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BAGGAGE OF REPATRIATED ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

M.N.I.A.

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW 49/75

23 January 1947.

SUBJECT : Loss of Barrage. Lt. LA MONAGA Raffaele.

TO : C.H.Q.. CMP.

1. Reference this office letter IPW/49/79 dated dated 25 Oct. 46.
2. May the action required in respect of the a/m by the above quoted letter be expedited, please.

Major General;  
Comd. Land Forces Sub Commission AC.  
(M.N.I.A.).

1. Reference this office letter IPW/49/79 dated

dated 25 Oct. 45.

2. May the action required in respect of the a/m  
by the above quoted letter be expedited, please.

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Major General;  
Comd. Land Forces Sub Commission AC.  
(M.V.J.A.).

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3 December 46

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION

ROME

I am pleased to inform you that a few days ago I received from India where I was held a prisoner of war from 5 Jan 1941 to 9 Mar 1943, a crate containing my luggage which, on my departure from the Camp, I left in the custody of the British Military Command of the Camp.

The crate arrived intact and in good condition, therefore I wish to thank the Command of General Officers' POW of PRISONER (Dutch) for having enabled me to recover personal belongings of considerable value.

Sincerely yours

Gen Alessandro Da Guisti.

Rome Via Cassaria no 5

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NAME FORMER SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
P.A.I.A.  
ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION

14 Nov '46

IPW/49/74

SUBJECT : Baggage belonging to Moretti Morozzo, Lt. Col.  
TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance, P. Bureau

1. Further to our IPW/49/57, dated 30/Aug.'46 please inform Lt. Col. Moretti M. direct if his baggage has been transferred from Tartus (Tripolitania) to Italy, and what you are proposing to do about it.

*Am*  
J.B. RAOLE  
Lt. Col.  
Chief  
IPW Div.

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Copy to:- Lt. Col. M. Moretti  
Comando Distretto Militare  
MODENA (ref. your:- dated 12 Nov.)

I.P.W.

...di pret.

Medena 12 novembre 1946

ATTO: Bagaglio

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.  
M.M.I.A.R O M A

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Riferimento vostra gradita lettera I.P.W./49/55 del 15.8.1946 ed a seguito mia risposta del 23.8.1946, prego comunicare se codesto Comando si è gentilmente interessato per il trasferimento del mio bagaglio da Tartun (Tripolitania) in Italia.

Ringrazio

TEN. COL. M. Meretti  
Comando Distretto Militare  
Medena

OFFICE OF WAR DIVISION

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LAND FORCES SUP COMMISSION A.  
M.E.I.A.  
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR OF L-10N

31 Oct 46

IPF/AG/72

SUBJECT : BAGGAGE of Lt. DE CHIARO, Vincenzo, ex P3

TO : C.M.E., CME

1. The s/a officer states that his baggage was deposited by Mrs VELLA, Giuseppina at the "Commission of Unguarded Property", a commission formed by the British Authorities in Mogadiscio, S. Africa in April '43. Lt. DE CHIARO was repatriated on 15 Aug '46 but his baggage has not yet arrived in Italy.

2. Could enquiries please be made to ascertain if this baggage has been forwarded or not.

For the Chief Commissioner

J.M. Morris  
Lt. Col.  
Chief  
IPF Div.

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18 October 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR  
Autonomous Office for War Veterans  
and Repatriated PWs

TO : It. Prisoners of War Div.  
Civ. Affairs Section

Prot.n.17542/255

ROME

SUBJECT : Baggage pertaining to POW Lt. DE CHIARO Vincenzo -

The officer in question, who was repatriated on the 15.8.1946, states that his baggage was deposited with Mrs. Vella Giuseppina of the Commission of Unguarded Property, a Commission that was formed by the English Authorities in Mogadiscio E.A. in April 1943.

The baggage has not arrived in Italy.

Would you please inform us if the baggage is still in East Africa in British custody and if so request the British Authorities to have it sent to Italy.

signed/ COL. ANFOSSO

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To G.I.H. Draft

PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION,  
C.A.C. 30 OCT 1946  
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LAND FORCES STE COMMISSION A.C.  
M.I.L.A.  
ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION

25 Oct '46

IPW/49/70

SUBJECT : Loss of baggage

TO : G.I.C., GMB

1. Lt. La Monaca, Raffaele who was repatriated from India on the 21 of April '46, states that his luggage got lost at Gelfa in December '43.
2. Attached herewith is a copy of the statement made by Lt. Col. H.D. Tarral, Camp Commander, and a list of things lost.
3. Will you please inform this Division of any action that may be taken in connection with the tracing of these effects.

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

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MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE  
PW BUREAU PROT NO37216/32202/V.I.I

23 October 46

TO Allied Commission  
Sub Commission  
IPW Division  
ROME

SUBJECT : Forwarding of documents

Following letter No32202/29308/VII of 9 October 46, we forward  
herewith copies of three documents.

Sgd Fausto Nitti.

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9 October 46

MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE  
Pow Bureau

Prot.n.32202/29808/V.1.1./Fin.

To : Allied Commission  
S/C for It.Pow.ROMESUBJECT : Loss of baggage -

You are informed that Lt. LA MONACA Raffaele, repatriated from India on the 21.4.1946 has requested this Ministry to trace his baggage lost by the British Authorities of Geneva in December 1940.

Will you please call this matter to the attention of the competent Authorities.

Herewith attached is a copy of the statement made by Lt. Col. H.D.TURRAL Camp Commander made at the moment the baggage was lost and a copy of the list of contents.

signed/ D.F.NITTI

(No enclosure)

POSTER OF WAR DIVISION,  
C. 28 OCT 1946  
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

M.N.I.A.

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/49/67

20 Oct 46

SUBJECT : Baggage of ex PW

TO : G.H.Q., GMP

1. The Italian Ministry of War have again reported a case of alleged slackness in handling of baggage belonging to Italian Prisoners of War.

2. While it is appreciated that the position regarding baggage for returned PW is only semi-official, and that any baggage shipped from abroad is entirely an owners' risk, it would seem that enquiries should be made regarding this case, the particulars of which are as follows:-

a) On 23 Aug '46 the M.F.O. rang up the Military Territorial Command at Naples giving instructions to collect certain baggage from the Allied Depot at the quay No 46 of the British Section in the port of Naples. The officer commanding is Lt. D.J. Morrey. The Italian officer who was sent to collect said baggage received nine sea jute bags; there was no list of contents or nominal roll of owners.

b) The M.C.O. in charge at the Depot stated that the baggage had been left by a ship in transit and belonged to repatriated PW from India.

c) The baggage was opened at the baggage centre at Ruorigrotta in the presence of a commission of Italian Officers. The bags were empty save for a few old clothes.

d) The Italian Ministry of War report that "the English Officer gave no further information when questioned by the Military Territorial Command."

3. It would be appreciated if some suitable enquiry could be made

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- a) On 23 Aug '46 the M.A.O. rang up the Military Territorial Command at Naples giving instructions to collect certain baggage from the Allied Depot at the quay H946 of the British Section in the port of Naples. The officer commanding is Lt.D.J. Morrey. The Italian officer who was sent to collect said baggage received nine seven jute bags; there was no list of contents or nominal roll of owners.
- b) The M.A.O. in charge at the Depot stated that the baggage had been left by a ship in transit and belonged to repatriated PW from India.
- c) The baggage was opened at the baggage centre at Fuorigrotta in the presence of a commission of Italian Officers. The bags were empty save for a few old clothes.
- d) The Italian Ministry of War report that "the English Officer gave no further information when questioned by the Military Territorial Command."

3. It would be appreciated if some suitable enquiry could be made and this Division informed in due course.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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

MINISTRY OF WARAutonomous Office for  
War Veterans and Repatriated PW

15 October 46

No. 17390/255

TO: IPW Division, U.M. Section, Rome

Subject : Luggage belonging to ex-PWs.

Following our letter No. 16249/255 of 20 Sept. and reference your request on the telephone on 29 Sept. we give you the following information:

- 1) The Office that has informed us by telephone that some luggage was stored in the British port, is the M.F.O. (Military Forces Ordnance).
- 2) Said organization is in charge of the receiving and despatching of luggage belonging to British Army personnel.
- 3) The location of said office is at the quay No. 46 of the British Section in the port of Naples.
- 4) The Officer Commanding is Lt. D.J. Marroy.
- 5) It has neither been possible to trace out the British Warrent Officer who delivered the luggage nor to know his generalities; it has not even been possible to find out the name of the ship that carried the 9 baggages to Italy.

for the GENERAL  
HEAD OF AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR  
WAR VETERANS AND REPATRIATED POWs

s/ (M. Anzoso)

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AG/00235. UNCLASS. FROM "A" BRANCH HGHC CMF. INFORMATION

RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN AUTHORITY THAT BAGGAGE OF IPW WHO EMBARKED

SS ANDES SEP4 WAS LFT BEHIND IN INDIA.

REQUEST IT BE FORWARDED WITH NEXT BATH// BATCH OF PRISONERS.

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MINISTRY OF WAR  
Office for War Veterans and  
Repatriated PW  
Prot No 16454/255

21 September 46

TO : Allied Commission  
Sub Commission  
IPW Division  
ROME

SUBJECT: Luggage pertaining to repatriated POW left in India

Following letter No 16194 dated 16/9/46. 58

You are informed that the luggage left behind in India, is the property of Generals who were in the disbanded Camp of Deradun.

The English Command gave a regular receipt for the luggage and promised to send it on with the next ship that would be leaving, but did not do so, notwithstanding that a few of these officers were repatriated over a year ago.

sgd Col E Musco.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
*[Faint handwritten notes]*

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MINISTRY OF WAR DIVISION  
1 OCT 1946  
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LAND FORCES SER COMMISSION A.C.  
M.M.I.A.  
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

26/9/46

IPW/49/65

SUBJECT : Baggage of Repatriated Italian PW

TO : Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW, Min. of War.

1. Approximately 11 tons of personal effects, of repatriated or deceased Italian PW and internees ex Australia, are being shipped to Naples on the "Chitral", leaving Australia (Freemantle) on 30/9/46. These effects are addressed to the Italian Ministry, Post War Reconstruction (PW Bureau-) Rome- .

2. Please arrange details of receipt of this baggage at Naples with the other recipients of this letter.

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

Copy to: Croce Rossa Italiana, Via Puglia - Roma -  
" " Italian Prisoners of War Bureau, Ministry of Post War Assistance  
" " Displaced Persons S/C, A.C. (info. only)

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20 September 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR  
Autonomous Office for War  
Veterans and Repatriated  
PWs.

20 Sep 46

TO: It. Pris. of War Division  
Civil Affairs Section

Prot.n. 16249/RPGR  
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ROME

*Insufficient details.  
CE informo  
He will phone back*

*Subject: unknown. 27 Sep 46  
30/9*

SUBJECT: Baggage pertaining to Veterans  
from imprisonment -

The Military Territorial Command of Naples on the 23rd August received a telephone communication from the English Command, to send over and fetch the baggage from the Allied Depot at the port; the officer who was sent received 9 hard sewn jute bags with no list of contents or nominal roster.

The non Comm. stated that said baggage had been left by a ship in transet and belonged to repatriated prisoners POW from India.

The baggage was opened at the lodging center at Fuorigrotta in the presence of the commission; the bags were nearly empty except for a few old clothes.

Herewith attached list of contents :

The English office gave no further information regarding the above matter when questioned by the Military territorial Command.

This Ministry had already protested in letter no. 9795 dated 14.5.1946 regarding the violations of baggage.

As the POW give great importance to their baggage we beg you to make inquiries regarding the above matter.

signed/ COL. MUSCO

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rallo, una manica singola di casto, una strascata col seguito indietro  
no : quantità in casto vestire di avviso Repubblica Italia

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Gazzetta di Torino n. 2 contiene un'Avviso. Ricordi caro, nell'interesse della  
Gazzetta vi è una lettera del seguente indirizzo: Soldato M.CRI, Pietro

Dante H. Brown, Jr.

