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For: Air Headquarters, R.A.F. Italy.

To: All Units under the control of A.H.Q., R.A.F. Italy.
All Heads of Branches, A.H.Q. Italy.

Date: 19th October 1946.

Ref: AHC/3001/136/ORG.

GERMAN SERVICE COMPANIES.

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No. 1305 for No. 9 German Service Company.
No. 1306 for No. 10 German Service Company.
No. 1307 for No. 11 German Service Company.
No. 1308 for No. 12 German Service Company.

3. 1309 German Service Company (No. 13) has been disbanded with effect from 15th June 1946, and all official correspondence will cease forthwith (authority for disbandment G.H.Q., C.M.F. 1087/41 'Ser 5225) June 24th 1945).

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for Group Captain

Staff Officer i/c Administration.
AIR HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F. ITALY.

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 AIR HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F. ITALY.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

To : Italian Air Ministry. Direction of Personnel.

Date : 29th September, 1945.

Ref. : AFSC/911/P.4.

NOMINAL ROLLS - EX-COOPERATOR PERSONNEL.

Enclosed herewith are 11 nominal rolls of ex-cooperator personnel who have been returned to the Italian Air Force by Italian Army Units.

F. L. BRADSHAW, CDR.,
For AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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SUBJECT: Ex-Cooperators returned to
the Italian Air Force.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
TEL: 489081 Ext 533
A 105/2
25- Sept 45

TO : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

Reference MMIA A 105/2 of 19 July.

1. Attached are 11 nominal rolls of ex-cooperator personnel who have now been returned to the Italian Air Force.

for *Major General*
M.M.I.A.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.
To : Italian Air Ministry, Direction of Personnel.
Date : 3rd September, 1945/mto.
Ref. : AFSC/911/P.4.

EX-COOPERATORS RETURNED TO IAF

Caporale FRANZETTI Carlo di Celeste e di Silvestri Elisa, nato il 28/6/1920 a Bergamo, distretto Mil. Varese, CC.RR. di Gavirate, residente Gavirate (Varese) - Professione studente (I Corso avv.) - Arma R. Aeronautica ;

Aviere MULAS Salvatore di Salvatore e di Piga Giovanna, nato il 18/1/1918 a Romana (Sassari), distr.mil.Sassari, CC.RR. Romana, residenza Romana - professione --- - Arma R. Aeronautica.

Notification has been received from MIIA (reg.4105/2 31st August) that the above named have been transferred to the IAF from their ex-co-operator Co. - viz 124 Comp. of the 417 Regiment P.I.

F. L. BRADSHAW, S/LDR.,
For Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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SUBJECT : Ex-Cooperators returned to the Italian Air Force.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
Tel: 489081 Ext: 533.
A 105/2
31 Aug. 45

TO : AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION.

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

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

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

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Aviere MULAS Salvatore di Salvatore e di Figa Giovanna, nato il 18/1/1913 a Romana (Sassari), distr.mil. Sassari, CC.RR. Romana, residenza Romana - professione --- - Arma R.Aeronautica.

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for
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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for
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 23rd July 1945
Ref : AFSC/911/P4

EX-COOPERATOR PERSONNEL

Herewith is a copy of Instruction from M.M.I.A. to
Ministry of War.

2. Para 3 should not cause difficulty - the Army personnel
in Air Force units are to be administered by I.A.F. until sub-
stitution takes place.

FB
F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 21st July 1945
Ref : AFSC/911/P4

EX-REPUBLICAN ITALIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL (CAPTAINS AND BELOW)

For your information, the attached letter was issued by A.
A.F.S.C. Milan to General Biffi.

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

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FROM :- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Liaison Office
c/o Allied Commission, Lombardia Region.

TO :- General Biffi,
Comando Generale, Regia Aeronautica, Piazza Novelli, Milano.

DATE :- 18th July 1945.

REF :- AFSC/W/360/7/org.

