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I.P.W. /51 REPATRIATION OF ESCAPED ITALIAN PW

Dec. 1944 - Oct. 1945

REPATRIATION OF ESCAPED ITALIAN PW FROM SPANISH MOROCCO

(Received From Political Section 6/4/45)

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

15 Oct. '45IPW/53/71

SUBJECT : 1500 Pa in N. AFRICA
TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1. Ref. our IPW 53/67 dated 12 Oct. '45.
2. It is proposed to use the Italian ship 'CARIBALDI' to repatriate the a/m PW.
3. Will you please obtain the permission of the French Authorities for the 'CARIBALDI' to embark these PW at ORAN, in two lifts. The first lift to be on 22 Oct. '45.
4. Please treat as urgent and send copy of your reply to Navy S/C A.C.

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

Copy to: Min. of Post war Assistance
to: Autonon. Office for war Vet. & Repatr. PW
to: Office of Executive Commission
to: Navy S/C.

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File IPW/51/16

10 July 1945

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War
Subject: Repatriation of Italian - SS ARANA ex Spain.

1/. Reference your No. 1908 rol di prot. C/27 of 14 June 45.

2/. This Headquarters has now been informed that the SS ARANA sailed ex Gibraltar on 17 Mar 45 with the following aboard:

Italian repatriates	33
Italian seamen	36
Italian POW officers	1
Italian POW ORs	11
Italian invalids	6

3/. The personnel disembarked at Taranto on 21 Mar 45

J.A. Campbell
J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut. Colonel
Director
W.D. & I.P.O.W. S/C

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

G-5: 014.33-68

6 Jul 45.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians - SS APATA ex GIBPALTER.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.
APO 394

Reference your IPW/51/14 dated 21 Jun 45.

1. The SS APATA sailed ex GIBPALTER on 17 Mar 45 with the following aboard:-

Italian repatriates	33
Italian seamen	36
Italian POW Officers	1
Italian POW ORs	11
Italian invalids	6

2. The personnel disembarked at TAPANTO on 21 Mar 45.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

R. E. Beel
R. E. BEEL,
Captain.

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For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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Captain.

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IPW/51/14

21 June 1945

SUBJECT : Italian soldiers interned in Spain.
TO : Allied Force Headquarters, Apo 512
G-I (Br.)

1. Forwarded herewith is a list of Italian military personnel, formerly interned in Spanish Morocco, who are stated to have left Gibraltar on the "Arawa" on 16 March, 1945, for Italy.

2. May this Headquarters please be informed if these personnel have arrived in Italy, and if so, the date and port of their arrival.

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

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C O P I A

1) - Il 16 Marzo con il Piroscalo "Arewa" sono partiti da Gibilterra per rimpatrio i seguenti militari italiani gia' internati nel Marocco Spagnolo:

1 - Serg. Magg.	DI MAURO	Francesco
2 - Serg.	LA GATTA	Stefano
3 - Serg.	DE MOGATIS	Giulio
4 - Serg.	PADOVANO	Raffaele
5 - Serg.	CAVALIERE	Nicola
6 - Cap. Magg.	LO CONTE	Primavera Carmine
7 - Cap. Magg.	VACCA	Oreste
8 - Caporale	CAPUZZI	Emilio
9 - Soldato	CIMICCHI	Ovidio
10 - Soldato	STELLETTIA	Primo
11 - Soldato	CRISPI	Giovanni
12 - Soldato	CORDISCO	Francesco
13 - Soldato	ENRICO	Mauro
14 - Soldato	SCAVANTI	Giuseppe
15 - Soldato	VELARDO	Angelo
16 - Soldato	RUTIGLIANO	Canico
17 - Soldato	RODI	Cosimo
18 - Soldato	ARENA	Antonio
19 - Soldato	CATERINI	Nicola
20 - Soldato	TAORMINA	Francesco
21 - Soldato	DE ANGELI	Guido
22 - Soldato	CAMERINO	Concetto
23 - Soldato	CAMERINO	Salvatore
24 - Soldato	CAPASSO	Luigi
25 - Caporale	UFRAH BEN ALI BEN SAID	
26 - Caporale	MESAUD BEN ALI BEN EL RACHID	
27 - Soldato	MOHAMMED BEN ABDEBLAM BEN MOKTAR	

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ITALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

14 June 45

SUBJECT: Italian soldiers interned in Spain.