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**Zuzanne Orlowski, D. Ed.D.** (408.332.1500)

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Bucche n. 3:

contiene n. 4 cassette di ferro, una valigia di cuoio pieno uso, una val-

igia di fibre;

1° Cassetta di ferro contiene una scatola di fiammiferi, una ventolina, una  
cassetta della R.A., un pannello di luce solenne, pila elettrica, cassetta  
della R.A., due pannelli fatti con cemento - uno fuori uso - un pannello  
per, una cinghia per pantaloni;

2° Cassetta di ferro: una cassetta, fuori uso, una scatola E.V., un

pannello

3° Cassetta: una scatola e una scatola fuori uso;

4° Cassetta di ferro: un pannello di luce E.V., una scatola per civile  
in buona condizione;

5° Valigia di cuoio: contenente una scatola di tela E.V., n. 10, n. 10,  
due di pezzi di metallo, lucernole o una forcella, un documentario,  
E.V. due pezzi di unguento, due pezzi di cuoio, un paio di guanti bian-

chi;

6° Cassetta di ferro: contenente un paio di stivali di cuoio.

Bucche n. 4 contiene n. 7 cassette di ferro:

1° Cassetta contiene una scatola di tela E.V., un buco E.V.

2° Cassetta contiene un paio di stivali di cuoio, un paio di lino,  
un paio di scarpe gamberi, una scatola di tela, un coperchio,  
un pannello E.V. - fuori uso - cassetta di cuoio (cassa d'acqua);

3° Cassetta contiene nulla;

4° Cassetta contiene la scatola di tela E.V. e un pannello,

5° Cassetta contiene un pannello E.V.

6° Cassetta contiene un pannello E.V. per luce e occhio

7° Cassetta contenente una scatola E.V. una scatola, un ventaglio e un

101, una cinghia per pantaloni;

2° Cassetta di ferro: una cassetta, tipo 400, una chiave S.V., un  
pantaloni

3° Cassetta: una bustina e una cinghia fuori uso;

4° Cassetta di ferro: un pantaloni, tipo S.V., una chiave per civile  
in buone condizioni;

5° Cassetta di ferro: contenente una bottiglia di tipo S.V., S. red,  
due bottiglie di metallo, un'enciclopedia e una forgiatura, un pantaloni,  
S.V., due pezzi di cinghia, due pezzi di cinghia, un paio di pantaloni  
chiavi

6° Cassetta di ferro: contenente un paio di pantaloni usati;

2111 n.4 contiene n.4 cassetta di ferro;

1° Cassetta contiene una chiave di tipo S.V., un buco S.V.

2° Cassetta contiene un paio di stivali di tipo S.V., un buco di ferro,  
un paio di buco cinghia, una cinghia di tipo S.V., un cinghia di tipo S.V.,  
un pantaloni S.V. - tipo S.V. - D. cinghia di tipo S.V.

3° Cassetta contiene un paio di pantaloni;

4° Cassetta contiene un paio di pantaloni S.V. e un paio di pantaloni,

5° Cassetta contiene un pantaloni S.V.

6° Cassetta contiene un pantaloni S.V. per una a cavallo

7° Cassetta contenente una cinghia S.V., una bustina, un pantaloni e un  
colletto S.V.

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2111 n.2 contenente n.2 cassetta di ferro, solido di tipo S.V.

1° Cassetta contiene una chiave S.V., pantaloni di tipo S.V.

2° Cassetta " un cinghia. Una cinghia. S.V., pantaloni.

3° Cassetta " Una cinghia di tipo S.V., un buco di tipo S.V.,  
un buco due pantaloni S.V., pantaloni e pantaloni.

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Capote di Giamaica.1° Casacca contiene: Pantaloni di lana un., una maglietta, un pantalone

E.V. fuori uso. Valigie di lana.

2° Casacca contiene: stracci sporchi fuori uso.3° Casacca contiene: completamente vuota.

Bella n. 6 : contiene a.== una giacca bleu fuori uso, un maglione di lana  
E.V. un pantalone per civile E.V. un giaccone blu  
fuori uso.

Bella n. 7 : contiene a. 2 casacca di ferro e un valigie di ferro E.V.1° casacca : Completamente vuota.2° casacca : contiene: una maglietta di cotone, una camicia, una camicia E.V.  
una maglietta di cotone, tutto fuori uso.3° Casacca : contiene : una giacca di lana, ed un pullover E.V.4° Casacca : una giacca di un pantalone fuori di un paio di calzoncini

fuori uso.

5° Casacca : Una giacca di panno E.V. fuori uso.6° Valigia contiene : una coperta ed un berretto fuori uso.Bella n. 8 contiene : n. 2 casacca di ferro, e una di Segno,1° casacca di ferro completamente vuota.2° casacca di ferro contiene una maglietta E.V.

3° casacca di ferro contiene una giacca di cotone ed una maglietta vuota.  
ed il tutto in pantalone stile civile in lana con  
disegni di lana, una giacca di ferro fuori uso, ed una  
di lana;

4° casacca in ferro : una giacca di ferro E.V., un maglione di lana E.V.

in vestire commissioni.

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Balla n. 34 contiene 6.== una glassa bianca nocciola, un sigillone ex 2.==  
6.7. un sigillone per ditta C.A. un sigillone bian  
nocciola.

Fascia n. 1 : contiene n. 5 cassette di zero ed una valida di riserva F.N.  
1<sup>a</sup> cassetta : Completamente vuota.  
2<sup>a</sup> cassetta : contiene una maglia di cotone, un corredo, una camicia S.M.  
una custodia di tela, tutte nuove uso.

L'Allegria : contiene : una piuma di lino, ed un pullover c.c.  
L'Allegria : una gonna di seta intessuta di seta e di seta  
 In più ecc.

2. Classifica: Una lista di otto a. a. (vedi l. 20).

5. Validità comparata: una comparata ed un'inspetto (vedi l. 20).

Dalla n. 1 contenete 1 n. 3 cassette di ferro e una di legno;  
1<sup>a</sup> cassette di ferro completamente vuota;  
2<sup>a</sup> cassette di ferro contiene una mazzetta d. n. 4.  
3<sup>a</sup> cassette di ferro contiene una giacca di tela bianca in pessime condizioni  
di d'uso; un portellone stoffa grigia in buone con-  
di d'oni d'uso; una bustina lancia pulvisca; ~~una~~ stoffa  
di auto;

1. *Operetta* - in 2 acts : una musica di tal. nat., un nazionale in 1 atto S.V.  
in 2 atti: un'opera di tal. nat.

2. causality - 2.1. cause and effect

2. Considera di seguito :  $\varphi$  funzione nel piano di classe polare e una funzione,  $\psi$  una funzione che ha come immagine un punto  $\alpha$  nel piano,  $\varphi$  un punto  $\beta$  nel piano,  $\psi$  un punto  $\gamma$  nel piano,  $\varphi$  un punto  $\delta$  nel piano,  $\psi$  un punto  $\epsilon$  nel piano.

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Trillo n. 5 contiene n. 6 traslate in ferro tutto completamente vuoto.

Del presente verbale ne sono state prodotte n. 4 copie.

Questo tratto è chiuso in data e luogo di cui sopra.

La Commissione

Il Presidente

U. to: Capit. Raffaele Almerico

Il 2° Membro

U. to: Brig. CC. RR. Indagante Angelo

Il 1° Membro

U. to: Ten. Andrea Giovanni

Il Osservatore

U. to: Serg. Amato Spagnuolo (veridico)



Il Ten. Colonnello

(L. Amato)

Al. G. G. G. G. G.

Il. G. G. G. G. G.

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*2. 100: Capit. G. G. G. G. G.*

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

IPW/40/60

20/9/46

SUBJECT : Baggage of ex IPW in Australia & India

TO : G.H.Q., CMF

1. The Italian authorities report that the baggage of the IPW who arrived on the S.S. "Morston Bay" on the 29th August was left behind in Australia.

Furthermore the baggage pertaining to the Italian PW who arrived on the S.S. "Andes" on Sept. 4th was ~~also~~ left behind in India.

2. Could enquiries please be made and baggage transferred to Italy with the next batch of prisoners.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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

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17 September 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR  
Autonomous Office for War  
Veterans and Repatriated PWs

Prot.n.15910/255

TO : Italian Pris. of War Div.  
Civil Affairs Section

ROME

SUBJECT : Baggage pertaining to POW in Australia -

The baggage pertaining to the POW, who arrived on the "S.S. Moreton Bay " on the 29th August, was left in Australia.

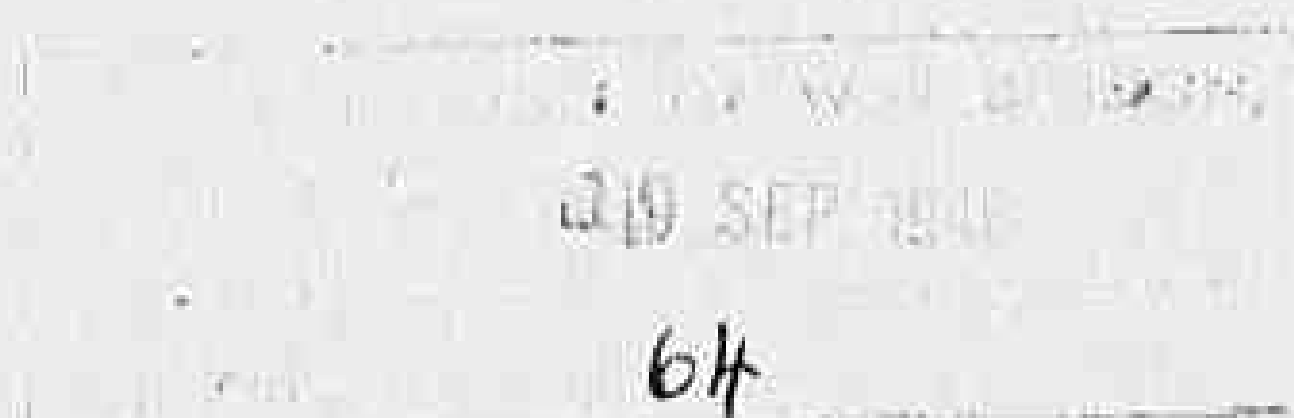
Furthermore we are informed that the baggage pertaining to the prisoners who arrived on the "S.S. Andes" on the 4th Sept. 1945, was also left behind.

We beg your division to take this matter up with the proper authorities in order to avoid in future the separation of the baggage from the owners.

signed/ COL. E.MUSCO

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16 September 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR  
Autonomous Office for War  
Veterans and Repatriated PWs

TO : Italian Pris.of War Div.  
Civil Affairs Section

Prot.n. 16194/255

ROME

SUBJECT : Baggage left in India pertaining to repatriated POW.

We have received reports of more baggage left in India belonging to It. repatriated POW.

We beg your Commission to have this baggage sent to Italy as soon as is possible by putting it on one of the ships that you informed us were leaving that country for Italy in the month of October.

signed/ GEN. A. MANNERINI

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

IPW/49/57

30/8/46

SUBJECT : Baggage belonging to Lt.Col.Moratti Morozzo

TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau

1. The attached letter, which has been received from the a/w Italian officer, is forwarded for necessary action.
2. In view of the fact that this officer did not have his trunk with him while he was prisoner of war, it is regretted that this Division, or any Allied authorities, are unable to assist. However, since the matter would appear to be one to which sympathetic consideration could be given, it is suggested that you take this matter up with the Ministry of Marine and with the Officer concerned, in order to make some suitable arrangement; the Officer could have the trunk sent over-land, and it could be picked up by one of the Italian ships repatriating prisoners of war from Middle East.
3. The name and address of the friend mentioned in para one of the attached letter is:-

DI Maggio, Filippo

- Fattoria Montana -

TARHONA (Tripolitania)

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

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Encl.

TO

Land Forces Sub Commission A. C.

