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COOPERATORS
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STAFF MINUTE SHEET.

Pack No.

Subject Writer O. BAZZANI FRANCO I.R.N. Transfer to previous

Origin duties. S.O.(I).

Referred to

S.O.I.I.

C.S.O.

Sec'y.

Captain SESTINI I.R.N., has stated that the above-named was previously employed on duties of an "informer" nature, attending political meetings and demonstrations "icognito" to obtain information of Naval interest.

2. In view of his past experience and the present dissemination of anti-royalist (and therefore harmful) propaganda among I.R.N. personnel by certain political factions it is considered that his transfer would serve a useful purpose.

Liaut. H.N.V.R. S.O.(I).
16th. June 1945.

After action
circulation

Sery

Rome.

There may be good reasons for getting the man back but I do not like those given. Unless we have received a directive to bolster up the effete Italian monarchy I consider our attitude should be one of strict neutrality (incidentally the only Italians who have fought on our side - the Partisans - are anti-royalist). 18/6

Wally Sol

Disposal

DATE: 24 June 1945
FROM: FORMAL
TO: FORMAL

The letter gives no reasons, only a record of past service. What does he do? Do we want him?

B. U

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

Continue if necessary, on a FRESH minute sheet

OVER

From : Commander in Chief Ionian & I. Adriatic.

Date : June 1945.

To : Staff Officer (I) Taranto.

Confidential. Personal.

Subject - Writer O. Bazzani Franco.

For service reasons, already verbally communicated we request that the possibility may be examined of returning to the Royal Italian Naval Authorities : Writer O. Bazzani Franco o/n 656431 at present employed at the 2724 Co-operators Coy.(Pnr.) at the Caserma Corsini Taranto where he carries out office duties.

Writer Bazzani escaped from the RHODES Island on the 11th. September 1943 following the German occupation of the Island. He arrived in Turkey where he was interned until 10th. March 1944, on which date he was sent to Palestine by the British Command since he had volunteered, together with other Royal Italian Naval Personnel, to fight against the Germans.

He was a member of the 3rd. Royal Italian Naval Company, and was transferred with it to TEL. EL KEBIR in Egypt for eventual repatriation.

Following an attack of Malaria he was sent to the 4th. General Hospital and thus he was unable to arrive in Italy with his companions.

On leaving Hospital although recommended by various British Officers amongst whom was the commander of Camp No. 309 he was still retained in Egypt.

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Chief of Staff.

Sesto Sestini.

Commander.

FLAG OFFICER
TARANTO AND ADRIATIC
DATE 16 JUN 1945
No. L. 889/37



Comando in Capo del Dipartimento Marittimo Jonio e Basso Adriatico - Taranto

Indirizzo teleg.: MARIDIPART - Taranto

Taranto, Giugno 1945Prot. N. _____ Alleg. _____ Al Nota verbale per S.O.I.T A R A N T OARGOMENTO: Furiere O. BAZZANI Franco. =RISERVATA PERSONALE

Per ragioni di servizio, già segnalate verbalmente, si prega esaminare la possibilità di restituire alle Autorità della R. Marina il militare:

656431 R. Fur. O. BAZZANI Franco
che trovasi attualmente nella 2724 CO-OPERATOR COY (Pnr)
a Taranto Caserma Orsini ove esplica le mansioni di impiegato d'ufficio.

Il Furiere BAZZANI fuggì dall'isola di Rodi l'11 Settembre 1943 in seguito all'occupazione tedesca dell'isola, riparò in Turchia ove fu internato fino al 10 Marzo 1944, giorno in cui venne trasportato dal Comando Inglese in Palestina avendo egli, con altri militari della R. Marina, accettato di combattere contro i tedeschi.

Fece parte della 3^a Comp. R. Marina trasferito con questa a TEL EL KEBIR in Egitto per essere successivamente rimpatriato, senonchè in seguito ad attacco malarico egli venne ricoverato al 4° General Hospital e non poté raggiungere l'Italia con gli altri suoi compagni.

Quando egli lasciò l'ospedale, non ostante gli affidamenti avuti da vari Ufficiali inglesi, fra cui il Comandante del Campo n. 309 continuò a rimanere in Egitto.

In data 9 Marzo 1945 fu incorporato in una compagnia di cooperatori italiani ex prigionieri di guerra, e con questi venne infine rimpatriato ed ora si trova appunto nella 2724 CO-OPERATOR COY (Pnr).

Trattasi di elemento di assoluta fiducia e di ottimi precedenti.

d'ordine
IL CAPITANO DI VASCELLO
Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Sesto SESTINI)

Stella

S.S. want him for inf. S. S. Tarant.

Cap. _____ Art. _____

N. 919 di Catalogo
(Mod. N. 89 - Reg. Art.)



MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

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Ordinativo N. _____⁽¹⁾ sull'ordine d'accreditamento N. _____

La Sezione di Tesoreria provinciale di _____
 pagherà in ⁽³⁾ _____ la somma
 di lire ⁽⁴⁾ _____

all person sottoindicat

a saldo di (b)

dovuta giusta i documenti (6)

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Il Capo dell'Ufficio di Ragioneria

Il Capo dell'Ufficio Amministrativo

V. Il Capo della Sezione di R. Tesoreria

II Funzionario Delegato

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(1) Direzione o Ufficio da cui fu emesso l'ordine. — (2) Numero progressivo per ciascun ordine di accreditamento. Quando occorra, indicare che l'ordinativo è l'ultimo emesso sull'ordine di accreditamento. — (3) Luogo del pagamento. — (4) La somma in tutte lettere. — (5) Causale della spesa. — (6) Documenti che la giustificano. — (7) Qualità ufficiale del funzionario delegato.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3130
2 August 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, HQ. Allied Commission.
To: Officer Commanding, No. 2 British General Hospital,
C.M.F.

Subject: C.P.O. PETRILLO Luigi, No. 19699.

1. With reference to your letter 2GH/18/1607 dated 9th June 1945, addressed to A.D.M.S. 56 Area, the Medical Case Sheet (AFI 1237) in triplicate is returned herewith.

2. Subject is not an Italian Co-operator in the accepted sense but an Italian Naval Petty Officer who was assigned for duty with the Royal Navy. Under the circumstances, if he is fit enough to be discharged from hospital he should be sent to the nearest Italian Naval Command, or if further hospital treatment is necessary, arrangements should be made with the nearest Italian Naval Command for him to be transferred to an Italian Naval Hospital.

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

Copy to:
G-1(Br) A.F.H.Q.
(G-1)(Br)/3841/A-2 dated 3/7/45 refers)



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MINISTERO MARINA - GABINETTO - UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO

PETRILLO Luigi

Capo Cann. Tel. 3^a cl. matr. 19699 -

Caserma O.P.G. NAPOLI - per Gruppo

Autisti, Caserta. -

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COPY

SUBJECT: 19690 CMP/O PETRILLO.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G1(br)/3841/A2.