RE - REPUBLICAN ITALIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL (CAPTAINS AND BELOW)

- 1) In reply to your memorandum of 12th July 1945, ref 0333 coll.3, a ruling has now been obtained concerning the disposal of Italian Air Force personnel who served with the Republican Forces and who have been detained under house arrest in the North after reporting to the Aeronautical Command.
- 2) Permission is given for all such personnel, of the rank of Captain and below, to travel to their homes and rejoin their families in the South of Italy.
- 3) Every such officer and airman prior to his departure will notify the Questura and Local Reporting Centre of the Address to which he wishes to travel and obtain a confirmation for the journey.
- 4) Immediately upon arrival at their home-towns personnel will report to the local Questura and register their actual new address. Subsequent changes of address will also be notified to the Questura.
- 5) It is emphasised that this order relates only to junior officers (of the rank of Captain and below) and to airmen. Senior officers are still detained pending the issue of further instructions.
- 6) It is requested that the present ruling be brought to the notice of all interested personnel, and that steps be taken to disseminate the information as widely as possible by means

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of announcements in the press and through other channels.



[Signature]
S/LtR DIAMANT R.C.E. Liaison Officer
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

DISTRIBUTION

Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.
Italian Air Ministry, ROME.
Public Safety Division, C/o Allied Commission, Lombardia Region.
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Commando U.A.R., Regia Aeronautica, Milan.

SUBJECT : Ex-Cooperator Personnel.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
Tel : 439084 Ext. 533.
A 105/ 2.
July, 45.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. There are, in all, eleven companies of Italian ex-cooperators working for the R.A.F. Nominal rolls of the army personnel in these units and their local nominal rolls, for 21 Italian R.A.F. Company, CASERTA, is attached.
2. It is planned to replace each of these companies by an Italian Air Force Company of similar strength. As soon as the I.A.F. personnel is available the Army The Territorial H.Q. will arrange for posting to a R.R-III unit within its territory, or, if there are no vacancies in units, to INOC, CASANO. Movement will be direct from the R.A.F. Company to the R.R-III Unit or CASANO.
3. You are requested to make mutual arrangements with the Italian Air Ministry over completely to the Army.

4. Italian Air Force or Italian Naval personnel now employed in R.R-III Army ex-cooperator units will be transferred by the Adm Div concerned to the nearest Italian Air Force or Naval H.Q., replacements being found, if required, from Army personnel at the Adm Div's disposal. Nominal rolls of men transferred in this way will be forwarded to MLI, who will pass them on to the Sub-Commission concerned.
5. The only Army ex-cooperator personnel employed by the Royal Navy are in 1 and 4 Italian Navy Companies at VENICE and GENOA respectively. These are in affected by the above paragraphs. As stated in MLI, 18/13/45 or 26 June 1945, will be administered by the Adm Div. in the area where they are located, though held against the Italian Naval ceiling.

COPY TO : Navy Sub-Commission.

Major General,
M.I.A.

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TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. There are, in all, eleven companies of Italian ex-cooperator working for the R.A.F. Nominal rolls of the army personnel in these units and their locations will be passed on to you as soon as received by MI6. The first of these nominal rolls, for 24 Italian R.A.F. Company, CANTINI, is attached.
2. It is planned to replace each of these companies by an Italian Air Force Company of similar strength. As soon as the I.A.F. personnel is available the Army men will be released and placed at the disposal of the nearest Army Territorial H.Q. The Territorial H.Q. will arrange for posting to a PR-III unit within its territory, or, if there are no vacancies in units, to IAF, CANTINI. Movement will be direct from the R.A.F. Company to the PR-III Unit or CANTINI.
3. You are requested to make mutual arrangements with the Italian Air Ministry for pay and general administration of Army men in R.A.F. units until they are handed over completely to the Army.
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COPY TO : Navy Sub-Commission.

Air Force Sub-Commission. (your LSCS/944/P4 of 16 July refers).

MI6 LO N.W. ITALY.

MI6 LO Eighth Army.

MI6 LO 1 District.

MI6 LO 3 District.