M. M. I. A.

K O M A

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Subject: Baggage

23/8/94b

1. Ref. your letter IPW /49 /55 dated 15/8/46
2. This is the name and address of the person in charge my luggage:

DI MAGGIO Filippo

- Fattoria Fontana -  
TARUNA

(Tripolitania)

*Moretti*  
Lt. Col. MORETTI MOROZZO

Comando Distretto Militare di MODENA

*Moretti*  
*15/8/46*  
*16/8/46*



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1. Re: Your letter IPW /49 /55 dated 15/8/46

2. This is the name and address of the person in charge my luggage:

DI MAGGIO Filippo

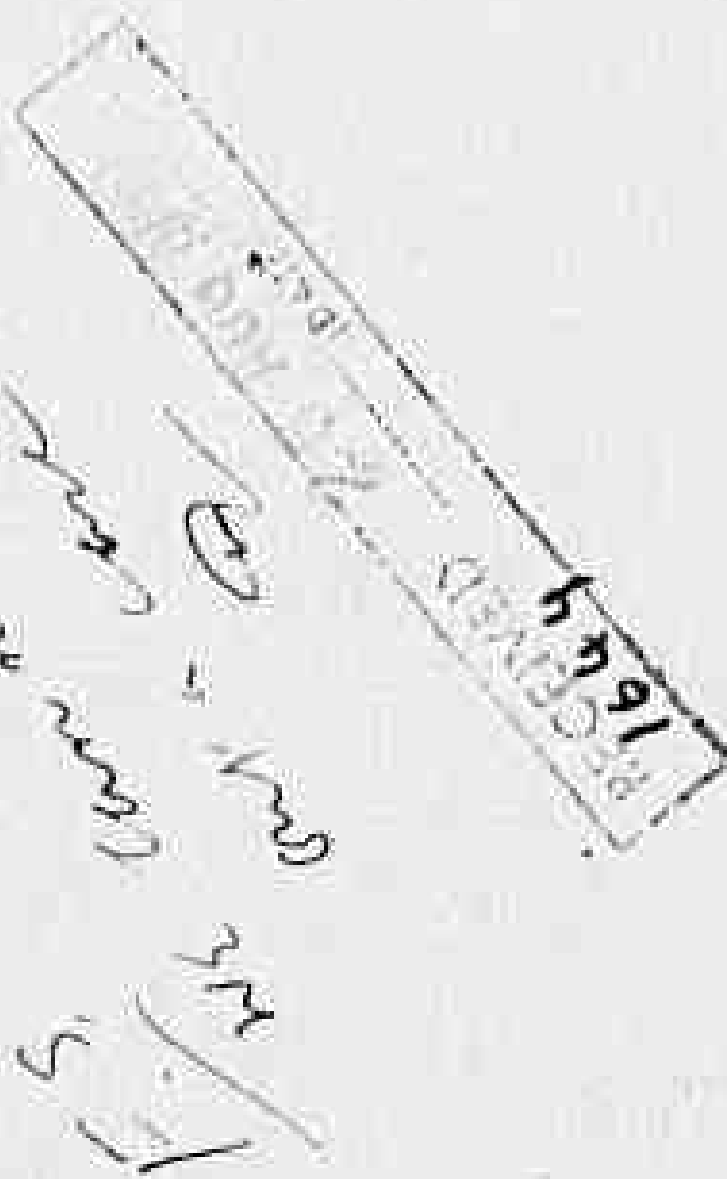
- Fattoria Fontana -

Taranto

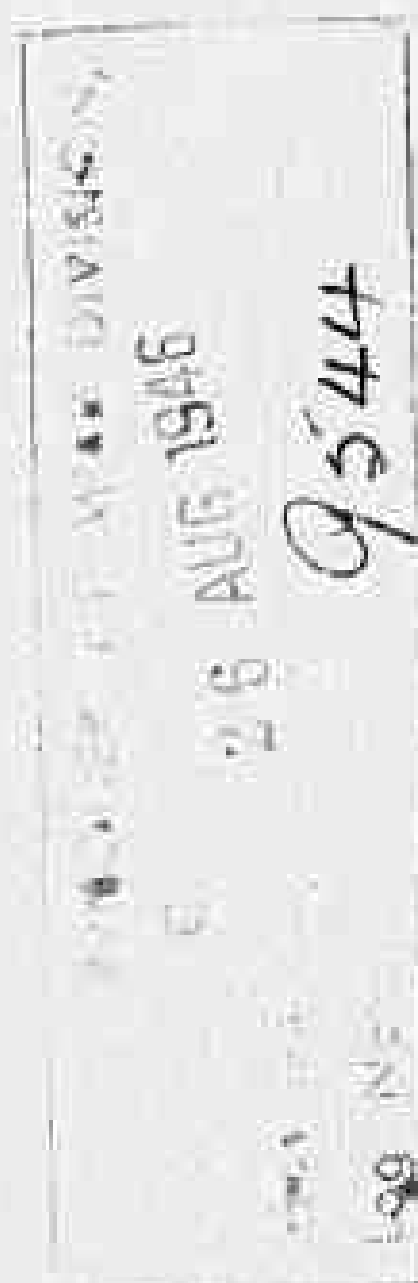
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Lt. Col. MORETTI MOROZZO

Comando Distretto Militare di MODENA



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

IPW/49/55

15/8/46

SUBJECT : Baggage

TO : Ten.Col. MORETTI MOROZZO

Comando del Distretto Militare -MODENA -

1. Ref your unreferenced letter dated 3 Aug. 41.
2. Please inform this Division of the name and address of the person in charge of your luggage.

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

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TO THE COMMAND OF MILITARY ALLIED COMMISSION

R O M E

In 1940, just before leaving for the war front, I was residing with my Regiment at Tarhuna (Tripolitania) where I left a large trunk containing my uniforms, said trunk is still there and a friend of mine takes care of it.

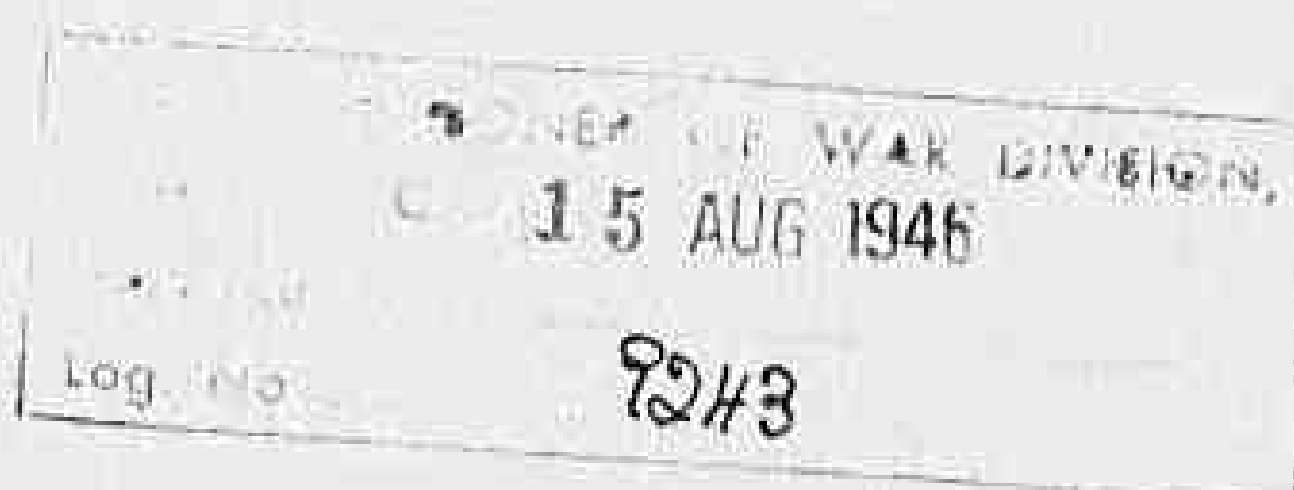
Upon my return from captivity, last January, I tried to have said trunk sent to Italy, but I was unable to do so, because there is neither shipping agency nor Italian ships which may be disposed of for transportation between Italy-Tripolitania.

Belonging to the regular Army, I am now in the army again and I need the uniforms but due to the High cost of material, I cannot afford having some new ones made.

I beg your Commission to authorize the transfer of said trunk from Tripolitania to one of the Italian ports (Genova-Livorno etc), using one of ships put at your disposal and inform me of the modalities for the authorization.

Thanking you beforehand.

3/ LT.COL. MORETTI MOROZZO  
Military District Modena



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

IPW/49/63

9/8/46

SUBJECT : Baggage of IPW from India  
TO : Autonomous Office for War Veterans

Ref your 14085/242/5, dtd 30 July 46

1. The baggage mentioned in a/q letter arrived Naples 7 Aug 46 on SS "Andes" and was taken over by the Italian Liaison Officer, HQ Movements Naples, to whom any further enquiries should be made.

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

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Q(MOVEMENTS)  
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

Mov 2/151

Tele: FREEDOM 318

Subject : Baggage of IPW ex INDIA

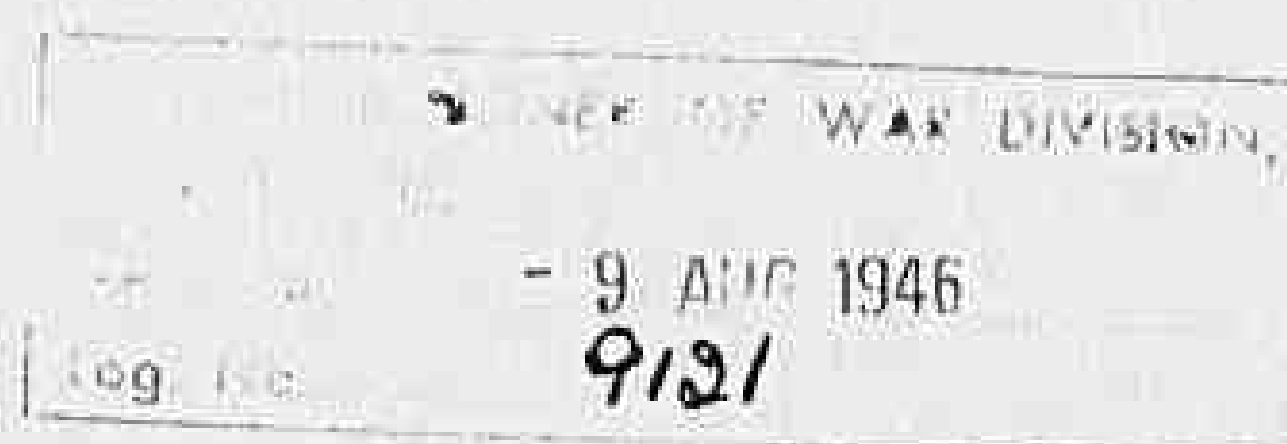
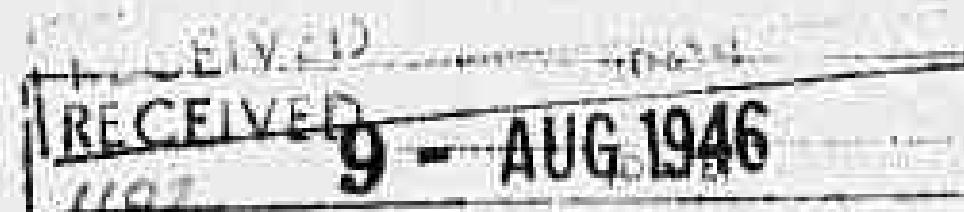
To : Italian Prisoners of War Division  
LMIA  
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

Reference your IPW/49/58 of 3 Aug 46.

1. The baggage arrived Naples 7 Aug 46 on SS "Andes" and was taken over by the Italian Liaison Officer, HQ Movements Naples, to whom any further enquiries should be addressed.

8 Aug 46.

*P. H. Rogers Capt*  
(P. H. ROGERS) Capt.,  
for Colonel,  
Colonel Q(Mov).



