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General Plan For Repatriation of D.P.W. From

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

IPW/53/423

15 November 1946

SUBJECT : IPW in French N.Africa

TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance
POW Bureau

Reference your letter Div. I Sec. I Prot.No.2435/Pol/
C-1 dated 7.11.1946.

1. The undersigned contacted the French Representative at the A.C. and informed him of your claim that there are 80 It. Pow at Colomb-Bechar, working with the French Military Engineers.
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7 November 1946

MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE
Pow BureauDiv.I°
Sec.I°
Prot.n.2435/Pol/C-1

TO: Allied Commission

ROMESUBJECT : It.POW in French N.Africa -

You are informed that the motor ship "Surdo" disembarked 162 It. Pow. from Algiers.

Another trip is expected in order to return another 96 prisoners from Algiers.

A veteran of the repatriated group reported that there are 80 It. Pow held at Colomb-Bechar and working with the French Military Engineers.

This report lends us to think that there may be other Italians scattered about in Algiers, Tunisia, and Morocco awaiting liberation.

We would greatly appreciate if your Commission would ascertain the existence of these individuals in the Camp of Colomb-Bechar and eventually inform us if there are any others in other localities in order that transport may be arranged for them. This same report was made to the Italian Embassy in Paris through diplomatic channels.

signed/ CCI. PALLOTTA

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

IPM/53/418

13 November 1946

Subject : Repatriation of Italian PW from French North Africa.

To : Ministry of Post War Assistance,
PW Bureau.

Reference your No. 2439/POL/O.1 dated 11 Nov 46.

1. Mrs. Buraglio, Representative of the International Red Cross in Rome, and Mrs. Limousin, Representative of the OHI in Algiers, called on me sometime during the third week of November bringing to my attention the subject discussed in your above mentioned letter.
2. I immediately called the French Representative to the A.C. in my office and Mrs. Limousin gave him all the particulars of the case. The French Representative promised to radio the Ministry of Justice in Paris and to the Chief of PW Division in Algiers asking that the 23 Italians detained in prisons (civilian as well as military) in Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco be liberated and shipped to Algiers on time to be repatriated on the motor ship "SURILO".
3. The French Representative further stated that if it was found to be impossible to secure the release of all the above mentioned prisoners in time to be returned on the "SURILO", they could be repatriated by water to France then railed to Italy.


J.S. DAVIS, Lt. Col.
Chief
IPW Division

MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE
PW BUREAU
PROT NO 2459/POL/C 1

11 November 46

To Allied Commission
Sub Commission
1PW Division
ROME

SUBJECT: Urgent phonogram by hand

FOLLOWING OUR MESSAGE NO 2495/POL/C 1 DATED 7 11 46

MOTOR SHIP SURDO WILL LEAVE 17/11/46 NAPLES ON LAST TRIP TO
BRING BACK ON THE 20/11/46 THE ITALIAN PRISONERS STILL IN
NORTH AFRICA STOP BEG YOUR COMMISSION URGENT INTERVENTION
WITH FRENCH AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF ALL
PRISONERS IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS ALGIERS TUNISIA AND MA
ROCCO IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTY IN THE FUTURE OF REPATRIA
TING ISOLATED CASES DUE TO LACK OF AVAILABLE SHIPPING.

THANK YOU.

SGD PALLOTTA. COL.

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Ref. : 9001/96/30

4 November 1946

My dear Sir Noel,

I am forwarding a copy of a letter showing the latest position in regard to the repatriation of Italian PW, sent to me by the Land Forces Sub-Commission.

In view of paragraph 6 of the "Agreement Modifying Italian Armistice Regime" which provides for the return of IYW as soon as possible, and particularly of parts 2 and 3 of the attached letter, I would ask for your assistance in bringing strong pressure to bear in order to expedite the repatriation of the remaining PW in British hands, for whom no programme has yet been notified.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

JERRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.E. Sir Noel Charles, St., KCMG,
British Ambassador,
British Embassy,
ROME.

Copy to: Land Forces S/C

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INCOMING MESSAGE MMIA

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 73 400 (M) 1S
Date/Time of Origin:

Message Centre No: H/ 7583
Date Time Rec'd: NOV 021530
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1. Reference your 260942 October.
2. Confirmation has been received from War Office and DST that all vessels repatriating Italian PW from theatres East of Suez will be routed through to Naples for disembarkation. Shipping for Italian PW transitees will not therefore be required.
3. Date of availability 2400 PW ex Egypt referred to in para 1 of my 673550(M) 1S of 12105 18 October will be signalled earliest possible.
4. Agreed PSTO MED.

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Originator's Reference: AG/01922
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Message Centre No: H/7556
Date Time Rec'd: NOV 10 1945
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: GHQ LMF

TO : AICOM MIA, INFO

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Your IPW 85 of 23 October. Troopers reply now received.

- A) Disembarkation IPW is responsibility Italian authorities and all vessels repatriating such personnel will be routed to NAPLES for discharge where they will be handled by ships agents
- B) British escort if exceptionally provided will not be disembarked.

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30 October 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
and Repatriated PWs

Prot.n.17923/2150

TO : Land Forces S/C A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
It.Pris.of War Div.

ROMEMEMO FOR COL. JAMES E. REGIS

SUBJECT : Repatriation from East Africa, South Africa
and Australia -

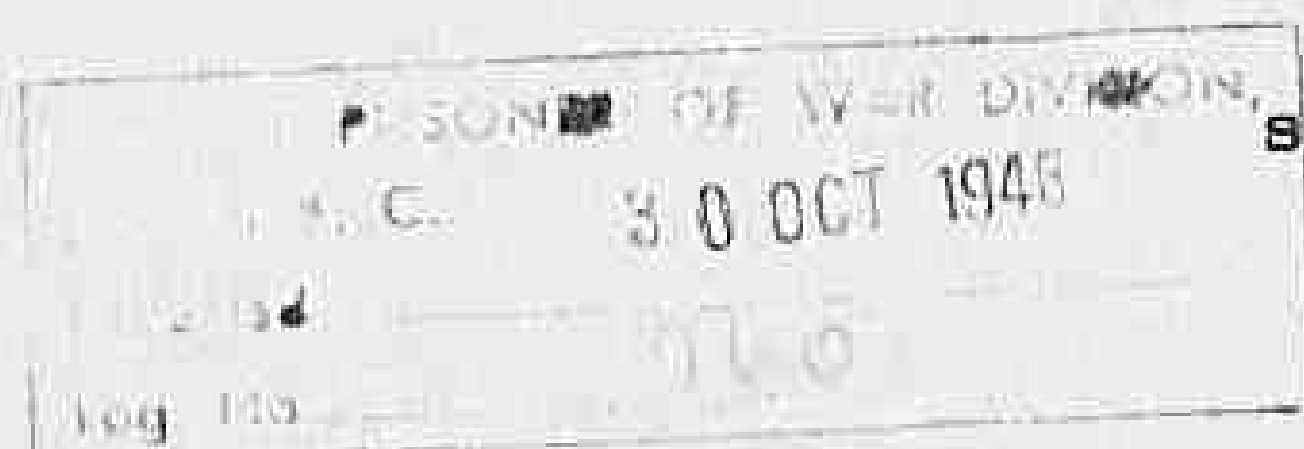
It.Col.Esclapon, head of the It.POW Mission in London has reported that General Bromfield head of the POW Section of the War Office informed him that it was not possible for him to promise at the present moment just or what dates the ships would be available to repatriate the It.prisoners.

However the plan of the War Office is as follows:

East Africa -reduce the number of prisoners to 7.000 for the first part of December and finish the repatriation in January 1947

South Africa -reduce the number of prisoners to 11.000 for the month of December and finish the repatriation in January.

Australia -repatriate 9.000 (Military personnel) in December, 7.000 would remain for the end of February 1947.



signed/ GEN.A.MANNERINI

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JAMES E RIGGS Lt Col

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: HQ, A.O. (2)

1. You will remember that as a result of my letter IM/45/362 of 26 July the Chief Commissioner asked the British Ambassador to endeavour to obtain a speedier repatriation of Italian PW from British Colonies and Colonies, particularly from Australia.

2. Certain applicants have in fact been placed in the wrong category for which the position should be as follows:-

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No information has been received of any shipments yet or if necessary, and unless some special plans are taken immediately, it seems that some long time must elapse before the vaccination is completed.

3. Public feeling in Italy is very strong on this matter. Representations frequently take place which, whatever else the results may be, are certain to lead to some lack of confidence in British undertakings. The War Ministry, urged by various state and political interests has frequently pressed this matter. The Vatican has also made representation on this matter and is understood to be willing to give some assistance towards reparation if required.

