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Proposed Plans For Repatriation of
Fr. (N Africa) Custody

Proposed Plans For Repatriation of I.P.W. From Overseas in Br., Am, Rus (Germany),
Fr. (N. Africa) Custody

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REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE

Ministère
des
Affaires Etrangères

Paris, le 6 Décembre 1945

Direction des Unions

N° 192 UN.

LE MINISTRE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES

A MONSIEUR LE DELEGUE DE LA FRANCE AU CONSEIL CONSULTATIF
POUR LES AFFAIRES ITALIENNES.

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Rapatriement d'un prisonnier de guerre
italien, malade.

Par dépêche N° 2.686 du 2 Octobre 1945, le
Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC, Représentant Français
à la Commission Alliée en Italie, avait saisi mon
Département d'une demande de libération concernant le
Sergent Enrico TEDESCHI, né à MODICA en 1911.

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire savoir que l'état
de santé de ce Prisonnier de Guerre est actuellement
satisfaisant et qu'il est compris sur les listes de
Prisonniers de Guerre à rapatrier, en première urgence,
par CRAN.

Je vous serais reconnaissant de bien vouloir
porter ce qui précède à la connaissance du Capitaine
de Vaisseau MOULLEC./.

Signé:

Pour le Ministre et P.O.
Le Directeur des Unions
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MINISTRY OF WAR
AUTONOMOUS OFFICE FOR
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REF. 3209/21E/1

TO LAND FORCES S/C A.C.
M.M.I.A.
IPW DIVISION
R O M E

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian POW from North Africa.

Reference your letter IPW/53/179 dated 31st January.

1) Herewith attached is the program of repatriation of the ex POW from North Africa, relative to the present month and in agreement with the Royal Navy.

2) This Program is to be considered with a certain elasticity as there may be some change in schedule, due to bad weather and the necessity of small repairs, now and then, to the ships.

Sgd.

Gen. A. Mannerini

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PROGRAMMA PER IL RITIRO DI EX PRIGIONIERI DI GUERRA DAL NORD AFMESE DI FEBBRAIO22
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ABRUZZI	Napoli	14 Febbraio	Algeri	16 Febbraio
TOSCANA	Napoli	17 Febbraio	Biserta	20 Febbraio
ABRUZZI	Napoli	24 Febbraio	Oran	26 Febbraio
MONTECUCOLI	Napoli	25 Febbraio	Philippeville	26 Febbraio
TOSCANA	Napoli	26 Febbraio	Casablanca	2 Marzo
GARIBALDI	Napoli	21 Febbraio	Algeri	23 Febbraio

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Napoli	24 Febbraio	Oran	26 Febbraio	Napoli	1 Marzo
Napoli	25 Febbraio	Philippeville	26 Febbraio	Napoli	29 Febbraio
Napoli	26 Febbraio	Casablanca	2 Marzo	Napoli	8 Marzo
Napoli	27 Febbraio	Algeri	23 Febbraio	Napoli	25 Febbraio

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REPORT ON THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AT BIZERTE

Montecuccoli
To Ministry of Marine

At nine o'clock on the 3rd. of February I arrived at the entrance of the Port of Bizert where I waited for the Pilot to take us in to Port. I received a few moments after the following message transmitted from the Station in the Bay: "the pilot will be onboard at 12.15". I therefore anchored and at 0930 sent by launch Lt. Col. J.E. Regis of the U.S. Army, ~~Chief~~ of the S/C for I.P.M., A.C. Italy, with a naval Lt. in Command ashore, the latter had the orders to ask the Commander of the Naval Base and what hour he wished to receive us officially.

Lt. Col. Regis had to make the agreements with the authorities to get the prisoners onboard and to obtain, if possible, aircraft transport to go to Algiers and Tunis on the duty relative to his work.

At 1000 o'clock the launch returned and the Officer Commanding it, informed me that the Commanding Officer of the French Navy, to whom Lt. Col. Regis had also turned to for information, had stated as follows:

a 1. The Montecuccoli will enter into Port at 1300 hrs. after the departure of the French Cruiser, therefore at the moment of the reverse of the tide.

2. As soon as the ship will be tied up at Transatlantique dock at the anchorage No. 4 of the Aircraft Carrier "Dixmude", a Staff Officer from the Admiral Commanding the Base, will communicate the modalities regarding the unmarking of the personnel to be transferred to Italy.

At 1315 hrs. the pilot came onboard and we anchored at 14.30 hrs. at the place assigned us and that is alongside the dock - the prow towards the lake and the stern under the prow of the "Dixmude". A French aircraft Carrier

A bit later at 14.45 hrs. a Staff Officer from the Commanding Admiral came aboard and informed me as follows:

The Admiral was not in his Office as it, being a holiday he had made a trip into the Country and was very sorry that he could not receive the official visit nor could he receive us in the morning because our departure was fixed for 0700 hrs. 4th. February: he asked me to give him the necessary indications for the compilation of the orders to leave the following day and he asked if I had need of anything to which I answered with a request for water for the ~~engine~~ ^{Engines} which he assured me would be given me. He stated in further that on superior orders from Paris, no Italian Personnel were to be allowed to go ashore.

The 300 ex ^{Tunisian} ~~prisoners~~ soldiers, we commenced to take onboard the of a whole company of ~~prisoners~~ ^{Tunisian} soldiers, with their large quantity of luggage that were to be transported to Italy.

At 1500 hrs we began to take onboard the civilians, a very difficult job due to the fact that the Colonel of the Condarmes was not in a position to present a list of the people we were taking because neither the people or the luggage had been sorted out.

At 1500 hrs. we commenced to take onboard the Military Personnel by another gangway, which took place speedily and with order, because their quantity of luggage was small and a complete list was presented with them.

We finished putting the civilians onboard at 20.15 hrs. only because after great insistence ^{by the staff of Col. Regis} ~~the prisoners~~ were allowed to go on the dock and help with the heavier luggage.

I have to report an unpleasant incident that took place while our Officers and Personnel were helping to bring onboard the people, the baggage and arrange

TO THE COMMANDER OF THE ITALIAN R.N. "MONTESICOLI"
PORT OF BIZERT

With the request to bring the following letter to the
attention of Italian Central Authorities.

Prison Camp No. XV Bizert - evening 2nd. February 1946.

Commander,

The writer is a Military Chaplain, Casali P. Guido, who belonged to
the 92nd. Reg. "Superga" Infantry, and who at present is on duty at the Depot
P.S. No. XV Bizert.

I have no time to make a complete report but will do so under more
favourable circumstances and will here limit myself in reporting the most
essential parts.

Since the 15th. of July 1943, I have worked with my companions of
imprisonment in my quality of Chaplain up to last September for all those
prisoners in British and American custody (several thousands). My conscience
tells me that I have done my duty, as an Officer in war and in peace, and I
am aware of my responsibility in doing so. For what I did as a
Chaplain to my dear soldiers during hostilities and again for what I did for
them in captivity gives me the right to talk and to be heard. All honest people
will bear me testimony.

The facts may be stated as follows:

1. The 397 Poles united here since the 22nd of Dec 1945, have all been
voluntary workers at the disposition of the French Authorities since August
1943 up to the date they were transferred from their various working centres
and sent here to be retrained.

These prisoners are to be considered as very deserving people and have
supported their afflictions with dignity and patience for over two years and
a half.

2. They were told that they would be repatriated last December and the
date that was decided upon was the 1st. November.

3. Subsequently we were informed that we would be repatriated on the
15th. of December.

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4. On the 22nd. of December we were transferred from our working
quarters to the P.S. Depot No. XV, Bizert (which move, placed us in a very bad
position from every point of view, relative to our living conditions) by order
of the Competent Authorities, which authorities at the same time stated officially that we
would be repatriated on the 24th of December on the "Mitschik".

5. On the 26th. of December the Command of this Depot informed us that
that we would be repatriated in the first days of January. (I personally read
the letter myself which phrase "en debut du courant Janvier" - may be interpreted
in the first days of January.

Italian Prisoner of War Commission

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6. After the 15th. of January we were informed that due to the fact that the "Miraglia" had been damaged our repatriation was put off until the last half of January.

7. Finally on the 23rd. of January the Command of this Depot sent me the official letter, (which I still have in my possession) sent from the Superior Command Troops Tunisia which read as follows: "The Italian Cruiser Miraglia will arrive on the 2nd. February 1946 at Bizert. Make all arrangements necessary etc. etc." This letter was read by me to the prisoners of this Depot as an order received.

8. This morning I was called at 10 o'clock by the Lt. Col. Commandant the Depot who informed me that very probably only a part of the prisoners of the Depot would find places on the Italian ship in arrival, and that the others, myself included would have to wait another means of transport.

9. This evening the same Commander informed me that the Italian port in question was reserved for Italian Civilians who had to leave for Italy, and for us again there was no place.

I leave to the imagination of who will read this report, rapid and incomplete, the impression made on these poor companions of mine who once again saw that their hopes had been in vain.

My soul as an Italian and Chaplain is in agony. Ten days ago I found out from an X-ray picture that I am affected with a stomach ulcer.

Since I have been here at this Depot constrained to hunt about for food for my soldiers due to the scarcity of the rations and besides, by illness I am very tired. I had hoped that this hardship was nearing its end, instead of which the situation is prolonging itself. The worst of it is that I don't know what arguments to use in order to calm my companions, who have lost all faith. I have one who has gone mad and has been sent to the infirmary, gone mad because his repatriation was put off. Now I ask myself what will be the reactions of these 397 men on their return to Italy after the atrocious disillusion they have suffered, the responsibility of all this being on the heads of the Central authorities of their Country.

I have only one more word to add: I hope that all the work done from August 1945 up to now will not be undone; for the lack of prudence and good-will on the part of those organizations that are responsible for the repatriation of the POW.

Tell us clearly and frankly how long we will have to remain here and above all things avoid that we have another disillusion. Take into consideration the state of nerves of these people who are in French custody and who have suffered morally and physically as they have. (This is the only real imprisonment as I can state in perfect knowledge of all facts).

Sgt. Military Chaplain
P. Guido Casali C.F.
5th. of eleven children living,
whose parents reside at Torlata
di Nono (Brescia)

P.S. From the 22nd. December up to date I have spent for my companions, food etc. 60,000 francs and more. I have to form any pretext but now my resources are finished - which means that 397 prisoners will be very hungry. - Believe me.

P. Guido Casali

AL SIG. COMANDANTE LA R.N. ITALIANA "MONTECUCCOLI"

PORTO DI BISERTA

con preghiera di portare a conoscenza
dell'Autorità Centrale Italiana -

Campo Prigionieri n° XV- Biserta : sera del 2 Febbraio 1946 -

Signor Comandante -

Io scrivente è il Cappellano Militare CASALI P. Guido, già effettivo al 92° regg. Fanteria "Superga" ed attualmente prestante servizio al Depôt. P.G. n° XV a Biserta-

Il tempo mi manca per un esposto completo che mi riservo di fare in altra sede ed in circostanze più favorevoli.

Mi limito ad alcuni elementi essenziali:
dal 13 luglio 1943 presto la mia opera tra i compagni di prigionia effettivi a questo deposito e l'ho prestata in tutti i limiti del possibile fino allo scorso settembre tra i P.G.I. in mano inglese ed americana venutisi a trovare nella zona di Biserta (parecchie migliaia)-
La coscienza mi dice che ho fatto il mio dovere di Ufficiale in guerra ed in prigionia, ma che soprattutto sono tenuto a parlare come ufficiale conscio della propria responsabilità in questo momento. Quello che ho fatto come Sacerdote per i miei carissimi soldati durante la ostilità e per i miei ancora più cari compagni di sorte in cattività ritengo mi dia il diritto di essere ascoltato. Gli onesti ne sono e ne saranno, voglio crederlo, incontestabili testimoni -

La successione dei fatti che qui intendo esporre può così riassumersi:

1°) I 397 P.G.I. qui riuniti dal 22 dicembre u.s. hanno tutti prestato volontariamente la loro opera in qualità di lavoratori volontari (ho gli elementi per provare questa qualifica) alle dipendenze dell'autorità militare francese dall'agosto 1943 fino al giorno in cui siamo stati trasferiti dai diversi quartieri di lavoro a questo Deposito per essere rimpatriati. Si tratta di prigionieri dunque particolarmente benemeriti e che hanno sopportato con dignità e coraggio le privazioni e le sofferenze di ogni genere connesse con la loro situazione per oltre 2 anni e mezzo -

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2°) Un primo annuncio ufficioso di rimpatrio ci fu dato nello scorso ottobre e la data indicataci era allora il 1° novembre.

3°) Successivamente ci si è detto che il nostro rimpatrio era stato annunciato per la 1^a quindicina di dicembre -

4°) Il 22 dicembre siamo stati trasferiti dai quartieri di lavoro al deposito P.G. n° XV, in Biserta- ciò che significa un marcatissimo peggioramento delle nostre condizioni di vita sotto ogni aspetto - in seguito ad ordine emanante dalla competente Autorità, la quale aveva ufficialmente comunicato che saremmo stati imbarcati il giorno 24 dicembre sulla Nave "Miraglia"v-

5°) Il 26 dicembre il Comando di questo Deposito ha portato a nostra conoscenza che saremmo stati rimpatriati "nei primi giorni di gennaio" ("su debut du courant Janvier" diceva la lettera ufficiale da me personalmente letta)-

6°) Passato il 15 gennaio ci si è annunciato che, causa un'avaria subita dalla nave "Miraglia" il nostro rimpatrio era stato rinviato alla 2^a quindicina del mese-

7°) Finalmente il 29 gennaio u.s. il comando di questo Deposito mi ha rimesso una comunicazione ufficiale scritta(di cui sono tuttora in possesso) ed emanante dal Comando Superiore Truppe Tunisia, nella quale è testualmente detto: "Croiseur Italien "Miraglia" arrivera le 2.2.46 a Bizerta - Prendre d'ores et déjà toutes dispositions conformément etc.-" Tale comunicazione è stata da me letta ai P.G.I. di questo deposito come da ordini ricevuti -

8°) Stamane sono stato convocato verso le ore 10 dal Tenente Colon_ nello Comandante questo deposito per sentirmi annunciare che probabilmente soltanto una parte dei P.G.I. del Deposito stesso avrebbero trovato posto sulla nave Italiana in arrivo, gli altri, me compreso, avrebbero dovuto attendere un successivo mezzo di trasporto-

9°) Finalmente questa sera , il detto Comandante questo Deposito mi ha messo al corrente che la nave Italiana preannunciata era riservata ai soli civili italiani che dalla Tunisia devono raggiungere la Patria. Per noi ancora una volta non c'è posto -

Lascio immaginare a chi leggerà questo rapido, incompleto, ma vivacissimo esposto qual'è stata l'impressione dei miei poveri e tanto cari compagni di prigionia quando hanno dovuto apprendere che le loro speranze erano state ancora una volta vane.

Il mio animo di Italiano e di Cappellano è affranto. Da una decina di giorni la radiografia ha definitivamente comprovato che sono affetto da ulcera allo stomaco. In dipendenza delle penosissime condizioni alimentari, dei miei soldati, da che mi trovo al Deposito sono

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obbligato a correre da mane a sera per racimolare in molti modi qual cosa con cui migliorare l'insufficientissimo rancio attribuitoci. Sono stanco oltreché malato - Ma credevo che quest'ultimo sforzo impostomi dalle circostanze sarebbe stato breve. Va invece prolungandosi invero similmente - Il peggio si è che non so proprio più quali argomenti invocare per sostenere il poverissimo morale dei miei compagni, i quali hanno perso ogni fiducia. Ne ho uno quà vicino, all'Infermeria di guarnigione, che è divenuto folle, dico folle, per causa dell'incredibile ritardo del rimpatrio. C'è da domandarsi quale sarà l'atteggiamento di questi 397 uomini al loro ritorno in Italia dopo le atroci disillusioni che hanno subito e di cui rendono responsabile in primo luogo l'Autorità Centrale della loro Patria.

Non mi resta che una parola da aggiungere e: Dio non voglia che tutte le fatiche durate dall'agosto 1943 ad oggi per fare opera di bene tra questi sventurati vengano distrutte da una mancanza di prudenza e di buona volontà da parte di chi ha la responsabilità dell'organizzazione dei rimpatri dei P.G.I.

