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NO. 3B/IPW INFORMATION RE RUSSIAN

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PW INFORMATION RE RUSSIAN P.O.W. FORMERLY IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS

IN ITALY

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Ref. folio 4.

The matter was discussed with Col. Barsdorf at this HQ on 17 Feb. 45, when he explained that the whole question was being dealt with direct with the Soviet Gov. and higher authority.

The subject was again referred to by the Russian Rep. to whom the situation was explained, and no further action is now necessary.

22 Feb. 45.

J.A.C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394, U.S. ARMY  
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND  
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

IPW/38/6

23 February 1945

TO: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War

SUBJECT: Russian POW in Avezzano Camp

*See 1.*

Reference your letter No. 185 dated 25 Jan. 1945.

Higher authorities state that there is no information available concerning these 13 Russian Prisoners of War.

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

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G-5: 383.7-14

21 February 1945

SUBJECT: Russian PW in Avezzano Camp.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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1. Reference is made to your IPW/38/2 dated 6 February 1945.
2. It is regretted that no information is available in this Headquarters concerning the 13 Russian Prisoners of War referred to in your above quoted letter.

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

*K. P. Mannock*  
K. P. MANNOCK,  
Jr. Comdr.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND  
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB-COM.  
D/O IPW/38/4  
10 February 1946

Dear

*Barsdorf**See 7.*

With reference to my telephone conversation with you regarding the repatriation of Russian Prisoners of War.

Sometime ago when I was at Allied Force Headquarters, Colonel Hyde of G-1 (A) asked me to sound the Russian Representative at this Headquarters on the question of taking their ex Prisoners of War across country provided they were landed at some port in Yugoslavia.

As I remember it the suggestion was that certain Russians coming from France could be brought to Naples taken across to Bari or some other Adriatic Port ferried across on a Landing Craft to a safe port in Yugoslavia where they would be picked up by Russian Planes and taken on from there in accordance with the Russian Government's wishes.

I put this proposal up to my Russian Liaison Officer who I believe put it before his General who instructed that the officers in charge of their Prisoners of War question should discuss the matter with me.

The Russians called on me some days ago and discussed the matter at length. They expressed the opinion that the suggestion was a good one but asked for details as to what numbers they would be expected to lift at one time and I suggested it might be 400/500 and they are of opinion this could be arranged.

They expressed the desire to have a regular service with the view to moving the 5000 Russians at present held in Italy as quickly as possible to some Russian Camp but asked me to provide certain details as to how the suggested plan would work - numbers to be lifted - every how many days - the port at which they would arrive, would a camp be necessary in Yugoslavia or could they pick up direct from ship - this they would prefer.

As I only had a very general picture from Colonel Hyde - if you wish me to take any further action please let me have your proposals. I would like to know what is being done so that I may let the Russian Representative here know the situation.

Hope this is something like what you mean.

Yours *sincerely**RL*

*copy in 442/454*  
Lt. Col. A.B. Barsdorf, A.A.G.,  
G-1 (B), Allied Force Headquarters,  
APO 512.

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

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IPW/38/3

6 February 1945

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Russian Prisoners of War.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 185  
dated 25 January 1945.

The matter has been referred to higher authority and  
you will be notified in due course as to their reply.

JAC

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

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

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IPW/18/2

6 February 1945

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

Subject: Russian POW in Arezzano Camp.

- see 1 & 5.*
- 1/. The High Commissioner for Italian Prisoners of War has requested the following information concerning 13 Russian Prisoners of War who were in the prisoners camp at Arezzano on 8 September 1943.
  - 2/. "A list of the names of these Russian prisoners who after the liberation of Italian territory from German occupation presented themselves to the Allied authorities and the locality where they were eventually taken. Any further information that can be given regarding Russian Prisoners of War who were interned in concentration camps in Italy".
  - 3/. May I be given such information as is available please so that I may be in a position to answer the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

For the Chief Commissioner:

*JAC*  
J. A. CAMPBELL  
Lieut.-Colonel  
Director  
WMD & IPOW Sub-Com. 7163

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c/c.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

Office for P/w who are ex enemies

File No. 185

Rome, 25 January 1945

To : The Allied Commission, Rome.

Subject : Russian POWs.

In the prisoners camp at Avezzano on the 8th of September 1943 there were 13 Russian Prisoners of War.

Said prisoners, as all the other prisoners who were in Allied Concentration Camps, at the moment that the camps were opened, tried to escape from the Germans with the help of the people of the various regions.

We beg this Allied Commission to furnish us with the list of the names of these Russian prisoners who after the liberation of the Italian territory from German occupation, presented themselves to the Allied Authorities and the locality where they were eventually taken.

We take this occasion to ask you for any information that this Allied Commission can give us regarding the Russian Prisoners of War who were interned in concentration camps in Italy.

Thanking you.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER  
s/ Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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