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

3/AUG/46

IPW/49/59

SUBJECT : Baggage of IPW ex India

TO : G.H.Q., CMB

1. The Italian authorities report that the baggage of 190 soldiers, who arrived by "Elail" on 19th July to Naples, had been left presumably at Bombay.
2. Could enquiries please be made and baggage transferred to Italy when found.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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

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Rome, 30 July 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR  
Autonomous Office for War  
Veterans and Repatriated Pws.

Prot.n.14085/242/5

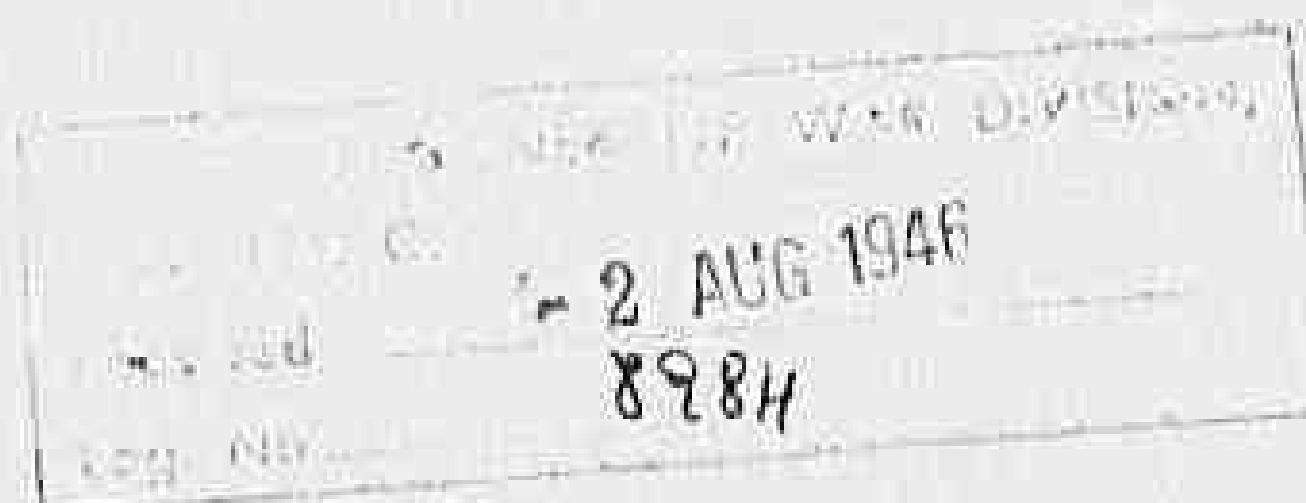
TO : Allied Commission  
S/C for It.Pow

ROME

SUBJECT : Baggage belonging  
to repatriates from India -

- 1°) Twenty officers and 190 soldiers arrived on the Hospital ship Elnil on the 19th July 1946 at Naples.
- 2°) Their baggage did not arrive with them.
- 3°) The baggage in question seems to have been left of Bombay.
- 4°) Will you please take this matter up with the proper authorities, in order to have the baggage transferred to Italy.

signed/M. ANFOSSO, Col.



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

IPW/49/50

23/7/46

SUBJECT : Baggage of RAFFAELE, Domenico

TO : Autonomous Office for War Veterans, Min of War

Ref your 5358/50, dtd 14 Mar 46

The baggage in question has been traced and is at present  
at 99. Military Hospital. Talgarth, Wales (U.K.)

Arrangements by the War Office have not yet been completed  
for this baggage to be returned to Italy.

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

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Q(MOVEMENTS)  
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

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MOV 3/1170/513/603Subject; Baggage of PW. RAFFAELLE Domenico.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
M.M.A.  
Italian Prisoners of War Division.

Reference your IPW/49/21 dated 19th March.

The baggage in question has been traced and  
is at present at 99. Military Hospital. Telgarth.

Arrangements by the War Office have not yet been  
completed for this baggage to be returned to Italy.

19 July 46

*F. A. St Maur*  
E.A.F. St MAUR Capt,  
for Colonel,  
D.M.C.(M).

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Reply mms to 20  
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PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,  
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M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Message of Repatriated IPW.

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GHQ C&G.3072/2/A2.18 Jul 46.

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

Reference your IPW/49/38 dated 7 Jun 46 and further to our 3072/2/A2 dated 12 Jun 46.

GHQ MEP state that no further investigation can be made until they hold the names of the IPW concerned. It would therefore be appreciated if names could be forwarded as soon as possible.

Repl 5 to 37  
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AGW/C.

JLC KAPTER,  
 Brigadier,  
 DAG.

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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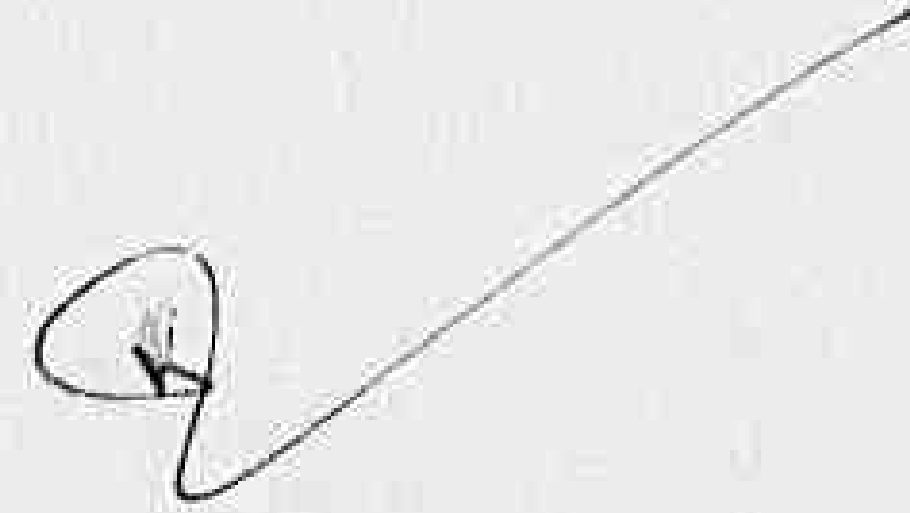
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SUBJECT : Baggage ex India

TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau

1. It has been confirmed by G.H.Q., M.E.F. that the baggage of Capt.(Navy) MANCINI, Nicola ex PW n° 240401 of 25/3 Camp, left Yel and was discharged at Suez then shipped for Naples per "Empire Rival" on 8 Apr. 46.

2. It is suggested that details of receipt should be obtained from the Italian Liaison Officer c/o HQ Movements, Naples.

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

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CHC OMF

29 Jun 46

Tel: PARADISE 229

Subject : Italian P.W. - Baggage ex INDIA

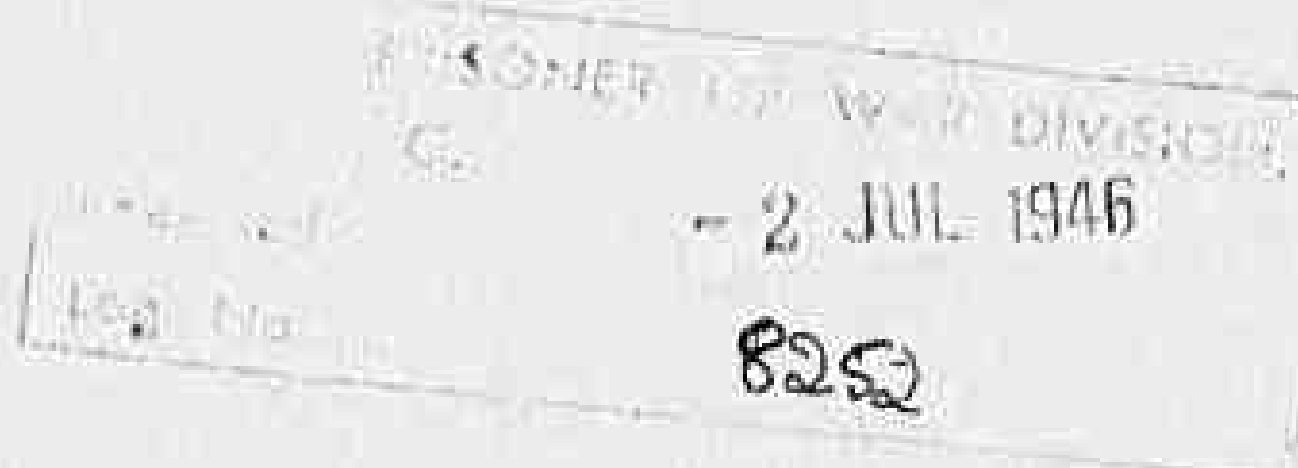
To : Land Forces Sub-Commission,  
 Allied Commission,  
 M.M.I.A. (Italian P.W. Division).

The attached correspondence is forwarded for your  
 information and action as necessary.

It has been confirmed by S.C.C., I.P.F. that the baggage  
 of Italian P.W. ex "ALIVE" was discharged at SINGAPORE and shipped to  
 NAFLING in S.S. "EMERALD RIVAL" of 8 April 46, and it is suggested  
 that details of receipt should be obtained from the Italian Liaison  
 Officer c/o Movements, NAFLING.

JRP/DRC

J.M. Perrin Capt.  
 J.M. PERRIN, Capt.,  
 For Brigadier,  
 D.C.M.G. (H).



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 STEPHEN J. SANDS.  
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No. 4111/PW 1(b)  
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,  
SIMLA, 5 Jun 46. 68A

To  
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,  
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES.

REPATRIATION - ITALIAN P.W. BAGGAGE.

Copy of a letter received from Ex P.W. No. 240401 Capt. (Naval)  
MANCHINI Nicola, repatriated to Italy in December 45, is forwarded  
herewith for disposal please.

2. The baggage of the P.W. was checked at Bombay and was  
despatched to Italy on 12.3.46 per SS "ALVI", vide Detarmindia  
telegram No. 379 143/PW1(b) dated 30 Mar 46.

'Ramesh'



*W. S. Hall*  
457682  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

Headquarter  
Group V, P.W. Camps,  
YOL.

I the undersigned Captain (Navy) Nicola MANCINI ex-P.W. No. 240401 of 25/3 Camp, left Yol on the 6th December 1945. On arrival at Taranto per SS "Chitral" my heavy baggage was not delivered to me. This consisted of:-

- 1 Steel Box marked 23/1 Capt. Nicola MANCINI ? Serial No. 560.
- 1 Leather Suit-case marked 23/2 " " " " "
- 1 Iron Case marked 23/3 Capt. " " " " "

I therefore request you to kindly communicate to me what ship this luggage was forwarded to Italy, as up to the time of writing there is no trace of it having reached Taranto.

I understand that the luggage was loaded in a luggage van with other Ps.W. luggage. This van was detached from the train enroute (Pathankote) as it had broken down.

Thanking you, I extend my kind regards.

Sd/- Nicola MANCINI, Capt. (Navy)  
Corso Vercelli 38,  
MILANO (Italy)

'Ramesh'

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

IPW/49/43

27/6/46

SUBJECT : Claims for loss of baggage.  
TO : Ministry of War  
(Autonomous Office War Veterans & Repatriated IPW)

Reference your letter 10357/255 of 26 May.

1. Attached is copy of report received from MEF in connection with this baggage.
2. Nothing further can be added by this HQ since the Italian Authorities unloaded this consignment themselves.
3. With regards to claims it is pointed out that all consignments passing through the Military Forwarding Organisation are carried at owners risk as laid down in Allied Orders.

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

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Subject : Claims for Loss of Baggage.

CHQ. CEF.  
Q(Movements)  
Tele : Freedom 223 (2 rings)

Rev 3/EC/513/666

25 June 46.

To : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,  
M.M.I.A.,  
Italian Prisoners of War Division.

Further to your IPW/49/33 of 30th May.

1. Attached is copy of report received from MEF in connection with this baggage.
2. Nothing further can be added by this HQ since the Italian authorities unloaded this consignment themselves.
3. With regards to claims it is pointed out that all consignments passing through the Military Forwarding Organisation are carried at owners risk as laid down in GRC 215/46.

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*D.J. Baverslock*  
D.J. BAVERSTOCK, Capt,  
for Brigadier,  
DPM(M).

