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Reference your 9339 dated 7 June.

Authority is given for Lt Col CAMPBELL to proceed. Before proceeding he will report G1 British for discussion and briefing. Under no circumstances will subject referred to under para 3 (2) in your 9339 of 7 June be raised by him.

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*Copy to Lt. Col. J. A. CAMPBELL,
W.M.D. & I.P.W. S/C.*

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from G-1(B).

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FOR ACTION 0-4(B) AFHQ

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7 JUNE 1945

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PARA TO FOR ACTION 0-4(B) AFHQ FROM AFHQ OFFICE ADJUTANT GENERAL

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE HERE FOR EIGHT SIX SIX SEVEN ZERO DATED THREE JUNE PD

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OF WAR SICK AND WOUNDED FROM AUSTRALIA CMA INDIA CMA SOUTH AFRICA MONTEIRA PD THIRD CMA

RECEIPT OF MEDICAL BILLS OF EXPATRIATED ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM INDIA CMA

7 JUNE 1945

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PAPER TO OUR ACTION C-1(2) AFTER FROM ALMA CITY ALABAMA

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RICHMOND PRISONERS
 CNO, USA
 ASST ADJUTANT

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DRAFT SIGNAL.ROUTINE
RESTRICTEDTo: AMHQ G-1 (B)

9339. 7 June 45

REF P 86670 DATED THIRD JUNE.

QUESTIONS FOR STAFF. FIRST. PERMISSION FOR SMALL MISSIONS OF ITALIAN

OFFICIALS OR IRC REPRESENTATIVES ETCETERA TO VISIT IPW CAMPS IN GERMANY. *etc*

SECOND. POLICY REGARDING IPW IN FRANCE GERMANY BELGIUM AND HOLLAND.

THIRD. PERMISSION TO SEND PARCELS TO ITALIAN PW IN FRANCE GERMANY HOLLAND
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AND EXPRESS ITALIAN GOVERNMENT VIEWS. SECOND. REPATRIATION OF IPW SICK
AND WOUNDED FROM AUSTRALIA INDIA SOUTH AFRICA ETCETERA. THIRD. NON RECEIPT
OF NOMINAL ROLLS OF REPATRIATED IPW FROM INDIA MIDEAST ETCETERA.

Sent as requested



CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
COMITATO CENTRALE

LEGATARIO GENERALE

13297/G

Roma, 11 June 25, 1945
Ad Torino, 12

Col. Campbell
Director
WHP & IPOW Sub-Commission
A.C.

Dear Colonel,

with reference to our yesterday's conversation, I am writing to confirm that the Italian Red Cross having been entrusted by the Italian Government to assist morally as well as materially, the former POW and Deportees in German hands, in Germany and neighbouring countries where they may have drifted to, has applied as far back as two months ago, for Allied authorization to send small Missions abroad.

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2 persons	to France
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Yours very truly
Hugo Theodoroff
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Sec. Gen. IRC.

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Yours sincerely
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Theodor

Sec. Gen. IRC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394
EXT. 500

AC/5033/6/PH

CSP/jf
25 June 1945

Dear Campbell,

I am afraid there has been some mistake on my part regarding the action you were taking on the question of Italian Red Cross missions being sent to Germany, Holland etc.

Your inter-office minute to the VP, CA Sec, suggested that you were taking up this matter with SHAEP and I was told by Civil Affairs to take this last sentence of your inter-office minute as the answer to a letter which was put forward by the President General of the I.R.C.

When you said "I am taking this up with SHAEP" I naturally felt that you were in correspondence with them. This whole matter is, I consider very important, for indeed the Italian Red Cross is at present on trial and the fact that little has been done regarding prisoners of war has been exercising the mind of both the late and the present Prime Minister.

I feel that everything should be done to make it possible for I.R.C. to send missions to look after their nationals in the various countries as soon as possible, as up to now they have come under some criticism unjustly for their inactivity.

As liaison officer between the Allied Red Crosses and the I.R.C. I am naturally very interested in their welfare.

G. S. Parkinson
Sms

G.S. PARKINSON, Brigadier,
Director,
Public Health Sub-Commission.

Lt. Col. J. A. Campbell,
Director,
WED & IPW Sub-Commission,
HQ, A. C.

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C O P I E

COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre

Uffing s/Staffelsee
20.6.1945

Note

à la Croix-Rouge Italienne

Nous avons eu la visite de Mr. Romeo Rugenzi, qui a été en charge des camps de prisonniers de guerre et de déportés italiens dans la région de la 8ème armée américaine en Allemagne.

Les conditions générales pour les Italiens de cette région, et en Allemagne en général, sont très médiocres, et il serait utile que la Croix-Rouge italienne puisse envoyer dès que possible des aliments et surtout des médicaments en quantités importantes, pour le cas où les Italiens d'Allemagne ne seraient pas rapatriés dans un proche avenir.

Délégation au Comité
International de la Croix-Rouge
à Uffing

Dr. Descoeurès

20.6.1945

Note
à la Croix-Rouge Italienne

Nous avons eu la visite de Mr. Romeo Puzenzi, qui a été en charge des camps de prisonniers de guerre et de déportés italiens dans la région de la 9ème armée américaine en Allemagne.

Les conditions générales pour les Italiens de cette région, et en Allemagne en général, sont très médiocres, et il serait utile que la Croix-Rouge italienne puisse envoyer des quantités des aliments et surtout des médicaments en quantités importantes, pour le cas où les Italiens d'Allemagne ne seraient pas rapatriés dans un proche avenir.

Délégation du Comité
International de la Croix-Rouge
à Uffing

Dr. Deccocoundres

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C O P Y

AMERICAN RED CROSS
Civilian War Relief

19 June 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Dr.Marti, International Red Cross
Or whom it may concern:

1. This will introduce Romeo Fugenzi, an Italian who is anxious to obtain information regarding the establishing of an Italian Red Cross branch in Germany.
2. Mr.Fugenzi has met Dr.Pierre Desfoundres and Mr.Adrien Liengme and he is desirous of further discussion with your group.
3. Will appreciate any suggestions that you might give him. We know nothing about such problems and so are at a loss to help him at this office.