3 July '45.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission.
(Naval Sub Commission).

The attached correspondence is forwarded for
your attention as this man is now no longer a co-operator.

/s/ W.A.K. Finlayson

W.A.K. FINLAYSON,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG. G.1(Br).

WAKF/DDKT.

Encl.

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Subject: Release of Italian Cooperator
on Medical Grounds.

No. 2 British General Hospital.
Reference:-2GH/18/1607
9th June, 1945.

To:- A.D.M.S.,
56 Area.

19690 - CHP/O Petrillo, Loigo - Italian Navy
att R.N. Barracks.

Authority is requested please for the release of the above named
Italian Cooperator on medical grounds.

Medical Case Sheet (AF I 1237) in triplicate is forwarded herewith.

Major, R.A.N.C.,
for Officer Commanding No.2 British General
Hospital.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

FILE

NSC/2520
51 May 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Allied Force Headquarters, DAG, G.I.(Br).
Subject: Welfare - Italian Co-operators.
T.187272 GAIMARRI Virgilio.

1. With reference to your CR/3054/6/GI(Br) dated 2nd April 1945, the Ministry of Marine advise that Sig. GAIMARRI Ernani is at present serving with the "Caposettore di Capotale" Brindisi.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.



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From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 15 May '45
Ref.: 56/CO

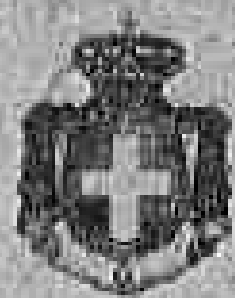
Subject: SIE. GAIMAZZI, Ernani, 1925 Cl.,
S.N°.71134.

With ref. to your NSC/2050 of 7th
ulto., you are informed that the above Rating
is at present serving with the "Caposettore
di Capotiale" (Brindisi).

CHIEF OF CABINET

DG/P.

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*Ministero della Marina*

GABINETTO

Ufficio Collegamento

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Roma, 15 Maggio 1945

ALL NAVY SUB COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

Prot. N° 56/CO

*Allegato*ARGOMENTO: Segnalatore GAIMAZZI Ernani cl. 925,
matricola 71134.

Riferimento vostro foglio NSC/2050 in
data 7 Aprile 1945, si comunica che il milita-
re in argomento risulta attualmente in servi-
zio a Caposettore di Capotiale (Brindisi).

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. F. BASLINI

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2050
7 April 1945.

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File

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine.
Subject: GAIMARRI, Emami of Giulio - class 1925, Signaler
category, C.R.E.M school at S. Bartolomeo-IA SPEZIA.

1. Allied Force Headquarters requests information as to the present status of subject man, whose brother is a co-operator on the strength of No. 21. It. R. A. F. Co. It is requested, if possible, that such information be furnished to this Sub-Commission.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
for
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUBCOMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
AFHQ - G.2(Br).



7 APR 1945

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SUBJECT:- Welfare - Italian Co-operators.
T.187272 GAIMARRI Virgilio.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

OR/3054/6/G1(Br). ✓

1 Apr 45.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
(Naval Sub-Commission) ✓

Reference attached translation of an application by the above mentioned co-operator for news of his brother, it is requested that enquiries may be made and this Headquarters notified of any information obtained.

HDH/ER.
Encl.

HEADQUARTERS
4 APR 1945
A. G.

H.D. Harper Call
H.D. HARPER, Captain,
Staff Captain,
for Major General,
DAG, G.1(Br).

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From: Cpl. GAIMARRI Virgilio. T/187272.R.

To: MINISTRY of ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY.-Information Office. ROME.:

The above named P.O.W. a Co-operator on the strength of No. 21. It. R. A. F. Co., wishes information about his brother GAIMARRI Ernani of Giulio-class 1925, Signaler category. He was on July 1943 at the C.R.E.M. school at S. Bartolomeo.-LA SPEZIA.

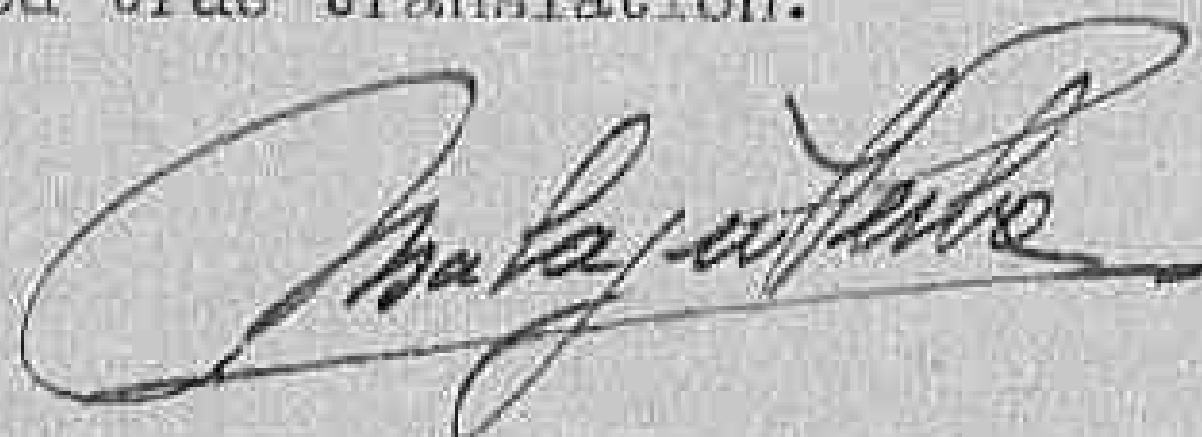
The family domiciled at CREMONA, from September 1943 has not received any news, so they suppose that he could be embarked or transferred in some place i/c now of this H.Q.

If it is possible to have any news about him, the above named Co-operator shall be thankful.

Signed:-Cpl. GAIMARRI Virgilio.

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Certified true translation.



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M.M.I.A.

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M.M.I.A. L.O. TURIN

A 354

RESTRICTED

Subject : RUTTA ALBERTINO DI ALFONSO FORMER 1st COL. ITALIAN ARMY
 NOW CONFINED IN JAIL AT LANCETTE DI TORINO (.) UNDERSTAND THIS
 PERSON TAKEN BY QUESTURA FROM U.S. P.O.W. CAMP 337 PISA ON REQUEST
 OF QUESTURA (.) WAR MINISTRY MOST ANXIOUS THAT RUTTA BE RETURNED AT
 ONCE TO PISA CAMP FOR ACTION BY ITALIAN ARMY AUTHORITIES (.) SEE
 A.M.G. COMMISSIONER AND ARRANGE RELEASE AND YOU ARRANGE RETURN TO
 PISA CAMP (.) URGENT (.) ADVISE ACTION

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URGENT

COMBODON
 AIRGLY,
 HAVE SUB COM. AG.

