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1	COLOMBO, DARIO	TEN	7WI-39813
2	DESIDERIO, GIUSEPPE	S TEN	4WI-15984
3	PRATA, GIULIO	TEN	4WI-17338
1	ABATE,SALVATORE	SOL	7WI-8693
2	ALBA,LUCIANO	SOL	7WI-8701
3	ALBANESE,GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-8594
4	ALBERTINI,FERDINANDO	CP MG	7WI-8704
5	AMBROSIO,GIOVANNI	SOL	2WI-67
6	ASTE,VASCO	SOL	7WI-9662
7	AVELLIS,ANTONIO	SOL	7WI-10521
8	BALARDO,ALBERTO	SOL	7WI-9668
9	BANO,NEVIO	SOL	7WI-11046
10	BARONI,ATTILIO	CP	7WI-8744
11	BASSINI,GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-6801
12	BECCAFICO,GUERRINO	CP MG	7WI-10530
13	BENETTI,GIOVANNI	CP MG	7WI-11049
14	BIGI,NELLO	SOL	7WI-8770
15	BINDELLA,LUIGI	SOL	7WI-11062
16	BONAFEDE,GIUSEPPE	S MAG	7WI-10565
17	BOTTA,CARLO	SOL	7WI-8786
18	BOVA,ROSARIO	SOL	7WI-8603
19	BRUNO,ROBERTO	SOL	7WI-8606

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4	ALBERTINI,FERDINANDO	CP MG	7WI-8704
5	AMBROSIO,GIOVANNI	SOL	2WI-67
6	ASTE,VASCO	SOL	7WI-9662
7	AVELLIS,ANTONIO	SOL	7WI-10521
8	BAIARDO,ALBERTO	SOL	7WI-9668
9	BANO,NEVIO	SOL	7WI-11046
10	BARONI,ATTILIO	CP	7WI-8744
11	BASSINI,GIUSLPPE	SOL	7WI-6801
12	BECCAFICO,GUERRINO	CP MG	7WI-10530
13	BENETTI,GIOVANNI	CP MG	7WI-11049
14	BIGI,NELLO	SOL	7WI-8770
15	BINDELLA,LUIGI	SOL	7WI-11062
16	BONAFEDE,GIUSEPPE	S MAG	7WI-10565
17	BOTTA,CARLO	SOL	7WI-8786
18	BOVA,ROSARIO	SOL	7WI-8603
19	BRUNO,ROBERTO	SOL	7WI-8606
20	BRUSCHI,GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-8801
21	BUONO,VINCENZO	SOL	7WI-8805
22	CABELLA,INNOCENZO	CP MG	7WI-9713
23	CANDELI,ISIDORO	SOL	2WI-390
24	CANNELLA,CALOGERO	CP MG	7WI-8825
25	CARIELLO,CIRO	SOL	7WI-11094
26	CARLI,ITALO	SOL	2WI-526
27	CARLUCCI,SALVATORE	SOL	7WI-8832
28	CARPENI,GERMANO	SOL	2WI-120
29	CASALUCCI,VINCENZO	SOL	7WI-10586

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30	CAVALERI,DOMENICO	SOL	7WI-8609
31	CIMICOLA,FRANCESCO	SOL	7WI-8868
32	COGO,MARIO	SOL	7WI-11096
33	COMINELLI,LUIGI	SOL	7WI-11264
34	CORDOMA,GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-8617
35	COSTANZO,VINCENZO	CP	7WI-8621
36	CRETA,ARGIGLIO	SOL	2WI-77
37	CRISTIANO,GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-8906
38	CRISTIANO,TOMASO	SOL	7WI-8907
39	CULIN,ADELIO	SOL	2WI-350
40	CUPILLI,ANGELO	CP MG	7WI-11088
41	D'ALESSANDRO,DOMENICO	SOL	7WI-8623
42	D'AMICO, LUIGI	SOL	7WI-8920
43	DEDIN,GIOSUE'	SOL	2WI-573
44	DE IESO,GIORGIO	SOL	7WI-11406
45	DI CIOLLO,ROCCO	SOL	7WI-8958
46	DI MARCO,GIOVANNI	CP	7WI-11313
47	DI PINTO,VITO	SOL	7WI-9797
48	EMILI,SANTE	SOL	8WI-38162-MI
49	ESPOSITO,SALVATORE	SOL	7WI-11305
50	FANIGLIULO,ANGELO	SOL	7WI-10667
51	FERRARELLI,AGOSTINO	SOL	7WI-8627
52	FOCARDI,ALERIGO	SOL	7WI-9022

38	CRISTIANO,TOMASO	SOL	7WI-8907
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51	FERRARELLI,AGOSTINO	SOL	7WI-8627
52	FOCARDI,AMERIGO	SOL	7WI-9022
53	FOGLI,CRESTE	SOL	7WI-9023
54	FORLINI,RAIMONDO	SOL	7WI-9027
55	GALETTA,VITO	SOL	7WI-9250
56	GALICI,SALVATORE	SOL	7WI-9048
57	GANDUGLIA,LUIGI	SOL	7WI-8629
58	GASPARINI,GUERRINO	SOL	7WI-8630
59	GENCHI,VITO	SOL	7WI-9067
60	GERARDI,BALDASSARE	CP	7WI-9072
61	GHERRI,CORNELIO	SOL	7WI-10718

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62	GIANNINI,OFELIO	SOL	7WI-10722
63	GIOIOSA,ANGELO	SOL	7WI-9081
64	GIORDANO,CANDIDO	CP MG	7WI-9082
65	GIUDIZIO,GUIDO	SOL	7WI-11282
66	GOGNA,CRISTOFORO	SOL	2WI-710
67	GRECO,ORONZO	SOL	2WI-771
68	GRILLO,BRUNO	SOL	7WI-11276
69	GUARESCHI,EGIDIO	SOL	2WI-947
70	GUERRINI,GUIDO	CP	7WI-11307
71	GUIDI,SILVIO	SOL	2WI-78
72	LAGNA,VITO	SOL	7WI-32942
73	LEONELLI,SEBASTIANO	SOL	7WI-9145
74	LO CICERO,MARIANO	CP	7WI-11132
75	LO CASTRO,LUIGI	SOL	7WI-32401
76	LOMBARDI,LUIGI	SERG	7WI-9158
77	LOMBARDO,PIETRO	CP MG	7WI-9885
78	LOTTI,GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-31488
79	LOTTO,BRUNO	SOL	7WI-9165
80	LUALDI,GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-9167
81	LUCHESSA,GIACOMO	SOL	7WI-10753
82	LUCCHINI,FULVIO	SOL	7WI-8636
83	LUGLI,ANGIOLINO	SOL	7WI-136
84	LUPI,GIUSEPPE	SOL	2WI-785

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72	LAGNA,VITO	SOL	7WI-32942
73	LEONELLI,SEBASTIANO	SOL	7WI-9145
74	LO CICERO,MARIANO	CP	7WI-11132
75	LO CASTRO,LUIGI	SOL	7WI-32401
76	LOMBARDI,LUIGI	SERG	7WI-9158
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78	LOTTI,GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-31488
79	LOTTO,BRUNO	SOL	7WI-9165
80	LUALDI,GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-9167
81	LUCHESSA,GIACOMO	SOL	7WI-10753
82	LUCCHINI,FULVIO	SOL	7WI-8636
83	LUGLI,ANGIOLINO	SOL	7WI-136
84	LUPI,GIUSEPPE	SOL	2WI-785
85	MAIOLO,SANTO	CP	7WI-9182
86	MAIONE,DOMENICO	SOL	7WI-31490
87	MALANGA,GERARDO	SOL	7WI-9184
88	MALTESE,LEONARDO	SOL	BR-39808
89	MANCARILLA,GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-9185
90	MANCUSO,ANGELO	SOL	7WI-11136
91	MANGANI,VIRGILIO	SOL	7WI-634
92	MANITTA,SALVATORE	SOL	2WI-869
93	MARASCO,VINCENZO	SOL	7WI-8510

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94	MARINELLI,PAOLO	S MAG	7WI-9213
95	MARIUTTO,FRANCESCO	CP	7WI-9212
96	MAROCCINI,GINO	SOL	7WI-8640
97	MARTIN,FRANCESCO	SERG	7WI-31496
98	MARTINI,MARCELLO	SERG	7WI-10362
99	MARTINI,PIETRO	SOL	7WI-10789
100	MARTORELLA,SALVATORE	SOL	7WI-9221
101	MASSARO,ANTONIO	SOL	7WI-32220
102	MASSONE,ERNESTO	CP MG	7WI-9226
103	MASTROENI,CARMELO	SOL	MBS-1932
104	MAZZANESI,GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-10795
105	MEDEOT,NARCISO	SOL	7WI-8643
106	MENALE,DOMENICO	SOL	7WI-9235
107	MIANO,CARMELO	SOL	MBS-1667-MI
108	MIGLIACCIO,ANTONIO	SERG	7WI-11028
109	MILANI,GINO	SOL	7WI-1438
110	MILONE,SALVATORE	SOL	MBS-1671-MI
111	MIRABILE,LEONARDO	SOL	7WI-10808
112	MITTICA,VINCENZO	SOL	7WI-9250
113	MODONI,GIUSEPPE	SERG	7WI-10810
114	MONFORTE,FRANCESCO	SOL	7WI-658
115	MONTERUSSO,DOMENICO	SOL	7WI-9395
116	MORELLI,GAETANO	SOL	7WI-8810

101	MASSARO,ANTONIO	SOL	7WI-32220
102	MASSONE,ERNESTO	CP MG	7WI-9226
103	MASTROENI .,CARMELO	SOL	MBS-1932
104	MAZZANESI,GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-10795
105	MEDEOT,NARCISO	SOL	7WI-8643
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108	MIGLIACCIO,ANTONIO	SERG	7WI-11028
109	MILANI,GINO	SOL	7WI-1438
110	MILONE,SALVATORE	SOL	MBS-1671-MI
111	MIRABILE,LEONARDO	SOL	7WI-10808
112	MITTICA,VINCENZO	SOL	7WI-9250
113	MODONI,GIUSEPPE	SERG	7WI-10810
114	MONFORTE,FRANCESCO	SOL	7WI-658
115	MONTERUSSO,DOMENICO	SOL	7WI-9395
116	MORELLI,GAETANO	SOL	7WI-8519
117	MORI,MASSIMILIANO	SP	7WI-8642
118	MORINI,PIETRO	SOL	7WI-32986
119	MORRONE,FRANCESCO	SOL	7WI-9271
120	MOSTACCI,VINCENZO	SOL	MBS-1925-MI
121	MUGNETTI,LIVIO	SOL	7WI-8649
122	MUSACCHIA,EMANUELE	SOL	7WI-9973
123	MUSCOLINI,UMBERTO	SOL	7WI-10826
124	NARDELLI,VINCENZO	CP	7WI-11242
125	NEBBIA,DIAMANTE	SOL	7WI-9285

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126	NETTO,GINO	SOL	7WI-9289
127	NICOLETTI,LUCA	SOL	7WI-9981
128	NICOLETTI,LUIGI	CP MG	7WI-9291
129	NIGRO,DOMENICO	SOL	7WI-9287
130	NOCERA,GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-9982
131	NOTARO,ALFONSO	CP MG	7WI-9298
132	NUGNES,ORLANDO	CP	7WI-1454
133	NUSCA,ANTONIO	SERG	7WI-9304
134	OGGIANO,SEBASTIANO	SERG	BR-56476
135	OITANA,PIETRO	SOL	7WI-1455
136	OLIVO,LUIGI	SOL	7WI-9306
137	ORENGO,ARTURO	SERG	7WI-8525
138	PAGANO,ALFREDO	SOL	7WI-1247
139	PAGGINI,ANTONIO	CP MG	7WI-10844
140	PAGOLINI,TOMASO	SOL	7WI-671
141	PALOMBINI,GREGORIO	CP MG	7WI-9322
142	PALUMBA,VINCENZO	SOL	7WI-177
143	PANARO,NICOLA	SOL	7WI-1252
144	PANCERI,RODOLFO	SOL	7WI-9991
145	PANCOTTI,SANTE	SOL	7WI-10847
146	PANETTA,NICOLA	SOL	2WI-192
147	PANTANO,BATTISTA	CP	7WI-9323
148	PAOLINI,GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-1256

133	NOSC.,ANTONIO	SERG	7WI-9304
134	OGGIANO,SEBASTIANO	SERG	BR-56476
135	OITANA,PIETRO	SOL	7WI-1455
136	OLIVO,LUIGI	SOL	7WI-9306
137	ORENGO,ARTURO	SERG	7WI-8525
138	PAGANO,ALFREDO	SOL	7WI-1247
139	PAGGINI,ANTONIO	CP MG	7WI-10844
140	PAGOLINI,TOMASO	SOL	7WI-671
141	PALOMBINI,GREGORIO	CP MG	7WI-9322
142	PALUMBA,VINCENZO	SOL	7WI-177
143	PANARO,NICOLA	SOL	7WI-1252
144	PANCERI,RODOLFO	SOL	7WI-9991
145	PANCOTTI,SANTE	SOL	7WI-10847
146	PANETTA,NICOLA	SOL	2WI-192
147	PANTANO,BATTISTA	CP	7WI-9323
148	PAOLINI,GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-1256
149	PAOLINI,VIRGILIO	CP	7WI-33002
150	PARISE,GINO	SOL	7WI-9330
151	PARODI,ERIDANO	S MAG	7WI-10402
152	PASSARELLA,ANTONIO	SOL	7WI-1460
153	PAVANO,VITO	SOL	7WI-8655
154	PELLINO,SAVINO	SOL	7WI-9248
155	PENNISI,GIUSEPPE	SOL	MBS-1947-MI
156	PEPE,VINCENZO	CP	7WI-1260
157	PERSAMPIERI,GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-33009

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158	PETOLILLO,ANTONIO	CP	7WI-9357
159	PETRILLI,DONATO	SOL	7WI-9359
160	PETRUZZA,NICOLA	CP	7WI-9363
161	PLESCIA,GIORGIO	CP MG	7WI-9384
162	PORZI,EMILIO	SOL	7WI-8658
163	PROIETTI,AMERIGO	SOL	MBS-48731
164	RACCAGNO,ANTONIO	CP	7WI-11185
165	RIO,ALFREDO	SERG	7WI-10039
166	RIZZO,GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-9424
167	ROBOTTI,ANGELO	CP MG	7WI-9426
168	ROMANO,GIUSEPPE	CP	7WI-11401
169	ROMITI,PACLINO	SERG	7WI-32458
170	RUSSO,ANTONIO	CP	7WI-8560
171	SALINO,MANFALDO	SOL	4WI-11332
172	SAPIENZA,PACLINO	SOL	MBS-1976-MI
173	SARTI,LEANDRO	SOL	7WI-9458
174	SCALISE,FEDERICO	CP	7WI-9461
175	SCIOLE',ERNESTO	CP	7WI-10935
176	SILVANI,ITALO	SOL	7WI-9486
177	SIVO,GIOVANNI	CP	7WI-33050
178	SMIDERLE,ADOLFO	CP	7WI-11325
179	SPAGNUOLO,CLEMENTE	SERG	7WI-33052
180	SQUILLANTE,FRANCESCO	CP MG	7WI-31563

166	RIZZO,GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-9424
167	ROBOTTI,ANGELO	CP MG	7WI-9426
168	ROMANO,GIUSEPPE	CP	7WI-11401
169	ROMITI,PAOLINO	SERG	7WI-32458
170	RUSSO,ANTONIO	CP	7WI-8560
171	SALINO,ILFREDO	SOL	4WI-11332
172	SAPIENZA,PAOLINO	SOL	MBS-1976-MI
173	SARTI,LEANDRO	SOL	7WI-9458
174	SCALISE,FEDERICO	CP	7WI-9461
175	SCIOLE',ERNESTO	CP	7WI-10935
176	SILVANI,ITALO	SOL	7WI-9486
177	SIVO,GIOVANNI	CP	7WI-33050
178	SMIDERLE,ADOLFO	CP	7WI-11325
179	SPAGNUOLO,CLEMENTE	SERG	7WI-33052
180	SQUILLANTE,FRANCESCO	CP MG	7WI-31563
181	STURA,UMBERTO	CP	7WI-9521
182	TERRENI,PIETRO	CP MG	7WI-10959
183	TESTA,CARLO	SERG	MBS-1753-MI
184	TOCCACELI,UGO	CP	7WI-240
185	TODARO,EUGENIO	CP MG	7WI-9543
186	TORNESE,GIUSEPPE	SOL	2WI-818
187	TRASACCO,CORRADO	CP MG	7WI-1305
188	TRAVAGLINI,GIULIANO	CP	7WI-1306
189	TUMINARO,MICHELE	SERG	7WI-10117

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190	VILLATA,MARIO	SERG	7WI-9591
191	VALENTE,FRANCESCO	SERG	BR-30213
192	ZUCCHI,ADOLFO	SERG	7WI-1319

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1	DE FRANCESCO, VITTORIO	S TEN	4WI-15982
2	LIPOLI, ENRICO	CAP	4WI-15221
3	LOMBARDO, ANTONINO	TEN	8WI-28417
4	ORSINI-NIBBIO, FRANCO	TEN	ETO-57
1	AGGIATO, MICHELE	SOL	7WI-8699
2	ANSALONI, BRUNO	SOL	7WI-8718
3	ANSELMI, FRANCESCO	CP	7WI-8719
4	ARDIZZOIA, SILVESTRO	SOL	2WI-173
5	ARMANDI, ARTURO	SOL	7WI-8724
6	AUDERO, CARLO	CP	7WI-8730
7	AUDISIO, ALDO	CP MG	7WI-8731
8	BALLAN, VITO	SOL	7WI-8738
9	BARAVELLI, GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-11035
10	BATTAGLIA, BRUNO	SOL	7WI-8746
11	BENVENUTI, ADOLFO	SOL	7WI-8759
12	BERTONE, LUIGI	CP MG	7WI-8758
13	BIANCHESSI, MARIO	SERG	7WI-10186
14	BIANCHI, GIUSEPPE	CP	7WI-10539
15	BONIFACCINI, BATTISTA	SOL	7WI-10551
16	BORTOLOTTI, AGOSTINO	SOL	7WI-981
17	BOSSO, ALDO	CP	7WI-8785
18	BOTTONI, ASDRUBALE	SOL	7WI-8788
	[illegible]	CP	7WI-8792

4	ARDIZZOIA, SILVESTRO	SOL	2WI-173
5	ARMANDI, ARTURO	SOL	7WI-8724
6	AUDERO, CARLO	CP	7WI-8730
7	AUDISIO, ALDO	CP MG	7WI-8731
8	BALLAN, VITO	SOL	7WI-8738
9	BARAVELLI, GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-11035
10	BATTAGLIA, BRUNO	SOL	7WI-8746
11	BENVENUTI, ADOLFO	SOL	7WI-8759
12	BERTONE, LUIGI	CP MG	7WI-8758
13	BIANCHESSI, MARIO	SERG	7WI-10186
14	BIANCHI, GIUSEPPE	CP	7WI-10539
15	BONIFACCINI, BATTISTA	SOL	7WI-10551
16	BORTOLOTTI, AGOSTINO	SOL	7WI-981
17	BOSSO, ALDO	CP	7WI-8785
18	BOTTONI, ASDRUBALE	SOL	7WI-8788
19	BREMBILLA, ALESSANDRO	CP	7WI-8792
20	BROLIS, PIERO	CP	7WI-8796
21	BRUSA, EMILIO	SOL	7WI-8802
22	CACIA, FRANCESCO	SOL	7WI-8813
23	CACIORGNA, UMBERTO	SOL	7WI-10566
24	CALDARINI, GIUSEPPE	CP	7WI-9718
25	CALLONI, NATALE	CP	2WI-59
26	CANNINO, SEBASTIANO	SOL	7WI-10573
27	CANONICO, GETTULIO	SOL	7WI-10574
28	CARNIGNANI, DANTE	SOL	7WI-11092
29	CARTACCI, ANTONIO	SOL	7WI-10584

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30	CASINI, VALERIO	SOL	7WI-11288
31	CASTAGNOLI, GINO	SOL	7WI-8841
32	CASTELLARI, GAETANO	SOL	2WI-205
33	CAVALLARO, SALVATORE	SOL	7WI-8915
34	CEGLIA, VINCENZO	SOL	7WI-9593
35	CELANO, GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-8853
36	CELENZA, ANGELO	SOL	2WI-799
37	CHIAPASCO, ALBINO	CP MG	7WI-11091
38	CIAMBERLANO, MAGNO	SOL	2WI-644
39	CICCIA, VINCENZO	SERG	7WI-10244
40	CIMEI, ENRICO	SOL	7WI-8865
41	CLERICI, AMBROGIO	SOL	7WI-8872
42	COLOMBARI, AUGUSTO	SOL	7WI-8881
43	COLONNELLO, GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-9619
44	COMI, NATALE	SOL	7WI-8887
45	CONCA, CLAUDIO	SOL	7WI-10608
46	CONSOLANDI, ENRICO	SOL	7WI-8888
47	CONTI, GIACOMO	SOL	7WI-8891
48	CUCCIOLLA, ENRICO	CP	7WI-8910
49	CUCINOTTA, DOMENICO	SERG	7WI-8422
50	DA FRASSINI, FORTUNATO	SOL	2WI-592
51	D'AMICO, FRANCESCO	CP MG	7WI-8923
52	D'AQUINO, ANTONIO	MAR	ETO-41

37	CRIPPSCO,ALBINO	CP MG	7WI-11091	
38	CLAMBERLANO,MAGNO	SOL	2WI-644	
39	CICCIA,VINCENZO	SERG	7WI-10244	
40	CIMEI,ENRICO	SOL	7WI-8865	
41	CLERICI,AMBROGIO	SOL	7WI-8872	
42	COLOMBARI,AUGUSTO	SOL	7WI-8881	
43	COLONNELLO,GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-9619	
44	COMI,NATALE	SOL	7WI-8887	
45	CONCA,CLAUDIO	SOL	7WI-10608	
46	CONSOLANDI,ENRICO	SOL	7WI-8888	
47	CONTI,GIACOMO	SOL	7WI-8891	
48	CUCCIOLLA,ENRICO	CP	7WI-8910	
49	CUCINOTTA,DOMENICO	SERG	7WI-8422	
50	DA FRASSINI,FORTUNATO	SOL	2WI-592	
51	D'AMICO,FRANCESCO	CP MG	7WI-8923	
52	D'AQUINO,ANTONIO	MAR	ETO-41	
53	DEGLI ESPOSTI,FRANCESCO	SOL	7WI-8936	
54	DELLA PORTA,AGOSTINO	SOL	2WI-462	7131
55	DE PETRILLO,PIETRO	SOL	7WI-11294	
56	DI BONA,MARIO	SOL	7WI-10643	
57	DI LANZI,FRANCESCO	SOL	7WI-8960	
58	DI MARO,ANGELO	SOL	7WI-11338	
59	DI SALVO,GIOVANNI	SERG	7WI-8451	
60	FAGIOLI,SILVIO	SOL	7WI-8994	
61	FAILLACI,SERAFINO	CP	7WI-10664	

62	F.LCO,R/FFALLE	SOL	7W-I-8996
63	F.LCO,VINCENZO	SOL	7W-I-8997
64	FERR.RA,P.SQUALE	SOL	7W-I-11250
65	FERRI,BATTISTA	SOL	7W-I-9008
66	FERRUZZI,CORRADO	SOL	7W-I-9012
67	FOCA.A,VIRGILIO	CP MG	7W-I-1201
68	FOSCOLI,GINO	SOL	7W-I-11394
69	FR.NCIA,FR.NCO	SOL	7W-I-9035
70	FUCCI,FILIPPO	SOL	7W-I-9043
71	FUL.G.LLI,ITALO	SOL	7W-I-9044
72	G.LLO,VINCENZO	SOL	7W-I-11140
73	G.SSER,ENRICO	SOL	7W-I-11100
74	G.STALDI,GIUSEPPE	CP	7W-I-9061
75	GE.INI.NI,LUIGI	SOL	7W-I-9064
76	GENTILE,TOM.SO	SOL	7W-I-9071
77	GIOCOLI,.RM.NDO	CP	7W-I-9079
78	GIORD.NO,G.ET.NO	SCL	7W-I-9046
79	GIUFFRIDA,CONCETTO	CP MG	7W-I-9092
80	GIUFFRIDA,ERNESTO	CP MG	7W-I-9093
81	GL.DIO,DOMENICO	SERG	2W-I-60
82	GR.SSI,FR.NCO	SOL	7W-I-9102
83	GUERR.,EMILIO	SOL	7W-I-9114
84	GUERZONI,.NTONIO	SOL	2W-I-888
85	L.MBR. TR.NSEGILDO	SOL	7W-I-8987

70	FUCCI,FILIPPO	SOL	[illegible]	
71	FUMAGALLI,ITALO	SOL	7WI-9044	
72	GALLO,VINCENZO	SOL	7WI-11140	
73	GASSER,ENRICO	SOL	7WI-11100	
74	GASTALDI,GIUSEPPE	CP	7WI-9061	
75	GEMINIANI,LUIGI	SOL	7WI-9064	
76	GENTILE,TOMMASO	SOL	7WI-9071	
77	GIOCOLI,ARMANDO	CP	7WI-9079	
78	GIORDANO,GAETANO	SOL	7WI-9046	
79	GIUFFRIDA,CONCETTO	CP MG	7WI-9092	
80	GIUFFRIDA,ERNESTO	CP MG	7WI-9093	
81	GLADIO,DOMENICO	SERG	2WI-60	
82	GRASSI,FRANCO	SOL	7WI-9102	
83	GUERRA,EMILIO	SOL	7WI-9114	
84	GUERZONI,ANTONIO	SOL	2WI-888	
85	LAMERA,ERMENEGILDO	SOL	7WI-8987	
86	LA VOLPE ANTONIO	SOL	7WI-10743	
87	LOMBARDI,LUIGI	SLRG	7WI-9159	7130
88	LOTTI,PIETRO	SOL	2WI-886	
89	LUCCHINI,ANGELO	SOL	2WI-883	
90	LUTAZZI,CARLO	SOL	7WI-10756	
91	MAFFEIS,LUIGI	SOL	7WI-9178	
92	MAGNI,GIUSEPPE	CP	7WI-9180	
93	MANCINI,ROBERTO	SOL	7WI-9425	