W. de St.Aubin
Acting Supervisor
Civilian War Relief
G-5 Section
Seventh US Army

MEMORANDUM TO COL. J.A.CAMPBELL

Matters to be taken up at shaef.

- 1/. To secure permission for Italian Red Cross teams (composed of two or three persons) to visit and work with Italian Prisoners of War in Germany, Austria, Poland etc., as requested by Italian Prime Minister and Italian Red Cross Director.
- 2/. Reference letter No. 1 attached herewith, permission for the Order of Malta to send Delegates in Germany.
- 3/. Recovery and repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War liberated by Allied Forces in European territory and sending of Italian representatives of the Red Cross to Vienna, see copy letter No.2.
- 4/. Status of Italian Prisoners of War held by Germans and liberated by the Russian Armies and now in Russian hands.
- 5/. Status of Italian Prisoners of War held in Yugoslavia, France and Balkans in general.

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Incl. Copies of letters No. 1 and 2.

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ADVANCED ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Liaison Section
c/o HQ. Public Relations, C.M.F.

AFL/244

Tele: 478658

15th June 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Red Cross and Order of Malta.

TO : Colonel J.E. REGIS
W.M.D. & I.P.W. Sub-Commission,
HQ. Allied Commission

1. With reference to our conversation yesterday.
2. Prince Chigi, Grand Master of the Knights of Malta (Address, Palazzo di Malta, 60 Via Condotti, Rome) has received the attached letter from Signor Bonomi, dated 11th June 1945, with reference to a Mission in Germany to be undertaken by the Order of Malta.
3. Signor Bonomi, writing as President of the Council of Ministers, says that the Italian Government have made repeated requests to the Allied Powers in order to obtain permission for delegates of the Italian Red Cross to enter Germany in order to render morale and material assistance to the numerous ex-Italian Prisoners of War and ex-internees who are still in German territory.
4. As no reply has been received, Signor Bonomi requests that the Order of Malta should send a Mission for the purpose stated.
5. Prince Chigi has sent me the letter with is request that it be forwarded to the competent Allied Authorities. I should therefore be grateful if you would very kindly take any possible action in bringing the matter to the notice of the authorities concerned.

(COUNT DE SALIS)
Lt. Colonel.

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Lieut.Colonel J.E. REGIS,
WMD and IPW Sub-Commission.

A copy of Lieutenant Colonel de Salis' letter to you of 15th June regarding the proposal that the Order of Malta should send a mission to Germany has been forwarded to this office.

Mr. Hopkinson, the British Political Advisor, has directed me to inform you that in his opinion this proposal is deserving of support.

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Asst. Political Advisor(B)

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SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians from European territories
liberated by the Allied Forces.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission.
(WMD and IPOW Sub-Commission)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/3485/G1(Br)

19 Apr 45

1. Reference is made to your IPW/1/455 of 10 April.
2. This Headquarters has no authority to grant permission for Italian Commissions to visit the areas referred to.
3. It will be necessary for the Italian Government to make representation to the Soviet authorities for travel facilities in the VIENNA area and any part of Russian occupied territories.
4. As regards the Western Front, all matters regarding the entry of missions are controlled by SHAEF.

W.R. MAY
Major, D.A.A.G.
for Major General,
DAG. G1 (Br).

WRM/DDKT.

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IPW/1/462

25 April 1945

SUBJECT: Recovery and Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War
liberated by the Allied Force in European Territories.

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Reference your letter No.1049/Pol.F-8 dated 6
April 1945.

1. I have now been informed that it will be necessary
for the Italian Government to make representation to the
Soviet authorities for travel facilities in the Vienna area,
and any part of Russian occupied territories.

2. As regards the Western front, the question of the
entry of missions to territory in that area should be taken up
through the Italian Ambassador in London.

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

Copy to:
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(Memorandum No.6/1051/475 dated 16
April 1945 refers.)

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR ITALIAN POW

Rome, 6th April 45

No.1049/Pol.F.8.di Prot.

TO: The Allied Commission
Sub-Commission for It.P.O.W

SUBJECT: Recovery and repatriation of It.P.O.W. liberated by the Allied Forces in European territories. Sending of Italian representatives to Vienna.

In our letter No.332/Pol. dated the 29th pf January 1945, we expressed the desire of the Italian Government to send a Commissioner of Italian Officers to the European territories liberated by the Allied Forces, with the aim of collaborating with the Allied Forces in the search and repatriation of our countrymen who were ex P.O.Ws. of the Germans.

While awaiting an answer to this letter it is thought necessary to call to your attention, that due to the Military situation, Vienna seems to be on the verge of liberation and as we have been informed, that in that district there are many Italian P.O.Ws. we therefore, think it opportune to send one of these Commissions there as quickly as possible.

The above matter is considered to be of a very urgent nature and the sending of these Commissions very necessary to liberated countries where there are many Italians, military or civilians. The Commissions could be formed of civilians, as for example, civilians belonging to the Red Cross.

Signed by the High Commissioner
Gen. P.Gazzera

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Ref.Folio 459 # 2

I spoke with Major May, so as to clarify para 4.

The position would appear to be that only Italian soldiers taken by the Germans while fighting with Allies since September 1943 will be considered PW, and dealt with as PW by SHAEF.

The remaining Italian Military personnel held PW by the Germans will be treated as Displaced Persons, and will be repatriated under that heading.

As the Italian Government intend to treat them as repatriated PW immediately they arrive in Italy, close liaison with DP and R Sub-Commission will be necessary.

