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REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN NATIONALS TO ITALY

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USRA ITALIAN MISSION VIA S. NICOLA DA POLIGNO 78 ROME

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INFO: 1st EAST AFRICA CORPS AREA 1-1219 AREA 5 1-1220 AIRPORT GENERAL

USRA BOMBARDIER 251

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UNCLASSIFIED:

1. Following signal received by Director General Durre : " Italian civilian cooperators living 5th internment camp Southern Rhodesia departed from Ethiopia 5 years ago. Far from their families since 10 years ago. Angry knowing civilians repatriation has been postponed to all other beg your brotherly intervention as the only I we trust for prompt return to Italy. Italian internees ".
2. Function this mission in respect above is liaison between military commands and Italian Government.
3. AFHQ informed us in June following : " Agreed policy is repatriation PWS from S. Africa take precedence over civilian internees. Every effort being made with available shipping conclude this project soonest ".
4. Latest report still 15000 PWS awaiting repatriation.
5. Above quoted signal forwarded interested military authorities here.
6. Director General personally regrets inability expedite return.

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29 JUL 1946

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Rome, 6 July 1946

MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE  
Pow BureauOff. 1°  
Div. 2°

Prot. n. 74143/1-G

*To: only to 1 PW*  
*Copy to* :- LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION ✓  
 A.C. M.M.I.A.  
 ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION  
*V/A* ROME

SUBJECT : Repatriation of It. Officers and families  
 from Eritrea -

This Ministry had been asked to take up the matter of the repatriation of 28 officers of the regular Army, (see attached list) who are at the present residing in Eritrea with their families.

Civil Affairs Section of the G.H.Q. E.E. has given the authorization for the repatriation of these officers and their families, on the condition that the expense of repatriation will be paid by the It. Government, due to the fact that they are regular Officers of the It. Army, that they are on duty in Eritrea, residing with their families and therefore the expense of repatriation can not be paid privately.

As we have been asked for our opinion in this matter we inform you, that our Government has sent the motor ship "Toskana" in these days to repatriate the civilians from Asmara, said ship could be used for the repatriation of the people in discussion.

The Ministry of Italian Africa has been requested to give the necessary disposals regarding this repatriation and to inform the Allied Military Command and this Ministry of the action taken.

signed/ COL. PALLOTTA

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
M2M.I.R.  
ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION

29/5/46

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TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian Officers &amp; Families from Eritrea

1. This Division has been asked to inform you that in June '45 Civil Affairs Branch GHQ, MEF. raised the question of the return from Eritrea of 28 Officers of the Italian Regular Army.
2. With your letter 40630/GI/I of 27 Sep 45 the Italian Government gave its consent. Subsequently GHQ, MEF Civil Affairs asked whether the Italian Government would bear the cost of repatriation of these officers. No reply can be traced and the matter has now been raised again by Chief Administrator, Eritrea.
3. Could you please inform this Division if the Italian Government is prepared to bear the expense of the passage of these Officers and their families.

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

Copy to: Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW



letter No. 40630/CI/I of 27 Sep 45, a copy of which is attached. Subsequently this Branch in letter No. 11814/D/147/CA dated 15th October, 1945 (copy attached) asked whether the Italian Government would bear the cost of repatriation of these officers. No reply can be traced and the matter has now been raised again by Chief Administrator, Eritrea.

I am therefore to request you to ask the Italian Government if it is prepared to bear the expense of the passages of these officers and their families.

*F.S. 1/2/46*  
*John W. [unclear]*  
*Major, [unclear]*  
 (ALASTAIR J. MCINTOSH)  
 Major,  
FOR CHIEF SECRETARY.

Copy to:- Chief Administrator,  
 HQ, BMA.,  
ERITREA.

Your letter No. 8.78/43 dated 17 May 46  
 refers.

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SUBJECT:- REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN OFFICERS.

No. 11512/D/147/CA

Civil Affairs Branch,  
G.H.Q., I.M.P.