4. It is therefore recommended that in the interests of British prestige in Italy and in order that the Allied I.M. Division may be cleared at an early date, this matter may be represented urgently to the highest authority, so

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

IPW/53/400

28 Oct '46

SUBJECT : IPW

TO : A.F.H.Q.
" : H.Q., A.C.

1. The attached copy of letter IPW/53/400, of even date, which has been forwarded to C.H.Q., COMF regarding the retention of Italian PW in Middle East is forwarded for your information.


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

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Subject: I.F.A.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
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C.M.A. (2)

28 OCT. 46

IPW/53/408

1. Further to my letter IPW/53/384 of 13 Sept. 46 and in the absence of any reply thereto, I have to report that the decision to retain 3-4000 IPW in the Middle East as Cooperators, against the wishes of the Italian Government, is having unfavorable repercussions in Italy. It is considered that further representations should be made to GHI, *MEF* in the light of the following facts:-

2. a) It is agreed by all parties that basically an action in retaining these IPW in this way is legal.

b) It was agreed in June 46 that the repatriation of P's from Middle East should be completed by 31 Aug. 46; the Italian Government were informed.

c) On 16 July 46 the proposal to retain 3-4000 IPW as cooperators in the Middle East for 6 months after they would normally have been repatriated, and the conditions under which they were to be retained, were sent to the Italian Government for their agreement.

d) On 19 July 46 the Italian Government regretted that it was unable to agree in view of political repercussions. (GHI, GHI was informed of the Italian Government's views in MIA letter IPW/53/386 dated 22 July 46).

e) On 14 Sept. 46 the Italian Ministry of War reported that P's

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d) On 19 July 46 the Italian Government requested that it was unable to agree in view of political repercussions. (GHO, GHO was informed of the Italian Government's views in MIA letter IPW/55/556 dated 22 July 46).

e) On 11 Sept. 46 the Italian Ministry of War reported that IPW's recently repatriated had stated that IPW in Middle East had been circulated and asked to volunteer as co-operators under certain conditions, which, it was stated, had been agreed by the Italian Government. A copy of the circular and the War Ministry protest was forwarded to GHO. GHO with MIA letter IPW/55/204 of 13 Sept. 46.

f) Subsequently a good deal of public feeling has been aroused in Italy, and press comment is now in evidence. A translation of a press article is given below, which, although partly untrue, contains certain grounds for complaint.

4. The following appeared in "Tempo Nuovo" on 10 Oct. 46

Forced Labour in Palestine
The Middle East repatriates report that some months ago the British, having been unable to find people to work for them any more, applied to Camp 305, in which were detained non-cooperative fascists and defaulters; and succeeded in finding among these about 2,500 men who were prepared to volunteer for 6 months' labour in Palestine, being treated as P.O.W. They wished to work in this way, after 6 years behind barbed wire, because they were led to hope that they would have priority for repatriation, and also an increase in food rations.

Now these men have been completely deluded, as in the meantime all the Middle East prisoners have been repatriated, including the inmates of Camp 305; and they do not know whether, when their time comes at the end of 6 months, the British will keep their word and repatriate them.

Realising the deception which has been practised on the prisoners, and the unjust treatment they are receiving, we ask the Government to put in a vigorous protest to the Allies; as the latter have declared that there is no longer a single Italian soldier in the Middle East."

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5. In view of the above the Mission recommends that serious consideration should be given to this matter, and that an early statement should be made to the Italian Government on the present situation and further intentions, to allay unfavorable criticisms which at present appear, partially at any rate, to be justified.

W. P. Farley *Colonel*
Major General
U.S.A.

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25 OCT 46

JAMES E REGIS Lt Col

IMPORTANT

James E. Regis
H. E. Regis

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FROM A BRANCH SHQ CMF 241700A
TO CHIEF GIBRALTAR
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AG/01510. R E S T D . FROM A BRANCH SHQ CM .
ONE. PLEASE CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING (A)
NUMBER OF ITALIAN PW HELD IN GIBRALTAR (B)
WHEN THEIR REPATRIATION WILL TAKE PLACE. T O.
FOR NMIA YOUR IPW/53/552 OF 17 OCT REFERS

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SENT NR2052/24 REB B K
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Following for Brig. 2/c Admin.

FURTHER TO MY IRW 83 OF 22 OCT 46, YOUR 3072/12 OF 18 OCT 46 DOES NOT APPEAR TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CONVERSATION BETWEEN BRIGADIER BASIN AND LT. COLONEL REGIS OF MOIA ON 11 OCT. (.)

PARADISE FIRM HULLER FROM WAR OFFICE, FOLLOW THE COMMENTS AND OFFERED

OF YOUR LETTER (.) REFERENCE PARA 1 IF IPW ARE DISBARRED AT

BRINDISI OR PARANTO THERE SHOULD BE NO NEED TO HAVE A BRITISH STAFF

THERE, AS IPW WOULD BE HANDLED BY ITALIAN STAFF AND ALL BRITISH

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Following for Brig. A/c Admin.

FURTHER TO MY LTR 25 OF 12 OCT 46, YOUR 3072/A2 OF 13 OCT 46 DOES NOT APPEAR TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CONVERSATION BETWEEN BRIGADIER BASTIN AND LT. COLONEL HIGGS OF MIA GR || COL. (.)

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OF YOUR LETTER (.) REFERENCE PARA 1 IF IPW ARE DISSEMBLED AT

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VEHICLE AND NOT 14 Kms, SO THAT A COM AIRCRAFT HOLDING AND MOVEMENT

PROBLEM ARISES. (.) PARA 5 APPEARS TO RELY ON THE NUMBER OF WHEELS

SHOULDS OF IPW AND NOT TO THE FOR IPW IN BRITISH CARGO SHIPS UNDER

DISADVANTAGE OF

DISCUSSION. (.) IT IS STRONGLY URGED THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING

OF IPW AT VEHICLE JUSTIFIES THE NEW HOURS' DELAY RECOMMENDED AT A HELIO

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REQUEST HINDERED, IF IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE, DISSEMINATION IN U. S. THAT

MAY BE CONTINUED.

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FOR INFO 1/0 ADJUT (.)

YOUR 3072/42 OF 18 OCT 46 IN REPLY TO OUR IPW/53/395
OF 1 OCT 46 NOTED (.) MAY DELETIONS PLEASE BE NOTIFIED
HOWEVER FOLLOWING CONVERSATION OF 11 OCT 46 INFO 1/0
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IMPORTANT
IPW Division

James E. Revis
JAMES E. REVIS Lt Colonel

SUBJECT : Release - IPW.

GHQ CMF.

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18 Oct 46.

M.M.I.A.,
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
H.Q., Allied Commission, C.M.F.

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1. Reference your IPW/53/393 dated 1 October. In accordance with the policy of closing down the South of Italy we have recommended to War Office that only Venice is used for the disembarkation of IPW from British controlled shipping otherwise it will necessitate retaining a small Mov staff and administrative facilities at Taranto and Naples to handle

- (a) the British guard escorting the IPW and
- (b) any British Army casualties and wives which we would embark if there was space available.

2. We took this question up through our Mov Liaison Office Rome with Colonel Regis of the IPW Division of Land Force Sub-Commission and on the 27 Sep 46 received reply that there were no major difficulties in accepting IPW through Venice.

3. We understand there is an IPW camp at Pescantina (14 Kms from Venice) with a capacity of 10,000, which will remain open and adequate rail facilities can be provided to clear IPW personnel from Venice to this or any other camp in Italy.

4. IPW returning in Italian controlled shipping, without British escort, may still continue to be disembarked where required by the Italian authorities concerned.

5. In conversation with the War Office on 15 Oct it was understood that they have the matter still under consideration and are endeavouring to arrange for either the British escort to be entirely dispensed with or that the escort does not disembark in Italy; either course will allow Naples to be used as previously for reception of IPW.

We will advise further as soon as a firm ruling is received from the War Office.

RGRC/lb.

Copy to : Brig. i/o Admin; Q(Mov).: "Q" : A-1.

Colonel,
Colonel "A"

WERP/ps

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

IPW/53/552

17 Oct '46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW ex Gibraltar.

TO : GHQ C.M.F. (for "A" Branch)

1. According to records held by this Division the original number of Italian PW in Gibraltar was 541.
2. Some months ago 526 were repatriated.
3. May it please be stated:-
 - a) If any Italian prisoners remain in Gibraltar.
 - b) When their repatriation will take place.

For the Chief Commissioner.


