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Proposed Plans For Repatriation Of I.P.W.

Feb. - July 1946

FR. (N. Afr.) Custody

Proposed Plans For Repatriation Of I.P.W. From Overseas in Brit, Am, Rus (Germany),
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.L.I.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/53/350

18/7/46

SUBJECT : Programme for repatriation of IPW ex Middle East

TO : Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW (Min. of War)
" : Ministry of War, Transportation (Maj. Sinetti)
" : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau
" : Commissione Pontificia Assistenza (Dr. Pugassa)

1. Following is planned programme (subject to amendment)
for repatriation of IPW ex Middle East during the month of August:-

SHIP	Arrival Port Said	Arrival Italian Port
ATTILIO REGOLO	4th	Taranto
MONTECUCCOLI	9th	"
ABRUZZI	12th V	Naples
ATTILIO REGOLO	15th	Taranto
PACINOTTI	16th	Naples
MIRAGLIA	19th	Taranto
SESTRIERE	20th	Naples
MONTECUCCOLI	21st	Taranto
ABRUZZI	30th	Naples
SESTRIERE	1st Sept.	"
MIRAGLIA	" "	Taranto
PACINOTTI	2nd "	Naples

2. Two additional lifts by SCIPIONE AFRICANO may be possible.

3. This programme is subject to confirmation by Middle East.

J. REGIS, Lt. Col.
Chief IP Div.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.O.
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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION*Confidential*

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IPW/53/346

SUBJECT : Italian PW Middle East

TO : Ministry of War (Cabinet)

1. GHQ Middle East desire to retain a maximum of 4000 PW after the present repatriation programme is completed, for a period of six months.
2. The Commander in Chief of the theatre concerned states that the present programme should be completed by 31 August 1946, and that it would be a considerable help if 4000 could be retained for a further six months. He explains that many PW did not accept the original offer of co-operating because they feared the consequences to their families whilst the Germans were still occupying considerable portions of Italy, and from preliminary enquiries it appears that a number of these men would be willing to become co-operators now and to demonstrate the fact that their previous refusal was not based on hostile or political grounds.
3. It is proposed, therefore, subject to your agreement, to offer full co-operator status to a maximum of 4000 IPW; the term of service will be six months as from the 31st August '46 or from the date of employment if earlier. After this they will be repatriated at first opportunity.
4. Would you kindly inform this Division as early as possible of your view on this matter and if you agree to the proposal.

*2 copies handed by Lt Reis**Gen Mannerini for action*Copy to: Autonomous Office for
War Veterans (Gen. Mannerini)*[Signature]*
J.E. REGIS, Lt. Col.
Chief IPW Div.

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SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Italian PW

Land Forces sub-Commission, A.C.,
 MMIA, IPW Division.

GHQ CMF

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11 Jul 46

The attached letter has been received from GHQ MEF for the retention of a maximum of 4,000 Italian PW for six months after the completion of the present repatriation programme.

It would therefore be appreciated if you would approach the Italian Government with a view to obtaining agreement to this proposal.

C. H. R. R. Col.
 JIC MASTER
 Brigadier,
 DAG

AGW/AP

Encl:

Copy to:- GHQ MEF - Your M 9694/1 AG 5 (a) dated 18 Jun 46 refers)

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MIDDLE EAST FORCE

L. 9694/1 AG5(a)

18 Jun 46G.H.Q. C.M.F.

Reference Troopers signal 84811 dated 15 Nov 45.

1. Under the present programme of repatriation all Italian PW both cooperators and non-cooperators should be clear of the Middle East by 31st August. It would, however, be of considerable help if a maximum of 4,000 could be retained for a further six months.
2. It is known that many PW did not accept the original offer of cooperating because they feared the consequences to their families whilst the Germans were still occupying considerable portions of Italy. From preliminary enquiries, it appears that a number of these men would be willing to become cooperators now and to demonstrate the fact that their previous refusal was not based on hostile or political grounds.
3. Subject to the approval of the Italian Government it is proposed to offer full cooperator status to a maximum of 4,000 of such PW. The term of service to be for six months as from the 31st August 46 or from the date of employment if earlier. After this they will be repatriated at the first opportunity.
4. Will you, therefore, please approach the Italian Government with a view to obtaining their agreement to this proposal.
5. Since this proposal is connected with considerable readjustment in the Middle East Command, it would be appreciated if this matter could be treated as very urgent.

(Sgd) J. REEVE Major General,
for General,
Commander-in-Chief.

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 30115 Q(M) 1 S

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 111846 B

Message Centre No: E/4502

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 121430

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST

TO: 1 AFHQ 2 FOLI 3 ALBOM ROOM IPW DIV 4 MOV FORT SAID

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1. Reference AFHQ signal C/52855 of 10 July
2. Please see my 29771 Q(M) 1S of 10 July.
3. It is not intended to embark Brit service personnel in vessels routed to TARANTO FOLI signal 221145/June received through both navy and army signal indicated MIRAGLIA was to sail to NAPLES.
4. Addressees interested in repat of IPW noted.
5. For FOLI. It appears that your signal 221145/Jun was received corrupt. Would appreciate confirmation that vessels are programmed to sail to Italian ports as follows. SESTRIERE and ABRUZZI to NAPLES each voyage. Monte CUCCOLI to TARANTO each voyage.

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FROM MIDEAST 210193Z

TO FOLI ROME

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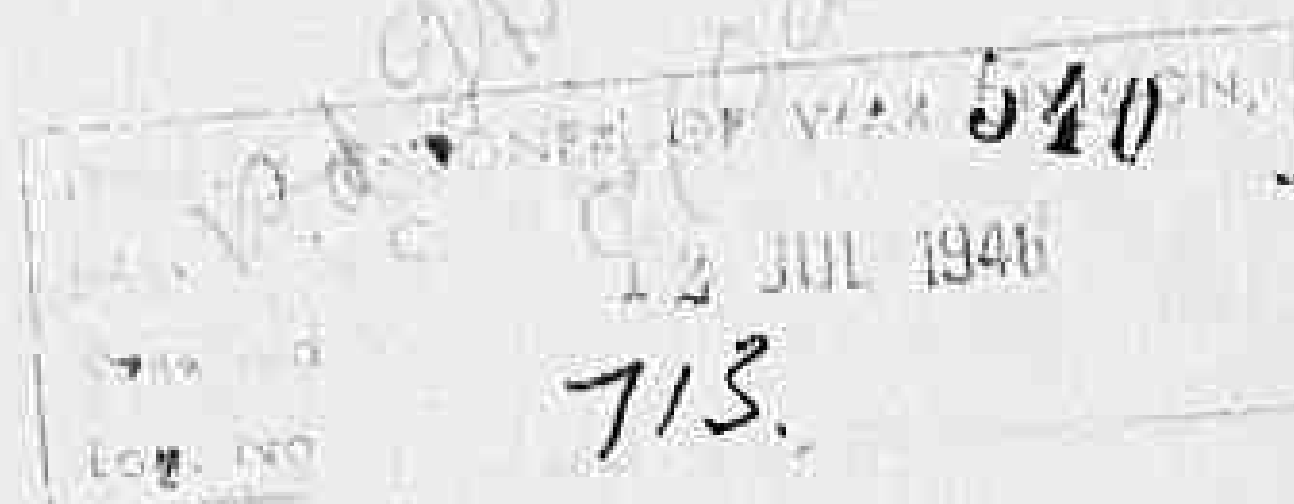
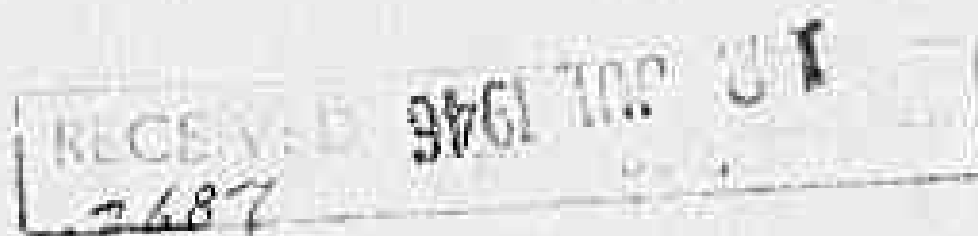
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ONE CAN MAKE AVAILABLE 14000 REPEAT 14000 ITALIAN PW FOR REPATRIATION DUE
 AUGUST. TWO. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY PROGRAMME ITALIAN SHIPPING EGYPT
 /ITALY GIVING MAXIMUM LIFT FOR AUGUST UP TO 14000

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 52734

Message Centre No: H/4544

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 091803 B

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 101000

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ FROM Q (MOV) GHQ GME

TO : MOV NAPLES , INFO: DISTREE: NAPLES AREA: ALCOM ROME: MIDEAST CAIRO
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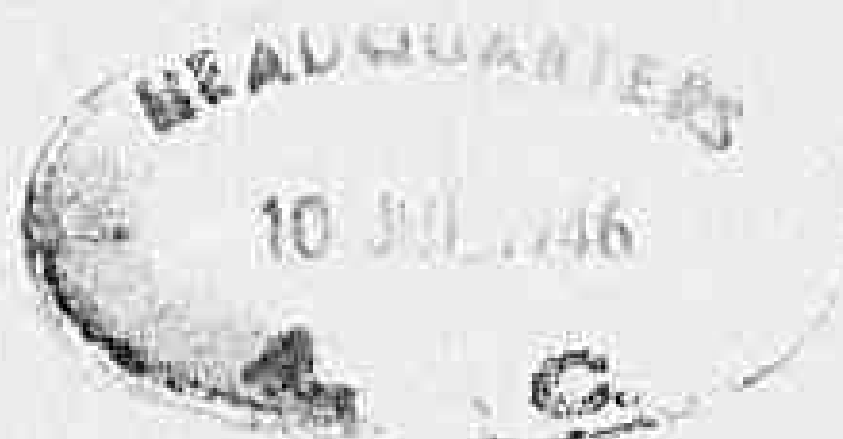
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1) M REINA DEL PACIFICO BTA NAPLES 20 July with 2200
Italian PW for disembarkation.2) Casuals may be embarked for mideast destination under
arrangement Mov NAPLES.

3) Agreed SSTO CASERTA

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NOTE (5).

While there is strictly no naval objection to practice in year 251750, it is considered that shipping space intended for IFOW should not be sacrificed to civilians.

- 2) IFOW Division of WMA is taking steps through Italian channels to have Ministry of Marine issue order forbidding the practice except in exceptional cases.

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

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IPW/53/340

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW ex U.K.

TO : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for War Veterans.
" : Ministry of War Transportation, Maj. Minetti
" : Ministry of Post War Assistance, ~~Dr. Pugliese~~

Following is programme which will complete repatriation
of Italian PW by sea ex U.K.:-

SHIP	Approx. ETA Naples	No of IPW
Reina del Pacifico	20 July	2200
Queen of Bermuda	5 August	2400
Worcestershire	6 August	1870
Total:		<u>6170</u>

For your information.


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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 52318Message Centre No: H/4469Date/Time of Origin: 061211B JULYDate Time Rec'd: JULY 071030Precedence: ROUTINEFROM: AFHQ 2(MOV) CHQ CMTTO: MOV NAPLES INFO DISTANCE NAPLES AREA SSTD NAPLES ALCOM ROME

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1. Following is programme which will complete repatriation of Italian PW by sea EX UK Redd (A) ship (B) approx eta Naples (C) NO of PW to be embarked. (A) Reina del Pacifico (B) 20 July (C) 2200 (A) ques of Bermuda (B) 5 Aug (C) 2100 (A) Worcestershire (B) 6 Aug (C) 1870.
2. Agreed SSTD Caserta.

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ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,
(MMIA) A. C.

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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1 July 1946

SUBJECT : Repatriation Italian PW in AustraliaTO : Ministry of War
Autonomous Office for War Veterans and
Repatriated PWsReference your letter M.683/MPGR
dated 4 April 46 217/1

1. The following information has been received from the War Office concerning the repatriation of Italian PW from Australia.

2. The present shipping review terminating in September does not provide for any specific allotment of shipping for Italian repatriation, on account of the insufficiency of transport for British personnel arising out of the withdrawal by the Allies of their shipping formerly at our disposal, the acceleration of the release scheme, and the reduction of air-trooping.

3. Ballast voyages only are available for Italian repatriation and no ballast spaces are available from Australia.

4. The undesirable repercussions of this situation are appreciated and every effort is still being made to obtain at least some repatriation from Australia before September.

5. It is suggested that the Italian Authorities be informed that the burden on our very limited resources of shipping, now much depleted is most severe, and that there is little prospect of transfers from Australia before September beyond which date, it is impossible to forecast, although it is the War Office's wish to effect Italian repatriation from Australia as quickly as facilities allow and every effort will be made to that end.

JAMES E. REGIS,
Lt. Colonel
Chief, IPW Div.

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SUBJECT:- Repatriation Italian PW in AUSTRALIA

Land Forces sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
MMA, IPW Division.

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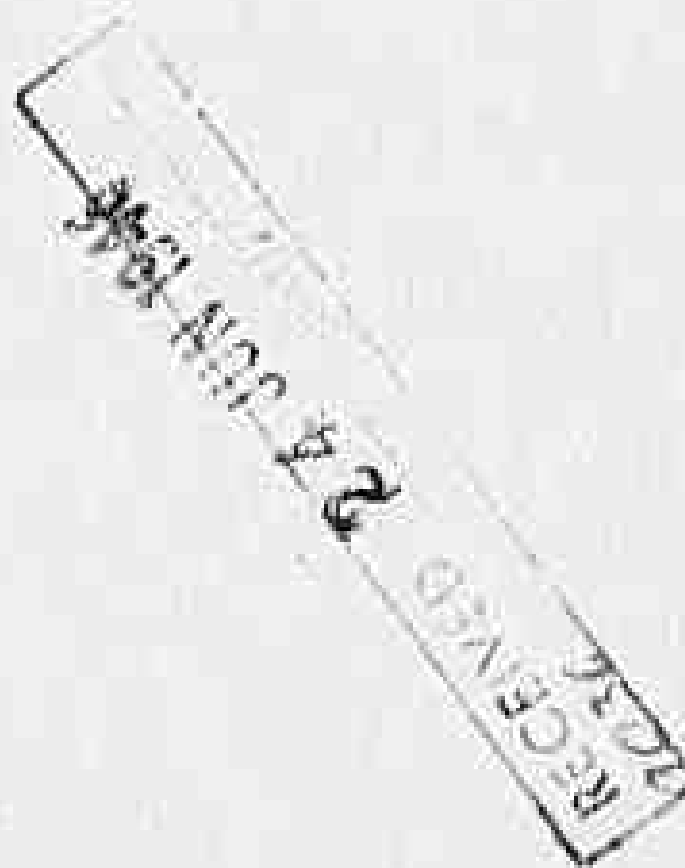
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1. Reference your IPW/1/3/3602 B dated 2 May 46, and further to our 3821/A2 dated 13 May 46 copy to you, the following information has been received from the War Office concerning the repatriation of Italian PW from AUSTRALIA.
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- Repatriation*

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AGW/AP

R. J. Napier
 JLC NAPIER
 Brigadier J.
 DAG



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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: EC 126

Message Centre No: H/4339

Date/Time of Origin: 251800 JUNE

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 021515

FROM: MOVEMENTS PORT SAID

Precedence: PRIORITY

TO (1) AFHQ CITE PHGDM (2) MOV TARANTO (3) DSTO TARANTO (4) MIDEAST
 (5) ALCOM ROME (6) Q(M) 13 MIDEAST INFO (7) AQMG(M) PORT SAID
 (8) DSTO PORT SAID

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Ref Q(M) 13 of 21 June 46. The following personnel embarked Mirag
 11a for Taranto. Repatriate italian POWS OFTS 14 ORS 986. Total embarked
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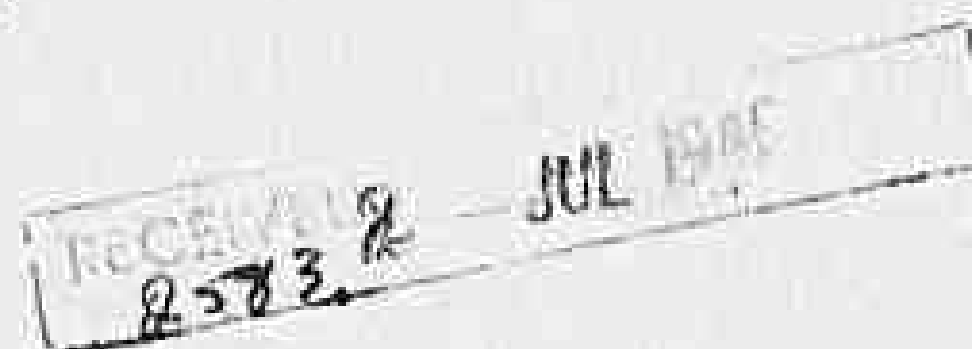
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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2/7/46

SUBJECT : Programme for repatriation of IPW ex Middle East

TO : Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW (Ministry of War)
" : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PS Bureau
" : Ministry of War, Transportation, Maj. Micetti.
" : Commissione Pontificia Assistenza, DR. Pugazza

1. Following is planned programme (subject to amendment) for repatriation of IPW ex Middle East during July 1946:-

SHIP	Arrival at Port Said	Arrival Naples
Montecuccoli	4th	Taranto
Miraglia	7th	Taranto
Sestriere	10th	
Abruzzi	15th	
Montecuccoli	16th	Taranto
Sestriere	22nd	
Montecuccoli	28th	Taranto
Abruzzi	28th ✓	
Sestriere	3rd Aug.	

For your information.