13th October, 1946

ATTN.,  
G-5 Section,  
AFG 512.  
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I am directed to refer to your  
G-5 614.33.16 of 6 Oct 46.

It is presumed that as the 26 Officers  
concerned hold commission in the Italian Regular  
Army, repatriation costs will not be at private  
expense.

I am to ask whether the Italian Govt.  
are prepared to accept the cost.

sgd. (MARCEA WYLD)  
J/Cdr.,  
for CHIEF SECRETARY.

MINISTRY OF WAR  
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR REPATRIATED PWs

FILE : 10490/217 B.

Rome 23 May 1946

SUBJECT: Civilian Internees repatriating from Eritrea and Somalia.

TO : Allied Commission, S/C, IPW Div., Rome.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs informs:

a. a communication from the A.C. informs us that the Command of the M.E. has been informed, that the Italian Government would put at the disposal of said Command a sufficient number of ships for the repatriation of about 15,000 persons per month.

b. The Command of the M.E. has requested that a part of these ships be used for the repatriation of Civilian internees from Eritrea and a few hundreds Italian Civilians from Somalia.

We beg you to inform us as to the possibilities of granting this request, if your Office raises no objections.

S/ GENERAL A. MANNERINI

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You Mannerini  
notified by letter  
concerning a possible  
to send to Somalia (with  
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## INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: WAR 84215

Message Centre No: H/2197

Date/Time of Origin: 190930 B

Date Time Rec'd: APR 19 12 0

FROM: AFHQ WAR

Precedence: ROUTINE

TO : CG US ARMY FORCES MTO (CONGENMED)

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SAILING ABOARD SS GEORGE DAVIS ON OR ABOUT 12 APRIL 19 46 FROM BALTIMORE MARYLAND  
WILL BE 9 NAZI ITALIAN ALIENS AND 1 NAZI SWISS. ETA NAPLES 13 26 APRIL 1946.  
SHIPS CAPTAIN HAS LISTS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE AIRMAILED FROM HIS FILES

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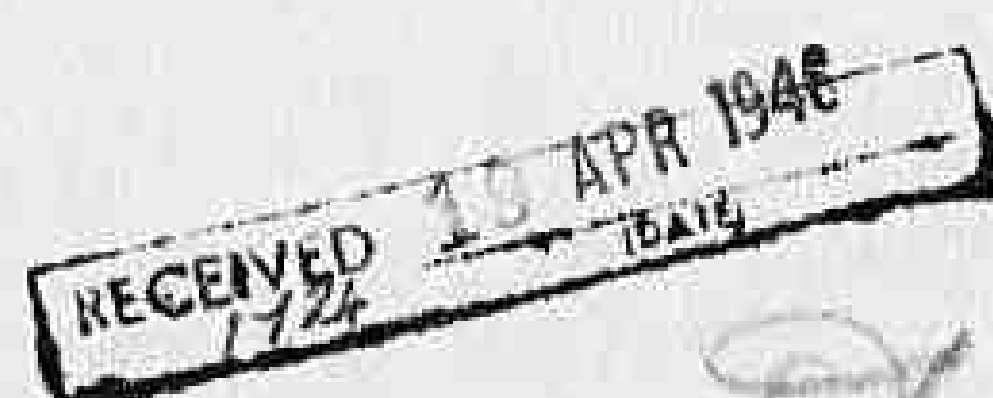
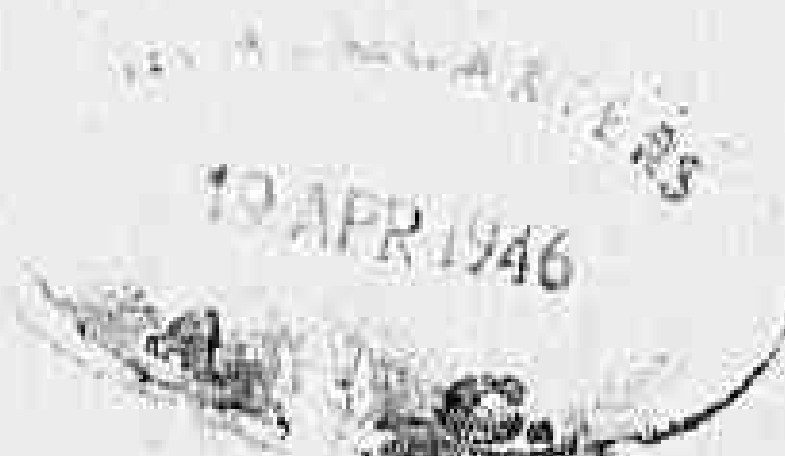
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 37993