Ci si dica chiaramente e francamente quanto tempo ci rimane ancora da trascorrere qui nella penosissima, esasperante attesa del ritorno. Ma soprattutto ci si eviti, in nome di Dio e dei Morti che con noi non ritorneranno alle loro case, un'altra disillusione, vorrei quasi dire un altro atroce inganno. Ci si renda conto dello stato d'animo del prigioniero di guerra in mano francese e si abbia un pò di riguardo e di rispetto per quello che ha patito nell'anima e nella carne durante il lungo periodo della sua prigionia (la sola autentica prigionia di guerra, del resto, come io ritengo di poter affermare con perfetta conoscenza di causa)-

IL CAPPELLANO MILITARE

P. GUIDO CASALI O.P.

Sesto di undici figli viventi ed i cui genitori vecchi risiedono a Torbiato di Noro (Brescia)

P.S. Dal 22 dic. a oggi ho speso per i miei compagni di prigionia (miglioramenti rancio di ogni genere trovati in città e conventi, rischi di ogni genere) franchi 60.000 (sessantamila) e più. Ho dovuto ricorrere a svariati prestiti, ma ormai le mie risorse sono esaurite. Ciò significa fame per 397 P.G.I. - qui riuniti. Mi si creda!

P. GUIDO CASALI

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

IPW/53/195

12/Feb/46

SUBJECT : IPW in French North Africa

TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance, P.W. Bureau

Cappellano Militare CASALI, P. Caide

1. The attached letter from the a/n is passed to you for whatever action you may be able to take.

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

encl.: letter of Cappellano, P.G. Casali

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

IPW/53/104

12/Feb/46

SUBJECT : Exchange of German PW for Italian PW in French hands.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission.

1. Ref your letter 3262/EC dtd 17/Jan/46
2. Attached is a copy of a letter received from the French Representative to A.C., announcing that the French Government now require only 6,500 instead of 12,000 German PW to replace Italian PW in French N. Africa.
3. The programme of repatriation of Italian PW from French N. Africa has begun this month with vessels furnished by the Italian Ministry of Marine.
4. In view of these circumstances, may the question please be considered of taking up the matter again with G 5, AFHQ.

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

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Copy to M.M.I.A.

copy:

Ref. 8262/EC

17/Jan/46

SUBJECT : Exchange of German PW for Italian PW in French Hands

TO : G 5, AFHQ.

1. The French Authorities in North Africa hold approximately 37,800 Italian PW. They are willing to release 25,000 of these individuals, but will only agree to the release of the remainder (some 12,000) if they are replaced by German PW transported by us as follows:

TO Tunisia		2,445
Algeria	Oran	2,000
	Philippeville	2,000
	Algiers	2,000
Marocco		3,700

2. The total repatriation of Italian PW's from North Africa is dependent on

a) Transport for 25,000, now ready to leave North Africa.
b) Furnishing the French 12,000 Germans in place of 12,000 Italians, and transport for the 12,000 Italians from N.Africa to Italy.

3. Attention is invited to report N°12508/1475 dtd 25 Oct.45, from Washington, copy attached, which states that German POW in USA will be sent to France. It is considered that it will not be possible to furnish either Italian or Allied transport for 12,000 German POW from France to N.Africa. Should 12,000 of the German POW in the USA be sent direct to the North African ports listed above, it would be possible to meet the French demand.

4. The Italian Government are constantly pressing for release of Italian PW's in French hands on account of alleged harsh treatment by the French.

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5. It is requested that action be taken to secure the assignment of either Italian or Allied transport for the 25,800 who can be repatriated now, and for the shipment to North Africa of 12,000 Germans now in the United States, and subsequent shipment to Italy of the remaining 12,000 Italians in North Africa.

(signed) ELLERY, W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Land Forces S/C

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

IPW/53/192

9/Feb/46

SUBJECT : Italian PW in British and American custody

TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau

1. Ref your letter 303/E 17 dtd 2/Feb/46

2. The answers to your queries, in the order made, are as follows:

- a) PW in Palestine, Iraq, Tripolitania and Cirenaica are included in MEF.
- b) Civilian internees are NOT included in the PW total.
- c) A request for information re PW in Malta has been made to GHQ, CMF, and we will give you the figures as soon as we receive a reply.
- d) PW in Aden are included in the total for India.

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Chief
IPW Div.

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Copy to: Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW

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

9/Feb/46

IPW/53/191

SUBJECT : Italian PW in MALTA

TO : G1 (Br)
G.H.Q.
GMR

May this division please be informed whether there are any Italian PW, cooperators, or non cooperators, still held in Malta.

For the Chief Commissioner

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

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2 February 1946

MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE
PW BUREAU
DIV. 1 SECT. I (POL)
REF. 303/E-17

TO ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION
PW
R O M E

SUBJECT : Italian POW in British and American Custody.

Reference your letter IPW/53/159 dated 21/1 relative to the Italians who are still in imprisonment.

While thanking you for your kind letter we would greatly appreciate if the A.C. would inform us regarding the following matters :

- a) - are the prisoners who are in Palestine, Iraq, Tripolitania and Cireneica, included amongst those who are to return from the ME.
- b) - are the following civilian internees included in those groups who are to return from S. Africa and East Africa who up to July 31st 1945 were the following numbers.

Kenia	6899	Total Civilian Internees 15,475
Uganda	965	
Tanganyika	2881	
S. Rhodesia	4471	
South Africa	259	

- c) - if there are any more Italian POW at Malta : up to now 762 Co/operators have been repatriated from that locality.

- d) - in what groups will the prisoners from Aden return with, which from preceding reports amount to 51.

Sgt.
Dr. Fausto Miti

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
N.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/53

8 February 1946

Dear Minister,

Reference your personal letter No. 14/prot.n. 1432/1273 dated 8 Feb. 46.

The matter of the repatriation from French North Africa of all Italian Prisoners of War has been discussed by me with the French Military Authorities since Nov. 26th, 1945.

The French Authorities agreed to release the prisoners provided shipping could be secured from the Allied sources to transport them from French ports to Italy.

I asked the competent Authorities for the above mentioned transportation and finally this morning a decision was rendered by the Italian Royal Navy to place two cruisers and the M.S. "TOSCARA" at my disposal.

I can now assure you that on the 24th of Feb. one of the cruisers will depart for Oran and if possible I will go on it to secure the release of as many prisoners from Camp Saïda as possible and return to Italy.

I will send you a copy of the proposed plan as soon as it is received from the Italian Royal Navy.

Sincerely yours

As 202
Programme

J.E. Regie, Lt. Col.
Chief
IPW Division

TO THE MINISTER
OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE
ROME.

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Ministero dell'Assistenza Post-Bellica

IL MINISTRO

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Roma, 8.2.46

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Sig.Colonnello,

a Milano dove mi
sono trovato in questi giorni, ho
ricevuto un numero di madri che
implorano il ritorno dei loro figli.

Io La pregherei di far in
modo che sia sollecitato soprattutto
il rimpatrio dei prigionieri italia-
ni del Campo di SAIDA (Algeria) i
quali con lettere arrivate a Milano,
implorano disperatamente il ritorno.

La ringrazio fin d'ora della
azione di umanità che Ella starà per
compiere.

Col. J.E. REGGIS
Sotto Comm. prig. Guerra
presso Comm. Alleata
R O M A = Via Veneto

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Di L. Japponi

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

Office of the French Representative,

APC 394 - Rome, 2 Feb. 1946

No. 2798

Captain ROULLEC
 French Representative to the Allied Commission
 to
 Director, PW Sub Commission

The French authorities have reduced from twelve thousand (12,000) to six thousand five hundred (6,500) the number of German PW who will replace the Italian PW at present working in N. Africa, on the condition that these German PW belong to the following categories :

Masons	500
Electricians	500
Mechanics	2000
Blacksmiths	250
Fitters	500
Drivers	250
Joiners	500
Carpenters	500
Farm labourer	1500

In view of the lack of transport, our representant in Washington has received instructions to support the request made by your efforts to the War Department to send to N. Africa 6,500 members of the Afrika Korps at present in the United States and shortly to be repatriated by the Americans.

The choice of the specialists could be made in the U.S. by a mixed franco-american commission.

Sgd.

Capt. LUCRET,
 Ass. to French Representative to
 the Allied Commission.

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Office of the French Representative

A P O 394

N° 2796

Rome, le 2 Février 1946

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC

Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée

à

Monsieur le Directeur

de la Sous-Commission des Prisonniers de Guerre

Les autorités françaises viennent de réduire de douze mille (12.000) à six mille cinq cent (6.500) le nombre des prisonniers de guerre allemands devant remplacer les prisonniers de guerre italiens travaillant actuellement en Afrique du Nord, à condition que les prisonniers de guerre allemands appartiennent aux catégories suivantes:

maçons	500
électriciens	500
mécaniciens	2000
forgerons	250
ajusteurs	500
chauffeurs	250
menuisiers	500
charpentiers	500
agriculteurs	1500

En raison du manque de moyen de transport, notre représentant à Washington a reçu des instructions pour appuyer

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la demande faite par vos soins au "War Departement" de diriger vers l'Afrique du Nord 6500 prisonniers de l'Afrika-Korps actuellement aux Etats Unis et à la veille d'être rapatriés sous pavillon américain,

Le triage des spécialistes pouvant être effectué aux Etats Unis par une commission mixte franco-américaine.

p.o. Le Capitaine LUQUET Adjoint
au Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée.

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MONTECUCOLI (R) FOIL NOIC NAPLES AIMED C IN C MED C IN C MED(N)
MARINE PARIS MMIA DISPLACE PERSONS AND REPATRIATION

FROM COMAR BIAERTA
031630A

UNCLASSIFIED IMPORTANT.

INTEND TO SAIL ITALIAN CRUISER MONTE CUCOLI TO NAPLES AT 0700A
430000. 2/15 KNOTS ADJUSTED 3/10000 ROUTE 4/10000 DAYLIGHT 5th
9/GUARDS 500 KCS AND 566 KC/S 10/ CAPTURES ITALIAN POW AND
CIVILIANS. FOIL 301240A KOTERS.

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031630

Rgt. Sail Monte Cucoli to Naples.

Dist. 1-4 13 15-17 25 1 H/M Cal. Regis 10000.
1 H/M DP 10000 for Major Marman.

T/P

P/L

FOR 1913

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How

COMAR BIZENTA (R) FOIL C IN C MED(N) C IN C MED NOLA
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPARATION.
FROM...NOIC NAPLES.

REX YOUR 344900 JAN.
 FARA (A) 300 FUW.
 FARA (B) 400 CIVILIANS.
 FARA (C) NIL.

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T/P P/L TOR 4230 MAG. D.
DIST. 1-4 13 15-17 25 1-1000 1-1000 & R S/C. LCC.

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ROME NAPLES (R) FOIL CINC MED(N) CINC MED MEDA DISPLACED PERSONS AND
 REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION AG

FROM COMAR BENINIA
 311000A Jan

UNCLASSIFIED IMMEDIATE

Nr 0800 urgent request to be informed.

- A. How many P.O.W., can be embarked on board Montecuccoli.
- B. How many civilians.
- C. Whether passengers for Tunisia have been embarked and how many

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2. Early reply would be most appreciated.

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3. FOIL's 301200 refers

==311000A Jan

Ref: Sailing Montecuccoli to Palermo to embark EPCH.

Dia: 1-4, 15, 15-17, 25, 1 MEDA 30 1 LP and P 3/0

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P/L

TOM 2102/34

D.S.L.

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FOIL (R) ALMED, C IN C MED, C IN C MED(N) MARINE PARIS, COMAR BIZERTA
MMIA, DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATIONS S/C.

FROM...NOIC NAPLES.

IMPORTANT UNCLASSIFIED
I.S. MONTE CUCCOLI SAILING AS IN PARA (1) OF FOIL'S 301750 JAN.
DELAYED 24 HOURS BY WEATHER.

.....311034 JAN.....

REF...SAILING P.M. 31ST JAN FOR CAGLIARI.

DIST...1-4 13 15-17 25 1 H/M D.F.&R. S/C FOR MAJOR HAYMAN
1H/M MMIA FOR COL. REVIS.
T/P I/L TOR...1242 ROB 31/1

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NOIC NAPLES, ^{INFO} ~~SECRET~~ AIMED CINC MED CINC MED(N) MARINE PARTS COMAR BIZERTE
MMIA DISPLACE PERSONS AND REPATRIATION S/C

FROM FOIL(25)

IMPORTANT TO NOIC NAPLES UNCLASSIFIED

Amend my 301240 to read sail MONTECUCOLI RI 31st JANUARY FOR CAGLIARI and
BIZERTE so as to arrive BIZERTE AM/2nd FEBRUARY.

2. ITALIAN military personnel are to be lifted from NAPLES to CAGLIARI 267

301750A Jan

Ref: Sailing Montecucoli 1st Feb. for BizerTE.

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Dis: 1-4, 13, 15-17, 25, 1 CSM 1 B/M MMIA For Col. Regt. 1 B/M D.P. & R. S/C For
Major Hariman.
D.T.I. 30/1

C&W NR 56

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TOD 173/30

I/P

TO. NOIC NAPLES (R) AIMED C IN C MED C IN C MED(N) MARINE PARIS
COMAR BIZERTE MEDIA DISPERSED PERSONS AND
REPATRIATION S/C

FROM. FOIL 25.

UNCLASSIFIED.

8m 3hr Jan for CASLIARI - BIZERTE do as to
SAIL MONTECUCOLI 1st FEBRUARY TO ARRIVE IN BIZERTE AM/2nd TO REBARK
ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR AND CIVILIANS AWAITING LEFT TO ITALY.
2. COMAR BIZERTE IS REQUESTED TO SAIL MONTECUCOLI TO NAPLES WHEN
READY.
3. MY 061026 NOT TO NOIC NAPLES REFERS.

..... 301240/JAN.

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Dist. 1-4, 13 15-17 25 1 CSM. 1 H/M MEDIA for Colonel Regis.

Ref. Intend to sail cruiser to BizerTE about 30th Jan.
1 H/M D.P. & R.S/C for Major Hartman

CSW NR 33

P/L

I/T

MP

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MH/fs

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

IPW/53/130

31/Jan/46

SUBJECT : Italian PW enlisted in the Foreign Legion

TO : Autonomous Office for War Veterans & Repatriated PW

- 1./ Ref. your letter 304/218/REGR dated 14/Jan/46
- 2./ The attached reply has been received from the Office of the French Representative, A.C.

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

Encl.: letter, as above.

MH/fs

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

IPW/55/179

31/Jan/46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian PW from French N.Africa

TO : Autonomous Office for War Veterans & Repatriated PW

1./ Attached is copy of a letter from the office of the French Representative at A.C. giving the proposed plan and programme for the repatriation of Italian PW from French N.Africa.

2./ Will you please examine the plan, and confer with the Ministry of Marine, and let us have your decisions as soon as possible, please.

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

Encl.: letter, as above

Copy to: Navy Sp. A.C.

Rome 30th January 1946

No. 2790

FROM ; Captai MOULLEO
French Representative to the A.C.

TO : The Director
of the IPW Division

Following our conversation concerning the Communication from the Ministry of War relative to the Italians who belong to the Foreign Legion and who desire to be repatriated, the Governor of Algiers has informed me that the number of these Italians is 30 and not a thousand.

A certain number of these Italians have already returned with the "Duce D'Aoste" and the remaining number are in course of repatriation.

Capt. Luquet
Aide to the French Representative.

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Rome, le 30 Janvier 1946

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée
à
Monsieur le Directeur
de la Sous-Commission des Prisonniers de Guerre

Comme suite à la conversation que nous
avons eue concernant les Italiens signalés par
le Ministère de la Guerre comme appartenant à
la Légion Etrangère et désireux d'être rapatriés,
le Gouverneur Général de l'Algérie me fait connai-
tre que le nombre d'Italiens dans ce cas est de
trente et non de mille.

Certains de ces Italiens sont rentrés par le
DUCA D'AOSTA, le reliquat est en voie de rapatriement.

p.o. le Capitaine LUQUET Adjoint
au Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée.

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Rome 30th January 1946

No. 2789

FROM : Captain MOULLEO
French Representative to the A.C.

TO : The Director
of the IPW Division

I have the honor to forward you the attached plan of transport, as established with the French Authorities of North Africa for the repatriation of the Italian Prisoners from Algiers and Morocco from the 15th February to 1st April.