J.E. REGIS
Lt.Col.
Chief
IPW Div. 609

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HEREWITH CHECK ON ABOVE NUMBERED MESSAGE ALREADY PASSED TO YOU

FROM MIDEAST

TO (1) FOLB (2) MIAA ROME (3) AFHQ

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ONE. REFERENCE YOUR 080915/ OCT. NO RPT NO LIFT REQUIRED DURING OCTOBER. 2400 ITALIAN PW WILL PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE FOR REPATRIATION EX EGYPT AT A LATER DATE NOT EARLIER THAN FIRST DEC. WILL SIGNAL FIRM DATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

TWO. IN CONSEQUENCE OF CLOSING DOWN OF PORT OF NAPLES END OF OCT FOR MILITARY SPONSORED PERSONNEL ANTICIPATE ITALIAN PW EMBARKING EX THEATRES EAST OF SUEZ IN HIRED TRANSPORTS WHICH EXCEEDS LENGTH AND / OR DEPTH LIMITATIONS AT VENICE MAY BE DISEMBARKED EGYPT AND STAGED PENDING ONWARD MOVE TO ITALY. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO FORECAST FUTURE NUMBERS ITALIAN PW REQUIRED TO STAGE EGYPT BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE USE OF ITALIAN VESSELS AS REQUIRED FOR CLEARANCE OF PW TRANSITEES EGYPT TO ITALY

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3072/A-2

8 Oct '46

SUBJECT:- IPW Report**General Headquarters**
Middle East Land Forces

Further to our 3072/A-2 dated 26 Jul in reply to your 29696/1 AGS (a) of 18 June, the following correspondence has been received from Land Forces Sub Commission, and is forwarded for your comments please. It would be appreciated if any observations made could be forwarded to this GHQ so that a reply can be sent to Land Forces Sub Commission.

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AGS/CH.

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J.B. ROBERTSON, Col.,
Colonel, 'A'

Copy To:- Land Forces Sub Commission.
(your IPW/53/384 dated 13 Sep '46 refers).

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at Naples now. Good*

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Is any further information now available please regarding
possibility of lift in para (5) of your 24 1211/Aug...

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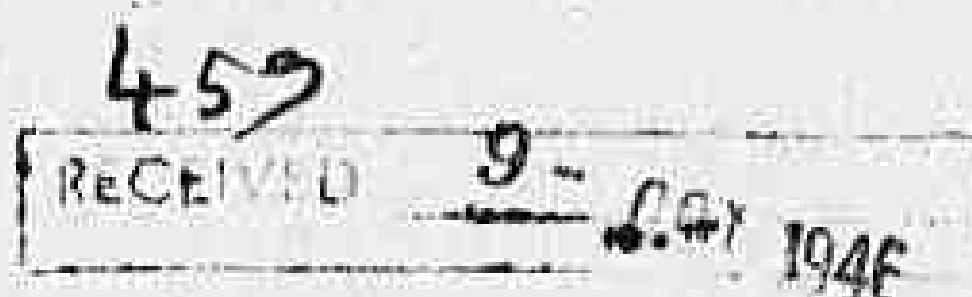
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MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War
Veterans and Repatriated
PWs

TO : Allied Commission
It. Prisoners of War Div.

ROME

Prot.n.1692/217/1

SUBJECT : Repatriation of POW from Australia

The Delegation of the International Red Cross Committee in Italy has informed us that the motor ship "Ka-
toomba" left Australia between the 6th and 13th September
1946 directed to Genoa with 600 It. POW onboard.

As there is no organisation ready to receive the
veterans in that city we re/new an request made in letter no
16634/217/1 dated 26th Sept/ to have the ~~600~~ veterans landed
in Naples.

signed/ GEN. A. BANNERINI

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REF OUR IPW 92 OF 23 JULY AND YOUR FX 6974 OF 251456 Z (JULY) ADDRESSED
TO ARMYUT AGAURNE (.). MAY CONFIRMATION BE URGENTLY GIVEN OF DATE OF
ARRIVAL OF KATCOMBA BA AUSTRALIA AND IF IT WILL DISCHARGE 600 ITALIAN
PS AT NAPLES REPEAT NAPLES. ✓

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.T.A.

IPW/53/503

1 Oct 1946

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian PW - Disembarked in Italy

TO : G.H.Q., G.W.F.

1. Reference the recent decision to close the Ports of Naples and Taranto to British shipping, and route all shipping to Venice.
2. It is desired to point out, in the Italian Government's view, the disadvantages which will arise as a result to this change-over.
- a) The institution of Lodging Centres and the complete organization for the reception of Italian PW was made originally, in agreement with you and the Allied Commission, on the basis of numbers of PW and Ports of arrival. The Ports agreed upon were Naples and Taranto and the facilities at these ports were developed accordingly.
- b) An examination of the Venice area indicates that no organization exists, nor is any accommodation available, for the reception and handling of returning PW.

3. In view of the great inconvenience and expense which would be involved in creating new organizations in Northern Italy, I recommend that the existing Centres in Southern Italy should continue to be used for the reception of the Italian PW, and I forward the following proposals for your consideration:-

i) If all shipping is to be routed to Venice with effect from 1st November '46, my instructions please be given that ships carrying Italian PW disembark there at Taranto, where there is ample accommodation and an existing organization.

ii) Alternatively, may this shipping stop at Brindisi, which is even more on the direct route to Venice and where there is a certain amount of available accommodation and where arrangements could

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(signed) E.H. GOULBURN

Major General

Comd. Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.

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26 September 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War Veterans
and Repatriated PWS

Prot.n.16635/202 HPGR

TO : Italian Pris.of War Division
Civil Affairs SectionROME

SUBJECT : Expected arrivals in Venice -

Groups of prisoners are expected to arrive in Venice.
You are informed that there are no organizations in
that city for the receptions of POW.

As is known the institution of lodging centers and
organizations for the reception of POW was made in agreement
with your commission on the basis of the numbers of arrivals
and the ports of arrival.

Your Commission informed us that all the prisoner
from where ever they arrived would be landed in the Ports of
Naples and Taranto, therefore some few lodging centers in the
North and central Italy, whose organization lost money and
time, became practically unnecessary right after their completion.
The statement that the POW would arrive in Naples and Taranto
made it necessary to enlarge the centers in those two ports :
(Attention your letter IPW53/247 dated 15.3.1946).

The arrival in the port of Venice of veteran would
produce great inconvenience, as it is not possible to organize
their reception, we therefore beg you to examine the possibility
of having these groups landed at Naples or Taranto as was agreed
upon.

signed/ GEN.A.MANNERINI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Message Centre No: H/6812

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Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ARMY MELBOURNE

TO: GHQ CMF INFO AFHQ ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

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Repatriation Italian PW. Request urgent reply our signal
6073AG of 3 Aug 46 ref escort now reduced to 4 OFFRS 50 other ranks.

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MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War
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PWs

TO : Italian Pris. of War Division
Civil Affairs Section

Prot.n.1663/217 RPGR -

ROME

SUBJECT : Arrival in the port of Genoa of the "SS Katoomba"
out of Australia -

The military Territorial Command of Genoa has informed us that the local Allied Authorities are expecting the "SS. Katoomba" to arrive in that port at the end of the present month with 600 POW.

As there are no organizations in Genoa that provide for the reception of POW we beg your Commission to give disposal that the ship in question goes to the Port of Naples to disembark the POW.

signed/ GEN. A.MANNERINI

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

IPW/53/389

23 Sep 46

SUBJECT : IPW in French custody

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

Ref your 12943/29 REGR, dtd 11.7.46

1. Reference your a/quoted letter, this Division has been informed by the Regional Direction of the Prisoners of the Axis in Algiers that there are no more prisoners of war in military prisons with the exception of:-

ANASTASIO NATALE, who was sentenced on the 9th Apr.'46, on charge of complicity in theft, to 18 months imprisonment.

TORNIOLO DIONISIO, sentenced on the 9th Apr.'46, to one year imprisonment for theft.

2. One civilian is detained in the prison of Oran charged with theft, his name is:- LEVY, Giacomo.


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

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18 September 1946

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative

Prot.n.2977

TO: Land Forces S/C A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Italian Pris.of War Div.
Civil Affairs Section

ROMESUBJECT : It.POW -

Reference your letter 12943/29 Prot. dated
11.7.1946 -

Following the above mentioned letter I have the
honour to inform you of the answer received from the Regional
Direction of the prisoners of the Axis Algiers.