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PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION

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Subject : Claims for Loss of Baggage.

CHQ. MEF.  
TELE. EXT. 437  
L. 190/25/1006/4(14)3F.  
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20 June 46.

2 (Movements)  
C.M.C., C.M.F.  
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Your Nov 3/1FO/513/666 of 4 June 46 refers.

1. These kits were received from India in S.S. "ALAVI", when the hatch was opened it was observed some packages were damaged, and CIB were called in.

2. Investigation revealed that the damaged cases nineteen in all were the property of:-

19547 ANTONIO GARCESU

30606 PALMA MENTEMAIRO

34575 FERDINANDO ZICVARADI

The hatch had not been previously opened since the ship had docked, therefore damage must have occurred during loading or on the voyage.

3. These cases were repacked by MFO SUBZ, and the whole consignment was forwarded to MFO PORT SAID in a sealed railway wagon.

4. M.F.O. PORT SAID reports safe arrival, and shipment of kits in secure condition.

5. Although BOMBAY advised us they had shipped 1009 packages, 1021 were in actual fact received and despatched to you. The only explanation offered for this is the possible separation of articles tied together, during handling.

(signed ????????)  
G.D. GARDNER, MAJOR.

for BRIG. 7678

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IPW s/c

SUBJECT:- Luggage of Repatriated IPW.GHQ CME3072/2/4212 Jun 46G.H.Q. M.F.F.

1. Please find attached copy of letter received from Land Forces sub commission, Allied Commission, MIA, IPW Division. in reference to loss of luggage belonging to Italian PW.

2. May we have your comments please.

G. H. P. A. R.

W. MORGAN,  
Lt-Col,  
C-in-C.

AGW/ATS.

C py to:- Land Forces sub-commission, Allied Commission, MIA, IPW Division.  
Your TPA/45/38 dated 7 June 46 refers.

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

IPW/49/40

12/6/46

SUBJECT : Transport of Luggage of ex-PW

TO : Ministry of War -Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW

Ref your letter 9795/255, dtd 14/5/46

1. G.H.Q., OMF informs us that all disembarkation of repatriated IPW is effected under the arrangements of the Italian Liaison Officer, and not of the British Military Authorities.

2. The movement instructions for this ship contained no reference to luggage of Italian PW.

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

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IPW.

SUBJECT: Transport of Italian ex-PO

Italian ex-PO commission,  
 Italian commission,  
 Italian division.

Reference your letter of 22 Mar 46. The following information has been received from the Italian:

1. The "Camerone" disembarked Italian ex-PO at Naples on 5 Apr 46, but these 5 were ex-PO and not ex-PO.
2. All disembarkation of concentrated Italian ex-PO effected under the arrangements of the Italian Military Officer and not of the British Military Authorities.
3. The movement instructions for this ship contained no reference to Italian ex-PO.

*G. H. P. R.*  
 Italian,  
 Italian.

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*Pl inform letter*  
*B. G.*

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

IPW/49/32

7/6/46

SUBJECT : Luggage of repatriated IPW

TO : G.H.Q., GMP  
GI (Br)

Further to our IPW/49/31 dtd 22/5/46, and IPW/49/33 dtd 30/5/46

1. This Division has been informed of yet another case of loss of luggage belonging to IPW.  
On 24 May 46 the S.S. Medina Victory arrived at Naples with 870 pieces of luggage, whilst the list aboard figured as 902, therefore 32 pieces were missing and 37 pieces had been opened and objects removed. The Captain informed the territorial Command of Naples that he could not answer for the exact number of pieces as he had received the luggage as a block of 20 tons.
2. Will you please inform Commands concerned to have someone responsible of the loading and ensure a proper escort till said luggage is handed over to Italian Authorities.
3. A group of 56 officers coming from Kenya on S.S. Argentina, 671 arriving at Naples 25/5/46, reported that their luggage would follow on another ship. Could enquiries please be made as to which ship was referred to.

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

MINISTRY OF WAR  
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR REPATRIATED PWs

FILE : 11126/255

Rome 4. June 1946

SUBJECT: Manumission and loss of PWs luggage.

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

Following our letter No. 10357 dtd 26 May 45 regarding subject.

1. On the 24 May 1946 the S.S. Medina Victory arrived at Naples with 870 pieces of luggage onboard, belonging to POW who arrived on previous boats.

2. The list aboard figured as 902 pieces, therefore 32 pieces were missing, of the remaining number, 37 have been manumitted.

3. The Captain of the ship informed the Territorial Command of Naples, that he could not answer for the exact number of the pieces as he has received the luggage as a block of 20 tons.

4. Will you please take up the above matter in order to have the luggage taken care of during transport and obtain indemnity on behalf of the prisoners for loss of luggage and luggage that has been manumitted.

S/ Gen. A. Mannerini.

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MINISTRY OF WAR  
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR REPATRIATED PWs

Rome 3 June 1946

FILE : 11197/255

SUBJECT: Transport Luggage of repatriated PWs..

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

Following our letter No. 9795 dtd 14 May 46 regarding subject.  
The following is another case of POW being repatriated without their luggage.  
A group of 56 Officers coming from Kenya on the S.S. Argentina arrived at Naples on the 23 May 1946 and were told on arrival by the Allied Authorities that their luggage would follow them on another ship.

S/ Gen. A. Mannerini.

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7841SUBJECT: Transfer of luggage - IPW.CHQ. CHQ.3072/2/A2.May 46.Headquarters,  
No. 3 District.

1. An inquiry has been received from Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, IMIA, IPW Division, concerning luggage of IPW ex UK who disembarked at Naples from the 'CAMERONIA' the 5th April 46. It is understood that these IPW have not received their luggage yet.

2. May we have your comments.

AGW/MC.

JIC MAFIER,  
Brigadier,  
IAG.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Commission,  
Allied Commission,  
IMIA,  
IPW Division. - (IPW/49/31 dated 22 May 46 refers)

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1 POW

1 PW 7842

SUBJECT: IPW Complaint.

The Under Secretary of State,  
The War Office,  
Curzon Street House,  
Curzon Street,  
LONDON S.W.1.

CH. CH.

30/5/46.

19 May 46.

1. Attached herewith copy of letter of complaint received from Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, MMIA, IPW Division, in reference to transport of luggage of ex PW., forwarded for your information and action as necessary.

AGW/MC.  
Encl.

ED MORGAN,  
Lt-Gen,  
G-in-C.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Commission,  
Allied Commission,  
MMIA,  
IPW Division. - (your IPW 49/31 dated 22 May 46 refers).

PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION.

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

IPW/49/33

30/5/46

SUBJECT : Claims for loss of Baggage

TO : G.H.Q., GMP

Further to our IPW/49/31 dtd 22/5/46

1. Attached you will find a report of the Military Territorial Command of Naples.  
The Commission there mentioned, on the 14/4/46, attended to the unloading and control of luggage belonging to IPW who had arrived from India on board the Chitral on 3 Jan 46.
2. From this report it is understood that some of the luggage was missing and other <sup>pieces</sup> had been forced open and belongings stolen.
3. The Italian authorities wish to be informed what would be the correct procedure to enable them to claim and obtain satisfactory compensation for above mentioned losses which apparently took place while on board British ships.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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

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MINISTRY OF WAR  
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR REPATRIATED PWs

Rome 26 May 1946

FILE: 10557/255

SUBJECT: Manumission and loss of PW baggage.  
TO : Allied Commission, S/C, IPW Div., Rome.

Following letter No. 9795<sup>30</sup> dtd 14 May 1946 regarding subject,  
"Transport luggage of repatriating PWs".

1. The Military Territorial Command of Naples has sent this Ministry a report compiled by a Commission of 4 Officers, charged with the unloading and control of luggage belonging to PW arrived on the 14 April 46 with the English ship "Empire Rival".

2. The luggage belonged to veterans that had arrived at Taranto from India on the S.S. Chitral on the 3 Jan 46.

3. As is shown by attached report, the Commission observed that the luggage had been broken up and certain luggage was missing, which, due to the fact that this was reported on arrival shows that this happened during the trip from India to Naples, at which period this luggage was in custody of the Detaining Power.

4. As this baggage consists in great measure of private articles, bought by the prisoners during imprisonment, the military articles being very few and the damage not due to war, the compensation of the articles in question is not the competence of this Ministry. The veterans have been put in great inconvenience due to the above matter and have also received moral and material damage.

5. We beg your Commission in consideration of what is written above and in relation to para. 3 to examine the possibility of requesting compensation from the Allied Authorities and inform us, as to the procedure to be followed by the interested parties in order to obtain said compensation.

S/ General Mannerini.

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| ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION |             |
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MILITARY TERRITORIAL COMMAND NAPLES  
POW SECTION

On April 15, 1946 at 1000 hours, a meeting of the following Commission took place, in order to examine the conditions of the 1021 pieces of luggage belonging to the Officers who had arrived with the S.S. Chitral on 3 Jan 46 at Taranto, whose baggage was not brought on the Chitral, but after many months was sent on the British ship "Empire Rival" which arrived on the 14 Apr 46 at Naples:

|         |                   |                                                |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Colonel | Bauer Guido       | of the Military Command, Naples.               |
| Major   | Ciampa Carlo      | of the Processing S/C, Naples.                 |
| 1st Lt  | De Marco Mario    | of the Lodging Centre, Afragola                |
| 2nd Lt  | Ippolito Marcello | Liaison Officer with the British Port Command. |

During the unloading of the luggage, which was begun on the morning of the 15 April 46 at Dock No.49, the Officers of the Commission were informed as follows by the Warrant Officer from the Loading and Unloading Office:

- a. the bill of lading showed that there were 1021 pieces.
- b. only 1005 pieces were onboard.
- c. of which 24 pieces were broken, opened and nearly empty.
- d. various articles were found in the hold and were afterwards gathered together and put in one bag by 2nd.Lt. Ippolito.

After an examination of the pieces, when unloaded and subsequently put on trucks, it was observed that at least a hundred pieces, had the locks or straps broken which had been definitely done on purpose.

The Commission, due to the large quantity of luggage and in the impossibility of ascertaining the condition on the spot of each piece, which work would have needed long and accurate examination, and in the necessity of liberating the Dock (English District of the Port) as quickly as was possible, as soon as the luggage was unloaded hand by hand placed on trucks and sent to the Lodging Centre of Fuori rotta by order of the Territorial Command of Naples, instead of Afragola, (Fuorigrotta was nearer) under the escort of Major Ciampa Carlo: the luggage convoy was composed of 4 large trucks three of which had trailers. These trucks were unloaded at Fuorigrotta under control and turned over to the Command of the Centre to await classification and division and for the ascertaining of the condition of the various pieces.

S/ THE PRESIDENT  
Colonel Guido Bauer

S/ Major Ciampa Carlo  
Member

S/ 1st Lt De Marco Mario  
member

S/ 2nd Lt Ippolito Marcello  
Member

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.  
M.F.I.A.  
Italian Prisoners of War Division

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17/11/3122/5/48

SUBJECT : Transport of Luggage of ex PW.  
TO : C.M.F., C.I.F.,  
G-1 (or).

1. Complaints have been made by the Italian Government concerning loss of luggage pertaining to PW during the repatriation journey and the delay in forwarding their luggage, which ex PW are obliged to leave behind.

2. The attention of this Division has been drawn to the fact that the Italian Commands have in storing and distributing luggage which has arrived in Italy after the repatriation of the PW; that is, it is stolen, often during the various transshipments and unloadings.

3. Could you please give this matter your consideration with a view to:-

a) authorising the PW to travel with their luggage when shipping space permits it.

b) If separated from others to ensure a proper escort.

c) On arrival to Italy to hand it over to an Italian representative who will be responsible for such particular consignment.

4. Enquiries have been made concerning luggage of PW, ex M.F.A., who disembarked at Naples from "Cameronia" on the 5/4/48; it is understood that these PW have not yet received their luggage.