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Henry Pearson Capt.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2682
17 June 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Release of Italian Co-operators in Italy
and Sicily from PW Status.

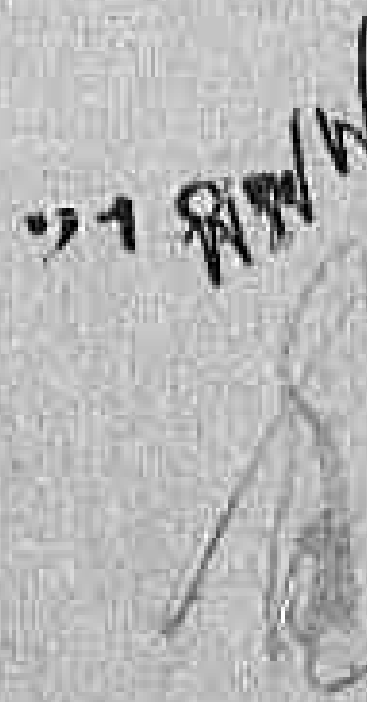
1. It has been decided that all Italian Co-operators in Italy and Sicily will be released from prisoner-of-war status on 1st July 1945.

2. When further details regarding the release are received you will be informed.

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



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18 JUN 1945

1 NO - NAVY 3/4

HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

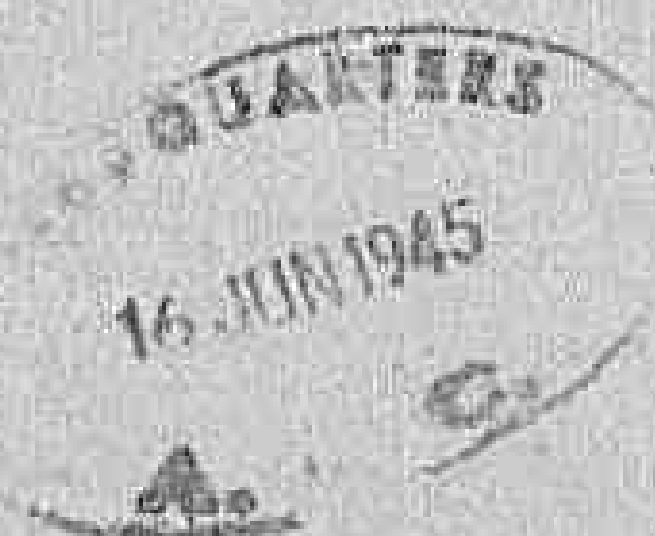
Ref: 32A1.

14 Jun 45.

SUBJECT:- Release of Italian Co-operators in
ITALY and SICILY from PW Status.

Distribution List "B" (British).

1. It has been decided that all Italian co-operators in ITALY and SICILY will be released from PW status on 1 Jul 45.
2. Detailed instructions as to the conditions affecting such release and as to administration subsequent to change of status are in course of preparation and will be issued shortly.



GG.

T.R.N. Jones
T.R.N. JONES,
Staff Captain,
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3323
22 August 1945. **FILE**

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
Subject: No. 1 and 4 Italian Naval Companies - Ex-Co-operator
prisoners of War.

1. A copy of M.M.I.A. signal 151733B is forwarded
in reference to Med.45/00180/24, dated 14th July 1945.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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M.M.I.A. LO MILAN FOR FOX. DISTONE FOR M.M.I.A. LO HERBERT

(R) A.F.H.Q. NAVY SUB COMMISSION. 55 AREA FOR M.M.I.A.
LO 13 CORPS. M.M.I.A. LO GENOA.

FROM M.M.I.A.
151733B.

IMPORTANT.

REF. A 1240. UNCLASSIFIED. REFERENCE A 1201 OF 31 JULY.
RELEASE OF 1 AND 4 NAVAL COMPANIES IS CONFIRMED. ARRANGE FOR
AIM DIVE TO DISPOSE OF PERSONNEL ACCORDINGLY FORTHWITH.
DISBANIMENT ORDERS FOLLOW. SUGGEST PERSONNEL OF NO.4 COMPANY
MIGHT BE SUITABLE FOR 151 FIRE FIGHTING COY. A 105/2 OF 15 AUG REFERS

.....151733B.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3103
31 July 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Subject: Release of Italian Co-operators from Prisoner
of War Status.
Reference: (a) Letter MED.45/00180/35 dated 17th July 1945.
Enclosure: (A) I.R.S. dated 10th July with enclosure thereto.

1. The Land and Air Forces Sub-Commissions have arranged to discharge all naval personnel from the ex-Co-operator prisoner of War Companies attached to the Army and R.A.F. The discharged personnel will be sent to the nearest Italian Naval Command.

2. A similar reciprocal arrangement covering Nos. 1 and 4 Italian Naval Companies was not considered necessary in view of letter MED.45/00180/24 of 14th July 1945 requesting disposal instructions.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.



1 AUG 1945

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3102
31 July 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean. **FIL**

Subject: Mail - Italian Ex-Cooperators.

Reference: (a) Letter MED.45/00180/24 dated 14th July 1945. **FILE**

Enclosure: (A) Letter GI(Br)/3001/1/A2 of 25 July 1945 -
A.F.H.Q.

1. It is requested that appropriate action may
be taken with Nos. 1 and 4 Italian Naval Companies in ac-
cordance with enclosure.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.



Subject:- Mail - Italian Ex Cooperators.



ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters
Allied Commission (Land Forces Sub Commission)
(Naval Sub Commission)
(Air Forces Sub Commission)

G1(Br)/3001/1/A2

25 Jul 45.

1. The postal address of all Italian Cooperators while in PW status has been "208 PW Camp NAPLES, ITALY". This has been an accommodation address and all incoming mail has in fact been sent to GHQ 2nd Echelon where it has been sorted and despatched to the cooperator units concerned.
2. It is understood that ex-cooperators now in the Italian Forces are continuing at present to use this return address. It is desired that the use of this address shall cease forthwith, in order that the Italian Postal Tracing Section at GHQ 2nd Echelon may be wound up. It is requested that you will make arrangements with the Italian authorities concerned for orders to be issued to all units of the Italian Forces comprising ex-cooperators for the use of this address to be discontinued.
3. It is also requested that you will advise GHQ 2nd Echelon direct as to the manner in which incoming mail for Italian ex-cooperators should be disposed of by them during the transition period.

H.D. HARPER, Staff Captain,
for Major General,
DAG. G.1(Br).

HDB/mn.
Copy to :- GHQ., 2nd Echelon.
File G1(Br)/3008/A2.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3038
24 July 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub-Commission, (M.M.I.A.), Hq.
Allied Commission.
Air Forces Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
Subject: Nos. 1 and 4 Italian Naval Companies.