94	MANFREDI,FILIPPO	SOL	7WI-9187
95	MARANGON,VINCENZO	SOL	2WI-879
96	MARINO,ADONE	CP MG	7WI-9206
97	MARINO,DOMENICO	SOL	7WI-9208
98	MARRA,MAURO	CP	7WI-9215
99	MATERASSI,MARIO	SERG	7WI-1237
100	MAZZA,PIETRO	SOL	7WI-9231
101	MEDICO,GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-11296
102	MENEGHIN,LUIGI	SERG	7WI-9947
103	MIGLIAVACCA,EMILIO	CP MG	7WI-9214
104	MILANA,VITTORIO	SOL	7WI-9953
105	MILICI,SALVATORE	SOL	7WI-9246
106	MIOZZI,OTTAVIO	SOL	7WI-9956
107	MITRANO,CARMINE	SOL	7WI-9957
108	MORASUTTI,ROMANO	CP	7WI-9267
109	MOSCHINI,OTTAVIO	SOL	7WI-10825
110	MOSTACCHI,AUGUSTO	SERG	7WI-10823
111	MOTTARAN,LINO	SOL	7WI-10824
112	MUNERATI,LUIGI	CP MG	7WI-9275
113	MUZZI,ENZO	SOL	7WI-8985
114	NADALUTTI,ADELMO	SOL	7WI-11316
115	NICOLETTI,GULRINO	SOL	7WI-9293
116	NICORA,PIERINO	SOL	7WI-9369

102	MENEGHIN LAICO	STRG	7WI-9947
103	MIGLIAVACCA,ENEA	CP MG	7WI-9214
104	MILANA,VITTORIO	SOL	7WI-9953
105	MILICI,SALVATORE	SOL	7WI-9246
106	MIOZZI,OTTAVIO	SOL	7WI-9956
107	MITRANO,CARMINE	SOL	7WI-9957
108	MORASUTTI,ROMANO	CP	7WI-9267
109	MOSCHINI,OTTAVIO	SOL	7WI-10825
110	MOSTACCHI,AUGUSTO	SERG	7WI-10823
111	MOTTARAN,LINO	SOL	7WI-10824
112	MUNERATI,LUIGI	CP MG	7WI-9275
113	MUZZI,ENZO	SOL	7WI-8985
114	NADALUTTI,ADELMO	SOL	7WI-11316
115	NICOLETTI,GULRINO	SOL	7WI-9293
116	NICORA,PIERINO	SOL	7WI-9369
117	NIGRO,GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-9294
118	NOCENTINI,DINO	CP	7WI-9295
119	NOCERINO,ALFONSO	SOL	7WI-9296
120	PALUMBO,GIUSEPPE	SERG	7WI-10395
121	PAOLI,MARIO	SERG	7WI-10853
122	PAPI,PIETRO	CP MG	7WI-10855
123	PATRI,MICHELE	CP MG	7WI-9339
124	PEA,BERNARDO	CP	7WI-9342
125	PEA,PAOLO	SOL	7WI-9343
126	PEDRETTI,MARIO	SOL	7WI-9344

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127	PELLEGRINELLI,IVO	SOL	7WI-10865
128	PERSICHINI,VITTORE	SOL	7WI-10868
129	PICCENTINI,GIULIO	SOL	7WI-6385
130	PIAZZINI,ALFONSO	SOL	7WI-1466
131	PICCINO,PIETRO	SOL	7WI-10874
132	PICCIRILLI,CARMINE	SOL	7WI-1263
133	PINA,EGIDIO	SOL	7WI-5124
134	PIRONCELLI,GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-9373
135	PISCO,FRANCESCO	SOL	7WI-1487
136	PONZELLINI,CELESTINO	SERG	7WI-18725
137	PORTA,ARNALDO	S MAG	7WI-11027
138	POSTIGLIONE,LEONE	SOL	7WI-1271
139	PUCCI,GIUSEPPE	SOL	7WI-11300
140	PULCIONI,PRIMO	SOL	7WI-10892
141	QUINTO,SANTO	SOL	7WI-9402
142	RABUFFETTI,FELICE	CP	7WI-9005
143	RAPISARDA,LITTERIO	SOL	7WI-11312
144	RASTELLI,CELESTE	SOL	7WI-9406
145	REAMI,DINO	SOL	7WI-1472
146	REBUSCHI,EDOARDO	SOL	7WI-9409
147	RICCI,ALFREDO	SOL	7WI-9215
148	RINALDI,LIBERO	SOL	7WI-11220
149	ROBOTTI,LUIGI	SOL	7WI-9427

135	PISCO,FRANCESCO	SOL	7WI-1487	
136	PONZELLINI,CELESTINO	SERG	7WI-18725	
137	PORTA,ARNALDO	S MAG	7WI-11027	
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145	REALI,DINO	SOL	7WI-1472	
146	REBUSCHI,EDOARDO	SOL	7WI-9409	
147	RICCI,ALFREDO	SOL	7WI-9215	
148	RINALDI,LIBERO	SOL	7WI-11220	
149	ROBOTTI,LUIGI	SOL	7WI-9427	
150	ROLFINI,CORRADO	CP	7WI-10907	
151	ROMA,GIOVANNI	SOL	MBS-2070	
152	ROSATO,ORESTE	SOL	7WI-9437	
153	ROSSI,ARMANDO	SOL	7WI-10913	7128
154	ROSSI,GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-10914	
155	ROSSI,LUIGI-GIUSEPPE	CP MG	5WI-5134	
156	ROSSITTO,SEBASTIANO	SOL	7WI-10054	
157	RUSSO,ANTONIO	SOL	7WI-33390	
158	SACCO,GERLANDO	SOL	7WI-33042	
159	SALA,CARLO	CP MG	2WI-158	

160	SALA,ELISEO	SOL	7WI-9449
161	SANTINI,RINALDO	SERG	7WI-10451
162	SANTOLIQUIDO,MICHELE	SERG	7WI-10452
163	SANTORO,ANGELO	SOL	7WI-9454
164	SANTORO,ERNESTO	SOL	7WI-9455
165	SARTOR,ANDREA	SERG	7WI-10459
166	SCALISE,DANIELE	SOL	7WI-9460
167	SCARDAMAGLIA,FRANCESCO	SOL	7WI-9463
168	SCASSELLATI,AGOSTINO	SOL	7WI-9465
169	SCHIAVONE,ARMANDO	SOL	7WI-9470
170	SCIFO,ROSOLINO	SOL	7WI-9473
171	SCIMONE,COSTANTINO	SOL	7WI-10075
172	SENES,ANGELO	SOL	7WI-10080
173	SENES,GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-10081
174	SERRA,EDOARDO	CP MG	7WI-9480
175	SOZZI,QUINTO	SOL	5WI-5146
176	SPERANZA,ALDO	SERG	7WI-33296
177	STERNIERI,RENATO	SOL	2WI-307
178	STORTI,FERMO	SOL	7WI-9514
179	TEGALDO,LUISITTO	SOL	2WI-196
180	TENSI,FRANCESCO	SOL	5WI-5750
181	TERZUOLI,ELIO	SOL	7WI-9532
182	TINELLI,SPARTACO	CP MG	7WI-9536

167	SCARDAGLIA,FRANCESCO	SOL	7WI-9463	
168	SCASSELLATI,AGOSTINO	SOL	7WI-9465	
169	SCHIAVONE,ARMANDO	SOL	7WI-9470	
170	SCIFO,ROSOLINO	SOL	7WI-9473	
171	SCIONE,COSTANTINO	SOL	7WI-10075	
172	SENES,ANGELO	SOL	7WI-10080	
173	SENES,GIOVANNI	SOL	7WI-10081	
174	SERRA,EDOARDO	CP MG	7WI-9480	
175	SOZZI,QUINTO	SOL	5WI-5146	
176	SPERANZA,ALDO	SERG	7WI-33296	
177	STERNIERI,RENATO	SOL	2WI-307	
178	STORTI,FERMO	SOL	7WI-9514	
179	TEGALDO,LUISITTO	SOL	2WI-196	
180	TENSI,FRANCESCO	SOL	5WI-5750	
181	TERZUOLI,ELIO	SOL	7WI-9532	
182	TINELLI,SPARTACO	CP MG	7WI-9536	
183	TREVIA,GEROLAMO	SOL	7WI-8682	
184	TREVIA,MARCO	CP MG	7WI-9557	
185	VENTRIGLIA,MARIO	S MAG	7WI-9581	7127
186	VILLA,ALFONSO	CP MG	7WI-9587	
187	VILLANOVA, EMILIO	SERG	7WI-9590	
188	VINCENZI,SALVATORE	SOL	7WI-9592	
189	VITA,DOMENICO	SOL	7WI-8974	
190	ZABBENI,ALDO	SOL	7WI-9603	
191	ZANOTTI,LUCIANO	SOL	7WI-9609	
192	ZILLA,ROSOLINO	SOL	7WI-9611	
193	ZORDAN,UMBERTO	SOL	7WI-11007	

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(Additional 6 Enlisted Italian PW's, troop class patients, to be transferred from Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Penn., for repatriation with this detachment. Names, grades, and serial numbers unknown at present).

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

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IPW/36/87

24 September 1945

Subject : Italian PW Co-operators.

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

1/. The IPW Co-operators ceased to be on a PW status as of July 1st 1945. They were liberated and either returned to their homes or incorporated into working units under the direction of the M.M.I.A.

2/. This Division has no further record pertaining to this individual.

For the Chief Commissioner:

JAMES E. RIGGS
Lt.-Colonel
Chief
IPW Division

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Ref NMTA A 390/5 dated 15 August to this [redacted] info to you. Do you require Italian military personnel to be sent for screening on arrival or to be treated as civilians.

M/S Note:

No trace of ref. Allied transmittal direct to NMTA

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

IPW/1/11/1775 — 25th Aug.'45

SUBJECT : Release of Italian PW requested by Italian Government for Specialist employment.

TO : OC 208 PW CAMP CMF

OC 205 PW CAMP CMF

1. The Italian Government has requested release of PW enumerated in the attached list.

2. Will addressees please inform this HQ the present status of these PW.

3. If they were previously employed as cooperators when will they be released?

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

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Surname, name	N°	Grade	Camp
1. BOGLIOLO, Ludovico	=MA/T 10446	Lieut.	Camp 208
2. CAPANNOLO, Annibale	= 12069	Srgt.	" " "
3. DARDANO, Tommaso	=MA/T 442	Lieut.	" " "
4. LO COCO, Filippo	= 191693	Sold.	" " "
5. MAUZZELLA, Vincenso	= 184415	Lieut.	" 205
6. PARISI ,Emilio	= 42251	S/Lieut.	" 208
7. SCIORTINO, Rodolfo	= T 192377	=	" " "
8. ZENO, Gennaro	= 35031	Sold.	" " "
9. ALFIERI, Salvatore	= 193351	Sold.	" " "
10. AMOROSO, Antonino	= 244001	=	" " "
11. MORANDI, Plinio	= 43823	=	" " "
12. TORRIGLIANI, Massimo	= T 244043	Srgt.	" " "
13. VECCHIO, Concetto	= 1.19.1961	Sold.	" " "

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Originator's Reference: FX 35164
Date/Time of Origin: AUG 132030B

Message Centre No: F/3816
Date Time Rec'd: AUG 141840B
Precedence: ROUTINE

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FROM: AFHQ

TO : DISTHREE, ALCOM, INFO MTIA

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Ref our FX 25552 dated 20 July. 289 cooperators ex NORTH AFRICA will be treated as civilians and not sent to Italian reinforcement Depot RASVISCANINA. ALCOM please arrange disposal in future all repatriate drafts will be dealt with as above in the absence of contrary orders.

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P.O.W.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 33407
Date / Time of Origin: AUG
Message Centre No: F/3404
Date Time Rec'd: AUG 102000
Precedence: ROUTINE

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED MCNARNEY CITE NAGAP
TO :AGWAR WASHINGTON INFO AIRT NASC ALCOK

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Arrangements now being made here to turn over to Italian Government for holding and guarding all Italians in our custody including Neo-Fascists and Non-Cooperators. Reference is made to URAD WX 22754 and cables cited therein pertaining to 1050 surplus Italian officers in NASC. It is believed that these officers are not Non-Cooperators but simply surplus to overall needs in Italian Service Units. Propose that these be moved to ITALY, turned over to Italian Government for their holding or release. Your concurrence is requested.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Army - Pay of ex-co-operators in US custody.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G1(Pr)/3032/42.

9 AUG 45.

Headquarters,
M.M.I.A.

Reference your A.252 dated 11 Jul 45.

1. GHQ 2nd Echelon have now distributed to units all US credit certificates held by them in respect of ex-co-operators released to the Italian forces from British custody, but previously in American custody.

2. It is accordingly requested that the Italian Ministry of War may now be instructed to give all ex-co-operators, who at a date prior to release from PW status were transferred from American to British custody, but do not hold American credit certificates, the opportunity to submit claims.

3. Consolidated lists of such claims should be prepared in accordance with the pro forma attached and forwarded in duplicate to GHQ., 2nd Echelon at the earliest possible date.

W. A. Goss
W.A. GOSS,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Major General,
i/c A., G.1(Pr).

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11 AUG 1945

Copy to:- GHQ., 2nd Echelon.
Allied Commission Headquarters, (IPW Sub-Commission).
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Application for Issue of United States Credit Certificate(s) to Italian PW Co-operator(s).

British PW No	Rank	Full Name	United States PW No.	Date of Capture	Date of Transfer to Br. Custody	US Camp from which trans.	Amt. of U.S. Credit (If known)

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Application for Issue of United States Credit Certificate(s) to Italian FW Co-operator(s).

FW Rank	Full Name	United States FW No.	Date of Departure to Br. Custody	Date of Transfer which trans.	FW Ceased from Amt. of U.S. Benefits Credit (if known)	

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5 August 1945

IPW/36/76

Subject : Patriots and POW in Interee Camps.

To : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512, U.S. Army
Attn: G-5 Section

1/. The attached documents were received from the local Government S/C Patriots Branch A.C. for transmission to your office.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: A390/5
Date/Time of Origin: AUG 061000B

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Date Time Rec'd: AUG 031813B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM ETNA

TO : AFHQ CITE FHGAB INFO ALCOM FHGAB

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Your FX 31248 dated 2. Propose embark 100 Italian officers on ARGENTINA Eta NAPLES 6 August. Impossible to forecast Eta of remainder of Italian officers and ORs owing to present shipping position.

Italian High Commission for PW - (Antonelli) informed 1715 hrs 4 Aug.

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Originator's Reference: FX 31248
Date/Time of Origin: AUG 021513B

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Date Time Rec'd: AUG 030845B
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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGAB
TO : BTNA INFO ALCOM MMIA

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Notify earliest repeated ALCOM and MMIA Eta of 270 Italian officers referred to in your A390/5 of 27th July and 289 Italian ORs referred to in our FX 25552 20th July.

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SUBJECT:- Release of Italian Co-operators for service in Italian Army.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-1(Br)/2621/3/G

26 Jul 45.

M.M.I.A.

1. On War Office instructions approximately 900 Italian co-operators who have served 18 months in WEST AFRICA and are due for reversion to a more temperate climate will be repatriated to ITALY, embarking mid August from WEST AFRICA.

2. On disembarkation in ITALY they will be treated in the same way as co-operators in ITALY on 1 Jul 45 and released for service in the Italian Army. So far as is known, they will not be in formed units.

3. MTA and post will be notified to you in due course and it is requested that you will make any necessary arrangements for their reception.

HEADQUARTERS 27 JUL 1943 ALLIED

H.D. Hamper Capt

H.D. HAMPER, Captain,
Staff Captain,
for Major General,
DMG, G-1(Br).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 25552

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 20/1820

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TO : ACTION: BTMA DISTHREE INFO: EMIA ALCOM

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Your A-390/6/3 of 16 July .

1. Confirm 289 co-operators for movement to ITALY next lift should be released on embarkation documentation being effected by 211 PW Camp in accordance with instructions G-1(MR)/3001/1/A2 of 11 June.

2. Personal clothing and necessaries to co-Operators scale will be retained by these co-operators on release. Instructions as to preparation of vouchers follows.

3. On disembarkation ITALY released co-operators will be despatched to Italian reinforcement depot RAVISCANTIA.

4. Notify Eta to EMIA in addition to normal addressees

HEADQUARTERS 21 JUL 1945 Allied Commission INFO-ACTION

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Carpi (Modena) 19th July 1945

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A.N.P.I. NATIONAL PARTISAN ASSOCIATION
Section I Zone Carpi

Nº 38/B di Prot.

Enclosures 7.

TO the U.S. - P.W.E. - NAPLES

SUBJECT: Release of interned Partisans.

To our great surprise we have received the autographed letters of seven of our partisa ns interned in your concentration Camp as follows:

1) Amedei Matteo of Mario.born 1922 -·81 G.423523 R.E.
2) Benassi Giovanni of the late Marco. born 1925 - 81 G. 423107 R.E.
3) Bonacini Carlo of Giovanni. born 1924 - 81 G. 423103 R.E.
4) Marchi Sergio of Arnaldo. born 1925 - 81 G. 423105 ·R.E.
5) Morselli Enzo of the late Giuseppe. born 1925 - 81 G. 423106 R.E.
6) Monzani Elio of Bruno. born·1925 - 81 G.423104 R.E.
7) Vezzelli Francesco of Celso. born 1925 - 81 G. 423102 R.E.

These individuals do not deserve this treatment as they had fought for many months for the liberty of their country. and having obtained it can not now enjoy it all the more so that they crossed the linss for sanitary reasons in the 2nd part of april 1945.

We have great faith in your intervention on their behalf and we thank you in their name and in that of their families and our association.

Herewith attached are their photographs and the complete data regarding them.

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The President
Alberto Brani

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The Secretary
Amadio Bo (Max)

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IPW/36/7

30 July 1945

Subject : Interned Partisans.

To : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512, U.S. Army
Attn: G-5 Section

1/. Herewith copy of translation of a letter received from the ANPI dated 19 July 45 and 7 photos and good conduct certificates signed by the Maresciallo dei Carabinieri.

2/. This letter and certificates were delivered to this S/C by an Italian officer coming from Averza who stated that the Camp Authorities had charged him with delivering to us.

3/. We fail to see where we come in to this picture.

4/. Please advise.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

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IPW 36/73

27 July 1943

SUBJECT : Release of Italian Co-operators from PW status- Outstanding queries on non-payment remittances and welfare inquiries.

TO : M.M.I.A.

I°- Reference AFHQ letter AI(Br)/3001/I/A& dated 27 June 43. (copy to you). 57

2°- Attached, for information and to confirm verbal agreements with Capt. Heddle, is copy of my letter I/SA/226 to the Italian High Commissioner for POW in order to inform him that following to the release of all Italian Co-operators in Italy, where an outstanding enquiry on either of the a/m subjects is known to concern a cooperator released to the Italian Army, reply will be made directly by the Italian High Commissioner to the Units concerned through Italian Army channels.

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

Incl.- as above

= Copy to : A.F.H.Q. attn. G.I (Br)/

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Mr. Troli

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SUBJECT:- Release of Italian Co-operators in ITALY and SICILY from PW Status.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G1(Br)/3001/1/A2.

11 Jun 45.

1. It has been decided that all Italian co-operators in ITALY and SICILY will be released from PW status on 1 Jul 45.

2. Detailed instructions as to the conditions affecting such release and as to administration subsequent to change of status are in course of preparation and will be issued shortly.

3. In the meantime, in order that units may proceed at once with the work involved, the attached instructions are issued upon accounting and the documentation procedure to be followed.

/s/ A.S. BARSDORF,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG, G.1 (Br).

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WAR DIARY Section 1 HQ/15 Army Group No. 1 Aug 43

Instructions for Accounting and Documentation on an Release

of Italian Co-operators in ITALY and SICILY from PW Status on 1 Jul 45.

Closing of Accounts.

1. Accounts on A.F.W. 3488 will be closed as at 30 Jun 45. Each A.F.W. 3488 will be examined by the unit concerned to ensure that pay has been credited from date of capture, that all debits have been correctly entered and that all entries have been signed by the PW. A kit check will be held as late as possible before the closing of the accounts and any deficiencies will be debited and surpluses taken into stock.

Preparation of Nominal Rolls.

2. Nominal Rollos of all Co-operators will be made out by all units, (including 5 G.R.T.D.) to show the following details:-

PW number
Rank
Name
Period for which pay credited
Balance debit or credit (in sterling).

Nominal rolls will be divided into four parts to be rendered on seperate sheets with number of copies as follows:-

(a) Co-operators on unit ration strength on 30 Jun 45 (5 Copies)
(b) Co-operators on leave(5Copies)
(c) Co-operators absent without leave or awaiting trial by Military Court (3 Copies)
(d) Co-operators in hospital or undergoing detention (3 Copies)

Preparation of Individuals Statement of Account.

3. Individual "Statement of Accounting for the period in which in the pay of the British Authorities" will be prepared in duplicate for all co-opertors on unit strength, excepting those absent without leave, in hospital, undergoing detention or awaiting trial by Military Court. Printed Pro formas may beobtained from Stationery ~~XXXXX~~ Depots on demand.

Disposal of Nominal Rolls.

4. (a) Three copies of nominal rolls refered to in para 3 (a) (c) and (d) will be despatched to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon on or as soon as possible after 30 Jun 45.

(b)Three copies of nominal rolls refferred to in para 3(b) will be despatched to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon on 16 July 45. If by that date any co-operator

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(c) Two copies of the nominal roll referred to in para 3(a) will be despatched to Allied Commission (IPW Sub-Commission) on or as soon as possible after 30 Jun 45 and two copies of that referred to in para 3 (b) despatched to Allied Commission, (IPW Sub -Commission) on 16 July 45.

Disposal of Statements of Account,A.Fs W3000 and 3488.

5. (a) The original "Statement of Account" referred to in para 4 duly completed and stamped by the unit will be handed to the co-operator on 30 Jun 45 and the duplicate with the form of receipt thereon,signed by the co-operator,will be attached to A.F. W3488.

(b) In the case of co-operators absent on leave on 30 June 45 the procedure set out in 5 (a) above will be followed on their return from leave, provided such co-operators return before 16 July 45.

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(c) A.Fs. W3000, both copies of A.Fs W3488 and duplicate "Statement of Account" in respect of all co-operators on unit strength, and A.Fs W3000 and both copes of A.F. W3488 of all co-operators absent without leave on 30 Jun 45, will be forwarded to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon on or as soon as possible after 30 Jun 45. In the case of co-operators absent on leave on 30 Jun 45 the above-mentioned documents will be forwarded to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon whether or not such co-operators have returned from leave on 16 July 45.

(d) A.F. "3011A will be rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon with the nominal rolls referred to in para 4 above in respect of each co-operator released.

Procedure by Hospitals.

6. The procedure detailed in para 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 above will be followed by hospitals so far as applicable.

Procedure by 209 PW Camp.

7. (a) The procedure detailed in paras 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 above will be followed by 209 PW Camp in respect of co-operators serving sentences of not more than 28 days detention unexpired at 30 Jun 45, as and when such sentences expire.

(b) Co-operators serving sentences exceeding 28 days unexpired at 30 Jun 45 will be despatched to 211 PW Camp.

Personal Effects.

8. (a) All co-operators who have not had their personal effects already returned to them will be invited to make a claim for any possession or currency taken from them while a PW and for which a receipt is held, which should show :-

PW NAME.
RANK
NUMBER
ADDRESS
DATE OF OCCURRENCE ON WHICH CLAIM IS BASED.
CIRCUMSTANCES OF CLAIM.
DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES CLAIMED.
PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN, IF ANY.

(b) A receipt will be given for each claim handed in. The receipt will not acknowledge the validity of the claim, but

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CIRCUMSTANCES OF CLAIM.
DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES CLAIMED.
PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN, IF ANY.

(b) A receipt will be given for each claim handed in. The receipt will not acknowledge the validity of the claim, but merely its receipt.

(c) Such claims will be forwarded by units concerned to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, who will, where possible return any belongings to O.C. Unit for handing to the Co-operator. 7107

9. It is essential that all nominal rolls and statements of account should be accurately prepared. In particular units will carefully check the correctness of all PW numbers and the spelling of all names before nominal rolls are despatched.

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SUBJECT:- United States Pay Credits - Italian ex-PW Co-operators.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G1(Br)/2032/A2.

7 Jul 43.

M.N.I.A.

1. A substantial number of co-operators released to the Italian Army on 1 Jul 45 were at one time in United States custody and therefore entitled to Credit Certificates in respect of pay for period in United States custody.

2. Complaints have been received that in some cases these Credit Certificates have either been lost or were never issued. In a number of cases Credit Certificates (either original or duplicate) are held at GHQ., 2nd Echelon.

3. It is proposed to instruct GHQ., 2nd Echelon to issue to the units concerned all certificates held by them, after which it is suggested that ex-co-operators formerly in United States custody, who are without credit certificates, should be given the opportunity of making claims for them for submission to the United States authorities. It is thought that any such claims will have to be passed by you to GHQ., 2nd Echelon for verification of particulars. The United States authorities have agreed to issue duplicate certificates when furnished with the necessary particulars.

4. Please state whether you agree the course proposed.

W.A.K. Finlayson

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

8 JUL 1943

HDH/AP

Copy to:- GHQ., 2nd Echelon.
✓ Headquarters, Allied Commission (IPW Sub-Commission).
Pay (Br). (Reference your HQ/Pay/311/20 dated 24 Apr 45).

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1 PW 600 70

SUBJECT:- Repatriation - Italian Co-operators.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Officer Commanding,
38 Vehicle Company, RASC.