This plan is based on the utilization of two cruisers and the "S.S. Tuscania"; the "Mireglia" is to be held in reserve if any one of the above mentioned ships should fail us.

I would greatly appreciate if you would give me as quickly as is possible your approval, that I may order the interested Authorities to put the plan in action.

For Capt. LUQUET - Aide to the
French Representative.

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission

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TRANSPORT PLAN

15	February	Tuscania	Casablanca
15	"	Cruiser	Algiers
18	"	Cruiser	Oran X
24	"	Cruiser	Algiers
25	"	Cruiser	Philippeville
1	March	Tuscania	Oran
3	"	Cruiser	Algiers
8	"	Tuscania and Cruiser	Philippeville
11	"	Cruiser	Algiers
15	"	Cruiser	Philippeville
19	"	Tuscania	Oran
23	"	Tuscania and Cruiser	Philippeville
27	"	Cruiser	Algiers
1	April	Tuscania and Cruiser	Oran

N° 2789

Rome, le 30 Janvier 1946

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée

à

Monsieur le Directeur
de la Sous-Commission des Prisonniers de Guerre

J'ai l'honneur de vous envoyer ci-joint le
plan de transport établi en accord avec les Autorités
Françaises d'Afrique du Nord pour le rapatriement des
PO Italiens d'Algérie et du Maroc et valable du 15 Fé-
vrier au 1er Avril.

Ce plan est basé sur l'utilisation de deux croi-
seurs et du Tuscania, le Miraglia étant conservé en ré-
serve pour parer à une défaillance d'un quelconque des
trois navires utilisés.

Je vous serais reconnaissant de me donner dans
les plus brefs délais votre accord afin que je puisse
aviser les Autorités intéressées de la mise en applica-
tion du plan envisagé.

p.o. le Capitaine LUGNET Adjoint
au Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée

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PROJET DE PLAN DE TRANSPORT

15	Février	Tuscania	Casablanca
		Croiseur	Alger
15	"	Croiseur	Oran
18	"	Croiseur	Alger
24	"	Croiseur	Philippeville
25	"	Tuscania	Oran
1	Mars	Croiseur	Alger
3	"	Tuscania et Croiseur	Philippeville
8	"	Croiseur	Alger
11	"	Croiseur	Philippeville
15	"	Tuscania	Oran
15	"	Croiseur	Alger
19	"	Tuscania et Croiseur	Philippeville
23	"	Croiseur	Alger
27	"	Tuscania et Croiseur	Oran
1	Avril		

D7885/21420 7/44 R335,335. CHARTER 40,000.

S. 1320d.
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(10/1/1970) 10/1/1970

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TO. FOIEM.NOIC PORT SAID. (R) CINC MED. VAM. FOIL. CINC MED(N). INFO.
MMIA. DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION S/C.
FROM. NOIC NAPLES.

Intend to sail DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI at 200900 for Port Said routed as direct
as safe navigation permits.
2. Speed of advance 16 kts. E.T.A. 311430.
3. Italian communications.
4. FOIL's 251820 nrc to all refors.

.... 271505A/JAN

Ref. Lift of Italian POW repatriates.
T/P P/L TOR 1638 P.R. 27/1.
Dist. 1-4.13.15.16.25.101. 2.H/M's MMIA for Col. DEGIS.
2. " D.P. & R. S/C to Major. HANSEN.

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NAVY CHARGE MALTA (R) VALL BANK HOCK LONDON NOIC MATHES FOIL
POLIM C IN C MED NOIC FORT SAIDFROM FORT MANAGER
TRIPOLI (L)

H/C

UNCLAS. 109 TRIPOLI (L) TOSCANA 26 JANUARY.

261130A JAN . .

DIST. 1-4, 13, 15-17, 25. LOG. 2 H/M 10 TA FOR COLONEL REGIS.
2 H/M D.P. AND R. S/C FOR MAJOR FARMAN.

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NOIC NAPLES (R) CINC MED CINC MED (W) FOLEM NOIC PORT SAID IMA
DISPLACE PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

FROM NOIC (25)
261441 Jan

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Correct para. 1 of my 25320 to read sail Dico Abruzzi Dico Abruzzi
28th (R) 28th to arrive in Port Said AM/31st.

--261441 Jan

Dts: 1-4, 13, 15, 16, 25, 2 H/M's IMA for Col. Regis.
2 D P and R S/C for Major Hartman.
Ref: Sailing of Dico Dico Abruzzi for IPOW.

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TO. NOIC NAPLES (R) CINC MED, CINC MED(N), FOLEM, NOIC PORT SAID, MMIA,
DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION S/C.
FROM. FOIL(25).

Sail DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI ³29th to arrive in Port Said am/31st to carry
out lift of Italian POW repatriates.
2) NOIC Port Said is requested to sail DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI to Naples
when ready.
3) My 211803 and FOLEM's 231258 neither to NOIC Naples refer.

.... 251820/JAN

T/P P/L TOD 1835 P.R. 25/1.
Ref. 1) Request date when ABRUZZI can be accepted.
2) Vessel can be accepted after 30th Jan.
Dist. 1-4.13.15.16.25. Log. 2 H/1s MMIA for Col. REELI.
Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission D.P. & R. S/O for Major Hartman.

HO AO APO 304

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IMMEDIATE UNCLASSIFIED.

TO. NOTIC NAPLES (R) FOIL

FROM. PORT MANAGER
TRIPOLI (L).

Request E.T.A. TOBCANA presumably sailed Naples 22nd January FOIL
191249 refers.

... 250850A/JAN ...

Ref. Sailing M.V. Toscana etc:.

T/P P/L FOR 1350 P.R. 25/1.
Dist. 1-5, 13, 15-17, 25, N3C. Log. 2 H/M3 MAIL for Col. REGIE.
2 H/M3 D.P. & R. B/C for Major Hartman.

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S. 1320d.

(Revised—May, 1930)
(Revised—June, 1944)FOIL (R) CINC MED CINC MED(N) NOHC FORT SAID MILIA DISAPPEARED REPATRIATION
REPATRIATION SIB COMMISSIONFOIL
211803 Jan

UNCLASSIFIED

Any date after 30th Jan. (R) 30th Jan. is acceptable.

Your 211803.

231258E Jan

Ref: Date when Duca D'Aosta can be accepted for further 1426 IPON.

Dis: 14, 13, 15, 16, 25, 2 H/M MILIA for Col. Regis.
2 H/M for D.P. and R. S/C AG

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D.T.L.A

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C IN C MED C IN C MED (N) NOIC PORT SAID MMIA
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION S/C.

FOIL 25

U/C

REQUEST EARLIEST DATE AFTER 27th JANUARY THAT DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI CAN
BE ACCEPTED BY MIDEAST IN PORT SAID FOR FURTHER LIFT OF IPOW
REPATRIATES, OBSERVING THAT S.S. TOSCANA IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN THE
LEAVANT FOR THE SAME PURPOSE DURING LAST WEEK OF THIS MONTH.

== 211803A JAN ...

DIST. 1-5, 13-16, 25. LOG. 2 H/M FOR MMIA FOR COLONEL REGIS.
2 H/M D.P. AND R. S/O FOR MAJOR HARTMAN.

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U.S. Office of War Relocation Commission

U.S. Office of War Relocation Commission

23 JAN 1946

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

27/Jan/46

IPW/55467

SUBJECT : Italian PW in French Hands

TO : Autonomous Office for war Veterans & Repatriated PW

- 1./ In your information, the latest number of Italian PW in French hands in North Africa, as communicated to this office by the French Representative to the Allied Commission, is 57,300
- 2./ please correct the relevant columns in your weekly return of repatriations accordingly.

[Signature]
J. B. REGAN
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

Copy to: Ministry of Post War Assistance

MH/fs

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

IPW/53/166

24/Jan/46

SUBJECT: IPW in Anglo-American Custody

TO : Autonomous Office for War Veterans & Repatriated PW

1./ Further to our IPW/53/159 dtd 21/Jan46

2./ The following numbers of Italian PW in Allied Hands in North Africa on 23/Jan/46 have been notified.

	<u>Cooperators</u>	<u>Non Cooperators</u>
U.S. Custody	75 Offrs., 2656 ORS	10
British "	1665	7575 (incl. Republican-Fascists)

4./ Please alter the relevant columns in your weekly return of repatriations accordingly.

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

Copy to: Ministry of Post War Assistance.

1 POW. (165)

NOIC NAPLES (R) FORM NOIC PORT SAID C IN C MED C IN C MED (N)
DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATN. S/C MMIA PORT MANAGER TRIPOLI (L)

U/C

FROM JOL 25

S.S. TOSCANA IS TO BE SAILED FROM NAPLES AM/22nd FOR TRIPOLI (L) AND PORT
SAID. ADDRESS OF SAILING SIGNAL, GIVING ETA AT BOTH PORTS SHOULD INCLUDE
ALL AUTHORITIES INTERESTED. AS ABOVE.

2. DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION S/C IS ARRANGING EMBARKATION OF
ITALIAN CHILDREN AND OTHER REPATRIATES FOR LIBYA AND EGYPT.

3. ON ARRIVAL IN PORT SAID ITALIAN POW REPATRIATES ARE TO BE EMBARKED
AND VESSEL SAILED TO NAPLES WHEN READY.

4. MY 061318 AND 151135 REFER TO ALL REFERS.

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191249A JAN ...

DIST. 1-5, 13-17, 25. LOG. SEC. 2 H/M MMIA FOR MAJOR H. MILTON.
2 H/M D.P. AND R. S/C FOR MAJOR HARTMAN.

REF. SAILING M.V. TOSCANA. ETC.

T/P

P/L

TOD 1310

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19/4

19 January 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
And Repatriated PSW

File No. 220/13/RPGR

TO ITALIAN POW DIVISION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
R O M E

SUBJECT: PSW who escaped from North Africa.

The Italian PSW who escaped from French Camps in North Africa and were arrested on their arrival in Italy by the Allied Authorities, held a long time in internment camps in Italy and as is known subsequently transferred to Camp 211 Algiers, under British Custody, are mostly all Military Personnel that belonged to the Republican Fascist Army.

Other Military personnel who escaped from French Camps in North Africa, would most certainly have been included in the repatriations from that Country., as their position cannot be confused with the neo-fascist, in as much that they did not belong to the Republican Army, and in consideration of the fact that the escaped prisoners who arrive in their own country are, from a juridical point of view, protected by the Geneva Convention.

The Allied Authorities interested in this matter in March 1945, did not disagree on this question but stated that the release of the prisoners in question depended on a direct agreement between the Governments of France and Italy. The French Government was informed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs but up to now no answer has been obtained.

At the present state of affairs, while the repatriation of Italian prisoners in French custody in North Africa is in act, and as the prisoners who escaped from North Africa are at present in Algiers in British custody, it is thought that the question could be favourably and rapidly solved, if the Allied Authorities would ask the French Authorities to release the prisoners in question.

This matter is brought to the attention of your office which has always shown comprehension in all our problems; in the hope that you may intervene on our behalf and bring to a favourable conclusion this question for which we thank you warmly.

Sgd. General A. Mannerini.

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Received 22 JAN 1946
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Rome 14 January 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office For
War Veterans and Repatriated PsW

File No. 304/218/RPGR

TO ITALIAN POW DIVISION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
R O M E

SUBJECT: Italian POW in France who have enlisted in
the Foreign Legion.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through the Italian Embassy in Paris, had informed Quai d'Orsay of the desire to obtain the repatriation of about 1000 ex prisoners and anti-fascist workers from Libia, who have enlisted themselves in the Foreign Legion for the period of the duration of the War. Quai d'Orsay answered as follows: " The Ministry of War has ordered, as of 1st. Sept., the liberation of all Military Personnel, who had signed up for the duration of the War and whose time had been prolonged. The interested parties have the faculty to request their repatriation."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has already informed the Embassy in Paris that there is nothing against the repatriation of the prisoners in question.

We beg the courteous intervention of your Division in order to obtain the repatriation of the ex-legionaries from North Africa, together with the other prisoners being now repatriated from that Country.

Sgd. General A. Mannerini.

Italian Prisoner of War Commission
HQ AC APO 304

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Copy in French

Rome 14 January 1945

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for
war Veterans and repatriated war

File no. 304/218/1945

TO ITALIAN FOR DIVISION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
RUM

SUBJECT: Prisoners Italian in France who do not
enroll in the Legion étrangère.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs through
the Embassy of Italy in Paris has informed the Quai d'Orsay
of the desire to obtain the repatriation of the list of about
1000 prisoners and workers anti-fascists who
were enrolled in the Legion étrangère for the
duration of the war. The Quai d'Orsay has replied in the
manner following: "The Ministry of War has prescribed
since the 1st September the liberation of personnel mi-
litaire who were engaged for the duration of the war
and the term has been extended. The interested
ones have the faculty to demand their repatriation."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has already
informed the Embassy in Paris that there is no obstacle
for the repatriation of these prisoners.

We request the gentle intervention of your
Division in order to obtain the repatriation of the
prisoners of the African North and the other prison-
ers who will be repatriated from this country.

Sgd. General [Signature]

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

IPW/53/16221/Jan/46

SUBJECT : Petitions for the return of Italian PW from INDIA & AFRICA

TO : G 5.
A.G.H.Q.

- 1./ Ref your letter G 5:383.6, dtd 11/Jan/46.
- 2./ This office has received to date no petitions presented in connection with the "day of solidarity" (Dec.8), for the repatriation of PW in Allied hands.
- 3./ However, several petitions presented on other occasions are held in this office; e.g., one from the Union of Italian Women, Milan (end Nov 45), and another from the Association of families of PW in India, Naples (14/Dec/45); while at the end of Nov. 45 a demonstration was held outside the British Embassy in Rome at which the British Ambassador personally intervened to explain to the demonstrators what was being done, and the difficulties involved.
- 4./ As far as Italian official circles are concerned, both His Holiness the Pope and the Lt. General of the Realm, in interviews with the undersigned, expressed the hope that all Italian PW would soon be repatriated.
- 5./ The Italian Governmental departments with which this Division is in contact, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the War Ministry, and the Ministry of Post War Assistance, are unanimous in their desire to have their compatriots sent home as soon as possible.

For the Chief Commissioner

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

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

11 January 1946

G-5: 383.6

SUBJECT: Petitions for Return of Italian P.W. from India and Africa
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Attached are:

a. A petition from the representatives of Caserta.

b. Notes of a meeting held on 8 December 1945 between these representatives and the Deputy Chief of Staff, AFHQ.

2. Action has been delayed in accordance with paragraph 3 of the notes. To date, however, no further petitions have been received at AFHQ. Had such petitions arrived it was the intention to send them to you so that the Italian Government could be requested to give their official views.

3. It now appears that few petitions, if any, have actually been presented to the various military commands in Italy. Will you, therefore, please state whether you hold any such petitions and, if so, whether you consider them to be sufficiently representative to warrant your seeking the views of the Italian Government.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hamblen Col
A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl: As above

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NOTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS, 8 DECEMBER
BETWEEN:Brigadier General A. L. HANSEN, Acting Deputy Chief of
Staff, AFHQ

AND

Dr. LUIGI DIABRINTO, Mayor of Caserta
His Excellency, the Bishop of Caserta
Dr. CIAMPI, President of the Veterans
SERAFIM DE DONATO, The Lawyer
Dr. RAFFAELLO SANTORO

1. The Commission asked that something be done about the Italian prisoners of war in KENYA and INDIA because those men have been prisoners of war for five years or more and as yet nothing is known as to when they will be repatriated. This commission was most concerned because they feel that nothing is being done at all towards repatriating these - they do agree that prisoners of war from the UNITED STATES and ENGLAND are being repatriated - but nothing being said or done concerning those in KENYA and INDIA.

2. The General then asked what the Commission thought of the physical treatment accorded Italian prisoners of war - as to food, etc., and that he felt the prisoners of war were eating better than the average Italian in ITALY. To this the Commission replied that as to the prisoners of war in the UNITED STATES and in ENGLAND, they had no doubt about it - but as to those prisoners of war in ALGERIA, KENYA and INDIA, they were most preoccupied not only as to their moral condition (the same which they admitted is a natural consequence of war) but also they felt these prisoners of war were not faring well physically. It was explained to them by the General that the International Red Cross reports on camps all over showed no such conditions as they feared for their prisoners of war in INDIA, KENYA and ALGERIA. Also, it was explained, and they understood, that the rules of the Geneva Conference were those that governed.