Date/Time of Origin: APR 151546 B

Message Centre No: H/2035

Date Time Rec'd: APR 160915

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: Q (MOV) GQ CMF AFHQ

TO : MOV NAPLES, INFO: DISTHREE NAPLES ALCOM ROME MIDEAST CAIRO

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1. HS AMBRA ETA NAPLES approx 21 April has following for disembarkation. Italian civilian repatriates 431. Italian Doctor 3. Orderlies 25 and 1 Priest. Total 463.
2. All vailable invalids for mideast destinatio will be embarked under arrangements mov NAPLES.
3. Following will also be embarked for on routing from mideast. Indians 4. Palestinians 5. Br TB cases for S AFRICA 2 Officers 9 Ors. for Mideast. Your 03399 MD 1B of 12 April refers.
4. Agreed SSTD CASERN AND MEDICAL.

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(MWS) A. C.  
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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

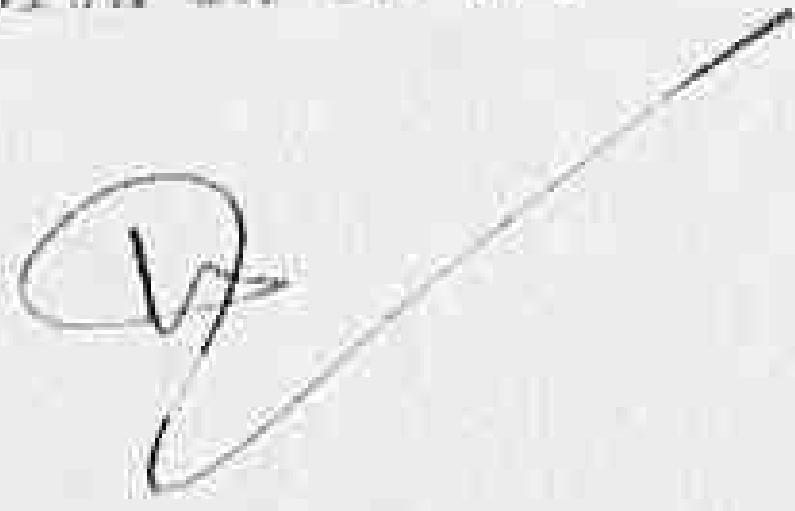
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SUBJECT : Repatriated Internees

TO : Displaced Persons  
U.N.R.R.A.

1. Herewith rolls of Italian Internees repatriated to Italy, forwarded to this Division in error.

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

Encl.: Lists of 219+16+458+796+113 names

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

IPW/46/6

29/3/46

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Civilian Internees from French  
North Africa.

TO : French Representative, A.C.

Ref. discussion Lt.Col.Regis- Gen.Mannerini- Capt.Luquet.

1. The attached lists refer to Italian civilians in French North Africa (Morocco, Algiers, Tunisia), whose priority for repatriation has been requested by the Ministry of Post War Assistance and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. The first list was sent by the Ministry of Post War Assistance on the 7th of Sep. 45; the other five were forwarded direct ~~by~~ to the French Embassy on 13 Oct. 45, - 3 Nov. 45, - 11 Feb 46, 26 Feb. 46, - 24 Mar 46.
3. In a/m conversation it was approved that these civilians (388) should embark on the ships engaged in repatriating PW from French N.Africa.