G-3(Br)/3023/4-2.

7 Jul 43.

Reference your HK/TC/110/11, dated 2 Jul 43.

1. Since all Co-operators in ITALY were released from PW status to the Italian Army on 1 Jul 43, all applications relative to the non-payment of remittances should now be passed to the Italian Authorities responsible for the payment of remittances through Italian military channels. The nominal roll enclosed with your letter is accordingly returned.

8 JUL 1943

W.A.K. FERLAYSON,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DMT, G-1(Br).

HEW/HR.
Encl.

Copy to:- Headquarters, No.3 District.
" M.M.I.A.
" Allied Commission, (IFW Sub-Commission)
Officer Commanding, 4 Vehicle Group.

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Our FX 14402 of 28 June.

1. Italian Army Br-Iti ceiling is temporarily increased to 180,500 and Italian Air Force Br-Iti ceiling to 27,500 to cover transfer of cooperators as at 1 July 45. Request you complete transfer of Admin responsibilities in accordance with para 4 of our AG387/.4/079CCT-O of 15 June 45.

2. Cooperators employed in excess of former ceilings of 160500 and 24500 will not be issued with arms.

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SUBJECT: I.P.W. Co-operators in Italy.

Italian co-operators serving in service Units throughtout Italy, were selected on the basis of their willingness to co-operate with the Allied cause in its aim to overthrow the Nazi-Fascist enemy.

Their further retention as PW co-operators in their own country, which has been of Co-belligerant Status for well nigh two years, is inimical to the spirit of justice motivating Allied Policy throughtout the pursuance of actual war in Europe and now the planning of International Peace.

It is therefore the decision of the Allies that these 39.000 PWs in Italy, having manifested accord with Allied war aims to the point of whole heartedly cooperating, are to be liberated so that they may better be in a position to aid in the reconstruction of their own country and, by so doing, in the assurance of a felicitous peace.

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ACTION: G.1 P.W.S/C
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SUBJECT:- Unpaid Remittances by Italian PW in British Custody.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters,
Allied Commission. (3)

G-1(Br)/3029/A-2.

1 Jul 45.

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1. In cases where remittances by Italian PW in British custody cannot be paid either because the payee is dead or cannot be traced or for other sufficient cause, the following procedure will be adopted:-

(a) The Italian Authorities will be requested to cancel the requests for such unpaid remittances and to notify such cancellation to Allied Commission (I.P.... Sub-Commission) with such particulars as may be required to enable the remitting PW and the original request for remittances to be traced.

(b) Allied Commission (I.P.... Sub-Commission) will then notify such cancellation with all necessary particulars to the British Command or other authority from whom the original request for remittance was received.

2. Such notification of cancellation is required in order that the amount of the cancelled remittance may be re-credited to the account of the PW concerned. Notification of cancellation will not be made in the case of unpaid remittances by Italian PW who have since been released and repatriated. In such cases any necessary adjustment of accounts is a matter for the Italian Authorities.

A.S. RARSDORF,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG, G-1(Br).

HIH/ER.

Copy to:- Commander - in - Chief, INDIA.
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General Officer Commanding - in - Chief, EAST AFROCA.
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Headquarters, Land Forces, Melbourne, AUSTRALIA.
Commander - in - Chief, PERSIA and IRAQ.
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Governor, JAMAICA.
Headquarters, MAAF.
Headquarters, B.T.N.A.
Command Paymaster, No.8 C.P.C.
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APPX A THIS HQ LETTER SD/34 OF 29 JUN SETS OUT FOR INFO PLANNED FINAL ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HQ LAYOUT AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AUTHORITY TO EMPLEMENT HQs AND UNITS IN VENEZIA GIULIA

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AUTHENTICATED [signature] Major

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SUBJECT: Functions and Responsibilities of Italian Territorial HQs and Italian Adm Div HQs

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/34

29 June 45

TO : (SEE DISTRIBUTION)

1. The object of this letter is to restate and clarify the functions and responsibilities of Italian Army Territorial HQs and Adm Division HQs with reference to MMIA letter TS/G/12 of 26 Dec 44.

2. The layout of Territorial HQs is attached at Appx "A", Appx "B" shows the org and allotment of Adm Div HQs.

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4. Territorial HQs were formed with the object of:-

(a) Extending the authority of the Ministry of War over all Italy.

(b) Enabling control of Army personnel, real estate and military stores to be reassumed as soon as possible.

(c) Implementing the call-up or demobilization of classes as required.

(d) Administering and maintaining ITI-ITI formations not under Allied Command in their area including all Districts and Depots.

Since the Commanding General of a Territorial HQ is the equivalent of a Corps Commander he is delegated certain powers (especially of disciplinary matters) that are not accorded to a Divisional Commander.

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Since the Commanding General of a Territorial HQ is the equivalent of a Corps Commander he is delegated certain powers (especially of disciplinary matters) that are not accorded to a Divisional Commander.

5. Whilst Appx "E" and "F" which are attached for ease of reference to MMIA letter TS/G/12 of 26 Dec 44 are in no way altered or affected by the cessation of operations it should be noted that Adm Div HQs with Armies are now for the first time located in Areas where Territorial Div HQs are installed and have started into full function. The channel of Command - Unit - Adm Div - Territorial HQ - War Ministry, ROME - is now the correct one for them on all purely Italian Adm matters and especially A/G1 matters.

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6. When the need for Adm Div HQ ceases owing to a considerable reduction or disbandment of service tps (US-ITI, BR-ITI categories) Adm Div HQs will most likely first become an incr to Terr. HQs and then in a later phase be dissolved and their functions for all matters will pass over to Italian Territorial HQs. Until such time Adm Div HQs must continue to administer Italian Service Tps under Comd US or Br Formations.

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for Major General
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TERRITORIAL HQ LAYOUT

DESIGNATION	REGION	MILITARY DISTRICT HQ's
Terr. HQ No. 1 TURIN	PIEDMONT less CUNEO and MONDOVI	TURIN, IVREA, NOVARA, VERCELLI, ... CHIVASSO, PINEROLO, CASALE, ALESSANDRIA, TORTONA
Terr. HQ No. 2 GENOA	LIGURIA plus CUNEO and MONDOVI	GENOA, CUNEO, MONDOVI, SAVON. .....
Terr. HQ No. 3 MILAN	LOMBARDY	MILAN, SONDRIO, OCMO, VARESE, ... BERGAMO, MONZA, TREVIGLIO, BRESCIA, LODI, PAVIA, CREMONA, MANTOVA
Terr. HQ No. 4 BOLZANO	VENEZIA TRIDENTINA	BOLZANO, TRENTO, BELLUNO, VICENZA, ... VERONA
Terr. HQ No. 5 UDINE	VENEZIA	UDINE, SACILE, GORIZIA, TREVISO, PADOVA, TRIESTE, VENEZIA, ROVIGO, POLA, ...
Terr. HQ No. 6 BOLOGNA	EMILIA - MARCHE	BOLOGNA, PIACENZA, PARMA, REGGIO, EMILIA, FERRARA MODENA, RAVENNA, FORLI, PESARO, ANCONA
Terr. HQ No. 7 FLORENCE	TUSCANY	FLORENCE, APUANIA, LUCCA, PISTOIA, PISA, ... AREZZO, SIENA, GROSSETO
Terr. HQ No. 8 ROME	LAZIO - UMBRIA ABRUZZI - SARDINIA	ROME, PERUGIA, MACERATA, ORVIETO, SPOLETO, ASCOLI PICENO, TERAMO, VITERBO, AQUILA, CHIETI, SULMONA, FROSINONE, LITTORIA, CAGLIARI, ORISTANO, SASSARI, ...
Terr. HQ No. 9 BARI	APULIA - LUCANIA	BARI, CAMPOBASSO, FOGGIA, BARLETTA, POTENZA, TARANTO, LECCE, ...
Terr. HQ No. 10 NAPLES	CAMPANIA - CALABRIA	NAPLES, CASERTA, BENEVENTO, AVERSA, NOLA, AVELLINO, SALERNO, COSENZA, CATANZARO, REGGIO CALABRIA, ...
Terr. HQ No. 11 PALERMO	SICILY	PALERMO, TRAPANI, MESSINA, ENNA, CATANIA, CALTANISSETTA, AGRIGENTO, RAGUSA, SIRACUSA, ...

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TERRITORIAL HQ LAYOUT

APPENDIX "A" to [illegible] letter SD/34 dated 29 Jun 45

	MILITARY DISTRICT HQ's	TOTAL (99)	NUMBER OF REGIMENTAL DEPOTS (RECORD CENTRES)
d MONDOVI	TURIN, IVREA, NOVARA, VERCELLI, ... CHIVASSO, PINEROLO, CASALE, ALESSANDRIA, TORTONA	9	10
d MONDOVI	GENOA, CUNEO, MONDOVI, SAVONA	4	4
	MILAN, SONDRIO, COMO, VARESE, ... BERGAMO, MONZA, TREVIGLIO, BRESCIA, LODI, PAVIA, CREMONA, MANTOVA	12	6
NTINA	BOLZANO, TRENTO, BELLUNO, VICENZA, ... VERONA	5	6
	UDINE, SACILE, GORIZIA, TREVISO, PADOVA, TRIESTE, VENEZIA, ROVIGO, POLA, ...	9	4
HE	BOLOGNA, PIACENZA, PARMA, REGGIO, EMILIA, FERRARA.. MODENA, RAVENNA, FORLI, PESARO, ANCONA	10	9
	FLORENCE, APUANIA, LUCCA, PISTOIA, PISA, ... AREZZO, SIENA, GROSSETO	8	4
A DINIA	ROME, PERUGIA, MACERATA, ORVIETO, SPOLETO, ASCOLI PICENO, TERAMO, VITERBO, AQUILA, CHIETI, SULMONA, FROSINONE, LITTORIA, CAGLIARI, ORISTANO, SASSARI, ...	16	20
NIA	BARI, CAMPOBASSO, FOGGIA, BARLETTA, POTENZA, TARANTO, LECCE, ...	7	10
LABRIA	NAPLES, CASERTA, BENEVENTO, AVERSA, NOLA, AVELLINO, SALERNO, COSENZA, CATANZARO, REGGIO CALABRIA, ...	10	14
	PALERMO, TRAPANI, MESSINA, ENNA, CATANIA, CALTANISSETTA, AGRIGENTO, RAGUSA, SIRACUSA, ...	9	3

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ORG AND ALLOTMENT -- ADM DIV HQ'S

DESIGNATION	LOCATION	FUNCTION	ALLIED HQ	ITALIAN HQ	ITAL LO
HQ 205 Adm Div	NAPLES	US-ITIS under Comd	USAAFSC/MTO	Terr HQ 10 NAPLES	Senior LO NAPLES (c/o PENSOUTH)
HQ 209 Adm Div	CESENA	BR-ITIS under Comd	DISTONE (A)	Terr HQ 6 BOLOGNA	LO DISTONE
HQ 210 Adm Div		US-ITIS under comd	FIFTH ARMY	Terr HQ 4 BOLZANO	Senior LO FIFTH ARMY
HQ Italian Command 212	NAPIES	US-ITIS under Comd	P.B.S.	Terr HQ 10 NAPIES	Senior LO NAPIES
HQ 227 Adm Div	NAPIES	BR-ITIS under Comd	DISTHREE (& RAAC)	Terr HQ 10 NAPIES	LO DISTHREE
Eastern Det HQ 227 Div	BARI	" " "	DISTHREE (Eastern Territory)	Terr HQ 9 BARI	Senior LO BARI (c/o 54 Ar
HQ 228 Adm Div	UDINE	" " "	EIGHTH ARMY	Terr HQ 5 UDINE	Senior LO EIGHTH ARMY
HQ 230 Adm Div	FLORENCE	" " "	DISTONE (B)	Terr HQ 7 FLORENCE	LO FLORENCE
HQ 231 Adm Div	LONATO (See Note C)	" " "	FIVE ARMY BR INCR (See Note D)	Terr HQ 4 BOLZANO	LO FIVE ARMY BR INCR

(SEE NOTES ON NEXT PAGE)

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ORG AND ALLOTMENT - ADM DIV HQ'S

APPENDIX "B" TO MMLA LETTER
SD/34 DATED JUNE 1945

FUNCTION	ALLIED HQ	ITALIAN HQ	MMLA	REMARKS
AR-ITIS under Comd	USAAFSC/MTO	Terr HQ 10 NAPLES	Senior LO NAPLES (c/o PENSOUTH)	Deals with Adm of all Italian Air Force Personnel assigned to USAAFSC/MTO.
BR-ITIS under Comd	DISTONE (A)	Terr HQ 6 BOLOGNA	LO DISTONE	This is one of two HQs under comd DISTONE. See note (A)
CR-ITIS under comd	FIFTH ARMY	Terr HQ 4 BOLZANO	Senior LO FIFTH ARMY	All US-ITIS in FIVE ARMY. Terr HQs 1, 2, 3, and 6 may also be concerned.
DR-ITIS under Comd	P.B.S.	Terr HQ 10 NAPLES	Senior LO NAPLES	This HQ has three Zone HQs and ten Group HQs. MMLA has LO's at PENBASE (LEGHORN), FLORENCE and GENOA.
ER-ITIS under Comd	DISTHREE (& RAAC)	Terr HQ 10 NAPLES	LO DISTHREE))	There are no BR-ITIS in SARDINIA or SICILY.
" " "	DISTHREE (Eastern Territory)	Terr HQ 9 BARI	Senior LO BARI (c/o 54 Area)	
" " "	EIGHTH ARMY	Terr HQ 5 UDINE	Senior LO EIGHTH ARMY	Terr. HQs 4 and 6 would be concerned regarding this area.
" " "	DISTONE (B)	Terr HQ 7 FLORENCE	LO FLORENCE	See Note (B) at foot.
" " "	FIVE ARMY BR INCR (See Note D)	Terr HQ 4 BOLZANO	LO FIVE ARMY BR INCR	It has been agreed by AFHQ that this HQ pass to comd 2 DIST together with a proportion of the units it administers. The Senior MMLA LO N.W. ITALY is at MILAN and has offices at TURIN and GENOA. He works with 2 DIST and IV Corps on the Allied side and Terr. HQs 1, 2, and 3 at TURIN, GENOA and MILAN.

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APPENDIX "B" (CONT'D)

NOTES:

(A) 209 Adm Div HQ administers all BR-ITI Units in that part of DISTONE Area in the Regions of E the Province of MANTOVA.

(B) 230 Adm Div HQ administers the remaining BR-ITI Units in DISTONE Area (i.e. TOSCANA - UMBRI

(C) It has been recommended by MMLA that 231 Adm Div HQ moves to a location near Hq 2 DISTRICT.

(D) Br Incr 5 Army ceased to exist w.e.f. 23 June 45. BR-ITI Units formerly under its command w by 231 Div (which passes to comd 2 DIST) if West of the Western bdy of the Provinces of BOL MANTOVA, REGGIO EMILIA, and North of the Northern bdy of TOSCANA; and by either 209 Div or 2 comd 1 DIST) if East and South of that boundary.

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rth of that boundary.

APPENDIX "E" to MMIA
letter TS/3/12 of 26
Dec 44

FUNCTIONS OF TERRITORIAL HQ's, DISTRICTS AND DEPOTS

1. Territorial HQs

(a) represent authority of War Ministry and General Staff throughout area of responsibility.

(b) A Branch/G-1 matters and discipline behond the scope of lower fmn HQs (incl tps under Allied operational comd)

(c) responsibility for safe custody and accounting of all Italian mil stores.

(d) reps of services attached to the staff are responsible for org of services in the area.

(e) Org and op of Districts, Depots, hosps and other mil ests.

(f) Supervision and org of call-up and demobilization.

(g) Administration and discipline of Italian I.S.Tps.

2. Districts constitute the mil documentation and adm centres through which the citizen enters or leaves the Army. Essential functions are: -

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(b) demobilization and recall of reserves

(c) assistance to families of men killed, wounded or taken prisoner

(d) payments of allowances to dependants of offrs and Ors

(e) records of junior reserve offrs

(f) settlements of claims and complaints for NCOs and ORs.

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(a) Soldier's record while he is with the Army

(b) Clothing and arming the soldier when he is first

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(b) Clothing and arming the soldier when he is first called up; vice versa on demobilization

(c) forming personnel into units when required,incl units for Allies

(d) records of all arms and eqpt issued to units

(e) holding stocks of clothing, unit and personal eqpt etc

(f) regimental adm and records

NOTE functions at 3 (b) & (c) are being performed by the Allies under present circumstances. The clothing referred to in serial 3 (c) is known as ITI clothing.

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APPENDIX "F" to MMIA letter
TS/G/12 of 26 Dec 44

FUNCTIONS OF ITALIAN ADM DIV HQ's

(a) Org of sups of all kinds (rations, clothing, POL, and sups, accn stores) for all Italian tps under command of the parent Allied fmn, with the assistance of MMIA LO and in accordance with directives issued from time to time by MMIA. In all such matters the Adm Div HQ will deal direct with the Italian War Ministry, keeping the MMIA LO informed, or direct with parent Allied fmn, through MMIA LO.

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Ref: $001/69/SC. 29 June 45.

Subject: Demobilization of ex-Cooperators.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

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Reference AFHQ memorandum, ASD/921 of 23 June 45. No Italian Co-operators have been or are being employed by this Commission.

B. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: WMD & IPW Sub-Commission - MMIA (Land Forces) signal A 1144 of 30 June refers.

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WMD & IPW

Originator's Reference: A 1144 Message Centre No: E/7564

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 301640 Date Time Rec'd: JULY 011000

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: MMIA

TO : 15 ARMY GROUP, BRIT INCR 5th ARMY, 8th ARMY, HQ ALLIED COMMISSION, HQ DISTONE, HQ DISTWO, HQ DISTHREE, R&SC

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Ref AFHQ ASD/921 of 23 June para 3.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Press Release for Release July 1.

All Italian prisoner of war "co-operators" in Italy and Sicily are released from prisoner of war status effective to-day, 1 July 1945, the Allied Commission announces.

The men thus released will be formed into new units of the Italian Army, supplied from British and American sources, receive the regular Italian Army scales of pay and rations and henceforth will be subject to Italian military law.

The co-operators in Italy have been on duty with Allied Military service units for nearly two years and have rendered valuable service in the Allied cause.

The release of the "co-operators" from their previous status marks another step in the Allied policy of devolving an increasing measure of authority and responsibility to the Italian Government.

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SUBJECT:- Instructions for Release of Italian Co-operators in ITALY and SICILY from PW Status on 30 Jun 45.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-1(Br)/3001/1/A-2.

Jun 45.

1. Accounting) Instructions have already been issued to
Documentation) all concerned under this Headquarters letter
Personal Effects) G1(Br)/3001/1/A-2 dated 11 Jun 45.

2. Imprest Accounts: Will be closed on 30 Jun 45 and forwarded to the Command Paymaster.
Any balance of cash from Imprest Accounts will be handed in to the nearest Area or Field Cashier.

3. Welfare Funds:

(a) Accounts of all Italian Co-operator Welfare Funds will be closed on 30 Jun 45. All balances to the credit of such funds will be handed in to the nearest Area or Field Cashier and will be placed by No.8 Command Paymaster to the credit of a special suspense account which will be entitled "Italian PW (Co-operators) Central Welfare Fund".

(b) The accounts of all such funds for the quarter ended 30 Jun 45 will be audited in accordance with KR 1940 para 85 as soon as possible after they have been closed.

4. Canteen Stocks: Canteen stocks having been bought out of Unit Funds will not be withdrawn.

5. Welfare Purchases: Any Welfare Purchases made by Units will remain with units in their new status.

6. Identity Documents: Identity documents issued by British Authorities to Co-operators will remain in their possession until they are issued with the Italian equivalent.

7. Disposal of Co-operators in Hospital or undergoing Detention:

(a) Co-operators who are patients in British Military Hospitals at 1 Jul. 45 will be transferred on or as soon as possible after that date to the nearest Italian Military Hospital. Reports of all such

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(b) Co-operators serving sentences of detention not exceeding 28 days in 209 PW Camp will serve such sentence in full. On release they will be despatched to the nearest Italian Reinforcement Depot, (RAVISCANINA).

8. Co-operators to remain in PW Status on Disciplinary Grounds:

(a) Co-operators/.....

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8. Co-operators to remain in PW Status on Disciplinary Grounds:

(a) Co-operators awaiting trial by Military Court in ITALY or SICILY will not be released from PW status on 1 Jul 45 but will be retained in British custody and brought to trial under District arrangements. Any such co-operators who are subsequently acquitted will immediately be released and despatched to the nearest Italian Reinforcement Depot, pay being credited up to the actual date of release.

(b) Co-operators who prior to 1 Jul 45 have been apprehended or surrendered themselves in ITALY or SICILY from absence without leave for a period exceeding 4 days, but have not at that date been transferred to NORTH AFRICA will not be released from PW status. Such co-operators will be transferred to NORTH AFRICA Via 209 PW Camp in the usual way.

9. Applications for Relegation: No application for relegation to non co-operator status will be considered unless received at this Headquarters by 20 Jun 45.

10. Remittances: Remittances may continue to be made under "Administration of Italian Co-operators" para 45 until the last pay day.

11. Co-operators transferred from NORTH AFRICA to ITALY after 30 Jun 45:

(a) Co-operators called forward to ITALY from NORTH AFRICA after 30 Jun 45 will be released from PW status at the expiration of 14 days from date of disembarkation from which time the terms of this Headquarters letter AG 387.4/079 GCT-O dated 15 Jun 45 will apply.

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or surrendered themselves in ITALY or SICILY from absence without leave for a period exceeding 4 days, but have not at that date been transferred to NORTH AFRICA will not be released from PW status. Such co-operators will be transferred to NORTH AFRICA Via 209 PW Camp in the usual way.

9. Applications for Relegation: No application for relegation to non co-operator status will be considered unless received at this Headquarters by 20 Jun 45.

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(c) Headquarters, B.T.N.A. and Headquarters, M.A.A.F. will respectively ensure that M.M.I.A. receive copies of all communications relating to the transfer of co-operators from NORTH AFRICA to ITALY after 30 Jun 45.

12. Disposal of Civilians employed as Co-operators in Pioneer Coys:

(a) Civilians (including merchant seamen) who are employed as co-operators in Pioneer Coys will be released from PW status on or as soon as possible after 1 Jul 45 and will thereupon be despatched to their homes or if without homes to No.1 Transit Camp, BARI.

(b) The procedure/.....

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(b) The procedure laid down in this Headquarters letter CR/3821/G-1(Br) dated 27 Mar 45 will apply to the release of such civilians with the exception of paras 2 and 3 thereof, for which the following procedure will be substituted.

(c) Nominal rolls of civilians released including the address to which each man was proceeded on release will be forwarded in triplicate to G-1(Br) A.F.H.Q., together with both copies of AFs. W.3488. Civilians will be informed on release that Statements of Account will be forwarded to them at a later date.

13. Clothing and Necessaries: Personal clothing and necessaries held by co-operators to approved scale as at 30 Jun 45 will be retained by them on conversion to BRITIs. A consolidated voucher in respect of such personal clothing and necessaries will be prepared by the Unit concerned and submitted to MMIA through Ord channels, in accordance with para 9 AG letter 400/031 GDS-O of 6 Oct 44. MMIA will then debit such clothing and necessaries to Italian Government through existing channels. Holdings of Reserve and Winter Clothing held within units will be returned through Ord channels to RSD. Thereafter they will become the maintenance responsibility of MMIA from clothing and necessaries made available under terms of AG 400/103 of 22 Sep.

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(b) Vehicles and equipment other than that held by British Cadres and in use in Co-operator Units will be retained on loan in accordance with para 3 AG letter 400/105 D-O of 22 Sep 44 and para 12 (a) of AG letter 400/031 GDS-O of 6 Oct 44 for so long as the allotted task is being performed.

A return will be rendered by each co-operator Unit to DDOS of Districts, showing holdings of vehicles and equipment in excess of British Cadre entitlements as at 30 Jun 45.
It will be the responsibility of DDOS District to maintain these lists.
When the return of the equipment is ordered, it will be checked under arrangement of DDOS District who will prepare a consolidated

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15. Amendment of Previous Instruction: In paras 4(b) and (c) and 5(b) of this Headquarters Instruction issued under letter G-1(Br)/3001/1/A2 dated 11 Jan 45, DELETE the date "16 Jul 45" and SUBSTITUTE "26 Jul 45".

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

Ref: 32A1.

14 Jun 45.

SUBJECT:- Release of Italian Co-operators in ITALY and SICILY from PW Status.

Distribution List "B" (British).

1. It has been decided that all Italian co-operators in ITALY and SICILY will be released from PW status on 1 Jul 45.

2. Detailed instructions as to the conditions affecting such release and as to administration subsequent to change of status are in course of preparation and will be issued shortly.

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Italian ex-cooperator personnel is subject.

1. Ref meeting with Col FIDSLEY June 19. Position regarding ex-cooperators has been fully examined. Terms of AFHQ directive AG 387.6/079 GCT-O of 15 June must stand.

2. Immediate steps however are being taken to get service requirements for Italian units reduced as far as possible.

3. Where essential for efficiency to retain over aged ex-cooperators you will be informed and they must remain with their units until satisfactorily replaced. If personnel are not so required you will demobilise them.

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26 May 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War. WMD 41PW(3)

Minutes of Meeting held
1030 hours 25 May in G-3
Org(B) Conference Room AFHQ.

1. For list of those present see Appendix A.

2. The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called by G-5, at the request of G-3, in order that an informal discussion might take place on the problems which would arise with reference to future status, use and disposition of Italian Prisoners of War who might be repatriated from abroad. The Chairman emphasised that while the meeting had been called as desired, G-5 had only a limited interest in the matter, and that it was primarily a G-1 matter until returning Prisoners of War had arrived in this country and had been released from their Prisoner of War status. He also gave it as his view that G-5 should not assume responsibility for coordinating or initiating action apart from their legitimate interest in the final disposal of the personnel when released from their POW or Army status. This interest included advice on the rate of repatriation so that the incidence of large numbers of unemployed should not affect the stability of the Italian Government.