3. On the question of this proclamation, the General was informed that this was not strictly a local affair but that to all commands throughout ITALY these proclamations were being presented - to which the General replied that he felt this was a good thing on their part and that he would delay action until such time as reports from all commands were consolidated and forwarded to this headquarters - at which time, if the said proclamation was an official request of the Italian Government, then action would be taken, but that if this were strictly a local affair, then this local affair could not be representative of the wish of the Italian people and the Italian Government - and would be treated accordingly - all to which the Commission agreed.

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4. The General then told the committee that he felt it was even a greater responsibility of theirs that something be done for the returning prisoners of war after they had been repatriated - especially concerning labor employment, etc. - and they replied that they realized this even greater responsibility and hoped to meet it by beginning the reconstruction of ITALY with the help of the Allies - at present, their main concern was to get their prisoners of war back, because of the need of physical labor towards reconstruction. The General then explained that there were many physical handicaps in getting these prisoners of war back immediately - mainly that of shipping which is most essential at the present time for redeployment of Allied troops - and the commission answered that they were fully cognizant of the fact that immediate action was not physically possible and that shipping was a critical element in the delay of returning these prisoners of war to ITALY.

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Area Commander

December 8 - 1945

SIR,

everywhere in Italy to-day is celebrated a day of solidarity for the coming back of the Italian prisoners who are still in the hands of the Allied Nations.

The whole Italian Nation in a unanimous and affectionate manifestation of solidarity implores by the United Nations the return of all its sons awaiting since 5 years in India and in Africa to see again their native Land.

The representatives of Caserta, residence of the Allied Head-quarters, happy of this fortunate coincidence that gives them the opportunity to reveal to You this rightful aspiration of the People, have confidence in the generosity of the Allies hoping that They decide the return of the ex Italian prisoners from India and Africa.
Grateful they thank You

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IL VESCOVO DELLA DIOCESI DI CASERTA

Alphonse Joseph Gaudenzi

IL SINDACO DELLA CITTÀ DI CASERTA

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Spontaneamente
IL SINDACO DELLA CITTA' DI CASERTA

IL PRESIDENTE dell'ASSOC/NE NAZ/LE COMBATTENTI

IL PRESIDENTE dell'ASSOC/NE NAZ/LE REDUCI FRIGIO
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ALMEDI (R) COMAR BIELLA MARINE BARRIS C IN C MED C IN C MED (R) MMIA
RESTRICTED FROM FOIL

YOUR 161852. REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR
CAN BE LIFTED FROM BIELLA WITHOUT (R) WITHOUT PRELIMINARY BY
GERMAN PRISONERS OBSERVING THAT NO ITALIAN NAVAL VESSELS ARE
AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORT OF LATTER.

2. CAPACITY OF CRUISER EXPLORED TO ARRIVE BIELLA ABOUT 1st FEBRUARY
IS SEVEN HUNDRED.

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

21/Jun/46

LPH/55/159

SUBJECT : Italian PW in British Custody

TO : Autonomous Office for War Veterans & Repatriated P
" : Ministry of Post War Assistance, 10 Bureau

1./ The following figures of Italian PW in British hands as at end Dec.45, have been received from GHO, GHF:

COMMAND	COOPERATORS	NOT CO-OPERATORS	TOTAL
U.K.	142,123	9,524	151,647
MIDDLE EAST	42,192	17,974	60,166
EAST AFRICA	25,788	7,375	33,163
SOUTH AFRICA	N/A	20,112	20,112
INDIA	10,100	20,586	30,686
AUSTRALIA	N/A	17,927	17,927
GIBRALTAR	541	N/A	541
TOTALS	220,706	109,225	329,931

2./ Please amend columns H^o 1 (No of IPW at beginning of repatriation) and H^o 5 (No to be repatriated) of your weekly report accordingly.

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

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SUBJECT: - Italian PW in British Custody.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

HQ Allied Commission,
IPW Division.

3072/A2

10 Jan 46

Forwarded herewith for your information are numbers of Italian PW held in British Overseas Commands. These figures were received on 8 Jan 46.

<u>COMMAND</u>	<u>CO-OPERATORS</u>	<u>NON-CO-OPERATORS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
U.K.	142,155	9,524	151,679
MIDDLE EAST	42,192	17,978	60,170
EAST AFRICA	25,780	7,393	33,173
SOUTH AFRICA	Nil	36,715	36,715
INDIA	10,100	20,586	30,686
AUSTRALIA	Nil	17,027	17,027
GIBRALTAR	541	Nil	541
TOTALS:	220,768	109,223	329,991

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G. W. Davis S/Capt
Major General,
D.A.G.

Italian Prisoner of War & Commission

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NOIC PORT SAID DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION
MMIA.

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FROM FOIL(25)
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SAILING OF M/V TOSCANA AS IN PARA 4 B OF MY 061318 WILL BE DELAYED
FOR A FEW DAYS.
(2) FURTHER SIGNAL WILL BE MADE.

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Ref: Proposed sailing of Toscana Naples to Port Said (2) AC

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FOIL (R) COMAR BIZERTA MARINE PARTS C IN C MED(N) C IN C MED MMIA

FROM AIMED.
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RESTRICTED.
YOUR #21109A JAN CONFIRM VESSEL CAN BE ACCEPTED BIZERTA (R)
BIZERTA FROM 1st FEBRUARY.
2. REQUEST YOU SIGNAL NUMBER OF POW WHICH CAN BE ACCEPTED
ONBOARD FORECITED VESSEL.

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Ref. Vessel to Bizerta for IPOW'S

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ALMED (R) COMAR BIZERTE MARINS PARIS C IN C MED C IN C MED(N) MMIA

FROM FOIL(25)
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RESTRICTED.

UNDERSTAND THAT FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE AT HQAC HAS NOW INFORMED
MMIA THAT ITALIAN POW CANNOT BE REPATRIATED FROM BIZERTE WITHOUT
THEIR BEING REPLACED BY GERMAN POW.

(2) REQUEST THEREFORE WHETHER VESSEL IN MY 061026 CAN BE AC EPTED
IN PHILIPPEVILLE ON OR ABOUT 30th JANUARY TO EMBARK IFCW FOR
REPATRIATION.

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Ref. Intend to sail vessel for IFCW to Bizerbe about 30th Jan.

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For Attention
Major Hamilton.

I. P. W. *A*

NOIC NAPLES (R) O IN C MED C IN C MED(N) FOIEM NOIC PORT SAID MMIA
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION S/C

FROM FOIL(25)
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MONTECUCOLI BEING DEFECTIVE SAIL DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI PM/12th
ARRIVE PORT SAID AM/15th TO EMBARK ITALIAN I.P.O.W. AWAITING
REPATRIATION.

2. PERSONS NOMINATED BY DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-
COMMISSION WILL BE EMBARKED FOR PASSAGE NAPLES TO PORT SAID.
3. NOIC PORT SAID IS REQUESTED TO SAIL DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI
TO NAPLES WHEN READY.
4. MY 061318A. AND FOIEM'S 071206A REFER.

.....101614A.

- Ref. 1. Sailings of MONTECUCOLI AND TOSCANO can be changed
2. Sailings acceptable to Mid East.

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2 H/M D.P. & R. S/C for Major Hartman.

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

IPW/53/15315/Jan/46

SUBJECT : P.W. Arrivals.

TO : Capt. Caynes, Italian Repatriation Camp
C/O 52 Area, CMF.

- 1./ With the increased tempo of arrivals of Italian PW from overseas, this office is not always informed of the date and place of arrivals in sufficient time to give you due warning direct.
- 2./ HQ. Movements Taranto and HQ 52 Area are both informed by AFHQ of impending arrivals at the same time as this HQ. It is therefore suggested you keep in constant touch with them in order to give the Italian Camp and Transportation Officials, information as much in advance as possible.

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

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FOIL (R) C IN C AND C IN C MED (N) FROM PORT SAID AREA DISPLACED
 PERSONS AND REPAIRED EAST.
 S/C FROM PORT
 IMPORTANT U/C

YOUR 061318 NOT TO ALL MIDEAST CONFIRM THIS IS ACCEPTABLE.

--- 071206A JAN ...

REF. BATHING MONTENEGRO AND TONGANA TO LEVANT.

DIST. 1-5, 13-17, 25. LOG. 2 R/M MIA FOR MAJOR HAMILTON.
 2 R/M D.P. AND R. S/C FOR MAJOR HAMILTON.

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YOUR 011215A DEC REFERS.

- (1) SITUATION REMAINS AS IN MY 011215 DEC.
- (2) FRENCH MILITARY AUTHORITIES READY TO START REPATRIATION
- (3) WEEKS NOTICE NECESSARY FOR BIZZERTA FOUR WEEKS NOTICE NECESSARY FOR OTHER PORTS.

.....031115A

Ref. Repatriation of POW'S
Dist. 0-5 13-17 17 25 NEG TH/M MAJ. HAMILTON MMIA.

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FOLEM (R) C IN C MED , C IN C MED(N) SPORSCA,MMIA DISPLACED PERSONS
AND REPATRIATION S/C.

FROM...FOIL (25)

UNCLASSIFIED - IMPORTANT
FOLLOWING SAILINGS OF ITALIAN SHIPS CAN BE ARRANGED TO PORT SAID FOR
THE REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR.
(A) MONTECUCCOLI TO ARRIVE IN THE LEVANT ON OR ABOUT 14TH JANUARY.
CAPACITY 700.
(B) S.S. TOSCANA TO ARRIVE IN THE LEVANT ON OR ABOUT 23RD JANUARY.
CAPACITY 1300.
2. REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO MIDNAST.

.....061318A JANUARY.....
DIST...1-5 13-17 25 NSC 2 H/M DATA FOR MAJOR HAMILTON
2 H/M P.P. & R S/C FOR MAJOR HARTMAN.
T/P P/L TOD...1437 * RCB 6/1

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ALISTED (R) COMAR BIZETTES C W C MED C IN C MED (N) MARINE PARIS. LAMKA.

U/C IMPORTANT TO A.MED.

FROM FOIL 25

YOUR 0541150. IT IS INTENDED TO SAIL AN ITALIAN VESSEL TO ARRIVE
SOMETIME ON OR ABOUT 30TH JANUARY FOR FIRST LEFT OF ITALIAN POW
AWAITING REDEEMPTION.

061026A JAN ...

REQ. 3 VESSEL NOTION REQUEST FOR REPATRIATION OF POW FROM BIZETTES.

REQ. 1-3, 13-17, 25. LOG. 1 1/4 LAMKA. FOR MAJOR WHILLIN M.

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Rome 2 January 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
And Repatriated PsW

File No. 2/218/RPGS

TO: ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
R O M E

SUBJECT: Institution of an Italian General
Consulate in North Africa.

Attention: Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has informed us that the Italian Embassy in London has received through the Foreign Office, a proposal to resolve the question of the taking care of the interests of the Italian Prisoners in North Africa.

As is known the interests of those prisoners in Allied and French Custody are in the hands of Switzerland and Spain both of which Nations having requested to be exonerated from this duty;

The Foreign Office therefore proposes, that the Italian Government deal directly with this question through an Italian representative in North Africa.

As this would be a favourable solution to the problem in question, we beg you to call the matter to the attention of the Competent Allied Military Authorities, in order that they may examine in a spirit of benevolent comprehension, the possibility of instituting in some locality in North Africa, an Italian General Consulate in the aim of solving the above problem and furnish us with the necessary "Nulla Osta"

Sgd/ General A. Mannerini.

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission

HQ AC APO 384 - 4 JAN 1946

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TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING SUB-COM. IFC/gg

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

3 January 1946

Tel : 478701

Our Ref :- AC/457/42/Tn3

SUBJECT :- Movement of Italian Prisoners of War.

TO :- Civil Affairs Section
Italian POW Division.

1. The Italian Red Cross have requested four trains to be made up of intercommunicating box cars for the repatriation of Italian POW from Russia and Poland.

2. It is stated that there are approximately 15,000 IPW in Russia and 40,000 IPW in Poland, and it is requested that these four trains be operated in a shuttle service between Italy and a place called HOII.

3. For your information the suggestion is practical and four sets of 30 intercommunicating box cars each can be made available for this movement.

4. Will you please confirm :-

- (a) That the countries concerned have authorized the repatriation of these prisoners.
- (b) The entraining stations in Poland and Russia and the detraining stations in Italy.
- (c) The date you require this movement to commence.

5. On receipt of this information the necessary

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5. On receipt of this information the necessary clearance will be obtained for the operation of these trains through the countries concerned.

For the Director :-

C.F. BERRIDGE,
Major R.E.

Copy to :- Rail Division (Tn 4) (your AC/53/Tn4 dated 28 December '45 refers).

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Committee
HQ AC APO 384 - 4 JAN 1948

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

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5 January 1946

To : Sig.ra Angela ved. TAMIETTI,
Via Carlo Alberto 18,
TORRE PELLICE.

Gentile Signora,

In risposta alla sua lettera dell'11 ottobre 1945, vi comunico che tutti i prigionieri di guerra italiani in Nord Africa sono in via di rimpatrio.

Circa un mese fa ho visitato personalmente i campi di prigionia in Nord Africa (Algeria e Tunisia) ed ho preso provvedimenti per il rimpatrio di tutti gli italiani ivi internati, ma purtroppo questo non potrà essere effettuato in massa, ma solo a piccoli gruppi a causa della scarsa disponibilità di trasporti, per cui passerà un po' di tempo prima che tutti i nostri prigionieri possano rientrare in patria.

Spero che vostro figlio sia incluso nei primi gruppi di rimpatrio e che possiate presto rivederlo.

Rispettosamente vostro

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

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Ill^{mo} Signor Colonnello Mario Regis

Mi perdoni se ancora una volta mi
permesso di venirla a disturbare, spero questa
sia l'ultima.

Come avrà saputo dalla mia lettera, il 30 agosto,
dallo suo cortese suggerimento, mandai al
Ministero della Guerra, la domanda di un po-
sto del mio figlio, Ben. Tancredi Renato N. 01850
Sarda II Algeria, ignoro se detta domanda
abbia avuto corso o no.

Sul giornale La nuova Stampa del 31.8.45
appare il fascicolo che: Il governo francese ha
disposto l'immediata liberazione dei prigionieri
italiani nella Francia e nel Nord Africa francese.

Questo è principale, ma chi ora si occupa
di fatti ricattati in Italia? per me mi pare
a chiedere al suo generoso cuore stato ammaino
a nome di tutte le Madri che come me al-
lucano ancora il ritorno dei loro cari figli,
che sollecitare presto a chi fa d'uopo di man-
dare a pubblicare nel campo Sarda II questi
poveri prigionieri, un migliaio circa di uffi-
ciali che da più di due anni e mezzo, languis-
cono e soffrono, prima che siano troppo ammalati
di corpo e di spirito.

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Volucrosa nel suo generoso intervento, Le pago

Ill^{mo} Signor Colonnello il mio grazie sentito e affettuoso
ossequio. Off^{mo} Angela ed Tancredi - via L. Abbado 18

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: H-6672

Date/Time of Origin: DEC. 31 1608Z

Message Centre No: 3/6580

Date Time Rec'd: JAN. 02 1045A

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: SIGNED COMASC

TO : CONGENMED, COPENBOUTH INFO: COMGENMET, ALCON, MMIA

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Departed by water from Tunis to Naples at 700 hours 30 December 1945 following shipment of Italian personnel. Shipment code 52725 A TIRU D. Total 13 Officers and 538 enlisted men. Eto 1300 hours 31 December. Escort cord of 1 American officer and 2 enlisted men.

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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

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ITW/55/141

21 December 1945

Subject : Italian ships to pick up Italian PWs.

To : Ministry of War - Autonomous Office for
War Veterans and Repatriated PWs.

- 1/. Reference your letter No. 425573/BDOR dated 30 Nov 45.
- 2/. The Navy Sub Commission, HQ Allied Commission, on their letter dated 17 Dec 45 suggest that your office take up such matters with the Ministry of Marine (Merchant Marine) who in turn will put forward feasible proposals to the Allied Authorities through this Division.

[Signature]
J. E. REYES, Lt. Col.
Chief
ITW Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394NSC/4254
17 December 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Italian Prisoner of War Division, Allied Commission.
Subject: Italian Ships to Pick Up I.P.W.