G-1 (B) were of opinion that the question should be taken up by the Italian Government direct with their Ambassador concerned.

24 Apr 45

J.A.C.

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

JAE/cf 14

15 August 1945

IPW/62/44

SUBJECT: Italian Red Cross Personnel to visit Germany.

TO : Office of the Chief Commissioner.

1. The question of Italian Red Cross Representatives being authorized to visit Camps in Germany was discussed at SHARP on 7 July with G-5 and the Director of WD & IPW Sub-Commission.

2. Agreement in principal for 4 Representatives of Italian Red Cross to report to UNRRA at SHARP for attachment was reached - subject to satisfactory completion of SHARP Pro-Forma by Italian Red Cross.

3. Names of 4 Representatives submitted to SHARP via AFHQ in our signal 1669 dated 12 July 45 were transmitted by AFHQ signal No. 2487 dated 13 July to SHARP.

4. SHARP replied 27 July stating that authority for travel for 4 Red Cross personnel was not given, but that one representative could report at once for 7 days to negotiate agreement with UNRRA. Essential that this representative submit details of method of operation, supplies, personnel available, transport, personnel equipment, etc.

5. The General Secretary of the Italian Red Cross, Marchese Ugo Theodoli, left Rome for Frankfurt by air on 13 August.

6. The delay in the departure of the Italian Red Cross Representative was due to some hold up in Military clearances.

7. The Italian Government and Red Cross have been kept fully in the picture since mid July.

J. A. CAMPBELL
 Lieut.-Colonel
 Director
 WD & IPW S/C

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CHIEF OF MISSION UNRA FRANKFORT GERMANY

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13 August 45

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PARA ONE PD MARCHESI THEODOLI SECRETARY GENERAL ITALIAN
RED CROSS CMA REFERENCE F TWO EIGHT FOUR NINE NINE JULY
TWENTYSIXTH CMA WILL LEAVE BY AIR THIRTSBETH AUGUST PD
PAREN TO CHIEF OF MISSION UNRA FRANKFORT GERMANY FROM ALCOM
CITE ACORD PAREN

PARA TWO PD WILL ARRIVE AT HAMAU AIRPORT FRANKFORT ETA ONE
FIVE THREE FIVE SAME DAY PD

PARA THREE PD HAVE TRANSPORTATION MEET AND ARRANGE FOR QUARTERS
AND RATIONS PD

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WD A IPOW Sub-Comm.

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Nicholas Piombino
CWO, USA
Asst. Adjut.

see 17 ADH 1/Colony

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Italian Red Cross Representative - FILE NO. DPR/27/G-II (IT)
Caniglia & Brocchi.
TO : W.M.D. & I.P.O.W. Sub-Commission. 4 August 1945

See 14

1. Attached herewith is Memo. 505/BR/CA/EC(L) dated 30 July 1945 with enclosure, for your action.

For the Director.

James F. Oliver
C.A. OLIVER
Lt. Colonel, *Capt.*
for G-1 Italian.

ENTERED ON CARD.	DATE. 9-8-45
	INITIALS. <i>W.P.G.</i>

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Liaison Division

REFER/S

SUBJECT: Italian Red Cross Representatives -
Caniglia & Brocchi

TO: Displaced Persons & Repatriation
Sub-Commission

FILE NO. 505/BR-CA/EC(L)

30 July 1945

See 14

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1. Attached is 25 July letter 6/2424 from Ministry of Foreign Affairs to C.C., with request to this office to frame reply.
2. C.S.O. of C.C. recognizes that this office dealt with subject to limited extent of applying for MTA for Caniglia and Brocchi.
3. As your files show completed background and present status of the matter, C.S.O. directs reply be accordingly put up by your office
4. It will be appreciated if such reply be passed directly to C.S.O. for signature by C.C.

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Encl: As in para 1 above

HQ ALLIED COMMISSION

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Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

Rome July 25th 1945

Dear Admiral,

This Ministry, with Memorandum no. 6/1423/657 of May 23rd, asked the the Allied Commission to kindly authorize the journey to Paris of Signori BROCCHI and CANIGLIA charged by the Italian Red Cross with furnishing all possible assistance, through its Delegations in France, to Italian Refugees from Germany.

The Allied Commission's attention was drawn to the urgency of the matter with Memorandum no. 6/1705/777 of June 14th, and again with Memorandum 6/1836/847 of June 22nd, but up to now no reply has been received on the subject.

I would be extremely grateful, my dear Admiral, if you would be so kind as to interest the proper Authorities in granting, as soon as possible, the requested authorization.

Thanking you in advance, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ ????

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Ref: DPR/709/MED.

20 July 1945

My dear Prunas:

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Thank you for your letter of 9 July 1945 with which you enclosed a memorandum concerning the situation of Italian Prisoners of War and Internees now in Germany and Austria.

The position with regard to qualified Italians being sent into these countries is that my full proposals met with some opposition but I have obtained an acceptance in principle of a Mission from the Italian Red Cross. This Mission will consist of four members and will be attached to UNRRA at SHAEF Headquarters. The details for implementing this arrangement are already well in hand.

As you know, 32 Liaison Officers are already attached to the various Army Groups and I think it is unlikely that I shall be able to persuade the Allied authorities at SHAEF to accept anything more. It is confidently expected that the repatriation of Italians will proceed smoothly and that even the hospital cases will be returned to Italy well before the start of the winter.

That being so, I do not feel that I can press this matter any further.

I have also written to the Prime Minister, notifying him of the acceptance of the Italian Red Cross Mission.