MI6 LO FLEETHEAD Command.

MI6 LO 54 area.

Major General,

M.I. I.A.

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SUBJECT: - Administration of Surrendered
Enemy Forces in Italy.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

C4(Br)/3254/4/A2.

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Headquarters, Eighth Army.
Headquarters, No. 1 District.
Headquarters, No. 2 District.
Headquarters, No. 3 District.
CHQ., 2nd Echelon.

1. Reference AFHQ Instructions for the Administration of Surrendered Enemy Forces in ITALY, AG 386.3/163 LOC.O dated 7 July 45, para 5(a)(2).

2. All enemy personnel held in British custody who at the date of the above Instructions were classified as Prisoners of War will remain so classified until further directions are issued by this Headquarters.

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Copy to: - Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

Commanding General, Fifth Army.

Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section.

5 - LTCUSA PW Comd.

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1 - C/S LTCUSA

5 - C-in-C Med

1 - COMNAV

4 - Air C-in-C Med

3 - CG-AF/MTO

3 - AFSC/MTO

3 - CG, RAAC

3 - Repl & Trng Comd, LTCUSA

3 - CO, ABC

2 - C-1 (A)

2 - C-1 (B)

A.S. BARSDOFF,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG, G.1(Br).

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18 Jul 45.

Headquarters, Eighth Army.
Headquarters, No. 1 District.
Headquarters, No. 2 District.
Headquarters, No. 3 District.
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Copy to:- Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.
Commanding General, Fifth Army.

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1 - C/S MTOUSA

5 - C-in-C Med

1 - COLMAYAW

4 - Air C-in-C Med

3 - CG, AF/MTO

3 - AFSC/MTO

3 - CG, RAAC

3 - Repl & Trng Comd, MTOUSA

3 - CO, ABC

2 - G-1 (A)

2 - G-1 (B)

3 - G-2

4 - G-3

3 - G-4 (A)

1 - G-4 (B)

1 - Log Plans

4 - G-4 (Mov & Tn)

2 - Q(Maint)

2 - Q(AE)

3 - G-5

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
attention Major Dobbs.
Date : 19th July 1945
Ref : AFSC/911/P4

We give below the location of the 11 R.A.F. Italian Cos.
serving with Ex-P.O.W. Cos.

<u>N°</u>		<u>LOCATION</u>
N° 3	RAF Italian Coy.	323 Wing - Foggia
8	"	N° 114 M.U. - Naples
10	"	N° 114 M.U. - Cancello
12	"	N° 375 M.U. - Pagani
15	"	MACAF (Unit) - Caserta
20	"	N° 5 R.F.U. - Gaudio
21	"	MAAF (Unit) @ Caserta
22	"	MEDME C.Flight - Marcianise
24	"	N° 4 M.T.B.D. - Naples Ven.
25	"	N° 159 M.U. - Capodichino
26	"	N° 353 M.U. - Bovino

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 Initials: RFB
 13 July 1945

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 ALS phoned 18 July & mistake
 pointed out. — MAAF
 — pressed also to ignore
 MMIA.

AG 387.4/079 GGT-Q instructed us to ignore

SUBJECT: Release from Prisoner of War Status of Italian
Co-operators in Italy and Sicily

TO: Chief Commissioner
 Allied Commission
 APO 394
 FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission, MMIA

1. Reference is made to paragraph 3 c, letter, this head-
 quarters, file and subject as above, dated 15 June 1945.

2. Air Force Sub Commission, Allied Commission advise
 that it is not possible to transfer personnel of other Services
 to the Italian Air Force. The Italian Army will be responsible
for Administration of Italian Army personnel held within Air Force
Service Units until the Italian Air Force finds substitutes.

3. If possible, similar arrangements are to be made with
 the Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission in the case of Navy
 personnel. This is being discussed with the Navy authorities.