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4. During the course of the discussion which took place it became apparent that while on the British side no plan had been formulated for the mass repatriation of Italian POW from abroad or for dispensing wholly with the services of Italian cooperator POW in Italy, immediate action on these lines was contemplated on the U.S. side. The following instances on the U.S. side were cited:

a. The return as soon as possible of 33,000 Italian POW from the U.S., the shipments to be made at the rate of 10,000 per month and to start in July 1945.

b. The reduction in the personnel of U.S. Italian Service Units in Italy by a total of 40 - 50%, the reduction to be carried out forthwith at the rate of 1000 per week.

c. The return to Italy of 1050 surplus officer POW held in U.S. custody in North Africa.

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d. The return to Italy as soon as practicable of 12,000 Italian service unit personnel held in U.S. custody in North Africa.

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5. Questions posed by G-3 on the future status, use and disposition of Italian POW were discussed. The questions and the opinion of the meeting are set out below.

a. What will be the status of repatriates on arrival in Italy - PW, Italian Army or civilians.

It was considered that the men would arrive in Italy in POW status and that their future status would then depend on their final disposition. Some might be retained in the Italian Army, some might have to be kept in custody for security reasons and others would be demobilized to their homes. It was agreed that G-1 responsibility, as such, for them would cease on arrival in Italy.

b. Will repatriates be screened by MMIA for suitable material for the Italian Army.

The meeting considered that repatriates must be screened by MMIA for use with the Italian Army. In this connection it was pointed out that those repatriates of military age would automatically be liable for service in the Italian Army so long as conscription continues in Italy. Those over military age might be discharged to civilian status if their military services were not required.

Arising out of the above it was suggested that repatriation from abroad should be so arranged that specific personnel of definite age groups who are known to be potentially useful for replacements in Italian Units, should be included in phased shipments.

c. Will any formed units be used as units of the Allies on arrival.

It was felt that while small units of repatriated specialists (such as truck drivers) might be employed on a unit basis by the Allies in Italy the likelihood is that this would only take place in exceptional cases.

d. Will the PW Sub-Commission organization already in existence require expansion as by the formation of new reception areas or camps.

It was felt that the PW Sub-Commission organization would require expansion by the formation of reception areas and camps but that this depended on:

(1) The rate of repatriation finally decided upon.

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It was pointed out that the arrival of the repatriates would take place over a period when Mov & Tn would be very heavily committed with Allied redeployment plans. While, in general, the redeployment plans would be concerned with movements from the interior of Italy to the ports, and the dispersion of the repatriates would be in the reverse direction, the difficulties of correlating these movements were apparent. The necessity for staging repatriates at various places so as to fit in with overall movement plans was therefore stressed. It was also agreed that repatriates who were to be discharged to civilian status should be transported to railheads within, say, 50 miles of their homes.

f. To what extent would the Italian Government be able or be allowed to accept responsibility for handling repatriates on arrival and will the Italian Army Territorial Organization be able to deal with Records of repatriates if they are demobilized on arrival.

Provided the arrivals were phased in such numbers as could be

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handled and provided adequate records arrived with them, no mechanical difficulty was foreseen in re-enlisting the men into the Italian Army or in demobilizing them. For the interim period between arrival and disposal to the Italian Army or to civilian status it was considered that the Italian Government through its High Commissioner for POW, and the IPW Sub-Commission should be responsible for the repatriates and that during such period they should of necessity receive Italian Army rations through MMLA who would also have an interest in the recruitment of necessary conscription classes for the Italian Army.

g. Is it desirable to find out what the British Government's intentions are regarding repatriation of POW in British hands.

It was considered that it was most desirable to ascertain forthwith the intentions of the War Office in the matter.

6. After the general discussion summarized above the meeting proceeded to consider the steps which it felt was necessary to coordinate action and ascertain the exact scope of the problem. It was agreed

a. That G-1 (A) and G-1 (B) should produce a coordinated plan for repatriation of Italian POW held abroad. This should be cleared with HQ Allied Commission (through G-5) on the question of the capacity of the Italian authorities to cope with the numbers involved and the phasing proposed, and with MMLA (through G-3) on the question of inclusion in the plan of phased numbers of personnel required for service in the Italian Army. G-1 (B) should also obtain from the War Office the British policy for repatriation of personnel held in British custody in order that the phased repatriation plan may take into account those held in British as well as in American custody, so that an agreed repatriation figure might be arrived at depending on the acceptance capacity of Italy.

b. G-5 should obtain from the Allied Commission the proposals of the Italian authorities (including the setting up of reception, staging and transit areas or the use of existing installations) for dealing with repatriated POW and should ascertain to what extent it is anticipated that the reception of such personnel can be increased from time to time.

c. The coordinated plan for repatriation should be reported as soon as practicable to CCS.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5 383.6

29 June 1945

SUBJECT: Release from POW Status of Italian Co-operators in Italy and Sicily.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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1. Reference your memo of 29 June enclosing draft press release.

2. The following comments are made on your draft:

a. It is felt desirable to omit the words in the first part of your paragraph 2 as in fact the men will, in their new status, have to forgo certain facilities such as PX and EFI which they at present enjoy. Moreover it is felt that your third paragraph sufficiently explains what will be their future status without the necessity for incorporating the second part of your second paragraph.

b. The fourth paragraph is not covered in the signals which have passed between this Headqunrters and CCS and should be omitted.

c. It is felt that a tribute to the co-operators would not be inappropriate in your paragraph five.

d. It is felt that instead of your paragraph 6 it would be better to state that ~~is~~ the release of the co-operators from their previous status marks another step in the Allied policy of devolving an increasing measure of authority and responsibility to the Italian Government.

3. A redraft of the release is accordingly attached approved for issue.

4. In accordance with your request this is being returned by your special courier.

T.R. Henn

T. R. HENN,
Brigadier, G.S.,
Deputy Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Incl : approved
release re above subject.

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All Italian prisoner of war "co-operators" in Italy and Sicily are released from prisoner of war status effective to-day, 1 July 1945, the Allied Commission announces. The men thus released will be formed into new units of the Italian Army, supplied from British and American sources, receive the Regular Italian Army Scales of pay and rations and henceforth will be subject to Italian military law.

The co-operators in Italy have been on duty with Allied Military service units for nearly two years and have rendered valuable service in the Allied cause.

The release of the "co-operators" from their previous status marks another step in the Allied policy of devolving an increasing measure of authority and responsibility to the Italian Government.

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SUBJECT:- Release of Italian Co-operators from PW Status.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission.
(IPW Sub Commission).

G1(Br)/3001/1/A2.

17 Jun 45.

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1. After the release from PW status of Italian Co-operators in ITALY on 1 July 45 a substantial number of queries will remain outstanding on the subject of non-payment of remittances and welfare enquiries.

2. After 1 July 45 this Headquarters will no longer be directly concerned in these questions, so far as co-operators now in ITALY and SICILY are concerned and, where an outstanding enquiry on either of these subjects is known to concern a co-operator released to the Italian Army, reply should be made without reference to this Headquarters through such channels as may be arranged by you in conjunction with MMIA.

3. As regards queries on remittances, the unit of the co-operator concerned is invariably stated and no difficulty should arise. The unit has not, however, always been stated in the case of welfare enquiries and, where the co-operator's location is not known, reply should continue to be made to this Headquarters as hitherto.

4. For your assistance attached at Appendix "A" is a list of co-operator units remaining outside ITALY, the Italians in which will continue in PW status after 1 July 45. The transfer of any of these units to ITALY with consequent release of the co-operators on its strength from PW status will be notified to you as it occurs.

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Fifth Army (Br. Incr.)
No. 1 District.
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APPENDIX "A"

ITALIAN CO-OPERATOR UNITS REMAINING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OUTSIDE ITALY AFTER 1 JULY 1945 (INCL DILUTED BRITISH UNITS).

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59 DID., RASC.
196 DID., RASC.
198 DID., RASC.
135 General Hospital.
Headquarters, NAOD.
A Coy 40 Base Hospital Laundry.
Headquarters, BTNA.
BTNA Staff and Services Pool.
4 Reception Camp.
"G" Rest and Transit Camp.
Transit Camp, Constantine.
211 PW Camp.
8 G.R.U.
650 Pnr. Coy.
656 Pnr. Coy.
2 RAF General Hospital.
218 Group, RAF.
No. 2 Italian Naval Coy.
No. 3 Italian Naval Coy.
No. 5 Italian Naval Coy.
No. 6 Italian Naval Coy.
No. 1 RAF Coy.
No. 2 RAF Coy.
No. 4 RAF Coy.
No. 5 RAF Coy.
No. 6 RAF Coy.
No. 7 RAF Coy.
No. 9 RAF Coy.
No.11 RAF Coy.
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29 June 1945

Subject : Release from POW Status of Italian Co-operators in Italy and Sicily.

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

Herewith a draft of release for newspapers prepared by the PRO A.C. and approved by MMIA and Executive Commissioner.

Please note that this release, if approved, must be given to the press not later than June 30th PM.

Would it be possible to return it by our special courrier.

J.E. REGIS
Lt.Colonel CAC
Acting Director
WMD & IPOW Sub-Com.

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55th

1 July 1945

All Italian prisoner pf war "cooperators"in Italy and Sicily are released from prisoner of war status effective today, 1 July 1945, the Allied Commission announces.

In accordance with the policy of rewarding the "cooperators" for their demonstrated willingness to work for the Allied war effort, the Allied authorities have reached an agreement with the Italian Government whereby the "cooperators" will now be immediately returned to the jurisdiction of the Italian Army.

The men thus released will be formed into new units of the Italian Army, supplied from British and American sources, receive the regular Italian Army scales of pay and rations and henceforth will be subject to Italian military law.

All "cooperators" repatriated to Italy from North Africa will similarly be released from their prisoner-of-war status within 14 days after disembarkation in Italy.

The "cooperators" in Italy have been on duty with Allied military service units for nearly two years.

The liberation of the "cooperators" marks another step in the Allied polisy of aiding Italian reconstruction by release of trained manpower, the Allied Commission said.

H.H. 29 Jun 45.

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Lt.-Col. J.E. Regis.

Sir,

In my opinion, it is impossible to give PRO the necessary facts purely from notes made from the file.

If PRO are to know the story, it is essential to loan them IPW/36.

From my knowledge on the subject of ' IPW Co-operators in Italy and Sicily ', I think something on the following lines will be acceptable to AFHQ for publication in the press :

' The Allied and Italian governments have now reached agreement on the question of release from prisoner of war status of all Italian Prisoner of War Co-operators in Italy and Sicily.

They are to be released to the Italian Government with effect from 1 July 1945. Co-operators repatriated to Italy from North Africa after 30 June 1945 will similarly be released from Prisoner of War status at the expiration of ten days from date of disembarkation.

All such personnel released will, with effect from 1 July 1945, be formed into either BR-ITI or US-ITI units, and will be subject to all terms and conditions at present affecting existing BR-ITI or US-ITI units.

They will be subject to Italian law, including Military law, and will receive the appropriate Italian Army scales of pay, emoluments and rations.

The fact that agreement has been reached on the above, constitutes a big step forward in relations between the Allied and Italian governments, and is in conformity with policy at present being adopted by the Allies towards Italy. '

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23 June 1945

File No : ASD/921

SUBJECT : Demobilisation of ex-Cooperators.

TO : All Concerned.

See 52, 51, 49, 44, 43, 65

1. Reference is made to this HQ letter AG 387.4/079 GCT-O of 15 June 45.

2. It is anticipated that there may be a high incidence of desertion among Italian Cooperator Prisoners of War on release from PW status. This is likely to be particularly noticeable among personnel of the demobilisable age-groups of 1914 and older, and as the Italian authorities are unlikely to be able to arrest and return more than a few of those who absent themselves, it is desired that as many as possible should be officially released. The remainder should be told clearly that their services are essential to the Allies for a further period but that they will be released as soon as possible.

3. Addressees are requested to forward to MMIA not later than 5 Jul 45, nominal rolls of Italian Cooperator personnel as under:

(a) Personnel of 1914 class and older who must be retained. Replies will state whether retention is for an indefinite period or for a specific number of months.

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(c) Personnel of 1914 class and older who may be released regardless of the quality of the replacement.

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5. It is stressed that actual retention of personnel at para.3(a) and 3(b) above will depend to a certain extent on the action taken by employing HQs, but MMIA will impress on the Italian Military authorities that they must take immediate steps to inform all Italian personnel concerned that it is their duty to remain with their present units until officially released, and that they will be apprehended and punished for non-compliance with this order.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER :

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for W. D. MORGAN,
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APO 512

G-5: 383.6

23 June 1945

SUBJECT: Release from POW Status of Italian Co-operators in Italy and Sicily.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Sec 39, 40, 42, 48

1. Reference is made to your IPW/36/48 of 20 June.

2. Signal F 90206 of 9 June, which was approved by the CAO and the Chief of Staff this Headquarters, directed that a draft public statement on the change of status should be prepared by Allied Commission. This was with a view to such a statement being issued as an official Allied Press Release.

3. The statement submitted by you, which appears to be a translation of a declaration prepared by the Italian Government, does not meet the requirements of the signal above referred to. Moreover while the Italians may issue a statement from their point of view it is desirable that an Allied release should be made explaining the change in status from the Allied point of view and pointing out that the changeover is being made in line with the declared Allied policy towards Italy, etc.

4. It is requested therefore that a draft Allied Press Release be submitted by you for approval.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 387.4/079 GCT-O

25 June 1945

SUBJECT: Reorganization of Italian Ex-PW Cooperator Units under British Control

TO: All Concerned

See 43/44/49/52

1. Reference is made to letters, this headquarters, file as above, of 15 and 16 June 1945, subject, "Release from PW status of Italian Cooperators in Italy and Sicily".

2. As a result of preliminary investigations made by MMIA in accordance with paragraph 2(b) of the above letter of 16 June 1945, the Order of Battle of Italian Cooperator Units has been divided into the following categories, shown in detail at appendices to this letter:

APPENDIX	CATEGORY
A	Units to be retained without change of organization
B	Units to be retained after amendments have been made to the War Establishment
C	Units to be converted to alternative existing War Establishments
D	Units to be withdrawn and replaced by civilians

3. Personnel in Category 'D' may be offered demobilization provided they are prepared to volunteer for re-employment for similar duties as civilians. Nominal rolls of such volunteers should be dispatched to MMIA without delay.

4. MMIA are proceeding on the lines of Appendices 'A' to 'D'. Should further amendments be required, addressees are requested to forward particulars to G-3 Division, this headquarters, copy to MMIA.

5. Where British cadres exist or are required, responsible Staffs and Services are requested to submit proposals through normal channels for separate War Establishments, or for non-implementation of the Italian portion of existing War Establishments. These proposals will be forwarded to G-3 Division, this headquarters, in accordance with letter 210/Org-3 of 6 December 1944.

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6. As it is desired to decrease the British holding of Italian Army personnel as soon as possible, addressees are requested to give earliest notification of possible disbandments of ex-cooperator units, stating effective dates.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHALL ALEXANDER:

R. H. Frese

R. H. FRESE
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Appendix 'A' to AFHQ letter, AG 387.4/079 GCT-O dtd 25 June 1945

Italian Cooperator Units to be Retained as Italian Army Units without Change of Organisation

WE	Designation	Last Reported Location	Remarks
	Armoured Corps		
CM/92/3	RAC Training Depot (Increment)	RIETI	Units to be retained without amendment to WE pending disbandment at an early date.
	Artillery		
Cm/387/2	RATD (Increment)	EBOLI	
	Engr		
Cm/276/1	RETD (Increment)	CAPUA	
	Inf		
Cm/194/1	5 Bn GRTD (Increment)	BENEVENTO	
	Pro		
Cm/408/1	1 Italian Military Police Coy	CATANIA	
	Labour		
IV/72B/3	Ten Secs 2669 Italian Pnr Coy	TARANTO	For Coy Hqs see Appendix 'B'.
IV/72B/3	Ten Secs 2681 Italian Pnr Coy	TARANTO	
IV/72B/3	Ten Secs 2724 Italian Pnr Coy	TARANTO	
IV/72B/3	Ten Secs 2725 Italian Pnr Coy	BRINDISI	
IV/72B/3	Ten Secs 2727 Italian Pnr Coy	BRINDISI	
IV/72B/3	Ten Secs 2728 Italian Pnr Coy	BRINDISI	
IV/72B/3	Ten Secs 2735 Italian Pnr Coy	TARANTO	
IV/72B/3	Ten Secs 2736 Italian Pnr Coy	FOGGIA	
IV/72B/3	Twelve Secs 2737 Italian Pnr Coy		

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Cm/276/1	RETD (Increment)	CAPUA	
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IV/72B/3	Ten Secs 2728 Italian Pnr Coy	BRINDISI	
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IV/72B/3	Ten Secs 2736 Italian Pnr Coy	FOGGIA	
IV/72B/3	Twelve Secs 2726 Italian Pnr Coy	TARANTO	
IV/72B/3	Twelve Secs 2737 Italian Pnr Coy	TARANTO	
IV/72B/3	Twelve Secs 2738 Italian Pnr Coy	TARANTO	
IV/72B/3	Twelve Secs 2739 Italian Pnr Coy	TARANTO	

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Appendix 'B' to AFHQ letter, AG 387.4/079 GCT-O, dtd 25 June 45

Italian Cooperator Units to be retained but requiring amendments to WEs on conversion to Italian Army Status

WE	Designation	Last reported Location	Remarks
	HQ Units		
CM/30/4	AFHQ (Increment) (b)	CASERTA	To be re-written as single WE
CM/550/1	Officers Mess Unit (b)		
CM/605/2	Staff & Services Pool (b)		
CM/235/1	10 Fd Svy Stores Depot Incr (b)		
CM/264/2	HQ 3 District (Incr) (b)	NAPLES	
	Engr		
CM/158/1	771 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	NAPLES	
CM/158/1	772 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	ROCCARAINORA	
CM/158/1	773 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	BARI	
CM/158/1	774 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	TARANTO	
CM/158/1	877 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	GENOA	
CM/158/1	878 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	PADUA	
CM/158/1	881 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	NAPLES	
CM/158/1	884 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	ROME	
CM/107/3	11 Engr Wksp Sec (b)	CANCELLO	
CM/107/3	12 Engr Wksp Sec (b)	BARI	
CM/115/2	Engr Trg Est (Incr) (b)	CAPUA	
CM/472/1	85 Italian E & M Pl (a)	NAPLES	
CM/472/1	86 Italian E & M Pl (a)	BARI	
	Med		
CM/[illegible]/1	[illegible] to 3 Coy Hosp (b)	FERRARO	

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	Engr	
CM/158/1	771 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	NAPLES
CM/158/1	772 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	ROCCARAINORA
CM/158/1	773 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	BARI
CM/158/1	774 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	TARANTO
CM/158/1	877 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	GENOA
CM/158/1	878 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	PADUA
CM/158/1	881 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	NAPLES
CM/158/1	884 Italian Art Wks Coy (a)	ROME
CM/107/3	11 Engr Wksp Sec (b)	CANCELLO
CM/107/3	12 Engr Wksp Sec (b)	BARI
CM/115/2	Engr Trg Est (Incr) (b)	CAPUA
CM/472/1	85 Italian E & M Pl (a)	NAPLES
CM/472/1	86 Italian E & M Pl (a)	BARI
	Med	
CM/347/1	Incr to 5 Gen Hosp (b)	PESARO
CM/347/1	Incr to 11 Gen Hosp (b)	JESI
CM/347/1	Incr to 31 Gen Hosp (b)	AREZZO
CM/347/1	Incr to 95 Gen Hosp (b)	IMOLA
CM/347/1	Incr to 99 Gen Hosp (b)	ANAGNI
CM/347/1	Incr to 100 Gen Hosp (b)	PERUGIA
CM/295/1	32 Reception Stn Class 'A' (b)	ANCONA
CM/295/1	33 Reception Stn Class 'A' (b)	BENEVENTO
CM/295/1	36 Reception Stn Class 'A' (b)	CATANIA
CM/296/1	34 Reception Stn Class 'B' (b)	VASTO

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WE	DESIGNATION		Last reported Location	REMARKS
	ORD			
CM/199/2	403 Transit Veh Pk(Main)	(a)	PESARO	
CM/200/2	408 Veh Pk (B Vehs)	(a)	ROME	
Cm/200/2	409 Veh Pk (B Vehs)	(a)	TERLIZZI	
CM/200/2	411 Veh Pk (B Vehs)	(a)	CASALNUOVA	
CM/200/2	412 Veh Pk (B Vehs)	(a)	LUCERA	
CM/200/2	416 Veh Pk (B Vehs)	(a)	CASALNUOVA	
CM/200/2	417 Veh Pk (B Vehs)	(a)	FOLIGNO	
CM/201/1	404 MT Stores Coy	(a)	PALESE(Bari)	
CM/202/1	420 Amn Coy	(a)	BITONTO	
CM/202/1	421 Amn Coy	(a)	BITONTO	
CM/202/1	422 Amn Coy	(a)	GRECCIANO	
CM/202/1	423 Amn Coy	(a)	NOLA	
CM/202/1	425 Amn Coy	(a)	BITONTO	
CM/202/1	426 Amn Coy	(a)	BITONTO	
CM/197/1	401 Gen Stores Coy	(a)	IESI	
CM/197/1	414 Gen Stores Coy	(a)	NAPLES	
CM/197/1	415 Gen Stores Coy	(a)	NAPLES	
CM/198/2	410 Returned Stores Coy	(a)	NAPLES	
CM/198/2	413 Returned Stores Coy	(a)	NAPLES	
CM/198/2	418 Returned Stores Coy	(a)	BARI	

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CM/200/2	417 Veh Pk (B Vehs)	(a)	FOLIGNO	
CM/201/1	404 MT Stores Coy	(a)	PALESE(Bari)	
CM/202/1	420 Amn Coy	(a)	BITONTO	
CM/202/1	421 Amn Coy	(a)	BITONTO	
CM/202/1	422 Amn Coy	(a)	GRECCIANO	
CM/202/1	423 Amn Coy	(a)	NOLA	
CM/202/1	425 Amn Coy	(a)	BITONTO	
CM/202/1	426 Amn Coy	(a)	BITONTO	
CM/197/1	401 Gen Stores Coy	(a)	IESI	
CM/197/1	414 Gen Stores Coy	(a)	NAPLES	
CM/197/1	415 Gen Stores Coy	(a)	NAPLES	
CM/198/2	410 Returned Stores Coy	(a)	NAPLES	
CM/198/2	413 Returned Stores Coy	(a)	NAPLES	
CM/198/2	418 Returned Stores Coy	(a)	BARI	
CM/268/1	405 Tech Stores Coy	(a)	PALESE(Bari)	
CM/268/1	406 Tech Stores Coy	(a)	PONTECAGNANO	7068
CM/301/1	53 Mobile Laundry and Bath Unit	(b)	IESI	
CM/302/1	40 Base Hosp Laundry ('B' Coy)	(b)	NAPLES	'A' Coy in NA
CM/175/2	HQ RAOC Trg Est(Incr)	(b)	PASTENA	

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WE	DESIGNATION		Last Reported Location	REMARKS
	EME			
II/340/3	LAD Type C att RACTD		RIETI	To be made adm self-contained
CM/476/1	712 Italian Wksp Coy	(a)	NAPLES	
CM/476/1	713 Italian Wksp Coy	(a)	NAPLES	
CM/476/1	721 Italian Wksp Coy	(a)	SENEGALLIA	
CM/476/1	749 Italian Wksp Coy	(a)	ROME	
	PRO			
CM/467/1	'B' Dog Provost Sec	(b)	STABLA	
CM/409/1	2 Special Provost Coy	(a)	CATANIA	
CM/409/1	3 Special VP Police Coy	(a)	NAPLES	
CM/164/3	CMP Depot and Trg Est	(b)	OTTAVIANO	
	LAB			
CM/172/1	637 Italian Pnr Coy	(a)	BARI	
VI/1396/1	HQ 2669 Pnr Coy	(a)	TARANTO	For Pnr Secs See Appx 'A'
VI/1396/1	HQ 2681 Pnr Coy	(a)	TARANTO	
VI/1396/1	HQ 2724 Pnr Coy	(a)	TARANTO	
VI/1396/1	HQ 2725 Pnr Coy	(a)	BRINDISI	
VI/1396/1	HQ 2727 Pnr Coy	(a)	BRINDISI	
VI/1396/1	HQ 2723 Pnr Coy	(a)	BRINDISI	
VI/1396/1	HQ 2735 Pnr Coy	(a)	TARANTO	
VI/1396/1	HQ 2736 Pnr Coy	(a)	FOGGIA	
VI/1396/1	HQ 2726 Pnr Coy	(a)	TARANTO	

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CM/467/1	'B' Dog Provost Sec	(b)	STABLA
CM/409/1	2 Special Provost Coy	(a)	CATANIA
CM/409/1	3 Special VP Police Coy	(a)	NAPLES
CM/164/3	CMP Depot and Trg Est	(b)	OTTAVIANO

LAB

CM/172/1	637 Italian Pnr Coy	(a)	BARI
VI/1396/1	HQ 2669 Pnr Coy	(a)	TARANTO
VI/1396/1	HQ 2681 Pnr Coy	(a)	TARANTO
VI/1396/1	HQ 2724 Pnr Coy	(a)	TARANTO
VI/1396/1	HQ 2725 Pnr Coy	(a)	BRINDISI
VI/1396/1	HQ 2727 Pnr Coy	(a)	BRINDISI
VI/1396/1	HQ 2728 Pnr Coy	(a)	BRINDISI
VI/1396/1	HQ 2735 Pnr Coy	(a)	TARANTO
VI/1396/1	HQ 2736 Pnr Coy	(a)	FOGGIA
VI/1396/1	HQ 2726 Pnr Coy	(a)	TARANTO
VI/1396/1	HQ 2737 Pnr Coy	(a)	TARANTO
VI/1396/1	HQ 2738 Pnr Coy	(a)	TARANTO
VI/1396/1	HQ 2739 Pnr Coy	(a)	TARANTO

For Pnr Secs See Appx 'A'

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SALVAGE.