Very truly yours,

Signed Ellery W. Stone
ELLELY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Don Renato Prunas,
Ministry fo Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 435
Date/Time of Origin: JUL 19 1200B

Message Centre No: F/483
Date Time Rec'd: JUL 20 1030B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: BRITISH EMBASSY BELGRADE
TO: ACTION AFHQ AND ACC ROME

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From BROWNING. Following Allied Forces permits issued. 17623 to 17632 (incl) to French Mission BELGRADE for French POW being repatriated. Will be issued by French Mission in block as previously. 17633 NORMAN EDGAR THOMAS British travelling CASERTA on official business for UNRRA. 17652 LUCIA A NERRIS American travelling BARI on official business UNRRA. 17655 ERNEST WEISSMAN Yugoslav industrial expert travelling WASHINGTON via ITALY on official business for UNRRA. 17693 Doctor DUSANKA NEDIC Yugo Slav travelling BARI on Red Cross duty. 17696 ALFRED HASLER Swiss travelling ITALY in transit to SWITZERLAND on Red Cross business.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

Rome, 14 July 1945

No. 2367/Pol/C-19-N di prot.

TO: Allied Commission, I POW S/C.

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SUBJECT: The forming of Italian Military Commissions to be sent to Germany.

Relative to a request from the Presidency of the Council of Ministers to the Ministry of War, following agreements with your Sub/Com. to send Italian Military Commissions into Germany in the aim of giving assistance and repatriation of liberated Italian PW. the High Commissioner asked by the Ministry of War and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for information regarding the forming of said commissions, answered the Ministries with the attached letter, a copy of which is forwarded to you for your information.

It is to be understood that, with the formation of these Commissions and the subsequent action that they will take, the request made in our letter No. 1869/Pol/C-29 dated 9 June is annulled.

attached.

*(Note: original is in file 1PW/50
- Col. Geronzi - Verona).*

s/ For the HIGH COMMISSIONER
(Col. Montecaro)

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Rome, 10 July 1945

No. 2514/Pol/C-19-N 61 prot.

SUBJECT: Italian Military Missions to be sent to Germany for the assistance and repatriation of liberated Italian POWs.

TO : Ministry of War.
The Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated PW.
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
ROME

Reference to your phonogram No. 3829 from the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, relative to letter No. 44491 in date of today from the Autonomous Office for P.W. and R. POWs and to the teletype No. 19/12221/C dated 9 June 45 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the High Commissioner is of the opinion that the Military Commissions to be sent to German territory for the assistance and repatriation of our PW, that the AC seem to be disposed to send, should be applied to the Superior Allied Commands and not divided per territory. For the assignment in singular territories of isolated officers or groups, the local authorities to obtain them should provide case by case, for each commission, with the elements ~~and~~ at their disposal. Therefore, taking into consideration the high rank needed for obvious reasons of prestige, that the heads of these Commissions must have for the duty that they must perform, it would be opportune to organise them as follows:

1) A commission to be assigned to the S.H.A.E.F. Commanded by a General of Division or a Brigadier General as head of the Commission, with two superior officers and one medical officer, representing the Italian Red Cross on his staff.

Said Commission's duty would be directive and liaison for the assignments of that which concerns the reports with the Italian Government, the discipline and the interests relative to these matters.

2) A Commission to each Allied Command (English, American and French) for the operations to do in the regions of their respective jurisdiction areas, commanded by a General of lower rank or of a certain age, which will give him precedence, a Colonel and two superior officers, a medical officer and a chaplain as staff.

The officers who have already been sent to Germany as interpreters should form part of these Commissions, as ordered by the head of the Commission and should be sent where the need is greatest and should be chosen by the head of the mission from the liberated prisoners on the place (officers or military personnel) who have the capacity.

For that which concerns the choice of the components of the mission the High Commissioner retains it will be useful to have them chosen from the ex-PW. This is to be considered very necessary due to the fact that these people who have experienced imprisonment have more comprehension than others, having spent years behind the barbed wire. Without their co-operation the H.C. considers that it will be very difficult to get the confidence of the PW and give them the assurance that all that is possible is being done for them.

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Naturally the components of these Commissions, or at least the heads, must speak English.

For that which regards the duties of these Commissions the following items are the most important.

(1) to obtain from the Allied Authorities, that our PW will be considered as free foreign subjects and will receive the same treatment as is given the liberated PW of the United Nations.

(2) that the question of their repatriation will be treated in the same manner as the repatriation of the PW of the United Nations, helping them in all way with transportation and all available assistance.

Particular instructions regarding these questions of minor interest, which will come up regarding our PW can be discussed verbally with the H.C. and the heads of the various Commissions.

We call the attention of the Ministry of War regarding the nomination of the following Generals as heads of the Commissions: General of Division FRATTINI Enrico and Giacomo NEGRONI, who in America and India were in report with the Allied authorities who hold them in consideration.

s/ Gen. DAPIHO

Roma, 10 Luglio 1945

N. 2314/Pol./C-19-N. di prot.

OGGETTO: Missione militare da inviarsi in Germania per l'assistenza dei prigionieri di guerra italiani liberati.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto -
ALL'UFFICIO AUTONOMO REDUCI DA PRIGIONIA
E RI-PATRIATI
- Ministero della Guerra -

AL MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

R. O. M. A.

Con riferimento al fonogramma 3529 della Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri di cui al foglio n. 44491 in data odierna dell'Ufficio Autonomo Reduci da prigionia e rimpatriati e al telexpresso n. 19/12221/C in data 9 corrente del Ministero degli Affari Esteri, questo Alto Commissariato è d'avviso che la *Commissione* Militare Italiana da inviarsi nei territori tedeschi per l'assistenza e l'avviamento al rimpatrio dei nostri p. di g. che la Commissione Alleata sembra voglia consentire siano applicate agli alti Comandi Alleati, non ripartite per territorio. Alla assegnazione nei singoli territori degli ufficiali isolati o in gruppo che le situazioni locali fossero per richiedere dovrebbe provvedere caso per caso ciascuna commissione con gli elementi a sua disposizione. Perciò, tenuto conto dell'alto grado che per ovvie esigenze di prestigio dovrebbero avere i capi di tali missioni e delle funzioni che sarebbero loro comprese si ritiene che sarebbe opportuno far luogo alla seguente loro organizzazione:

- 1°) - una commissione presso l'Alto Comando Interalleato (S.H.A.S.V.) presieduta da un generale di divisione o di brigata con funzioni di capo della Missione e costituita da due ufficiali superiori e da un ufficiale medico che rappresenti la Croce Rossa Italiana.