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

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Following is proposed programme of sailings for July for IOW
 repatriation. Read in two columns.

Name of ship and date of arrival Port Sail

✓ A. MONTECUCOLI	4th. Taranto.
✓ B. MIRAGLIA	7th. Taranto
C. SESTRIERE	10th.
D. ABRUZZI	15th.
✓ E. MONTECUCOLI	16th. Taranto
F. SESTRIERE	22nd.
✓ G. MONTECUCOLI	28th. Taranto.
H. ABRUZZI	28th.
I. SESTRIERE	3rd August

(2) A.B.E. and G sail Taranto and return Taranto G.D.F.H. and I,
 sail Naples and return Naples.

(3) Request approval of SRNO and MIDEAST.

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Intend following sailings additional to programme in NY 221145 June.

(A) ALBERTO 122410 from Toronto to arrive Port Said AM/24th July.
To be returned Toronto. Capacity 400.

(B) BURNHAM from Naples to arrive Port Said AM/31st July.
To be returned to Naples. Capacity 450.

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INCOMING MESSAGE *L. Forces*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 24444 Q(M) 1S

Message Centre No: H/4129

Date/Time of Origin: 220815Z JUNE

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 231500Z

FROM: MIDEAST

Precedence: PRIORITY

TO (1) NMIA ROME (2) FOLI ROME (3) AFHQ (4) ALCOM 1 PW DIV

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1. Can make available 15000 italian PW for repatriation during July.
2. Would appreciate early programme italian shipping Egypt/Italy giving lift for July up to 15000.

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 SIGNALS REGARDING MOVEMENT OF ALL ITALIAN
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INFORMATION REQUIRED BY MIDEAST IS

(A) ETA AT EGYPTIAN PORTS

(E) ADVICE OF ANY PERSONNEL EMBARKED EX ITALY FOR MIDEAST ON SUCH
 SHIPS

(C) CHANGES OF PROGRAMME AND WITHDRAWAL OF SAILINGS

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

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IPW/53/328

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW - Australia -

TO : G/O/C. Land Forces S/C (M.M.I.A.) *by hand*

1. In view of the unsatisfactory position regarding the repatriation of IPW from Australia, application was made by this Division for information, and if possible, announcement of a planned programme.

2. The following is the text of a signal received in reply from Army Head Quarters, Australia, on 8/MAY/46:-

"Repatriation Italian PW from Australia dependant on provision of shipping by British Authorities.

"No shipping yet available or in sight to lift large numbers PW, but few passages available soon to MS for repatriation, approx 120 priority personnel requested by Italian Government for reconstruction or on compassionate grounds.

"Understand Troopers endeavouring arrange allocation shipping as soon as possible but NO definite programme can be stated at present".

3. With regard to the last sentence of the above signal, it is possible that Troopers may be able to allot the necessary shipping in the near future. A number of large ships have been used for the repatriation of IPW ex U.K.; commencing 19/6/46 the remaining prisoners in U.K. will be repatriated Via Calais to Verona. Nothing definite can be stated at present but it is hoped that this shipping now released can be used for journeys to Australia and possibly India.

4. Forwarded herewith is a copy of the table showing the general position of repatriation at the moment.

[Signature]
J.E. REGIS, Lt. Col.
Chief IPW Div.

*Original given to Adm. Staff
J.E. REGIS*

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BRITISH ARMY CIPHER MESSAGE.

SERIAL NO 0644

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FROM : MIDEAST:

ACTION : (1) FOLI ROME: (2) AFHQ: (3) MMIA ROME:

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REF YOU 091122 B JUNE.

TWO. YOUR PROPOSAL TO ROUTE SESTRIARE TO NAPLES VIA TRIPOLI (L) TO EMBARK 600 ITALIAN PW IS ACCEPTED. NUMBERS PLANNED FOR EMBARKATION PORT SAID WILL BE REDUCED ACCORDINGLY.

THREE. YOUR PARA TWO NOTED BUT MMIA SIGNAL 071515 B NOT RECEIVED HERE.

LIFT FOR CIVILIAN REPATRIATES EX TRIPOLI (L) IS NOT REQUIRED AT PRESENT AS ACCEPTANCE BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS STILL AWAITED.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: 110000Z JUNE

Message Centre No: 3794

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 11 1945

Precedence: URGENT

FROM: NOIC NAPLES

TO : COMAR BIZERTE INFO C IN C MND FOLI ALMED MIA FRENCH REP HQ.AC

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Intend to sail Pacinotti at 120400Z to Bizerte.

- 2) speed 10.5 KTS: eta Bizerte 131200Z.
- 3) routed by appropriate medri.
- 4) italian communications.
- 5) Foli's 101145Z/June refers.

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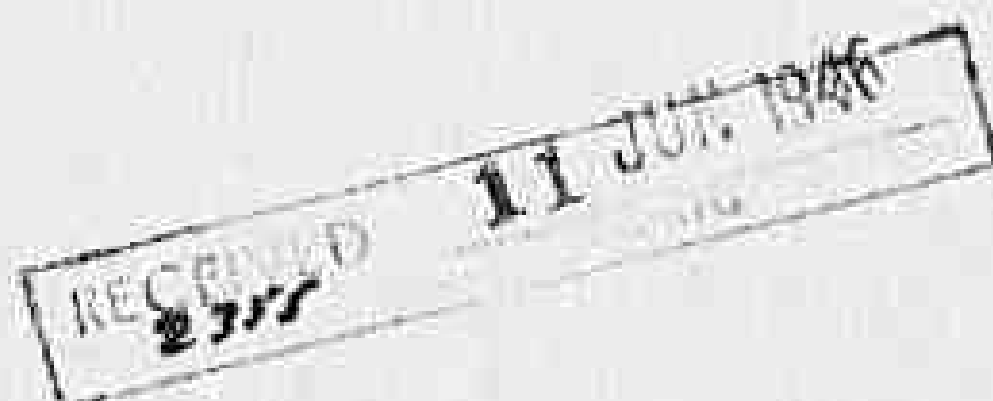
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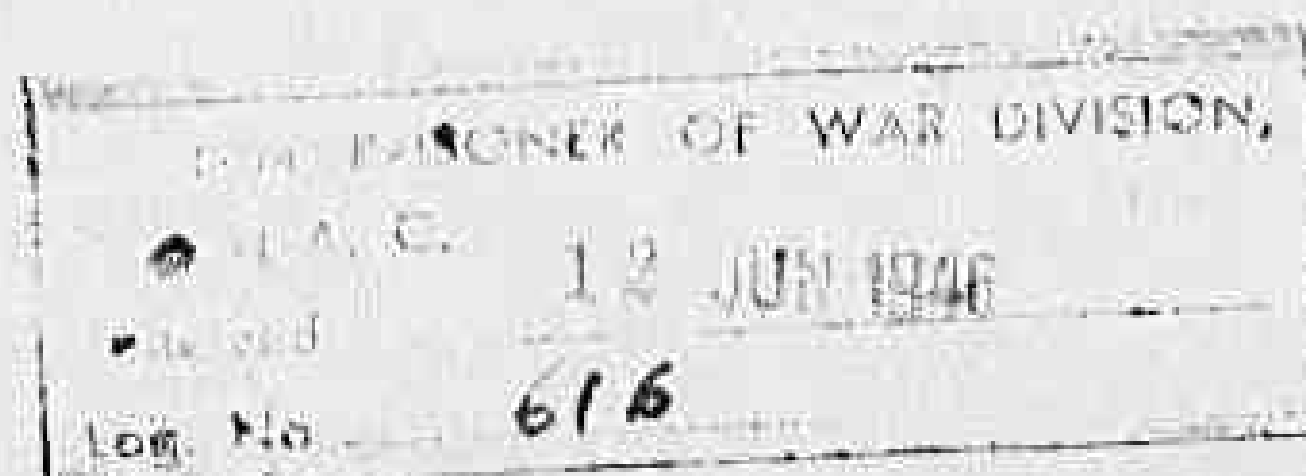
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S. 13200.
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MIDEAST (R) AFHQ MIA

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Important

Your 071840P. As all Italian vessels available for June repatriation are included in programme in MIA a 071515B, suggest that if removal of 600 IPON from TRIPOLI on 16th June is urgent only 1100 be embarked in SESTIERE due PORT SATD A.M./14th and that vessel be routed to NAPLES via TRIPOLI (L) to carry out lift of these 600.

2. Proposals for two subsequent lifts and repatriation of civilians in para 6 of second reference will be submitted in due course.

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Dist: 0-6 to Log 2H/M for MIA (100 IDV).
Ref: IPON Repatriation.

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COMMISSION ALLIÉE
EN ITALIE

Rome, le 8 Juin

1946

LE REPRÉSENTANT FRANÇAIS

N° 2880

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau HERON de VILLEFOSSE
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée

à

Monsieur le Colonel REGIS
Italian P.O.W. Branch Allied Commission

R O M E

OBJET : Rapatriement de TUNISIE de prisonniers ex-réquis civils.

Le Gouvernement Général de l'Algérie signale que l'Etat-Major Général Britannique au Caire a refusé le retour en Tripolitaine de 414 Prisonniers de Guerre, ex-réquis civils, amenés en Tunisie par les Allemands au cours de leur retraite.

J'ai donc l'honneur de vous demander qu'un bâtiment Italien soit envoyé d'urgence à Bizerte pour les rapatrier, et de me prévenir de la date de son départ suffisamment à l'avance pour me permettre d'alerter la Direction des Prisonniers de Guerre à Alger en temps utile.

P.O. Le Colonel CROS

*ok
sent
Philippe
Call. French Rep.
or rover to see
renew conference
and date to see
from*

felice aus.

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IMMEDIATEBRITISH CIPHER MESSAGE

SIGS. SERIAL NO 9078 IMMEDIATE QVR 1

FROM MIDEAST 071840B
 TO (1) MMIA ROME
 INFO (2) AFHQ (3) FOLI

20388 Q(M) IS. RESTRICTED. *no*
 ONE. REF IPW/41 OF 3 JUNE.
 TWO. YOUR PARA TWO. CONFIRMATION OF JUNE PROGRAMME NOTED.
 UNDERSTAND THAT DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE AT
 PORT SAID 14 JUN. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY NOTIFICATION OF
 ANY AMENDMENTS TO PROGRAMME.
 THREE. ITALIANS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EMBARKATION AT TRIPOLI
 FOR ITALY FOLLOWING 15 JUNE 1PM 600. 23 JUNE IPW 600. 1 JULY
 IPW 600. CAN SESTRIERE OR ALTERNATIVE SHIPPING BE PROVIDED
 FROM ITALIAN SOURCES TO CLEAR THESE ITALIANS PWS ON OR ABOUT
 DATES SHOWN. URGENTLY REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS.

FOUR. YOUR PARA FIVE. APPROX 10000 RPT 10000 ITALIAN PW WILL
 BE AVAILABLE EX EGYPT FOR REPATRIATION IN ITALIAN VESSELS DURING
 JULY. BASED ON THIS FIGURE REQUEST YOU RECONSIDER NECESSITY FOR

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TO (1) MMIA ROME
INFO (2) AFHQ (3) FOLI

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JULY. BASED ON THIS FIGURE REQUEST YOU DECIDE NECESSITY FOR
INCLUSION OF SESTRIERE IN JULY PROGRAMME AS OVERALL POSITION
REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF ITALIAN VESSELS DURING JULY IS
NOT KNOWN HERE

Give info to AFHQ
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ONE (.) FROM GAST. BOSTON (.) YOUR (M) IS 18050 (ORRAB) OF 1 PURE MATERIALLY RECEIVED (.) TWO (.) POLI AND ALCOH AGING IN TOGANA AVAILABLE FOR REPARATION OF ITALIAN CIVILIANS IN KADANA UNTIL COMPLETION OF LIFT (.) STD RAPID 10 JUNE STA HAS AND 21 JUNE (.) CAPACITY EAST OF PURE BELIEVED 1500 (.) CONFIRMATION TO FOLLOW FROM POLI (.) DUE TO ABSENCE OF VENTILATION AND LIMITED WATER STORAGE ON BUSTRIERE AND ALL OTHER ITALIAN VESSELS IN PROGRAMS AP ARENTLY UNUSUALLY FOR KADANA LEFT (.) POLI STATE BUSTRIERE NOT PREVIOUSLY USED AT KADANA (.) THREE (.) DUE TO USE OF DUGA WHEEL ARRIVAL FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES ONE AIRLINE SLIGHTLY ALTERED (.) PROGRAMS NOW SUGGESTED AS FOLLOWS (.) READ NAME OF VESSELS AND STA PORT SAID MIRACLIA FORTY TH (.) BUSTRIERE THIRTY SEVEN (.) CITTA D'ALESSANDRIA FIFTY SEVEN (.) ATTILIO BOLD TWENTY FIRST (.) MIRACLIA TWENTY FOURTH (.) BUSTRIERE TWENTY FIFTH (.) DUGA WHEEL ARRIVAL TWENTY SEVENTH (.) CITTA D'ALESSANDRIA THIRTY SEVEN (.) ATTILIO BOLD TWENTY SEVEN (.) FOUR (.) BUSTRIERE NOW AVAILABLE AT END OF FORTH TO LIFT BELIEVED BOLD (.) CAPACITY OF CITTA D'ALESSANDRIA 600 (.) POLI SIGNAL DURING THE ABOVE SUGGESTED PROGRAMS FOLLOWS (.) FIVE (.) JULY LIFT FIGURE OF 10,000 BOLD BUSTRIERE LIFT PASSED ON TO ALCOH AND POLI (.) POLI REQUESTED TO DISPATCH SIGNALS TO MIDWEST AT LEAST TWO DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING OF SHIPS IN ITALY TO CONFIRM STA PORT SAID (.) POLI HOPE TO PRODUCE PROVISIONAL JULY PROGRAMS WITHIN A WEEK (.) SIX (.) POLI AND ALCOH AGING CAPACITY OF CIVIL ARE IN PORT SAID (.) WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO INCREASE CAPACITY OF BUSTRIERE IN TRIPOLI BY 200 THEREBY CARRYING TRIPOLI LIFT OF CIVIL REPARATION IN BUSTRIERE ' TWO JUNE LIFT IF MID EAST AIR NAME FOR ONLY TO CALL TRIPOLI EN ROUTE TO ITALY (.) BUSTRIERE 'S STA PORT SAID END OF JUNE SLIGHTLY LATER IF SHIP DALLS TRIPOLI MID-JUNE (.) SEVEN (.) MIRACLIA IN CAVAL VESSEL (.) PREVIOUSLY USED FOR CONVEYANCE OF AIRCRAFT (.) EIGHT (.) POLY MONTHS AGO CONFIRM THAT THERE ARE NO REVENUE PERSONNEL AT TARANTO AND STAFF THAT DUE TO ADULT GROWTH OF STAFF AT NOT PALES AND LG FOR AT LEAST 3 DAYS OF SHIP PERSONNEL USED AT TARANTO IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCEPT BY 'S AT TARANTO (.)

E. Regis

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NINE (.) FOLI AND ALOCH REQUEST EARLY SETTLEMENT RE FEEDING OF CIVIL REPATRIATES
EX MASSAWA RE ROUTE TO ITALY (.)
TEN (.) DESPATCH FOLLOWS (.)
ELEVEN (.) AGREED AHO ALOCH AND FOLI

Regis M. M.

LAND FORCES SUBORDINATE A.D.
H.M.I.A.
INDIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/55/321

7 June 1946

MEMORANDUM : Report of repatriation of IPW

TO : Chief Commissioner, A.C.

Herewith report on activities re repatriation of IPW as to June 2nd '46.

1) U.S. : Progress has been maintained; 75% have now been repatriated; 12% are expected to arrive in Naples during June; remaining 20,000 out of 153,029, initial number, will be repatriated over-lord via Dalmia - vessels commencing 19 June, with miscellaneous arrivals on alternative days; under this scheme 9,000 per month are expected.

2) E. Africa (for held) : 45,132 have repatriated as to June 2nd.

3) East Africa : 22,228 have repatriated out of 42,524 initial number. Colonel Regie, Chief of IPW Division, has in programme a visit there, as soon as necessary permission is obtained, so as to deal directly with commands in Kenya and accelerate repatriations from that area.

4) West Africa : All 1,485 IPW have repatriated.

5) South Africa : There is no actual programme from this base but repatriation is regular, with transshipment generally in Middle East; of initial number, of IPW, 40,794, 27,323 are still to be repatriated, and Colonel Regie intends visiting these camps on his trip to Kenya.

6) Middle East : After Colonel Regie's visit in Middle East, a programme was carried out, which it is expected that all IPW will have returned by August; in June it is expected to give a list to 12,400 and in July to 14,000. There are as to June 2nd only 56,319 IPW remaining out of the initial number 70,091.

7) India : The largest scale of repatriation was obtained in April when 18% of IPW returned. Out of the total of 53,300 IPW, 17,746 have repatriated. Representation has been made for a hospital ship to be made available. It is hoped that all sick IPW in India will be repatriated late July.

8) Antarctica : Out of initial number 17,657 only 655 have returned. Few passages should be available for H.S. for repatriation of approx. 120 priority cases. Progress is endeavouring to arrange allocation of shipping when available.

9) Other areas : Initial number of 541 is reduced to 15.

Monthly report on activities re repatriation of IPW as to June 2nd '46.