1. With reference to your letter IPW/53/118 dated 4th December 1945, it is suggested that the Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated should take up such matters with the Ministry of Marine (Merchant Marine) who in turn will put forward feasible proposals to Allied Authorities.

H. W. Zoller
H. W. ZOLL,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Col. Regis

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Will you speak with Gen. M.

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DFR/18/12/G-II (IT) Tel. 489061 Ext. 594

17 December 1945

SUBJECT : Italian P.W. Ex RHODESIA.

TO : I.P.W. Division, A.C.

1. Information has been received that 320 Italian Prisoners of War are due at Taranto on or about 20 December 1945 in the CILICIA.

2. These men were shipped from RHODESIA in the CARNARVON CASTLE which berthed at PORT SAID on 28 November and from which they are trans-shipped to the CILICIA.

3. Telephone conversations to all addresses refer.

For the Director,

C. A. Oliver
C.A. OLIVER
Lt. Colonel
O. i/c Repatriation.

Copy to : Transportation Sub Commission
(Shipping Div.)
Ministero della Guerra (Italian Prisoners of War Section)
" " (Transportation Section)
Ministero degli Affari Esteri
Ministero dell'Africa Italiana
Ministero Assistenza Post Bellica
Commissione Superiore di Coordinamento per l'assistenza
ai profughi di guerra.

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

RWH/tb

IPW/55/138

18 December 1945

Subject: IPW in INDIA.

To: Unione Famiglie Prigionieri India,
Galleria Umberto I, 50
Naples.

- 1/. In answer to your cable 346494 dated 14 Dec 45.
- 2/. The anxiety of the relatives of Italian PWs in India is fully understood. This office has no knowledge of suicides and cases of madness provoked by the conditions of British controlled PW Camps. On the contrary it is known that IPWs receive the same rations as British troops in that country and that their housing and living conditions are comparable to those of British Troops. If any concrete cases of suicides or madness due to treatment received in PW Camps can be produced they will be promptly investigated and reported on.
- 3/. Your cable states that repatriation is easily overcome by using Italian men of war! For your information no Italian naval ships now in commission have the suitable endurance to withstand this voyage. Italian PW already repatriated have been transported in Allied ships.
- 4/. To date some 2,500 IPW have been repatriated from India, priority is given in all cases to sick personnel or to those whose repatriation is essential on urgent compassionate grounds. Plans have now been laid for the mass repatriation of IPW in India and it is hoped that this movement will commence early in the New Year.
- 5/. You may rest assured that every effort is being made to secure the speedy repatriation of these individuals. For any further information on this subject will you please communicate with the Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated PW.

Encl. copy of cable 346494 of 14 Dec 45.

Copies to: Autonomous Office for W.V. & R.P.
Regional Commissioner, Naples
Navy S/C, A.S.
MIA (After A.A.G.)

E. J. Lewis 222
J.E. Lewis, Lt. Colonel
Chief IPW Division

UFFICIO Rimpatri
 PONT. COMMISSIONE ASSISTENZA

Roma 26 NOV. 1945

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Headquarters Allied Commission
 Italian Prisoners of War Divi-
 sion I. S. Regia
 Lieut. Col. Chief I P W Div.
 Via Veneto

R. O. M. A.

Sono pervenuti a questa P.C.A. gli elenchi
 nominativi di prigionieri rimpatriandi dal Sud
 Africa e dall'Africa Orientale.

Ringrazio la S. V. Ill.ma del pensiero gen-
 tile, e sarò grato se per i futuri rimpatri vor-
 rà continuare a farci tenere i nuovi elenchi di
 rimpatriandi.

Mi è gradito cogliere l'occasione per por-
 gere i miei più distinti ossequi.

IL PRESIDENTE
 (Sac. Ferdinando Baldella)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 3464 94

Message Centre No: G/5632

Date/Time of Origin: 14 DECEMBER

Date Time Rec'd: 15430

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: UNIONE FAMIGLIE PRIGIONIERI INDIA, NAPOLI, GALLERIA UMBERTO 1°
TO : DDADMIRAL STONE, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME. 50

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700 NEAPOLITAN FAMILIES PRISONERS INDIA INVOKE YOUR
PASSIONATE INTERVENTION NEAR ALLIED GOVERNMENTS TO
OBTAIN SUDDEN RETURN RELATIONS WASTING THEMSELVES
FOUR, FIVE YEARS FAR FROM MOTHERS WIVES SONS
DESPERATELY WAITING FOR THEIR RETURN. TRAGIC NEWS
ARRIVE FROM ENCAPIENT ANNOUNCING SUICIDES AND
MANY MADNESS CASES PROVOCATED BY TERRIBLE MORALE
CONDITIONS OUR RELATIONS. REPATRIATION EASILY
SUPERABLE USING ITALIAN MEN OF WAR AND FREIGHTING
NEUTRAL FLEET. OUR ONLY HOPE OUR UNIQUE TRUST BEG
AGAIN YOUR AUTHORIZED HELP. UNIONE FAMIGLIE
PRIGIONIERI INDIA, NAPOLI, GALLERIA UMBERTO 1°, 50.

AC DIST

ACTION : POW DIV (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the French Representative

APO 394

Rome le 7 Décembre, 1945

No 2437

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC

Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée

à

Monsieur le Directeur

de la Sous-Commission des Prisonniers de Guerre

OBJET : Prisonniers d'Afrique du Nord.

Donnant suite à notre conversation d'hier
j'ai télégraphié à PARIS et ALGER pour soit fixée d'urgence
la date du premier voyage du " DUCA D'AOSTA " sur ORAN.

Je vous communiquerai la réponse dès qu'elle
me parviendra.

Moullec

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the French Representative

A P O 394

No 2719

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+ 600 civil

Rome, le 20 Novembre 1945

12145 Allemagne

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à M. le Directeur
de la Sous-Commission des
Prisonniers de Guerre.

O B J E T : Rapatriement des prisonniers de
guerre italiens présents en
Afrique du Nord Française.

J'ai l'honneur de vous adresser ci-joint la
copie d'une note verbale de l'Ambassade de France au
Ministère italien des Affaires Etrangères au sujet du
rapatriement des prisonniers italiens d'Afrique du
Nord.

Je vous demande de bien vouloir me tenir au
courant des décisions qui pourront être prises pour ce
rapatriement.

Mordew

Destinataire:
P.O.W. Section
Copies:
Ex. Com.
Archives.

C O P I E

N° 1452

N O T E V E R B A L E

Se référant à la note n° 1055 Seg. Pol. du Ministère des Affaires Etrangères en date du 12 de ce mois, l'Ambassade de France a l'honneur de lui faire part ci-après des dispositions qui ont été arrêtées par le Gouvernement Français en ce qui concerne le rapatriement des prisonniers de guerre italiens se trouvant actuellement en Afrique du Nord:

1°) - Les autorités françaises ne font pas d'objections à ce qu'un croiseur italien se rende directement à Oran le 26 Novembre en vue de convoier les 1.500 prisonniers dont le retour est prévu depuis plusieurs semaines.

2°) - En ce qui concerne les prisonniers italiens libérés qui sont au travail en Afrique du Nord et qui représentent environ 12.000 hommes, ils seront remplacés nombre pour nombre par des prisonniers allemands se trouvant actuellement en France.

Le rapatriement des prisonniers dont il s'agit pourrait avoir lieu dès maintenant si le gouvernement italien était à même d'obtenir l'affectation à ce voyage d'un de ses navires de commerce, lequel aurait au préalable à transporter en Afrique du Nord les prisonniers allemands correspondants.

Dans le cas où il ne serait pas possible de débloquer un navire italien de commerce, les services français compétents seraient prêts à examiner dans quelles

conditions et à quelle date un navire de commerce français pourrait être chargé de ce mouvement. Il y a lieu toutefois de noter que le rythme des transports sous pavillon français ne permettrait sans doute pas de prévoir avant le mois de Janvier prochain le déblocage d'un navire de commerce.

30) - Quant aux autres prisonniers italiens, c'est à dire ceux qui n'appartiennent pas au premier groupe des 1.500, ni à celui des travailleurs, il n'y aurait aucun inconvénient à ce qu'ils fussent transportés par tel croiseur italien qui serait mis à la disposition du gouvernement italien et dont les déplacements seraient limités d'un port italien à un port de l'Afrique du Nord.

Les indications qui précèdent ont été portées par l'Ambassade de France à la connaissance de la Commission Alliée en vue des dispositions à prendre en ce qui concerne les mouvements des navires en cause.

Rome, le 19 Novembre 1945

CAMPI PRIGIONIERI ITALIANI IN AFRICA DEL NORD

Saida	ufficiali	1.170 - truppa	500
Orano		9.200	
Carnot		6.370	
Biserta		500	
Tunisi		3.000	
Costantine		7.000	
El Haib		2.200	
Marrakegh		1.800	
Fort Ljantaj		2.300	
Casablanca		2.000	
Agadir		100	
Orleanville		20(prig.militare)	

più altri campi non conosciuti di piccole entità.-

Assistance to Italian Prisoners in North Africa

Translation

ASSISTANCE TO ITALIAN PRISONERS
IN THE NORTH-AFRICA (ALGERIA,
MARROCCO and TUNISA)

About 23.720 Italian prisoners are at the moment residing in North-Africa, in need of alimentary supplies and above all, clothes.

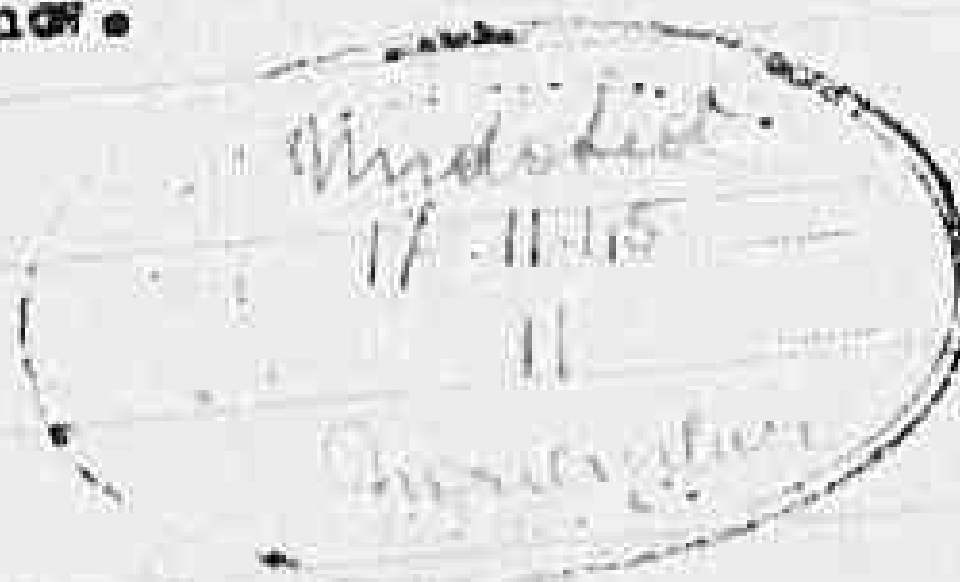
Through initiatives taken by the International Red Cross and the High Commissioner for the POWs, 10,000 packages containing various clothing were sent in June 45 to the French Authorities, but they could not satisfy in an absolute way the numerous exigencies of our prisoners.

The American Relief in Italy has collected a number of materials destined for such purpose, materials which will be transported free from fares in these days (11 balls of clothing, weighing about 1 ton)

The above has been arranged by the National Catholic Conference, according to news furnished by our Embassy in Rome.

For the purpose of facing the forthcoming winter, our POWs in North-Africa, who lie in pitiful conditions, should receive more supplies from Channels which have never taken any interest till now.

Translated by
I. Luca



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ASSISTENZA AI PRIGIONIERI ITALIANI NEL NORD-AFRICA (ALGERIA,
MAROCCO, TUNISIA)

Sono attualmente nel Nord-Africa Francese 23.720 prigionieri italiani bisognosi di viveri e soprattutto d'indumenti.

Per interessamento e della Croce Rossa Internazionale, dell'Alto Commissario per i prigionieri di guerra e dell'Ambasciata Italiana a Washington, furono inviati nel giugno u.s. 50.000 pacchi vestiario giacchè le Autorità francesi non sono in grado di provvedere in maniera adeguata ai nostri prigionieri.

L'American Relief for Italy ha raccolto materiale destinato allo scopo, che sarà trasportato gratis in questi giorni (11 tonnellate di indumenti, circa 1 tonna.) a cura della National Catholic Conference, secondo quanto comunica la nostra Ambasciata a Washington.

Altre iniziative americane, per l'aiuto ai nostri prigionieri incontrano varie difficoltà soprattutto di carattere tecnico.

Di fronte ai rigori del prossimo inverno, i nostri prigionieri di guerra nel Nord-Africa si trovano perciò in condizioni di gravissimo disagio, non potendo essere soccorsi che parzialmente dagli Enti che sinora se ne sono occupati.

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub. Commission
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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE FIGURES FOR REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN POW'S FROM N. AFRICA SUCCESSIVELY BIZERTE 2700 OFAN 10,000 PHILLIPEVILLE 7,000 ALGIERS 6,500 CASABLANCA 10,200. THE ABOVE FIGURES HAVE BEEN SETTLED DOWN BY LOCAL ARMY AUTHORITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH GDL. REGT'S USA ARMY ITALIAN POW'S S.C. A.C. IN ITALY.

TABLE FOR REPATRIATION NOT YET FIXED. IT IS EXPECTED THAT REPATRIATION WILL BE READY TO BEGIN

2. TIME TABLE FOR REPATRIATION NOT YET FIXED. IT IS EXPECTED MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN TUNISIA WILL BE READY TO BEGIN REPATRIATION IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS FROM BIZERTA. FRENCH ARMY AUTHORITIES REQUEST 30 DAYS NOTICE BEFORE DEPARTURE IN EACH PORT.

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REPATRIATION IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS FROM BIZERTA.
3. FRENCH ARMY AUTHORITIES REQUEST 30 DAYS NOTICE BEFORE
STARTING THE REPATRIATION OPERATION IN EACH PORT.
REFERS (NOT TO ALL). 011215A DEC.
021106A NOV. REFERS (NOT TO ALL). 011215A DEC.

3. FRENCH ARMY AUTHORITY
STARTING THE REPATRIATION OPERATION IN EARLY
4. YOUR 251106Z NOV. REFERS (NOT TO ALL). 0311215A DEC.
DIST: 0-5, 13, 14, 16, 17, 25. N.S.C. (1). 1 M/A (4). HAMILTON 46MIA.
REF: REQUEST APPROX DATE OF LIFTING PORTS
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Wahl et al.

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF MAJOR HAMILTON MMIA

COMAR ORAN, FOIL(R)C. IN C. MED, INLO,
C. IN C. MED(N), BNID ALGIERS.

NOIC NAPLES.
030938A. DEC.

IMPORTANT. UNCLASSIFIED.

INTEND TO SAIL I.S. DUCA D' AOSTA AT 031600A FOR CAGLIARI

2. SPEED 17 KNOTS ETA 040800A.

3. ROUTED QBB 237 THENCE AS SAFE NAVIGATION PERMITS

4. ITALIAN COMMUNICATIONS

5. SHIP WILL BE SAILED FROM CAGLIARI TO ARRIVE ORAN FIRST LIGHT 6TH.

6. ON COMPLETION OF EMBARKATION OF POWS COMAR ORAN IS REQUESTED TO
SAIL SHIP FM/6TH FOR NAPLES.

7. ALMED'S 301600A/NOV AND FOIL'S 021029A REFER

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DELAOSTA TO ORAN TO EMBARK IPOW.
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① Col Regis to see.

② Inform all

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FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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6 November 1945

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SUBJECT IS REPATRIATION ITALIAN NATIONALS EX POLAND PD

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PARA ONE PD PROPOSAL BY ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS TO BACKLOAD ITALIANS ON TRAINS NOW
RETURNING EX POLAND ON ALTERNATE DATES CARRYING CAPACITY ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO PERSONNEL
PD

PARA TWO PD PROVIDING CONDITIONS MET IN POLAND CMA PROGRAMME WILL BEGIN SOONEST
PD EXPECTED TIMES ARRIVAL AND NUMBERS NOT YET AVAILABLE PD THIS IS WARNING ONLY

Distribution : (by hand) I.P.W. Division

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REPORT ON TRIP TO NORTH AFRICA

6 December 1945

Left on the "LUCA DI MONTA" on 25 Nov and arrived in Oran on the 26th of Nov 45. Contacted the French Military authorities and embarked 750 IPWs; as no Italian officials were allowed to land all formalities were attended by myself. The Cruiser left at 01.15 PM for Italy. No transportation available from Oran to Algiers unless authorization could be secured from Middle East Command.