Tale commissione avrebbe evidentemente funzioni direttive e di collegamento ~~colle~~ altre segnatamente per quanto concerne i rapporti con il Governo Italiano e la disciplina e la tutela degli interessi ad essi relativi.

20) - Una Commissione presso ciascun comando alleato (Inglese, americano, francese) per le operazioni da compiersi nelle zone della rispettiva giurisdizione di occupazione, presieduta da un generale di minor grado o anzianità del precedente e da un colonnello e costituita da due ufficiali superiori, un ufficiale medico ed un capollano militare.

A queste commissioni naturalmente dovrebbero fare capo gli ufficiali interpreti che sono già stati inviati nei territori tedeschi occupati, secondo la ripartizione che fosse per farne il capo della missione e dovrebbero potersi essere aggiunti per gli eventuali maggiori bisogni, a scelta del capo della missione, i prigionieri di guerra liberati in aiuto (ufficiali e militari di truppa) che fossero necessari ai fini.

Per quanto concerne poi la scelta dei componenti della missione questo Alto Commissariato ritiene doveroso far presente che sarebbe conveniente utile se non addirittura necessario che tutti i prescelti fossero ex p. di E. - Consigliamo questo criterio tanto la necessità di inviare ufficiali che abbiano esperienza delle speciali condizioni di animo che sono conseguite nei prigionieri di guerra dalla lunga detenzione fra i reticolati e dalla forma di convivenza alla quale furono costretti quanto la convenienza di affidare le delicate funzioni a militari che conoscano la sensibilità delle autorità alleate e siano in grado di adeguare ad essa l'opera propria. Senza questa esperienza della prigionia e questa conseguenzialità con le autorità detentrici soltanto a questo Alto Commissariato che non sia facile poter acquisire sull'animo del p. di E. l'assurdo che occorre per ridarli ad una volenterosa obbedienza e ad una paziente, fiduciosa attesa dei provvedimenti che dovranno riconoscerli in Patria e soprattutto che non sia agevole capirne nel confronto delle autorità alleate quella prestigiosa autorevolezza che è il lievito, spesso unico e risolutivo, di ogni successo alle iniziative collegate con le loro determinazioni.

Naturalmente i componenti di queste commissioni e almeno

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1°) - di ottenere dalle autorità alleate che i nostri prigionieri di guerra siano considerati liberi sudditi stranieri e che no trattati come lo furono i p. di G. delle Nazioni Unite liberati;

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2°) - Di ottenere dalle autorità Alleate che la questione del loro rimpatrio sia riguardata con la massima sollecitudine con la quale fu trattata quella del rimpatrio degli ex P. di S. delle Nazioni Unite, concorrendo alla sua soluzione con il maggiore e più urgente apporto di mezzi di trasporto e di provvidenze assistenziali che sia possibile.

Particolari istruzioni circa le questioni di minor conto che potranno presentarsi nella assistenza dei nostri P. di S. liberati potranno essere date verbalmente anche da questo Alto Commissariato ai Capi prescelti delle varie commissioni.

Si ritiene da ultimo opportuno segnalare all'attenzione del Ministero della Guerra, per quanto concerne la nomina del Capo della Missione, i nomi dei generali di divisione STRATTON, MURICO e GIACOMO NARONI che in America ed in Italia hanno nei rapporti con le autorità Alleate dato prova della maggiore accortezza e prestigiosità, assicurandone la considerazione e i consensi.

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE
(Gen. Vincenzo Dapino)



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IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE
(Gen. Vincenzo Lapino)



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High Commissioner for Italian PW
n. 1869/Pol./C-29 di Prot.

Rome 9th June 1945
To the Allied Commission
Sub-Commissioner for It. PW

Subject; Activities of Col. Rinaldo Fiore VERNAZZA

1. As we known, Col VERNANZZA attached to COM.ZONE at Paris, as liaison officer, has been put at HQ - European T of Opus USA and from the 23rd of March 1945 has been on duty at the "Provost Marshal Section" (Attenti n enclosure I)

Up to date he has collaborated with the PW division with his own discrimination (screening and classification) of the Italian personnel in the POW Camps in American Custody reunited in the PW Enclosures.

This duty he has preformed only in France and on the 29th of May he had still 2000 Italians to examine.

2. During his stay in France Col. Vernazza has been able to understand many important questions regarding the discrimination and repatriation of Italian Personnel, freed by the victorious advance of the Allied nations, who are now being assisted by the Allied organizations.

The Italian Government has received a request from the S.H.A.E.F. to send Italian officers to these camps: about 20 Italian officers have been sent to Germany, to function as interpreters and liaison officers at the Army Group Commands.

3. Relative to the above matter, the Italian Government thinks it opportune that Col. Vernazza, who is the ranking officer on duty at the American Command in France, be accredited towards the S.H.A.E.F. with greater authority. That he be recognized as Head of the Italian Military Mission in liaison with the S.H.A.E.F. (with his head office at the S.H.A.E.F. Headquarters in Paris) and as such:

A. To treat all questions concerning the assistance and repatriation of Italian POW, of freed prisoners and refugees (P.W. D.P. R.A.M.P. Refugees).

B. That he be authorized to organize in liaison with the Italian Government, (never interfering with the orders of the Allied Authorities) the activities of the Italian officers who are interpreters attached to the large Anglo-American Units.

C. That he be allowed to visit the Italian camps and the lodging Centers, wherever they are, that have been organized by the Anglo-American authorities.