"Here are no more It. POW in the military prison
with the exception of the following:

- ANASTASIO NATALE sentenced, on the 9th April 1946, to 18 months
imprisonment for complicity in theyt.
- TORNIOLO DIONISIO sentenced on the 9th April 1946, to one years
imprisonment for the same crime.

Here is an Italian prisoner in the civilian prison of
Oran by the name of LEVY Giacomo charged with theft.

signed/

P.O. Captain de MAZAN
head of the Secretarial Office
of the French Representative at
the A.C. ITALY

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
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N° 2977

Rome, le 18 Septembre 1946

From : THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO A.C.
To : LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION TO A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION -

OBJET : Prisonniers de guerre italiens.

REFERENCE : 12943/29 PROT. du 11/7/46.

Comme suite à votre lettre citée en référence
j'ai l'honneur de vous communiquer la réponse de la
Direction Régionale des Prisonniers de l'Axe d'Alger:

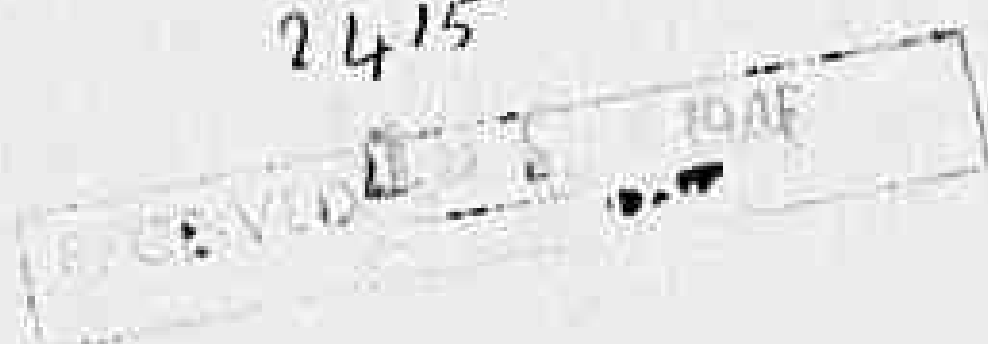
" Il n'y a plus à la prison Militaire de prison-
niers de guerre Italiens en dehors des nommés :

- ANASTASIO NATALE, condamné le 9 Avril 1946 à la
peine de dix huit mois d'emprisonnement pour com-
plicité de vol;

- TORNIOLO DIONISIO, condamné le 9 avril 1946 à la
peine de un an d'emprisonnement pour le même délit.

" Il existe à la prison civile d'Oran un pri-
sonnier italien nommé LEVY Giacomo, inculpé de vol..."

P.O. Le Capitaine de MAZAN
Chef de Cabinet du
Représentant Français à la
Commission Alliée en Italie.

En Mazan

18 September 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War
Veterans and Repatriated PWs

Prot.n.16159/218

TO : Italian Pris. of War Division
Civil Affairs Section

ROME

SUBJECT : Unexpected arrival of groups of veterans -

The Military Territorial Command of Naples reports that during the present month, the following groups of veterans arrived without previously advising the above Command;

- 5th Sept. out of Tripoli - Greek ship "Dorotea Paxos" with 120 individuals onboard.
- 9th Sept. out of Tripoli "Dorotea Paxos" with 81 individuals.
- 9th Sept. out of Massaua - Greek ship "Heliopolis" with 28 individuals.
- 13th Sept. out of Tripoli - "Dorotea Paxos" with 7 individuals onboard.

We beg your division to examine the possibility of advising in future that these ship arrive without warning as it produces many inconveniences regarding their reception.

signed/COL. MUSCO

10 Septeml 1946

MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE
Pow Bureau

Prot.n.2084/Pol/C.1.

TO :Allied Commission
S/C for It.Pow.ROMESUBJECT : The remaining POW in French North Africa-

The representative of the It. Red Cross, who accompanied the first group of It.Pow from French North Africa to Italy, on the motor ship "Surdo" leaving Algiers on the 1st Sept. arriving Naples 5th Sept., reports as follows:

- a) the first group included 73 prisoners from the French Camp of Sidi Ferruk (Algiers) and 29 from Casablanca, the latter were in American custody and were transferred to Algiers by the American Authorities.
- b) of the preceeding 43 Italians who were prisoners in American custody, 29 were repatriated as in Para A, and 14 were demobilized on the place.
- c) there still remain 100 prisoners in French custody who are awaiting transport in Algiers in the camp at Sidi Ferruk . Furthermore the 70 ex prisoners who have been demobilized on the place and given contracts for work, have been refused permission by the French Authorities to remain.

Total prisoners repatriated 103.

To repatriated about 170.

The repatriations will be carried on by the "Surdo". ✓

signed/ COL. PALLOTTA

17 SEP 1946

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12 September 1946

MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE
Pow Bureau

Prot.n.78066

TO: Allied Commission
S/C for It.Pow.

(Attention Major Philips)

SUBJECT : Newspaper article relative to the rapid repatriation
of It. POW.

Reference your letter dated 6.9.1946.

You are informed that the article in question will
be published in the newspapers, to-morrow the 13.9.46.

signed/ COL. PALLOTTA

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

IPW/53/384

13 Sep. '46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian PW - Middle East -

TO : G.H.Q., C.M.F.
(for "A" Branch)

Ref your letter 3072/A2, dtd 12 July '46, forwarding a proposal by GHQ, MEF for the retention of 4,000 Italian PW for 6 months after the completion of the present repatriation programme.

1. Three copies of the Italian Government's reply signed by the Minister for War, rejecting this proposal, was forwarded to you under cover of this Division letter 53/356, dtd 22 July '46.

2. No further information has been received on this matter and it was assumed that all Italian prisoner of war would be repatriated as soon as possible.

3. From the attached copy of the Italian Ministry of War letter 16063/267/3, dtd 11 Sep. '46, the differment of repatriation would appear to have been decided on spite of the protest by the Italian Government.

4. May the question please be taken up with GHQ, MEF and decision reached notified at the earliest moment.

For the Chief Commissioner

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

(A.O.D.)

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11 September 1946

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

Prot.n. 16063/217/3

TO : Allied Commission A/C
(M.M.I.A.)
Italian Prisoners of War Div.

ROME

SUBJECT : It.POW in Middle East -

1°) With letter no. IP/53/346 dated 16.7.1946 your S/C requested this Ministry for the authorization to detain about 4000 It.Pow. in the Middle East as Co/operators for the period of 6th months from August 31st, which was the date previewed for the end of the repatriation.

2°) With letter no. 13675/217/3 dated 19.7.46, this Ministry informed your S/C of the impossibility of granting this request.

3°) Veterans recently repatriated from M.E. have stated that a circular had been distributed in those prison Camps, of which herewith copy attached, which circular contained an offer of voluntary co/operators for a period of another 6 months in the quality of Co/operators; in agreement with the Allied Authorities and accepted by the Italian Government.

4°) It seems that over 3000 prisoners have accepted this offer and have already been transferred to Palestine.

5°) Your S/C on the 21st July 1946 informed us that the situation of the prisoners in the M.E. at that date was as of 17.588 individuals.

From the 22nd of July up to the 10th Sept. 1946 17.170 result as having been repatriated.

6°) The number repatriated represent almost the total of the prisoners reported in M.E. on the date 21st July: therefore the news of the transfer of more than 3000 to Palestine can not be explained.

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7°) Will your S/C kindly inform us as to the present situation of It.POW in M.E. and furthermore if what is stated in Para 3 and 4 of this letter , is to be considered as correct information.

signed/GEN.A.MANNERINI

TRANSLATION OF CIRCULAR

1°) As was verified in many cases, your refusal to cooperate was influenced by the fact that your part of the country was occupied by the Germans and that you were apprehensive as to what might happen to your families: you are now offered a further opportunity under the following conditions.

2°) The individuals signing the declaration will be given the status and privileges of a cooperator, and will become entitled to a statement of services performed in exactly the same way as have been all other cooperators.

3°) The following points will be clearly explained.

a) the contract is for 6 months from the date of employment, whether from the 31st August or before.

b) the repatriation of other Italians either cooperators or POW, will continue according to the present programme, this means that an individual signing this special contract will not be repatriated far from 5 to 7 months after the remainder.

c) this will give real aid to the United Nations during the difficult period of transition from War to Peace and you will therefore demonstrate your good will to participate in the reconstruction of the new Italy.

4°) This proposal was made to the Italian Government who agreed that you could accept it in its present form.

5°) Organization

You will be formed into Companies with British Staff, as were the It. Cooperators Coys in the past.

The remaining It. Officers and N.C.Os will, under the supervision of the British Staff, be responsible for the maintenance of discipline and for the administration of the companies.