CM/462/1	'A' Veh Disposal Unit	(b)	TERLIZZI
CM/462/1	'B' Veh Disposal Unit	(b)	TORRE ANNUNZIATA
CM/462/1	'C' Veh Disposal Unit	(b)	CASALNUOVA

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WE	DESIGNATION	Last Reported Location	REMARKS
	SALVAGE (cont'd)		
IV/197/1	21 Base Salvage Unit	(b)	TORRE ANNUNZIATA
IV/197/1	22 Base Salvage Unit	(b)	TORRE ANNUNZIATA
IV/197/1	23 Base Salvage Unit	(b)	CASTIGLION
IV/197/1	25 Base Salvage Unit	(b)	TOR SAPIENZA
IV/197/1	26 Base Salvage Unit	(b)	IESI
IV/197/1	27 Base Salvage Unit	(b)	ADRIPHIA
	POSTAL		
CM/135/1	5 Base Post Office	(b)	NAPLES
	FIRE FIGHTING		
IV/138/1(Mod)	151 FF Coy HQ	(b)	GENOA
IV/138/1(Mod)	153 FF Coy HQ	(b)	BARI
IV/138/1(Mod)	157 FF Coy HQ	(b)	NAPLES
IV/80/2(Mod)	9 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	TARANTO
IV/80/2(Mod)	10 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	TORRE ANNUNZIATA
IV/80/2(Mod)	58 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	BARI
IV/80/2(Mod)	601 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	GENOA
IV/80/2(Mod)	602 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	GENOA
IV/80/2(Mod)	603 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	GENOA
IV/80/2(Mod)	607 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	BRINDISI
IV/80/2(Mod)	608 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	BARLETTA
IV/80/2(Mod)	615 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	ROME

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CM/185/1	5 Base Post Office	(b)	NAPLES

FIRE FIGHTING

IV/133/1(Mod)	151 FF Coy HQ	(b)	GENOA
IV/138/1(Mod)	153 FF Coy HQ	(b)	BARI
IV/138/1(Mod)	157 FF Coy HQ	(b)	NAPLES
IV/80/2(Mod)	9 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	TARANTO
IV/80/2(Mod)	10 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	TORRE ANNUNZIATA
IV/80/2(Mod)	58 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	BARI
IV/80/2(Mod)	601 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	GENOA
IV/80/2(Mod)	602 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	GENOA
IV/80/2(Mod)	603 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	GENOA
IV/80/2(Mod)	607 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	BRINDISI
IV/80/2(Mod)	608 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	BARLETTA
IV/80/2(Mod)	615 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	ROME
IV/80/2(Mod)	616 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	NAPLES
IV/80/2(Mod)	617 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	CASORIA
IV/80/2(Mod)	618 First Class Fire Bde	(b)	SALERNO

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SCHOOLS

CM/113/2	ACC Trg Centre	(b)	NOLA
CM/251/1	2 Fd Cookery Trg Centre	(b)	SALERNO
CM/308/1	1 School of Farriery	(b)	PASSOCORESE

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WE	DESIGNATION		Last Reported Location	REMARKS
	CAMPS			
CM/677/1	'X' Special Reception Camp	(b)	NAPLES	
	INT			
CM/52/4	Incr to CSDIC	(b)	ROME	To be added to existing Italian Army est.
	INCRS TO AREAS AND SUB-AREAS			
CM/41/3	Incr to HQ 52 Area	(b)	TARANTO	To be implemented only where specially requested by HQ concerned
CM/41/3	Incr to HQ 54 Area	(b)	BARI	
CM/41/3	Incr to HQ 55 Area	(b)	TRIESTE	
CM/41/3	Incr to HQ 56 Area	(b)	NAPLES	
CM/41/3	Incr to HQ 59 Area	(b)	MILAN	
CM/41/3	Incr to HQ 61 Area	(b)	ANCONA	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 60 Sub-Area	(b)	LEGHORN	To be implemented only where specially requested by HQ concerned
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 71 Sub-Area	(b)	AREZZO	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 94 Sub-Area	(b)	SALERNO	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 151 Sub-Area	(b)	TURIN	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 201 Sub-Area	(b)	UDINE	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 207 Sub-Area	(b)	VENICE	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 210 Sub-Area	(b)	PADUA	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 211 Sub-Area	(b)	FLORENCE	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 214 Sub-Area	(b)	RIMINI	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 215 Sub-Area	(b)	PIACENZA	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 216 Sub-Area	(b)	BOLOGNA	

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	Incr to HQ 54 Area	(b)	BARI	To be implemented only where specially requested by HQ concerned
CM/41/3	Incr to HQ 55 Area	(b)	TRIESTE	
CM/41/3	Incr to HQ 56 Area	(b)	NAPLES	
CM/41/3	Incr to HQ 59 Area	(b)	MILAN	
CM/41/3	Incr to HQ 61 Area	(b)	ANCONA	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 60 Sub-Area	(b)	LEGHORN	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 71 Sub-Area	(b)	AREZZO	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 94 Sub-Area	(b)	SALERNO	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 151 Sub-Area	(b)	TURIN	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 201 Sub-Area	(b)	UDINE	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 207 Sub-Area	(b)	VENICE	To be implemented only where specially requested by HQ concerned
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 210 Sub-Area	(b)	PADUA	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 211 Sub-Area	(b)	FLORENCE	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 214 Sub-Area	(b)	RIMINI	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 215 Sub-Area	(b)	PIACENZA	
CM/118/3	Incr to HQ 216 Sub-Area	(b)	BOLOGNA	

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NAVAL LABOUR

CM/172/1	1 Italian Navy Coy	(a)	VENICE	To be maintained by Italian Army but counted against ROYAL NAVY Italian Manpower Ceiling
CM/172/1	4 Italian Navy Coy	(a)	GENOA	

NOTES : (a) Italian Units with British Cadres
(b) British Units with Italian Increments

To be rewritten with separate WEs for Italian and British personnel.

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Appendix 'C' to AFHQ ltr AG 387.4/079 GCT-O dtd 25 June 1945

Italian Cooperator Units to be retained and converted on to existing Italian Army and British Cadre War Establishments

Present WE	FUTURE WEs British	FUTURE WEs Italian	DESIGNATION	Last Reported Location
			ENGR - TN	
CM/207/1	CM/207/1	CM/357/1	1061 Docks Op Coy	TARANTO
CM/207/1	CM/207/1	CM/857/1	1063 Docks Op Coy	BRINDISI
			ST	
See 761 Coy	See 761 Coy	See 761 Coy	757 Coy RASC(Gen Tpt)	AREZZO
			758 Coy RASC(Gen Tpt)	CROTONE
			759 Coy RASC(Gen Tpt)	SAN VITALIANO
			760 Coy RASC(Gen Tpt)	FORLI
			761 Coy RASC(Gen Tpt)	AFRAGOLA
			consisting of:-	
CM/210/1	CM/210/1(Mod)	III/116/3	HQ MT Coy	
CM/211/1		III/117/3	Four Tpt Pls	
CM/213/1		III/121/3	Two RDIs	
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	Wksp Pl Ser 3	
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1732(Indep)Wksp Pl	CASTELLAMMARE
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1733(Indep)Wksp Pl	MODENA
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1734(Indep)Wksp Pl	FORLI
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1735(Indep)Wksp Pl	NAPLES
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1742(Indep)Wksp Pl	SALBAGNONE
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1763(Indep)Wksp Pl	

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			759 Coy RASC(Gen Tpt)	SAN VITALIANO
			760 Coy RASC(Gen Tpt)	FORLI
			761 Coy RASC(Gen Tpt)	AFRAGOLA
			consisting of:-	
CM/210/1	CM/210/1(Mod)	III/116/3	HQ MT Coy	
CM/211/1		III/117/3	Four Tpt Pls	
CM/213/1		III/121/3	Two RDIs	
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	Wksp Pl Ser 3	
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1732(Indep)Wksp Pl	CASTELLAMMARE
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1733(Indep)Wksp Pl	MODENA
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1734(Indep)Wksp Pl	FORLI
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1735(Indep)Wksp Pl	NAPLES
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1742(Indep)Wksp Pl	SALBAGNONE
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1763(Indep)Wksp Pl	MARIGLIANO
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1764(Indep)Wksp Pl	BRINDISI
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1765(Indep)Wksp Pl	NAPLES
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1766(Indep)Wksp Pl	FESCA
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1767(Indep)Wksp Pl	ROME
CM/214/2	CM/214/2(Mod)	III/122/4	1768(Indep)Wksp Pl	FLORENCE

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Present WE	FUTURE WEs British	Italian	DESIGNATION	Last Reported Location
			ST(cont'd)	
CM/220/1	CM/220/1(Mod)	IV/33A/1	122 Fd Bky	AREZZO
CM/220/1	CM/220/1(Mod)	IV/33A/1	123 Fd Bky	TORRE DEL GRECO
CM/220/1	CM/220/1(Mod)	IV/33A/1	124 Fd Bky	RIMINI
CM/220/1	CM/220/1(Mod)	IV/33A/1	136 Fd Bky	CAPUA
CM/247/1	CM/247/1(Mod)	IV/106/1	197 DID	FOGGIA
CM/247/1	CM/247/1(Mod)	IV/106/1	199 DID	ROME
CM/211/1	CM/211/1(Mod)	III/117/3	1769 Indep Tgt Pl (Amb)	ROME

Present WE	FUTURE WEs British	Italian	DESIGNATION	Reported Location
			ST(cont'd)	
CM/220/1	CM/220/1(Mod)	IV/33A/1	122 Fd Bky	AREZZO
CM/220/1	CM/220/1(Mod)	IV/33A/1	123 Fd Bky	TORRE DEL GRECO
CM/220/1	CM/220/1(Mod)	IV/33A/1	124 Fd Bky	RIMINI
CM/220/1	CM/220/1(Mod)	IV/33A/1	136 Fd Bky	CAPUA
CM/247/1	CM/247/1(Mod)	IV/106/1	197 DID	FOGGIA
CM/247/1	CM/247/1(Mod)	IV/106/1	199 DID	ROME
CM/211/1	CM/211/1(Mod)	III/117/3	1769 Indep Tgt Pl (Amb)	ROME

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Appendix 'D' to AFHQ
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dtd 25 June 1945

ITALIAN COOPERATORS to be withdrawn and replaced where necessary by civilians

WE	DESIGNATION	Last Reported Location	REMARKS
	HQ Units		
CM/123/3	Incr to HQ & Dist	GENOA	Personnel may be added to Italian Army Increment to(CSO) 2 Dist: WE now under consideration.
CM/284/1	CHQ 2nd Echelon	MADDALONI	Personnel will be retained until 02E release them
	ARMOURED CORPS		
CM/161/2	1 Tk and Armd C Maint Sqn(d)	NAPLES	
CM/161/2	3 Tk and Armd C Maint Sqn(d)	RICCIONE	
CM/161/2	4 Tk and Armd C Maint Sqn(d)	RICCIONE	
CM/161/2	6 Tk and Armd C Maint Sqn(d)	BRACCIANO	
	ENGR		
CM/157/1	1 Engr Stores Base Depot(d)	BARI	
CM/157/1	8 Engr Stores Base Depot(d)	CANCELLO	
	ENGR - Tn		
CM/129/1	156 Tn Stores Coy (d)	BOLOGNA	
EV/22N/2(Mod)	1037 Port Maint Coy (d)	BRINDISI	Personnel to be transferred to
CM/206/1	1060 Port Maint Sec (d)	ANCONA	

				consideration.
CM/284/1	CHQ 2nd Echelon		MADDALONI	Personnel will be retained until 02E release them
	ARMOURED CORPS			
CM/161/2	1 Tk and Armd C Maint Sqn(d)		NAPLES	
CM/161/2	3 Tk and Armd C Maint Sqn(d)		RICCIONE	
CM/161/2	4 Tk and Armd C Maint Sqn(d)		RICCIONE	
CM/161/2	6 Tk and Armd C Maint Sqn(d)		BRACCIANO	
	ENGR			
CM/157/1	1 Engr Stores Base Depot(d)		BARI	
CM/157/1	8 Engr Stores Base Depot(d)		CANCELLO	
	ENGR - Tn			
CM/129/1	156 Tn Stores Coy	(d)	BOLOGNA	
IV/22N/2(Mod)	1037 Port Maint Coy	(d)	BRINDISI	Personnel to be transferred to new Italian Docks Op Coys
CM/206/1	1060 Port Maint Sec	(d)	ANCONA	
CM/206/1	1062 Port Maint Sec	(d)	BARI	
	Inf			
CM/99/3	HQ Inf Aft Trg Depot (Incr)	(c)	BENEVENTO	
	ST			
IV/92/2	CRASC 8 Gen Tpt Coln	(c)	PIACENZA	
IV/93/2	64 Coy (Bulk Pet Tpt)	(c)	RESINA	
III/116/2	71 Coy (Gen Tpt)	(c)	BOLOGNA	
III/122/3	93 Ind GPT Coy Wksp Pl	(c)	CASTELLAMMARE	

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WE	DESIGNATION		Last Reported Location	REMARKS
	ST(cont'd)			
III/116/2	98 Coy (Gen Tpt)	(c)	GENOA	
III/116/2	221 Coy (Tipper)	(c)	PORTO GRISARO	
III/116/2	325 Coy (Gen Tpt)	(c)	FORLI	
III/116/2	350 Coy (Gen Tpt)	(c)	MILAN	
III/116/2	429 Coy (Gen Tpt)	(c)	BARI	
IV/29D/3(Mod)	34 BSD	(c)	RIMINI	
IV/29D/3	45 BSD	(c)	SENEGALLIA	
CM/353/1	84 Incr to 27 BSD	(c)	BARI	
CM/353/1	85 Incr to 28 BSD	(c)	BRINDISI	
CM/353/1	86 Incr to 43 BSD	(c)	BARI	
CM/353/1	87 Incr to 46 BSD	(c)	BARI	
CM/353/1	88 Incr to 50 BSD	(c)	CASORIA	
CM/353/1	89 Incr to 51 BSD	(c)	CASORIA	
CM/464/1	RASCTD Incr	(c)	NOLA	
	ORD			
CM/288/3	DDOS L of C Incr	(d)	NAPLES	
	EME			
CM/438/1	Army Gp RA Refitting Wksp	(c)	CIVITA VECCHIA	
	P and SS			

IV/29D/3	45 BSD	(c)	SENEGALLIA
CM/353/1	84 Incr to 27 BSD	(c)	BARI
CM/353/1	85 Incr to 28 BSD	(c)	BRINDISI
CM/353/1	86 Incr to 43 BSD	(c)	BARI
CM/353/1	87 Incr to 46 BSD	(c)	BARI
CM/353/1	88 Incr to 50 BSD	(c)	CASORIA
CM/353/1	89 Incr to 51 BSD	(c)	CASORIA
CM/464/1	RASCTD Incr	(c)	NOLA
	ORD		
CM/288/3	DDOS L of C Incr	(d)	NAPLES
	EME		
CM/438/1	Army Gp RA Refitting Wksp	(c)	CIVITA VECCHIA
	P and SS		
IV/67/1(Mod)	17 Stationery Depot	(c)	ANCONA
	CLAIMS & HIRINGS		
CM/124/1	22 Claims Commission	(c)	NAPLES
CM/125/1	22 Hirings Directorate	(c)	NAPLES
	LEGAL		
CM/364/1	Pool of Presidents of Courts Martial	(c)	Personnel are attached to Dist HQs

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WE	DESIGNATION	Last Reported Location	REMARKS
	WELFARE		
CM/564/1	'A' Welfare Trg Centre (c)	ROME	
	CAMPS		
CM/259/2	'Z' Rest and Transit Camp (c)	BRINDISI	
CM/259/2	5 Transit Camp (c)	BOLOGNA	
IV/74A/1	2 Transit Camp (c)	ANCONA	
CM/259/2	305 Transit Camp (c)	MILAN	

NOTES:

(c) Personnel will be invited to volunteer for re-employment in civilian status.

(d) Personnel will be withdrawn by MMIA and replaced where necessary by civilians under the arrangements of the employing headquarters.

CM/562/1	'A' Welfare Trg Centre	(c)	ROME

CAMPS

CM/259/2	'Z' Rest and Transit Camp	(c)	BRINDISI
CM/259/2	5 Transit Camp	(c)	BOLOGNA
IV/74A/1	2 Transit Camp	(c)	ANCONA
CM/259/2	305 Transit Camp	(c)	MILAN

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ACTION PENBASE RPTN POW COMMAND MTOUSA FOR INFO INFO MMIA: ALCOM

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Reported here informally by Colonel REPP of MMIA that now in LEGHORN area are 3000 to 8000 Italian prisoners of war who are now surplus to UNITED STATES Italian service unit requirements and who are not desired by MMIA for incorporation into Italian Army since overage etcetera. Take necessary action to turn this personnel over to MMIA as soon as practicable. Letter instruction re change of status of Italian service units will be issued by this headquarters within next 3 days.

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SUBJECT:- Release from PW status of Italian Co-operators in British hands in ITALY and SICILY.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G1(Br)/3001/1/A2

19 Jun 45.

See +3

1. Reference is made to this Headquarters letter AG 387. 4/079 GCT-O dated 15 Jun 45.

2. Forwarded herewith are the detailed instructions for the closing down and adjustment of present administrative arrangements for British controlled Italian Co-operators which are referred to in para 5 of that letter.

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DAG, G-1(Br).

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Headquarters, No.3 District (150)
Headquarters, Rome Area Allied Command (20)
C - in - C MED (15)
Headquarters, M.A.A.F. (20)
G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon (6)
Headquarters, Allied Commission (3)
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IP4/36/43 20 June 1945

SUBJECT: Release from Prisoners of War Status of Italian Co-operators in Italy and Sicily.

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

See 39 & 42, 40, 53

Reference para 4 of your signal F90206 dated 9 June 1945.

1. The attached translation of declaration to be made in the Press by the Italian Government regarding the release of Prisoners of War Co-operators in Italy, is forwarded.

2. I shall be pleased if you will inform me as soon as possible if authority is given for the release of this information to the Italian Press.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J. A. CAMPBELL

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

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Message Centre No: E/5362

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Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED CG MTOUSA CITE NAGAP

TO : PENBASE INFO; PENSOUTH, 5 ARMY, AAF/MTO, ABCT ALCOM, MMIA.

RESTRICTED.

Scheduled release of Italian Prisoners of War in UNITED STATES custody (reurad PBS 7364 cite BPGAP, BPGCT, BPGDS, BPSPM and BPLNO, copies not to all) in military class of 1914 and older is subject. In letter from this Headquarters to ALCOM 19 April 45 reference the change in status of Italian Prisoners of War in ITALY, the general plan on the change over was reviewed and it was stated that this personnel would automatically become part of the Italian Army on 1 July and "personnel incorporated in these units will not be demobilized without Allied consent and transfer of such personnel as between units will be subject to Allied approval".

You are hereby authorized to retain the minimum amount of key personnel of military class of 1914 and older for the minimum amount of time necessary, either to complete your projects or to train suitable replacements of other categories. Such personnel who would normaly be scheduled for release should be released as fast as practicable. Specific detailed instructions on change of status and release of Italian Service Unit personnel will be issued by this Headquarters shortly.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 95157
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 181823B

Message Centre No: E/5626
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 190830
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED CG MTOUSA CITE NAGAP
TO : ALCOM - MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY INFO: 15 ARMY GP, 5 ARMY, AAF/MTO, PENBASE, ROME AREA MTOUSA, ADRIATIC BASE COMMAND.

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Necessary that Italian Army immediately dispatch Liaison officers to all UNITED STATES agencies in ITALY now using Italian Service Unit personnel to instruct agencies as to change of status on 1 July 45 and its effect on the individual. UNITED STATES commanders concerned instructed to cooperate fullest. It will be made clear to all concerned that effective date for change of status is not yet firm and may be later than 1 July 45.

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CG MTOUSA FOR ACTION, TO PENSOUTH, MMIA and MTOUSA FW COMMAND
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Allocation of US-ITI troops and schedule established in your radio FX 94038 cite NAGCT, 16 June in subject.

1. Present PENBASE ceiling 56000 will not be exceeded when the UNITED STATES Italian prisoner of war personnel revert to Italian Army status on 1 July.

2. Proposed PENBASE ceiling of 20000 effective 1 August understood to contain converted UNITED STATES Italian prisoner of war personnel and present US-ITI troops, all of which cannot be replaced under present policies. This proposed ceiling of 20000 is satisfactory. However compliance with this ceiling by 1 August is dependent upon the following:

A) Disposition of all UNITED STATES prisoner of war personnel after they are converted to US-ITI category on 1 July that are in excess to those to be retained as truck drivers and guards.

B) The availability of German prisoner of war units to replace the remaining US-ITI units due to be released.

C) The availability of German prisoner of war units to replace Italian service units (Prisoner of War) that are due to be released.

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16 June 1945

SUBJECT: Release from Prisoner of War Status of Italian Cooperators in Italy and Sicily

TO: All Concerned

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1. Reference is made to letter, this Headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 15 June 1945.

2. The following arrangements will be made for the reorganisation of Cooperator Prisoner of War Units under British control on release to BR-ITI Italian Army status.

a. Units with an administrative element considered adequate by the Italian Authorities, and units to which it will be reasonably possible to add an Italian administrative element, will be retained unless otherwise directed by this headquarters. Where, as in some "diluted" British units, it would be impracticable to provide Italian Administration, personnel will be withdrawn as reinforcements for other units, under arrangements Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (MMIA).

b. Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (MMIA) will be responsible for submission of all new or re-written War Establishments to this headquarters for approval by WEC. British personnel will be shown on separate war establishments from Italians. Where organisational changes are desired by Staffs or Services, WE amendment proposals will be submitted as soon as possible in accordance with letter, this headquarters, file 210/Org-3, dated 14 March 1945.

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AG 387.4/C79 GCT-O

15 June 1945

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SUBJECT: Release From Prisoner of War Status of Italian Cooperators in Italy and Sicily

TO: All Concerned

Sec 44/51 + 49

1. GENERAL - Subject to approval of revised Italian Army ceilings, Italian cooperator prisoners of war (ISU) in Italy, Sardinia and Sicily will be released from prisoner of war status with effect from 0001 hours 1 July 1945. The following instructions will then apply, and preparatory action should be taken where necessary as soon as possible.

2. CONDITIONS OF RELEASE:

a. The Italian Government will automatically retain with the Italian Armed Forces personnel so released in units similar in formation and strength to those to which they now belong.

b. No personnel will be demobilized or transferred from one unit to another without Allied consent, but the Italian Government will, on request by this headquarters, direct demobilisation of selected personnel with a view to their voluntary re-employment by the Allies outside the Italian Armed Forces.

c. Units will be commanded by Italian officers and NCOs but this headquarters reserves the right to attach such Allied supervisory and technical personnel as may be necessary.

d. Personnel will, from the date of release, be subject to all the conditions of service of the Italian Armed Forces, except as modified by paragraph 2 b above.

3. CATEGORIES AND SERVICES:

a. Personnel under American control will become US-ITIs unless declared surplus to American requirements. Personnel under British control will become BR-ITIs. Personnel of American controlled units replaced by German units will be allocated by AFHQ to complete other units in the following priority:

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(1) US-ITI Service Units.

(2) BR-ITI Service Units.

(3) ITI-ITI Units.

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b. Personnel now employed by the Royal Navy, Army or by the USAAF will assume the full status of members of the Italian Army.

c. Air Force cooperator personnel now employed by the Royal Air Force will be transferred to the Italian Air Force. Non-air force personnel employed by the RAF will be transferred to the Italian Air Force where possible and will count against the revised Italian Air Force ceiling.

4. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY:

a. The Italian authorities, under direction of the appropriate Armed Forces Sub Commissions of the Allied Commission will from the date of release immediately assume responsibility for Italian administration as laid down in current directives for the administration of the Italian Armed Forces. Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (MMIA) will coordinate and supervise supply to all categories in accordance with letter, this headquarters, file AG 400/105 D-O, dated 22 September 1944, subject: "Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy, and Air)".

b. Where it is impossible for the terms of paragraph 4 a to take immediate effect owing to reorganisation or other causes, units and individuals will continue under present Allied administration for the minimum period required to make the necessary adjustments, and in no case after 1 August 1945. Such personnel will be informed that their status has changed as from 1 July 1945.

c. In the case of British controlled units, Army and Air Force Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission will establish immediate liaison with GHQ 2nd Echelon and appropriate staffs of this headquarters to ensure a smooth handover in all branches of administration. For American controlled units, similar liaison will be established with major commands.

d. Units will remain under present Allied operational and local administrative command, and will pass to Italian Administration of the appropriate Italian Administrative Division Headquarters.

5. DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:- Detailed instructions for closing down or adjustment of present administrative arrangements for American and British controlled Prisoner of War Cooperator Units will follow.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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ITALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

Rome, 14th June 1945

Prot. No. 1924/PCL.B.8.

SUBJECT: Communication for the press relative to the liberation of P.O.W. It. Co-operator in Italy.

Rec 40/35/48, 58

Reference your letter No.IPOW/36/40 dated the 11th of June 1945

The High Commissariat thanks you for the decision taken by the Allied Authorities, regarding the liberation from the P.O.W. Status of all the Italian Co-operators in Italy, from the 1st of July.

Herewith attached and forwarded to you, is a declaration to be sent to the Press regarding this matter which your Sub-Commission requested for examination.

While awaiting the restitution of said document for publication, we thank you.

For The High Commissioner
Gen.V.Dapino

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

11 June 1945

G-5: 383.6

SUBJECT: Change of Status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Attached for your information is copy No. 7 of AG Memo of 9 June on the above subject.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

copy of this, enclosed, 39/41(a) to Col-Fridley (Navy) 13/6/45 Lt. Lee

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

Incl: as above.