- 2) U.S. : Progress has been maintained, 7% have now been repatriated; 12% are expected to arrive in Japan during June; remaining 20,000 out of 140,000, initial number, will be repatriated over-land via Japan - Korea commencing 15 June, with successive arrivals on alternative days under 600,000 per month are expected.
- 2) U.S. Africa (U.S. held) : 143,150 have been repatriated as to June 2nd.
- 3) East Africa : 22,220 have been repatriated out of 42,304 initial number. Colonel Regis, Chief of the Division, has in programme a visit there, as soon as necessary permission is obtained, so as to deal directly with commands in Kenya and accelerate repatriations from that area.
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- 5) South Africa : There is no actual programme from this base but repatriation is regular, with transportation generally in Middle East; of initial number of IPW, 40,794, 27,325 are still to be repatriated, and Colonel Regis intends visiting these camps on his trip to Kenya.
- 6) Middle East : After Colonel Regis's visit to Middle East, a programme was carried out by which it is expected that all IPW will have returned by August; to June it is projected to give a 11% to 13,400 and in July to 14,000. There are no to June 2nd only 36,319 IPW remaining out of the initial number 70,091.
- 7) India : The largest scale of repatriation was obtained in April when 8% of IPW returned. Out of the total of 37,350 IPW, 15,746 have been repatriated. Repatriation has been made for a hospital ship to be made available. It is hoped that all sick IPW in India will be repatriated late July.
- 8) Australia : Out of initial number 17,657 only 657 have returned. Few passages should be available for U.S. for repatriation of approx. 120 priority cases. Improvements are envisaged to arrange allocation of shipping when available.
- 9) Liberalized : Initial number of 541 is reduced to 15.
- 10) Peru : Initial number 2,000, none returned as yet.
- 11) U.S. : Initial number 51,356, all above had been repatriated by April 46.
- 12) France (U.S. held) : Initial number 45,000, all repatriated with the exception of a few isolated cases.
- 13) U.S. Africa (U.S. held) : Initial number 2,751, all repatriated.
- 14) French W. Africa : Repatriation from French W. Africa is at an end. Initial number

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was 37,300. On November 25 there were still 32,662. In origin there was in programme an exchange for 12,000 Germans PW for these IPW; number was reduced to 6,500, later to 4,250, till further negotiation with the French representative has cancelled completely this base of exchange.

- 15) Russia: Russian Ambassador in Rome states that there are no more IPW in Russia whilst Italian Government sustains there should be 8,374 still of the 20,000 initial number.

16) Germany: All 860,000 have repatriated.

17) France (4th Army): 35,000, all repatriated.

- 18) Belgium: Initial number 100,000 as to June 2nd only 11,043. "60" Assembly Centre in Trieste has been handling repatriation of IPW for many months and ample arrangements have always been made in Trieste for quick transit to their homes. On the 27th May 46, 600 were reported to have arrived and a thousand are expected by 15th of June. Programme was in embryo for the Chief of IPW to visit Yugoslav camps as Italian Government was in great concern as to the welfare of these prisoners, but consent was not granted.

- 19) Initial number of IPW in all hands as of May 15/45: 1,235,121 approx.
Repatriation to date: 1,093,619 approx.
Balance, to be repatriated as of 6/7/46: 136,502 approx.

Gen. General Commanding
M.H.I.A.

(Estimated figures only)

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19) Initial number of IPW in all hands as of May 15/46 : 1,285,121 approx.

Repatriation to date : 1,098,619 approx.

Balance, to be repatriated as of 6/7/46 : 186,502 approx.

Gen. General Commanding
M.M.I.A.

(Estimated figures only)

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

IPW/53/320

5/6/46

SUBJECT: Repatriation of IPW over-land/

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

Further to this Division letters IPW/63/295 dtd 15/5/46,
and IPW/53/310 dtd 2/5/46, and conversations with Gen. Mannerini.

1. The first train carrying IPW ex U.R. will arrive VERONA 19 July 1946. From that date onwards there will be arrivals on alternate days.

2. In view of the fact that 20,000 IPW are to be repatriated in this way, it is estimated now that the scheme will operate until approx 26 August 46, repatriating some 9000 per month.

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 67132

Message Centre No: H/3588

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 031519B

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 040900B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGGG

TO : ALCOM ROME

CONFIDENTIAL**CONFIDENTIAL:**

Please inform appropriate Italian Authorities that :

1. Eta first train of Italian PWs from England at Verona 19 June with successive arrivals on alternate days. Total of 20,000 IPW to be repatriated under this scheme. Programme at rate of 9,000 pec month.
2. Further details may be obtained direct from AQMG (N) Movements Liaison Officer, 1st building Rome.

Ref our F-66155, 19 May, FA 66361, 17 May, and F-66475, 20 May.

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ONE (.) FOLLOWING ONLY FORWARDED DIRECT TO YOU ON INSTRUCTIONS
 RECEIVED FROM AFM (.)
 TWO (.) PARA 3 OF YOUR 37900 (P) 1 OF 301845 MAY CONFIRMED
 EXCEPT THAT CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA WILL ARRIVE PORT SAID 15TH VICE
 MOST PROBABLY (.)
 THREE (.) CAPACITIES ARE BEING FORWARDED MINAGLIA & TROUBARD
 ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM PORT SAID CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA
 SIX HUNDRED (.)
 FOUR (.) TOSCANI WILL PROBABLY BE SAILED SECOND WEEK IN JUNE FOR
 PARMA BUT FURTHER SIGNAL WILL BE MADE POLI - GENOVA (.)
 FIVE (.) AN MINISTREY OF MARINE DO NOT WANT TO RELEASE CERTAIN
 IF WHICH CAN BE EMPLOYED ON IPW REPATRIATION FROM LEVANT RE NEXT
 EARLY CONFIRMATION THAT YOU WILL BE REQUIRED
 FOR JULY ONWARD FOR THIS PURPOSE

IMPORTANT

IPW Division

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INFO: AFHQ GHQ CMF ALCON ROME MIDEAST GHQ MEF

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INTEND TO EMBARK 31 FD REGT RA STRENGTH OFFICERS 18 CR'S 492 ON R T KING DAVID
 ETD PATRAS 8 JUNE ETA TRIESTE 10 JUNE. AGREED.

M/C NOTE: SENT TO YOU IN CASE EITHER DISPERS OR IPW ARE TRAVELLING IN MENTIONED SHIP.

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INCOMING MESSAGE**HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION**Originator's Reference: **17767/OET**Message Centre No.: **H/3488**Date/Time of Origin: **MAY 30 1230 B**Date Time Rec'd: **MAY 31 0900 B**FROM: **MIDEAST**Precedence: **ROUTINE**TO : **ALCOM ROME, INFO: BEMA ASMARA**

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Grateful reply my 10334/OET of 6 and 16160/OET of 24.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 37900 Q(M) 13

Message Centre No: H/3500

Date/Time of Origin 301845B

Date Time Rec'd MAY 311200H

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: MIDEAST

TO : (1) AFHQ FOR MESSG INFO (2) ALCOM 1 PW DIV ROME (3) MIAA ROME FOR REGIS (4) POLI (5) TROOPERS

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1. Ref your EX 66967 of 27 May and MIAA 1PW/39 of 27 May not to all.
2. As stated para 4 of my 16448 Q(M) 15 of 26 May Toscana and Sestriere are not required for repatriation Italian PW during June.
3. June programme for embarkation 1 PW is based on vessels being available as follows. Read name of vessel and eta Port Said. Attilio Regolo 10th. Mirallia 11th. Duca degli Abruzzi 14th. Monte Cuccoli 15th. Attilio Regolo 21st. Miraglia 24th. Monte Cuccoli 26th. Duca degli Abruzzi 27th. Attilio Regolo 2nd July.
4. Vessels capacities each sailing. Attilio Regolo 350. Miraglia 1000. Duca degli Abruzzi 800. Monte Cuccoli 700.
5. Request confirmation paras 3 and 4 above.
6. Unsuitability of Sestriere for repatriation ex Eritrea noted.
7. As Toscana not required to lift 1 PW request you confirm vessel can be utilized early Jun for repatriation of Italian civilians ex Massawa. My 16448 Q(M)S15 of 26 May para 6 refers.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **FX66782**Message Centre No: **H/3373**Date/Time of Origin: **MAY 271525B**Date Time Rec'd: **MAY 281000B**Precedence: **ROUTINE**FROM: **AFHQ G (MOV) GHQ CMF**TO: **MOV NAPLES ,INFO: ALCOM ROME MOV LO ROME DISTHREE NAPLES AREA SSTO NAPLES****RESTRICTED****RESTRICTED:**

Reference C41098 of 1 May and C43583 of 15 May.

Following amendments have been made.

1. (A) Strathnaver ~~0340~~ Delete all detail.
2. (A) Sefton (C) 333.
3. (A) Mauretania (B) 3 June (C) 4747 disembarks Taranto.
4. Subject for future amendments above completes programme of repatriation of Italian PW by sea from UK. Some 20,000 remain to travel via MEDLOC.
5. Agreed SSTO Caserta.

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INCOMING MESSAGE *IPW*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: *FX 66767* Message Centre No: *H/3347*
 Date/Time of Origin: *MAY.270943B* Date Time Rec'd: *MAY.271400B*
 Precedence: *ROUTINE*
 FROM: *AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGGG REUR 14517 Q (M) 1 S, 20 May.*
 TO: *MIDEAST INFO TROOPERS LONDON : ALCOM(MMIA) : FOLI*

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1. Programme for June Set forth in Foli signal of 202130 B (May) addressed to ~~Strome~~ lifting total of 16500 can be maintained subject to operational requirements of C in C Med. This amends figure for Italian vessels quoted your signal 13967 Q (M) 1 S, 17 May.
2. Reference paragraph 7 your 14517 Q (M) 1 S.
3. Toscana and Sestriere both included in June commitment above
4. Regarding July Sestriere unsuitable repatriations Eritrea.
5. Toscana can be made available end of June to lift 1800 IPW ex Eritrea monthly.

*This is replica of
an reply. Wait
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27 MAY 1946

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1) FOLIO 2) AFHQ

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ONE (.) REFERENCE YOUR 16448 Q (R) IS OF 200900 B (.)
REPLY REGARDING TOGCANA AND SEXTIERE WAS
SENT TO AFHQ ON THEIR INSTRUCTIONS UNDER MY
IPW/56 OF 221100 B (.)

TWO (.) AWAITING YOUR COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL (.)

THREE (.) FOR AFHQ YOUR F 66228 OF 150824 B REFERS (.)

IMPORTANT
IPW Division

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J.E. REGIS, Lt. Col. *R*

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INCOMING MESSAGE *IPW*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 16448Q (M) 1S

Message Centre No: H/3341

Date/Time of Origin: MAY 260950 B

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 271030

FROM: MIDEAST

Precedence: PRIORITY

TO : 1 MILIA ROME 2 AFHQ 3 FOL/4 ALCOM IPW DIV ROME 5 NOIC PORT SAID
6 NOIC NAPLES 7CIN C MED 8 TROOPERS FOR COL REGIS

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1. Subject repatriation Italian PW ex EGYPT during June
2. Owing to increased lifts PW in hired transports anticipate there will be no backlog end May. My 11799Q(M) 1S of May 10 para 3 refers.
3. Understood from you that shipping from Italian sourced would not be provided until mid June.
4. In view of paras 2 and 3 above June commitment for repatriation of 1 PW ex EGYPT can be met by use of vessels nominated in foli signal 201830 may not ~~at~~ to all excluding TOSCANA and SESTRIERE.
5. No reply has been received to my signal 11799 811(M) 1P of 10 May in which it was suggested that TOSCANA and SESTRIERE might be utilised to lift Italian civilian repatriates ex ERITREA.
6. The following repatriates are available for immediate embarkation at MASSAWA. Unaccompanied males 2629 families 1371 men women and children request immediate confirmation that arrangements can be made to route TOSCANA and SESTRIERE to MASSAWA during June to embark repatriates. As clearance considered matter of urgency and no alternative method of movement possible at present
7. Agreed ESTO med

ACTION: IPW SC

INFO: CHIEF COMM

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 16160/OET
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 24 1900 B

Message Centre No: H/3308
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 25 1500
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST
TO: ALCON ROME
INFO: BEMA ASMARA

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Further to my 10334/OET of 6 reference use of PW shipping for ~~xxx~~ moving civilian repatriates awaiting passage from Massawa to Italy. Understand shipping due to arrive Mideast from Italy in near future. Grateful you expedite decision.

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ACTION: FMIA 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Seen. Will chase
Ital Government for
reply & will reply
to G.H.Q. as soon
as possible

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.

Italian Prisoners of War Division

*Confidential*IPR/53/31022nd May 46SUBJECT: Repatriation of IPR from U.K. over land
TO : Autonomous Office for Repatriated IPR.Reference conversation even date with
General MANNING, and further to this
Division letter IPR/53/295 dtd 15.5.46.It is now probable that any IPR from
England will arrive in the Verona Area prior to
19.5.46.
This amends the date notified previously, i.e.
1.9.46.J. E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel, C.A.C.,
Chief
IPR DivisionCopy to: - Executive Commissioner Office,
attn: Capt. NICELEY.A
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M.M.I.A.

AFHQ

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REFERENCE YOUR F 66228 OF 150824 B AND MIDEAST SIGNALS
 13967 Q (M) IS OF 171940 B AND 14517 Q (M) IS OF 201155 B (.)
 ONE (.) SUBJECT TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF CINC MED
 PROGRAMS FOR JUNE AS IN FOLI SIGNAL OF 201130 B (MAY)
 ADDRESSED SBNOB CAN BE MAINTAINED LIFTING TOTAL OF 16500 (.)
 THIS AMENDS FIGURE FOR IT NAVAL VESSELS QUOTED IN ME
 SIGNAL 13967 Q (M) IS OF 171940 B PARA 2 (.) TWO (.) REF
 PARA 7 OF ME SIGNAL (.) TOSCANA AND SESTRIERE BOTH INCLUDED
 IN JUNE COMMITMENT ABOVE (.) REGARDING JULY SESTRIERE
 UNSUITABLE REPATRIATIONS ERITREA (.) TOSCANA CAN BE MADE
 AVAILABLE END OF JUNE TO LIFT 1800 IPF EX ERITREA MONTHLY (.)
 FOLI IS REQUESTED TO PASS HIS 201130 B/MAY TO AFHQ

PRIORITY

IPF Division

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J. E. REGIS, Lt? COL.

This amends folio
 288, 299 & 307
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SEVENS(R)C IN G MED, NOIC PORT SAID, NOIC NAPLES, MMIA. FROM FOLI(5)

Following is provisional programme of sailings for June to lift
 1-PGW from Port Said to Taranto. Read in two columns: name of ship
 and date of arrival Port Said.

A. SESTRIERE	3th
B. TOSCANA	9th
C. ATTILIO REGOLO	10th
D. MIRAGLIA	11th
E. ABRUZZI	11th (returns Naples)
F. MONTECUCCOLI	15th
G. SESTRIERE	18th
H. ATTILIO REGOLO	21st
I. TOSCANA	23th
J. MIRAGLIA	24th
K. MONTECUCCOLI	26th
L. ABRUZZI	27th
M. SESTRIERE	28th
N. ATTILIO REGOLO	2nd July,

2. All sailings from Taranto except A.B.D.E. and L from Naples.
 3. Capacity of TOSCANA 1800, of SESTRIERE 1600, of MIRAGLIA 1000.
 4. Request approval of MILCAST be obtained.

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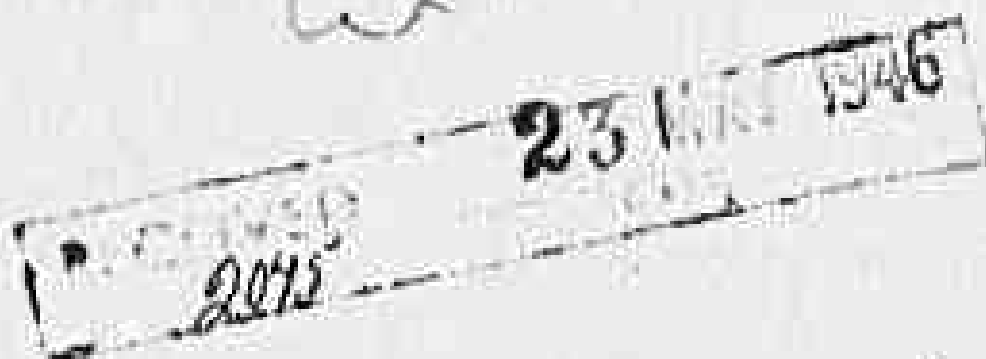
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 66475

Message Centre No: H/3147

Date/Time of Origin: MAY. 20 1630B

Date Time Rec'd: MAY. 21 0930

FROM: MTOUSA

Precedence: ROUTINE

TO: ALCOM ROME

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Please inform Italian Government not now probable that any Italian
Pics from England will arrive Verona Area prior to 15 June.