No.1907/Pol.61 prot.C/27

TC: Allied Commission
S/C for It.P.O.W.& W.M.D.

Herewith attached and forwarded to you is a list of Italian military personnel, ex interned in Marocco Spagnolo, who left on 16 March on the ship "Arawa" from Gibraltar for repatriation.

We beg this Commission to inform us if they have been sent to Italy.

If so, please inform us of the date and part of arrival.

Thank you.

For The High Commissioner
Gen.V.Dapino

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IPW/61/14

21 June 1945

SUBJECT : Italian soldiers interned in Spain.
TO : Allied Force Headquarters, Apo 612
G-I (Br.)

1. Forwarded herewith is a list of Italian military personnel, formerly interned in Spanish Morocco, who are stated to have left Gibraltar on the "Arawa" on 16 March, 1945, for Italy.

2. May this Headquarters please be informed if these personnel have arrived in Italy, and if so, the date and port of their arrival.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Executive Commissioner

LIAISON DIVISION

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Ref: 347/385/XC(L)

5 April 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Escaped Italian Prisoners
of War from Spanish Morocco

TO : War Material Disposal and IPW
Sub-Commission

1. In view of the abolition of the Political Section the
attached file is forwarded to you for retention, and any action
that you may deem appropriate.

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Officer in Charge
Liaison Division

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G-5 SECTION
APO 512

G-5: 014.33-68

3 Apr 45

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Escaped Italian Prisoners of
War from Spanish Morocco.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.

1. Reference is made to letter P/347/385 of 26 Feb 45 and enclosure and G-5 Section letter this reference of 5 May 45.

2. All the subjects named in Groups A and B of the nominal roll have now arrived in Italy with the exception of Group A.

Serial 2	BASILE Luigi
8	CAVALIERI Nicola
16	GUARESI Antonio
23	SCIACCHITANO Giovanni
28	ZORODDU Giovanni

3. It is reported that all are at present in 'S' Camp St. Andrews at the disposal of the Italian Military Authorities under MMIA.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff G-5:

W. DRIFFIELD-WHITE,
Major.

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EXHIBIT 10-10000

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: P/347/305

9 March 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Spanish Morocco.

TO : U. S. Embassy

1. With reference to your memorandum of 18 December 1944 and 23 January 1945 concerning repatriation of escaped Italian Prisoners of War in Spanish Morocco, it is not considered equitable that these subjects should receive special consideration for repatriation at this stage. The matter will, however, be further considered when shipping appears to be available.

2. Interrogation reports are being called for and the security report will be assessed when they are received.

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for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

WDW/pc

5 March 1945.

G-5 : 014.33-68

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Escaped Italian P.O.W. in
Spanish Morocco.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission. ✓

1. Receipt of letter P/347/385 of 26 February 1945
and enclosure (nominal rolls) is acknowledged.

2. Interrogation reports are being called for and
security aspect will be assessed when they are received.

3. It is not considered equitable that these
subjects should receive special consideration for
repatriation at this stage. The matter will, however,
be further considered when shipping appears to be
available.

for Assistant Chief of Staff G-5

W. Driffeld-White
W. DRIFFIELD-WHITE.
Major.

Copy to:
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Ref: D/587/305

26 February 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Escaped Italian Prisoners
of War from German Detention.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Navy Headquarters.

1. Reference is made to your G-5 OIL-33-61 dated 5 January 1945 on the above subject.

2. There is attached hereto a list giving personal data, of the individuals in question, which has been made available through the American Embassy in London.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Vice President,
Political Section

1 Encl: List attached.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY
Rome, February 23, 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Political Section, Allied Commission.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from Spanish Morocco.