4. All BR-ITI personnel of Air Force ex-cooperator Service
 Units will be held against the Italian Air Force BR-ITI ceilings,
 now raised to 27,500, regardless of the arm of service to which
 they belong.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

RHF
 R. H. FRESEB
 Major, AGD
 Asst Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:

- 3- Addressee
 1 - G-1 (B) A 2 (G-1 (B) 3001/1/A2 of 10 July refers)
 1 - Air Force Sub Commission, AC
 1 - MAAF (ALS) (MAAF/4221/ALS of 7 July refers)
 2 - C-in-C, Mod
 2 - G-3 (AMO)
 2 - AG Records
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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
 To : Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
 Major Dobbs.
 Date : 16th July 1945
 Ref : AFSC/211/74

R.A.F. (ITALIAN) COM.

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.

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 Air Officer Commanding.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 16th July 1945
Ref : AFSC/911/P4

RELEASE OF EX-COOPERATORS FROM P.O.W. STATUS

Your letter 2/DPM/26682/AM/66/3869/Coll of the 12th July is duly acknowledged.

2. It is in order to commence the replacement of Cooperators by I.A.F. as suggested, and especially N° 26 Co - full arrangements for the actual transfer should be made by IV Z.A.T. in conjunction with the R.A.F. C.O. of the Company and the O.C. R.A.F. unit to which they are attached.

3. The nominal roll of 21 Co. sent on the 14th July has been sent to the Land Forces Sub Commission and Naval Sub Commission, to inform them of the personnel affected.

A verbal arrangement was made with L.F.S.C. and Naval Sub Commission that I.A.F. personnel should be returned to local Commands in a similar way.

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

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 7 July 1945

AC 386.3/163 LOG-O

SUBJECT: Administration of Surrendered Enemy Forces in Italy

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
 Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464
 Commanding General, LTCUSA POW Command, APO 88
 Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782
 Headquarters, Eighth Army
 General Officer Commanding, Number 1 District
 General Officer Commanding, Number 2 District
 General Officer Commanding, Number 3 District

1. References

- a. 15th Army Group Administrative Directive Number 3, 18 April 1945, subject: "Control and Administration of Surrendered Enemy Forces".
 b. Eighth Army Administrative Directive Number 2, subject: "Surrender of Enemy Forces".
 c. AFHQ letter, AC 386.3/163 LOG-O, 18 May 1945, subject: "Administration of Surrendered Enemy Forces in Italy".

2. Object - The object of these instructions is to incorporate in one document current policies for the handling of surrendered enemy forces in Italy.

3. Previous Instructions - The instructions contained in references a and b above remain in force except as modified by this letter. Reference c is hereby rescinded and the provisions of this letter substituted therefor.

4. Scope of Instructions

- a. The instructions contained herein are applicable to enemy forces taken or surrendering in Italy.
 b. Enemy personnel, except those of Italian Nationality, taken or surrendering in Austria will be held in that country pending repatriation, and not removed to Italy.

5. Generala. Status of Enemy Forces

- (1) All enemy personnel, including those of the Luftwaffe, who had not passed through Army cages before 1400 hours 2 May have been termed "Surrendered Enemy Forces", and have not been regarded as prisoners of war except on the specific authority of AFHQ/LTCUSA.

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 dtd 7 July 1945 (Cont'd)

- (2) All enemy personnel remaining in Italy who have been taken and classified as prisoners of war are reclassified as "surrendered enemy forces" retroactive to 2 May 1945 and will be treated as such. Exceptions to this policy will be published separately by AFHQ/AFMUSA as required.
- (3) All personnel of whatever nationality who surrendered or were taken while serving with the enemy will be regarded initially as surrendered enemy forces. Instructions concerning segregation are given in paragraph 7b.
- (4) SS Personnel will be confined separately, and will be classed as recalcitrants (see paragraph 7d below).
- (5) Enemy personnel at present in hospitals will, on discharge, be treated as surrendered enemy forces, and sent to final concentration areas. Those who cannot be disposed of in this manner will be classed as recalcitrants and confined.