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ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,
(M) A. C.
Rec'd 21 MAY 1946
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 44547 Q(M) 18Message Centre No: H/2156Date/Time of Origin: 20 MAY 1155BDate Time Rec'd: 21 MAY 1400BPrecedence: IMMEDIATEFROM: MIDEASTTO: AFHA INFO: ALCOM 1 IN DIV MMLA FOR REGIS TROOPERS**RESTRICTED****RESTRICTED.**

1. REFERENCE YOUR CH4059 OF 18 MAY TO MIDEAST ONLY HERWITH REPETITION OF YOUR Q(M)18 11799 OF 10 MAY.
2. REFERENCE YOUR FX 65327 OF 26 AIR NOT TO TROOPERS AND VISIT COL REGIS TO CHA REF 7 MAY. FOLLOWING IS APPRECIATION OF POSN READ (A) AVAILABILITY OF IT PW FOR REPATRIATION (B) PROPOSED METHOD OF CLEARANCE.
3. (A) MAY 13500 INCL 3200 IN TRANSIT EX E AND S AFRICA. (B) HIBED TRANSPORT TOTAL LIFT APPROX 3750 IT NAVAL VESSELS 3950 VIDE MY 09208 OF 2 MAY NOT TO TROOPERS. BOCKLOG 6500.
4. (A) JUNE. EX EGYPT 13400 INCL MAY B/L 6500. EXTRIPOLI 1000. (B) HTS APPROX 5000. IT NAVAL VESSELS 3250 BUT REQUEST THIS FIGURE CONFIRMED. B/L 5150.
5. (A) JULY. EX EGYPT 14900 INCL JUNE B/L 5150 EX TRIPOLI 1000. (B) HTS APPROX 5150. IT NAVAL VESSELS 10750.
6. (A) 13500/ (B) IT NAVAL VESSELS 13500.
7. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO FORECAST FUTURE NUMBERS OF IT PW TO ARRIVE FROM COMIS EAST OF SUEZ FOR STAGING AND ONWARD SHIPMENT BUT ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY IN CLEARANCE BY HTS. FOR TROOPERS. ASSUME YOU WILL BE ADVISING ALCOM FUTURE PROGRAMME FOR REPATRIATION. 8. IN VIEW OF SHORT FALL PERSONNEL AGAINST OUR OFFER OF 15000 LIFT PER MONTH SUGGEST VESSELS BE ALLOCATED TO REPATRIATE ITALIANS EX ERITREA AND LATER TO ASSIST IN REPATRIATION EX E AND S AFRICA. MIDEAST SIGNAL 10334/DET OF 6 MAY. MAY ADDRESSED ALCOM ONLY REFERS. UNDERSTAND TOGGANA AND OR SEZTALARE MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO MEET THIS COMMITMENT.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:

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Message Centre No: H/3156

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9. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS.

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REFERENCE YOUR FS 66364 OF 181100Z (.) CONFIRMED MINISTRY
OF WAR DO NOT REQUIRE BARRACKS MENTIONED IN YOUR SIGNAL (.)
PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS ^{NOW} ~~ARE~~ MADE FOR RECEPTION AND DISPOSAL
OF IPW CALAIS - VERONA (.) PROPOSED TO USE CAMP AT PESOANTINA

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IPW Division

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J.E. REGIS, Lt. Col.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Originator's Reference: FE 66155

Date/Time of Origin: 181100Z

Message Centre No: 143079

Date Time Rec'd: 181118 1730

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: AFHQ, SICHEL, SALON, GIN, FLEMO

TO: AICOM

INFO: DISTRICT

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1. REFERENCE OUR F 66155 OF 13 MAY. FOR ALLIED COMMITMENT ESSENTIAL WE USE FOLLOWING BARRACKS AT VERONA FOR TRANSIT CAMP:
 - (A). DISTRICT MILITARY 1 VIA PANTAPANE.
 - (B). CAMPO FIORI 10 PIAZZA D'ARMI.
2. REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOR DATA TO WAR MINISTRY OF WAR THAT THESE MUST BE RESERVED FOR THIS PURPOSE. ARRANGEMENTS ON CAMPUS WILL BE MADE BY HQ 217 AREA.
3. REMARK THIS MAY BECOME TALKING AT DISTRICT CAMP BEING ESTABLISHED SOME WAY FROM VERONA. OK
4. FOR DISTRICT F 66155 OF 13 MAY NOT TO YOU.

AC 1131

ACTION: I P W S/C

INFO: DISTRICT

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DIRECTOR

CIPHER TELEGRAM

This message will not be distributed outside British or Commonwealth Headquarters without being O.T.P. need to be made.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 139672(M)LS

Message Centre No: H/3070

Date/Time of Origin: MAY 17 1940B

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 18 1130

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: MIDEAST

TO: AFHQ

INFO: ALCOM IPW DIV MALLA FOR COLONEL UOGIS

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CAN YOU REPLY YET TO PARA 7 OF OUR Q(M)LS 11799 10THMAY.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 13/13 OET
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY. 170830

Message Centre No: 11/3113
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY. 191400B
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST
 TO: ALCOH ROMS INFO: 32NA TRIPOLI

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Reference visit Colonel Regis subject repatriation to Tripoli of Italians in Tunis and Italy. Regret these persons cannot be accepted in Tripolitania for following reasons.

1. Delicate security situation as a result Paris conference. The move would certainly be misinterpreted and might precipitate explosion in present state public feeling.
2. Representations on whole subject repatriation now before war office and do not consider interim steps should be taken before decision given.
3. As regards ex Cyrenaicans these are uneconomically unabsorbable in Tripolitania where there are already a number waiting repatriation to Italy. No Italian repatriation to Cyrenaica is permitted. Paragraph 2. If these persons have status of PW office directions exclude repatriation to any country but Italy.

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COMMISSION ALLIÉE
EN ITALIE

Rome, le 14 Mai

1946.

LE REPRÉSENTANT FRANÇAIS

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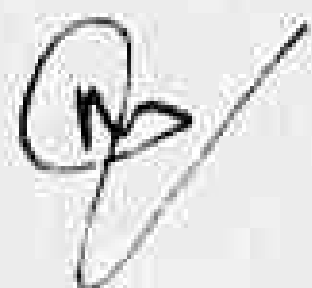
de : Représentation Française à l'A.C.
à : Colonel REGIS.

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Par télégramme du 8 Mai, le Gouvernement Général de l'Algérie fait connaître que quatre italiens expulsés seront embarqués le 15 Mai à PHILIPPEVILLE sur "Citta di Alessandria".

Le Gouvernement italien a été prévenu par l'Ambassade de France.

Le Lieutenant-Colonel CROS
Adjoint "Air"
au Représentant Français.



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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 66228

Date/Time of Origin: 150821 B

Message Centre No: H/2964

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 15 1130

Precedence: ROUTE E

FROM: AMEL SIGNED SIGNED CPT. MIMO

TO: ALGER ROME

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WILL YOU PLEASE SEND BY SIGNAL TO THIS HEADQUARTERS DRAFT OF SUITABLE REPLY
TO MEMO 11749-2 (4) 13 OF 10 MAY RE MOVEMENT ITALIAN POW

1 POW.

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ACTION: I.P.W. (2)

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/63/295

15/5/46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW from U.K. ~~land~~ ^{land}

TO : Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW

Ref. conversation even date Gen. Wannerini-Maj. Philips

1. There is a proposal under consideration to run a train from Calais to Verona area daily, commencing June 1st, for the repatriation of IPA from England.

2. The information is notified at this stage in order that you may begin preliminary planning for the reception and dispersal of 700 PW daily, over a period of several months.

3. Details of the plan will be conveyed to you as soon as they are known.

[Signature]
J.E. REGIS
Lt. Col.
Chief
I & Div.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner's Office
(PHILIPS-KNISELEY, spoke)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 66155

Message Centre No: H/2907

Date/Time of Origin: MAY 13 1926

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 14 0900

FROM: AFHQ SACMED CITE FHGEG

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

TO: ALCOM

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Proposal under consideration to run 1 train Calais to Verona area daily commencing 1 June for repatriation Italian PWS from England. Please inform Italian Government and ask them to commence preliminary planning for reception and dispersal of 6/700 pws daily over period of several months.

For your own information only, Verona is necessary for Allied Movement reasons. Details of plan will be conveyed to you as soon as they are known.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C43018

Date/Time of Origin: 13 MAY 1730B

Message Centre No: H/2899

Date Time Rec'd: 14 MAY 0900B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ (MOV) GHQ CMT

TO : MOV NAPLES, 60 EU ALGIERS INFO: DISTHRET: NAPLES AREA: ARNA: MIDEAST CAIRO: ALCOM

ROME: MOV TO ROME.

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1. ARGENTINA WITHDRAW FROM ALGIERS NAPLES FERRY FOR ONE VOYAGE AND PROCEED MIDEAST TO ENMARK APPROX 660 ITALIAN PW FOR NAPLES.
2. SCHEDULE NOW NAPLES ETD 14 MAY PORT SAID ETD 19 MAY NAPLES ETD 24 MAY ALGIERS ETD 27 MAY FOR NAPLES.
3. AGREED SSTO CAGENTA.

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REF 12500 Q (U) 1 D DATED 13 MAY (.) CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE
OF IPW AT TARANTO

also Mr. McFarlane

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IPW Division

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W. E. R. PHILIPS, Major

W. R. Phelps

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INCOMING MESSAGE *I P W*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 12300 Q(N) 13
 Date/Time of Origin: 131020B

Message Centre No: H/2882
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY 131630B
 Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: MIDEAST

TO: (1) AFH FOR PHODN INFO (2) ALCOM ROME

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1. Further to our 95208 dated 2 May 46 the following naval vessels allocated in addition to lift Italian PW middle east to Italy during May. Read (A) ETD Port Said (B) name of vessel (C) capacity (D) Port of arrival in Italy. 2. (A) May 14 (B) Duce degli Abruzzi (C) 350 (D) Naples (A) May 14 (B) granatieri (C) 150 (D) Taranto. 3. Request you confirm acceptance Italian PW in vessel routed to Taranto as shown above.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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REF 09200 (R) IS DATED 7 MAY (.) CONFIRMING IPW CAN
BE ADMITTED TARIFF

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IPW Division

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W.S.R. PHILIPS, Major

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: 12233

Message Centre No: H/2888

Date/Time of Origin: MAY 121030 E

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 131430

FROM: MIDEAST

Precedence: ROUTINE

TO : (1) AMHQ FOR PHADM, INPO (2) ALCOM ROME

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No reply received to my 09208 Q(M) 1 s of 2 May.
Request you expedite.

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AHQ Q (MOV) GRQ GRF

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REF YOUR C 41927 OF 8 MAY (.) NO TRACE OF MIZAST 0920 ON 1 S
OF 2 MAY (.) REQUEST YOU CONFIRM ADDRESSEE AND FORWARD COPY
OF SIGNAL

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IPW Division

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J.R. ROGERS, Lt. Colonel

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIONOriginator's Reference: C41927
Date/Time of Origin: 6MAY1405Message Centre No: H/2745
Date Time Rec'd: 8MAY0945
Precedence: PRIORITYFROM: AFHQ Q(MOV) GHQ CMF.
TO: ALID M ROME INFO: MIDEAST

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REQUEST YOU REPLY TO MIDEAST ROOM 1 S OF 2 MAY

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION
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COL. ANCLAVER - DIRECTION PRISONIERS DE GUERRE - ALGIERS

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COL. REGIE CHIEF IPW DIV ARRIVES ALGIERS BY AIR 15 MAY
TO DISCUSS REPATRIATION IPW

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W.S.R. PH11292, Major

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 11749Q(M) 1S

Message Centre No: H/2844

Date/Time of Origin:

Date Time Rec'd: 11 MAY 1948

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MEDEAST

TO: (1) AFHQ INFO (2) ALCOM IFW DIV NMIA FOR REGIS (3) TROOPERS

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1. REFERENCE YOUR EX 65327 OF 26 APR NOT TO TROOPERS AND VISIT COL REGIS TO GHQ MEF 7 MAY. FOLLOWING IS APPRECIATED POSN READ (A) AVAILABILITY OF IT FW FOR REPATRIATION. (B) PROPOSED METHOD OF CLEARANCE.
2. (A) MAY 13500 INCL 3500 IN TRANSIT E AND S AFRICA. (B) HIRED TRANSPORTS TOTAL LIFT APPROX 3750 IT NAVAL VESSELS 3750 VIDE MY 09208 OF 2 MAY NOT TO TROOPERS BACKLOG 6500.
3. (A) JUNE EX EGYPT 13400 INCL MAY B/L 6500 EX TRIPOLI 1000. (B) HTS APR OX 5000. IT NAVAL VESSELS 3250 BUT REQUEST THIS FIGURE CONFIRMED. B/L 5150.
4. JULY EX EGYPT 14900 INCL JUN B/L 5150. EX TRIPOLI 1000. (B) HTS APPROX 5150. IT NAVAL VESSELS 10750. ^{5.} (A) AUG 13500. (B) IT NAVAL VESSELS ~~13500~~ 13500 ✓
6. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO FORECAST FUTURE NUMBERS OF IT FW TO ARRIVE FROM COMDE EAST OF SUIZ FOR STAGING AND ONWARD SHIPMENT BUT ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY IN CLEARANCE BY HTS. FOR TROOPERS. ASSUME YOU WILL BE ADVISING ALCOM'S FUTURE PROGRAMME FOR REPATRIATION.
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8. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: SHEET 2

Message Centre No: H/2844

Date/Time of Origin:

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9. AGREED PSTO MED.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 42822

Date/Time of Origin: 11/7/51B

Message Centre No: H/2363

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 12 1013

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ (MOV) GHQ CMF

TO: MOV NAPLES INFO ALCON ROME MOV LO ROME DISTANCE NAPLES AREA
SETO ROME

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Ref our C 41698 of 1 May. 1. Delete Duchess of Richmond and all detail. ADD (A) Persommon (ZML 13 May (C) 1200. 2. After disembarkation casuels may be embarked for Mideast destination under arrangements Mov Naples. 3. Agreed.

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ACTION: IPW SC

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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

IPW/53/286

9/5/46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW -Australia-

TO : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW

1. In view of the unsatisfactory position regarding IPW Repatriation from AUSTRALIA, application was made to the appropriate authorities for information, and if possible, announcement of a planned programme.

2. The following is the text of a signal received in reply from Army Headquarters, AUSTRALIA, which is passed to you for your information:-

" Repatriation Italian PW from AUSTRALIA dependent on provision of shipping by British Authorities.

" No shipping yet available or in sight to lift large numbers PW, but few passages available soon to ME for repatriation, approx 120 priority personnel requested by Italian Government for reconstruction or on compassionate grounds.

" Understand TROOPERS endeavouring arrange allocation shipping as soon as possible but NO definite programme can be stated at present".

Handwritten: 48X
Handwritten: J.E. REGIS
J.E. REGIS, Lt.Col.
Chief IPW Div.

Handwritten: Chief of Div to SEE
Handwritten: 11/5

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 965.13

6 May 1946

SUBJECT: Italian PW - Movement Plans.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

The following message received from Army Headquarters,
Australia (2676 AG, 2 May) is passed to you for information, re-
ference this Headquarters' signal FX-65328 of 26 April:

A/ "Repatriation Italian PW from AUSTRALIA dependent on pro-
vision of shipping by British Authorities.

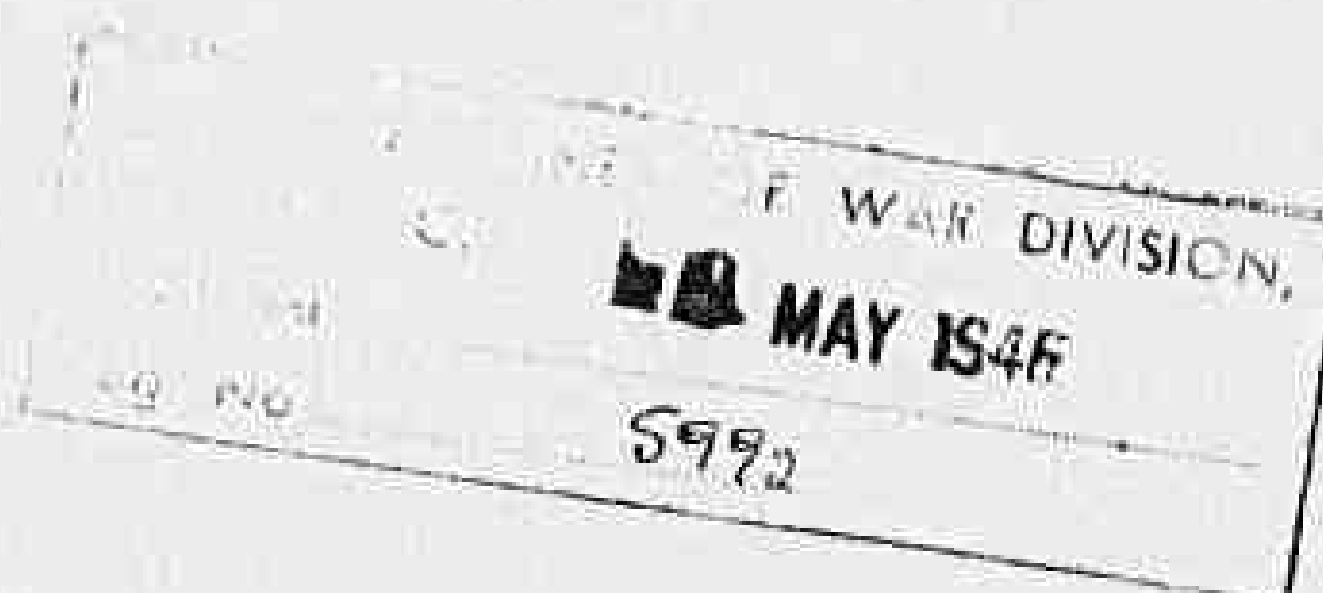
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as soon as possible but NO definite programme can be stated at present!"

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hambley
A. L. HAMBLEY
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 09208 Q(M) 15
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY 071515B

Message Centre No: H/2744
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY 080945
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST

TO: AFHQ

INFO: ALCOM ROME

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1. FOLLOWING NAVAL VESSELS ALLOCATED TO LIFT ITALIAN P MIDDLE EAST TO ITALY DURING MAY.

2.