1. A copy of letter MED.45/00180/24 dated 14th July 1945 from Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station to G-3 (Organisation) A.F.H.Q. is forwarded for your information.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
17th July, 1945.

Med. 45/00180/35
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

RELEASE OF ITALIAN CO-OPERATORS FROM
PRISONER OF WAR STATUS

The attached correspondence is forwarded
for your early remarks.

JM. Hamel
for ADMIRAL

Enclosures

I.R.S. dated 10th July with
enclosure thereto

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AFSC/911/1/94 - 18 July 1945
 " 1011/1/01 - 18 July 1945

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
 To : Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
 Major Dobbs.
 Date : 16th July 1945
 Ref : AFSC/911/P4

R.A.F. (ITALIAN) Cos.

Confirming recent conversations, it is stated that there are, in all, eleven companies of ex-Cooperators with the R.A.F.

2. As each company contains numbers of Army Navy, Carabinieri and other personnel, it has been decided to replace the entire Company by an I.A.F. Company of similar strength. This will enable the authorities to handle the sorting and discharge. You are advised that, in the case of Army personnel, these, after withdrawal, will be returned to the nearest Army (I) Command for discharge etc, and it is requested, therefore, that any I.A.F. personnel found in similar Companies working for the British Army may be handed over to the nearest I.A.F. Command.

A similar reciprocal arrangement will be made with the Naval Sub Commission.

3. In each case, a nominal roll of the men thus affected will be furnished to the appropriate Sub Commission.

S. Bradshaw
 F.L. BRADSHAW, *S. Bradshaw*
 Air Vice-Marshal,
 Air Officer Commanding.

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Copies to :

Naval Sub Commission
H.Q. M.A.A.F. A.L.S.
Italian Air Ministry

S. Bradshaw
F.L. BRADSHAW, S/144772
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
14th July, 1945.

Med. 45/00180/24

G-3 (Organisation), ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
(Copies to: The Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic & Liaison Italy
(Rome))

Transportation (British) Allied Force Headquarters
Transportation Main, Rome
Director of Labour, Allied Force Headquarters
Q (Maintenance) Allied Force Headquarters.

NOS. 1 and 4 ITALIAN NAVAL COMPANIES

In consequence of the relatively undamaged state of Northern Italian ports there will soon be no further Naval requirement for the two Italian ex-prisoner of war companies at present allocated to the Royal Navy, and it is expected that they will be available for disposal about the beginning of August.

2. Of these two companies, No. 1 Italian Naval Company is at Mestre near Venice and No. 4 Italian Naval Company is at Genoa.

3. Their composition is approximately 40% tradesmen building and mechanical trades, drivers and mechanics) and 60% general duty men. They are equipped according to the normal G.1098 scale for co-operator units.

4. Since the 1st July their status has been changed to that of BR-ITI units.

5. It will be appreciated if early information can be given as to the disposal of these units.

FILE OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
Date 18 July.
No. 21

for H. H. H. H.

INFORMATION OF THE STAFF

Transportation (British) Allied Force Headquarters
 Transportation Main, Rome
 Director of Labour, Allied Force Headquarters.
 Q (Maintenance) Allied Force Headquarters.

NOS. 1 and 4 ITALIAN NAVAL COMPANIES

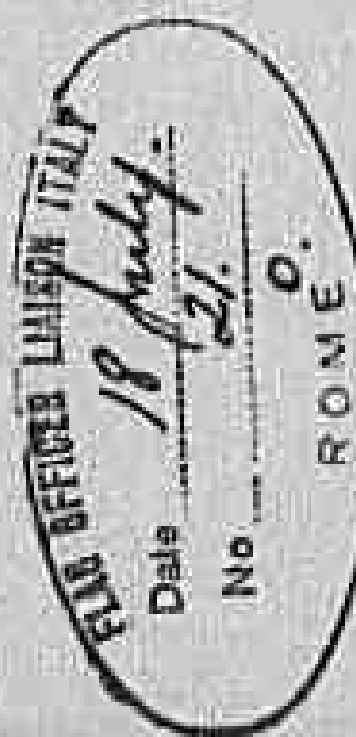
In consequence of the relatively undamaged state of Northern Italian ports there will soon be no further Naval requirement for the two Italian ex-Prisoner of War companies at present allocated to the Royal Navy, and it is expected that they will be available for disposal about the beginning of August.

2. Of these two companies, No. 1 Italian Naval Company is at Mestre near Venice and No. 4 Italian Naval Company is at Genoa.

3. Their composition is approximately 40% tradesmen (building and mechanical trades, drivers and mechanics) and 60% General duty men. They are equipped according to the normal G-1098 scale for co-operator units.

4. Since the 1st July their status has been changed to that of BR-ITI units.

5. It will be appreciated if early information can be given as to the disposal of these units.



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COMMODORE ADMINISTRATION ON THE STAFF
 OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN

DATE: 18.7.45
 FROM: FOTALLI, ROME.
 TO : NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HQ. AC.

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

W. H. H. H.
 REAR ADMIRAL

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/5469
4 September 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Naval Personnel, 124 Company 1st Batt. 417 Regt.
(Ex-Co-operator Prisoners of War).

1. The undermentioned naval personnel serving with the above company have been discharged and sent to the nearest Italian Naval Command:

Marinaio MONTESANTO Alfio di Antonino e di Barbagallo
Antonietta nato il 1/4/22 a Nicolosi,
distr.mil.Catania, CC.RR. Nicolisi,
residenza Nicolosi - professione
impiegato - Arma R.Marina.

Marinaio MONTALBANO Antonio di Salvatore e di Lorino
Rosa, nato il 7/2/1925 a Peceto,
distr.mil.Trapani, CC.RR. Tunisi,
residente a Tunisi - professione
saldatore autogeno - Arma R.Marina.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AG.

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U N C L A S S I F I E D

SUBJECT : Ex-Cooperators returned to the Italian Navy.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
Tel: 489081 Ext. 533.
A 105/2

31 Aug. 43

TO : NAVY SUB COMMISSION

Reference M.M.I.A. A 105/2 of 19 July.

Below is nominal roll of two ex-cooperators transferred back to the Italian Navy in accordance with the above letter.

Elenco nominativo di militari ex-cooperatori della Marina in servizio presso la dipendente 124 Compagnia del I Battaglione del 417 Reggimento P.I. :-

Marinaio MONTESANTO Alfio di Antonino e di Barbagallo Antonietta
nato il 1/4/22 a Nicolosi, distr.mil.Catania,
CC.RR. Nicolisi, residenza Nicolosi - professio-
ne impiegato - Arma R.Marina ;

Marinaio MONTALEANO Antonio di Salvatore e di Lorino Rosa, nato il
7/2/1925 a Peceto, distr.mil. Trapani, CC.RR. Tu-
nisi, residente a Tunisi - professione saldatore
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Major General

Tel: 489081 Ext. 533.
A 105/2
31 Aug. 45

TO : NAVY SUB COMMISSION

Reference M.M.I.A. A 105/2 of 19 July.