6°) Uniform

The British O.R.'s Wartime Uniform will be issued to the cooperators. The insignia bearing the word Italy will be worn on the epaulettes for distinguishing purposes. Personnel entitled to Italian badges and ranks may wear their.

7°) Housing

The companies will be given tented accomodaters and will be free to move about as they please. They will also have a canteen at their disposal and arrangement for sports will be made.

8°) Sentries

There will be no armed Guards in the camp, during working hours the cooperators (having signed the declaration) will be trusted and will work as officers and soldiers of the Allied Forces.

9°) Duty--

The cooperators will be obliged to carry out all duties which a British soldier might be called upon to perform.

The Geneva Convention will not be effective as far as the cooperators are concerned.

10°) Privileges

Due to canteen restriction in the British Army regarding the E.F.I. the cooperators can not be permitted to use them.

11°) Pay

The Pay rolls will be as stated in Administrative Instructions no. 119 under ref. 9698/A.G.5 dated 22nd June 1944.

Conclusion :

a) Officers- the pay will remain the same but:

i) no charge will be made for rations.

ii) the amount actually given to the individual will be greater.

12°) I declare that I am willing to become a cooperator and work according to the directives of the British Commonwealth of Nations and to aid them in the best of my ability.

I promise to uphold all and any confidence shown in me and to obey all orders and regulations received from the British Authorities.

I understand that the privileges of a cooperators can be taken away from me if I abuse this confidence or refuse to obey.

This declaration is to be effective for a period of 6 months from the 31st August on from the date on which the contract begins which ever is earlier.

Ministero della Guerra

UFF. AUTON. REDUCI PRIGIONIERI
di Guerra e Rimpatriati

Divisione

Ind. N. 46063/Allegato 1

21/7/53

Roma, 21 settembre 1946

TR/EP

Alle LORO FORZE SU COMMISSIONE

A.C. (C.M.I.I.)

Italian P.O.M. Division

R O M A

Risposta al Foglio del

Dir. Sec. N. 2

Prigionieri di guerra italiani nel Medio Oriente.

OGGETTO

- 1°) Con lettera n° IPW/53/346 in data 16.7.1946 codesta Sottosegna missione chiedeva il benestare di questo Ministero al trattamento nel Medio Oriente di circa 4.000 prigionieri di guerra italiani in veste di cooperatori per un periodo di sei mesi oltre la data del 31 agosto c.a. prevista dal programma quale termine dei rimpatri.
- 2°) Con lettera n° 13675/217/5 in data 10 luglio c.a. questo Ministero rappresentava a codesta Sottosegna l'impossibilità di aderire alla richiesta.
- 3°) Reduci dal Medio Oriente recentemente rimpatriati hanno dichiarato che presso quei campi di prigionia è stato distribuito il foglio che si unisce in copia per l'accettazione volontaria di un'ulteriore permanenza di sei mesi in qualità di cooperatori secondo una proposta della autorità di parte accettata dal Governo italiano;
- 4°) Sembra che oltre 3.000 prigionieri abbiano sottoscritto l'impegno e siano già stati trasferiti in Palestina.
- 5°) Alla data del 21 luglio c.a. come da comunicazione di codesta

mine dei rimpatri.

2°) Con lettera n° 13675/217/3 in data 10 luglio c.a. questo Ministero rappresentava a codesta Sottocommissione l'impossibilità di aderire alla richiesta.

3°) Reduci dal Medio Oriente recentemente rimpatriati hanno richiesto che presso quei campi di prigionia è stato distribuito il foglio che si unisce in copia per l'accettazione volontaria di un'ulteriore permanenza di sei mesi in qualità di cooperante al secondo una proposta delle autorità palestinesi accettata dal Governo italiano;

4°) Sembra che oltre 3.000 prigionieri abbiano sottoscritto l'impegno e siano già stati trasferiti in Palestina.

5°) Alla data del 21 luglio c.a. come da comunicazione di codesta Sottocommissione la situazione prigionieri nel Medio Oriente era di 17.588 uomini.

Del 22 luglio al 30 settembre c.a. risultano rimpatriati 17.170 uomini.

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- 6°) Il numero dei rintracciati rappresenta la quasi totalità dei prigionieri segnalati in M.O. alla data del 21 luglio; non si spiega pertanto la notizia del trasferimento di oltre 3.000 di essi in Palestina.
- 7°) Si prega codesta Sottocommissione di voler cortesemente accertare la situazione dei prigionieri di guerra italiani nel Medio Oriente facendo conoscere a questo Ministero se quanto rappresentato ai precedenti Nn. 3 e 4 risponde a realtà.-



IL GENERALE

UFFICIO AUTONOMO

(Imperini)

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

IPW/53/382

12 Sep. 46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW in British Hands

TO : Ministry of War (Autonomous Office
for War Veterans and repatriated PW)
M.P.W.A.
Ministry of War (Transportation-Maj. Minetti)
Commissione Pontificia Assistenza (Dr. Pugazza)

General Mannerini-Maj. Philips spoke today.

1. As a result of recent pressure upon the appropriate Authorities, the following information regarding future shipping for the repatriation of IPW has been received and is forwarded for your information :-

DATE OF DEP.	SHIP	PORT	NUMBERS
15 September	S.S. Maloja	Durban (South Africa)	950
20 September	Duchess of Belford	Bombay	311 officers (15 Italia Redent)
15 October	Samaria	Bombay	4600
20 October	Andee	Bombay	

2. It will be appreciated if the Ministry of War will arrange for this information to be given prominence in the Italian Press.

File
JAMES. E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel 87
Chief,
IPW Division

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IMPORTANT

BRITISH ARMY CIPHERS

SIGS SERIAL 1185

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FROM DETARMININDIA

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TO A BRANCH GHR CMF

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REFERENCE YOUR TEL EX 71008 DATED 13 AUGUST.

FIRST.PRESENT HOLDINGS ITALIAN PW OFFICERS 2826 ORS 5150.TOTAL 7976.

SECOND.REPATRIATION PROGRAMME 311 COOPERATING OFFICERS AND 15 ITALIA

REDETA BY DUCHESS OF BEDFORD ETD BOMBAY 20 SEP.SHIPPING FOR 4600

ALLOTTED ON HT SAMARIA AND ANDES ETD BOMBAY 10 AND 15 OCTOBER RESPECTIVELY.

REPATRIATION BALANCE DEPENDANT ENTIRELY ON AVAILABILITY SURPLUS TROOPDECK

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIONM.M.H.
/P.W.

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: 1009053 SEP

Message Centre No: H/6456

Date/Time Rec'd: SEP 110945B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: UDF PRETORIA

TO : ALCON ROME

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A13674 your unlettered signal in clear refers 950 POF will embark SS Maloja Durban 15th September for repatriation Italy. No further shipping for September on horizon and future allocations have not been advised.

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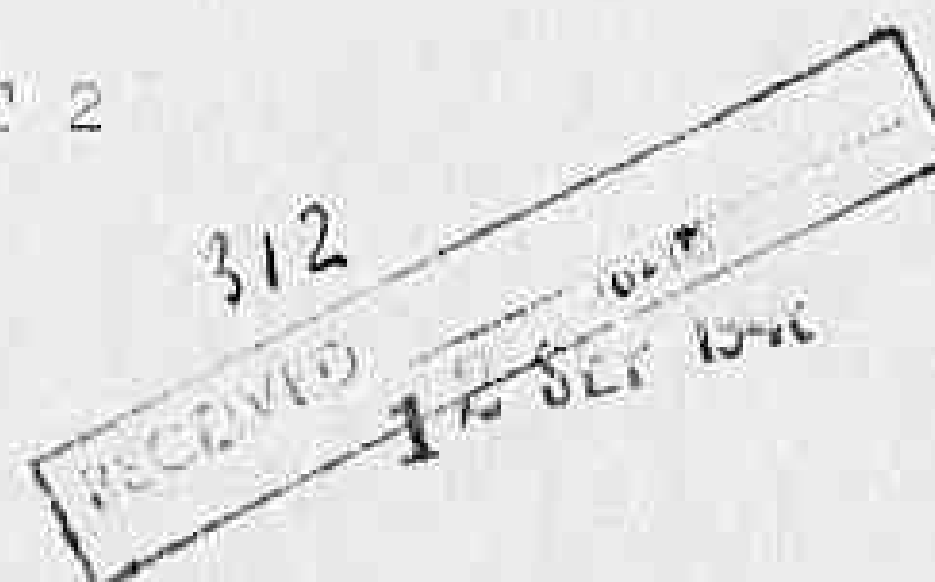
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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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

IPW/53/379

9 Sep. 46

SUBJECT :

TO : Ministry of War
Autonomous office for War Veterans

Further to this Division letter IPW/53/376 dtd 6/9/46
and telephone conversation to day Gen. Mannerini - Maj. Phillips.