ETD PORT SAID	NAME OF VESSEL	CAPACITY	PORT OF ARRIVAL ITALY
MAY 7	ATTILIO REGOLO	350	NAPLES
MAY 7	SCIPIONE AFRICANO	350	NAPLES
MAY 17	MONTI CUCCOLI	700	TARANTO
MAY 20	ATTILIO REGOLO	350	TARANTO
MAY 21	DUCE DEGLI ABRUZZI	800	TARANTO
MAY 29	MONTI CUCCOLI	700	TARANTO

3. REQUEST YOU CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE ITALIAN PW IN VESSELS ROUTED TO TARANTO AS SHOWN ABOVE

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ACTION: IPW S/C

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PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,
 C. - 9 MAY 1946
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Message Centre No: 11/2721

Date Time Rec'd: MAY.07.1968

Precedence: *ROUTINE*

RECEIVED 17 MAY 1946

AM informed that Italian Government is placing at disposal Middle East for repatriation POW sufficient shipping to move 15000 POW a month commencing June. AM also informed Middle East can only supply 10000 POW for this accommodation. May Italian Government be asked if some of this shipping can be used for repatriation both sexes and all ages civilians categories already accepted by them that is 800 financially assured 3000 selected by commission (your 1055 of 2 July 45 refers) and, if possible to effect a loading balance of lorries and drivers.

2. This arrangements would cancel today's proposals unaccompanied notes.

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 this to UNRRA ...
 reply to GHQ ...
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7 MAY 1946

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 65691

Date/Time of Origin: 031515

Message Centre No: H/2618

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 040900B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE ENGEG

TO: ALCOM ROME

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Para 1. Mideast can provide 10,000 PW monthly from inclusive June.

Para 2. Would be pleased discuss details with Colonel Regis signal his Eta and requirements for accommodation.

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ACTION: IPW SC

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Received
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/53/281

5/5/46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW from U.K.
TO : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW
" : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau
" : Ministry of War, Transportation, Maj. Minetti

Further to IPW/53/277, dtd 2/5/46

1. Appended below is the amended programme for repatriated IPW from U.K. during May; it will be noted that two additional ships, the "Capetown Castle", and the "Georgic", have been included.

ANDES	1/5	BTA ex U.K.	2290	IPW embarked
ORMONDE	4/5	" "	2150	" "
MATAROA	7/5	" "	1600	" "
STRATHEDEN	11/5	" "	3200	" "
SAMARIA	12/5	" "	2300	" "
CAMERONIA	12/5	" "	3050	" "
Duch. of RICHMOND	13/5	" "	3200	" "
CAPETOWN CASTLE	17/5	" "	3800	" "
GEORGIC	19/5	" "	5000	" "
STRATHMORE	23/5	" "	3750	" "
EMPR. of SCOTLAND	24/5	" "	3550	" "
SCYTHIA	24/5	" "	1300	" "
STRATHNAVER	28/5	" "	2500	" "

Total:- 37690

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

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Subject: Repatriation of Prisoners.

To : Director General,
I.S.R.

(Movements)
Mission Office,
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MBR/224/53.
3/5/46.

1. Herewith details of Italian POW repatriation to Naples during the month of May, subject to possible amendment.

NO. OF PERSONNEL

SHIP
APPR. DATE OF
DEPARTURE FROM
U.K.

✓ Andes	2 May	2290
✓ Ormonde	4 May	2150
✓ Rataroa	7 May	1500
✓ Stratheden	11 May	1600
✓ Samaria	12 May	2100
✓ Ceteroxie	12 May	3050
✓ Duchess of Richmond	13 May	3200
✓ Capetown	17 May	3500
✓ Castle	19 May	5000
✓ Georgic	23 May	1750
✓ Strathmore	24 May	3550
✓ Empress of Scotland	24 May	1300
✓ Soythia	28 May	2500
✓ Strathnaver		

Total 36020

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1. Herewith details of Italian POW repatriation to Naples during the month of May, subject to possible amendment.

SHIP	APPR. DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM U.S.	NO. OF PERSONNEL
✓ Vandes	2 May	2290
✓ Urmonde	4 May	3150
✓ Latarea	7 May	1500
✓ Stratheden	11 May	1500
✓ Samaria	12 May	2300
✓ Cameronia	12 May	3050
✓ Duchess of Richmond	13 May	3200
✓ Capetown	17 May	3800
✓ Castle		
✓ Georgic	19 May	5000
✓ Stretmore	23 May	3730
✓ Empress of Scotland	24 May	3550
✓ Scotia	24 May	1300
✓ Strathnaver	26 May	2500
	Total	35050

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G.H.C. 40382, Major R.S.

for A.M.G.(A).

Copy to : Ufficio Trasporti (Ministero Guerra)
Servizio Movimento, I.S.R.
I.P.M. Division, M.M.I.A.

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IPW/53/280

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW from N.Africa (French.)

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Further to our IPW/53/268, Jtd 23/4/46

Here is the up to date programme for repatriation of IPW from
 French N. Africa;-

SHIP	Date of sailing from Naples	Port of arrival	Date of arrival	date of return Naples
SESTRIERE	2/5	Casablanca	6/5	10/5
TOSCANA	30/4	Oran	4/5	9/5
MONTECUCOLI	4/5	Algiers	6/5	8/5
MIRAGLI	5/5	Algiers	7/5	9/5
CITTA' D'ALESSANDRIA	6/5	Philippeville	8/5	10/5
SESTRIERE	13/5	Casablanca	17/5	21/5
TOSCANA	14/5	Casablanca	21/5	28/5
MIRAGLI	14/5	Biserta	15/5	16/5
CITTA' D'ALESSANDRIA	13/5	Philippeville	15/5	17/5
SESTRIERE	24/5	Casablanca	28/5	1/June

To: Gen. Hammer

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

IPW/53/219

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3/5/46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW from Middle East

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Further to our IPW/53/209, dtd 23/4/46

Here is the up to date programme for repatriation of IPW from M.E.:-

SHIP	Leave Naples	Arr.P.Said	Arr.Naples
SCIPIONE AFRICANO	4/5	6/5	12/5
REGOLO	3 "	6 "	11 "
MONTECUCCOLI	13 "	16 " (Taranto: 21 "	
ABRUZZI	17 "	20 " "	25 "
REGOLO	16 "	19 " "	24 "
MONTECUCCOLI	25 "Taranto)	28 " "	2 June
EMPIRE HEYWOOD		8/5	
EMPIRE RIVAL		11/5	

*To: Gen. Hannon**214*

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FROM: MIDEAST

TO: AFHQ BOR SACRED CITE FHGEC + INFO: ALOOM ROME

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Your EX 65327 of 26 April. Can probably repatriate 10000 Italian PW monthly from inclusive June. Would be pleased to discuss details with Col REGIS. Signal ETA and requirements for accomodation.

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/53/277

2/5/46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW from U.K.

TO : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW
" : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau
" : Ministry of War, Transportation, Maj. Minetti.

1. The planned programme (subject to amendment) for the repatriation of IPW from U.K. during May 1946 is shown below and is forwarded for your information:-

SHIP	Approx. Departure U.K.	No of PW to be embarked
ANDES	2 May	2290
ORMONDE	4 May	2150
MATAROA	9 May	1600
STRATHEDEN	11 May	1600
SAMARIA	12 May	2300
CAMERONIA	12 May	3050
Duch. RICHMOND	19 May	500
STRATHMORE	23 May	3730
Empr. SCOTLAND	24 May	3550
SCYTHIA	24 May	1300
STRATHNAVEN	26 May	2500
Capestan Castle	17 May	3800
Grovia	19 May	5000
Total:-		29090

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: Q41098Message Centre No: H/2547Date/Time of Origin: 2220 May 011804BDate Time Rec'd: MAY020900

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ Q (MOV) GHQ CMF

TO : MOV NAPLES ALCOM ROME MOV LO ROME DISTHREE NAPLES AREA SSO NAPLES

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1. Programme for repatriation Italian PW to Naples during May is given in 2nd below. This is for planning purposes and is subject to amendment 2 read in 3 columns (A) Ship (B) Approximate EIL UK (C) Number of PW to embarked.
- (A) Andea (B) 2 May (C) 2290 (A) Ormode (B) 4 May (C) 2159 ~~(A) 2150~~ (A) Mataroa (B) 5 May (C) 1600 (A) Stratheden (B) 11 May (C) 1600 (A) Samaria (B) 12 May (C) 2300 (A) Cameronia (B) 12 May (C) 3050 (A) Duchess of Richmond (B) 19 May (C) 5000 (A) Strathmore (B) 23 May (C) 3750 (A) Empress of Scotland (B) 24 May (C) 3550 (A) Scythia (B) 24 May (C) 1300 (A) Strathnaver (B) 28 May (C) 2500. Total 36090.

Agreed.

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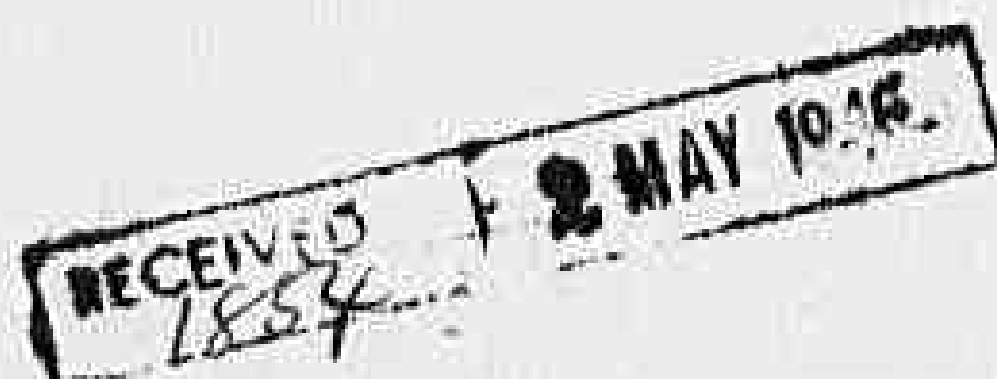
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Date Time Rec'd: MAY 1 0915

Precedence: ~~RESTRICTED~~ IMMEDIATE

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TO: AFHQ, CITE B-600 INFO: AFHQ, B-600

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(A) LITHIUM IODIDE	6th.
(B) ALUMINUM	7th.
(C) MONOCHLORIDE	16th.
(D) ANTIMONY IODIDE	18th.
(E) ARSENITE	20th.
(F) MONOCHLORIDE	28th.

(3) Delivery: MEMPHIS 70, AUGUST 200, AIRMAIL 50000-10
(4) NOTE is requested to State Department of Defense.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PX 65327
 Date/Time of Origin: APR 26 1504 B

Message Centre No: H / 2390Date Time Rec'd: APR 26 1645Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED SITE PHGEG
 TO : HQ MEF , INFO: ALCOM

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1. ~~Can~~ arrange transport to ITALY 15,000 PW per month commencing second week June. If you can make this number available Colonel REGIS can arrive your HQ about 8 May to discuss details.

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Originator's Reference: FX 65328

Message Centre No: H/2391

Date/Time of Origin: APR 261504 B

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Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED SITE PHOTOS

TO : HQ AUSTRALIA COMMAND, INFO: ALCOM

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The Italian Government is enquiring as to program repatriation Italian PWS held in AUSTRALIA. Grateful for information which we ~~may~~ may pass on.

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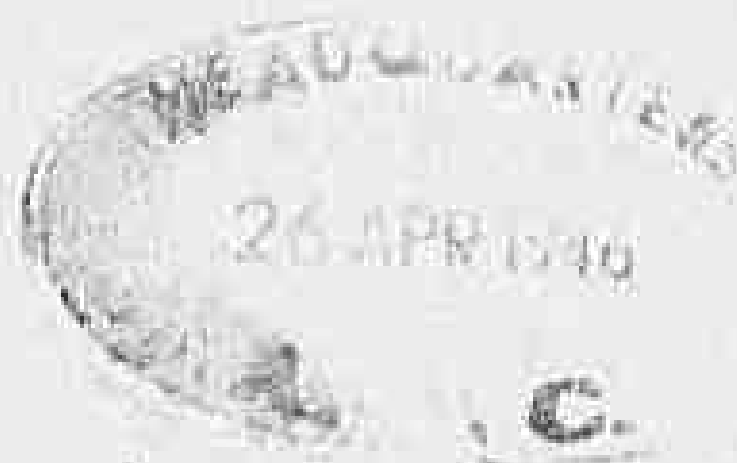
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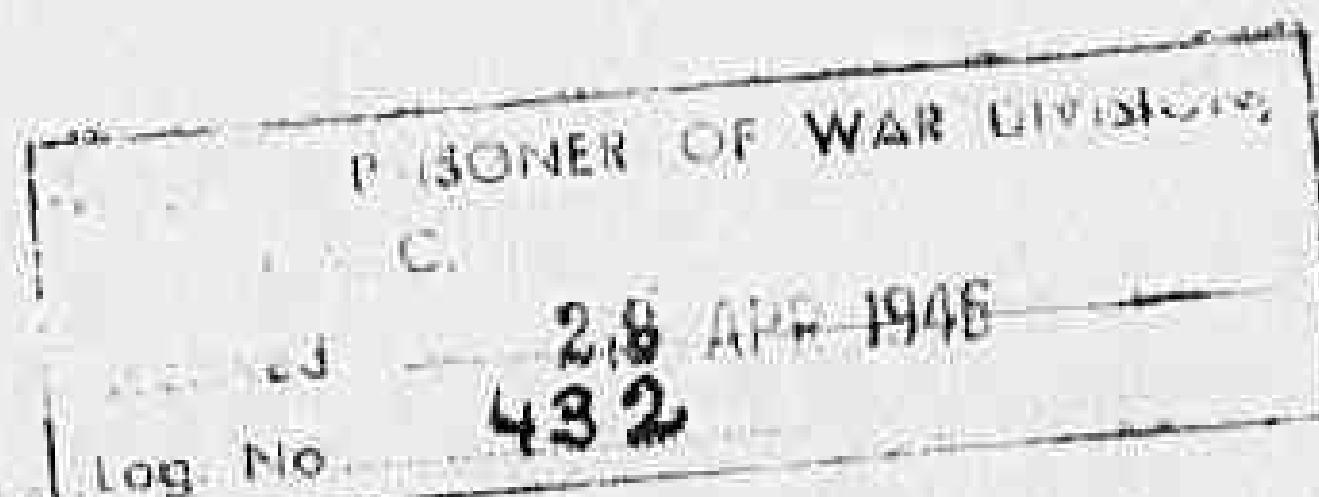
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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 Date/Time of Origin: 261524B

Message Centre No: H/2388
 Date Time Rec'd: APR 261645
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FREGG
 TO : HQ BTNA INFO ALCOM ROME

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Para 1. The French are pressing us to take about 600 Italian PW held in North Africa whose homes are in Tripolitania and Crendica.

Para 2. ~~There~~ are also in Italy temporarily held for dispersal 400 PWS also from those countries.

Para 3. Have you any objection to receiving these for ^{dispersal} ~~dispersal~~ ~~dispersal~~. Early acceptance by you of first group is especially desired.

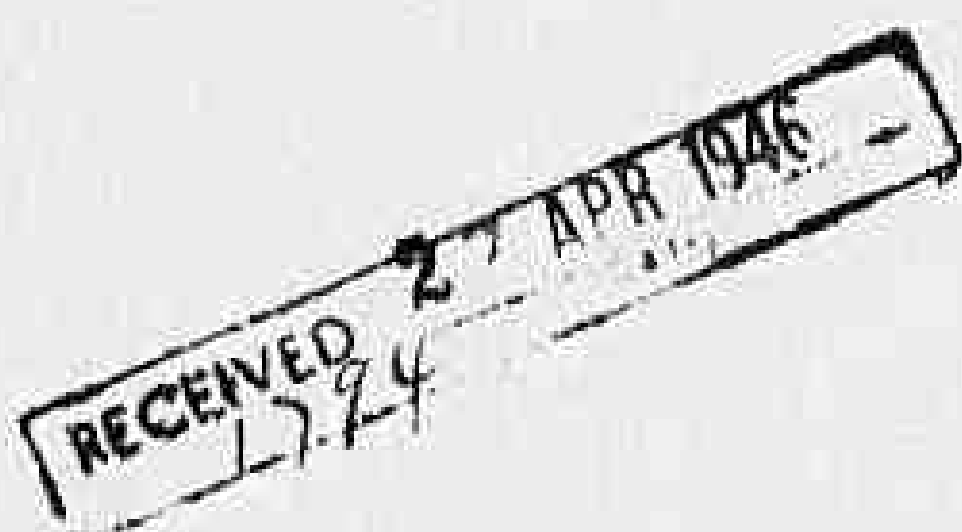
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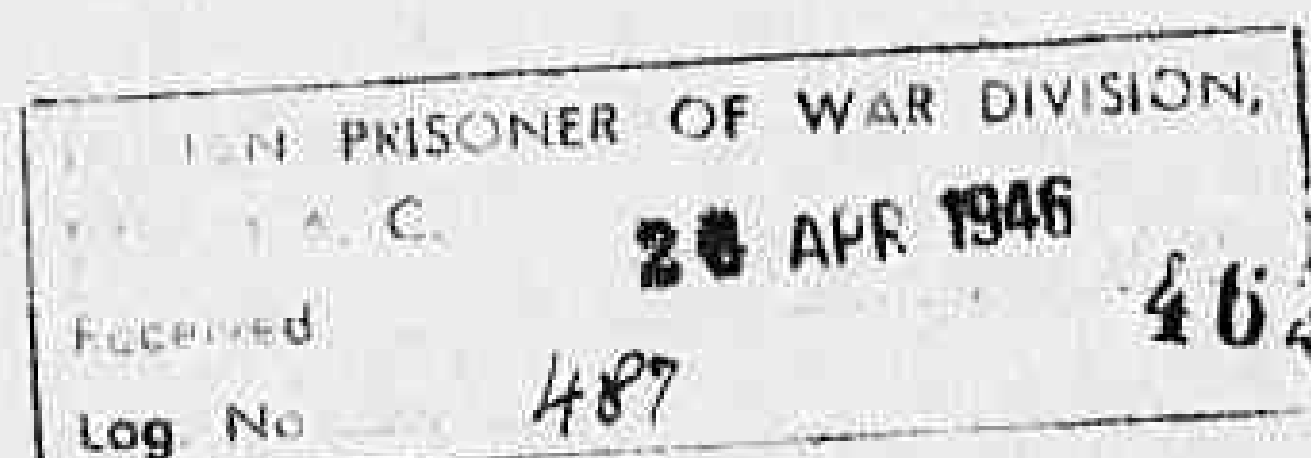


Good. Wait. 29/4.