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

Copy to: Displaced Persons (U.N.R.R.A.) f.infm.

encl.: List of 388 names

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27 March 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR  
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE OF WAR VETERANS  
AND REPATRIATED PW  
REF. 6673/RPGR  
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TO THE ALLIED COMMISSION  
SUB COMMISSION  
IPW DIVISION  
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SUBJECT : Repatriation of the civilian internees from French  
North Africa.

Following our conversation relative to the argument in question.  
The number of Italian civilians still interned or free in French  
North Africa (Marocco - Algiers \* Tunisia) is approximately 7 or 8 thousand.  
Herewith attached is a list of Italian civilians whose priority  
in repatriation requested by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from the French  
Embassy.

The first list was sent through the Ministry of Post War Assistance on the 7th Sept. 1945; the other five lists were forwarded directly with the following letters :

- n. 19/22839/68 of 13 october 1945
- " 19/25089/82 of 3 november 1945
- " 19/01030/4 of 11 february 1946
- " 19/06282/23 of 26 february 1946
- " 19/9609/39 of 24 march 1946

Sgd.  
Gen A. Mannerini

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EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER

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REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN NATIONALS TO ITALY.

1. This Memorandum sets out the classes into which Italian Nationals held as Prisoners of War and Internees are divided, and the procedure which must be followed in making application for their repatriation.

2. There are two main classes:

- (a) Italian Prisoners of War i.e. members of the Italian Forces in Allied hands and Italian Merchant Seamen who have been interned by any of the Allied nations.
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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR AND MERCHANT SEAMEN.

3. WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION responsible for the handling of all questions concerning the repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War and Italian Merchant Seamen.

4. The following are the categories in which Prisoners of War or Merchant Seamen may be repatriated.

(a) Entitled Repatriates.

Sick, wounded, those who are 60 years of age or over, those who are over 50 years of age and have been two years in captivity. These Prisoners of War are now being repatriated automatically as shipping becomes available and will be demobilized on arrival in Italy.

(b) Compassionate cases.

Cases where Prisoners of War are required to take care of a family who have no other means of support, on conditions similar to those under which an Allied soldier would be posted home. Such cases are compassionate.

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(c) Priority Workers.

Workers who are required by U.S. or British agency or by an Italian Government agency for important work as a direct contribution to the Allied War Effort. Such cases are comparable to those of men of military age exempted from service as key workers, and will be demobilized on arrival in Italy.

(d) Effective Members of the Italian Armed Forces.

Prisoners of War who are required for active service with the Italian Armed Forces, Approval must first be obtained from the Service Sub-Commission concerned.

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN DEALING WITH ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR AND MERCHANT SEAMEN.

5. All applications and enquiries regarding repatriation with-in classes 4 (a) and (b) will be forwarded direct to the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, Corso Vittorio Emanuele 110, Rome.

6. Requests will only be submitted under 4 (c) when responsibility is accepted by the Director of the Sub-Commission, Regional Commissioner or the Italian Government agency, submitting the case the Prisoner of War concerned will fill and is qualified to fill the appointment for which he has been requested. Requests under 4 (c) made by an Italian Government agency will in the first place be submitted to the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

7. All requests for repatriation under 4 (d) will be initiated by the service Ministry concerned to the appropriate service Sub-Commission. The requests will give full particulars of the personnel required and their proposed employment in the armed forces. After approval by the service Sub-Commission concerned the requests will be returned to the service Ministry for submission to the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War. Prisoners of War will not be absorbed into the Armed Forces in ITALY by any other means.

8. The Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War will check and collate all applications and requests made to him and will forward them to War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission which will, if it approves, make formal application to higher authority.

9. In all cases under the above conditions repatriated Italian Prisoners of War of military age will only be demobilized or released from service for other duties provided the service Ministry concerned does not require their retention in the Armed Forces.