Lt. Colonel, C.I.C.,  
Chief  
PW Division 7666

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MINISTRY OF WAR  
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR REPATRIATED PWs

FILE : 9795/255

Rome 14 May 1946

SUBJECT: Transport of Luggage of wx PWs.

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

1. The prisoners, with great sacrifice, have acquired articles of great value to bring back to their families and this explains why they are so anxious about their luggage.

2. It has happened many times that the prisoners are separated from their luggage, which sometimes has not arrived for months after the prisoners. Here attached is a list which ~~prove~~ the verification of the above mentioned cases.

3. Up to now this inconvenience has not been called to your attention in consideration of the transport difficulties, nor did we call your attention to the difficulties that the Italian Commands ~~ka~~ have, in storing the baggage and its distribution: but as many thefts have been verified, and the veterans have either not received the baggage or they have received it with many articles missing. We feel we must report the matter to your Division. This has had a very bad effect on the morale of the veterans.

4. Therefore this Ministry begs your Division to take the matter up with the Competent Authorities in order that:

A. to avoid in as much as possible separate transport of luggage from the prisoners.

B. if separated, to assure a proper escort for the luggage unattended by the ~~xxxxxx~~ owners.

C. on arrival in Italy to have the luggage given to an Italian representative who will establish if the missing articles were taken before or after arrival of the luggage in Italian territory.

S/ GENERAL A. MANNERINI

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Enclosure to letter No. 9795/255/RPCR dtd 14 May 1946.

Cases in which luggage has been transported separated from the Veterans.

- a. A group of Veterans that arrived at Naples on the 7 Aug 1945 on the S/S "Empire Trooper".  
The luggage was composed of 172 pieces that arrived at Naples on the 4 September 45 with the "Port Hanne" - some pieces were missing entirely, others have been opened and articles had been stolen.
- b. A group of Veterans arrived at Taranto on the 30 October 1945 S/S "Mameronia".  
The luggage composed of 9742 pieces arrived after a month - some pieces were missing - others had been broke, opened and articles stolen.
- c. A group of Veterans arrived at Taranto on the 3 Jan 46 "S/S Chitral".  
The luggage composed of 1005 pieces arrived at Naples on the 14 April 46 "S/S Empire Rival". Of this baggage 173 pieces were accounted for as having been broken opened and in some cases everything had been stolen; in other cases only a part. It was not possible to find out if all the luggage arrived, as no list had been made.
- already taken up* d. A group of Veterans arrived in Naples on the 16 Feb 46 S/S Marine Carp.  
The luggage composed of 100 pieces, arrived in Naples on the 27 Feb 46, S/S Marine Tiger.
- e. A group of Veterans arrived in Naples on the 18 Feb 46 - "S/S Chitral".  
The luggage composed of 66 pieces arrived in Naples S/S Almanzora.
- f. A group of Veterans arrived in Naples on the 5 April 46 "S/S Mameronia".  
The luggage has not yet arrived.
- g. A group of Veterans arrived in Naples on the 21 April 1946 "S/S Duchess of Richmond".  
The luggage composed of 500 pieces arrived in Naples on the 25 April 1946 S/S Franconia".

# INCOMING MESSAGE

## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 43518Message Centre No: H/2998Date/Time of Origin: MAY 151748BDate Time Rec'd: MAY 160900Precedence: ROUTINEFROM: AFHQ MFOUSATO: PBS, INFO: 6686 RAILHEAD ALCOM ROME

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Par following signal received from CROSFPE installation, Fort Macarthur, California: " Reference SPTON M O 65 on luggage of 100 I P W Officers. Available records this Headquarters indicate subject baggage was lifted aboard the Marine Tiger destined for Naples, Italy sailed from this port 5 February 46 L A number on 394. End(?) SPTAE 49 LATM 3893 ".

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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

25/4/46

IPW/49/28

SUBJECT: Luggage of ex PW from U.S.

TO : H.Q., M.T.O.U.S.A.  
APO 512  
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Ref. your AG 383.6/008 A-O dtd 23 Apr 46, and further to this Division letter returned herewith

1. It is regretted that owing to an error at this H.Q. you were informed that the S.S. Marine Camp arrived from North Africa; this ship, in fact, sailed from North America.

2. In view of the fact that the IPW concerned were evidently located in Camp Wilmington Calif., would you kindly cause further enquiries to be made, and inform this Division of the result.

  
W.E.R. PHILIPS,  
Major  
Chief  
IPW Div.

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2nd Ind to Ltr, Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C., M.O.I.A., dtd 12 Mar 46,  
subj: Image - Ex-17.

AG 383.5/006 A-0

3rd Ind

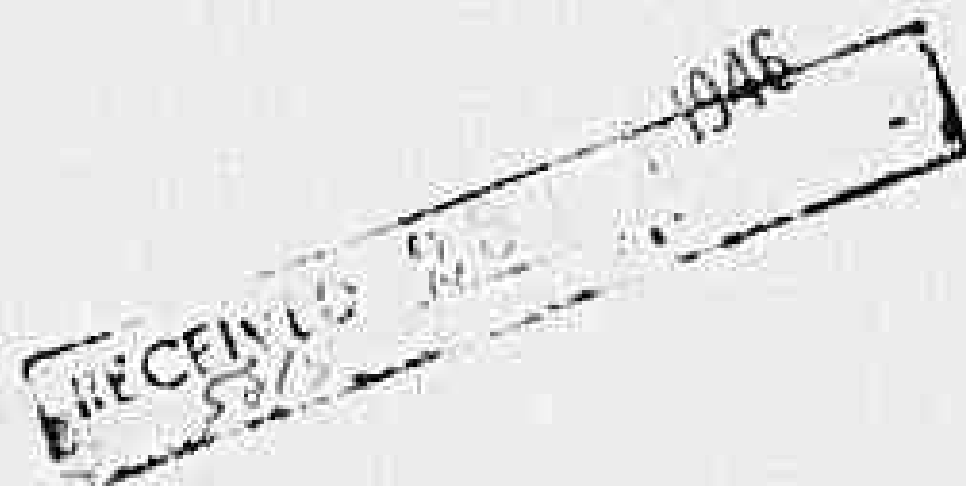
HEADQUARTERS AFMOR, APO 512, 23 April 1946

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 324  
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (AFMIA)

Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEO:

*John R. Hayes*  
Major, AGC  
Asst Adjutant General



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Subject:- BAGGAGE/STORES ON HAND.

M.F.O. ROFF

Via Goeta No.4  
TEL:- 478378

TO:- H.A.A.C. (P.N. SUB COM)

(1) Ref:- R/A. 893

Date .....

1. Please advise disposal (by returning part (ii) of this form) or collection of the u/m baggage/stores on hand at this Depot addressed to

..... AS ABOVE .....

2. Delivery CAN ONLY be made to the places named in part (ii) hereof  
M.F.O. WHO NOT hold baggage/stores for longer periods than one month.

3. Part (iii) hereof SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND SENT TO THE M.F.O. INDIA  
BY YOU IN PART (ii) WITH ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED.

COLLECTORS should PRESENT

PART (ii) AT M.F.O. OFFICE.

At. M.F.O.

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

IPW/49/25

11/4/46

SUBJECT : Luggage of PA ex Kenya & S.Africa

TO : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW

Ref.your 5044/255, dtd 7/3/46, and further to our: IPW/49/23  
dtd. 21/3/46

1. This Division has been advised that the baggage referred to in a/q letter was shipped ex Mideast per SS "Devonshire", which vessel discharged Naples recently.
2. It is suggested that you contact Lt.M.Ippolito, Lt.Military Liaison Officer, HQ, Movements, Naples, if further information is required.

  
W.E.R. PHILIPS,  
Major,  
Chief  
IPW Div.

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Subject : Luggage ex PW.

GHQ. GEF.  
Q(Movements)  
Tele : Freedom 751 (2 Rings)

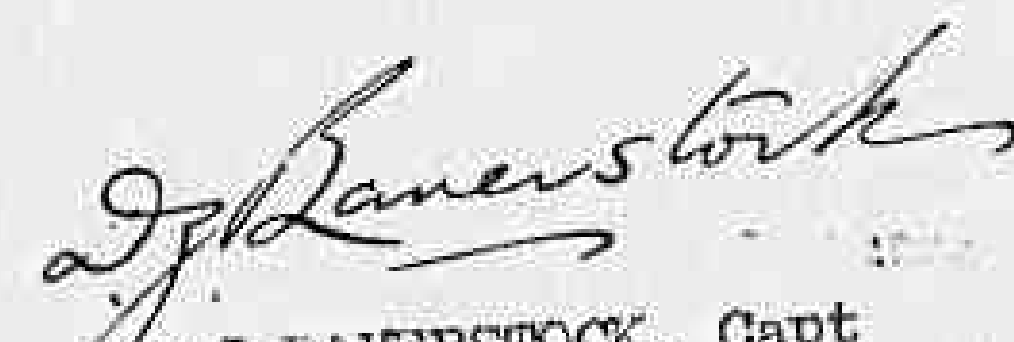
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8 Apr 46

To : Officer Commanding,  
Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,  
M.M.I.A.,  
I.P.W. Division.

1. Reference your letter IPW/49/18 dated 12 Mar 46 and further to our letter of even reference dated 20 Mar 46.
2. GHQ MEF advise that the baggage in question was shipped ex Midcast per the SS "DEVONSHIRE," which vessel discharged NAPLES recently.
3. It is suggested that you contact Lt. M. IPPOLITO, Italian Military Liaison Officer, HQ Movements, NAPLES, if further information is required.

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F.S.  
Repl now to 16  
further to 23  
11/4  
D.J. BAVERSTOCK, Capt  
for Brigadier,  
DQMG(M)

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

LFW/49/25

21 March 1946

SUBJECT : Luggage IPW

TO : Ministry of War (Autonomous Office for War Veterans  
and Repatriated PW.)

Ref your 5044/255 dated 7 March 46.

1) This Division is now informed that the baggage mentioned in para 2 of your a/q letter was found at BOMBASA after the departure of the SS "Chitral" and was subsequently loaded on the SS "Felix Roussel", which sailed from BOMBASA 24 Feb. 46.

2) It is understood however, that the "FELIX ROUSSEL" has discharged the baggage in the Middle East for re-forwarding to GMP, and an enquiry has accordingly been made to SHQ, GMP.

3) Information is not yet available regarding the "MARINE DART" baggage; you will be notified as soon as possible of the position.

*M. R. Phillips Maj.*  
JAMES S. REGIE  
Lieut. Colonel  
Chief  
IPW Division

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Subject : Luggage ex PW.

GHQ. QMF.  
Q(Movements)  
Tele : Freedom 751 (2 Rings)

Nov 3/MFO/513/568

20 Mar 46

To : Officer Commanding,  
Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,  
M.M.I.A.,  
I.P.W. ~~Commission~~ *Division*

1. Reference your letter IPW/49/18 dated 12 Mar 46.
2. Enquiries have already been made of HQ East Africa Command, who advise that the baggage in question was found at MOMBASSA after the departure of the s.s. " CHITRAL " and was subsequently loaded on the s.s. " FELIX ROUSSEL " which sailed ex MOMBASSA 24 Feb 46.
3. It is understood however that the " FELIX ROUSSEL " has discharged the Baggage in Middle East for reforwarding to QMF, and an enquiry on this point has been addressed to GHQ MEF.

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E.S. TRUSLER. Major  
for Brigadier,  
DQNG(M)

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

IPW/49/21

19/3/46

SUBJECT : Luggage of PW RAFFASLE, Domenico

TO : GHQ, CMF  
gl (Br)

1. The a/m IPW repatriated on "Principessa Giovanna" on the 24/2/46 at Taranto; he states that his baggage was left in Camp 109 in Scotland and not forwarded to English Hospital N° 99, Brecon, South-Wales where he was held before his repatriation.

May this case please be taken up and this Division informed of the result.

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

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DEPT. OF WAR  
Automatic Office for War Veterans  
& Registered PW's

FILE : 5558/50

Date 14 March 1946

SUBJECT : Package of POW R. L. BERRY, Canadian.

TO : Allied Commission, S/O, IIV, Div., Rome.