This was done and I proceeded by staff car to Algiers where I contacted the French Authorities and secured permission to ship 11 (eleven) tons of food and clothing to North Africa for distribution to all IPW camps in North Africa by the International Red Cross representative.

An agreement was reached as to the repatriation of 27300 IPWs now in French hands in North Africa.

The repatriation schedule is as follows:

- 1) Replace with German PW now held in France and transported by us to North Africa as follows:

TUNISIA -	2415
ALGERIA - (Oran)	2000
	(Philippeville 2000)
	(Algiers 2000)
MOROCCO -	3700
	<u>2145</u>

to a balance of some 25000 to be repatriated as follows:

- 1 - 1500 at Oran
- 2 - 2100 PW plus 600 civilian refugees at Tunis and Bizerte
- 3 - 10,000 at Oran
- 4 - 7000 at Philippeville (Constantin)
- 5 - 6500 at Algiers
- 6 - 10200 in Morocco.

For the benefit of any one planning a trip to North Africa I wish to state that transportation facilities are practically nil.

The American Air Force have a plane on Monday and Thursday running from Casablanca, Oran, Algiers, Tunis (this schedule is subject to change without notice due to breakdown).

No flights from Algiers to Italy by American plane. The RAF has a plane leaving daily, except Friday, from Algiers to Cagliari to Naples.

Other transportation is practically non-existing.

J. E. PAGLE, Lt. Col. 246
Chief
IPW Division

Ministry of Post War Assistance
Prisoners of War Section
1^a Division
Office 1^a Sect.(Pol)
Prot. N° 4472/C-13.

Rome, 28 November 1945.

To the
Allied Commission
R O M E

Subject: Repatriation of P.O.W.
from India.

The Press gave the news yesterday- received through an agency- that on the first days of December, a large group of Italian POW would leave India on six ships directed to Taranto.

The news if true, would be very important for the reasons:

- a) for the great number of prisoners who would be repatriated.
- b) because it would be the first large group of prisoners, not on the sick lists, that repatriate from India.

Notwithstanding that this news is only a day old, this Ministry has already received an enormous quantity of requests for the confirmation of the news in question, to which we cannot respond, having received no official statement regarding the matter.

This Ministry, not having received an official communication however has heard a few days ago, that Great Britain has agreed to repatriate all the Italian POW scattered over the Commonwealth, and under that aspect it is thought that these rumours may be true.

For this reason and given the importance of the question, we beg your Commission to inform us if possible, of the exact state of affairs.

Thank you

Signed
Dr. Fausto Nitti.

Italian Prisoners of War Sub Commission
HQ AC A.P.W. 384
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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Rome, 18 November 1945.

N° 1083/Segr. Di Prot.

Dear General,

Herewith attached and forwarded to you is a copy of a report from the Embassy at Washington N° 12508/1475 dated 25th. October, regarding the transport to France of German POW from North America. Could this movement be coordinated in the return and transfer of our prisoners from North Africa? That is, could the first 50,000 Germans be landed in Algiers in order to liberate ours, in that way avoiding the necessity of a special transport service from Marseilles of 50,000 Germans from France?

You, who are in contact with the A.C. try if you can to obtain this ruling.

Cordially affec.

F.to Zoppi

Signed by the Minister.

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

Ref : IPW/53/127

Tel. No. 489031
Ext. 484

Subject: Repatriation of IPW from INDIA

12 December, 1945.

To : Ministry of Post War Assistance.

1. In answer to you 4472/c-13 dated 28 November 45.
2. No information has been received in this office of the large group of IPW returning from INDIA and it is not known from what source the Italian press received this information.
3. Ships are frequently arriving from INDIA carrying sick and wounded. All such arrivals are notified in advance to the autonomous office for War Veterans and Repatriated PW.
4. Will you please contact the Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated PW for further details.

J. M. ROGERS, Lt. Col.,
Chief.,
IPW Division.

Ministry of War
Autonomous office of War
Veterans and Repatriated.

Rome, 6 December 1945.

Prot. N° 423012/RGR.

To the POW Division
Civil Affairs Section
R O M E

Subject: Repatriation of POW from French North Africa.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has communicated the future assignment of 50,000 German prisoners, at present in the U.S.A., to France (see attached letter.)

In this occasion it is thought that it would be opportune to transfer 12,000 of these prisoners to French North Africa: eliminating thus the transportation by Italian means of German prisoners from France to North Africa in substitution of those Italian prisoners who are to be repatriated.

We would greatly appreciate if your Division would call this matter to the attention of the competent authorities in order to obtain as above, which will greatly facilitate the return of our POW.

Signed
A. Mannerini.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/53/125

11 December 1945

Subject : Exchange of German PW for Italian PW in French hands.

To : G-1 American
AFHQ

1/. The French authorities in North Africa hold approx 27,000 Italian PW. They are willing to release 25,000 of these individuals but will only agree to the release of the remainder (some 12,000) if they are replaced by German PW transported by us as follows:

to Tunisia	2/45
Algeria - Oran	2000
Philippeville	2000
Algiers	2000
Morocco	5700

The Italians have only one cruiser (capacity 600) available for this work and if these replacement German PWs were to be found from France a round trip from Italy to Marseilles to North Africa and return to Italy would be involved. To complete this movement would take many months.

2/. It is however understood that the USA are contemplating sending healthy German PWs to France in exchange for sick German PW at the rate of 50,000 per month. Copy of a report No. 12508/1475 dated 25 Oct 45 emanating from the Embassy at Washington, refers and is attached.

3/. May steps please be taken to investigate the possibilities of sending 12,000 healthy German PW to French North Africa (instead of France) to secure the release of the 12,000 Italian PWs. If this proposal could be secured the saving of time and shipping space would be immense.

4/. The Italian Government are constantly stressing the urgency of releasing their PWs from French hands on account of their abominable treatment. The undersigned has personally visited these PWs in French hands and strongly

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- 5/. Will you please notify us of your decision.

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Ex
J. S. Smith, Lt
Chief IAW Div

Copy to AAO MIA

COPY

N° 12508/1475

Washington, 25 October 1945.

Subject : German prisoners in French custody.

For quite a long while the press of the country has been calling to the attention of the public, the particularly hard treatment shown by the French to the German POW in their custody.

As is known this matter, not only in contrast with the Geneva Convention, but also contrary to all human principles, was also discussed in the French Press.

Following these attacks and due to the result of inquiries conducted by the American authorities, the latter suspended awhile ago, the assignment to France of the German prisoners that they had agreed to turn over.

The Press has now announced that a favourable and complete solution of the problem has been rejoined and assurance on the part of General Juin and General Eisenhower have been given, that from now on, the German Prisoners will be treated according to the Geneva Convention. In consequence of this agreement the transfer from U.S. Custody to French Custody will begin at the rate of 50,000 men a month, at present in the U.S.A. while the American Army will receive from the French about 50,000 prisoners who are in bad health, who will be taken care of and subsequently released. The United States will in more, for each prisoner assigned to the French, furnish a certain quantity of food and clothes.

It is noted with great satisfaction that owing to this agreement 200,000 men of the "Africa Corps" will be transferred to France, who have been housed and well fed in the American camps, and are considered as being ardent nazis and therefore a source of trouble for this country.

Ministry of War
Autonomous Office of War
Veterans and Repatriated

Rome 4 December 1945.

To the It. POW Division
Civil Affairs Section
R O M E

Prot. N° 424069/RPGR

Subject: Repatriation of It. POW
from North Africa.

On the bases of the agreements made between the Ministry of the Navy and the British Naval Authorities, it has been established that the repatriation of the prisoners in question whose release depends on the substitution of German prisoners in their place, will be carried out by the Italian warships that will be available.

Regarding this matter we inform you that due to the scarcity of these ships and their capacity (about 600 men per trip) the repatriation will be very slow.

We therefore beg your Division to interest the proper authorities, that in order to obtain these repatriation in a limited and reasonable period, the use of other ships may be permitted, besides the ones that already have the authorization.

Signed
Col. Anfosso.

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
HQ AC APO 384
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ALMED (R) C IN C MED.

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SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE REQUEST APPROXIMATE DATE WHEN IT IS
EXPECTED LIFTING OF 12000 ITALIAN PRISONERS WAR IN MY 231602A
MAY BEGIN.
2. C IN C MEDS 240938A. ALSO REFERS.

.....281106A

Ref. 1. Request permission to arrange repatriation of 12000 PCW
2. Approval by C IN C MED.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: **NOV. 290930**Message Centre No: **G/4923**Date Time Rec'd: **DEC. 050845**Precedence: **ROUTINE**FROM: **JDIL FROM COL. REGIS**TO : **ALCOM ROME FOR IPW DIVISION CA****UNCLASSIFIED.**

Phone Naples 14222 and notify Gen. Mannerini that french
ok shipment 11 tons to Oran on Duca D'Aosta. International
Red Cross represented and PW Services at Oran will look
after deliveries to camps, no transportation available
by sea or air from here to Italy, going on to Casablanca.
Send transportation Naples Saturday morning Capodichino
air post to meet Casablanca plane.

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ACTION : ITAL PW
INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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30 November 1945

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PAREN TO FOR ACTION ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS GEORGE FIVE SECTION FROM ALCOM
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PARA TWO PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS RETURN BY MEANS SUGGESTED ITALIAN
DISPLACED PERSONS AND PRISONERS WAR TO ITALY PROVIDED THEY ARE PROPERLY CLOTHED
CARED FOR AND RATIONED

See Regi to see

Copy to by hand : Ministero Assistenza Post Bellica
(Attn: Mr. Terry)
Above refers to return of Italians from Poland
to Italy ref. our DPR/18/20/G-II (IT) dated 29 Nov.45
I.P.W. Division

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HEADQUARTERS U.S. AIR COMMAND

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

LPW/54/11410/28/47

SUBJECT: IPA FROM NORTH AFRICA

TO : Florence Committee of the
 Families of
 Italian Republican Party
 Via Pandolfini 17
 Florence

- 1./ Ref. LPW/54/114 dated 25/11/47
- 2./ The figure 100,000 referred to in para 2 of a/ noted
 letter should read 20,000
 The error is regretted

N
 J. B. Smith
 Lieut. Col.
 Chief
 IPA DIV.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner A.C
 " " Ministry of War: Autonomous Office
 for War Vet. & Repatr. PW

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

IPW/53/118

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SUBJECT : Italian Ships to pick up IPW

TO : Navy 3/C

- 1./ The Italian Ministry of war inform us that the Argentina Government is ready to release four Italian Steamships which they held
- 2./ The Italian Government requests authorization for these ships to pick up, on their way home, IPW from South Africa, Kenya and possibly North Africa.
- 3./ Please inform us of any action you may take.

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

Encl.: Copy of letter from War Ministry, Autonomous Office for War Veterans & Repatriated PW

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Ministry of War
Autonomous Office
for War Veterans and Repatriated.

Rome, 30 November 1945.

To the Italian Prisoners
of War Division
Civil Affairs Section
R O M E

Prot. N° 423573/RPGR.

Subject : Repatriation of It.POW From Algiers.

- 1°. From communications received from the Italian Press and the Italian Radio it results that the Argentine Government have authorized the release of four Italian steamships that will return in the near future to Italy.
- 2°. In the aim of aiding the deficiency in transport for the transportation of It.POW whose non arrival is provoking serious repercussion in the country, we beg your Division to examine benevolently the possibility of obtaining the authorization that these ships on their way home, may pick up It.POW along the route: From South Africa, Kenya and eventually North Africa.

Signed
Col. M. Anfosso.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

5. Dec. '45IPW/51/116

Subject: Repatriation from Poland.

To : Autonomous Office for War Veterans & Repatriated PW

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1. Ref. your 482050/RPGR dated 17 Nov. '45
 2. The matter referred to in your above quoted letter was also forwarded to Displaced Persons S/C by Ministry of Post War Assistance.
 3. This proposal has been put forward to higher authority and you will be informed when any decision is reached.
 4. Will you please ask the Ministry of Post War Assistance to liaise with you before submitting these requests, and causing this incessant duplication of work.

See also 114

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISBARRED PRISONERS AND SYMPATHETIC SUB-COMMISSION

SVP/1/0-11 (IT)

Tel. 480061 ext. 394

29 November 1945

SUBJECT : Sea lifts from Genoa to South.

TO : "C" Group D.P.R. S.W.C.

1. After the sea lift for refugees from Genoa to the South, about 29 November 1945 it is unlikely that further ships for this purpose will be available in the near future.

2. All available ships are being utilized to bring Italian P.W.s and civilians to Italy from North Africa.

For the Director,

Col. Regis
to see

Robert
Lock
C.A. OLIVER
Lt. Colonel
Gen Italian.

Copy to : "D" Group D.P.R.S.C.
"B" Group D.P.R.S.C.
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I.P.R. Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/18/20/G-II (IT) Tel. 489081 Ext. 594 29 November 1945

SUBJECT : Italians in Poland for repatriation to Italy.

TO : Ministero Assistenza Post Bellica
(Attn: Mr. Terry, UNRRA Rep.)

Confirming our telephone conversation re a/m subject.

1. The Italian Embassy at Warsaw has asked, through the Italian Red Cross Italy, that the trains carrying 16,000 Polish Troops to Poland from Italy, may be used to bring Italian Displaced Persons and I.P.W. from Poland to Italy.

2. A.F.H.Q. has asked the views of the Italian Government on the above point, in view of the extremely severe winter conditions and the likelihood of the displaced persons and I.P.W. being poorly clothed.

3. May we have a reply to para 2 (above) early, in order that appropriate action may be taken.

For the Director,

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C.A. OLIVER
Lt. Colonel
G-1 Italian.

Copy to : I.P.W. Division A.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
PO 514

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14 November 1945

G-5: 183.0

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War interned in
France and North Africa.

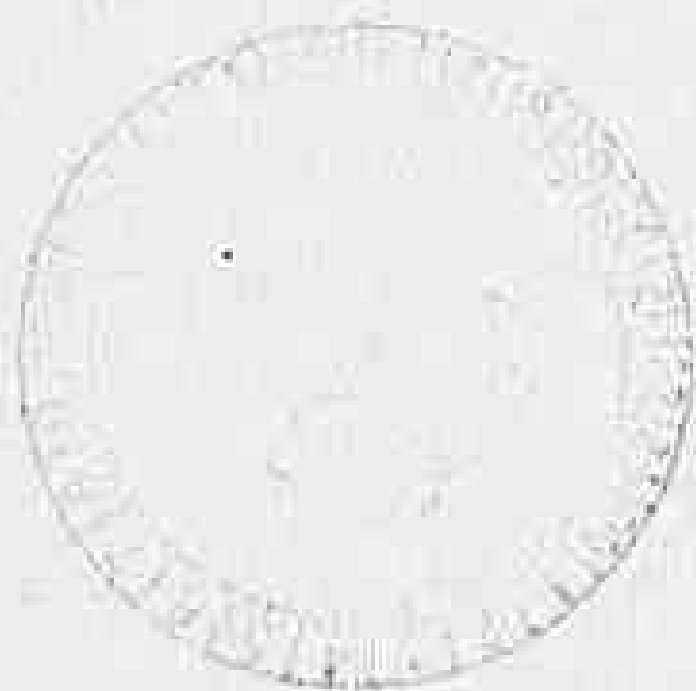
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APC 594.

Reference your DM/55/50 dated 9 November 1945.

1. It is understood from para 3 of your letter that no
decision has yet been given by the Navy to the proposals as
set out in paras 1 and 2.

2. It is considered that you should first obtain this
decision. If it is unfavorable, a bid for shipping the 40,000
Italian POW from North Africa to Italy should be made through
the Transportation Sub-Commission. ?

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:



Walter P. Seagrave
WALTER P. SEAGRAVE
Lt. Colonel, P.S.C.

to be met.

Situation at present: - 21,000 POWs having repatriated
this month.

(2) French agree to a further
18,000 being repatriated but want the balance
exchanged for German POW.