With reference to the communication of January 15 from G-5 Section, AFHQ, to the Political Section (G-5: 014.33-68) requesting information concerning the Italian escaped prisoners of war in Spanish Morocco whose repatriation has been requested by the Italian Mission in Madrid, I am attaching hereto information concerning these persons made available through the American Embassy in Madrid.

Enclosure:
Note and enclosure from Madrid.

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The American Embassy in Madrid presents its compliments to the American Embassy at Rome and has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the latter's note of January 20, 1945 setting forth the attitude of the appropriate section of Allied Force Headquarters with respect to the desire of the Royal Italian Embassy in Madrid to effect the repatriation of certain Italian escaped prisoners of war presently interned in Spanish Morocco.

1/ In accordance with the stated desire of Allied Force Headquarters for detailed information concerning the persons to be repatriated, there is enclosed a Memorandum setting forth the names of the entire number of forty-three Italian prisoners of war who have escaped to Spanish Morocco, classified according to their apparent loyalties and their expressed desires with respect to possible repatriation, together with certain personal data which it is believed will be of use for screening purposes.

Madrid, February 15, 1945.

In duplicate to Rome
Copies to the Department, Caserta, and Tangier

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Enclosure to Note dated February 15, 1945 from American Embassy, Madrid to American Embassy, Rome.

MEMORANDUM

A. The following Italian escaped prisoners of war, now interned at El Pincón, Spanish Morocco, have signified their loyalty to the Royal Italian Government and their desire to be repatriated as soon as possible:

Name	Grade	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Arrived Sp. Mor.	Marital Status	Profession
1 ARENA, Antonio	Soldier	4/ 7/22	(?) Polleri	7/15/44	---	Peasant
2 PASILE, Luigi	Sergeant	10/10/18	(?) Dentecano	5/25/44	Single	Tailor
3 CAMERINO, Concetto	Soldier	12/ 8/19	Trimpoli	5/25/44	Single	Mechanic
4 CAMERINO, Salvatore	Soldier	11/19/09	Trimpoli	5/25/44	Married	Chauffeur
5 CAPASSO, Luigi	Soldier	3/22/22	Prattasaggione	5/13/44	Single	Peasant
6 CATRIGNI, Nicola	Soldier	5/26/20	Corato	7/15/44	---	Peasant
7 CAPUZZI, Emilio	Corporal	9/15/22	Quarisiagrale	5/13/44	Single	Mason
8 CAVALLERI, Nicola	Sergeant	12/6/20	Normanno	4/29/44	Single	Employee
9 CINICCHI, Ovidio	Soldier	2/22/22	Castel Viscardo	9/7/44	---	Baker
10 CORRICO, Francesco	Soldier	12/ 1/21	Hocchetti . Ant.	9/8/44	---	---
11 CRISTO, Giovanni	Soldier	11/15/22	Pesto	9/8/44	---	Peasant
12 DE ANGELIS, Guido	Soldier	8/26/21	Conca Campana	5/13/44	Single	Peasant
13 DE ROGATIS, Giulio	Sergeant	8/19/10	Teora	5/25/44	Married	Plumber
14 DI MARINO, Francesco	Master Sgt.	3/ 3/17	Siracusa	5/25/44	Single	Merchant
15 ERICCO, Mauro	Soldier	1/22/20	Piano Cuvia	5/8/44	---	Peasant
16 GUARISI, Antonio	Soldier	7/ 3/24	Casablanca	4/29/44	Single	Carpenter
17 LA GATTA, Stefano	Sergeant	3/11/23	Pomigliano d'Arco	4/29/44	Single	Tailor
18 LO CORTE, Carmine	Master					
19 PADOVANO, Raffaele	Corporal	10/27/18	Melito Irpino	5/ 8/44	Single	Mechanic
20 REDI, Cosimo	Sergeant	2/ 7/22	Salemo	4/29/44	Single	Student
21 RUTICILIANO, Carlo	Soldier	9/12/22	S. Susanna	5/13/44	Single	Peasant
22 SCARFANTI, Giuseppe	Soldier	12/ 4/21	Gravina	5/13/44	Single	Peasant
23 SCIACCHITANO, Giovanni	Soldier	7/ 2/22	Ragnara Calabria	5/27/44	Married	Mason
24 STALLITI, Primo	Soldier	5/10/20	Tunisi	5/27/44	Single	Mechanic
25 TACHINA, Francesco	Soldier	5/28/20	Bevagna	9/ 7/44	---	Peasant
26 VACCA, Creste	Soldier	12/ 7/12	Marinco	5/ 8/44	Married	Peasant
27 VELARDO, Angelo	Master					
28 ZORRINI, Giovanni	Corporal	9/11/18	Maples	5/25/44	Single	Printer
29 ZORRINI, Giovanni	Soldier	10/28/18	Sicily	5/27/44	Single	Peasant
30 ZORRINI, Giovanni	Soldier	5/ 8/17	Crotelli	7/15/44	---	Peasant