1. Please cancel the above quoted letter.
2. The latest information is that the "Chitral" will arrive Naples on or about 22 Sep/ 46 carrying Italian PW.
3. It is emphasised that this latest information has been received from GHQ by telephone and will have to be confirmed; this confirmation, together with the number of PW aboard the "Chitral" will be forwarded as soon as possible.

JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief,
IPW Division

Copy to: M.P.W.A. PW bureau and records.
Ministry of War transportation (for Maj. Minetti)
Commissione Pontificia Assistenza (for Dr Fugazza)

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INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

4 September 1946

n.226/II/M/m 5776

to: Allied Commission
S/C for Italian Pow.

R O M E

to: Ministry of Post War Assistance

R O M E

SUBJECT : Repatriation of POW from Algiers -

Following our telephone conversation this morning we have the honour to inform you that the following telegram was received in date of today by our Delegation regarding the 100 It.Pow repatriating from Algiers :

" The Motor ship "Surdo" leaves the 1st Sept with 100 POW stop duration of trip probably 6 days stop roster given to Commander stop relative next trip for lack of doctor not sure (?) qualified nurses have reported no serious sick to repatriate stop repatriation of 190 more individuals previewied".

signed/Delfina Giacomini

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Via Gregoriana N° 28

R O M ACOMITÉ INTERNATIONAL
DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

DÉLEGATION

N° 226 /III/M/m 5776

U R G E N T E✓ ALLIED COMMISSION-SUBCOMMISSION
ITALIAN P.O.W.Via Veneto R O M AMINISTERO DELL'ASSISTENZA POST-BELLICA
Grosso Vittorio Emanuele N°110
Roma

Oggetto:

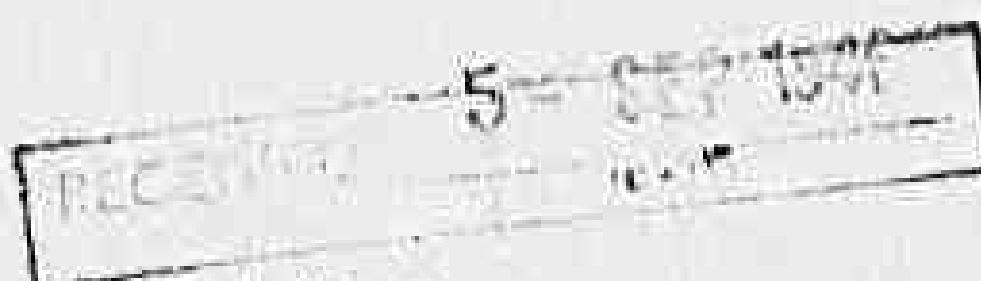
Rimpatrio di P.G. it. dall'Algeria.

Facendo seguito alla comunicazione telefonica di stamane, abbiamo l'onore di trasmettervi qui appresso, come d'incesa, il testo del telegramma da noi ricevuto in data odierna dalla nostra Delegazione di Algeri, riguardante il rimpatrio di 100 P.G. it. dall'Algeria:

"Voilier SURCO parti premier septembre avec 100 P.G. stop
Durée probable voyage six jours stop Liste remise commandant
stop Pour prochain voyage à défaut medecin revoir(?) infirmier
qualifié étant donné actuellement aucun malade grave à rapatrier
stop prévoir rapatriement autres 100 personnes"

*Gelfino Giacchini*DELEGAZIONE DEL C.I.C.R. PER L'ITALIA
DIREZIONE GENERALE

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

Rome, 5 September 1946

Reference your letter
Prot.n.514 "Coordinamento"

to: Ministry of Post War Assistance
Pow Bureau

R O M E

SUBJECT : Phonogram -

You are informed that the motor ship "Giuseppe Surdo"
left Algiers on the 1st Sept. with 100 It. Pow onboard, from
French North Africa.

The "Surdo" will arrive in Naples on or about the
6th Sept.


JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Division

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 607 3 AG

Date/Time of Origin: SEPT. 042100K

Message Centre No: H/6292

Date Time Rec'd: SEPT. 050845

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: ARMY MELBOURNE

TO: GHQ CEF INFC AFHQ ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

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HT
 Repatriation Italian PW. Anticipate Hy Chitral (Ht Chitral ?) will embark 2 800 Italian PW. 100 escort late September for repatriation to Italy. Eta Naples late October. Desire as many as possible of escort continue to UK on Chitral to facilitate early return to Austria please advise urgently whether any of Australian escort required disembark SC goes to remain with PW short period during handover. If so how many and approx duration of stay.

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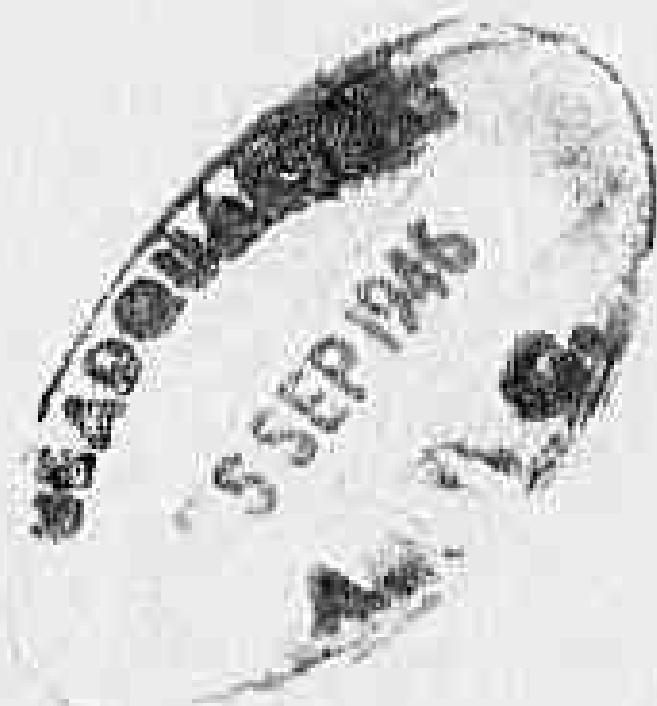
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 5640Q (M) 1 S
 Date/Time of Origin: SEPT. 041300B

Message Centre No: H/6291
 Date Time Rec'd: SEPT. 050910
 Precedence: OF PRIORITY

FROM: MIDEAST

TO: (FOI) INFO: (2) MMIA ROME (3) AFHQ

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1. Reference my 41731Q(M) 1 S of 20 August para 5.
2. Can arrangements be made for Italian vessel to be available Port Said 17/18 Sep for Lkt of 850 (R) 850 Italian Pw.
3. Would appreciate early reply.

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FROM AFHQ 261710B

TO ARMINDIA

INFO MM/A

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FE71003 RESTRED ~~AFHQ~~ FROM A BRANCH GHQ CMF (.)

SUBJECT REPATRIATION ITALIAN PW EX INDIA (.)

ONE (.) REQUEST FOLLOW ^{ING} ~~NO~~ INFORMATION (A) PRESENT HOLDING 3

(B) REPATRIATION PLAN FOR (A) ⁴ ABOVE (.)

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REPATRIATION ITALIAN PW EX INDIA (.) INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM
INDIA VIA WAR OFFICE / ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE LONDON / ITALIAN
MINISTRY OF WAR SOME INDICATES 6435 IPW REMAINING INDIA (.)
FIGURES WELD SHOW 6770 (.) NO NEWS YET RECEIVED OF A FURTHER
SHIP (.) MAY INVESTIGATION PLEASE BE MADE

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JAMES R. REUIS Lt Col.

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MIDEAST (R) DIA AFHQ

FROM POLI(5)

IMMEDIATE TO MIDEAST U/C

Your 200900. In order to economize in starting expenditure incurred by Italian ships visiting Port Said request consideration be given to unloading 1048 cooperators in Montecorcoli (23rd) and Attilio Regolo which will be sailed to arrive Port Said 28th Aug. Vice Scipione Africano (vide my 151603). Non cooperators could thus be embarked in September to capacity.

2. Up to 1000 POW could be lifted to Italy in Sept if necessary, but to enable Ministry of Marine to make decision regarding deregistering of boats and future programme of Italian warships, request your rough estimate of maximum number POW expected to be received monthly from other theatres for D/R Italy in Italian ships.