We beg your Sub-Commission to call this matter to the attention of the superior Allied Authorities that they may give permission for

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what is written above.

Thanking you

Signed for the High Commissioner

General V. Dapino

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 ANTONIO ORISO, COL VOTI GIOVANNI PERILLI, COMSE EUGENIO JACCHINO
 to proceed forthwith FRANKFURT and report to UNRRA.

Consider important that permission be granted to above mission
 of Italian Red Cross for work in connection with Italian Displaced Persons

Terms and conditions as set out in your Adm Memo number 39
 Dated 7 May agreed to by Italian Red Cross. Proposal form duly
 signed forwarded under separate cover.

Italian Red Cross will provide own transport.

Above agreed to in principle at meeting FRANKFURT 7 July 4 3
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IPW/62/113 July 1945

SUBJECT: Italian PW and Internees in Germany and Austria,
TO : Civil Affairs Section.

See 6, 5, 4.

Reference Executive Commissioner letter 2216/145/EC
dated 11 July 1945.

1. The question of Italian missions to Germany has been dealt with by this Sub-Commission and SHAF.
2. Please see attached copy of my signal 1669 dated 12 July to G-5 AFHQ.
3. When I discussed the matter with SHAF, they were very definite in their views re NOT allowing any Italian Missions into Germany.
4. It was only after considerable discussion that they agreed in principle to consider allowing an Italian Red Cross Mission, consisting of four members, to be attached to UNRRA at SHAF Headquarters.

/s/ J. A. CAMPBELL

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 735

11 July 1945.

Ref: 2216/145/BO.

SUBJECT: Italian PW and Internees in GERMANY and AUSTRIA.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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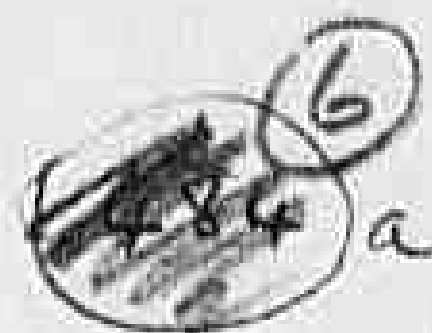
1. Reference is made to attached Memorandum from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs dated 9 July 1945, No. 6/2104/959, together with its covering letter from Dr. Franas to the Chief Commissioner.
2. This Memorandum is sent to you for action as the last and operative para particularises on the subject of "missions" to GERMANY on which you have already been in correspondence with the Italian Government.
3. You may, however, consider it desirable to consult War Material Disposal and Italian PW Sub-Commission with a view to producing a comprehensive reply. The reply should be prepared for signature by the Chief Commissioner.


Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.Incls
as above

Copy to: War Material Disposal & IPW Sub-Commission

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

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Rome, July 9th 1945

Dear Admiral,

I take pleasure in sending you, enclosed herewith, copy of the Memorandum concerning the question of the Italian P.O.W. and Internees now in Germany and Austria, which has been addressed to the Allied Commission. I venture to enlist your kind assistance on the matter which is of a deep concern to the Government.

As you remember, the President of the Council has had recently the occasion of acquainting you verbally with the subject.

With kindest regards, believe me, dear Admiral,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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MINISTRO
DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

VERY URGENT

N. 6/2104/959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Italian P.O.W. and Internees in Germany and Austria.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs have the honour to draw once again the kind attention of the Allied Commission on the grave question of the Italian P.O.W. and Internees in Germany and Austria.

The Allied Commission is aware of the steps which have already been taken since August 1944 in this connection, and on repeated various occasions for the purpose of securing from the A.A. authorization to send to these internees and prisoners some qualified persons chosen among those Italian Social Organizations associated with the welfare and assistance to prisoners of war. The Allied Commission is also aware of the fact that, unfortunately, all efforts toward this end have had no results to date, nor has any success been obtained in securing authorization to directly participate within the means at our disposal toward the assistance of our deportees in Germany and Austria.

Only recently has the Allied Commission requested that Italian officers be sent to Germany as interpreters. What exactly may be the duties that have been assigned to these officers numbering thirty and who have already left Italy, we have not yet been able to ascertain but it is supposed that they have been able to accomplish very little, judging from reports reaching from Germany advising us of the deep moral depression of our deportees as a result of their conviction that they have been abandoned by the Italian Government, both morally and materially. Many of these are ill and not easily moved by rapid means of transportation. None of them receive news of their families; the departure of prisoners of other nationalities from internment camps while they continue to remain, naturally tends to increase their dissatisfaction. On the other hand, the families in Italy, lacking news of their relatives, are well acquainted with the seriousness of the situation, as described by the press as well as the information brought back by the first repatriates.

They are naturally very apprehensive and desire to have their anxieties relieved. This preoccupation has created among them a state of mind that could have grave social as well as political repercussions.

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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs begs to renew to the Allied Commission - drawing their particular attention to the above described situation - the request that the Italian Government be authorized to send its own missions to Germany and Austria for the purpose of visiting the Italian camps there and to bring to their nationals that material and moral support which they justly expect from their own Country. With this end in view the President of the Council has already verbally mentioned the matter to Admiral Stone.

Rome, July 9th 1945

/s/ ?

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IPH/62/512 July 1945Dear *Smith,*

I enclose proposal form (duly signed), asking permission for four Italian Red Cross representatives to enter Germany.

I have to-day signalled you, as per copy enclosed.

I do ask your co-operation in getting the authority quickly for these Italian Red Cross personnel to proceed into Germany.

Since my return to Rome, I have again had to go into the question with the Italian Government, who have been discussing, in my absence, other Italian missions for Germany. Knowing your feelings on the subject, I do request that you put me in a position to state to the Italian Government that, as permission has just been given to send Red Cross representatives to Germany, the question of other representatives must remain in abeyance for the present.

Please let me have your early reply.