The following Italian escaped prisoners of war of Libyan origin, now at Tetuán, Spanish Morocco, have also signified their loyalty to the Royal Italian Government and their desire for immediate repatriation:

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No.	Name	Grade	Birth	Status	Sp. Mar.	Sp. Mar.	Status	Sp. Mar.	Status
1	ARENA, Antonio	Soldier	4/ 7/22	(?)	Pelleri	7/15/44	Peasant		
2	PASILE, Luigi	Sergeant	10/10/18	(?)	Dentecano	5/25/44	Single		
3	CAMERINO, Concetto	Soldier	12/ 8/19		Tripoli	5/25/44	Single		
4	CAMERINO, Salvatore	Soldier	11/19/09		Tripoli	5/25/44	Married		
5	CAPASSO, Luigi	Soldier	2/22/22		Prattomaggiore	5/13/44	Single		
6	CATHINI, Nicola	Soldier	5/26/20		Conato	7/15/44	Peasant		
7	CARUZZI, Emilio	Corporal	9/15/22		Guardiagrele	5/13/44	Single		
8	CAVALIERI, Nicola	Sergeant	12/6/20		Normanno	4/29/44	Single		
9	CIMICCHI, Ovidio	Soldier	2/22/22		Castel Viscario	9/7/44	Employee		
10	CORDISCO, Francesco	Soldier	12/ 1/21		Bocchetta S. Ant.	9/8/44	Peasant		
11	CRISPI, Giovanni	Soldier	11/15/22		Pesto	9/8/44	Peasant		
12	DE ANGELIS, Guido	Soldier	8/26/21		Conca Campagna	5/13/44	Single		
13	DE HOGATIS, Giulio	Sergeant	8/19/10		Teora	5/25/44	Married		
14	DI MAURO, Francesco	Master Sgt.	3/ 3/17		Ciracusa	5/25/44	Single		
15	ERICO, Mauro	Soldier	2/22/20		Miano Buva	9/9/44	Peasant		
16	GHANESI, Antonio	Soldier	7/ 8/24		Casabianca	4/29/44	Peasant		
17	LA GATTA, Stefano	Sergeant	3/11/23		Romigliano d'Arco	4/29/44	Single		
18	LO CONTE, Carmine	Master					Single		
19	PADOVANO, Raffaele	Corporal	10/27/18		Melito Irpino	5/ 8/44	Single		
20	RODI, Cosimo	Sergeant	2/ 7/22		Salerno	4/29/44	Single		
21	KUTIGLIANO, Carlo	Soldier	9/12/22		S. Susanna	5/13/44	Single		
22	SCAVANTI, Giuseppe	Soldier	12/ 4/21		Gravina	5/13/44	Single		
23	SCIACCHITANO, Giovanni	Soldier	7/ 2/22		Pagnara Calabria	5/27/44	Married		
24	STELLATI, Primo	Soldier	5/10/20		Tunisi	5/27/44	Single		
25	TACCHINA, Francesco	Soldier	5/28/20		Revaagna	9/ 7/44	Peasant		
26	VACCA, Oreste	Master	12/ 7/12		Marino	5/ 8/44	Married		
27	VELARDO, Angelo	Corporal	9/11/18		Naples	5/25/44	Single		
28	ZORRONE, Giovanni	Soldier	10/23/18		Sicily	5/27/44	Single		
29	ZORRONE, Giovanni	Soldier	5/ 8/17		Crotelli	7/15/44	Peasant		