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APO 512

9 June 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: G-1(A)
G-1(B)
G-3

SUBJECT: Change of Status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy

1. By FAN 569 of 4 June (MC IN 2887) the Combined Chiefs of Staff have approved the proposals contained in MAF 951 for the change of status on 1 July 1945 of Italian co-operator prisoners of war in Italy (including those serving in American Italian Service Units).

2. Combined Chiefs of Staff have ruled that their approval is NOT to be construed as an indication of future approval of increased ceilings pending their study of the details involved.

3. In order that the question of increased ceilings may be cleared, the G-3 will, in conjunction with all other sections concerned, prepare and co-ordinate for submission to the Chief of Staff a cable giving the requisite details by 11 June.

4. 1 July 1945 remains the target date for the change of status to take place. G-1(A), G-1(B) and G-3 will, in conjunction with all other interested sections and services, take all necessary steps in order that, subject only to Combined Chiefs of Staff approval being received on the ceiling question, the change-over may take place as planned.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSALS AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

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IPW/36/40

11 June 1945

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.
General Commanding, Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated Italian PW, Ministry of War.

SUBJECT: Change in status of Italian PW Co-operators in Italy.

See answer 42/35, 53.

Reference your letter 1310/Pol.D-8 dated 24 April 1945.

1. Approval has now been given to the change in status of Italian Co-operator PW in Italy as from 1 July 1945.

2. Administrative action is now being taken to prepare for the change over at that date.

3. Until certain particulars have been cleared by the CCS, no public statement can be made. The text of any proposed statement should now be submitted to me for consideration, so that when approval to publish the information is given, the agreed statement can be released immediately to the press.

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX0206

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 091130B

Message Centre No: E/4338

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 091650B

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQEG.

TO : ALCOM ROME.

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Sec 35/40, 42, 48

Change of status Italian Prisoners of War in ITALY. Reference your IPW/36/36 of 27 April.

1. Approval received from COS to proposed terms of change of status provisionally agreed with Italian Government.

2. COS have stated approval not to be construed as indication of future approval increased ceilings pending their study of details involved.

3. Study being given here to (2) above with view to clearing details with CCS urgently. In meantime administrative action being taken here to prepare for change-over on target date of 1 July.

4. Until ceiling question cleared do not make public statement on change of status but text of proposed statement should now be prepared by you and submitted here for approval in anticipation time when all details cleared with CCS.

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5. There is no objection to informing Italian Government confidentially that principle of change of status has been agreed and details of change-over being worked out.

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COPY

IPW 1/5A/168 26 May 1945

Ace 37

Subject : Release of Prisoners of War in Working Units in Italy.

To : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

I have to acknowledge your letter 7493/AI dated 23 May 1945, and in reply would state that the matter is having attention.

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

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High Commissioner for Italian PW

No. 7493/A.I/ di Prot.

Rome 23rd May 1945

To the Allied Commission

Sub-Commission Italian PW

Subject: Release of POW in Working Units in Italy.

See 36

As is known, on the 1st of July the Anglo American Authorities will remove our compatriots, who are PoW in Co-operator units in Italy, from the POW Status.

In the aim of avvoiding complications, of a financial nature, that have been verified in other occasions on the release of our POW., we beg the Allied Commission to examine the possibility, that at the moment of their release, their "Credit Balance" be regulated by the Detaining Power.

thank you

Signed the High Commissioner

General P. Gazzera

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Copy

Ref: DPW/36/36 27 April 1945

SUBJECT: Change in Status of Italian Prisoners of War (Co-operators) in Italy.

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

Reference AFHQ letter dated 19 April 1945 signed by the Chief Administrative Officer.

1. The Italian Government in letter 1319/Pol/1-8 di prot dated 24 April 1945 have accepted the conditions proposed in your above-quoted letter, for the release from Prisoner of War status of Italian Prisoner of War Co-operators held in Italy, as at 1 July 1945.

2. The Italian Government request permission to publish the fact that as from 1 July 1945, all Italians held Prisoner of War in Italy will become free Italian soldiers. May I be advised.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Maj. Partridge pl forward G-5 for reply.
do not let us know soon.
15/5/45. C/c.

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High Commission for Italian PW

No. 1310/Pol.D-8 di Prot,

Roma 24th April 1945

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To the Allied Commission

Sub-Commission for It. PW.

Subject: Changing of the Status of It, PW in Italy,

Ace 34/36

In answer to your letter IPW/36/34 dated the 22nd. of April 1945.

In agreement with the Italian Military Ministeries and by the order of H.E. the Prime Ministry, the Italian Government adheres to the conditions proposed by the Allied Authorities in above mentioned letter regarding the changing of the Status of Italian P.O.W. in Italy from the 1st of July 1945,

Signed The High Commmiseioner

Gen. Gazzera

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IPW/36/34 22 April 1945

SUBJECT: Change in Status of Italian Prisoners of War (Co-operators).

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

See reply at 35.

Reference your letter No. 121 Pol/D-8 dated 11 January 1945 and previous correspondence as to how the change of status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy can be effected.

1. The proposals as put forward by this Headquarters, and as agreed by you , have been carefully considered by Allied Force Headquarters, and it has been decided that the change of status can be made in the following manner, and upon the following conditions.

a. All co-operator Prisoners of War in Italy will be released to the Italian Government on 1st July. The Italian Government will automatically retain personnel so released in units similar in formation and strength to those to which they now belong. Such personnel will accordingly be subject to Italian law, including military law.

b. The units to be formed for this purpose will have the status of BR-ITI or US-ITI units and will be subject to all terms and conditions affecting existing BR-ITI or US-ITI units. These units will be commanded by Italian officers and NCOs but the Allied authorities will reserve the right to attach to such units such Allied supervisory and technical personnel as they may deem fit.

c. Personnel incorporated in these units will not be demobilised without Allied consent and transfer of such personnel as between units will be subject to Allied approval. The replacements for personnel for whom Allied consent for demobilisation is given will be found from Italian Army replacement depots in the normal manner or from Italian Prisoners of War.

d. Personnel released from Prisoner of War Status will, as from the date of change of status, receive the appropriate Italian Army scales of pay, emoluments and rations.

e. The Italian Government will upon request by the Allied authorities direct the demobilisation of selected personnel with a view to their voluntary employment by the Allies outside the Italian Armed Forces.

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2. I shall be pleased to know if the conditions are acceptable to the Italian Government, so that the Combined Chiefs of Staff may be informed, and the necessary arrangements proceeded with so as to effect the change by the date mentioned.

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
WSD & LPOW Sub-Com.

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19 April 1945

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Minutes of Conference held 13 April under the Chairmanship of the CAO to consider the policy to be adopted to implement the change of status of Italian POW (co-operators) serving in Italy directed in paragraph 2H of FAN 487

1. For the list of those present see Appendix A.

2. The conference had before them copies of G-5 memo. 386-6 of 6 April copies of which are held by all addressees of these Minutes. For ease of reference a copy appears at Appendix B of HQs Allied Commission IP/I/36/9 of 5 March which sets out the manner in which the Allied Commission and the Italian Government proposed the change of status of Italian Prisoners of War (co-operators) serving in Italy should be carried out.

3. In opening the Conference the Chairman read out the terms of paragraph 2H of FAN 487 (reproduced at Appendix C to these minutes) and stressed that as CCS had given that directive this HQs must either take steps to implement it or must protest against it to CCS giving cogent reasons in support. In his view the fact that co-operator units are more efficient than Italian army units and that no alteration in status is likely to produce as good results from the Allied point of view must have been in the minds of CCS when drawing up the directive and that accordingly the consequences inherent therein must be accepted by this HQs. He felt however that the Italian Government should be expected to agree to reasonable conditions in order that the change in status should be carried out with the least possible detriment to Allied interests.

4. The Chairman then proceeded to an analysis of the difficulties which would arise out of any change in status. He instanced the inevitable removal of our disciplinary power over the individuals (though not necessarily our control over them) and dealt in broad outline with the problems which would arise with regard to pay, ration scales, NAAFI/ PX stores and eligibility for release.

5. The Chairman next reviewed and commented on the possible new types of status it would be possible to give to present Co-operators. These ranged from arranging for their enrolment in ITI-ITI units (which he did not favor) or enrolment in US-ITI and BR-ITI units (which he favoured), to reversion to civilian status or enlistment on a voluntary basis in Alien Pioneer Companies or similar units. With regard to reversion to civilian

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6. In conclusion the Chairman drew attention to the necessity for considering what safeguards could reasonably be imposed to ensure that the resulting loss of efficiency arising out of the change of status would be as little as possible and raised the question of Allied supervising personnel and the extent to which demobilization should be permitted. He also stated it would be necessary to decide the principle of rations, NAAFI/PX facilities and to fix a date on which the change over should take place.

7. The Chairman took note of the view held by CG MTOUSA as expressed on his behalf by G-1 (A) to the effect that CCS should be requested to withdraw their directive or postpone its application indefinitely and the conference proceeded on the basis that it was necessary to implement the directive now and that the Chairman would see CG MTOUSA and endeavour to persuade him not to press his view *.

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* CG MTOUSA has since agreed not to press the point raised by him.

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8. The conference then proceded to consideration of the points made by the Chairman in conjunction with the proposals submitted (see Appendix B) by Allied Commission and the Italian Government. As a result agreement was reached on all points. The Chairman directed that the terms and conditions agreed be drafted by Allied Commission and then be co-ordinated with all present at the meeting. This has been done and at Appendix D appears a copy of a letter dated 19 April to HQ Allied Commission signed by the CAO this HQs setting out the terms and conditions on which it is considered that CCS may be recommended to agree to the change in status directed in F.N 487. The letter calls on Allied Commission to approach the Italian Government with a view to securing their agreement to the terms and conditions set out therein as a preliminary to submission of the scheme to CCS for final approval.

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APPENDIX 'A'

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref: IF/36/9

5 March 1945

SUBJECT: Change in Status of Italian Prisoners of War (Co-operators) in Italy.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. With reference to para. 2(h) of FAN 457 (the new directive from Combined Chiefs of Staff on the Allied Commission) and your letter dated 23rd, November 1944 signed by General Gammell, Chief of Staff.

2. The following embodies the combined proposals of the Commission and the Italian Government as to how the change in status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy can be carried out.

(a) All Co-operator Prisoners of War in Italy to be released at a certain date to the Italian Government, who will automatically retain these men in units similar in formation and strength, but in accordance with the existing Italian law, including Italian Military Law.

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(d) Allied Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers with Co-operator units to be replaced by Italian Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers, and where essential a cadre of Allied Officers to remain.

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(g) The ceiling of the Italian Army to be increased by the number of Co-operators now in and destined for Italy.

3. Although these proposals may give rise to certain difficulties from the Allied military point of view, they represent in my opinion, the best method of carrying out the terms of FAN 437 and should be accepted.

/s/ ELLERY W. STONE

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APPENDIX 'C'

Extract from FAN 487.

2. H. The status of Italian Prisoners of War now or hereafter held in ITALY other than those captured since the armistice was signed should be terminated by you upon adequate assurance being given by the Italian Government that their services will continue to be made available on terms satisfactory to you as Supreme Allied Commander subject to Combined Chiefs of Staff approval.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

19 April 1945

SUBJECT: Change in Status of Italian Prisoners of War (Co-operators).

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your IPW/36/9 of 5 March, forwarding the combined proposals of the Allied Commission and the Italian Government as to how the change in status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy can be effected so as to implement paragraph 2H of FAN 487.

2. The above proposals have been considered at a conference held in this Headquarters on Friday 13 April, at which you were represented. As a result, it is proposed to recommend to the Combined Chiefs of Staff that the change of status be made in the following manner and upon the following conditions:

a. All co-operator Prisoners of War in Italy will be released to the Italian Government on 1 July. The Italian Government will automatically retain personnel so released in units similar in formation and strength to those to which they now belong. Such personnel will accordingly be subject to Italian law, including military law.

b. The units to be formed for this purpose will have the status of BR-ITI or US-ITI units and will be subject to all terms and conditions affecting existing BR-ITI or US-ITI units. These units will be commanded by Italian officers and NCOs but the Allied authorities will reserve the right to attach to such units such Allied supervisory and technical personnel as they may deem fit.

c. Personnel incorporated in these units will not be demobilized without Allied consent and transfer of such personnel as between units will be subject to Allied approval. The replacements for personnel for whom Allied consent for demobilization is given will be found from Italian Army replacement depots in the normal manner or from Italian Prisoners of War.

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e. The Italian Government will upon request by the Allied authorities direct the demobilization of selected personnel with a view to their voluntary employment by the Allies outside the Italian armed forces. 7033

3. It is requested that you will approach the Italian Government with a view to securing their agreement to the foregoing modified proposals so that they may then be submitted to the Combined Chiefs of Staff as promptly as possible.

s/ BRIAN H. ROBERTSON

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Lieutenant General
Chief Administrative Officer.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

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19 April 1945

SUBJECT: Change in Status of Italian Prisoners of War (Co-operators).

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
A.P.O. 394

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Lieutenant General
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SUBJECT: Change of Status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy in United States Custody and of Italian Co-operators in British Custody serving in Italy.

TO : Allied Force Head-quarters, APO 512.
(Att: G-5 Section.)

See 30.

1. I have to acknowledge receipt of your G-5: 383.6 dated 5 April 1945.

2. I would confirm telephone conversation to-day between Lt.-Col. Jackson and Lt.-Col. Campbell stating that Lt.-Col. J.A. Campbell would represent the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission at the meeting to be held at Allied Force Head quarters on Friday 13 April 1945 at 14.30 hours. It has now been decided that Col. C.F. Kerr of MAIA will also attend.

3. The suggestion made by G-1 (B) - re Co-operator Prisoners of War being transferred to British Alien Pioneer Units - will be discussed with the Italian Government, and Lt.-Col. Campbell should be in a position to express their views on this question at the meeting.

For the Chief Commissioner :

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383.6 5 April 1945

SUBJECT: Change of Status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy in United States Custody and of Italian Cooperators in British Custody serving in Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Chief Commissioner)

1. Reference is made to your IPW/36/9 of 5 March.

2. Since the receipt of the above the detailed comments of Sections at this HQ thereon have been received and analyzed. These comments raise issues which require important decisions on basic policy besides more detailed matters of procedure and administration.

3. It has been decided to hold a meeting at this HQ at 1430 hours Friday 13 April in the office of the Chief Administrative Officer and under his chairmanship at which the points of basic policy may be discussed with staff sections primarily concerned with a view to a further meeting being held at a later date with all concerned on the more detailed matters of procedure and administration.

4. Attached are 4 copies of the notice which has been issued in connection with the meeting on 13 April together with 4 sets of the summaries prepared of the comments made by sections at this HQ. It is requested that you be represented at the meeting by a Senior Officer and that he arrive at this HQ section during the morning of 13 April in order to allow of adequate time for discussion with representatives of this section before the CAO's meeting begins.

5. It is requested that you will confirm receipt of the above and inform this section as to who will attend from Allied Commission.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl:
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383-6 6 April 1945

SUBJECT: Change of Status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy in United States Custody and Of Italian Co-Operators in British Custody Serving in Italy.

TO : All Concerned (See Distribution List).

1. The question of a change in the status of Italian Prisoners of War held in Italy has been the subject of consideration by this Headquarters, following upon directives received from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. In this connection, the Italian Government has been invited to put forward any concrete proposals which they wish to make for making Italian PWs available to Allied Forces under substantially similar conditions of service without reduction of manpower efficiency and control.

2. On 30 January FAN 487 was received, para 2H of which directed that "The status of Italian Prisoners of War now.....held in Italy.....should be terminated by you upon adequate assurance being given that their services will continue to be made available on terms satisfactory to.....The Supreme Allied Commander."

3. On 5th March proposals were received from Allied Commission, incorporating the suggestions of the Italian Government. The proposals have been considered at this Headquarters, and the comments thereon received by this Section appear in summary form at Appendices A and B to this memorandum. These comments are very complete and require careful consideration; they fall into two main parts, comments which require decisions of policy, and comments which are concerned with more detailed matters of procedure and administration.

4. Appendix A contains the comments of Staff Sections which relate to matters of basic policy.

5. Appendix B contains more detailed comment to which attention will have to be paid if and when the basic policy is agreed.

6. In view of the divergent views revealed by analysis of the comments of the interested sections of this Headquarters, it is proposed to call a meeting at which the Staff Sections principally concerned with basic policy should attend, and at which Allied Commission will be represented, in order to attempt to arrive at a solution which will carry out the directive of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in FAN 487 referred to above.

7. It is suggested that the following be represented at the meeting, leaving it to a later meeting, at which all addressees will be invited to attend, to discuss the many points of procedure and detail which appear in Appendix B.

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U.S. Political Advisor
Allied Commission

G-4(A) and G-4(B) will presumably be briefed to discuss points of principle raised by the Services.

8. The meeting will be held in Room 2038 (CAO's Room, Doorway 12 Stairway 6) at 1430 hours on Friday 13 April under the chairmanship of the Chief Administrative Officer.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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APPENDIX 'A'

Analysis of the main policy objections of Staff Sections
Italian Gov't/Allied Commission proposals for change in
Italian Prisoners of War (Co-Operators) in Italy.

a	Italian Govt/Allied Commission proposals contained in letter of 5 March from Chief Commissioner.	AFHQ Staff Section	Comments	Discussi
	b	c	d	e
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Analysis of the main policy objections of Staff Sections of AFHQ to Italian Gov't/Allied Commission proposals for change in status of Italian Prisoners of War (Co-Operators) in Italy.

AFHQ Staff Section	Comments	Discussion	Remarks or Decisions
c	d	e	f
G-1 (A)	a. Do not concur in the transfer of prisoners of war from service units status to the Italian Army. Experience with Italian Army units has demonstrated that they do not measure up in standards of efficiency, discipline, etc. to those that have been obtained by the POW Service Units.	a. The fact that they do not measure up to standards of efficiency produced when disciplined by US/Br Officers and NCO's is not an answer to the directive of the CCS. It may be that the "satisfaction" stipulated in FAN 487 will have to be less complete than the optimum. The point is that CCS require the present status terminated.	
G-1 (B)	b. It is considered that the proposal be not accepted, and that the Italian Government should be induced to authorised the transfer of Co-operators from PW status to voluntary enlistment into Br Alien Pioneer Units, any shortage on the voluntary basis being supplied compulsorily from the Italian call up man-power resources.	b. This counter suggestion should be dealt with by Allied Commission and the Italian Gov't reaction obtained.	

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APPENDIX 'A' (Con't)

Serial	Italian Govt/Allied Commission Proposals contained in letter of 5 March from Chief Commissioner.	AFHQ Staff Section	Comments	Discuss
		c	d	e
		G-1 (B) (Contd)	The proposal does not comply with the CCS directive that SAC must be provided with services at least equal in efficiency to those received under the present organisation of co-operators.	This is NOT wha It requires "ad ance....that se continue to be on terms satis
		G-4	c. It is desirable to keep prisoners of war in their present status, since if standard of living is reduced for any reason, their services will become far less valuable, and considerable loss of disciplinary control will result. U.S. Service Units have been released from theatre on basis that Italian Service Units would be available for replacement, and availability of latter will have considerable effect on redeployment. The next best solution is to release them from both their prisoner and military status.	c. See a. abov This would not vices availabl with CCS direc
		QM	d. It is considered that the ISU (ex POW) are much more effective in the war effort than are US-ITIS. Recommended that no change be made at present.	d. See a. abo

HQ Staff Section	Comments	Discussion	Remarks or Decisions
c	d	e	f
G-1 (B) (Contd)	The proposal does not comply with the CCS directive that SAC must be provided with services at least equal in efficiency to those received under the present organisation of co-operators.	This is NOT what FAN 487 says. It requires "adequate assurance....that services will continue to be made available on terms satisfactory.....".	
G-4	c. It is desirable to keep prisoners of war in their present status, since if standard of living is reduced for any reason, their services will become far less valuable, and considerable loss of disciplinary control will result. U.S. Service Units have been released from theatre on basis that Italian Service Units would be available for replacement, and availability of latter will have considerable effect on redeployment. The next best solution is to release them from both their prisoner and military status.	c. See a. above. This would not make their services available in accordance with CCS directive.	
QM	d. It is considered that the ISU (ex POW) are much more effective in the war effort than are US-ITIS. Recommended that no change be made at present.	d. See a. above.	

APPENDIX 'A' (Con't)

Serial	[illegible] covering Combined Commission proposals contained in letter of 5 March from Chief Commissioner.	AFHQ Staff Section	Comments	Discussi
	b	c	d	e
	Q Maint & S.T. Branch	e. Co-Operator Units are "infinitely superior" to those Br-ITI Units included in ST organisation. Italian standards of organisation and administration are so low as to be of little practical value.	e. See a. above	
	MOV & TN & TN (BR)	f. British cadres and British administration make co-operator units (4) employed by ST much more efficient and reliable than all-Italian Units. To make units all Italian would result in a serious loss of efficiency and reliability.	f. See a. above	
	Eng. (A)	g. Any change in status would result in marked decrease in efficiency and work output. Prefer conversion of POW Units to US-ITI Units of similar type and strength, in which case allotments of supervisory personnel should not be reduced.	g. See a. above Presumably co ferred to Italia tish Co-operator U.S. to U.S.-ITI matter to be ref	
	Eng. (Br)	h. Assumed that proposed change of status would result in co-operator units becoming Br-ITI units.	h. See g. above	

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V & TN TN (BR)	f. British cadres and British administration make co-operator units (4) employed by ST much more efficient and reliable than all-Italian Units. To make units all Italian would result in a serious loss of efficiency and reliability.	f. See a. above	
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TV & TN ITN (BR)	f. British cadres and British administration make co-operator units (4) employed by ST much more efficient and reliable than all-Italian Units. To make units all Italian would result in a serious loss of efficiency and reliability.	f. See a. above	
Sg. (A)	g. Any change in status would result in marked decrease in efficiency and work output. Prefer conversion of POW Units to US-ITI Units of similar type and strength, in which case allotments of supervisory personnel should not be reduced.	g. See a. above Presumably ceiling would be transferred to Italian army ceiling - British Co-operators to Br-ITI ceiling, U.S. to U.S.-ITI ceiling. This is a matter to be referred to CCS. ✓	
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		Ord(A) and G-4(Ops)	i. A serious decline in morale, physical strength, health and ability will be suffered. It would be better to have POW's concerned restored to civilian status.	i. See a. abov Contrast g. Restoration status would no services availa ance with CCS d
		C-in-C MED	j. Two co-operator coys are disposed of by C-in-C Med. Most undesirable any changes should be made except in name.	j. See a. abov
		RAF	k. Require to be assured that personnel employed as RAF Coys will be attached to RAF Units as before. Serious discontent will arise among North African Co-operators (5,000) if their "brothers are released in Italy".	k. The anomol of POW held out presumably in t when directive
2	Subsequently the Italian Gov't will demobilise those over age, and where necessary, postpone the demobilization of certain specialists until replacements can be found. The Italian Gov't will also take steps to induce certain types of trained specialist personnel (due for demobilization) to remain	G-1(A)	1. Does not concur in a proposed demobilization of certain of the men now in POW Service Units. Determination of the individuals for release is a matter for major commander utilizing their services.	1. If Italian ties are to co troops, they m diction over d Certain safegu to be specifie in 2m, 2o, 2p, following.

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1(A)	l. Does not concur in a proposed demobilization of certain of the men now in POW Service Units. Determination of the individuals for release is a matter for major commander utilizing their services.	l. If Italian Army authorities are to control their own troops, they must have jurisdiction over demobilisation. Certain safeguards would have to be specified, as indicated in 2m, 2o, 2p, 2q, 2r and 2s following.	

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	to a further period by offering a cash bonus.	G-1(B)	m. The personnel of co-operator units would be turned over almost immediately, older and skilled men being replaced by unskilled and untrained boys from recent call ups.	m. See 1 above.
		G-4	n. Better to keep them in their civilian status, and hire the majority as civilians, although standard of living would not be as high as at present.	
		FMG	o. Demobilization of personnel should be permitted only when adequate replacement has been furnished. Supervision of work by units employed by U.S. should in every case be under the overall supervision and control of U.S. officers and EM.	o. See 1. above.
		Q Maint & S & T	p. As S&T employ considerable number of skilled operator artificers, essential to ensure that men of same standard who are required to replace them would be provided. No skilled artificer should be released until his relief has been tested and proved satisfactory.	p. See 1. above.

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		Eng. (A)	r. Personnel now in units should be kept as many are artisans and/or skilled workers. Allotment of supervisory personnel should not be reduced.	r. See 1. above.
		Eng. (B)	s. PW should not be demobilised until replacements are available. Italian officers must be accepted; not considered desirable to attach British Officers to units.	s. See 1. above.
3.	Replacements for those discharged to be found from Italian Army replacement depots in the normal way and/or from Italian Prisoners of War (who have many specialists among their numbers) to be repatriated as soldiers from North Africa (especially those in French hands), Egypt,	G-1 (A)	t. Italian Gov't has not provided satisfactory replacements, either in quantity or quality, for existing Italian Army Units. A better source of replacements would be from selected and trained Italians taken from POW units in the United States.	

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	S. Africa. (It is stated by the Italian Govt that no labour units have been formed in S. Africa, although many Prisoners of War have volunteered to co-operate).	FEG(A)	u. Italian PW in custody in N. Africa and ETOUSA will not be available for replacement. In view of shipping situation, repatriation of those in U.S. custody in the United States, or from French custody in N. Africa, would be extremely difficult, and possible impracticable.	
		M&TN & S & T	v. Unless there is considerable improvement in organisation for ensuring that properly trained replacements are available, considerable difficulty will ensue.	
		U.S. POLAD	w. Repatriation of Italian POW in French hands is subject to direct negotiation between Italian and French Governments.	
		Eng. (Br)	x. A ruling will be required regarding status of co-operator units remaining in N. Africa. A change in their status might have political repercussions with French, leading to our having to withdraw such units to Italy and replace them with British Units, a course of action which is deprecated.	