No further action at the moment

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

IPW/53.1/2

26 November 1945.

Subject : Italian P.W. in N.Africa

To : Florentine Committee of the
Families of P.O.W.
Italian Republican Party
Via Pandolfini N° 17,
Florence.

1. Further to your letter dated 5 November 1945 without reference, addressed to Admiral Stone.
2. The present position of these P.W. is as follows, there are approximately 400,000 in French North Africa of whom 1,500 are known to be sick and wounded. An Italian cruiser sailed from Naples on 23rd. November to pick up 750 of these individuals and should arrive in Italy before the end of the month. A second voyage will be made immediately to repatriate the other 750. The chief of this Division has sailed on this vessel to ascertain the treatment accorded to these P.W. and to make arrangements to expedite their repatriation.
3. The French authorities have agreed to the release of a further 18,000 and it is hoped that the above mentioned ship may continue this work of repatriation.
4. The French are not willing to release the remaining Italian P.W. in their hands unless they are replaced by German P.W. When shipping becomes available this movement will commence.
5. You will realise the difficulties involved in repatriating these individuals, negotiations are constantly carried

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out with the French authorities, and every effort is being made to secure the necessary shipping.

6. Will you please address any further correspondence on this matter to the Autonomous Office of Post War Veterans and Repatriated P.W. Ministry of War, with whom this office is in constant liaison.

H
J. L. ARDIS
Lt. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Division.

Copy to : Executive Commissioner A.C.
Autonomous Office of Post War Veterans
and Repatriated P.W.
Ministry of War.

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We trust that Your Excellency won't reject our request, thus allowing many families to sound friendships with those who are dear to them. We shall be ever so grateful to you and your country which you so worthily represent in Italy.

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Appendix 1

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REQ. RELEASE OF ITALIAN POW'S FROM NORTH AFRICA.

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

IPW/53/110

Tel. No. 489081
Rxt. 511.SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW
from Poland.

23 November 1945.

TO : for action : Italian Red Cross
(your 13817/G of 10 Oct refers)

for inform : Ministry of War (your 422650 of
17 Nov. refers)

General Nanerini.

1. The contents of the above letter from Italian Red Cross were forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters.

2. A reply has now been received stating that:

- a) Arrangements for the repatriation of the sick and wounded IPW should be made with the Russians by the Italian Government.
- b) with respect to the provision of transport for such repatriation Allied assistance will be given to the extent that ambulance rolling stock is available at the time of the move. Such trains could not proceed beyond PLACEMUNT and VIENNA where transshipment from Russian, Polish or Czech rolling stock could take place.
- c) the assistance outlined above cannot be made firm until further details, including numbers involved are made known.

3. In view of para 2 (c) will you please supply these details in order that further representation may be made to repatriate these individuals.

JAMES E. REHIS
Lt. Colonel
Chief
IPW Division.

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Rome 17th November 1945

Ministry of War
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
and Repatriated POW

TO: The Italian POW Division
Civil Affairs Section
ROME

Prot. n. 422650/RPGR

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian Military Personnel
from Poland.

The Italian Embassy at Varsavia has informed us of the repatriation of 16.000 military Polish personnel in the near future and prospects the idea of using these empty trains on their return to Italy, for the Italian Military personnel who were interned in Poland by the Germans.

We beg you to call this matter to the attention of the competent Allied authorities and inform us if they have anything to the contrary, regarding this project.

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Col. M. Anfosso.

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DIR/18/20/GIT (IT)

Tel. 478009

19 November 1945

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian POW from Czechoslovakia and Poland.
TO : I.P.O.W. Division.

Herewith for your information copy of letter from A.F.H.Q.
G-5 Section reference G-5:383.6 dated 14 November 1945.

For the Director:

Copy to : DIR/709/MED

Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission

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E.A. Bloomfield
E.A. BLOOMFIELD
Capt. R.A.M.C.
Medical Branch.

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G-5 Section
AFO 512

G-5: 383.6

14 November 1945

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian POWs from Czechoslovakia and Poland.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, AFO 394.

Reference your DHR/13/20/G-II (II) of 15 October.

1. Arrangements for the repatriation of the sick and wounded PW should be made with the Russians by the Italian Government.
2. With respect to the provision of transport for such repatriation allied assistance will be given to the extent that ambulance rolling stock is available at the time of the move. Such trains could not proceed beyond Klagenfurt or Vienna where transshipment of PW from Russian, Polish or Czech rolling stock could take place.
3. The assistance outlined above can not be made firm until further details, including numbers involved etc, are made known.

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

signed HORMAN P. SWARAVE
Lt. Col, GSC

Copy to : Mov & Trn

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FOR ACTION ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS GEORGE FIVE SECTION

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17 November 1945

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PARA ONE PD ITALIAN RED CROSS ON SUGGESTION ITALIAN EMBASSY WARSAW ASKS THAT TRAINS CARRYING ONE SIX ZERO ZERO ZERO POLISH TROOPS FROM ITALY TO POLAND BE UTILISED ON RETURN JOURNEY TO BRING FROM POLAND TO ITALY ITALIAN DISPLACED PERSONS AND PRISONERS OF WAR PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS GEORGE FIVE SECTION FROM ALCON CITE ACDPR

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PARA TWO PD ALSO ITALIAN RED CROSS DELEGATION GENEVA INFORMS FOLLOWING QUOTE TRANSLATION APPROACH BRITISH AUTHORITIES SUGGESTING THEY AUTHORISE USE OF THEIR RETURNING LORRIES FROM POLAND WHERE THEY ARE NOW REPATRIATING THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO POLES DAILY FROM STETTIN CMA FOR THE TRANSFER INTO BRITISH ZONE UNQUOTE TRANSLATION PD THIS REFERS TO ITALIANS PD MAY PROPER AUTHORITIES BE ASKED IF ITALIANS FROM POLAND MAY BE REPATRIATED TO ITALY VIA STETTIN AND BRITISH ZONE AS SUGGESTED ABOVE PD URGENT AS IMPENDING SNOWFALLS MAY STOP SUCH REPATRIATION

Copy to : I.P.W. Division A.C.

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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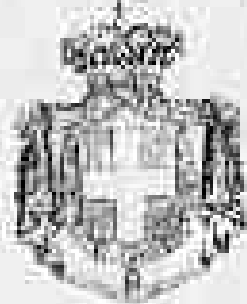
Subject: Registration of 300 Italian Prisoners.

To: Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- 1/. Reference your 6/1866/2049 dated 12 Nov 45.
- 2/. The 300 (eight hundred) Italian Prisoners of War in question are arriving on the "RUC. DIAMANT" at Naples the morning of the 19th of November 1945.

[Signature]
J. J. J. J.
Lt. Colonel
Chief
Ist Division

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Repatriation of 800 Italian PWs
from Corsica.

1. Reference is made to Allied Commission's note IPW/53/98, dated 9 November 1945.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs beg to inform the Allied Commission that even now the a/m Italian prisoners in Corsica are ready for shipment. *Spec.*

Rome, November 12th, 1945



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Italian Prisoners of War Det. Commission

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Rome 17th November 1945

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
and Repatriate d POW

TO: Italian Prisoners of War Division
Civil Affairs Section

ROME

ATTENTION

Military Territorial Command
MILAN

Military Territorial Command
BOLZANO

Delegation Office War Veterans POW
MILAN
Via Albania 36

With letter n. 421879 dated 7th November 1945; this office announced the immediate repatriation of Italian POW from Russia and communicated as having given disposals to have them sent to the Lodging Center of Milan, being Veterans from imprisonment, who would have to receive the treatment previewed for them and begged your Commission to intervene on their behalf, in order to furnish the necessary transport to Milan.

The Military Territorial Command at Bolzano has now informed us that the Allied Command of the Center at Pescantina has not followed these directions to send the people in question to Milan, but has disposed in manner that they be sorted out and treated in the same way as those Veterans, who up to date have arrived from internment in Germany.

It has therefore occurred that, contrary to all the other prisoners of war who repatriated from over seas, to these Veterans from Russia only a part of their pay has been received by them in anticipation for the expenses of the trip and for the 2 months leave, in more this Ministry was not able to obtain the exact number

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of the groups in arrival.

We beg your office if possible, to give the authorization to send the Veterans, who are still to be repatriated, to the Lodging Center of Milan.

The concentration of these groups in Milan will be more important in the future, due to the fact, that when the groups of officers arrive, they will have to be questioned by the Discriminating Commission of Milan.

According to information received from those who have already been repatriated, the groups of officers will arrive at the very last.

Colonel Anfobso.

N. B. Gen. Mannerheim, when he was at
Pescantina, ordered that they be disposed of as
above.

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub. Commission
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Rome 7th November 1945

Ministry of War
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
and Repatriated POW

TO: Italian POWs Division
Civil Affairs Section
ROME

Prot. 421879/RPCR

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian Prisoners in
Russian Custody.

Some few isolated Veterans who have returned from prison Camps of Russia, have stated that there is a concentration of Italian prisoners in Francfort on the river Oder, who are in Russian Custody and are in course of repatriation. As they are War Veterans, disposals have been given that they be received and taken care of in the military Lodging Center at Milan and a telegram has been sent to the Territorial Command of Udine and Bolzano, ordering that all Veterans in arrival be sent on to Milan.

We beg your Commission to request that the Allied transport, transfer all prisoners that arrive from Russian Custody in Italy through the Brenner Pass or Tarvisio, to Milan.

Gen. A. Mannerini.

*Noted.
Hill (Italian) referred to
Garriga (Italian) who was
detained in Russia (after 1945 - 1946)
about 1945 - 1946*

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Ref your 83101PTZ dated 29 Oct.

1. Intention noted.
2. Consider order of priority of repatriation should be
 - A. Sick who would have been passed by mixed medical commis-
sion standard whether co-operator or non-co-operator.
 - B. Co-operators.
 - C. CUNEO and REGINA Dias and Italian naval personnel who
assisted us in DODECANESE and are now in PTESIDE.
 - D. Non-co-operators
 - E. Recalcitrants and criminals.
3. Repatriation by sea, read in 4 columns port, present rate of
acceptance at one time, holding capacity of camps there, rate of
clearance per day homeward. TARANTO 7000 10000 1000 NAPLES 7000
10000 1000 LEGHORN 3000 6500 1000.
4. Repatriation by rail. MILAN 5000 2000 1000. Acceptance
rate here represents maximum possible excluding all other incoming
traffic. Endeavouring to raise holding capacity to 10000.
5. Agree your 5th.
6. Request present practice continues all repatriates arriving
in status of PW and remaining this status until disembarkation at
port of detaining at hand over point when responsibility passes to
Italian Govt for determination and disposal.
7. Prepared receive repatriates on plan above forthwith.

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ing factor throughout is lack of sufficient transport facilities from ports to permit rapid clearance inland of base reception areas. Overall plan of total repatriation from America has been agreed and moves already begun. Since this uses same reception organisation here new moves from elsewhere into ITALY must be phased in with that plan.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES
('A' Branch)

31 Oct 45

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Meeting to be held in the G-3 War Room, AFHQ, at 1430 hours, 2 Nov 45,
to discuss proposed general repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

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1. Areas of disembarkation, or of rail reception if repatriation is effected by overland route. (S)
2. Dates from which repatriates can be received at each Reception Area.
3. Daily rate of acceptance in each Reception Area.
4. Method of notification and acceptance under paragraph 5 of TROOPERS' signal 82101 PW 2 of 29 Oct 45.

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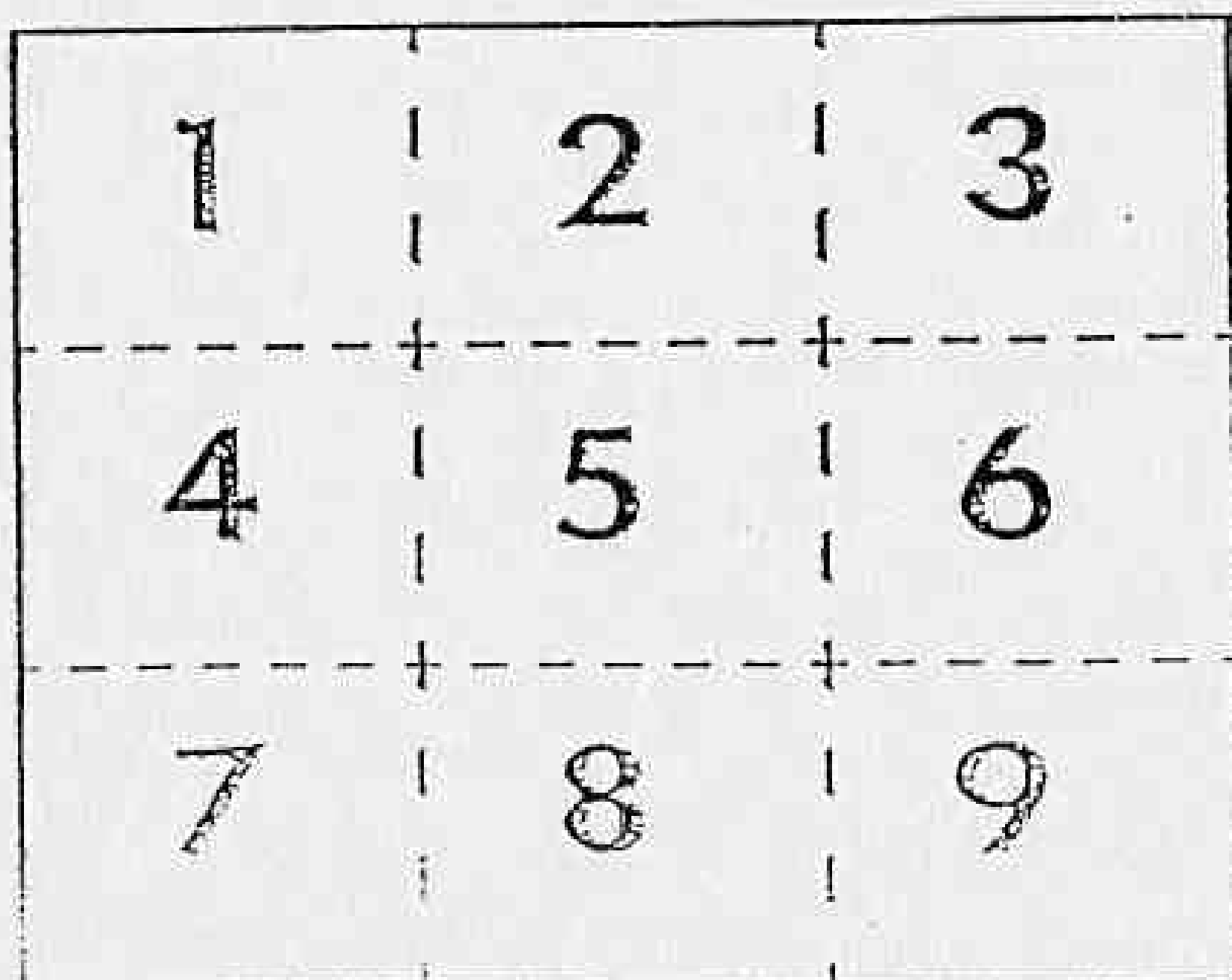
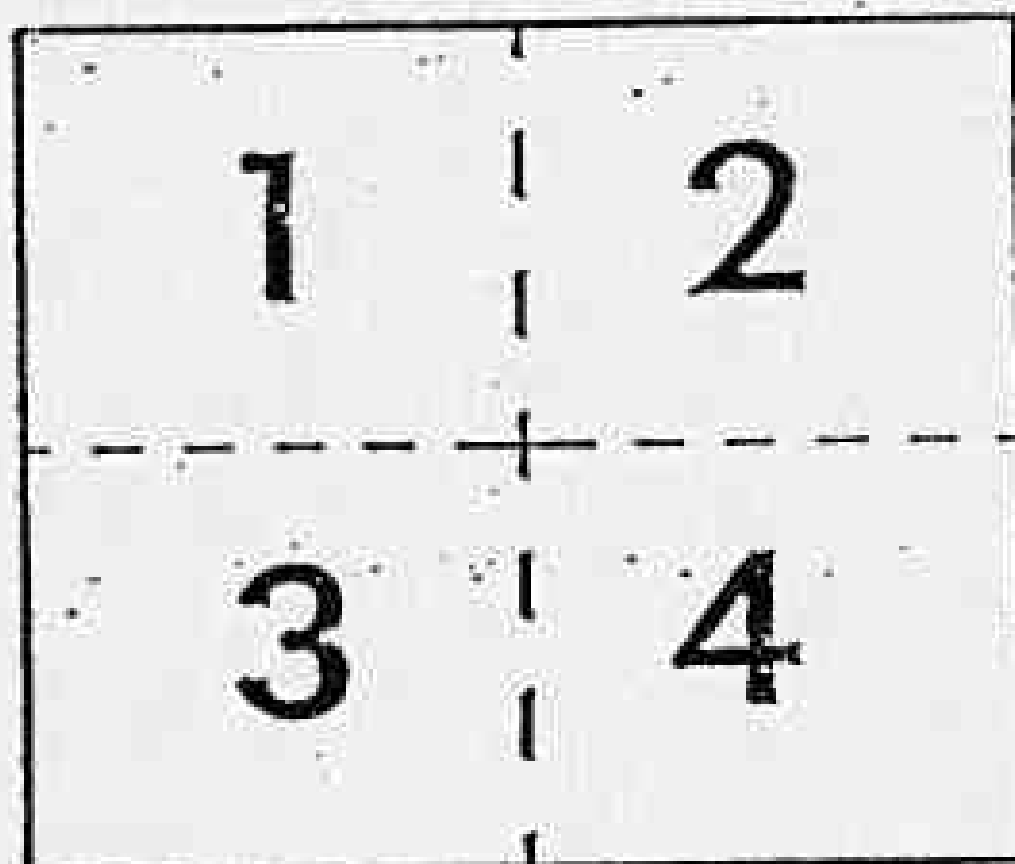
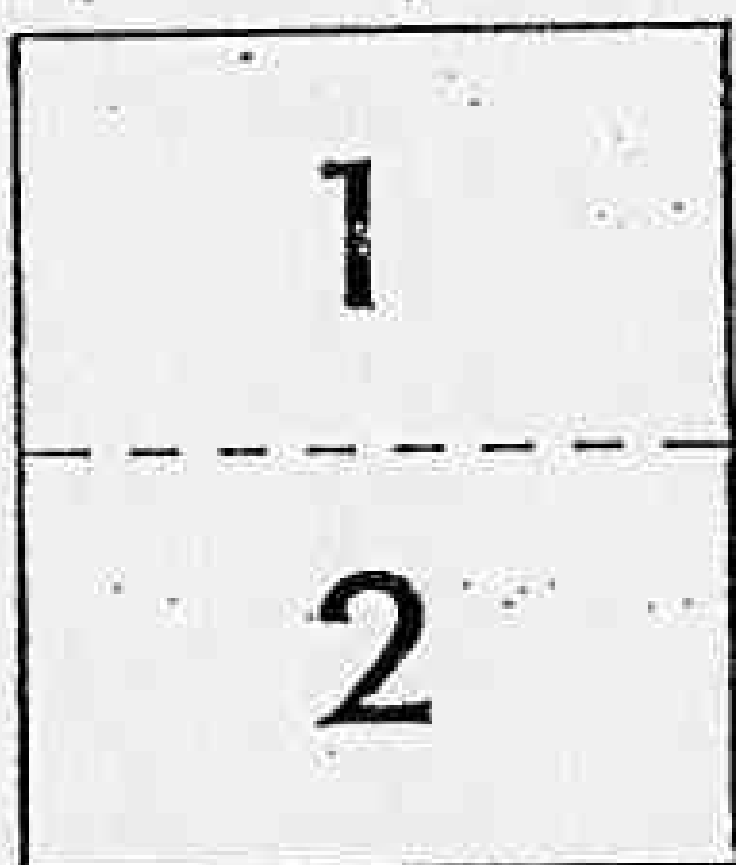
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S/O G-4 Division U.S. A.F. (Main)