CIVILIANS LIVING OR INTERNED OUTSIDE ITALY

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M. S. LUSH,  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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List A - Groups I & II

M. S. LUSH,  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN DEALING WITH ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR  
AND MERCHANT SEAMEN.

5. All applications and enquiries regarding repatriation within classes 4 (a) and (b) will be forwarded direct to the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, Rome.

~~6. (a) Requests will only be submitted under 4 (c) when the Director of the Sub-Commission, Regional Commissioner or the Italian Government agency submitting the case is satisfied that the Prisoner of War concerned will fill and is qualified to fill an appointment which, although it may directly help~~

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*was asked.*

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8. The Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War will check and collate all applications and requests made to him and will forward them to War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission ~~who~~ will, if they approve, make formal application to higher authority.

9. In all cases under the above conditions, repatriated Italian Prisoners of War of military age will only be demobilized or released from service for other duties provided the service Ministry concerned does not require their retention in the Armed Forces.

CIVILIANS LIVING OR INTERNED OUTSIDE ITALY.

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10. The DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION will be responsible for the handling of all applications for the repatriation of civilians and groups of civilians living or interned outside ITALY.

11. The following are the ~~only grounds~~ or conditions on which applications may be made for repatriation of civilians to ITALY.

#### (a) Compassionate cases.

Cases where civilians are required to return to ITALY to take care of a family who have no other means of support. ~~or on similar compassionate grounds.~~ *All cases on compassionate grounds should be considered on their merits.*

#### (b) Priority workers.

Cases where civilians are necessary to the war effort and where their repatriation to ITALY will be a direct contribution to the war effort. *Refer to*

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN DEALING WITH CIVILIANS.

12. All requests from Sub-Commissions or Regional Commissioners for repatriation of civilians or groups of civilians under para 12 (a) and (b) will be forwarded direct to DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION who will be responsible for screening all applications and approving them prior to forwarding them to higher authority. Directors of Sub-Commissions and Regional Commissioners will be responsible that the applications they ~~put forward~~ <sup>submit</sup> are warranted by the circumstances and facts put before them, and that in applications under 12 (b) ~~that~~ the civilian for whom the application is made ~~is~~ <sup>must be</sup> qualified to hold the appointment for which he is asked and will fill the appointment after repatriation.

13. All requests, in Italian Government territory will be forwarded direct to the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, and not to Allied Commission.

M.S. LUSH,  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

Distribution: List A - Groups I & II.

Copy to: Italian High Commissioner for  
Prisoners of War

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

March 1945.

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM  
No.

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- (b) Civilians and groups of civilians living or interned outside Italy.

B ← 3. ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR & MERCHANT SEAMEN. <sup>Italian Prisoners of War</sup>

3. WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND <sup>Italian Prisoners of War</sup> ~~REPATRIATION~~ SUB COM: <sup>MISSION</sup> are responsible for the handling of all questions concerning the repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War and Italian Merchant Seamen, ~~and Regions and Sub Commissions re:~~ <sup>helping repatriation of individual prisoners of War and/or Merchant Seamen with prior to forwarding their application to the Italian High Commission for Prisoners of War, clear any points they have with the War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub Commission.</sup>

4. The following are the <sup>categories or conditions</sup> ~~grounds~~ on which Prisoners of War or Merchant Seamen may be repatriated. Any cases <sup>not</sup> falling within these categories must be cleared through War Material Disposal and Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission.

(a) Entitled Repatriates.

Sick, wounded, those who are 60 years of age or over, those /

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those who are over 50 years of age and have been Two years in captivity. These prisoners of war are now being repatriated automatically as shipping becomes available, and will be demobilised on arrival in Italy.

~~(a)~~ (b) Compassionate cases.

Cases where Prisoners of War are required to take care of a family who have no other means of support. Such cases are comparable to those of men of military age, exempt from service, and are demobilised on arrival in Italy.

(c) Priority workers.