... 224135 D AUG 46

Ref.. Lifting of cooperators.

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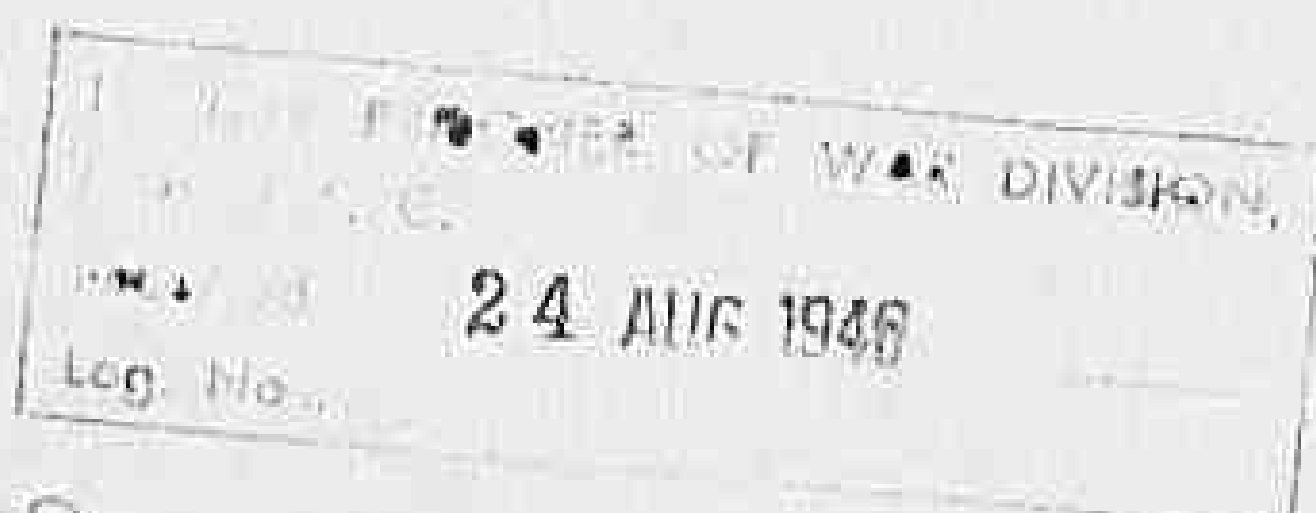
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Rome, 21 August 1946

MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE
Pow Bureau

Prot.n.1961/POL/C.I.-

TO : Allied Commission
S/C for It.Pow.ROMESUBJECT : Repatriation of It.POW still in
French North Africa -Thank you for your letter No. IPW/53/367 dated
9-8-46.An agreement has been taken for the Motor Ship
to leave Italy for Algiers.The Motor ship "Giuseppe Surdo" will be in Algiers
on the 20-8-1946 and will leave that port for Naples on the
25th or 26th of that month, fringing a hundred prisoners.The remaining number will be repatriated on
successive trips.We have called to the attention of the It. Red.
Cross Mission in Paris, the question of the 40 Italians at
Casablanca, in order that they may in agreement with the French
Authorities, provide for their transport from that City to
Algiers.We will inform you as to the number of these
prisoners as soon as they arrive in Italy .

signed/D.F.NITTI

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FROM MIDEAST 111135B

TO (1) FOLI

INFO (2) NMIA ROME (3) AFHQ

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39062 Q(N) IS UNCLASSIFIED . ONE . REFERENCE YOUR 161048B JUL PARA 3 .
 TWO . WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF
 ADDITIONAL LIFTS IN SCIPIONE AFFRICANO . THREE . ONE ADDITIONAL LIFT
 URGENTLY REQUIRED BEFORE 20 AUG .

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISS. ON AC
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/53/367

9 August 1946

SUBJECT : Remaining Italian PW in French N. Africa

TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance
PW Bureau - I Div. I Sez. Pol.

Ref. your letter Prot. No. 1878/Pol/C-1
dated 5 August 1946

Arrangements have been made with French Authorities to permit the embarkation of all available IPWs from Algiers.

In regards to the 40 IPWs in Casablanca it is understood that these individuals must be the ones that asked permission to remain.

Permission was granted by the Ministry of War and by the competent French Authorities.

In case that these individuals are not the ones above mentioned it is then assumed that they must be everdees and they should reach Algiers so that they might be included in the number to be repatriated by the sailing-ships in question.

Needless to state that as there are no American troops or installations left in N. Africa these individuals should arrive in Algiers by their own means.

Yate *Avia* *ER*
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

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Rome, August 1946

MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE
Pow Bureau

Prot.n.1878/Pol/C-1

TO : Allied Commission
S/C for It.Pow.ROMESUBJECT : IPW in French North Africa -

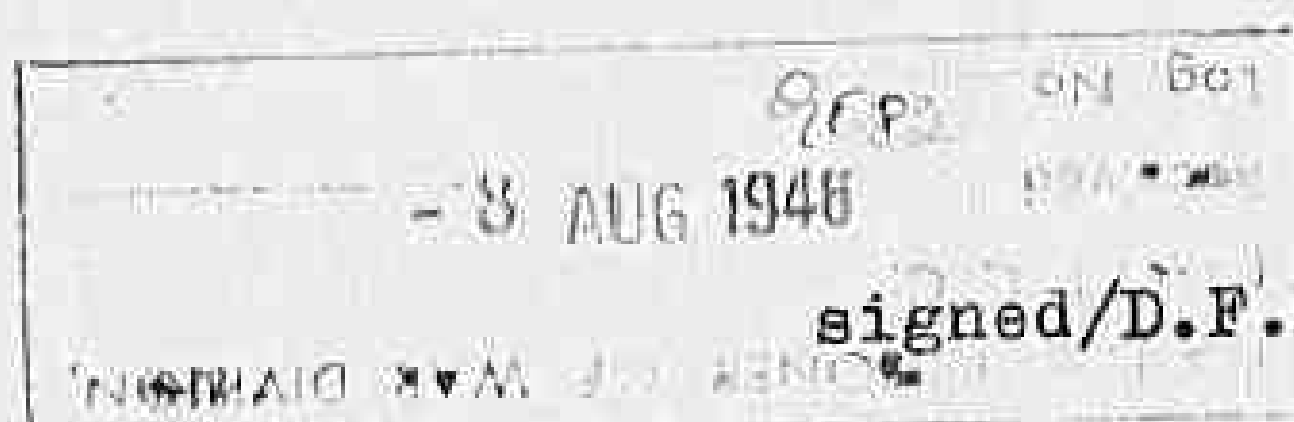
Ref the agreements reached for the repatriation of the Pow in French North Africa (about 100) the Mission of the Italian Red Cross in France, actually at Casablanca, reports that in that locality there are still 40 prisoners in American hands and that the number of the prisoners in Algiers is 150 besides a few civilian internees - The total number of prisoners still to be repatriated is therefore about 200.

This Ministry has already provided to contact said Mission in order that the repatriation of all remaining PW may be effected with the same modalities already stated for the above mentioned first 100 PWs.

Dispositions have been given to the representative of this Ministry in Naples to secure transportation using the vessels which are going to take trips to Algiers in the near future.

While waiting notice of the dates of travels we beg your Commission to intervene in order that authority may be given for the repatriation of all PW and the transfer to Algiers of those who are still in Casablanca.

We beg the C.I.C.R. to ask their Delegate in Algiers to look after the embarkation, securing from the French Authorities food for the journey and a nominal roll of all repatriating PWs.



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Rome, 11 July 1946

MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous Office for War
Veterans and Repatriated PWs

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Prot.n.12943/29 RPGR

TO : LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIV.
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ROME

SUBJECT : It.POW in French custody -

1°) From information received at this Office it results, that a certain number of compatriotes (POW and Civilian internees) are at "Porta Consuelo" forth and west of Oran.

2°) We beg your office to ascertain if or not this is a fact and inform us if by any chance these are those compatriotes who were included in groups in French custody such as:

- 144 at Algiers (Depot)
- 55 in prison awaiting a decision from the Ministry of Justice.
- 49 hospitalized
- 95 who requested to remain where they are.

signed/ GEN. A. MANNERINI

Sp. French Rep.

*I have passed a copy of this
to the French Rep for action
report in due course.*

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26 July 1946.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Since I wrote you on 27 June about the Italian Prisoners of War in Australia, information has been received that two ships will leave FREMANTLE at the beginning of August, repatriating some 1100 Italian Prisoners of War.

I am grateful for your interest in this matter and happy that a start has at last been made.