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APPENDIX 'B'

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from the bonus suggested in 2(b) above.

Para 2(g): The ceiling of the Italian Army to be increased by the number of Co-operators now

Detailed points for consideration:

1. Disposal of T/E equipment (G-4(A)).
2. No PX or NAAFI facilities should be made available after relief (PMG(A); QM; G-3)
3. Possibility is suggested of repatriating approximately 1300 surplus officer POW now at Casablanca
4. Question of identity documents, vehicle documents, and all charges will have to be considered.
5. The question of absentees and deserters would have to devolve on Italian Army. (PM(B)).
6. MMIA should be invited to comment. (G-3, QM).
7. British cadre must be retained, and replacement British Officers by Italians cannot be accepted.
8. Proposals for Ration Scale should be made. (M&TN and S&T).
9. Uniform. Might continue to be of British pattern, with a shoulder flash "Italian Volunteer". (
10. Who is to be responsible for issue of pay? (M&TN and S&T).

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(a) Cash Payment and Credit System Co-Operators. - Co-operators receive a cash payment through unit f their entitlement as a credit; remittances can be made from the accummulated funds of this credit for meeting such remittances rests with the Italian Army financial authorities.

Accordingly, a clear-cut instruction will be required on the procedure to be adopted for the accounting and the disposal of existing unit records. It is presumed that any cash balance due to paid in full up to the date of conversion.

(b) Unit G.1098. - It is suggested that items of unit G.1098 up to the authorised scale of the Itali panies are being converted should be retained from existing G.1098; only surplus items to be with

(c) Clothing and Necessaries. - It is recommended that the same principle should be adopted as in pa will be required on their retention or otherwise of

(i) Khaki Battledress of the CMF Co-operators.
(ii) Chocolate coloured Battledress of the Co-operator units ex ME.

(d) Italian Naval Companies (Co-operator). - Generally the administration of Italian Naval Companies of the Army, through this Directorate.

These units have been formed on a special War Establishment which provides for a high percen is no Italian Pioneer War Establishment to which these Companies can be converted which would pen skilled personnel.

It is for decision whether these units are still required by the Navy; should be converted panies with resultant loss of skilled personnel or should be converted to an Engineer War Establi the Navy for duty.

(e) 63rd Italian Pioneer Company (Co-operator). - This unit, although formed on WE XII/956/1, contain artisans and has been solely employed by REME as a skilled unit in baseworkshops.

It is considered therefore that if the services of these artisans are still required, the un the skilled personnel absorbed within a suitable BR-ITI REME unit.

12. Accounting instruction regarding the closing of Co-operators' accounts will have to be issued. (Finan

13. Payment of credit balances is the responsibility of the Italian Government. (DPIC.) (Financial Advis

14. Disposal instructions regarding impounded personal effects and cash will have to be issued. (Financi

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15. Financial adjustment in respect of stores, equipment, and clothing in possession of units, etc. will have to be considered. (Financial Adviser)

16. To prevent any hiatus in issue of pay Italian authorities must commence issue from date of dis

17. Is payment of any final cash bonus to be made by us or by Italian Government? (DTIC)

18. Instructions for closing of Imprest Accounts, and disposal of welfare funds, will have to be iss

19. Payment of cash bonus is not concurred. (US Fiscal Director)

20. Payment on discharge should be made through normal U.S. disbursing facilities, and properly veri in sufficient time for proper computation. Concurrances of Treasury Dept for any plan for payme any plan for settlement of claims against U.S., must be obtained. (U.S. Fiscal Director).

21. British cadres on ME of RAOC Italian Co-operator units should not be removed. (Ord (B)).

22. Essential to leave undisturbed the present constitution of RAOC Training Establishment. (Ord (B

23. Medical attention should follow same lines as for BR-ITIs, i.e. only when part of a British unit

24. Payment of bonus by Italian Government in lieu of PX/NAAFI stores is suggested. (U.S. FOLAD)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512.

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G-5: 383.6 See 31 5 April 1945

SUBJECT: Change of Status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy in United States Custody and of Italian Cooperators in British Custody serving in Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Chief Commissioner)

1. Reference is made to your IPW/36/9 of 5 March.

2. Since the receipt of the above the detailed comments of Sections at this HQ thereon have been received and analyzed. These comments raise issues which require important decisions on basic policy besides more detailed matters of procedure and administration.

3. It has been decided to hold a meeting at this HQ at 1430 hours Friday 13 April in the office of the Chief Administrative Officer and under his chairmanship at which the points of basic policy may be discussed with staff sections primarily concerned with a view to a further meeting being held at a later date with all concerned on the more detailed matters of procedure and administration.

4. Attached are 4 copies of the notice which has been issued in connection with the meeting on 13 April together with 4 sets of the summaries prepared of the comments made by sections at this HQ. It is requested that you be represented at the meeting by a Senior Officer and that he arrive at this HQ section during the morning of 13 April in order to allow of adequate time for discussion with representatives of this section before the CAO's meeting begins.

5. It is requested that you will confirm receipt of the above and inform this section as to who will attend from Allied Commission.

spd. Chas.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl:
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383-6

6 April 1945

SUBJECT: Change of Status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy in United States Custody and Of Italian Co-Operators in British Custody Serving in Italy.

TO : All Concerned (See Distribution List).

1. The question of a change in the status of Italian Prisoners of War held in Italy has been the subject of consideration by this Headquarters, following upon directives received from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. In this connection, the Italian Government has been invited to put forward any concrete proposals which they wish to make for making Italian PWs available to Allied Forces under substantially similar conditions of service without reduction of manpower efficiency and control.

2. On 30 January FAN 487 was received, para 2H of which directed that "The status of Italian Prisoners of War now.....held in Italy.....should be terminated by you upon adequate assurance being given that their services will continue to be made available on terms satisfactory to.....The Supreme Allied Commander."

3. On 5th March proposals were received from Allied Commission, incorporating the suggestions of the Italian Government. The proposals have been considered at this Headquarters, and the comments thereon received by this Section appear in summary form at Appendices A and B to this memorandum. These comments are very complete and require careful consideration; they fall into two main parts, comments which require decisions of policy, and comments which are concerned with more detailed matters of procedure and administration.

4. Appendix A contains the comments of Staff Sections which relate to matters of basic policy.

5. Appendix B contains more detailed comment to which attention will have to be paid if and when the basic policy is agreed.

6. In view of the divergent views revealed by analysis of the comments of the interested sections of this Headquarters, it is proposed to call a meeting at which the Staff Sections principally concerned with basic policy should attend, and at which Allied Commission will be represented, in order to attempt to arrive at a solution which will carry out the directive of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in FAN 487 referred to above.

7. It is suggested that the following be represented at the meeting, leaving it to a later meeting, at which all addressees will be invited to attend, to discuss the many points of procedure and detail which appear in Appendix B.

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G-1(A)
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G-4(A)
G-4(B)
FMG
PM(B)
British Resident Minister
U.S. Political Adviser
Allied Commission

G-4(A) and G-4(B) will presumably be briefed to discuss points of principle raised by the Services.

8. The meeting will be held in R.A.F. 2038 (C.A.O's Room, Doorway 12 Stairway 6) at 1430 hours on Friday 13 April under the chairmanship of the Chief Administrative Officer.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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G-4 Mov & Tn
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Ref: IRT/36/3

5 March 1945

SUBJECT: Change in status of Italian Prisoners of War (Co-operators) in Italy.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. With reference to para. 2(h) of FAN 487 (the new directive from Combined Chiefs of Staff on the Allied Commission) and your letter dated 23rd November 1944 signed by General Connell, Chief of Staff.

2. The following embodies the combined proposals of the Commission and the Italian Government as to how the change in status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy can be carried out.

(a) All co-operator Prisoners of War in Italy to be released at a certain date to the Italian Government, who will automatically retain these men in units similar in formation and strength, but in accordance with the existing Italian law, including Italian Military law.

(b) Subsequently the Italian Government will demobilise those over age, and where necessary postpone the demobilisation of certain specialists until replacements can be found. The Italian Government will also take steps to induce certain types of trained specialist personnel (due for demobilisation) to serve for a further period by offering a cash bonus.

(c) Replacements for those discharged to be found from Italian Army replacement depots in the normal manner, and/or from Italian Prisoners of War (who have any specialists amongst their numbers) to be repatriated as soldiers from North Africa (especially those in French hands), Egypt, Kenya, India, and South Africa (It is stated by the Italian Government that no labour units have been formed in South Africa although many Prisoners of War have volunteered to co-operate.)

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(d) Allied officers and Non-Commissioned officers with co-operator units to be replaced by Italian officers and Non-Commissioned officers, and where essential a cadre of Allied officers to remain. XX

(e) The present rate of pay now received by Co-operators will cease, and as from the date of change of status they will go on to appropriate Italian Army scales of pay and emoluments.

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Subject:- Change of status of Italian P.W.(cooperators) in ITALY.

Land Forces Sub-com,AC
(M.M.I.A.)
A/11/1
4 Mar 45

Lt Col CAMPBELL
P.W. Sub-commission, AC

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Major General,

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Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
AQ/11/1
27 Feb 45.

H.Q., ALLIED COMMISSION.
for Executive Commissioner (2) ✓

Ref your 9001/25/EC dated 22 Feb:-

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(d) Consideration must be given to the benefits and morale aspect.

(e) The scheme must be as simple as possible, in view of the many and diverse factors and interests involved.

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3. AS REGARDS 2(a)

To leave matters as they are and merely change the term "coop--erators" to another title has no effect. The anomalous status still remains. There are only two alternatives. These men must be either P.W. (called such or by another name) or free Italian citizens.

4. AS REGARDS 2(b)

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I understand that there are some 15,000 cooperators working for the Americans and a similar number for the British.

6. AS REGARDS 2(d)

(a) The morale aspect of the cooperators themselves largely depends directly on the material benefits they now receive as compared with those enjoyed by the ordinary Italian soldier.

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6. AS REGARDS 2(d) (Contd)

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- A reduction in those benefits would presumably be reflected in output. On the other hand, the cooperators gain their freedom and have their anomalous status removed, which is the basis of this whole case from their and in fact, the Allied point of view.

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(ii) clothing & boots.

(iii) pay and allowances.

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I do not propose to produce a detailed analysis of this comparison. But, broadly speaking:-

British cooperators lose nothing financially in respect of emoluments by transfer to the Italian Army and stand to gain either 600 lire labour pay or 872 lire Army area pay.

American cooperators up to Sjt(exclusive) lose on such transfer, while a Sjt gains.

As regards (iv)

A cooperator on transfer to the Italian Army loses these facilities - an important loss, not only on account of purchase

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6. AS REGARDS 2(d) (Cont'd)

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- facilities but also of the fact that cigarettes costs 5 lire in PX and 14 lire in NAAFI per packet of 20, compared with a black market price of 80 lire upwards.

We need not concern ourselves overmuch with the cooperator of military age. He, on transfer to the Italian Army, is bound to serve under Italian law. It is the cooperators over military age who are the problem, albeit a comparatively small one, in view of the limited numbers concerned. They would be in the position of civilians who are not bound to serve. If the Allies wish to retain their services, it might appear that the Allies should offer a financial bonus in the case of American cooperators, but need not in the case of British cooperators (see remarks on (b)(iii) above). The Minister of War in the penultimate para of his letter at Appx "A" mentions this; and in his last para desires that this bonus shall be given similarly by the British and Americans. Whether the British would agree, or whether the British and Americans would be prepared to make a point of retaining these over-age cooperators, I am not in a position to state.

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8. CONCLUSION

To sum up:-

(a) Neither we nor the Italians can eat our cake and have it.

It is not possible to reconcile completely all the FACTORS involved.

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8. CONCLUSION (Cont'd)

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(e) The main points for decision thus would be:-

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(ii) the question of cash bonus and/or PX/NAAFI privileges.

(iii) the date on which the scheme would become effective.

P.W. Sub-Commission agree with the above.

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TRANSLATION

APPENDIX "A" to
Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(MMIA) letter AQ/11/1
dated 27 Feb 45

From: The Minister for War.

Date: 26 Feb 45

To : General BROWNING,
Director Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C. (MMIA)

Dear General:

I am very glad that in our talk yesterday we were in full agreement as to the status to be given to P.W. service troops, on parole, and now in Italy, in order to remove them from their P.W. status and return them to the Italian Army without prejudice to the war effort.

In point of fact these troops, if they belong to those classes which are liable to military service, will continue to carry out their duties as at present, while those who have the right to be demobilised will be asked to remain with their units as volunteers for a period of up to three months after the end of hostilities with Germany.

In any event the number of these troops would remain unaltered inasmuch as any vacancies which need to be filled could be met with troops returning from the Balkans or from P.W. Camps formerly in French hands or yet again from Egypt, Kenya, India, South Africe where no labor units have been formed. Or if this is not possible, the personnel can be found from the classes now being recalled to the colours.

The units thus formed would be commanded by Italian officers.

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For obvious reasons of equality I am anxious that the conditions which are to apply to the volunteers shall be the same both for the troops coming from American units and from those coming from British units.

Yours etc.

A. CASATI

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ITALIAN ARMY NEW PAY SCALES.

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dated 27 Feb 45.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner
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Ref: 9001/25/EC. 22 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Change in status of Italian POW (Cooperators)in Italy.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (~~MAIA~~)
WMD & IPW Sub-Commission.

See Appendix 23.

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M. S. Lush
Brigadier,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref: IPW/36/9. February 1945.

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TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attention: Chief Administrative Officer.

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(d) The co-operator units to remain, as far as possible, similar in formation and strength as they are at present. Allied officers and non-commissioned officers to be replaced by Italian officers and non-commissioned officers, who will be posted as required.

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(e) The present pay and benefits now received by co-operators to cease. On the change over, the Prisoners of War will revert to the status of their equivalent in the Italian Armed Forces, entitled only to similar treatment in all respects as other members of the Italian Armed Forces.

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Sent by R.H.A. (Bowmer)
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CONFIDENTIAL FD

PARA ONE FD I SHALL BE PLEASED IF YOU WILL INFORM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER THAT ON THE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR PARENT TO AFHQ GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION FROM ALCOM CITE ACMED PARE WHICH HE DISCUSSED WITH ADMIRAL STONE AND BRIGADIER LUSH ON THREE FEBRUARY ONE NINE FOUR FIVE DASH PROPOSALS ARE NOW IN COURSE OF PREPARATION AND WILL BE FORWARDED

EARLIEST FD

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WDD & IPCW Sub-Com.

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FILE 36.

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
C.W.O., U.S.A.
Asst., Adjutant

MEMORANDUM ON CHANGE IN STATUS OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR (CO-OPERATORS) IN ITALY.

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IPW/36/9

February 1945

Re new Directive from Combined Chiefs of Staff on the Allied Commission - Fan 487, and with special reference to para 2 (h).

See (18)

Italian Government Proposals.

The Italian Government suggest that all Co-operator Prisoners of War in Italy at a certain date cease to be prisoners of war and are returned to the Italian Authorities as soldiers.

On the handover the co-operator units will remain as at present until they can be grouped in accordance with Italian military procedure under Italian officers to be posted. The groups to be based on the present set-up of co-operator units in Italy.

It will be necessary to demobilize or discharge those who are entitled to such discharge, but it is suggested by the Italian Government that certain specialists should be encouraged to volunteer for a further period of service.

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The reduction of pay and benefits - to avoid any bad effect on morale and reduction in output which may result from this reduction of pay, the Italian Government suggest improvement of benefits to all troops posted to military units, these improvements on completion to be carried out at the expense of the Allies.

Land Forces Sub-Commission Proposals (General Browning).

To free all co-operators without conditions,
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On the handover the co-operator units will remain as at present until they can be grouped in accordance with Italian military procedure under Italian officers to be posted. The groups to be based on the present set-up of co-operator units in Italy.

It will be necessary to demobilize or discharge those who are entitled to such discharge, but it is suggested by the Italian Government that certain specialists should be encouraged to volunteer for a further period of service.

Replacements for those discharged to be found from younger soldiers called up and from Italian Prisoners of War to be repatriated from North Africa (especially those in French hands), Egypt, Kenya, India, and South Africa (it is stated by the Italian Government that no labour units have been formed in South Africa although many Prisoners of War have volunteered to co-operate.)

The reduction of pay and benefits - to avoid any bad effect on morale and reduction in output which may result from this reduction of pay, the Italian Government suggest improvement of benefits to all troops posted to military units, these improvements on completion to be carried out at the expense of the Allies.

Land Forces Sub-Commission Proposals (General Browning).

To free all co-operators without conditions,

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Demobilize those over age.

Replace those demobilized by ordinary call-ups or other repatriated Prisoners of War freed completely similarly to the co-operators.

Keep ex co-operator units as they are, posting officers and NCO's as required.

Add the co-operator ceiling to the existing Italian Army ceiling - the whole becoming one Army ceiling. 70000

Remarks.

I do not see how once the status of Prisoners of War is removed from co-operators that they can have any preferential treatment over the rest of the Italian Army. They must become Italian soldiers.

It may be necessary to find some basis for volunteers or to hold up demobilization in certain cases so as not to interfere with specialists' jobs.

It would appear absolutely essential that the ceiling of the Italian Army be increased by the number of co-operators destined for Italy.

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Land Forces Sub Com., ACC
(M.M.I.A.)

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7 Feb 45

H.Q., A.C. for P.W. Sub-commission

1. Herewith the views of the Minister of War as regards change of status of "cooperators".

2. You will see that the Minister's views are the same as mine as set out in my remarks dated 5 Feb on your 1PW/36 file.

3. The Minister's last sentence is of course wishful thinking and not possible. Cooperators, on change of status to normal citizens, would have to accept the same " material benefits" as any other Italian soldier or citizen.

L. Browning

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

From Ministry of War

Ref 102151/1
133-8-1
Date 26 Jan 1945

To MMIA

Subject; Transfmn of PWs with cooperator status

With ref to the questions put fwd by Maj BAUMANN on the above subject, I beg to state that;

(a) Italian PWs on parole already in Italy or to be transferred to Italy should be considered as military ex-PWs and as such returned to the Italian authorities who would arrange for their intake into the army. Once regular units had been formed they could be placed at the disposal of the Allied authorities. Only thus could the military, legal, and social position of the said military be made normal.

(b) The legal position of these soldiers, after the above measures had been taken, would be well-defined, i.e. the same as that of all the other PWs.

Those who, during their imprisonment, have cooperated with the Allies will not be penalized, both because our laws do not stipulate any punishment in this case, and because of the message which Marshal BADOGLIO broadcast to all Italian PWs on the 11th Oct 1943, urging them to cooparate with the Allies.

If collaboration is understood to incl the crime of desertion or any other one committed before the armistice, I considerthat it would be possible to arrive at a legal arrangement based on the measures contained in the BADOGLIO- MCFARLANE agreement.

(c)These measures might affect the tps concerned in the following way;

- Demobof those entitled to it.
- Reduction of pay and benefits now enjoyed with a consequent reduction in output.

The demob of a certain number of tps could be compensated by the repatriation of other ex-PWs, of younger classes, still liable to military service and eventually by engaging, on a voluntary basis, a certain number of tps entitled to demob.

In order to avoid the evil effects which a reduction of material behefits would have on morale and on output it would be necessary to improve the material benefits of all tps posted to the military units.
The improvement in conditions to be put at the expense of the Allies .

The Minister.

/s/ A. CASATI.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: IPW/36/8 3 February 1945

SUBJECT: Change in status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy.

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

1. The attached translation of proposals received from the Italian Government in connection with the change in status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy are forwarded.

2. The proposals lack much detail and are vague, but in spite of numerous meetings with the High Commissioner for Prisoners of War no further scheme has been submitted to me.

3. If the status has to be changed by making the present Prisoner of War Co-operator into an ordinary Italian soldier, it may be necessary to earmark (before the actual change is made) sufficient replacements to fill vacancies caused by the retirement or demobilisation of such Co-operators as are due for release from the Italian Army on account of their age group or class.

4. In respect of replacements, it is presumed that a number of Officers and Other Ranks in Prisoner of War camps all over the world could be made available to the Italian Ministry of War.

5. There are many points which require discussing, and it is suggested that a meeting be called at this Headquarters when all interested parties can get together and go more fully into the question.

6. I shall be pleased to have your comments on the proposals submitted by the Italian Government.

For the Chief Commissioner :

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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MEMORANDUM C[illegible]CHANGE IN STATUS OF ITALI[illegible] PRISONERS OF WAR IN ITALY.

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1. Sequel and complement to the pro-memoria of 15/XII/1944 (enclosure to N. 2217 of 16 December 1944) regarding the liberation of the Prisoners of War incorporated in Co-operator Units in Italy.

2. Lieut. Colonel Campbell has put forward the following two necessities, asking us to inform him how we intend to provide for them:

a) That the number of the soldiers attached to those units should not diminish;
b) That the men, who already are experienced in the work they are doing, should not be demobilized, although some of them may belong to the classes which the Italian Army demobilizes.

3. We intend to provide for those 2 necessities in the following way:

a) The number of the Unit can be kept up to the mark if we create for that purpose an R.T.D., appointing to it Prisoner of War soldiers of the younger classes:
- From Balcania.
- The repatriated ones from North Africa, especially those in French hands (which latter, as is known, are ill-treated).
- The repatriated ones from Egypt, Kenya, India and South Africa (where no labour units have been formed, in spite of the requests of the Italian Soldiers wanting to collaborate.)

b) It is probable that to the actual labour units in Italy, formed with Prisoners of War belong many soldiers of those classes which the Italian Army has already demobilized.

4. It would, any way, be opportune to demobilize the oldest ones (the ones over 40 years old) and to encourage the others to remain as volunteers after having signed an engaging declaration to the Italian Government. The declaration should engage the soldier for a certain number of months and should be renewable. But it is necessary to inform the soldiers of their new conditions of life. And to convince them to enlist in that way as volunteers, it seems necessary to establish that their treatment even when liberated, will be the same as the actual one regarding billets, clothes, rations, pay and salary, well intended to the charge of the Allies.

5. Regarding the salary, it will be necessary to establish the same one for all, for the Unite who are with the American Army, as well as those who are with the British, the daily pay should be the one paid now by the American Army, 3 dollars a month and 80 cents a day.

6. Informing thus the soldiers of their new conditions, it is most probable that, except for the ones whose families live in very compassionate conditions, the others will remain voluntarily at their jobs and with good results.

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MEMORANDUM ON CHANGE IN STATUS OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN ITALY.

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A plan for the transformation of Prisoner's Units in Italy into groups of freed Italian soldiers, to be put at the disposal of the Allies:

1. Organisation of the groups:
   a) This should be studied on the basis of a sound knowledge of:
      (1) The strength of the troops.
      (2) The location of the troops and their duties at the present moment.

After a thorough examination there could be established an organization similar to that established by Allied Armies in Italy for the Pioneer Units, at the disposal of the English Commands as follows:

   b) Companies. Four platoons, five officers, of which one a Captain, and about 200 men including non-comms. and soldiers.
   c) Battalions. Composed of six Companies. Battalion Commanders; four officers, (one superior officer, one Adjutant Major, one Administrative officer, one Medical officer,) eleven non-comms. and soldiers. Total 34 officers, 1,265 non-comms. and soldiers.
   d) Regiments of two Battalions. Commanders of the Regiment - one Colonel and eight officers for general duty. 27 non-comms. and soldiers; total 77 officers, 2,557 non-comms. and soldiers.

2. Eventually the advisability of reducing the Battalions strength to 4 Companies, and to increase the Battalions from 2 to 3 in the Regiments' could be discussed. The officers for these new units, apart from those who are already instructing the soldiers, should be chosen from the surplus officers at present in prison camps in British hands.

3. Disposition. As for all the auxiliary troops in action, it is for the advantage of the Allied Commands that these troops are working.

4. Discipline and administration. Will be under the Italian Divisional Commands (already formed for the formation of the auxiliary troops) of the territory where the troops will be working.

The duties of the Commanders of the Companies, the Battalions and the Regiments will be limited to the fields of discipline, administration and assistance.

The battalions will have, as is usual in the auxiliary troops, autonomous administration.

If necessary, an Allied Liaison officer could be assigned to each Battalion.

Each small nucleus could be organised into platoons and Companies and assigned to one of the nearest Battalions.

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5. So as not to increase the "ceiling" fixed for the rationing of the Italian troops, the auxiliary units could be rationed by the Allies.

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SUBJECT: Cooperators.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/65
23 JAN 45

TO : Chief of Staff, A.C.

1. GENERAL

(a) I have just heard unofficially that a proposal to change the status of all Italian P.W. (cooperators) in ITALY, numbering some 15,000, and absorb these into the Italian Army is being discussed with A.F.H.Q.

(b) As I am vitally concerned in this matter, I presume I shall be asked my views on the military aspect of the business.

(c) Meanwhile, I bring to notice certain points which bear on the latter.

2. POINTS (a) Ceiling

These 15,000 cooperators are at present authorized as additional to the ceiling of 313,000 for the Italian Army. If they are absorbed into the army, there will be 15,000 less personnel contributing to the war effort, unless the ceiling is raised by that amount. The ceiling of 313,000 is already less than that demanded by Gen. ALEXANDER.

(b) Organisation

Will the cooperators (on change of status) stay in present units or be formed in new ones or absorbed into regular army units?

(c) Age groups

Will those over the age groups now in force be demobilised?

(d) Command

Presumably they will return to command of Italian Army officers under the authority of the Ministry of War?

(e) Pay

Will this be reduced to that of the Italian Army?

(f) Rations

Will the scale be reduced to that of the Italian army, which the Italians continuously complain is too low?

(g) Clothing

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(g) Clothing

Will they don dyed green battle dress vice their existing khaki B.D. and come on to the reduced scale of Italian Army clothing?

(h) Amenities

Will they give up their NAAFI etc privileges?