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Elenco nominativo di militari ex-cooperatori della Marina in servizio presso la dipendente I24 Compagnia del I Battaglione del 417 Reggimento P.I. :-

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

S. 1320e.

(Established - May, 1930.)
(Revised - December, 1931.)

TO: C. IN C. MED(R) COMNAVIAN, ROTALI.

FROM:

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
ROME.
300958B. JUNE.RESTRICTED.CORRECT BY 291207B TO READ QUOTE REEFER AREF LETTER A.G. 387B/079
GOT-O OF 15TH JUNE UNQUOTE.REF. ITALIAN CO-OPERATOR PRISONERS.
300958B. JUNE.

DIST. 3,5,7,7A,9,9A,11.

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

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(Established—May, 1936.)
(Revised—December, 1951.)

To:

From:

CINC MED (R) COMNAVNAV FOTALL

FROM NAVY SUB COMMISSION

291207B JUNE

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REFER AMHQ LTR A.G. 383.6/796 A-O OF 21ST JUNE NAVY SUB COMMISSION HAS NO DATA ON ITALIAN NAVY CO-OPERATOR PRISONERS OF WAR EXCEPT IN CASE OF FEW ISOLATED INDIVIDUALS. REQUEST INFORMATION WHETHER ANY CONSIDERABLE NUMBERS OF ITALIAN NAVY PERSONNEL ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO FORMED UNITS SO THAT APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS MAY BE ISSUED TO MINISTRY OF MARINE.

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23 June 1945

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

File No : ASD/921

SUBJECT : Demobilisation of ex-Cooperators.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Reference is made to this HQ letter AG 387.4/079 GCT-0 of 15 June 45.

2. It is anticipated that there may be a high incidence of desertion among Italian Cooperator Prisoners of War on release from PW status. This is likely to be particularly noticeable among personnel of the demobilisable age-groups of 1914 and older, and as the Italian authorities are unlikely to be able to arrest and return more than a few of those who absent themselves, it is desired that as many as possible should be officially released. The remainder should be told clearly that their services are essential to the Allies for a further period but that they will be released as soon as possible.

3. Addressees are requested to forward to MMIA not later than 5 Jul 45, nominal rolls of Italian Cooperator personnel as under:

(a) Personnel of 1914 class and older who must be retained. Replies will state whether retention is for an indefinite period or for a specific number of months.

(b) Personnel of 1914 class and older who may be released AFTER replacement by trained personnel certified as satisfactory by employing HQ.

(c) Personnel of 1914 class and older who may be released regardless of the quality of the replacement.

4. MMIA will arrange for early demobilisation of personnel listed in replies to para.3(c) above, and of all cooperators of 1914 class and older NOT included in replies to para.3(a) and 3(b) above.

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BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER :

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W. D. Morgan
W. D. MORGAN,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

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SUBJECT: Release from Prisoner of War Status of Italian
Cooperators in Italy and Sicily. ER-ITI.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/131

22 June 45

TO Ministry of War

1. With reference to the release from Prisoner of War status of Italian Cooperators in Italy and Sicily vide this HQ letter SD/131 dated 21 June 45:-
2. The following arrangements will be made for the reorganisation of Cooperator Prisoner of War Units under British control on release to ER-ITI Italian Army status.

(a) Units with an administrative element considered adequate by the Italian Authorities, and units to which it will be reasonably possible to add an Italian administrative element, will be retained unless otherwise directed by AFHQ. Where, as in some "diluted" British units, it would be impracticable to provide Italian Administration, personnel will be withdrawn as reinforcements for other units, under arrangements Ministry of War, as directed by this Headquarters.

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Major General
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INTERNAL

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SUBJECT: Release From Prisoner of War Status of
Italian Cooperators in Italy and Sicily

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MALIA)

SD/131

21 June 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. GENERAL - Subject to approval of revised Italian Army ceilings, Italian cooperator prisoners of war (ISU) in Italy, Sardinia and Sicily will be released from prisoner of war status with effect from 0001 hours 1 July 1945. The following instructions will then apply, and preparatory action should be taken where necessary as soon as possible.

2. CONDITIONS OF RELEASE:

a. You and other appropriate Ministries of the Italian Government will automatically retain with the Italian Armed Forces personnel so released in units similar in formation and strength to those to which they now belong.

b. No personnel will be demobilized or transferred from one unit to another without Allied consent, but you will, on request by this headquarters, direct demobilization of selected personnel with a view to their voluntary re-employment by the Allies outside the Italian Armed Forces.

c. Units will be commanded by Italian officers and NCOs but the right is reserved to attach such Allied supervisory and technical personnel as may be necessary.

d. Personnel will, from the date of release, be subject to all the conditions of service of the Italian Armed Forces, except as modified by paragraph 2 b above.

3. CATEGORIES AND SERVICES:

a. Personnel under American control will become US-ITIs unless declared surplus to American requirements. Personnel under British control will become BR-ITIs. Personnel of American controlled units replaced by German units will be allocated by the Ministry of War as instructed by this headquarters to complete other units in the following priority :

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(2) BR-ITI Service Units.

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(3) ITI-ITI Units.

b. Army personnel now employed by the Royal Navy, Army or by the USAAF will assume the full status of members of the Italian Army.

c. For information you are notified that Air Force cooperator personnel now employed by the Royal Air Force will be transferred to the Italian Air Force. Non-air force personnel employed by the RAF will be transferred to the Italian Air Force ^{where} and will count against the revised Italian Air Force ceiling.

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personnel will be informed that their status has changed as from 1 July 1945.

c. Units will remain under present Allied operational and local administrative command, and will pass to Italian Administration of the appropriate Italian Administrative Division Headquarters.

5. DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS: Detailed instructions for closing down or adjustment of present administrative arrangements for American and British controlled Prisoner of War Cooperator Units will follow.

6. AFHQ letter AG. 587.4/079 GGT-O of 15 Jun refers.

HAC Howard
for *Major-General*
MMIA

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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AG 383.6/796 A-0

21 June 1945

SUBJECT: Administrative Instructions on Change of Status of Italian
Prisoners of War in Italy.

TO: Commanding Generals,
15th Army Group, APO 777
Fifth Army, APO 464
Army Air Forces, ITO, APO 650
Peninsular Base Section, APO 782
Southern District, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782
Rome Area, MTOUSA, APO 794
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Commanding Officers,
Adriatic Base Command, APO 388
Headquarters Command, AF, APO 512
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission, (MMLA).