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

IPW/53/269

23/4/46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW from M.E.

TO : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW
" : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau
" : Ministry of War, Transportation, Maj. Minetti

1. The following provisional programme for repatriation of IPW from Middle East, during May, is forwarded for your information:-

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>Leave Naples</u>	<u>Arr.P.Said</u>	<u>Arr.Naples</u>
ABRUZZI	4 May	7	12
REGOLO	3 "	6	11
MONTECUCOLI	13 "	16	21 (Taranto)
ABRUZZI	17 "	20	25 (")
REGOLO	16 "	19	24 (")
MONTECUCOLI	25 "(Taranto)	28	2 June (Taranto)

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

Copy to:- F.O.I.L. (Philips-Godsell spoke)

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

IPW/53/268

23/4/46

SUBJECT : IPW fro French N. Africa to Naples

TO : Ministry of War, Autcnomous Office for repatriated PW
" : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau
" : Ministry of War, Transportation (May.Minetti)

Ref. to IPW/53/249, dtd 19/3/46, & IPW/53/266, dtd 11/4/46

1. Appendix "A" to this letter shews complete programme for repatriation of IPW from French N. Africa during April & May 46.

2. This Programme has been approved by the French representative to this Allied Commission.


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

Encl.: Appendix "A"

copy to:- F.O.I.L. (infm. Lt. Gddsell)

" " French Repr. to A.C. (infm. Capt. Luquet)

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NOTE:- One ship may have to be diverted for transportation of Germans - if German ship not provided by U.S.A. 

PROGRAMME FOR REPATRIATION OF IPW FROM FRENCH NORTH AFRICA

APRIL - MAY 1946

SHIP	Date of sailing from Naples	Port of arrival	Date of arr vsl	Date of return Naples
MONTECUCOLI	15 April	Oran	18 April	20 April
SESTRIERE	15 April	Tripoli Casablanca	17 April) 22 April)	26 April
CITTA' D'ALESSANDRIA	15 April	Philippeville	17 April	19 April
TOSCANA	16 April	Oran	21 April	26 April
REGOLO	17 April	Philippeville	18 April	19 April
SCIPIONE	18 April	Philippeville	19 April	20 April
CITTA' D'ALESSANDRIA	22 April	Philippeville	24 April	26 April
ABRUZZI	25 April	Algiers	27 April	29 April
MIRAGLIA	26 April	Algiers	28 April	30 April
REGOLO	24 April	Oran	26 April	28 April
MONTECUCOLI	25 April	Oran	27 April	29 April
SCIPIONE	25 April	Philippeville	26 April	27 April
SESTRIERE	27 April	Casablanca	3 May	1 May
TOSCANA	29 April	Oran	3 May	8 May
CITTA' D'ALESSANDRIA	29 April	Philippeville	1 May	3 May
MONTECUCOLI	4 May	Algiers	6 May	8 May

Location	Departure Date	Destination	Arrival Date
CITTA' D'ALESSANDRIA	15 April	Casablanca	22 April
TOSCANA	16 April	Philippeville	17 April
REGULO	17 April	Oran	21 April
SCIPIONE	18 April	Philippeville	18 April
CITTA' D'ALESSANDRIA	22 April	Philippeville	19 April
ABRUZZI	25 April	Philippeville	20 April
MIRAGLIA	26 April	Philippeville	24 April
REGOLO	24 April	Algiers	27 April
MONTECUCOLI	25 April	Algiers	28 April
SCIPIONE	25 April	Oran	26 April
SESTRIERE	29 April	Oran	27 April
TOSCANA	29 April	Philippeville	26 April
CITTA' D'ALESSANDRIA	29 April	Casablanca	3 May
MONTECUCOLI	4 May	Oran	1 May
MIRAGLIA	5 May	Philippeville	1 May
CITTA' D'ALESSANDRIA	6 May	Algiers	6 May
SESTRIERE	12 May	Algiers	7 May
TOSCANA	14 May	Philippeville	8 May
MIRAGLIA	15 May	Casablanca	17 May
CITTA' D'ALESSANDRIA	15 May	Casablanca	21 May
SESTRIERE	15 May	Biserta	16 May
	15 May	Philippeville	17 May
	15 May	CASABLANCA	21 May

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The Secretary of the Admiralty

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 10/29/71 dated 4th April, 1971.

and in this connection it is still undecided whether the Italian Fleet
 unless from the Italian Fleet should not be used for this purpose.

4. In response to the Italian Government's policy regarding the return to
 the Italian Government of the ships listed for the 4th April of 1971
 in this letter No. 1155 dated 20th January, 1971, is requested.

W. G. GRANTHAM

for A.D. 3.3.71.

CCNY.

Office of
Principal Sea Transport Officer,
Mediterranean,
C.I.F., C.I.F.

Ref: 734/52

26th March, 1945.

CONSIDER-IN-CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE

(Copies to: Ministry of Sea Transport Representative,
Flag Officer, Italian Italy.)

REVIEW OF AN ITALIAN HOSPITALSHIP
FOR REPRODUCTION PURPOSES.

Your Ref. 14/596/17.1 of the 12th inst.

Up to the present no definite information has been received from London regarding the ultimate disposal of Italian vessels, but, advice regarding the "RINAPESMA GIOVANNI" has been requested and details of reply will be passed to you when received.

(Sd)

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

IPT/53/266

11/4/46

SUBJECT : IPW from French W.Africa

TO : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for Veterans & Repatriated
" : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau
" : Ministry of War, Transportation (Maj. Minetti)

Further to IPT/53/245 dtd 19 Mar 46

1. Appendix "A" to this letter shows additional programme for repatriation of IPW from French W.Africa during April '46.
2. The sailings shown therein have been agreed by French Representative to A.C.

J.E. ROGIS
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPT Div.

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Encl.: Appendix "A"

Copy to: F.O.I.L. (Inf. Lieut. GODEMUS)
" : French Rep. to A.C. (Inf. Capt. LUGNET)

Appendix "A" to IPF/53/266, dtd.11/4/46

SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMS FOR IPF REPERATION - Apr.'46

SHIP	SAIL FROM NAPLES	PORT OF ARRIVAL	DATE ARR.	RETURN NAPLES
SESTIERE	15	CASABLANCA 75% TUNISI	22	26
MIRAGLIA	15	ALGERE	17	19
CITTA' d'ALESSANDRIA	15	PHILIPPOVILLE	17	19
SCIPIONE AFRICANO	18	PHILIPPOVILLE	19	20
CITTA' d'ALESSANDRIA	22	PHILIPPOVILLE	24	26
ATTILIO REGOLO	24	ORAN	26	29
MIRAGLIA	24	ALGERE	26	28
SESTIERE	29	CASABLANCA	3/5	7/5
CITTA' d'ALESSANDRIA	29	PHILIPPOVILLE	1/5	3/5

CAPACITY: MIRAGLIA: 1000 - SESTIERE: 1600 - CITTA' d'ALESSANDRIA: 600

Appendix "A" to IPW/55/360, dtd 11/4/46

SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMME FOR IPW REPAIRATION - Apr. '46

SHIP	DATE FROM NAPLES	PORT OF ARRIVAL	DATE ARR.	RETURN NAPLES
ERE	15	CASABLANCA via TUNIS	22	26
IA	15	ALGERA	17	19
A'ALESSANDRIA	15	PHILIPPEVILLE	17	19
A'RICARDO	18	PHILIPPEVILLE	19	20
A'ALESSANDRIA	22	PHILIPPEVILLE	24	26
REGOLO	24	ORAN	26	29
A	24	ALGERA	26	28
RE	29	CASABLANCA	3/5	7/5
A'ALESSANDRIA	29	PHILIPPEVILLE	1/5	3/5

WIRAGLIA: 1000 - SESTRIERE: 1600 - CITTA' d'ALESSANDRIA: 600

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

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*Col Regis to see on return
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IPW/53/265

8 April 1946

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW -
India and French North Africa

TO : The Personal Representative of the President
of the USA to His Holiness the Pope

Reference Vatican Note No.119633/3 dated
26 March 46, forwarded by you to Capt V.L.Oddi,
Maison Division, Headquarters, A.C., under
cover of your letter dated 28 March 46.

1. There is a great improvement in the situation of the 37,000 IPW (French N.Africa). Five ships are at present operating between various ports in French N.Africa and Naples, repatriating now some 4000 per week. It is anticipated that by mid-April three more ships will be available and it is therefore hoped that French N. Africa will be cleared of IPW in a very short time.

2. The position in India has also improved and three ships carrying over 10,000 IPW are expected to arrive in Naples during this month. Representation has been made to the highest authorities for the release of the two ships mentioned in the Vatican Note under reference, the Vulcania and Saturnia; these ships were originally earmarked for the use of U.S. troops, but are at present lying in Bombay.

3. In view of the large-scale repatriation recently notified in connection with India, as a result of which some 40% of the IPW will be returned, the need for the Vulcania and Saturnia becomes less urgent; nevertheless, application has already been made for their use and if they are made available in addition to the three ships due to arrive during April, so much the better.

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4. Would you kindly inform the Secretariat of State of the Pope of the gist of this letter.


JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

Copy to : His Britannic Majesty's Minister
to the Holy See (Telecon of 3 Apr 46 refers)

THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO HIS HOLINESS THE POPE
2, via Boncompagni, Rome.

10000 S/C
att. Capt. De Massi

March 28, 1946.

Dear ~~Captain Oddi~~:

There is enclosed, for such consideration as may be deemed appropriate, a copy of Vatican Note No. 119688/S of March 26, 1946 addressed to this office, concerning the desired repatriation to Italy of Italian prisoners of war in French North Africa.

Sincerely yours,

Harold H. Tittmann

Harold H. Tittmann
Assistant to the Honorable Myron C. Taylor

Enclosure:
Copy of Vatican Note

[Handwritten signature]

Captain Victor L. Oddi,
Liaison Division,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
Rome.

U.S. PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,
WASHINGTON, D.C.
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SEGRETERIO DI STATO
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No. 119688/S

Dal Vaticano, 11

March 26, 1946

N. 119688/S

The Secretariate of State of His Holiness presents its compliments to the Assistant of the Personal Representative of the President of the United States of America to His Holiness and, in view of many and pressing appeals directed to the Holy See, takes the liberty to recommend to His kind attention and consideration the unfortunate situation of the reported 35,000 Italian prisoners of war in French North Africa who are awaiting repatriation to Italy.

In a current communication to this Secretariate of State, His Excellency the Most Reverend Arthur Hughes, Regent of the Apostolic Delegation at Cairo, reported that he recently discussed the present matter with Admiral Raffaelli de Courten, Minister of the Italian Navy, and that the latter affirmed the inability of the present Italian Navy to provide shipping space for so great a number of men. The Admiral pointed out that effective transport could be provided if it could be found possible to make the Steamships Vulcania and Saturnia available for this large repatriation task and if also some shipping might be allotted for this purpose from the United Nations Shipping Pool. Admiral de Courten also suggested that available space in British shipping returning from the Far East might possibly lend a measure of assistance in this regard.

At the request of His Excellency Bishop Hughes, who is familiar with the unfortunate situation of the great number of prisoners of war involved, the Secretariate of State, which is not unmindful of the many complex problems which the scarcity of available shipping presents at this time, would take the liberty of asking Mr. Harold H. Tittmann to refer these suggestions to the competent Allied Authorities for the consideration and attention which they may be deemed to merit.

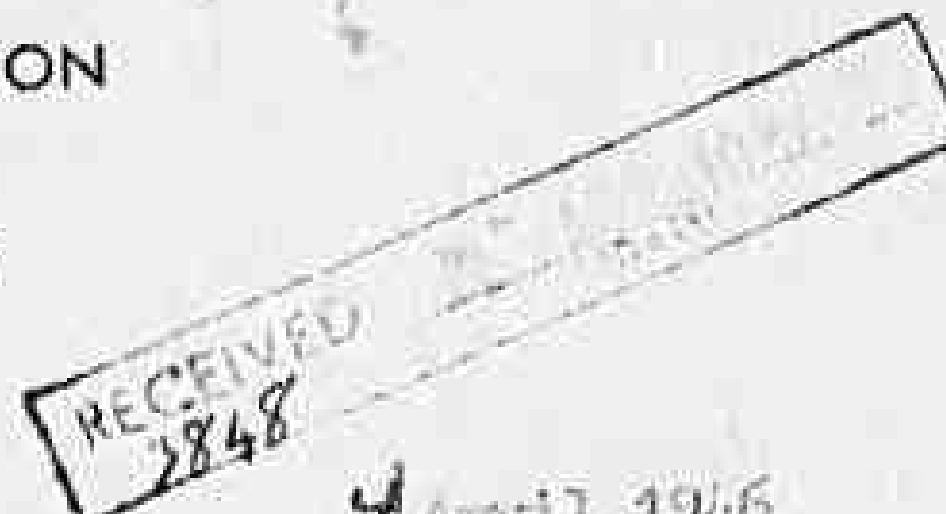
A similar communication is being sent to His Britannic Majesty's Minister to the Holy See.

Mr. Harold H. Tittmann
Assistant of the Personal
Representative of the President of the
United States of America to His Holiness

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner



4 April 1946

Ref: 8262/19/46

SUBJECT: Exchange of German P.W. for Italian P.W.
in French Hands.

1/00

TO : French Representative to A.C.

Ref Land Forces Sub-Commission (I.P.W. Branch) Letter no.
IPW/53/259 of 28 March 1946, copy to you.

It is requested that you ask your Government to instruct
your Ambassador in Washington to take up this matter with the United
States Government Direct, as AFHQ are no longer in a position to act
in this case.

For the Chief Commissioner,

A. W. Knisely.

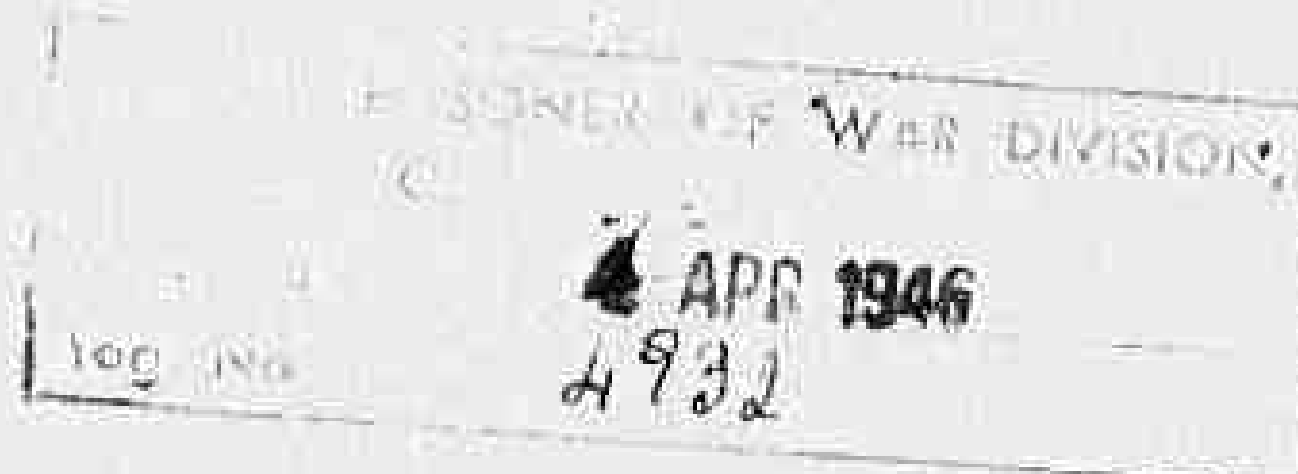
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.O.
 E.M.I.A.
 ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

Chief of Div. Sec
Concurrence
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1/4/46

IPW/53/261

SUBJECT: Repatriation of IPW ex U.K. (proposed plan)

TO : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW
 " : " " " Transportation
 " : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau

1. The following table showing planned programmes for repatriation of IPW from UK. to Naples for the month of April is forwarded for information:-

SHIP	Approx ETD UK.	Approx. NSEW to be embarked
Monarch of Bermuda	10 April	2650
City of Paris	11 April	1365
Durban Castle	20 April	2119
Canton	15 April	1950
Ascania	17 April	2070
Empire Arquebus	17 April	800
Mauretania	19 April	4800
Britannic	End April	2800
Dominion Monarch	25 April	2500

Total:- 21054

2. All ships will be routed to Naples except Mauretania which will be routed to Taranto; you will be informed if any change will ~~take place~~ *take place this plan.*

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

4/4/46
[Signature]

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 344006
 Date/Time of Origin: MARCH 29 1654B

Message Centre No: H/1384
 Date Time Rec'd: MARCH 30 0900B
 Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ (M) GHQ CMF
 TO: MOV NAPLES, INFC / DISTHREE NAPLES AREA ALCOM ROME

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1. Programme for repatriation Italian PW Ex UK during April is given in second below. This is for planning purposes and is subject to amendment.
2. Read in 3 columns.