Yours

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/s/ J. A. CAMPBELL

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

Major E. Smith,
Displaced Persons Division,
G-5 Section, SHAEF.

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12 July 1945

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ITALIAN RED CROSS PERSONNEL TO ENTER GERMANY IN CONNECTION
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DEL RICCIO CMA MARESE ANTONIO ORIGO CMA COL DOTT GIOVANNI
PERILLI CMA CONTE EUGENIO JACCARINO CMA TO PROCEED TO
FRANKFURT AND REPORT TO UNWRA IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE SUBJECT PD
PARA FOUR PD ITALIAN RED CROSS AGREE TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS
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PARA FIVE PD THIS HQ CONSIDER VERY NECESSARY THAT PERMISSION
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ITALIAN RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT FRANKFURT IMMEDIATELY PD
PARA SIX PD ITALIAN RED CROSS ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING
OWN TRANSPORTATION PD
PARA SEVEN PD ACCEPTANCE OF ABOVE MISSION INTO GERMANY OF VITAL
INTEREST TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THIS JUNCTURE PD
PARA EIGHT PD ABOVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE AT MEETING FRANKFURT
SEVENTH JULY PD QUOTE ENDS PD

WMD & IPOT Sub-Comm.

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NICHOLAS PICOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst. Adjt.

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PROPOSAL

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1. The (Agency) desires to work in the SHAEF program for displaced persons in Germany.
 2. The Agency is a voluntary relief agency and as much would be affected by SHAEF policies and procedures governing voluntary relief agencies which deal with the care and repatriation of displaced persons in Germany.
 3. It is established SHAEF policy that UNRRA shall supervise and coordinate the work of the voluntary relief agencies with displaced persons in Germany.
 4. This proposal develops a working relationship between the agency and UNRRA.
 5. The Agency agrees to:
 - a. Comply with military law to serve under the jurisdiction of the commanders of the formation to which members of the agency may be attached as individuals or as a group.
 - b. Perform its activities with displaced persons in Germany in the SHAEF program under the supervision and coordination of UNRRA.
 - c. Submit to UNRRA (Attention: J. A. Edmison, Chief, UNRRA Liaison Officer, G-5, SHAEF, APO 757 - U. A. Army)

(1) Plan of operations which will include:

- (a) Name of organization.
- (b) Names of principle officers, annual report, etc.
- (c) Description of activities in which the agency proposes to engage, methods to be employed.
- (d) Official statement of approval by its government for agency to operate in Germany in displaced persons program.
- (e) Statement showing the number and qualification of personnel involved and personal and organizational equipment available.
- d. Arrange for the salaries, inoculations, clothing and equipment of personnel employed by the agency.
- e. Negotiate with UNRRA from time to time such further detailed arrangements and procedures as the situation requires.

6. UNRRA will:

a. Comply with military law to serve under the jurisdiction of the commanders of the formation to which members of the agency may be attached as individuals or as a group.

b. Perform its activities with displaced persons in Germany in the SHAEF program under the supervision and coordination of UNRRA.

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e. Negotiate with UNRRA from time to time such further detailed arrangements and procedures as the situation requires.

6. UNRRA will:

a. Present the agency's Plan to SHAEF for final approval and will notify officially the agency of SHAEF's action.

b. Serve as the channel of communication between the agency and SHAEF.

c. Arrange with appropriate military commanders for such UNRRA coordination and supervision as may be required at the various military echelons.

d. Develop for the agency through coordinated efforts fullest possible opportunities for service to displaced persons in Germany.

Signed: Ugo Theodoli

for the Italian Red Cross

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10 July 1945

CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
COMITATO CENTRALE

Il Segretario Generale

July 10th '45Sede, II
Via Testaccio, 47

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Col. Campbell,

Director WMD & IFOW Sub Comm.

ALLIED COMMISSION.

SUBJECT : IRC Mission to Germany.

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject and more particularly to our yesterday conversation, I beg to return herewith, duly signed, the Proposal form as required by SHAEF.

The following are the names of the four persons that will make up the IRC Mission in question :

Dott. Ing. Edoardo M. RICCI del RICCIO

Marchese Antonio ORIGO

Col. Dott. Giovanni PERILLI

Conte Eugenio JACCARINO

Il Segretario Generale C.R.I.

(Ugo Tassinari)

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ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

APO 757

7 May 1945

APPENDIX 'G'

Ann. No. 39 (Revised)

THE USE OF UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS UNDER UNRRA
COORDINATION FOR WORK WITH DISPLACED PERSONS IN GERMANY

1. This memorandum deals with the use of United Nations voluntary welfare organizations in Germany for work with displaced persons. It does not apply to military personnel of the military forces of any of the United Nations, official government missions, or other official military or government agencies.

2. Reference is made to policy of this headquarters as set forth in:

a. "Control of Displaced Persons", AG 351-7 GE-AGE SHAFT/G-5/1043 dated 28 December 1944.

"b. For operations in Germany UNRRA will, as the agent of Supreme Commander, AF:

(1) Coordinate the activities of all foreign voluntary societies."

3. Agreement between Supreme Commander, AF and UNRRA on 26 November 1944 which Agreement is set forth in Annex "B", Administrative Memorandum Number 39, this headquarters, dated 3 January 1945. Section 3 of Agreement provides:

"3. When called upon by the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, to do so, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration will coordinate and supervise the activities of non-governmental civil agencies (other than indigenous) engaged upon work connected with the matters referred to in Article 1 hereof."

c. Administrative Memorandum Number 39 Revised, Para 12h, Section II.

"h. Coordination of Voluntary Relief Agencies. UNRRA will as agent of the Supreme Commander, coordinate the activities of all United Nations voluntary societies engaged in displaced persons work in Germany."