The under-written package is forwarded to you for your continuing interest.

I, the undersigned soldier R. L. BERRY, Canadian son of the late Frederick and De Paul, Marie, born on 17 Nov 1916 at Carleton Place, residing in Timmin, Ontario, states as follows:

On arriving from England on the Hospital Ship "Vernon" at "Eleonora" did not receive any baggage because he was sent to the English Hospital "Lambert" No. 99. His baggage remained nearby in the Bay of Naples. He arrived in Toronto on the 25 February 1946.

Col. General A. Bernerini

FS  
I want more details  
When did he arrive home?

Should read  
17 Nov 1916  
Toronto

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| U.S. PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION, |             |
| (M.A.) A. C.                   | 18 MAR 1946 |
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.O.  
M.M.I.A.  
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/49/19

19/3/46

SUBJECT : Luggage belonging to IPW from INDIA

TO : GHQ, CMB  
GI (Pr)

1. The u/m individuals, repatriated from India with the Hospital ship "Atlantis" which arrived at Taranto on the 15 Feb 46, have not received their luggage:-

- |    |        |          |                     |   |
|----|--------|----------|---------------------|---|
| 1. | 103899 | CORR     | MARTANO, Antonio    | — |
| 2. | 291872 | Sold     | LICCARDI, Giulio    | — |
| 3. | 89522  | S/Maj.   | FRANZE', Domenico   | — |
| 4. | 39225  | Sgt.     | COZZOLINO, Vincenzo | — |
| 5. | 18033  | Sold.    | CAPOZZI, Vincenzo   | — |
| 6. | 70998  | Cpl/Maj. | EMBOLI, Mario       | — |
| 7. | 300584 | " "      | PAPPACENA, Catello  | — |
| 8. | 98297  | S/Maj.   | LIONETTI, Cosimo    | — |

2. It is stated that they embarked on the 26 Jan 46 on the DORSETSHIRE, arriving at Suez on 6 Feb, and the same day were transferred to the 13th General Hospital (Suez).

3. A number of these people saw their luggage taken off the ship at Suez but did not find it at the General Hospital.

4. Other patients taken off the same ship were sent to the 41st Gen. Hospital at Geneva. It is thought that perhaps the baggage in question was sent in error to the latter named Hospital. It is also thought that the baggage may have been sent to Palestine where there is a Sanatorium for T.B. patients, because the individuals in question were diagnosed as such.

5. May this matter please be taken up and this Division informed of the result.

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

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

FILE : 5744/255

Date: 14 March 1946

SUBJECT : ~~Baggage belonging to Veterans who arrived~~  
~~from India.~~

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

1. The undersigned individuals repatriated from India with the Hospital Ship Atlantis, that arrived at Toronto on the 15 Feb 46, have not received their baggage.

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| 1. 102895 | Capt.     | ARLICO, Antonio     |
| 2. 204372 | Sold.     | BUONAI, Giulio      |
| 3. 09522  | Sgt. Maj. | FRANZI, Leonardo    |
| 4. 39205  | Sgt.      | COZZOLINO, Vincenzo |
| 5. 45013  | Sold.     | COZZI, Vincenzo     |
| 6. 90074  | Soldier   | FRATELLI, Catello   |
| 7. 73998  | Sgt. Maj. | FRATELLI, Mario     |
| 8. 96297  | Sgt. Maj. | FRATELLI, Cosimo    |

2. They state as having been embarked on the 26 Jan 46 on *Corinthia*, arriving at Suez on 6 February 46 and that some of their baggage was transferred to the 13th General Hospital (Suez).

3. A number of these people, saw their baggage taken off the ship at Suez but did not find it at the General Hospital.

4. Other patients that were taken off the ship, were sent to the 1st General Hospital at Cairo. It is thought that perhaps the baggage in question was sent by some to the 1st General Hospital.

It is also thought that the baggage may have been sent to Palestine where there is a concentration for P.O.W. prisoners and the individuals in question were transferred to such.

Very respectfully,  
 S. J. J. J.

PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,  
 (A. C.)  
 Received \_\_\_\_\_  
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 18 MAR 1946  
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Sd. General A. Amherst.

LAND FORCES SUB- COMMISSION A.C.  
M.M.I.A.  
Italian Prisoners of War Division

JER/WERP/bm

IPW/49/1712 Mar 1946

SUBJECT : Luggage - Ex-PW.

TO : G.H.Q. - C.M.F.  
Attn: G-I (Am.).

1. It is understood by this Division that the luggage of 100 officers repatriated from North Africa on S.S. Marina Carp, which arrived Naples on 16 Feb '46, has not been disembarked.

2. It has been stated that this luggage was not put aboard at the port when the ship left for Naples.

3. Would you kindly investigate this matter and inform this Division of the result.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

  
J. E. REGIS  
Lieut. Colonel, C.A.C.,  
Chief  
IPW Division

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MINISTRY OF WAR  
Autonomous Office for War Veterans  
and Repatriated PW's

FILE : 5044/255

Rome, 7 March 1946

SUBJECT : Luggage of ex PW's.

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

1. The luggage, belonging to 100 Officers, repatriated from North America on the S/S *Invincible* ship that arrived in Naples on the 16 Feb 1946, has not been disembarked.

2. The luggage pertaining to 32 Officers and other military personnel, that arrived from South Africa and Kenya on the S/S *Chitral* on the 18th. of Feb 1946 in Naples, has also not been disembarked.

3. It was stated that the luggage in question, was not put aboard at the ports when the ships left for Naples.

4. We beg you to take up this question with the competent authorities and have the luggage sent to Italy.

Sgd. General M. Ferrarini

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission  
HQ AC APO 364 11 MAR 1946  
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31 August 1945

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MINISTRY OF WAR BUREAU  
for the repatriation P.O.W.

Prot. 415966/R.P.G.R

TO: Allied Commission War  
Material Disposal and  
Italian P.O.W  
Sub-Commission  
Rome

SUBJECT : P.O.W. baggage -

Following letter 414692 of the 14-8-45 we have the pleasure of telling you that the lost baggage mentioned in the above letter have been found and we thank you very much.

The territorial Military Command in Naples telephoned that the said baggage was left on board and in Port Said have been transbarded on another boat due in Naples on the 3rd of September.

Signed

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*Seen**Col. Regio E. Sec**For MR**No act*

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P.O.W. Bureau  
MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE

Rome 23 August 1945

n.di Prot. 2850/Pol/F.27

TO : Allied Commission  
P.O.W Sub-Commission  
Rome

SUBJECT : Baggage of Lt. Colonel CALIGIURI Matteo repatriated  
from U.S.A.

Referring to I.P.W./1/3/956 dated 8 August 1945

This Ministry of War begs this Sub Commission to examine again the matter of the baggage that Lt.Col. CALIGIURI Matteo had to leave in America when he was repatriated the question of the P.O.W baggage has been contemplated by the Geneva Convention as well as all questions referring to the P.O.W., belonging. In art. 6 it is said that all personal effects, objects of personal use and articles of value belonging to P.O.W. must remain in their possession.

In art 79 it is stated that all articles left behind by repatriated or internated P.O.W. must be collected taken care of and sent to their countries of origin by the Information Bureau of the detaining Power. The argument had been treated in letter n. 2074 of 2/12/45 to your Sub Commission and was considered settled with the answer I.P.W/49/8 of 14 March 1945 in which it was stated that in the spirit of the art. 77 of the Convention at the moment of repatriation the P.O.W could sell their surplus baggage or leave it in custody of the detaining Powers until it become possible to send it to Italy.

Now in reference to yours letter I.P.W/1/3/56B regarding the confiscation of surplus baggage in direct contrast with previous agreements. It is thought at the Ministry that no particular complication should arise regarding articles belonging to P.O.W. apart of those articles not in their possession at the moment of theirs capture and that they have bought at the Camp Canteens made the control of Detaining Authorities. If you take into consideration that no exception are contemplated in the law of the Convention regarding the exportation from the territory of the detaining Powers all baggage left by the pri-

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soners, any change that should be introduced would be against the said Convention and would veto the right of the repatriated or repatriating P.O.W to take with him or afterwards receive what is his legitimate property.

In the mean-while we renew our request for your corteous intervention regarding Lt.Col. CALIGIURI that he may obtain his baggage as soon as it is possible.

The more we would greates appreciate if your Sub Commission would forward us a copy of the above mentioned disposals(par.19, section VII chapter 3, T M 19-500 and par.4 W.D.Memo 580-45 25 May 45) in order that we may be informed regarding the solution in case that any doults may arise in future.

Minister

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Rome/0 August 1945

MINISTRY OF WAR

AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR WAR VETERANS  
AND REPATRIATED POWTO : The Allied Commission  
Sub Commission for Italian  
POW and WMD. R O M E

N° 414692/RPGR

SUBJECT : Baggage of War Veterans from imprisonment.

On the 7th of August 760 war veterans arrived in Naples from the Middle East together with about 300 civilians.

The Military personnel, as is known by your Sub Commission, were sent by mistake to the Allied Camp of Afragola and the civilian personnel were sent to Rome.

Due to this mistake, the baggage of the military personnel (162 pieces of baggage for the officers and 614 pieces of baggage for the troops) instead of being sent to Afragola, were sent with the civilians to Rome.

It is easy to imagine the inconveniences that this has caused, as the baggage has still not been found.

We beg your Sub Commission to interest yourselves in this matter and trace the baggage in question.

For the High Commissioner

Gen. V. Dapino

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20/8/45  
Gen. Mammone  
informed that  
this baggage was  
handed over to  
the  
A. R. E. of  
Naples  
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14 June 1945

SUBJECT: Personal Effects - Italian PW.TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War. 7637

Reference your No 1628/Prot/F-22 dated 19 May 1945

1. It is not clear whether your enquiry is made on behalf of officers who have been repatriated or who are still held as prisoners of war.

2. In either event it would be of assistance if a nominal roll could be furnished of the officers concerned. If this is not available, it will probably assist in the investigation of the alleged loss, if the source of the High Commissioner's information is disclosed.

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

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SUBJECT:- Personal Effects - Italian PW.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters,  
Allied Commission.  
-----G-1(Br)/3174/A-2.8 Jun 45.

1. Reference your IPW/49/10 dated 28 May 45.
2. It is not clear whether the Italian High Commissioner's enquiry is made on behalf of officers who have been repatriated or who are still held as prisoners of war.
3. In either event it would be of assistance if a nominal roll could be furnished of the officers concerned. If this is not available, it will probably assist in the investigation of the alleged loss, if the source of the High Commissioner's information is disclosed.

HDH/ER.

H.D. Harper Capt  
H.D. HARPER, Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
for Major General,  
DAG, G-1(Br).

Copy to:- G-5 (Reference your 524.2 dated 1 Jun 45.)

HEADQUARTERS  
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IPW/49/10

May 28 1945

Subject: Search for baggage of Italian Royal Navy  
officers captured at Marsenna

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

1. Attached is a letter, in translation, from the Italian  
High Commissioner for Prisoners of War requesting news of subject  
baggage, of the competent authorities in Eritrea.

2. May this office kindly be informed of the result of  
your enquiry.

For the Chief Commissioner:

*[Signature]*  
J.A. CAMPBELL  
Lieut.-Colonel  
Director  
MAD & IPW Sub-Comm.

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1 Encl.

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Rome 4th May 1945

To the Allied Commission

Sub-Commission for Italian PW

High Commissioner for Italian PW

Prot. No. 1628/Prot/F-22

Subject: Search for the baggage of officers of the R. Navy, captured at Massaua.

With the fall of Massaua on the 42th of April 1941, almost the entire number of officers captured had to leave their baggage as they were only allowed to take a small valise with them. Their personal effects were left in trunks and valises at Massaua and should have been deposited in the "Podesteria", of that city.

As the greater part of these officers of the R. Navy had with them all their clothes, it is of great importance that they could recover them, particularly now as it would be very difficult now in Italy to substitute them.