The following Italian escaped prisoners of war of Libyan origin, now at Tetuan, Spanish Morocco, have also signified their loyalty to the Royal Italian Government and their desire for immediate repatriation:

1	MUTTAH BEN ALI	Corporal	1922	Sliten (Misurata)	3/25/44	Single	Laborer
2	MCHAMMED BEN ABDELHAM	Soldier	1922	Misurata	5/20/44	Single	Chauffeur
3	MESAUD BEN RACHID	Corporal	1917	Tabta (Garian)	5/20/44	Single	Peasant

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C. The following Italian escaped prisoners of war, now interned at Villa Sanjurjo, Spanish Morocco, have signified their loyalty to the Royal Italian Government but, by reason of their residence in that part of Italy still occupied by German forces, desire to postpone their repatriation until after the liberation of that region:

Name	Grade	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Arrived Sp.Mor.	Marital Status	Profession
1 BANDIERE, Gino	Soldier	4/26/21	Palazzago	5/25/44	Single	Peasant
2 BERNICCO, Alfredo	Soldier	10/10/12	Cherasco	5/27/44	Single	Peasant
3 BRUNO, Rigoletto	Soldier	2/20/20	Campolongo	5/13/44	Single	Peasant
4 CASSIS, Raffaele	Soldier	7/4/22	Calcinato	9/8/44	--	Peasant
5 CHIANAZZA, Luigi	Soldier	3/28/21	Montaldo Roero	9/7/44	--	Mechanic
6 CONTINI, Francesco	Soldier	5/13/22	Arcole	5/27/44	Single	Craftsman
7 MOMBURINI, Arturo	Soldier	2/18/15	Caravaggio	5/13/44	Single	Mason

D. The following Italian escaped prisoners of war now interned at Villa Sanjurjo, Spanish Morocco, have refused to sign a declaration of loyalty to the Royal Italian Government and do not wish to be repatriated:

1 BORGHI, Antenore	Soldier	10/30/21	Bologna	4/28/44	Single	Draughtsman
Aldo	Master					
2 MARA, Giuseppe	Corporal	--	B. Arsizio	5/1/44	Single	Draughtsman

E. The following Italian escaped prisoners of war, formerly interned at Villa Sanjurjo, refused to sign a declaration of loyalty to the Royal Italian Government and are understood to have been turned over to German custody, presumably at their own request, the official Spanish explanation of their disappearance being simply that they have escaped:

1 AGUS, Vincenzo	Subofficer	9/20/08	Venice	5/9/44	Married	Military
2 FENTON, Ferdinando	Sub-Lt.	--	Padova	5/1/44	Married	Employee
3 REOLIS, Ugo	Lieutenant	--	Palermo Torre	5/1/44	Single	Military

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5/21/44	Single	Peasant
5/13/44	Single	Peasant
9/ 8/44	--	Peasant
9/ 7/44	--	Mechanic
5/27/44	Single	Craftsman
5/13/44	Single	Mason

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512.

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15 January 1945.

G-5 : 914.35-68.

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Escaped Italian Prisoners of War from
Spanish Morocco.

TO : Allied Commission,
Attention- Vice President, Political Section.