I. GENERAL.

1. Reference is made to Allied Force Headquarters letter, file AG 387.4/079 GCT-0, dated 15 June 1945, subject: "Release from PW Status of Italian Cooperators in Italy and Sicily". On 1 July 1945 at 0001B hours all Italian prisoners of war in Italy and Sicily in United States custody, who are members of Italian service units, will be released from PW status and will come under Italian governmental control, whereby they will be processed by MMLA and continue working for the Allied Forces as part of the Italian Army or will be demobilized by MMLA. Similar instructions affecting British held Italian cooperators are being issued through British channels of command.

2. The Italian Government will continue to make their services, as are desired, available by retaining personnel so released in units (US-ITI, BR-ITI, or ITO-ITI) similar in formation and strength to those to which they now belong. Personnel released from PW status will, effective the above date, be subject to Italian law and receive the appropriate Italian Army scales of pay, emoluments and rations.

3. Units will be commanded by Italian officers and non-commissioned officers, but the right is reserved to attach to such units such United States supervisory and technical personnel as may be necessary.

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4. Personnel transferred from PW ISU status to their new status will not be demobilized nor will transfer of personnel take place between units without the consent of this headquarters or of the major commands concerned.

5. a. The responsibility for the disposal of subject personnel will rest with MIIA. MIIA will screen and absorb personnel suitable and required within the various categories of the Italian Army. Overage and unsuitable personnel may be demobilized.

b. As rapidly as possible the commitment of US ISUs will be reduced to include only guard, truck and certain other specifically authorized units. When any such units become excess to the requirements of the major command, this headquarters and MIIA will be notified.

c. Major commands concerned will also notify MIIA and this headquarters of any Italian personnel which become excess as individuals to the requirements as referred to in paragraph b above.

d. Personnel surplus to requirements as indicated in paragraph b above will be used by MIIA to bring the Italian Army units up to strength in the following priorities:

(1) US-ITI

(2) BR-ITI

(3) ITI-ITI

e. No replacement pools for US-ITIs will be established, since it is proposed that the United States holdings of ITI units be reduced by natural attrition.

f. Major commands will be responsible for transporting demobilized and surplus ISU personnel to the nearest Italian Territorial Headquarters, located at Florence, Naples, Bari, Rome and Palermo.

II CLOSING AND DISPOSITION OF RECORDS OF PRISONERS OF WAR

6. Records of prisoners of war will be processed, closed, and disposition made in accordance with provisions of Administrative Instructions for United States Prisoner of War Enclosures in MTOUSA (hereinafter referred to as "Administrative Instructions") and of this letter. The provisions of this letter will govern in the event of conflict with the Administrative Instructions.

7. Attention is directed to letter, this headquarters, file 10 383.6/326 FG-O, dated 1 June 1945, subject: "Remittances by Italian Prisoners of War", which authorizes crediting accounts of prisoners of war for remittance deductions.

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8. Records will be closed as of midnight, 30 June 1945. Except as stated herein, accounts will be settled by final payroll in accordance with paragraph 6 c, Chapter IX, Administrative Instructions, and certificate of credit balance issued in accordance with paragraph 6 h, modifying the certificate as follows: Immediately preceding the amount of balance expressed in figures, as now provided, the amount of balance will also be expressed in words.

9. Records of personnel in an MOC or escape status will not be closed until such personnel return to their units. If such personnel have not returned within the period stated in paragraph 12, Chapter XII (as changed by Changes 1) of Administrative Instructions, the records will be forwarded to MIB as thereby required.

10. The final payroll will show in appropriate columns:

a. The accumulated balance on deposit in Trust Fund 218915 to the credit of the individual PW as of the date last paid.

b. The credits during the period of the roll.

c. All charges against each individual. Such charges, if other than canteen charges, e. g. forfeitures, fines, statements of charges, and any other authorized deductions, will be explained in the remarks in the body of the roll.

d. The final balance to his credit, which balance MUST AGREE with the amount entered on his certificate of credit balance in accordance with paragraph 8 above.

11. All commands and units will forward records of individuals and nominal rolls, other than those which may be delivered to representatives of the Italian Government in the field or accompany prisoners of war, to the Commanding Officer, 269th Technical Supervision Regiment (Ovhd), APO 782, for required disposition.

12. Whenever an Italian service unit is disbanded the unit records will be forwarded to the Commanding Officer, 269th Technical Supervision Regiment (Ovhd), for required disposition.

13. a. In lieu of nominal rolls required by Administrative Instructions, one type of nominal roll will be prepared in accordance with the following: The heading of nominal rolls will indicate the Italian service unit to which the prisoners of war are assigned at time of release, the preparing unit, and the effective date of release (1 July 1945). Each sheet of the nominal roll will be numbered consecutively and also indicate the total number of sheets for the nominal roll (e. g. sheet 1 of 20 sheets, sheet 20 of 20 sheets). Nominal rolls will be authenticated on final sheet by a United States officer. Individuals will be listed alphabetically, with officers in a separate group heading the roll. Individual data will be recorded in columnar form in the

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following order: Nominal roll number of individual; last name, first name and initials; interment serial number; date of birth; date of custody; and credit balance (expressed in figures).

b. Seventeen (17) copies of nominal rolls will be furnished PWIB for distribution to include Italian authorities. Copies of nominal rolls may be furnished representatives of Italian Government in the field, if desired by them. Two (2) copies of nominal rolls will accompany the prisoners of war if movement to an Italian camp is under U.S. Army control.

14. Impounded personal effects will be returned in accordance with paragraph 9, Chapter V, Administrative Instructions.

III. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

15. Supply of US-ITI units formed as a result of change in status of Italian prisoners of war will be in accordance with the provisions of MOUSA Supply Directive No. 46, cs. After change to new status, these units will retain organizational equipment presently authorized on special POW T/E's on a loan basis as provided in paragraph 12 of Supply Directive No. 46. The special POW T/E's referred to were published under cover of War Department letter AG 400(2 May 44)CB-S-SPOW-M, 12 May 1944, subject: "Troop Basis and Special Tables of Equipment for Italian Service Units (POW) in North Africa", as amended.

16. In order to conserve as much clothing as possible for subsequent issue to German PJs and surrendered personnel, ISUs may be allowed to retain the following items upon their release to MIA:

Shoes, service	pr 1
Undershirt, cotton or wool	ea 1
Drawers, cotton or wool	pr 1
Trousers, cotton or wool	pr 1
Shirt, cotton or wool	ea 1
Socks, cotton or wool	pr 1
Belt, web, waist	ea 1
Necktie (if in possession)	ea 1
Cap, cotton or wool	ea 1
Jacket, field	ea 1
Towel, huck or bath	ea 1

All of the above items will be from that clothing in possession of the individual at time the change in status becomes effective. Requisitions on G. Class II and IV stocks or salvage stocks are not authorized for the purpose of completing the above issue. Items of personal equipment in excess of this scale may be retained only while in U.S. category. Maintenance allowances to be in accordance with ETGCSA Supply Directive No. 46 cs.