Moreover, the number embarking in August constitutes a very small percentage of the prisoners of war held in Australia and if the rate is not increased, the repatriation programme will not be completed for a very long time.

Why I ask for your further intervention in this matter? If more shipping could be obtained immediately, knowledge of the intentions of the appropriate authorities, or better still, the publication of a planned programme, would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Is/ Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Sir Noel Charles, Rt., KCMG, MC,
British Ambassador,
British Embassy,
Via XX Settembre 84,
Rome.

cc- E.O. Commr.
Land Forces S/C MEDIA.

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TO: LAND FORCES AND COMMISSION JPLA ROME

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FROM AFHQ 251456D

TO ARMYUE ACADEME : IMMA GHO CMF

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RESTRICTED FROM 'A' BRANCH GHO CMF .

ONE . REFERENCE YOUR 4712/AG UNDATED .

TWO . REQUEST MORETON BAY - KATOGBA DISEMBARK NAPLES AT THE
REQUEST OF THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES .

CO-ORDINATED Q(MOV) GHO

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

IPW/53/362

26 JULY 1946

Dear

Your letter dated 27 June 46 to the British Ambassador regarding shipping for the Italian prisoners for Australia has resulted in two ships being allocated at the beginning of August. These ships will repatriate some 1100 of the 17000 IPW in Australia.

I would be grateful if Sir Noel could be approached again in order to press for further shipping, and if possible, a planned programme, so that the rate of repatriation can be maintained.

I inclose a draft letter to the British Ambassador for your consideration.

Yours

E.H. GOULBURN;
Maj. Gen.
Cmd. Land Forces S/C.A.C.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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25 JUL 1946

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FROM AMQ EAC 231020C

TO LANDFORCES

SUB-COMMISSION

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PV REF YOUR BT IPW /45 OF 17 JUL

NUMBER OF PWIN EAST AFRICA COMMAND 21017

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32570(10)18. Ref your 161000 July. August repatriation shipping
program approved. Note that additional ships may be possible
in September/April.

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Ref...IFOW Repatriation program for August.

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REF ARMY AUTHORITY SIGNAL 470/AS OF ULY (.) REQUEST FOR RUSH REQUEST ITALIAN
 CONCEPT DESIRE THAT BOTH "MORNING RAY" AND "MORNING" BE RETURNED TO RASHES
 AND HONORABLE ITALIAN PM AT THAT TIME IF POSSIBLE

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

IPW/53/359

25/1/46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW ex Australia

TO : Autonomous Office for War Veterans, Min. of War
" : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau
" : Ministry of Navy/Transportation, Maj. Minetti
" : Commissione Pontificia Assistenza, Dr. Fugazza

Gen. En serial spoke 23 July 46.

1. The following signal has been received from Army HQ Australia:-
"Repatriation IP propose embark following Italian PW in Australia for repatriation to Italy: 500 on "Moreton Bay" ETD Fremantle 1 Aug 46 for discharge Naples. 600 on "Katoomba" ETD Fremantle 3 Aug 46 for discharge Genoa. PW on "Moreton Bay" include 172 requested for repatriation by Allied Commission Rome on age grounds and recommended on compassionate grounds by Aust. authorities. Will be forwarded to COMF and AFHQ earliest airmail.
Please ed ise urgently any special instructions ref reception in Italy."
2. This Division has signalled Army HQ Australia requesting that both ships be sent to Naples.
3. You will be informed in due course of the expected date and port of arrival.

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION CIPHER TELEGRAM

Originator's Reference: 4712/AG

Date/Time of Origin: JULY

Message Centre No: H/4893 SIGNALS

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 221600

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ARMY (?)

TO: (1) GHQ CMF (2) AMHQ (3) ALLIED COMMISSION ROME, INFO: (4) TROOPERS (PW2)
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RAAC CIPHER NOTE: This message received by us corrupt - address from possibly Army Hq Australia. Please instruct us if you wish message check and repeat.

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This message will not be distributed outside British or U.S. Government Departments or Headquarters or retransmitted even in Cipher without being properly checked. (Messages marked OTP need not be checked)

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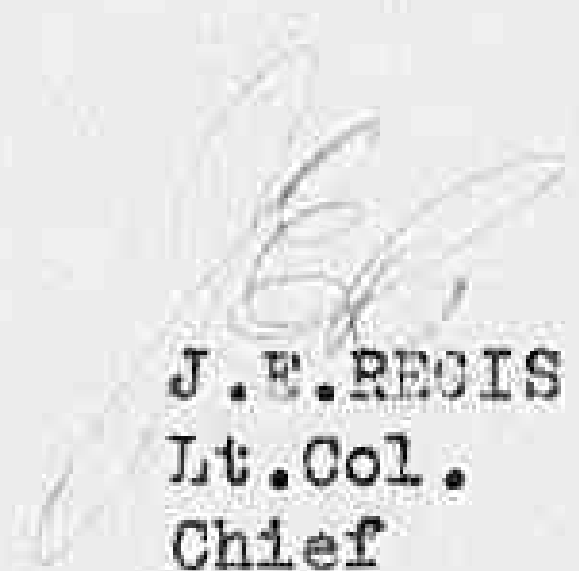
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SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian PW

TO : G.H.Q., OMF
"A" Branch

Ref your 3072/A2, dtd 11/July/46

1. The proposal to retain 4000 Italian PW by M.E.F. for six months, after completion of present repatriation programme, has been communicated to the Italian Government.
2. Three copies of the Italian Government's reply, under the signature of the Minister for War, are forwarded herewith


J.E. REGIS
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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 13675/217/3

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 19 July 1946.

(reply to IPW/53/346 of 16/7/1946)

SUBJECT:- Repatriation of Italian POWs
from the Middle East.

- 1) - This Ministry has examined, with the best intentions of approving, the proposals contained in letter referred to above and expresses first of all its opinion that the non-acceptance by the 4000 POWs in question of the first offer of co-operation should not be attributed to hostile sentiments or causes of a political nature.
- 2) - With regard to the further retention of the said 4000 POWs for a period of six months, after the 31st of this August i.e. from the date of completion of the programme of repatriation from the Middle East, after granting them the full status of co-operators, we must however point out the following:
 - a) information regarding the repatriation of all the POWs from the Middle East, by the end of this August, agreed to by your Subcommission, has been published for some time in order to allay any worries and apprehensions on the part of the families of the same POWs.
 - b) Such assurance has been essential in order to give greater peace of mind to the families, also on account of the failure or considerable decrease in repatriation from Australia, from South Africa and from India.
 - c) To increase repatriation from the Middle East, all suitable naval units and the few merchant ships available have been put at disposal, regardless of financial cost.
- 3) - In consideration of the above and in view of the situation which is created, authorisation by the Italian Government, even if it would bring an appreciable improvement in the morale of these POWs, could not but have repercussions of a political nature in a situation already acute on account of the delay in repatriation from overseas.

Therefore, the Italian Government regrets that it is unable to agree to the request.

sgd. FACCHINETTI

G.F./R.A.G.

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(THE MINISTER)

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FROM DIGEA 131310B

TO FOLI ROME

INFO C IN C MED NOIC PORT SAID NOIC NAPLES MMIA ROME
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32370(M) IS U/C . REF YOUR 161040/JUL . AUG REPATRIATION SHIPPING
PROGRAMME APPROVED, NOTED THAT ADDITIONAL LIFES MAY BE POSSIBLE IN
SCIPIONE AFRICANO

BT

CCN BETWEEN THE WORD APPROVED AND NOTE
CAN U PUT A FULL STOP PSE ??
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MIDEAST (FOR Q MVTB) (R) CINC MED, SENOME, NOIV PORT SAID,
NOIC NAPLES, MMIA, AFHQ.

From ROME CCO.

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FOLI's 161040 refers. In Para (2) read C,E,G,I,J, and L (R) C,E,G,
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Ref: IPOW repatriation programme for August.

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ONE (.) . APPRECIATED IF YOU WILL SIGNAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TOTAL NUMBER
OF ITALIAN PW ~~HOW~~ HELD IN YOUR COMMAND (

South Africa :- { 36 Oth 16849 ORs.
 { 1 + 585 in prison & repat.
 at 22 July 46.

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SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW ex Middle East

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

Ref our IPW/53/336 dtd 2/7/46

Following sailings are additional to programme in a/c letter -

"Attilio Regolo" from Taranto to arrive Port Said AM/24 July, and to be returned Taranto. Capacity 400.

"Facinotti" from Naples to arrive Port Said AM/31 July, and to be returned to Naples. Capacity 450.

For your information.


J.E. REGIS
Lt.Col.
Chief
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