5 May refers).
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GOVERNMENT

PRINCE MILITARY MISSION TO AM

No 489/HL/2

Note for Madison section

Reference: Letter No C-51014-33 of 14 December 1964

In reply to the letter mentioned above, I send you herewith nominal rolls of Italian prisoners.

Key description

(1) Six men over sixty years of age who come under Category 'A' as laid down by the Allied Commander:

BRIASCO Bernardo	No 2097
CAMPAGNA Luigi	No 1723
CARRASTI Giuseppe	No 1719
DI CRISTO Antonio	No 1727
* MTRUZZO Rocco	No 2111
* SALERNO Vincenzo	No 2113

(2) Twelve sick men over fifty years of age who come under Category 'B' so laid down by the Allied Commander:

* BRUNO Paolo	No 2095
* CIOTTA Giuseppe	No 2079
IMBRIO Luigi	No 1724
IMBRIORI Antonio	No 1729
* VARELLI Calogero	No 2115
* DELL'ALBANI Paolo	No 1955
CARONE Donato	
DA PIAZZA Amosco	
CHIESINI Luigi	
PISTARA Paolo	
SGAVOLINO Paolo	
FRONZONI Alvaro	

(3) Two men less than 50 years of age who, because of their state of health, have been suggested as exceptional for Category 'B'.

VINCIGUERRA Vincenzo No 1716
 NNI Quaranta

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(4) One youth of fifteen years of age who does not come under any of the categories laid down, but who has been proposed in view of his age for category 'B'.

ANGELA Angelo No 2094

(9th) LAPORTE, Colonel.

Note by AFHQ:

* Believed to be in Italy
if not, please repatriate.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL &
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION
APO " " 394

IPW/29/10820th Aug. 45 (F) 108

SUBJECT : Personnel of CUREO division detained in MIDEAST
TO : Italian Ministry of War
for Ministry of Post War Assistance (PW Bureau)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter 2797/pol.C22 dated 20th Aug..
2. This matter was referred to higher authority 20 Aug. following a similar request received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in their Memorandum 6/2690/1245, dated 12 Aug.



J. A. CAMPBELL
Lieut. Colonel
Director
WAB & IPW Sub Comm.

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Copy to Italian Min. of Foreign Affairs

SUBJECT :- Cineo Division - Italian Volunteers enlisted in TURKEY.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission. (IPW Sub-Commission)

G1(Pr)/3055/A2.

25 Aug 45.

27 AUG 1945

1. Reference your IPW/29/105 dated 20 Aug 45 enclosing copy of letter from Ministry of War to MIA, and your IPW/29/102 dated 11 Aug 45 enclosing a copy of the same letter.

2. This matter was referred to the War Office by letter of 21 Aug 45 for a ruling, and a copy of the letter was sent to MIA.

1 of 2 ref/

W.A. Jones

26 AUG 1945

W.A. Jones,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG., G.1(Pr).

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MINISTRY OF POST-WAR ASSISTANCE
POW Bureau

20 August 1945

No. 2797/pol.C.22

SUBJECT: Military personnel who fought against the Germans.

TO: Allied Commission
S/C for Italian POW
Rome

The Italian military personnel already notified to your Sub-Commission with letter 605/Pol.C.22 dated 6 March 1945, who enlisted on their own free will in Turkey and were then transferred to the Middle East to be sent back to Italy to fight against the Germans, were to have been included in the 28,000 men who were to be repatriated, due to the fact that they had to join the Italian fighting units. This was notified by your Sub-Commission with letter IPW/29/96 and IPW/29/98 dated march 1945.

As this project must now be considered as surpassed due to the fact that the war is over, we beg your Sub-Commission to intervene on the behalf of said military personnel who were taken to the Middle East only for transit and should not be considered as POW.

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identical with 102-c
by Sec 103 to Gov (Br)*

s/ by the Minister
s/ Lussi

Translated 24 August 45

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War Materials Disposal and Italian
Prisoners of War Sub-Commission

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August 20th 1945

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SUBJECT : Italian Volunteers enlisted in Turkey.

TO : Allied Forces Headquarters - APO 512 - U.S.Army.
(Attention G-1 (Br))

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

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R E S T R I C T E D

SUBJECT : Italian Volunteers enlisted in Turkey.

LAND FORCE SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Telef. 489081 Ext. 553
A.101

28 August 1945

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16/7/45

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IPW/29/104

August 20th 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Soldiers in Egypt.

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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1. Reference your Memorandum for the A.C. N° 6/2690/1243, dated 12th August 1945, subject as above.

2. This matter has again been referred to higher Authority for their decision. - 103

3. We will inform you as soon as is possible of the result.

See also 106 from
Min. of Post War Reconstruction

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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War Materials Disposal and Italian
Prisoners of War Sub-Commission

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IPW/29/103

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Rome, August 12th 1945

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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6/2690/1243

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Rome, August 13th, 1945



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6/325/145

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

Subject: - Italian soldiers in Egypt -

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It has been pointed out that:

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- the British uniforms distributed to the troops arrived in Allied controlled territory have been substituted by those issued to p.o.w.;

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- the hoisting of the Italian flag over the camps occupied by them has been forbidden;
- greater restrictions have been imposed on their freedom.

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TO : Allied Force Headquarters, AFU 512.
(Att: G-1(ER)).

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For the Chief Commissioner,

J. A. COMPTON,
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RESTRICTEDSUBJECT : Italian Volunteers enlisted in TURKEY.

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W. P. D. L. H. Y.

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