17. The Form 32 (or other type of individual clothing and equipment record in use) and clothing certificate, in accordance with paragraph 5 j, Chapter VIII, Administrative Instructions, will be properly filled out showing the above listed items that are in the possession of the individual. The Form 32, or its equivalent, will be retained by United States authorities with the records of the individual. The clothing certificate issued must be retained

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by the individual for presentation upon demand of authorized authorities after his release from United States custody.

18. a. Prior to the release of ISU personnel, the length of the journey to his destination will be considered. If necessary for the protection of health, the following additional items may be issued and will be included on the Form 32 or equivalent record:

Blanket, wool	ea. 1
Mess kit (including fork, spoon cup and meat can)	ea. 1

b. If the individual is reporting to a nearby installation, these items will be issued by the Italian Government upon arrival and will not be furnished from United States sources.

19. a. In order to facilitate submitting priced shipping tickets to the Chief Accountant, Allied Commission through AII, a flat charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) will be made per individual covering the items listed in paragraph 16, above. If a blanket and any of the mess kit items listed in paragraph 16 a, above, are issued to an individual from United States sources, an additional charge of six dollars (\$6.00) per individual will be made. This shipping ticket will be prepared by the United States agency releasing the personnel and will be signed by the Italian officer receiving the personnel prior to submission to AII.

b. Officers of ISU organizations are considered to have purchased their individual clothing. Accordingly, there will be no charges submitted to the Chief Accountant, AII, to cover clothing of officer personnel. If blanket and mess gear are essential upon transfer, the same charge will be made to AII as made for the enlisted personnel.

IV. IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS.

20. Identification cards issued in accordance with paragraph 3 h, Chapter X, Administrative Instructions will be retained by prisoners of war. The cards will be indorsed by overstamping or typing thereon: "Released from United States custody, 1 July 1945", and signed by the officer responsible for the indorsement.

V. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

21. The Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, may authorize the issuance of augmentory instructions, in accordance with conditions of release and existing directives, as may be deemed necessary by the Commanding Officer, 2694th Technical Supervision Regiment (Ovhd) to effect the release of Italian Service unit personnel.

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dtd 21 June 1945, (cont'd).

22. AFMSSA should take necessary action to inform the personnel of ISUs
as to the effects of their change of status. *AFMSSA*

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL HOWARD:

W. C. Christensen
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Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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AG 387.4/679 GCT-0

15 June 1945 3350

SUBJECT: Release of Prisoner of War Status of Italian Cooperators in
 Italy and Sicily

TO: All Concerned

1. GENERAL - Subject to approval of revised Italian Army ceilings, Italian cooperator prisoners of war (ISU) in Italy, Sardinia and Sicily will be released from prisoner of war status with effect from 0001 hours 1 July 1945. The following instructions will then apply, and preparatory action should be taken where necessary as soon as possible.

2. CONDITIONS OF RELEASE:

a. The Italian Government will automatically retain with the Italian Armed Forces personnel so released in units similar in formation and strength to those to which they now belong.

b. No personnel will be demobilized or transferred from one unit to another without Allied consent, but the Italian Government will, on request by this headquarters, direct demobilisation of selected personnel with a view to their voluntary re-employment by the Allies outside the Italian Armed Forces.

c. Units will be commanded by Italian officers and NCOs but this headquarters reserves the right to attach such Allied supervisory and technical personnel as may be necessary.

d. Personnel will, from the date of release, be subject to all the conditions of service of the Italian Armed Forces, except as modified by paragraph 2 b above.

3. CATEGORIES AND SERVICES:

a. Personnel under American control will become US-ITIs unless declared surplus to American requirements. Personnel under British control will become BR-ITIs. Personnel of American controlled units replaced by German units will be allocated by IMIA to complete other units in the following priority:

- (1) US-ITI Service Units.
- (2) BR-ITI Service Units. —
- (3) ITI-ITI Units.

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b. Personnel now employed by the Royal Navy, Army or by the USAAF will assume the full status of members of the Italian Army.

c. Air Force cooperator personnel now employed by the Royal Air Force will be transferred to the Italian Air Force. Non-air force personnel employed by the R.A.F. will be transferred to the Italian Air Force where possible and will count against the revised Italian Air Force ceiling.

4. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY:

a. The Italian authorities, under direction of the appropriate Armed Forces Sub Commissions of the Allied Commission will from the date of release immediately assume responsibility for Italian administration as laid down in current directives for the administration of the Italian Armed Forces. Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (IHL) will coordinate and supervise supply to all categories in accordance with letter, this headquarters, file IG 400/105 D-O, dated 22 September 1944, subject: "Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy, and Air)".

b. Where it is impossible for the terms of paragraph 4 a to take immediate effect owing to reorganisation or other causes, units and individuals will continue under present Allied administration for the minimum period required to make the necessary adjustments, and in no case after 1 August 1945. Such personnel will be informed that their status has changed as from 1 July 1945.

c. In the case of British controlled units, Army and Air Force Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission will establish immediate liaison with GHQ 2nd Echelon and appropriate staffs of this headquarters to ensure a smooth handover in all branches of administration. For American controlled units, similar liaison will be established with major commands.

d. Units will remain under present Allied operational and local administrative command, and will pass to Italian Administration of the appropriate Italian Administrative Division Headquarters.

5. DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:- Detailed instructions for closing down or adjustment of present administrative arrangements for American and British controlled Prisoner of War Cooperator Units will follow.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. Christensen
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Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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1. QUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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NSC/3074
28 July 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Officer Commanding "R" Internee Camp, C.M.F.
Subject: Lieut-Gen.(A.N.) Enrico BIANCO DI SAN SECONDO,
No. 753.

FILE

1. With reference to your letter RIC/753/D dated 21st June 1945, the following information has been received from the Italian Ministry of Marine:-

2. Subject has been denounced to the Epuration Commission by the High Commissioner for Epuration under Article 17 of Lieutenant - General of the Realm's decree No. 159 dated 27th July 1944. As a precautionary measure he has been removed from the active list of the Italian Royal Navy.

3. The Italian Naval Intelligence Department of the Ministry of Marine report:-

"General Bianco, although not formally joining the Republican party nor taking the oath, worked diligently in collaboration with the German authorities.

Indeed, after the Armistice he was given a technical appointment, as extraordinary commissioner with the F.E.R.V.E.T. Factory at Viareggio and he showed great zeal in carrying out the orders of the German authorities in spite of the great reluctance to work for the enemy which was several times manifested by the workers.

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FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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SUBJECT:- No. 753 BIANCO RICO

Naval Sub-Commission,
A.C. ROME

"R" Internee Camp,
CMF.

Ref RICO/D/753
23 Jul 45

1. Ref our RICO/753/D of 21 Jun 45, may we again ask you for any information about the a/n, and for a decision as to his position with regard to Italian law.