1. Reference your P/347/385 of 29 December 1944.
2. So long as many thousands of Italian co-operators are held all over the world with little chance of repatriation in the immediate future, it would seem unfair to bring back to Italy these men, all of whom appear to have escaped from Allied Custody since the Armistice.
3. On the other hand, if it will further the war effort, subject to the availability of transportation this personnel should be repatriated.
4. Meanwhile it would be advisable to obtain a list of the individuals involved, with as much personal data as possible, to be used for screening purposes.

for Acting Assistant Chief of Staff G-5



J. Weisbuch
S.D. WEISBUCH,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.

*Mr. McBride took a copy
for reference to
Mr. Embury in Madrid.*

*AMW
18 Jan 45*

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

December 19, 1944

MEMORANDUM

To: Political Section, Allied Commission.

Subject: Repatriation of Escaped Italian Prisoners of War.
in Spanish Morocco

With reference to a memorandum from this office of November 7 transmitting a copy of a memorandum from the American Embassy in Madrid concerning the desire of the Royal Italian Embassy there to effect the repatriation of certain Italian escaped prisoners of war, a further communication has been received from Madrid stating that the Italian Embassy has now again taken this matter up and has increased the number of persons which the repatriation desires to effect.

In this connection a copy of a communication from the American Legation in Tangier is also enclosed from which it appears that in addition to 27 Italian prisoners, it is now desired to repatriate three Mussulman prisoners as well.

The American Embassy in Madrid would be most appreciative for an expression of the attitude of the competent Allied authorities toward the repatriation of these 30 Italian prisoners in order that it may communicate with the Italian Embassy in Madrid.

Enclosures:

1. Copy of communication from American Embassy, Madrid.
2. Copy of communication from American Legation, Tangier.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The American Embassy at Madrid presents its compliments to the Office of the United States Representative on the Advisory Council for Italy and, with regard to its communication of October 20, 1944, concerning the desire of the Royal Italian Embassy at Madrid to effect the repatriation to Italy of twenty-seven Italian escaped prisoners-of-war who are now in Spanish Morocco, has the honor to request that the described communication be considered by the United States Representative to be supplemented by that of November 6, 1944, of the American Legation at Tangier, a copy of which is noted to have been sent directly to Caserta. A copy of the said Tangier communication, omitting the list giving the particulars of the persons affected, is enclosed for convenience.

In summary, the effect of the supplemental information is to add three Musselmans, natives of Libya, to the twenty-seven Italian escaped prisoners-of-war desiring repatriation.

Expression of the attitude of the competent Allied authorities toward the repatriation of these thirty Italian persons is desired for communication to the Royal Italian Embassy at Madrid.

Madrid, November 17, 1944.

Enclosure - etc.

Copy for Tangier
Copy for Caserta.

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The American Legation in Tangier presents its compliments to the American Embassy in Madrid and has the honor to refer to the Embassy's note dated October 20, 1944, addressed to the Office of the United States Representative on the Advisory Council for Italy, enclosing a letter from the Italian Embassy in Madrid concerning the desire of that Mission to effect the repatriation to Italy of 27 escaped prisoners of war now in Spanish Morocco, who are said to be anxious to rejoin the ranks of the Italian Army.

As of interest to the Embassy it is stated that on November 6, Signor Dante POLLICI, Italian Consul in Tetuan, informed the Legation that as far as is known, the total number of escaped Italian prisoners of war in Spanish Morocco is 40 Italians, and 3 Mussulman from Libya. A translation of a list submitted to the Legation by Signor Pollici, giving all the particulars in the case of each prisoner, is transmitted herewith. The 27 Italian prisoners and the three Mussulman prisoners desiring to be repatriated to Italy are indicated in the column headed "Observations". This space has been left blank opposite the names of those prisoners who have expressed no desire to be repatriated.