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3. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have specifically authorized the Supreme Commander to invite voluntary welfare organizations into Germany in connection with work with displaced persons under the supervision and coordination of UNRRA. The use of such United Nations voluntary welfare organizations in Germany will be at the discretion of military commanders in accordance with policies set forth in paragraph 2, above, and the procedures established in this memorandum.

4. A variety of voluntary welfare organizations in the various countries of the United Nations are equipped to perform specific services for displaced persons such as care of children, first aid, nursing, medical and hospital services.

5. If such United Nations welfare organization desires to work in Germany, it will communicate with the European Regional Office of UNRRA which will work out with such organization a proposal for the use of its services. UNRRA will then present such proposal in an official communication to the Supreme Commander, AEF setting forth the following:

- a. Name of the organization.
- b. Type of activities in which the organization desires to engage.
- c. Official approval of the government concerned that it approves of the organization operating in Germany.
- d. Written proposal for the use of the organization's services as agreed between UNRRA and the organization.
- e. Number and qualifications of personnel involved and personal and organizational equipment available.

6. Upon receipt of such communication from UNRRA, the Supreme Commander, AEF, may approve the agreement, providing that there is no military reason to the contrary and it appears that the best interests of the military effort will be served.

7. If approved, the Supreme Commander, AEF, will notify Army Groups of the availability of the personnel and Army Groups will call them forward in the same way in which UNRRA Assembly Center teams or personnel are now deployed. Supreme Headquarters, AEF, will assign the available personnel to the Army Groups which will deploy them to lower echelons as needed without reference to Supreme Headquarters, AEF. Transfer of this personnel between Army Groups will, however, require the prior approval of Supreme Headquarters, AEF.

8. Deployment will be accomplished by competent orders of the military headquarters concerned. Records as to the deployment of this personnel will be the responsibility of the military headquarters to which they are attached.

9. UNRRA will negotiate the necessary arrangements with these organizations regarding:

- a. Payment and allowances.
- b. Screening procedures.
- c. Internal organization.
- d. Reporting procedures.

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Appendix G,
Ann Memo # 39
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The Supreme Commander will not make available equipment or supplies to these organizations except as indicated herein.

10. Personnel of these organizations will be governed by the following conditions:

a. The channel for command and communication for all matters relating to these organizations will be through military channels and the European Regional Office of UNRRA.

b. The personnel of these organizations will be attached to military formations and will in all cases be subject to command and control by the appropriate military commanders. Military commanders will normally supervise such personnel through UNRRA officers on their staffs.

c. Such personnel will be subject to military law and under the jurisdiction of the commander of the formation to which attached. Commanders may take such disciplinary action as is necessary, including relief from attachment or they may refer the case through military channels to the European Regional Office of UNRRA. A report will be submitted promptly, through channels, to Supreme Headquarters, AEF, by any commander who takes disciplinary action against the personnel of any of these organizations.

d. Official communications between the personnel of these organizations or between such personnel and the organization headquarters or governments concerned will be through military channels and the European Regional Office. Personal communications will be through APO/TPC.

e. Such personnel will wear either the uniform of their organization or UNRRA uniforms as may be agreed upon between UNRRA and the organization concerned.

f. Such personnel is covered by Article 81 of the Prisoner of War Convention. It will therefore be provided by Supreme Headquarters, AEF, with appropriate identity papers establishing its non-combatant civilian status, and assimilative rank, if any, and certifying the right under Article 81 to be treated as prisoners of war, if captured.

g. Assimilative ranks, if any, for this personnel will be obtained by UNRRA from the Government concerned. Such ranks have effect only in the event of capture by the enemy. In addition, they may be used as a basis for determining privileges in military formations/organizations.

h. Appropriate certificates under Article 10 of the Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Conditions of the Wounded and Sick of the Armies in the Field will be issued to such personnel as is protected under that Article.

i. Such personnel will initially come completely equipped with necessary personal and organizational equipment.

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j. Such personnel attached to military formations/organizations will be entitled to the use of such facilities as the Army Postal Services, the PX, NAAFI, and Messes. In all matters relating to accommodation, rations, medical, dental, and hospital services and transport, etc., such personnel will be accorded the same facilities, subject to the same conditions of payment, as members of the armed forces. Such personnel will be entitled to use Quartermaster Stores for purchase of replacement items. POL will be furnished to them.

k. With regard to the use of military communications, such personnel will not be granted additional facilities or higher priorities than those of the military formations/organizations to which it may be attached.

11. All United Nations voluntary organizations to the extent they are engaged in displaced persons work, other than the American Red Cross and the British Red Cross, will be withdrawn from Germany not later than 1 June 1945 unless such agencies work out an arrangement with UNRRA and are admitted into Germany in accordance with policies and procedures established in this memorandum. The only authorization given herein is to utilize such organizations in Germany if they are under the supervision of UNRRA.

12. The use of the American and British Red Cross is governed by the provisions of letter, this headquarters, AG 080-6 GE-AGN, dated 10 August 1944. These two organizations will cease to operate in Germany, insofar as work with displaced persons or those assimilated to them in status is concerned, prior to 1 June 1945 except as arrangements are effected with UNRRA to continue such work in accordance with this memorandum. Regardless of whether such arrangements are made, these two Red Cross societies may continue to be utilized as desired and directed by military commanders in health, welfare, and relief activities in liberated countries, the care of displaced persons in liberated countries, and subject to agreement with the two Red Cross Societies, the care and repatriation of enemy and ex-enemy nationals in Germany, the control of German welfare activities, Red Cross communications, special programs for distributing clothing, medical and other supplies, and such other activities as may be desired and for which the Army has not given to UNRRA full or partial operating responsibility. After 1 June 1945 personnel of these agencies now in Germany will be utilized only for such work as is not connected with care and repatriation of United Nations displaced persons in Germany.

13. It is anticipated that a number of voluntary welfare organizations will have personnel available shortly. Army Groups will be kept informed of the availability of such personnel.

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