A. Budgeon Capt
for Lt Col., R.A.
Commanding "R" Internee Camp.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. -
Date: 2 July '45
Ref.: B.7820

Subject: Lt.General (Naval Weapons Branch) Enrico
BIANCO DI SAN SECONDO.

Reply is made to your letter No. 2746 dated
25th June last.

1. It is desired to inform you that various communications have reached this Ministry concerning the activities of Liaut-General Enrico BIANCO DI SAN SECONDO. Copy of letter No.738 dated 29 January from the Second Section of the Staff Office (Intelligence Dept.) is forwarded herewith.
2. Lieutenant General BIANCO has been removed from his appointment as a precautionary measure. The Joint High Commissioner for Epuration has denounced the abovementioned General Officer to the Epuration Commission under article 17 of the Lieutenant-General's decree No.159 in date 27.7.44.
3. No epuration or screening procedure has taken place since the General is at present interned by the Allied Authorities, as is known to you.

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CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

Roma 2 luglio 1945

Al LA NAVY SUB-COMMISSION

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. B. 7820 Allegati 1

ARGOMENTO: Tenente Generale A.N. Enrico BIANCO DI SAN SECONDO.-

Risposta al foglio n. 2746 del 25 giugno u.s.

- 1) - Si comunica che a questo Ministero sono pervenute varie segnalazioni sull'attività svolta dopo l'8 settembre 1943 dal Tenente Generale A.N. Enrico BIANCO DI SAN SECONDO.

Si trasmette all'uopo copia del foglio n. 738 in data 29 gennaio del 2° Reparto dello Stato Maggiore (Uff. Inform.).

- 2) - Si comunica che il Tenente Generale BIANCO è stato sospeso dall'impiego per motivi precauzionali.

L'Alto Commissario Aggiunto per l'Epurazione ha deferito alla Commissione di Epurazione l'Ufficiale Generale suddetto per l'art. 17 del D.L.L. 27.7.1944, n. 159.

- 3) - Non è stato iniziato nè procedimento di epurazione nè quello di discriminazione poichè come è noto il Generale BIANCO risulta tuttora internato dalle Autorità Alleate.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. D. Baslini 2159

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/274C
25 June 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome. FILE
Subject: Lieut-General (A.N.) Enrico BIANCO di SAN SECONDO.

1. The above named is at present detained in an internment-camp of Allied Authorities and it is requested that any information you may have regarding his activities after the 9th September 1945 may be furnished and whether, in due course, you will take proceedings against him under Italian law.

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



SUBJECT:- Internees

Naval Sub Commission
A.C., ROME

"R" Internee Camp,
CHP.
Ref RIC/753/D
21 Jun 45

No. 753 BIANCO ENRICO

1. The Review Board at this Camp has had under consideration the case of the a/n internee who held the rank of Lieut General as an Engineer in the Italian Navy at VIAREGGIO.
2. He is accused of collaboration with the GERMAN authorities on and after 9 Sep 43, and passing on to them technical information of Military value whilst co-director of PRIVET Workshops.
3. May any information regarding Gen BIANCO please be forwarded and a decision as to whether the ITALIAN Naval authorities intend to take proceedings against him under ITALIAN law.

W. H. H. H.
Lt Col., R.A.
Commanding "R" Internee Camp.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat) (Intelligence Dept.,
Section E.).

To : M.A.R.I.P.E.R.S. - Sede

Date: 29 January 1945

Ref.: B/738

Subject: Lieutenant-General (Naval Weapons Branch)
Enrico BIANCO DI SAN SECONDO.

The under-noted information concerning Lieutenant General Enrico BIANCO DI SAN SECONDO has come to light during enquiries made by the Counter-Espionage Dept. This Officer appears to have been arrested on 29th November last by the C.I.C. at Viareggio for internment in a concentration camp.

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STATO MAGGIORE DELLA R. MARINA
Uff. Informazioni = Sezione E.

Roma, 29 gennaio 1945

Prot.n. E/738

ARGOMENTO : Tenente Generale Armi Navali Enrico BIANCO di S. Secondo.

SEGRETO RISERVATO PERSONALE

Per competenza trascrivesi quanto, in sede di indagini C.S. - è affiorato a carico del Ten. Gen. A.N. Enrico BIANCO di S. Secondo. Questi risulta fermato il 29 novembre u.s. dal C.I.C. di Viareggio per essere internato in un campo di concentramento;

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Infatti, dopo l'armistizio, assunto dalle Officine F.E.R.V.E.T. con sede in Viareggio con incarico tecnico - prima - e quale commissario straordinario - poi - si dimostrò zelante esecutore degli ordini delle autorità germaniche, malgrado le riluttanze dimostrate più volte dalla massa operaia che non voleva lavorare per conto del nemico.

Si adoperò - inoltre - perché il materiale in esperimento presso le Officine non venisse manomesso da elementi partigiani e quando una esplosione distrusse il magazzino proiettili del balipodio, egli, nella veste di membro della Commissione d'inchiesta, tentò di far trionfare la tesi del sabotaggio, insinuando anche sospetti su qualche elemento del personale.

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Risulta - inoltre - che egli inviò una lettera al commissario nazionale del lavoro di Lucca allegando un elenco nominativo degli operai ed impiegati disponibili per l'invio in Germania: altra lettera diresse al comando tedesco di Viareggio richiedendone l'intervento per il reclutamento di operai nei paesi vicini, necessari alla F.E.R.V.E.T., e richiesti dall'Ufficiale tedesco preposto alla sorveglianza delle stesse officine

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mentre notizie sulle prove e l'azione dei servizi che erano in corso. Per qualcuno io mi sonno di aver fornito all'autorità militare tale

del rapporto, presentando anche sospetti su diverse elementi del lavoro di proprio della Commissione d'inchiesta, tanto di far credere la loro come distacco di un certo numero di progetti del poligrafo, egli, nella quale Officine non avevano successo di elementi dell'istituto e fanno una serie di ipotesi - inoltre - forse il materiale in esperimento presso le varie opere che non aveva lavoro per conto del nemico.

Attività del nemico: nel corso le attività di guerra di cui ho parlato sono in via di sviluppo con l'impiego tecnico - prima - e delle commissioni. Infatti, dopo l'istituzione, l'assunto della Officina E.N.R.A.E.C. con azione con l'autorità del nemico.

Proposizioni di lavoro di guerra, ha avuto anche opere di collegamento con il generale BIANCO, ma non avendo avuto l'occasione di parlare con lui, non posso di certo di questo momento.

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IL CAPO DELL'UFFICIO INFORMAZIONI
Capitano di Vascello
(Agostino CALOSI)
to/E

Prodotto: Generale Generale del Regio Esercito di 2. Secondo.

Prodotto: E/133

non essendo stato possibile ingaggiarli a Viareggio.

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Capitano di Vascello
(Agostino CALOSI)

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