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Workers ~~who~~ who are required by a U.S. or British agency or by an Italian agency for important work as a direct contribution to the Allied War Effort. Such cases are comparable to those of men of military age, exempt from service as key workers, and are demobilised on arrival in Italy.

(d) Effective Members of the <sup>Italian</sup> Armed Forces.

Prisoners of War who are required for active service with the Italian Armed forces, the approval of which has first been obtained from the Service Sub Com: mission concerned.

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED in dealing with Italian Prisoners of War.  
*and merchant Seamen.*

5. All ~~requests~~ *Applications* for repatriation within ~~the~~ classes 4 (a) and (b) will be forwarded direct to the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, Corso Vittorio Emanuele 110, Rome.

6. Requests will only be submitted under 4 (c) when the Director of the Sub Commission ~~or~~ Regional Commissioner submitting the case is satisfied that the Prisoner of War concerned will fill an appointment which, although it may directly help private business will ~~help~~ <sup>help</sup> the indirectly the war effort. In this connection special cases may be submitted for Italian Officers filling appointments in large corporations and in agriculture.

*and is capable of fill*

7. The Directors of Sub Commissions or Regional Commissioners making applications under 4 (c) are responsible for seeing that Prisoners of War so repatriated do fill the appointments for which they were asked, and are ~~qualified to hold the appointments.~~

8. ~~Applications~~ <sup>Requests</sup> under 4 (c) made by any Italian Government Agency will be submitted ~~to~~ <sup>in the first place</sup> to Allied Commission for approval.

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9. All requests for repatriation under 4 (d) will be initiated by the service Ministry concerned to the appropriate service Sub Commission. The requests will give full particulars of the personnel required and their proposed employment in the Armed Forces. After approval by the service Sub Commission concerned the requests will be returned to the service Ministry for submission to the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War. Prisoners of War will not be absorbed into the Armed Forces in ITALY by any other means.

10. The Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War will check and collate all applications and requests made to him and will forward them, ~~if approved~~, to War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub Commission who will make formal application to higher authority.

*if approved*

C — CIVILIANS living or interned outside ITALY.

11. The DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION is responsible for the handling of all ~~applications for~~ *applications for* screening the repatriation of CIVILIANS interned outside ITALY.

*if approved*

12. The following are the only grounds or conditions on which applications may be made for repatriation of civilians to ITALY.

(a) Compassionate cases.

Cases where civilians are required to return to ITALY to take care of a family who have no other means of support ~~and of similar compassionate grounds~~

(b) Priority workers.

Cases where civilians are necessary to the war effort and where their repatriation will ~~be for important work~~ and where their repatriation to ITALY will be a direct contribution to the war effort.

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13. DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION are responsible for the screening the applications under 12 (a) and (b) and if approved for forwarding them.

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~~the applications to higher authority.~~

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PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED in dealing with Civilians.

- ~~12. All requests for repatriation of civilians under para 12 (a) and (b) will be forwarded direct to DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION who are responsible for screening all applications prior to forwarding them to higher authority.~~

and approving them

13. Directors of Sub Commissions and Regional Commissioners forwarding applications for repatriation of civilians under 11 (a) and (b) must satisfy themselves that the applications they put forward are warranted by the circumstances and facts ~~and that app in and~~ <sup>that the civilian</sup> ~~cases of applications under 12 (b) that the civilian~~ for whom the application is made is qualified to hold the appointment for which he is asked and will fill the appointment after repatriation.

from Sub Commissioner  
to Regional Commissioner

14. All requests to Italian Government for repatriation of civilians who were in Italian High Commission for Prisoners of War, and not to Allied Commission.

Brigadier.

Executive Commissioner.

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List B.

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Minister of War, Rome and ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Italian~~ ~~High~~ ~~Commission~~ ~~for~~ ~~Prisoners~~ ~~of~~ ~~War~~ ~~and~~ ~~not~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Allied~~ ~~Commission~~