SHIP	APPROXIMATE ETD UK	NUMBER OF PW TO BE EMBARKED
Monarch of Bermuda	10 April	2650
City of Paris	11 April	1365
Durban Castle	20 April	2119
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Britannic	End April	2800
Dominion Monarch	25 April	2500
Total		21054.

- 3 All vessels will be routed to Naples except Mauretania which will be routed to Taranto subject to confirmation later.
- 4 Agreed.

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

IPW/53/260

29/3/46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW from INDIA

TO : Director of Public Relations Branch

Ref. telecon. of even date Major Leacacos-Maj. Philips

1. Information has been received from Q.H.Q., C.M.F., regarding the repatriation of IPW from India, as follows:-

ORIGIN	SHIP	APPROX. ETA NALES	APPROX. NO TO BE EMBARKED
Bombay	Nea Hellas	10 April	3000
Colombo	Duchess of Bedford	14 April	3800
Bombay	Empress of Australia	26 April	3500

2. This is the first large-scale repatriation from India, and the above total (10,000) represents 40% of IPW held in India.

3. In accordance with instructions, issued by Chief Commissioner, the above information is forwarded for favour of your communication to the Italian Press.


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

Copy to: Executive Commissioner (Hynd-Smith-Philips, spoke)

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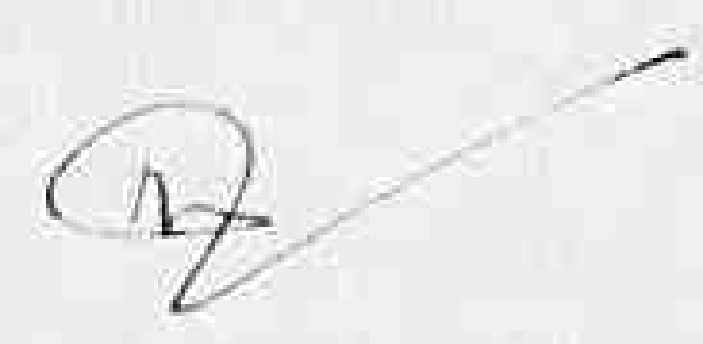
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SUBJECT: Exchange of German PW for IPW in French Hands.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

Ref. year 5262/EC dtd 17 Jan 46, and telecon McLeary-Philippe
of even date.

1. It is understood that agreement has been reached between the French and Italian authorities regarding the replacement of IPW by German PW in French N.Africa.
2. The original number of GPR required by the French Government was 12000, which was reduced to 6500. (vide this Division letter 53/194 dated 12 Feb 46). This has been reduced further: the French Representative has informed this Division that only 4250 are now required.
3. In view of the progress now being made in the repatriation of IPW from French N.Africa, it is strongly desired that confirmation be obtained from the U.S. authorities regarding the provision of German PW from U.S.A., together with a proposed programme showing numbers and dates of departure.


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

Copy to:- French Representative to A.C.

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

IPW/53/528

26/3/46

SUBJECT : IPW from French N.AFRICA

TO : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW
" : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau
" : Ministry of War: Transportation, Maj. Minetti

1. Please amend appendix "A" of our letter: -53/249 dtd 19/3/46, to read:
ABRUZZI, departure from Naples 2 Apr., arrival Algiers 4/Apr.,
return to Naples 6/Apr.
2. This has been agreed by the French Representative at this H.Q.


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

Copy to: P.C.I.L. (inf.-Lt. Godson-)

TOSCANA	2 viaggi Orano	n. 3600
ABRUZZI	3 " Algeri	" 2550
MONTECUCCOLI	2 " Orano	" 1400
REGGIO	4 " Philippeville	" 1600
	Totale	9150

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Riserva impiegare appena possibile:

	Località	Residenza 1-12-45	Trasporto	Risparmio al 1 Aprile
IL BESTIARI con Casablanca	Philipp.	7.000	1.800	5.200
" MIRAGLIA con Algeri	Algeri	6.500	1.700	4.800
" G.DI ALESSANDRIA con Philippeville	Orano	10.000	4.400	5.600
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/53/256

25/3/46

SUBJECT: Repatriation of IPW from INDIA and Middle East

TO : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for War Veterans &
Repatriated PW.

1. Confirming teleconversation, Maj. Philips-Col. Anfoso, of
even date, following is planned programme for the repatriation
of IPW from INDIA and Middle East:

<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>SHIP</u>	<u>ETA NAPLES</u>	<u>Approx. No PW</u>
M. East	Empire Mace	28/3	900
Colombo	Duchess of Bedford	14/4	3800
Bombay	Nea Hellas	10/4	3000
Bombay	Empress of Australia	26/4	3500

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

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Copy to: Ministry of War, Ufficio Trasporti, Maj. Minetti
" " : Ministry of Post War Assistance

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London	100 calls	100 calls	100 calls	100 calls
India	100 calls	100 calls	100 calls	100 calls

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2. The table showing the position of registration of the at 17 March 40 is attached for your information.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **C 32733**
 Date/Time of Origin: **22MAR1730B**

Message Centre No: **H/1076**
 Date Time Rec'd: **23MAR0900**
 Precedence: **ROUTINE**

FROM: **AFHQ Q(M) GHQ CMF**

TO : **MOV NAPLES INFO: DISTHREE NAPLES UREA ALCOM ROME**

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FOLLOWING IS PLANNED PROGRAMME FOR REPATRIATION ITALIAN PW EX MIDEAST AND INDI.

READ (A) ORIGIN (B) SHIP (C) APPROX ETA NAPLES (D) APPROX NUMBERS TO BE EMBARKED.

(A) ME (B) EMPIRE MACE (C) 28 MARCH (D) 900 (A) CONOMBO (B) DUCHESS OF BEDFORD

(C) 14 APRIL (D) 3800 (A) BOMBAY (B) NEA HELLAS (C) 19Y APRIL (D) 3000 (A)

BOMBAY (B) EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA (C) 26 APRIL (D) 3500.

2. MOVEMENT OF THE VESSELS AFTER DISEMBARKATION WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF SUBSEQUENT SIGNALS.

3. AGREED ESTO (MED)

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SHIPS FOR THE REPATRIATION OF PRISONERS OF WAR.
(Navy Sub Commission's Minute II dated 18th March, 1946 on
Ministry of Marine's letter No. 4512 dated 26th
February, 1946).

III.

No. F.O.L.I. 1026/8.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

(Copies to:- The Principal Sea Transport Officer, Mediterranean.
The Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission.
The Military Mission to the Italian Army,
Allied Commission).

Forwarded for consideration.

The Principal Sea Transport Officer, Mediterranean has already stated in his letter No. 624/3P dated 23rd February, 1946, not to all addressees, that the "PRINCIPessa GIOVANNA" is fully employed on repatriations from the Middle East and Italy to the United Kingdom and is not available for release to the Ministry of Marine. The other vessels referred to in paragraph 4 of Minute I are understood to be operated by the United States Army and of these both "SAFUMIA" and "VULCANIA" are believed to be in Indian waters.

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3. In these circumstances and despite the decision in paragraph 2 of Admiralty Message timed 131150 November, 1945, not to all, it may now be considered desirable to seek the release of one of the vessels quoted in paragraph 4 of Minute 1.

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REAR ADMIRAL.

C O P Y

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Directorate General of the Mercantile Marine)
To : A.C. - N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 26th February 1946
Ref.: 4512.

Subject: Ships for repatriation of prisoners

The Council of Ministers has instructed me to submit the following matters for the examination of the Allied Commission:

1. The repatriation of Italian P.O.W. is at present effected by means of I.R.N. cruisers and the ss. "TOSCANNA" which, among the merchant vessels available for civilian use, is the only one that can be put to use for this purpose.
2. Using these craft repatriation is a very slow and uneconomical process, and it causes a justifiable disappointment among those concerned, for they see their expectation to return to their homeland unfulfilled after a long absence of nearly six years in some cases.
3. On the other hand the return of ex-P.O.W. to Italy is a matter of outstanding social importance.

Therefore it is considered desirable to expedite the movement by sea, using suitable vessels, in order to meet the evident requirements of those concerned.

4. In consequence it is submitted that the Allied Commission consider the possibility of giving back to the Italian Government authorities, for the above transportation requirements, the following passenger vessels:

- SATURNIA - VULCANIA - PRINCIPessa GIOVANNA - ARGENTINA or, at least, a number of them.

5. This matter is brought forward in the assurance that it may be examined in the most favourable light possible, and it is requested that we may be informed of the decisions reached as soon as possible.

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(Sgd.) DE COURVEN
THE MINISTER.

II.

Date: 18th March, 1946.
From: Navy Sub Commission, HQ. AC.
To : P.O.L.I. ROME.

Forwarded for appropriate action.

(Sgd.) F.H. THOMAS
for CHIEF NAVY S/C

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

IPW/53/252

25 March 1946

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

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

Ref. your 3262/EC dated 17th Jan. 46 and further to this Division letter IPW/53/194 dated 12 Feb. 46

1. Information has now been received from the French Representative to AC to the effect that the French Government have reduced the number of German PW to replace Italian PW in French North Africa to 4250

2. The programme of repatriation of IPW from French North Africa is progressing swiftly, and it is feared that discontent will arise when personnel are retained because of the delay in replacement by German PW from USA. If no decision is reached in the near future, plans will have to be made to withdraw an equivalent number of PW from France

3. In view of the above, may the question please be taken up with GHQ (G5), and this Division notified of position as soon as possible.

(CDD) JER
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the French Representative

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N° 2823

Rome le 18 Mars 1946

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée
à

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

1. - Je me réfère à votre lettre N° 2798 du 2 Février 1946.
2. - Le Gouvernement Français me fait connaître que les Autorités d'Afrique du Nord ont réduit à nouveau de 6.500 à 4.250 le nombre des prisonniers de guerre allemands devant remplacer les prisonniers de guerre italiens travaillant actuellement en Afrique du Nord.
3. - Notre représentant à Washington a été avisé de cette modification.

p.o. Le Capitaine LUQUET.

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TENENTE ROMANO COMITATO RITORNO PRIGIONIERI MINISTERO ASSISTENZA
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STRONG REPRESENTATION HAS BEEN MADE TO HIGHEST AUTHORITY
FOR ~~COLLABORATION~~ OF SATURNIA AND VULCANIA FOR IPW.
ALLOCATION

MAJOR W.E.R. PHILIPS

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FROM:

TO UGS AMMIRAGLIO STONE ROMA ==

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SATURNIA VULCANO ATTUALMENTE BOMBAY PER RIMPATRIO PRIGIONIERI
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.E.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/53/249

19/1/46

SUBJ OF : IPW from French N.AFRICA to Naples

TO : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for Repatriated
PW
" : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau
" : Ministry of War Transportation, Maj. Minetti

1. Appendix "A" to this letter shows planned programme for repatriation of IPW from French N.Africa during April 46.

2. This programme has been approved by the French authorities and is forwarded for your information.

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

Encl.: as above

Copy to: F.O.I.L. (inf.-Lt. Godeau) (less appendix "A")
Please give as much notice as possible of proposed sailing of SS. SESTIERE.

Godson
I must see the French
[Signature]

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DEPUTATIONS CONTINUALLY ARRIVE AT THIS HQ FOR INFORMATION REGARDING
I P W REPATRIATION PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT OF AUSTRALIA
INDIA AND SOUTH AFRICA (.)
MANY QUERIES ARE ALSO RECEIVED THROUGH THE LT. GEN. OF THE REALM
AND THE POPE(.) ALTHOUGH INFORMATION CAN ALWAYS BE GIVEN REGARDING
U S U K AND N AFRICA IT IS EMPHASISED THAT THIS DIVISION
HAS LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF PROPOSED MOVEMENTS FROM COUNTRIES MENTIONED
ABOVE (.) MAY NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED PLANS BE GIVEN AS EARLY
AS POSSIBLE

MAJOR W.E.R. PHILIPS

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

IPW/53/247

15/3/46

SUBJECT : Closing of Port of TARANTO for British
shipping repatriating PW.

TO : Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW

Gen. Mannerini - Lt.Col. Regis spoke 15/3/46.

1. Representation was made by this Division to G.H.Q. regarding the closure of TARANTO to British shipping, and it was pointed out that an additional strain would be inevitably thrown on the accommodation at NAPLES.
2. A reply was received today, in which GHQ state that the decision cannot be reviewed, and suggest that rail transport be used for IPW from Naples to Taranto, and if necessary, to the Camp at Leghorn.
3. GHQ have been informed that in the event of Naples becoming overcrowded, this suggestion (see para 2 above) would be carried out.

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(SGD) J.E.R.
J.E. REGIS, Lt.Col.
Chief IPW Div.

Copy to: Ministry of War, Transport, Maj. Minetti.

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

IPW/53/246

15/3/46

SUBJECT : Closing of the Port of TARANTO for British
shipping repatriating P.W.

TO : G.H.Q.
C.M.F.
attn. - Movements

Ref. your Mov 1/6-D/PW/GEN, dtd 13/3/46

1. The points in your a/q letter are noted, and it has
been agreed that IPW must travel by rail from NAPLES to
TARANTO, and if necessary to LEGHORN, in the event of
overcrowding at NAPLES.

For the Chief Commissioner.

(Sgd) J.E.R.

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

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(MOVEMENTS)

GMA GMA



Mov 1/6 - D/PW/GEN

Tele FREEDOM 395

13 Mar 46.

SUBJECT : Closing of the port of TARANTO for
British shipping repatriating Italian PW.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission AC,
(IMIA) ROME.

1. Ref your IPW/53/239 of 7 Mar 46.
2. Owing to the large reduction in British manpower available in this theatre, all British shipping must now be handled by the port of NAPLES. TARANTO cannot be reopened to British shipping solely for the purpose of handling Italian PW.
3. If the camp capacity in NAPLES is found to be inadequate for the accommodation of Italian PW on arrival, it is suggested that they might be sent by rail from NAPLES to the existing camps at TARANTO and LEGHORN.
4. It is not understood why PW from French NORTH AFRICA, which are NOT carried in British ships, should not be routed to TARANTO or LEGHORN. Furthermore the US authorities might be approached with a view to repatriating Italian PW from the US through LEGHORN.

ADR/lwc

T.L. BENTLEY, Lt Col,
for Brigadier DAG(M).

Copies to: G-5 (copy of IPW/53/239 of 7 Mar 46 attached)
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.D.
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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/53/244

14 March 1946

TO: C.O.C. - HQ M.M.I.A.

Reference memorandum of 13 March 46 and conversation of same date, the following details regarding IPW are forwarded.

1. It is appreciated that the greater part of shipping available for IPW repatriation is at present devoted to U.K., U.S. and N. Africa. At present, plans for other repatriations are not fully known. A strong plea for early notification of these plans, with particular regard to S. Africa, India and Australia, has been forwarded to GHQ under IPW/7 of 12 1015A (Mar); a reply is awaited.

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

11/3/46

IPW/53/243

SUBJECT : IPW from U.K. to Naples

TO : Ministry of War, Autonomous Office for Repatriated PW
 E : " " Ufficio Trasporti, Maj. Minetti
 " : " of Post War Assistance, 67 Bureau.

Reference this Division letter 11/53/243 and 23/2/46.

1. Please amend the programme for repatriation of IPW from U.K., notified in the v/a letter, as follows:-

Ship	Approx. STD U.K.	IPW Embarked
Dunottar Castle	2/Mar/46	2250
Dilwara	4/ " "	2100
Duchess of Richmond	14/ " "	3296
Queen of Bermuda	15/ " "	3646
Georgic	21/ " "	5038
Empire Trooper	24/ " "	1524
Empress of Australia	26/ " "	3370
Chitral	28/ " "	5098


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

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 29002

Message Centre No: H/347

Date/Time of Origin: MAR 08 1904 A

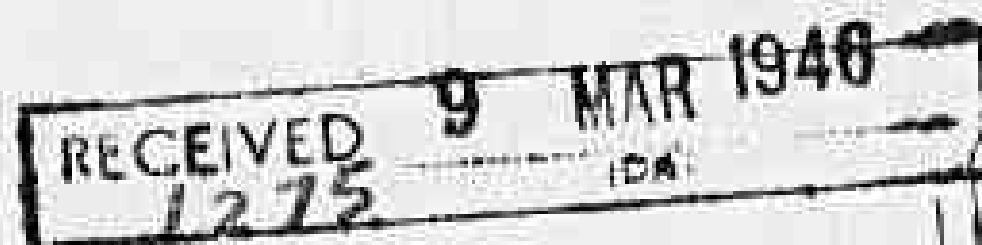
Date Time Rec'd: MAR 090850

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ Q(MOV) GHQ CMF

TO : MOV NAPLES

INFO: DISTHREE NAPLES AREA ALCOM ROME



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1. Ref our C 24995 of 22 Feb.
2. Programme for repatriation Italian PW is amended as follows.
3. Read:

Ship	Approximate ETD UK	Number of PW to be embarked
Unottar Castle	2nd March	2256
Dilwara	4th March	2100
Duchess of Richmond	14th March	3296
Queen of Bermuda	15th March	3646
Al Georgic	21 March	5038
Empire Trooper	24th March	1524
Empress of Australia	26th March	3370
Chitral	28th March	3099

4. Agreed.

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INFO ACTION: IPW

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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SUBJECT : Closing of Port of Taranto for Brit. Shipping
repatriating IPW.

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Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.,
 (M.M.I.A) K U M E.