We beg your Sub-Commission to call this matter to the attention of the competent authorities in Eritrea, to find out what has become of this baggage, if the answer is in the negative please inform us as that these officers will not lose time, (in trying to refurnish themselves,) with vague hopes.

Thanking you

/s/ The High Commission General P. Gazzera

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

IPW/49/E14 March 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriated Prisoners of War - Luggage restrictions.

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

*See Y.*

Reference your letter No. 674/pol/c15 dated 9 March 1945.

1. As stated in my letter IPW/1/431 dated 2 March 1945, when officers are repatriated from India they have the option of either selling their surplus kit to other Prisoners of War or handing it in to the authorities for safe keeping.

2. If handed to the authorities, surplus kit will, in due course, be returned to its owner in accordance with Article 77 of the Geneva Convention.

3. It is impossible for me to say when or how this surplus kit will be returned to Italy owing to the shortage of shipping space.

*CS*

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

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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW  
No. 674/Pol.C.13 di prot.

Rome, March 9th, 1945

TO: The Allied Commission  
Italian Prisoners of War - Sub Comm. ROME

SUBJECT: Baggage of repatriated P.O.W. from India.

See 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 4 8

- 1/. Reference your letter IPW/1/431 in answer to our letter 2074/Pol.C-9, leaves us with the doubt that the circumstances relative to subject was not clearly explained in our above mentioned letter.
- 2/. It was not said that a large amount of baggage belonging to repatriated P.O.Ws' was left in India, but that the repatriated officers from India had had to leave a part of their baggage behind them. It is evident however that whatever the quantity of the baggage left, it is always of great value to the prisoner. It is also evident that if the P.O.Ws are not allowed to take all their baggage at the moment of their repatriation, after a time there will be a great part left behind in the hands of the detaining Powers, or be sold amongst their fellow soldiers in the Camp.
- 3/. Regarding the prohibition relative to the articles bought by the P.O.Ws in India on the 25th of April 1942, it must also be explained as follows:
  - a) These officers and military personnel have been in India since the first months of 1941.
  - b) That up to the 25th of April 1942, no restrictions were made in India to It.P.O.Ws as to the quantity or quality of articles to be bought (exception made for articles of value or any article that would compromise security measures) at the stores.
  - c) That, also after the 25th of April 1942, no limits were established for the buying of articles made in India.
  - d) That the Generals were permitted to buy from the civil shops in Dehra Dun anything they desired within the limits of above mentioned exceptions. On the other hand it is to be considered that all the articles acquired by them were bought under the supervision and control of the detaining Powers and 7632

therefore their baggage at the moment of their repatriation is their legitimate property and should be respected as such, according to the rules and interior discipline of the Camps.

- 4/. For that which concerns the basic reasons for the laments made by officers of superior rank and received by me and referred to in my letter, are that they were forced to leave their baggage or undersell the articles, owing to the shipping space allowed them by the detaining Powers, and due also to the fact that disposal regarding this matter, had not been given to the Information Bureau in Dehli. Their names are at the disposal of the Commission.
- 5/. This matter is of great moral importance for the following reasons. The articles bought by our prisoners were bought under the supervision and the control of the Detaining Powers and were the result of sacrifices made by the prisoners, to be able to return to their civil life in their own country with clothes not to be found in a devastated Italy, or to bring articles to their families. They can not sacrifice these things without great disappointment. If the British Authorities in India can not today, give the permission for the transportation of the entire baggage belonging to these individuals, will the Authorities at least, in view of the article 77 of the Geneva Convention, give instructions for disposal to the Information Bureau at Dehli, to have this surplus baggage stored and taken care of until the transportation of the said baggage to Italy may be made, it is understood with all due precautions required. The Geneva Convention does not take into consideration the length of the time of imprisonment and therefore it would seem, that owing to the categorical form of the obligations, no diminution of responsibility can be taken from the detaining Powers, in the accumulation of the baggage belonging to the P.O.W. due to the prolonging of imprisonment.

The HIGH COMMISSIONER  
Gen. P. Gazzera

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

IPW/1/431

2 March 1945

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Repatriated Prisoners of War Luggage restrictions.

*See 6, 4, 3, 2, 1.  
44, 340, 345, 44, 340.*

Reference your letter 2074/Pol/3 dated 2 December 1944.

1/. A reply has now been received from General Headquarters India which states:

- (a) Existing baggage regulations restrict the amount which Italian repatriates can take with them to the following:

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| General Officers            | 4 Mds. |
| Protected Personnel Offrs., | 3 "    |
| Combatant Officers          | 2 "    |
| ORs                         | 1 "    |

(one maund - 80 lbs.)

- (b) It is not correct that a considerable bulk of repatriated baggage has been left behind in INDIA.
- (c) The statement that Prisoners of War in INDIA are permitted to buy clothing and other goods for themselves and their families is also incorrect. Orders were issued on this subject on 25 April 1942, which in effect strictly limit purchases by Prisoners of War to the barest necessities for their own use during the period they are in captivity, and in no case are they allowed to purchase articles whether food or otherwise, which civilians have difficulty in obtaining, and no articles which have to be imported.
- (d) It is therefore considered that your representation to this Headquarters is not founded on actual facts.

- (e) Instructions have been issued that any surplus baggage should be:
- (1) Disposed of by private auction within Prisoner of War camps.
  - (2) Handed over to Camp authorities for safe keeping subject to the condition that no responsibility rests with the latter for losses or damage due to climatic conditions.
- (f) No undertaking has been given as to date whether baggage left in Camps will be restored to Prisoners of War, but if arrangements can be made, surplus baggage may be returned to Prisoners of War after the end of hostilities.
- 2/. It is requested that complaints of this nature be verified by full investigation before being forwarded to this Headquarters asking that action be taken.

*C.A.*  
J. A. CAMPBELL  
Lieut.-Colonel  
Director  
WMD & IPOT Sub-Com.

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SUBJECT:- Repatriated Prisoners of War - Luggage Restrictions.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3152/G1(Br).

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

4, 3, 2, 1  
See ~~340, 323, 321, 320~~, 27 Feb 45.  
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Reference your IPW/1/321 dated 14 Dec 44.

1. The question of the amount of luggage that repatriated PW may bring with them from INDIA has been referred to CHQ INDIA who have replied as follows:

— Existing baggage regulations restrict the amount which Italian repatriates can take with them to the following:

|                             |   |      |
|-----------------------------|---|------|
| General Officers            | 4 | Mds. |
| Protected Personnel Offrs., | 3 | "    |
| Combatant Officers          | 2 | "    |
| ORs                         | 1 | "    |
| (one maund = 80 lbs.)       |   |      |

2. It is not correct that a considerable bulk of repatriated baggage has been left behind in INDIA.

3. The statement that PW in INDIA are permitted to buy clothing and other goods for themselves and their families is also incorrect. Orders were issued on this subject on 25 April 42, which in effect strictly limit purchases by PW to the barest necessities for their own use during the period they are in captivity, and in no case are they allowed to purchase articles whether food or otherwise, which civilians have difficulty in obtaining, and no articles which have to be imported.

4. It is therefore considered that their complaint is unjustified.

5. Instructions have been issued that any surplus baggage should be-

- (a) disposed of by private auction within PW Camps.  
or  
(b) handed over to Camp authorities for safe keeping subject to the condition that no responsibility rest with the latter for losses or damage due to climatic conditions.

6. No undertaking has been given as to date whether baggage left in Camps will be restored to PW, but if arrangements can be made, surplus baggage may be returned to PW after the end of hostilities.

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

WAKE/JM

Copy to: - G-5 (this Headquarters letter CR/3152/G1(B) dated 21 Dec 44 refers)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

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G-5: 524.2

21 December 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriated Prisoners of War - luggage re-  
strictions.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to your IPW/1/321 of 14 Dec.
2. The matter is being taken up with India and you will be informed of the result as soon as possible.

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

*T. B. Jackman*  
Lt. Colonel.

T. B. JACKMAN  
Lt. Colonel.

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

IFW/1/323

14 December 1944

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Limitation of Luggage weights.

~~320-340~~ / ~~1, 2, 3~~ 4, 6  
1, 2, 3

With reference to your letter No. 2074/Pol/3 dated December 2, 1944.

A request has been forwarded to the proper authorities asking if officers are not allowed to bring all their belongings with them when repatriated, that any packages left behind can be forwarded on to the owners at a later date.

I will advise you in due course of any action taken in the matter.

*CH*  
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

IPW/L/321

14 December 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512, U.S. Army.  
(Attention: G-1 (B)).

Subject: Repatriated Prisoners of War - luggage restrictions.

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- 1/. The Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War informs me that Prisoners of War repatriated from INDIA are only allowed to bring the following weights of baggage with them:-

|                    |   |        |
|--------------------|---|--------|
| Generals           | 4 | Maunds |
| All other officers | 2 | "      |
| NCOs and soldiers  | 1 | "      |

- 2/. As a result, Prisoners of War, when repatriated, are obliged to sell or leave behind nearly all their luggage. A great loss to them.
- 3/. Whilst it is appreciated that shipping space may not be available to allow Prisoners of War to bring all their belongings back to Italy when they are repatriated, could arrangements please be made to forward to their owners in Italy any packages left behind in INDIA. Perhaps this could be done through the A.P.O.
- 4/. Field Marshall Wavell gave permission in 1941 to certain Italian officer Prisoners of War to receive their allowances in cash and to purchase clothes and other goods for themselves and their families, and so, after three years or more of captivity, the belongings of many Prisoners of War are very extensive.

Furthermore, with conditions as they are today in Italy, it is almost impossible to purchase goods at a reasonable price, even when they are obtainable.

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5/. Would you therefore please give this matter your careful consideration and advise me in due course, if action can be taken to help repatriated Prisoners of War over this question.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

Copy to G-5 Section : ✓

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ITALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW.

ROME, December 2nd 1944.

File N. 2074/101/3

SUBJECT: Limitation of luggage weight which repatriated PW may bring to Italy.TO : ALLIED COMMISSION - R O M E

See 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

Many Officers (including Generals) repatriated from India informed me that the British Authorities decided that only a part of the PW's personal luggage can be brought to Italy with them.

Such as:

|                                                 |                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a General is allowed to have                    | 4 <sup>pounds</sup> pounds of luggage |
| All other officers (not considering their rank) | 2 " " "                               |
| N.C.O. and soldiers                             | 1 " " "                               |

The result is that PW who are to be repatriated are obliged to sell, or to leave nearly all their luggage, which is a great loss for them.

It would especially be a very great loss for the Generals, held as a PW in the Camp of Debra Dam, who were given by Marshall Wavel, since November 1941, authority for having PW allowances paid in cash and to spend it freely buying clothes and other things for themselves and their families.

It is therefore obvious that after nearly three years of captivity their luggage will be great and especially very valuable to them.

This applies to PW in other camps too.

As it is a fundamental rule of the Geneva Convention (Art. 6) that all personal belongings of a PW should be left to him, it would be obvious that he should be allowed to bring them with him, wherever he is sent, ~~and~~, particularly if he is to be repatriated.

At this time clothes are so difficult to find in Italy that it would really mean a lot, for the PW, to have their personal belongings with them.

But, if for some reason, the above mentioned rule can not be observed, it would, at least, be necessary to strictly follow the disposition referred at Art. 77 (Geneva Convention), that the Information Office of the Detaining Power should collect and send to the respective Countries the personal belongings, ~~Money~~ or letters left by the repatriated PW.

It would, therefore, be necessary that the qualified Office should be noted to the concentrating Camps and that strict rules should be fixed for the collecting

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of the luggage left by the PW, as it appears, by the information we received that in India the above - mentioned Office shows no interest.

In this case it would be reasonable and right that the Senior Officers should have a different treatment and that the Colonels should, at least, be allowed to have 3 rounds of baggage instead of 2.

I would, therefore, be grateful to A.C. if the British Government could do something about the matter.

Thanking you in anticipation.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR ITALIAN PW.

/s/

Gen. PIETRO CAZZERA.

*Suggesting that what is not allowed to  
be bought will then be sent after them*

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