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(i) Legal

I am not in a position to comment on the legal aspect of this change of status. But it is clear that the cooperator personnel would be considerably worse off and probably very loath to change. We should certainly not get the same work out of them or the same content. Moreover, at present, cooperators cannot be taken to fight, as presumably they could be, if freed. For this reason as well as that of the reduced standard of living, I foresee a situation where Italian political

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leaders (understandably) are pressing for change in the anomalous status of cooperators, while the latter (equally understandably and vehemently) are refusing to be changed..!

(j) Effect on remainder of Italian Army

After change of status, unless the cooperators are put on exactly the same footing as the rest of the Italian Army there is bound to be considerable grievance in the latter, and friction if ex-cooperators and the army soldiers are intermingled either in units or localities.

L Browning

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

11 January 1945

N. 121 Pol/D-8

To: The Allied Commission
ROME

Subject: Transformation of Italian P.W. Units in Italy.

(4)

Sequel and complement to the pro-memoria of 15/XII/1944 (enclosure to N. 2217 of 16 December 1944) about the liberation of the P.W. incorporated in Cooperator Units in Italy.

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/s/ HIGH COMMISSIONER
General PIETRO GAZZERA.

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Subject:- Employment of Italian Co-operators in Italy.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3817/G1(Br).

16 Jan 45.

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

1. Reference a request made by phone by Lt. Col.Campbell to Major Thorp on 14 Jan.

2. Herewith two copies of a list showing the numbers of Italian co-operators employed in Italy (by units).

3. This list is based on the latest returns from units which are available; it is emphasised that units are constantly being transferred to Italy from North Africa, and that the total actually employed at the present time is somewhat in excess of the total shewn.

4. No units under U.S. control are included.

HEADQUARTERS
18 JAN 1945
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A.S. BARSDORF,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.
for Major General,
DAG, G.1(Br).

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PARTICULARS OF NUMBERS AND DISTRIBUTION BY UNITS OF ITALIAN PW CO-OPERATORS HELD IN ITALY AT 15 JANUARY, 1945.

(A) Units composed wholly of Italian PW Co-operators except for a skeleton British Administrative Staff.

Serial No.	Unit.	Italian PW Co-operators held.
	R.E.	
1	771 Italian Artizan Wks Coy	225
2	772 " " " "	261
3	773 " " " "	230
4	774 " " " "	241
5	1060 " Port Maint Sec	56
6	1062 " " " "	56
7	1061 " Docks Op Coy	318
8	1063 " " " "	341
	R.A.S.C.	
9	122 " Fd Bakery	115
10	124 " " "	119
11	758 Coy RASC (Italian Gen Tpt)	340
12	759 " " " " "	340
13	1733 Italian Wksp Pl	42
14	1734 " " "	41
15	1764 " " "	37
16	1766 " " "	41
17	1767 " " "	37
18	1768 " " "	34
	R.A.O.C.	
19	HQ RAOC (Italian) Trg Establishment	68
20	408 Italian Ord Veh Pk	114
21	409 " " " "	87
22	412 " " " "	110
23	416 " " " "	115
24	418 " " Retd Stores Coy	145
25	425 " " Amn Coy	49
26	426 " " " "	52
27	404 " " MT Stores Coy	143
28	405 " " Tech " "	88
29	403 " " Transit Veh Pk (Main)	307
	R.E.M.E.	
30	612 Italian L of C Wksp	116
31	613 " " "	112

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33	614 " Port Wksp		28
34	615 " " "		39
35	653 " " "		36
36	616 " Service Station		28
37	617 " " "		25
38	618 " " "		29
39	712 " Workshop Coy		261
40	713 " " "		293
	C.M.P.		
41	1 Sp Mil Police Coy		88
42	2 " V.P. " "		105
43	3 " " " "		96
		Total c/fwd	5,519

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Serial No.	Unit.	Italian PW Co-operators held.
	TOTAL b/fwd	5,519
	PNR CORPS (SALVAGE)	
44	'B' Veh Disposal Unit	193
45	'C' " " "	165
	PNR CORPS	
46	637 Italian Pioneer Coy	263
	ITALIAN NAVAL PW COYS	
47	1 Italian Naval PW Coy	249
	ITALIAN RAF PW COYS	
48	8 Italian RAF PW Coy	248
49	10 " " " "	248
50	15 " " " "	274
51	21 " " " "	255
	TOTAL :	7,414

(B) British Units in which Italian PW Co-operators are employed in replacement of British personnel.

Serial No.	Unit.	Italian PW Co-operators held.
	R.A.C.	
52	'A' (Tk & Armd Car) Maint Sqn	6
53	'C' " " " " "	18
54	Royal Armoured Corps Trg Depot	161
	R.A.	
55	66 A.A. Bde	3
56	Royal Artillery Trg Depot	180
57	70 Garrison Regt R.A.	30
	R.E.	
58	1 Engineer Stores Base Depot	89
59	156 Tn Stores Coy	25
60	1037 Port Maint Coy	1
61	7 L of C P.U.	6
62	1 Bering Sec	5

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62	1 Boring Sec	5
63	S.M.E.	188
64	R.E. Trg Depot	30
	R.A.S.C.	
65	17 Stationery Depot	6
66	45 Base Supply Depot	13
67	50 " " "	14
68	51 " " "	12
69	53 " " "	17
70	72 Detail Issue Depot	8
71	105 " " "	7
72	141 " " "	3
73	145 " " "	8
74	197 " " "	20
75	199 " " "	18
76	28 Fd Butchery & CSD	12
77	64 Coy RASC (Bulk Pet Tpt)	11
78	71 " " (Gen Tpt)	11
79	98 " " " "	10
80	221 " " (Tipper)	14
	TOTAL c/fwd	926

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(B) (Continued)

Serial No.	Unit.	Italian PW Co-operators held.
	TOTAL b/fwd	926
	R.A.S.C. (continued)	
81	350 Coy RASC (Gen Tpt)	4
82	487 " " " "	13
83	488 " " " "	14
84	546 " " (TK Tptr)	13
85	918 " " (Gen Tpt)	11
	R.A.M.C.	
86	5 (Br) Gen Hospital	6
87	99 " " "	20
88	'A' Officers Con Wing	20
89	33 Reception Station	6
90	34 " "	11
91	11 (Br) Gen Hospital	11
92	33 " " "	4
93	100 " " "	22
94	5 Base Transfusion Unit	2
	R.A.O.C.	
95	53 Mob Laundry	63
96	206 Mob Laundry & Bath Unit	28
97	38 Veh Coy	4
98	25 Advance Ammunition Depot	7
99	107 Port Amn Det	2
100	104 Port Ord Det	2
	R.E.M.E.	
101	LAD att RACTD	17
102	603 LAD	8
	C.M.P.	
103	'B' Dog Provost Coy	26
104	200 Provost Coy	12
	PIONEER CORPS (SALVAGE)	
105	21 Base Depot Salvage Unit	7
106	22 " " " "	6
107	23 " " " "	7
108	24 " " " "	7
109	25 " " " "	7
110	26 " " " "	7
	PIONEER CORPS (FIRE FIGHTING WING)	

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90	54	21
91	11 (Br) Gen Hospital	11
92	33 " " "	4
93	100 " " "	22
94	5 Base Transfusion Unit	2
	R.A.O.C.	
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109	25 " " " "	7
110	26 " " " "	7
	PIONEER CORPS (FIRE FIGHTING WING)	
111	602 First Class Fire Bde	22
112	603 " " " "	23
113	151 " " " "	3
	A.C.C.	
114	A.C.C. Trg Centre	31
115	2 F.C.T.C.	13
	TOTAL c/fwd	1,385

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Serial No.	Unit.	Italian PW Co-operators held.
	TOTAL b/fwd :	1,385
	MISCELLANEOUS	
116	Camp Comd, AFHQ	91
117	HQ 15 Army Group	53
118	Camp Comd, No.3. District	2
119	HQ 52 Area	8
120	Camp Comd 54 Area	7
121	HQ 55 Area	2
122	HQ 59 Area	1
123	HQ 204 Sub-area	9
124	HQ 208 Sub-area	2
125	HQ 210 Sub-area	14
126	GHQ 2nd Echelon	237
127	Depot & Trg Establishment CMP	18
128	5 Reception Camp	48
129	30 " "	41
130	AFHQ Printing Press	14
131	'A' Carrier Maint Sec	4
132	'C' " " "	5
133	3 Transit Camp	2
134	CSDIC	6
135	Re-Allocation Centre, C.M.F.	33
136	HQ. RAC, RA & INF	3
137	5 Transit Camp	37
138	368 POW Camp (Staff)	18
139	52 War Office Selection Board	10
140	11 Town Major	5
141	17 " "	5
142	61 " "	1
143	YMCA Augusta	2
144	Claims and Hirings.	2
145	30 Grave Concentration Unit	13
146	C.V.W.W. North Africa	13
147	HQ Central Mediterranean Trg Centre	72
148	8 Bn, Infantry Reinforcements Trg Depot	33
149	5 Bn, General Reinforcements Trg Depot (Staff)	6
150	204 Sub-area Transit Camp	7
151	1 Cdn Corps Tpt Coln	1
152	HQ 15 Sigs	10
	TOTAL :	2,220

(C) Italian PW Co-operators training or held as Reinforcements.

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153	5 Bn G.R.T.D.	1,150
154	209 PW Camp	50
	TOTAL :	1,200

(D) Italian PW Co-operators in hospital TOTAL : 302

SUMMARY

Part (A) : : :	7,414
Part (B) : : :	2,220
Part (C) : : :	1,200
Part "(D)" : : :	302
GRAND TOTAL :	11,136

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L'ALTO COMMISSARIO
per i prigionieri di guerra

Roma, 11 gennaio 1945

N. 121 Pol/D-8

OGGETTO: Trasformazione unità prigionieri italiani in Italia.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione Prigionieri di Guerra
R O M A

Seguito e complemento del promemoria del 15 Dicembre 1944 (annesso al N° 2217 del 16 dicembre 1944) circa la liberazione dei prigionieri delle unità di cooperatori in Italia.

1). Il Ten.Col. Campbell ha fatto presenti le seguenti due necessità pregando l'indicare il modo col quale si provvederebbe ad esse:

a) - che il numero dei militari addetti a tale unità non diminuisca;

b) - che gli uomini, già pratici ormai del loro servizio, restino, in linea generale, ai loro posti, ossia che, benchè appartenenti a classi che l'Esercito Italiano congeda, essi non si congedino.

2). Alle due necessità si pensa che si possa provvedere nel seguente modo :

a) - le unità possono essere mantenute a numero creando in Italia una riserva apposita di militari tratti da militari ora prigionieri di guerra delle classi più giovani :
- provenienti dalla Balcania
- rimpatriati dal Nord Africa, specialmente da quelli in mani francesi (il cui trattamento è notoriamente non buono)
- rimpatriati dall'Eggitto, Kenya, India, Sud Africa (ove non si sono formate unità di lavoro, a malgrado delle domande dei soldati italiani, desiderosi di collaborare).

b) - E' probabile che le attuali unità di lavoro formate con prigionieri di guerra in Italia abbiano molti militari delle classi che l'Esercito Italiano ha già congedato. Sembrerebbe opportuno ad ogni modo congedare i più vecchi (sopra i 40 anni) ed invogliare gli altri a restare come <u>volontari</u>, con apposita dichiarazione impegnativa verso il Governo Italiano. La durata dell'impiego dovrà però essere fissata in un dato numero di mesi, e rinnovabile. Ma è necessario far note ai soldati le condizioni nuove loro di vita. E perchè accettino di diventare così volontari sembra necessario stabilire che il trattamento anche quando saranno tornati liberi, continuerà ad essere quello attuale,

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per alloggiamento, vestiario, viveri, paga e salario, ben inteso a carico degli allegati.

Circa il salario anzi sarà necessario stabilirne uno uguale per tutti, tanto per le unità che sono coll'Esercito Americano, quanto per quelle che sono con l'Esercito Britannico : la paga giornaliera dovrebbe essere quella ora corrisposta dall'Esercito Americano : 3 dollari mensili e 80 cm. di dollaro al giorno.

Con opportuna illustrazione ai soldati di queste condizioni è molto probabile che tranne coloro che sono in condizioni particolarmente pietose di famiglia, gli altri resteranno volontariamente in servizio e ci daranno buon rendimento.

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO
(Generale Pietro Gazzera)

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L'ALTO COMMISSARIO
per i Prigionieri di guerra

Roma, 16 Dicembre 1944

N° 2211/Pol.G-5 di prot.

OGGETTO: Status dei prigionieri di guerra italiani.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione prigionieri
di guerra
R O M A

Con riferimento al foglio IPW/1/305 del 10 dicembre 1944 di codesta Commissione ed al foglio IPW/1/267 del 30 novembre diretto a S.E. Bonomi, si trasmetto il richiesto schema per la trasformazione delle unità prigionieri di guerra in Italia in reparti di soldati italiani liberi a disposizione degli Alleati.

Lo schema è forzatamente generico poichè questo Alto Commissariato non conosce i dati relativi alle forze, alla dislocazione ed ai servizi che compiono le attuali unità di prigionieri di guerra in Italia. Sembra però sia abbastanza elastico per potersi adattare ai vari casi.

Lo schema ha avuto l'approvazione delle Autorità governative competenti.

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SCHEMA PER LA TRASFORMAZIONE DELLE UNITA' PRIGIONIERI IN ITALIA IN REPARTI DI SOLDATI ITALIANI LIBERI A DISPOSIZIONE DEGLI ALLEATI

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Roma, 15 Dicembre 1944

I) - ORGANIZZAZIONE DEI REPARTI

Dovrebbe essere studiata in base a dati sicuri: forza dislocazione e impiego attuale delle truppe.

In linea generale e salvo le varianti che potrebbero essere apposte in sede di esame più approfondito si può prevedere un ordinamento analogo a quello stabilito dal Comando A.A.I. per le unità lavoratori pionieri alla dipendenza di impiego di comandi inglesi e precisamente:

1. Compagnie
   - 4 plotoni con la forza di 5 ufficiali (di cui 1 capitano e circa 200 sottufficiali e truppa);

2. Battaglioni - di 6 compagnie -
   - Comandi di Btg. : 4 ufficiali (un ufficiale superiore, un aiutante maggiore, un ufficiale di amministrazione, un ufficiale medico), 11 sottufficiali e truppa.

   Totale 34 ufficiali, 1265 sottufficiali e truppa.

3. Reggimenti di 2 btg.
   - Comandi di reggimento : 1 colonnello e 8 ufficiali con incarichi vari; 27 sottufficiali e truppa.

   Totale 77 ufficiali, 2557 sottufficiali e truppa.

Eventualmente si potrà studiare la convenienza di avere battaglioni più leggeri (4 cp.) e di aumentare nei reggimenti i btg. da 2 a3.

Gli ufficiali necessari per le nuove unità, oltre quelli che già inquadrano la truppa, dovrebbero essere tratti da quelli tuttora prigionieri in mano brittannica e che sono presentemente inattivi presso i campi.

II) - DIPENDENZE

Come per tutte le altre truppe ausiliare e precisamente:

- d'impiego : dai comandi alleati a vantaggio dei quali i reparti svolgono la loro attività;

- disciplinari e amministrative : dai comandi di divisione italiana (già costituiti per l'inquadramento delle truppe ausiliarie) aventi giurisdizione sul territorio nel quale vengono impiegate le truppe.

I comandanti di cp., di btg. e di rgt. avrebbero attribuzioni limitate al campo disciplinare, amministrativo e assistenziale.

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I battaglioni avrebbero, come in genere quelli delle truppe ausiliare, autonomia amministrativa.

III)- Ove necessario, presso ciascun battaglione potrebbe essere comandato un ufficiale alleato di collegamento col comando alla cui dipendenza d'impiego è posta l'unità italiana.

IV) - I nuclei minori possono essere organizzati in plotoni o compagnie da assegnare ad uno dei battaglioni vicini.

V) - Per non oltrepassare il ceiling fissato per le ragioni viveri alle truppe italiane, queste nuove unità ausiliarie potrebbero ricevere i viveri dalla sussistenza alleata.

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16 December 1944

HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR P.W.

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N.2217/Pol C-5 di prot.

Subject: Situation of Italian PW.

To: The A.C. Sub-Comm. of PW. ROME

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Vedi b (enclosure).

Referring to letter IPW/1/305 of December 10th 1944 to this High Commissioner and letter IPW/1/287 of November 30th addressed to H.E. DONATI, I transmit the requested scheme for the transformation of the Italian P.W. Units in Italy into free Italian Soldier-Units at disposition of the Allies.

The scheme is by force generic, because this High Comm. ignores details about the strength and the location of the Units and the work they are actually doing.

All the same the scheme is sufficiently elastic to be adapted to the various cases.

The scheme has been approved by the various competent Governmental Authorities.

High Commissioner
/s/ Gen. F. CAZZERA

Vedi 344 & 359
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15 December 1944

SCHEME FOR TRANSFORMATION OF ITALIAN PW. IN ITALY INTO FREE ITALIAN SOLDIER UNITS AT DISPOSITION OF ALLIES.

I) Organisation of Units.

Should be studied in base of the strength , the location and the actual employ of the soldiers.

On general lines the same arrangement as has been established by the A.A.I. Command for the Engineer Corps Labour Units which depend on the British Forces could be adapted:

1- Squadrons
4 squads with 5 officers (of which 1 Capt. and about 200 non Com-Off. and soldiers)

2- Battalions of 6 squadrons
Command of Battalion: 4 Officers (one Senior Officer, one Aide-de-Camp Officer for the administration, 1 Medical Officer)Non-Com- Off. and Soldiers.

3- Regiments formed with 2 Battalions
Command of the Regiment: 1 Colonel and 8 officers for various jobs; 27 non-Com-Off. and soldiers. Total: 77 officers, 2557 non Com-off. and Soldiers.

Eventually the possibility of having lighter battalions (4 squadrons) & augmenting the number to-3 battalions in a Regiment could be studied.
The officers necessary for those new units, besides those who are already with the Units, should get the same treatment as those who are still in PW. Camps and without a job.

II) Dependency
As for all the other auxiliary Units:
- For employment: on the Allied Commands for which those Units are working
- For discipline and Administration: on the Commands of the Divisions (which have already been formed in order to embody the Auxiliary Units) which have jurisdiction on the territory where the Units are employed.
The Squadron, Battalion and Regimental Commanders have limited competency on discipline, administration and assistence - matters.
The battalions have, like most auxiliary forces, administrative autonomy.

III) Where necessary, every battalion could have an Allied officer acting as liaison with the Command from whom the Italian Unit depends.

IV) The smaller nucleus could be organised into squads or squadrons and be assigned to one of the near by battaglions.

V) In order not to surpass the ceiling fixed for the rations of the Italian Troops, these new Auxiliary Units could get their rations through the Allies.

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WAR MATERIALS DISPOA

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

IPW/1/305.

10 December 1944.

To: Italian High Commissioner for PW.

Subject: Status of Italian Prisoners of War.

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With reference to your letter No. 1979/Pol/G-5 dated 24 November 1944, the questions raised have from time to time in the past been forwarded to higher authority for consideration.

1. The whole matter is wrapped up in the question of the status of Italian Prisoners of War, which question has been presented to the Allied Governments for consideration.

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2. A letter IPW/1/287 dated 30 November 1944 was forwarded to The President of the Council of Ministers by the Chief Commissioner, which asked for suggestions as to how Prisoners of War in this theatre can be made available to Service units under British and American control, and under substantially similar conditions of service.

3. On receipt of a reply to the above-mentioned letter, the suggestions and requests in your 1979/Pol/G-5 dated 24 November will be further considered, together with any suggestions which the Prime Minister may make. 304

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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

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Reference No. IPM/1/287 30 November 1944

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to your letter No. 2708 dated 8th October 1944.

The Supreme Allied Commander was gratified to learn of the report made by General Dapino of his visit to Prisoners of War Units in Italy and of his satisfaction with the conditions which he found.

The objections raised to the maintenance of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy in British and American custody at this time are fully appreciated.

In order to make any change in their Status as Prisoners of War it has been necessary to refer the matter to the Allied Governments.

Meantime, I shall be glad to have any suggestions which you may wish to advance as to the manner in which the prisoners presently held in this theatre, and which it may be necessary to return to Italy, can be made available to service units under British and American control and under substantially similar conditions of service.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PRISONERS OF WAR — Rome, 24 November 1944

File 1979/Pol/G-5 — TO: ALLIED COMMISSION R O M E — Le 305. Le 322.

SUBJECT: Suggestion of different measures to be taken with regards to Italian PW.

1. With regards to the importance of the question of Italian Military Personnel still held as PW by the Allied Military Authorities, it is necessary to find a just solution to the delicate problems, connected with the PW, which are daily increasing. In the same time the interest of the Italian people is increasing because it is a problem very closely attached to the life of the country and will have a profound political, military, economic and social repercussion (in and outside of Italy).

The AC already knows how the Italian Government, by means of this High Commission since the days of its constitution (early in the month of March last), worked with the Allies to solve different problems concerning the PW. The H.C. has tried especially to obtain the conclusion of certain agreements destined to settle the employment and the treatment of the Italian soldiers, who are working as "collaborators" in U.S.A. and the British Isles and Dominions; to protect them but at the same time to see that their work as collaborators is accomplished in the interest of the War against our enemy, the Germans.

For this reason the Allies have been repeatedly called upon to have as soon as possible a meeting with the Italian Authorities to solve this important problem.

2. Waiting for this meeting, we like to suggest some measures that would facilitate and augment the number of collaborators among the PW and also prepare them for their repatriation. As there are great numbers of PW waiting for repatriation it would be advisable to repatriate them in units organized before (labour-units) or in nucleus embodied before (the non-collaborating PW); this is necessary from the moment they leave the camp until their arrival on Italian soil.

a) Better selection of PW still retained in camps

From information we had, also after the constitution of workers units, a certain number of PW remained in the camps. These PW are generally the ones who did not want to collaborate. It has been said previously and specially mentioned in letter N. 790/Pol/C-2 of the 26th August that although a lot did not want to collaborate, among them there are a lot of good officers, non-Comms officers and of Pets., who have decided that way because they do not know the present condition of Italy and they preferred to be aloof in this period, also because they did not receive any direct order from their Government.

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Others sick and tired of being held as prisoners and with the morale very low, insisted in the same attitude. This being the case, it would be very convenient that a true selection should be made with extreme tact by Italian superior officers and a selection chosen among this so called "personnel not desirable".
We are sure that plenty of good personnel can still be available for the cooperation and as cobelligerents.

b) Increase number of officers who are assigned to labour-units and assignation of Officers to Camps of Privates

Since the 21st of March by verbal note N. 9 the Allied Commission has been informed how convenient it would be in order to maintain discipline and to increase the morale and spiritual conditions of the PW, to assign Italian Officers to groups of Italian PW.

We have been informed that in the Italian labour units in U.S.A. and British territory (without consulting the Italian Gov.) Italian Officers had been assigned bu not in a sufficient number! It is obvious that this number should be selected among those still are in PW Camps and without a job. We would advise to assign for each 200 enlisted men, 1Cpt, and 4 1st Lt. or 2nd Lt. In the camps for Privates who are waiting to collaboratore, as well as in those, who won't

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collaborate it would be advisable to assign good Italian Officers to embody them in the proportion of at least 4 to 5 for each 1000 Privates. After a little time we think that these officers will be able to take well in hand the situation and give the enlisted men the right sense of duty and increase their discipline.

This way a double advantage would be obtained: the improvement of the collaboration and giving a sense of responsibility to the men and at the same time employ for this work some good officers who now are idle.

c) Effect on morale of PW once PW-status is removed

The morale "status" of the PW will improve as soon as they will know for sure what is done by their Government and the Allies for their welfare. Once the PW standard has been removed and they are able to feel themselves "free" of the depressing bonds of captivity, they are sure to throw themselves on their new work with all the passionate enthusiasm of the Italians.

Then it will be the time, in accord with the Allied Authorities to establish a plan for morale support. The units might also be visited by officers of a higher rank who incite the workers by their speech and their example to do everything they can for the collaboration-work.

It would be advisable to send from Italy other officers with strong authority when these PW are going to be repatriated, who could explain to them the actual conditions in Italy, the duties and rights of the ex PW and their families etc. all of which would put the repatriating PW in a right frame of mind, so as to assure a quiet and ordinate repatriation.

3. If these measures will be taken, two very important ends will be reached:

a) The greatest part of those unfortunate soldiers of ours, the best our Nation has, thus give its greatest possible support through its work for the cause of Victory.

b) That the same PW, will be repatriated to their country in well disciplined units, spiritually well orientated such as to form a strong instrument of revival for the work and the peace of our country.

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With all these measures for the embodiment of the PW into informations arranged, there will still remain in PW camps big numbers of excellent officers, who want to help the War effort: there are 8-10.000 in India, 2000 in America and a few thousands in Kenya etc.

We are awaiting some acknowledgement from the AC on the subject so as to be able to prepare other similar proposals.

We beg the AC to let us know the modalities of the future repatriation of our PW, in order that the Italian Government can study the way how to receive and disperse them;

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File 36 SECRET

23 November 1944

SUBJECT: Status of Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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1. Your letter of 27 October 1944 forwarding a translation of Premier Bonomi's letter of 8 October 1944, on the above subject, is at hand.

2. It is requested that you will inform Premier Bonomi that the Supreme Allied Commander has learned with gratification of the report made by General Dapino of his visit to Prisoner of War units in ITALY, and of his satisfaction with the conditions which he found. It is requested that you will further indicate to Premier Bonomi the views of the Headquarters along the following lines: The objections raised to the maintenance of Italian Prisoners of War in ITALY in British or American custody at this time are fully appreciated. However, in order to make any change in their status as prisoners of war, it will be necessary to refer the matter to higher authority. Meanwhile, we should be glad to have any suggestions which the Italian Government may wish to advance as to the manner in which the prisoners presently held in this theatre, and which it may be necessary to return to ITALY, can be made available to service units under British and American control and under substantially similar conditions of service.

By command of General WILSON:

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J. A. H. GAMMELL
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff.

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