IPW/53/239 7/3/46

To : GHQ, CMF (U. Movements).

Ref. Troopers signal 32101 PW dtd 29/oct/45, and your
 FX 51728 of 031700 A (Nov) (A. Branch), and the conference
 held at GHQ on 2 Nov 45, to discuss arrangements for
 the reception of repatriates in Italy, when it was de-
 cided to use the ports of LEBURN & TARANTO, in addition
 to NAPLES.

1. It is now understood that instructions have been
 issued by U. Movements, GHQ CMF, to effect that all Brit.
 shipping, arriving with IPW in S. Italy, will dock at
 NAPLES. Previously TARANTO was used by a fair propor-
 tion of this shipping.

2. This is clearly unsatisfactory, in view of the fact
 that accn. is available at Naples for 10,000 only; the
 planned programme for repatriation from U.K. alone is
 approx. 20,000 IPW for this month, with the idea of
 stepping up the repatriation as shipping becomes avail-
 able. In addition there are constant arrivals from USA
 and the programme for the repatriation of IPW from
 French N. Africa (some 38,000) is now going ahead. It
 can be seen that Naples will quickly become overloaded,
 especially when ships arrive from India and the Middle
 East, in addition to the above.

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3. Millions of lire have been spent on the preparation
 of camps at TARANTO & LEBURN, where there is accn. for
 10,000 & 7,000 respectively, and it is stressed that
 these camps should continue to be used.

4. In view of the foregoing, I recommend that the decision to close TARANTO to Brit. ships carrying IPW be reviewed.

(S G D) C. P. KERR.
Col.

Maj. Gen.,
M.M.I.A.

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FROM WOLF

TO: C. J. C. MED. & W. H. HALL

COMAND. ALGIERES HIZETA CASABLANCA

MARINE FAIRY 1944 FRENCH R. L. HQAG.

WOUNDED PERSONS AND REMEDIATION S/C.

MY 12-1944 CANCEL SAILING OF ALBUZZI TO ORAN ETA 26th FEB
 1945 OF TOSCANA TO CASABLANCA ETA 5th MARCH.

2. FRENCH REP. AT HQAG AND HIZETA HAVE A REPLY ON FOLLOWING SAILINGS.

(A) ALBUZZI TO CASABLANCA 17th FEB.

(B) TOSCANA TO ORAN, ETA 4th MARCH AND ALGIERES ETA 10th MARCH
 TO ENSURE SICK AND WOUNDED IPW.

3. ETA OF BENTECUOLI IN PHILIPPEVILLE 12 NOV 1944 FEB.

RECEIVED 12-1944 22-702A/FEB. 1945

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 CHAT BRESOI REP. 2H/M D.F. & R. S/C FOR MAJOR HARTMAN HQAG

REF PROGRAMME OF SAILINGS TO FRENCH NORTH AFRICA

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission

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FROM U.S.I.

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REF PROGRAMME OF SALES TO MIDDLE NORTH AFRICA

How

How

MEVA and French Lp at HQAO have agreed up a following provisional programme of sailings from Naples for repatriation of HQAO from French North African ports. Read in three columns. SHIP, PORT OF ARRIVAL, ETA. MARENGO COOL ... PHILADELPHIA E... 10th March. ATRUZZI... GABAREYCA... 12th March. MARENGO COOL... ALGIERE... 15th March. S.S. TO SCANA... ORAN... 25th March. S.S. TO SCANA... ORAN... 30th April.

(2) Request your concurrence.

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ROMA DA ROMA I726 80 21 I430 ===

M.M.I.A. ROMA == A.C. ==

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MARISTAT 23315 DEST. STAMAGGIORE TRASPORTI ET PER CONOSCENZA GUERRA
GABINETTO ROMA GUERRA REDUCI ROMA M.M.I.A. ROMA A.C. ALT RIFERIMENTO
FONO AT MANO 407 CORRENTE I7 DI CODESTO STAMAGGIORE TRASPORTI ALT
IN DATA ODIERNA INCROCIATORE GARIBALDI TRASPORTERA' CAGLIARI
MILITARI R.E. IN ATTESA AT NAPOLI ALT ULTERIORI NECESSITA' DA NAPOLI
AT CAGLIARI POTRANNO ESSERE SODDISFATTE AT MEZZO INCROCIATORI DI CUI
SONO GIA PREVISTI VIAGGI CON NORD ~~A~~FRICA FRANCESE PER RIMPATRIO
EX PRIGIONIERI GUERRA ALT PREGASI INFORMARE TEMPESTIVAMENTE QUESTO
MARISTAT CIRCA RICHIESTE ===

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SUBJECT:- Italian PW.

GHQ CMT

TO:- Rear Headquarters, 13 Corps. (5)
(for 'A' branch)
Headquarters, No. 2 District (5)
Headquarters, No. 3 District (15)

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Feb 46

1. Cases have arisen of the Italian Authorities placing suspected Italian personnel in British PW Camps without obtaining authority from this GHQ.
2. In future PW/SEP Camps will refuse to accept such persons.
3. Only individuals consigned by FSS, SIB or by authority of this GHQ will be accepted in PW Camps.
4. Sufficient copies of this letter are forwarded for direct distribution down to PW and SEP Camps.

GHD/ER.

Major General,
D.S.G.

Copy to:- C-1
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Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, MHA, IPW Division.

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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25 February 1946

Ref: 8262/72/10

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

TO : French Representative to Allied Commission.

Reference note of French Representative to Director PW Sub-
Commission dated 2 February 1946.

Further to the conversation Captain Laquet-Capt. Graybrooke
it is confirmed that A.F.H. have stated that the question of
exchange of German P.W. for Italian P.W. is one that must be dealt
with through diplomatic channels and that the French Representative
will act accordingly.

/s/ N. W. HIND SMITH
MAJChief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Land Forces G/O (MMIA)
(for I.P.W. Division:
your IPW/53/194 d/d 12 Feb 46 refers)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 24995

Message Centre No: G/9719

Date/Time of Origin: FEB 22 1759 A

Date Time Rec'd: FEB 23 0930 A

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ FROM C (MOV) GHQ CMT

TO : MOV NAPLES, INFO: DISTHREE NAPLES AREA: ALCOM ROME

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1. Following is planned programme for repatriation Italian
PW from UK to NAPLES during March.

2. Read (A) Ship

(B) APPROX ETD UK

(C) APPROX NUMBER OF PW TO BE EMBARKED

(A) DUNNOTTAR CASTLE

(B) 2 MARCH

(C) 2240

(A) DILWARA

(B) 4 MARCH

(C) 2110

(A) EMPIRE TROOPER

(B) 7 MARCH

(C) 1524

(A) QUEEN OF BERMUDA

(B) 9 MARCH

(C) 3646

(A) CARTHAGE

(B) 20 MARCH

(C) 2377

(A) GEORGIC

(B) 21 MARCH

(C) XX 5038

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Originator's Reference:

Message Centre No: 049719

Date/Time of Origin:

Date Time Rec'd:

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FROM:

TO :

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- (A) CHITRAL
- (B) 28 MARCH
- (C) 3099

Total 23404.

- 3. All vessels will proceed to mideast after disembarkation subsequent movements will be subject of later signals.
- 4. Agreed.

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

IPW/53/226

25 February 1946

Subject : IPW from UK to Naples.

To : MINISTRY OF WAR, Autonomous Office for War
Veterans and Repatriated PW, ROME.

MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE

MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORTATION.

- 1/. The following table showing planned programme for repatriation of IPW from UK to Naples is forwarded for information:

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UNBATTAR CASTLE	2 Mar 46	2240
DILWARR	4 Mar 46	2110
ESTRE TROOPER	7 Mar 46	1524
QUEEN OF BERGUDA	9 Mar 46	3646
CATHAGE	20 Mar 46	2377
GEORGIO	21 Mar 46	5038
CHITRAL	28 Mar 46	3099

[Signature]
J.E. BRIDG, Lt.Col.
Chief
IPW Division

Col. Regis to see on return

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FROM MTSUSA 231638A

TO I P W DIVISION MMIA

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RAPPORTO SULL'ARRIVO E PERMANENZA A BISERTA

Alle ore 0900 di domenica 3 febbraio giungo all'imboccatura del porto di Biserta, ed attendo il pilota per entrare in porto; subito dopo mi viene trasmesso dalla stazione segnali della berta il seguente segnale:

" Il pilota sarà a bordo alle 1215 ". Dò fondo in rada e verso le ore 0930 invio a terra il motoscafo sul quale prende imbarco il Colonnello della U.S. Army - J.L. Regis, Capo della Sottocommissione dei Prigionieri di Guerra della Commissione Alleata in Italia, accompagnato da un Tenente di Vascello di Comandata che ha da me anche l'incarico di chiedere al Comando Base Navale a quale ora l'Ammiraglio Comandante la Base è disposto a ricevermi in visita ufficiale. Il Colonnello Regis deve preliere accordi con l'Autorità per l'imbarco dei prigionieri e vedere se gli è possibile avere un messo per spostarsi in Algeria e in Tunisia per ragioni inerenti all suo alto incarico.

Verso le ore 1000 il motoscafo rientra a bordo e l'Ufficiale di Comandata mi riferisce che un Ufficiale Superiore della Marina Francese al quale anche il Colonnello Regis si è rivolto per avere le sue informazioni gli ha comunicato che:

1°) - Il Montecuccoli entrerà in porto soltanto verso le ore 1300 dopo l'uscita di un incrociatore francese e cioè al momento di inversione della corrente da entrante in uscente.

2°) - Appena l'Unità sarà ormeggiata alla banchina "Tracatlantique" al posto di ormeggio n° 4 a prua della portaerei francese "Dumont d'Urville" verrà a bordo un Ufficiale dello S.M. dell'Ammiraglio Comandante della Base che darà comunicazioni circa le visite e le modalità per l'imbarco del personale da trasportare in Italia.

Alle ore 1315 viene a bordo il pilota ed entro in porto ormeggiandomi alle ore 1430 al posto assegnatomi affiancato alla banchina col lato dritto (La prua verso il lago e la poppa sotto la prua della "Dumont d'Urville").

Poco dopo cioè alle ore 1445 viene a bordo un C.B. dello S.M. dell'Ammiraglio Comandante della Base che mi comunica che:

L'Ammiraglio non si trova in sede poiché essendo giornata festiva egli è andato a fare una gita in campagna e pertanto è spiacevole non poter ricevere la visita; che la visita non potrà aver luogo il mattino dopo perché l'ora della partenza è fissata per lunedì 4 febbraio alle ore 0700; mi domanda le indicazioni necessarie per compilare l'ordine della partenza del giorno successivo e mi domanda infine se ho bisogno di qualche cosa ed io chiedo acqua per macchina, che egli mi assicura sarà inviata.

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Dice inoltre che per disposizioni superiori da Parigi il personale di bordo non può scendere a terra.

Sulla banchina sono già pronti i 300 ex prigionieri inquadrati dell'intera Compagnie di soldati marocchini e incominciano ad affilare i civili con i loro numerosi bagagli che debbono essere trasportati in Italia.

Alle ore 1500 ha inizio l'imbarco dei civili, imbarco che si presenta assai laborioso sia perché il Colonnello della Gendarmeria francese incaricato non è in grado di presentare una nota contenente le generalità delle persone da ricevere, sia per la minuziosa visita alle persone ed ai numeri dei bagagli di loro proprietà - sia perché i componenti di ogni famiglia ed i bagagli non sono stati inquadrati ordinatamente assieme.

L'imbarco dei militari ha inizio alle ore 1500 da un'altra passerella ed avviene ordinatamente e sollecitamente, sia perché il loro bagaglio è

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limitatissimo, sia perché è stata presentata la lista completa di essi ;

L'imbarco dei civili ha termine alle ore 2015 soltanto perché dopo varie insistenze si è potuto ottenere che i marinai nostri scendessero fino al termine della passerella per aiutare nel trasporto dei pesanti bagli e delle masserizie.

Devo lamentare un inceseloso incidente mentre Ufficiali e persone le di bordo si dedicavano con slancio e alacrità per effettuare nel modo più sciolto possibile l'imbarco delle persone e del materiale e provvedevano alla sistemazione nei locali di bordo .

Dopo l'annata bandiera avvenuta con gli onori regolamentari, parte dell'equipaggio della portaerei giunse sulla estrema prora ha buttato in coperta a poppa patate, carote, bucce d'arancio e qualche corpo contundente (pezzi di ferro - bulloni e pietre).

Il Tenente di Vascello di Comanda inviato a terra per recarsi sulla nave a far presente quanto sopra non è stato fatto passare dalla gendarmeria per le disposizioni restrittive già dette precedentemente.

E' stato però detto al Capo della Gendarmeria di inviare suo personale a bordo della portaerei per informare il Comando di quanto avveniva, ciò che è stato fatto .

Per un po' di tempo il lancio è stato sospeso, ma poi è stato ripreso ed ha cessato soltanto quando il Colonnello Regis, che è stato testimone imparziale della divertita di correttezza del comportamento degli equipaggi delle due navi da guerra francesi, si è spontaneamente recato a bordo della " DIMANCHE " ed ha fatto presente al Comando l'opportunità di far cessare la predetta azione selettiva.

Soltanto con l'opera di persuasione del Comando di bordo si è potuto impedire che l'equipaggio, giustamente risentito, commettesse qualche atto tale da provocare seri incidenti.

Qualora la portaerei fosse differita avrei chiesto di conferire con l'Ammiraglio francese per presentare le mie rimostranze.

La portaerei " DIMANCHE " è partita anche essa alle ore 0700 di stam-

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Bordo 4 febbraio 1946.

Il Comandante che R. I. Mendonça

te (pezzi di ferro - bulloni e pietre).

Il momento di Vascello di Comandata inviato a terra per recarsi sulla nave a far presente quanto sopra non è stato fatto passare dalla gendarmeria per le disposizioni restrittive già dette precedentemente.

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Qualora la partenza fosse differita avrei chiesto di conferire con l'Ambasciatore francese per presentare le mie rimostranze.

La portaerei "Dimitroff" è partita senza essa alle ore 0700 di stamane.

Bordo 4 febbraio 1945.

Il Comandante che R.I. Montenegro

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 COMAR BIZERTA COMAR VASADLANU FOGMA MARINE PARIS MMIA
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PARA ONE REFERENCE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF EVEN DATE BETWEEN LIMUT HOLSTEIN AND MAJOR HAMILTON AUTHORIZING COLONEL REGIS TO TRAVEL TO AND RETURN FROM NORTH AFRICA BY ITALIAN SHIP AND ALLIED AIRCRAFT TO VISIT ORAN OMA ALGIERA OMA PHILIPPEVILLE OMA CASABLANCA AND SUCH OTHER POINTS AS DUTY MAY DIRECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPATRIATING ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM PRISON NORTH AFRICA PD

PARA TWO PD PLEASE CONFIRM IN WRITING PD

PARA THREE PD PERMISSION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM ITALIAN AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS PD

PARA FOUR PD COLONEL REGIS LEAVES NAPLES ON OR ABOUT TWO FOUR FEBRUARY FOUR SIX PD

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 G. J. LEONE
 CWO, U.S.A.
 Asst. Adjutant

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M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/53/216

21 February 1946

TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance

SUBJECT : IPW in British and American Custody.

- 1) Further to our IPW/53/192 of 9 February 1946.
- 2) Information has now been received that there are no IPW now held in Malta.

JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Division

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SUBJECT: Italian PW in MALTA.

Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission,
MIL,
IFW Division.

GPR CMT.5153/A2.18 Feb 46.

Reference your H-3/53/191 of 2 Feb 46.

1. A signal has been received from Malta confirming that no Italian PW, Co-operators or non co-operators are now held by them.

GHD/MC.

Stavros S/Cpr
Major-General,
D.G.

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TO ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION
IPW DIVISION
R O M E

We acknowledge receipt of the three lists of PW who are repatriating
respectively from North Africa, India and U.S.A.

Thank you

Sgd.
Father F. Baldelli

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OGGETTO

ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR
SUB-COMMISSION

Via Veneto

R O M A

Ho ricevuto i tre elenchi di prigionieri italiani che rimpatriano rispettivamente dal Nord Africa, dall'India e dagli Stati Uniti d'America.

Ringrazio e ossequio distintamente.

IL PRESIDENTE

(Sac. Ferdinando Baldelli)

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IMPORTANT UNCLASSIFIED

REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE FOR FOLLOWING SAILINGS PLANNED FROM NAPLES
TO FINANCE NORTH AFRICAN PORTS FOR REPATRIATION OF I.P.O.W's.
READ IN THREE COLUMNS, VESSEL, PORT OF ARRIVAL, DATE OF ARRIVAL.
ABRUZZI AIGLERS 16th FEB. S.S. TOSCANA BLZERTA 19th FEB.
GARIBOLDI AIGLERS 23rd FEB. ABRUZZI ORAN 26th FEB.
MONTECUCOLI PHILIPPEVILLE 26th FEB. S.S. TOSCANA CASABLANCA 5th MAR.
(2) SAILINGS ARE ALSO DEPENDENT UPON OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF
C IN C MED AND FITNESS OF VESSELS FOR SEA.
(3) FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO ALLIED COMMISSION HAS APPROVED
PROGRAMME AND INFORMED FRENCH ARMY AUTHORITIES.

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

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IPW/53/202

14 Feb 46

TO : The Minister of Post War Assistance,
ROME

Dear Minister;

Reference your personal letter No; 14/prot.No.
1432/1273 dated 8 Feb 46 and our IPW/53/189 dated 8 Feb 46.

I enclose a copy of the proposed plan for your
information.

Sincerely yours

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on absence of duty of

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

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