OUTSTANDING EUROPEAN MAIN MOVES OF DPs, PWs, REFUGEES, DEPORTEDS etc. (as at

Serial	Nationality	Type	From	To	Total to lift	Date
1	ITALIANS	DPs	Russian Zone, Hof	Mittenwald & Brenner to Verona	51000	1500
1a		Cooperators	France	Italy	20000	
1b		"	"	"	14000	
1c		"	"	"	4500	
		(Slav origin)				
2	CZECHS	ex-Germ.	Br. Zone Germany	Pilsen	3000 east	
3		"	US " "	"	3000	
4		"	Fr. " "	"	?	
4a		DPs	Sweden	Pilsen	500	
4b		Sick ex-UK	Ostend	Prague via Aachen & Mainz	2000	5 Dec train
5	GREEKS	DPs	Brussels	Athens	3500	250
6		"	Munich	"	6000	300 b occas
6a		"	France	Greece by sea to Italy	200	ments

See my Col Regis
 & Maj Hamilton

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OFFICE OF BRITISH AND UNITED STATES MOVEMENTS MEMBERS GDPX
 S/S G & DIVISION U.S. F. & T. (MSIN)

LANDING EUROPEAN MAIN MOVES OF DPs, PWs, REFUGEES, DEPORTEDS etc. (as at 30 Sep 45).

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Type	From	To	Total to lift	Planned Daily Lift	Progress
	Russian Zone, Hof	Mittenwald & Brenner to Verona	51000	1500 or more	In progress. 15000 to move.
erators	France	Italy	20000	-	Responsibility of US Army
"	"	"	14000	-	Responsibility of French Government.
"	"	"	4500	"	AFHQ clearance awaited.
v origin)	"	"	"	"	"
ehr.	Br. Zone Germany	Pilsen	3000 est	-	Being screened.
	US " "	"	3000	-	" "
	Fr " "	"	?	-	" "
	Sweden	Pilsen	500	-	Awaiting Rhine Army clearance.
ex-UK	Ostend	Prague via Aachen & Mainz	2000	5 Belgian Amb. trains	Starts 12 Oct.
	Brussels	Athens	3500	250 by air	Completed, all but around 100.
	Munich	"	6000	300 by air - occasional rail-ments to Bari.	Expected complete 2 Oct.
	France	Greece by sea to Italy	200	-	Awaiting AFHQ clearance.

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12		"	Fr. " "	"	Nil)
13		Ex-Wehr.	Br. " "	"	35000)
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15		"	Fr. " "	"	?)
16		DPs & Ex-Wehr.	US " Austria	"	90000
17		" "	Br. " "	"	30000
18		" "	Fr. " "	"	3000
19	ROMANIANS	DPs	Br. Zone Germany	Greece via Hegyeshalom Budapest	6700
20		"	US " "	"	2500
21		"	Fr. " "	"	300
22		Ex-Wehr.	Br. " "	"	6000
23		"	US " "	"	3300

	All Zones Germany	Bulgaria via Rosenbach	682		Completed except for isolated few.
Lehr.	Br. Zone "	"	200		On next available train.
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"	Fr. " "	"	?		
"	Br. " "	Budapest via Hegyeshalon	8500	)	When Austria is clear of its holdings, day end of Oct.
	US " "	"	83000	)	? alternative route via SOPRON & ST. GOTTHARD.
	Fr. " "	"	N11	)	
Lehr.	Br. " "	"	35000	)	
"	US " "	"	57000	)	
"	Fr. " "	"	?	)	
& Ex-Wehr.	US " Austria	"	90000	1500	Now moving. Acceleration to 3000 per day awaited.
"	Br. " "	"	30000		
"	Fr. " "	"	3000		
	Br. Zone Germany	Oradea via Hegyeshalon Budapest	6700	1500 every other day	When Austria is clear of holdings.
	US " "	"	2500	"	Roumanians provide shuttle trains from handover point of Budapest.
	Fr. " "	"	300	"	
Lehr.	Br. " "	"	6000	"	" " "
	US " "	"	3300	"	" " "

Serial	Nationality	Type	From	To	Total to Life	
48	GERMANS	enemy ex-Diplomats, Deportees, Merchant Seamen etc.	Western Hemisphere	All Zones	2000	
			Neutral Europe	" "	approx 4000	
48a		Refugees	France	US Zone Germany	1000	1 tr
49		"	Interzonal Germany: from Austria, Norway, Denmark, Poland etc. Sudetenlanders, Volkdeutsche etc. (Incl. from US Zone, Austria to all zones, Germany.		15000000 110000	))))
50	AUSTRIANS	PWX	Italy	Austria	25000	
51		"	Br. Zone Germany	Br. Zone Austria	15000	1500 days
52		"	" " "	Russ " "	28500	
52a		"	" " "	US " "	14000	
53		"	Norway	Russ " "	4700	

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From	To	Total to Lift	Planned Daily Lift	Progress
Western Hemisphere	All Zones	2000		First shipment expected Bremerhaven end Sep.
Neutral Europe	" "	approx 4000		?
France	US Zone Germany	1000	1 train in all	early Oct.
Interzonal Germany: from Austria, Norway, Denmark, Poland etc. Sudetenlanders, Volkdeutsche etc. (Incl. from US Zone, Austria to all zones, Germany.		? 15000000 110000	))))) negotiating	Decision awaited To be moved out of Austria in Oct.
Italy	Austria	25000	1000	In progress.
Br. Zone Germany	Br. Zone Austria	15000	1500 alternate days	21 Sep - 1 Oct.
" " "	Russ " "	28500	"	To be decided at Vienna early Oct.
" " "	US " "	14000	"	Awaiting negotiation.
Norway	Russ " "	4700	"	To be decided at Vienna Conference.

54		"	"	Br. " "	7000	
55		"	"	Fr. " "	3000	
56		"	"	US " "	negligible	
57		"	US Zone Germany	Br. " "	750	
58		"	France	All Zones Austria	10000	First start
59		"	US Zone Germany & France	Russ Zone Austria	3000	
60		"	US Zone Austria	" "	7600	
61		"	Rimini, Italy	San Veit	9000	9 tra
62		"	Rhine Army Amb. Train	Br. Zone Austria	250	1 tra Sep
63		Refugees	Germany	Austria	?	
64	POLISH	DPs	All Zones Germany & Austria	Poland	400000	? 100
64a		"	France(Chalons-sur-Saone)	"(via Furth-in-Wald)	15000	1500 days
65		"	Norway	"	20000	
66		Other Polish	Germany, Italy etc.	"	?	

"	Br. " "	7000	-	-	Movement starts ax-Celo 1 Oct.
"	Br. " "	3000	-	-	Movement follows above.
"	US " "	negligible	-	-	
US Zone Germany	Br. " "	750	-	-	As agreed between the two.
France	All Zones Austria	10000	First 4 trains start 18 Sep	-	Priority to 5800 Styrians & Carinthians to Br. Zone.
US Zone Germany & France	Russ Zone Austria	3000	-	-	Will be accepted by US Zone Austria only after negotiation in Vienna.
US Zone Austria	" "	7600	-	-	
Rimini, Italy	San Veit	9000	9 trains altogether	-	28 Sep.
Rhine Army Amb. Train	Br. Zone Austria	250	1 train leaves 25 Sep	-	This train will lift all Austrian sick from Br. Zone.
Germany	Austria	?	?	-	
All Zones Germany & Austria	Poland	400000	? 10000	?	(Br. Zone held expected to start 12 Oct. (US Zone held expected to start 1 Oct via Czecho- Slovakia.
France(Chalons- sur-Saone)	"(via Furth- in-Wald)	15000	1500 alternate days	-	Starts 4 Oct.
Norway	"	20000	?	-	Some by sea to Gdynia.
Germany, Italy etc.	"	?	?	-	

Serial	Locality	Type	Area	Notes	Point to Point	
24	GERMANY	air-boat	PT Zone Germany	Germany via Hannover to Budapest		
25		DFC	US " Austria	"	15000	
26		"	Br " "	"	1000	
27		"	Br " "	"	1000	
28		air-boat	US " "	"	1	
29		"	Br " "	"	1	
30		"	Fr " "	"	1	
31	VIENNA	DFC	Br Zone Germany	Yugoslavia	15000	10
32		air-boat	US " "	"	1000	
33		"	France	"	1500	
34	GERMANY	DFC	Italy (Br & US Holdings)	Germany All Zones (Breslau switted)	20000 ⁰ upside	10
35		"	" " "	Fr Zone Germany	7120	
36		"	Br Zone Austria	Br Zone Germany	7000	
37		"	" " "	US Zone Germany	3200	
38		"	" " "	Fr " "	4300	

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Type	From	To	Total to LATS	Planned Daily Lift	Program
Apr.	Fr. Zone Germany	Oradea via Begyophalon Budapest			
	US " Austria	"	14000		Awaits decision with Romanian delegation expected in Austria.
	Br. " "	"	few		
	Fr. " "	"	few		
Apr.	US " "		?		
	Br. " "		?		
	Fr. " "		?		
	Br. Zone Germany	Yugoslavia	13500	To be arranged	Now being screened.
	US " "	"	2000		" " "
	France	"	4500	4500	?
	Italy (Br. & US Holdings)	Germany All Zones (breakdown awaited)	20000 ⁰ upward	1400/2300	Present programme 24 Sep to 6 Oct. Continuance awaited.
	" "	Fr. Zone Germany	7120		French clearance awaited.
	Br. Zone Austria	Br. Zone Germany	7000	1500	Train programmed from 27 Sep.
	" " "	US Zone Germany	9200		As agreed between the two
	" " "	Fr. " "	4300		" " " " "

37	"	Br. Zone Austria	Br. Zone Germany	7000
38	"	" " "	US Zone Germany	9200
39	"	" " "	Fr. " "	4300
40	"	US " "	Russ. " "	3000
41	"	" " "	For other German Zones	42000

112. Maximum acceptance rate of German POW in Br. Zone Germany from South is 200

42	"	Norway	Fr. Zone Germany	150000	2250
43	"	"	Russ " "	57000	
44	"	Malta	Germany all zones	1500	
45	"	Greece	" " "	1000	
46	"	Mid East	" " "	105000	
47	"	US, Canada & UK	" " "	US held USA 370000 US held UK 23500 Canada held ? UK held ?	
48	"	France	Br. Zone Germany	15000 (excl. labour Service Units)	
49	"	Russian Zone, Germany	Germany all zones	7 500000	
50	"	Br. Zone Austria	Br. Zone Germany via Mailnitz	1800	9 to end 16

Br. Zone Austria	Br. Zone Germany	7000	1500	Train programmed from 27 Sep.
" " "	US Zone Germany	9200	-	As agreed between the two
" " "	Fr. " "	4300	-	" " " " "
US " "	Russ. " "	3000	-	Moving to US Zone, Germany, early Oct.
" " "	For other German Zones	42000	-	" "

an acceptance rate of German PWX in Br. Zone, Germany from South is 2000 every two days.

Norway	Fr. Zone Germany	150000	2250 average	In progress. Flow at present diverted to US Zone.
"	Russ " "	57000		Held awaiting disposal.
Malta	Germany all zones	1500		?
Greece	" " "	1000		?
Mid East	" " "	105000		?
US, Canada & UK	" " "	US held USA 370000 US held UK 23500 Canada held ? UK held ?		
France	Br. Zone Germany	15000 (excl. labour Service Units)	?	?
Russian Zone, Germany	Germany all zones	? 500000	?	?
ab. Trains Br. Zone Austria	Br. Zone Germany via Malnitz	1800	9 trains commencing 18 Sep to 16 Oct.	

Serial	Nationality	Type	From	To	Total to Life
67	JEMS	Immigrants	All Zones & West Europe	Palestine	? 000

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Type	From	To	Total to Lift	Planned Daily Lift	Progress
Immigrants	All Zones & West Europe	Palestine	? 000	1500 per month	Bulk quota allocated by Palestine Government. Reduced to 800 for Oct.

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Rome 27th October 1945

Ministry of Post War Assistance
POW Bureau - I^a Division - I^a Sect. (Pol)

TO: The Allied Commission
Sub Commission for Italian POW
ROME

Prot.N. 3951/C-38

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian POW from Corsica.

The French Government in informing us of the decision taken by the French to repatriate all the Italian POW, communicated through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, that the Italian prisoners in Corsica could be realised immediately if the Italian Government will take charge of their transport by Italian means.

We beg you to call this matter to the attention of the naval Sub Commission that the Ministry of Marine may take care of the transport in question.

Given the short distance and the limited number of prisoners (about 800) small ships could be used for this duty, leaving the larger ships for the repatriation from North Africa.

What is written above is relative to a conversation held between Lt.Col. Regis of the Allied Commission and Lt.Col. Picozzi of this Ministry.

Dott. Fausto Nitti.

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission

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