It may be added that the Italian, as opposed to the Mussulman, prisoners are detained at a camp in Villa Sanjurjo; while the Mussulman prisoners are detained at a camp in Uad Lau (near Tetuan). As indicated in the column giving the dates of arrival in Spanish Morocco, the first prisoner crossed the border as far back as March 1944, and others continued to enter the Spanish zone as recently as September 1944. According to Signor Pollici, the Spanish authorities, while aware from an early date of this infiltration, did not apprise him of this movement until, having learned of the developments from another source, he addressed a note to the High Commissariat on June 9 requesting information on the subject. He stated that a reply was not received until July 31, which contained a list of 30 prisoners which had reportedly arrived in Spanish Morocco up to that time. It was alleged that the Spanish authorities informed the prisoners themselves that if they attempted to communicate with the Italian authorities in Spanish Morocco they would be escorted to the French frontier and turned over to the authorities there. It was for this reason, apparently, that it was not until the prisoners first to arrive had been in Spanish Morocco for some time that Signor Pollici heard of the matter. Signor Pollici stated that on a recent trip of inspection to Villa Sanjurjo, the Italian Vice Consul in Melilla was besieged with complaints regarding the poor facilities afforded the prisoners in the way of shelter and clothing to protect them against the elements. This matter, Signor Pollici said, was taken up with the High Commissariat on Saturday, November 4, 1944, and the High Commissariat agreed to take appropriate steps to rectify this situation. It may be of interest also to point out that none of the three commissioned officers and only a few of the non-commissioned officers are among those prisoners who have expressed a desire to be repatriated. 1722

Tangier, November 6, 1944.

FROM: MADRID
DATE: 20 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Ital soldiers in Spanish Morocco.

No. 1463: Pursuant to my 2097 and 2362 of 18 Oct and 20 Nov. U.S. Embassy here has informed me that the Allied Authorities have no objection to repatriation of 27 Italian soldiers ex prisoners of war refuged in Spanish Morocco. ----- have asked Spanish govt that said soldiers be placed in care of Italian Consulate of Tetuan for embarkation and although I have not received any answer yet ----- already sent instructions to Moroccan Authorities.

The Regent of the Consulate, Pollici, who recently visited our refugees at Villa Sanjur Jota and notified me that other refugees have adhered to Italian Govt and that also 3 from Lybia have requested to be repatriated, I informed me that in general the condition of our prisoners is good, but that they should be given some aid, at least to take care of the indispensable, utilizing what is left in the Consulate's funds. Please wire instructions, and also communicate to Allied Authorities in Rome that the number of repatriates has been increased from 27 to 38 including the 3 from Lybia.

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Dicembre 20 a firma Mascia. Faccio seguito ai miei telegrammi 2097 et 2362 del 18 ottobre et 20 novembre scorso. Questa ambasciata stati uniti d'america mi ha comunicato secondo informazioni ricevuti da rappresentanza assistenza presso advisory council of italy autorita alleate hanno dato proprio bene stare rimpatriare 27 militari italian ex prigionieri di guerra rifugiati marocco spagnuolo. Italo-peruvian pertanto chiesto a questo governo che detti militari siano disposti regio consolato tetuan per imbarco et banche nessuna risposta sia mi pervenuta (NAINI no gp) essere gia stato impartito disposizioni autorita marocco nel senso richiesto. Reggen consolat pollici che ha recentemente visitato nostri rifugiati et villa sanjur jota et uadlau mentre notificami che altre 8 rifugiati hanno firmato adesione regio governo e che anche 3 libia hanno espresso desideri di essere trasferiti nel regno comunicami che condizioni que nostri connazionali sono discretamente per quanto si riferisce alloggi vit et stato del provvedimento ma brutano vestiari. Pollici prospetta necessita riformire almeno indispensabili con la quale potrebbe essere utilizzati residui fondi esistenti presso quel consolato. Frego telegrafarmi istruzioni. Provvedere intanto comunicare questa rappresentanza alleata che numero rimpatri est aumentato (SGEPE no gp) nuova adesione da 27 at 38 compressione 3 libia fine del telegramma

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5 April 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Escaped Italian Prisoners
of War from Spanish Morocco

TO : War Material Disposal and POW
Sub-Commission

1. In view of the abolition of the Political action the
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that you may deem appropriate.

Officer in Charge
Liaison Division

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