b. Policy

- (1) Surrendered enemy forces and prisoners of war will be divided equally between British and US forces. Guard and administrative functions are the responsibility of the force having custody of the surrendered enemy personnel and prisoners of war.
- (2) Insofar as practicable consistent with their employment by the Allied forces, surrendered enemy forces will carry out their own administration and maintenance using their own administrative organizations under Allied supervision. To this end, enemy forces will be formed in 'ad hoc' formations and unit organizations as far as is necessary to enable them to be self-administering. This policy does not absolve Allied military authorities concerned from the ultimate responsibility for the administration of surrendered enemy forces.
- (3) The policy regarding the use of specially qualified technical troops will be furnished as required. Under no circumstances will any enemy personnel be regarded as co-operators.

c. Concentration and Accommodation

a. Concentration areas

- (1) The British main concentration area will be as shown at trace at Appendix "B". This does not preclude subsequent removal of enemy personnel to other locations as required.

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Ltr, AFHQ, AG 386.3/163 LOG-O,
 dtd 7 July 1945 (Cont'd)

- (2) Surrendered enemy forces controlled by the US will be concentrated in an area or areas conveniently sited for supply and administration. Enemy personnel employed by MTOUSA major commands will be held in areas conveniently located to places of employment.

b. Scale of Accommodation - Surrendered enemy forces will be accommodated under field conditions. A guide to the British scales of accommodation which will be provided is at Appendix "A". The US scale has been announced in Administrative Memorandum Number 4, Headquarters MTOUSA, 20 May 1945, subject: "Scale of Accommodations and Standards of Construction for Enemy Personnel in Labor Camps". In all cases maximum use will be made of enemy stores in accordance with allocations made by AFHQ/MTOUSA.

c. Evacuation of Civilians - Civilians within the final concentration area will not be evacuated unless it is essential for their safety, and at the instigation of AG/ACG.

d. Buildings

- (1) Buildings, or portions thereof, will not be used for the accommodation of surrendered enemy forces unless surplus to Allied and civil requirements and then only with the authority of the appropriate Allied Military Commander, and with the consent of the Allied Commission.
- (2) Buildings presently used as hospitals for surrendered enemy forces may continue to be so used at the discretion of Allied Commanders.
- (3) Buildings may only be requisitioned if they are to be used for hospitals or offices. Such requisitioning will be subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) There will be no eviction of civilian inhabitants.
 - (b) Permission must previously have been given by the appropriate Allied Commander and by Allied Commission.

e. Action to be taken Prior to Assembly in the Final Concentration

Areas

- (1) Primary disarmament of enemy personnel.
- (2) Preliminary concentration and formation of enemy personnel into units for administrative purposes. Such units should be capable of carrying out all internal administration.
- (3) Segregation and dispatch to concentration area of SS and other recalcitrant troops. These will be moved as soon as possible.

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(4) Movement of surrendered enemy forces to the final concentration areas.

(5) Administration of surrendered enemy forces.

f. Action to be Taken Inside the Final Concentration Areas

(1) Reconnaissance of the areas and allocation of localities to enemy forces.

(2) Reception and segregation of SS troops.

(3) Reception of surrendered enemy forces other than SS troops.

(4) Provision of guards.

(5) Administration of surrendered enemy forces.

g. Allocation of Responsibilities

(1) The MTOUSA POW Command will be responsible for any action remaining to be taken in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6 above, and for all surrendered enemy forces and prisoners of war under US control.

(2) Eighth Army will be responsible:

(a) For administering all enemy personnel in hospitals in the Army area.

(b) Arranging for the disposal of all enemy personnel discharged from hospitals in the Army area in accordance with paragraph 5 a (5) above.

(3) The MTOUSA POW Command and 1 District each will be responsible within their own spheres of responsibility for all actions to be taken in accordance with paragraph 6f above.

h. Movement to Main Concentration Areas - Details of movement between the British main concentration area under Number 1 District and the MTOUSA POW Command will be arranged locally by the Number 1 District and the MTOUSA POW Command. Movement between the major commands of MTOUSA and the MTOUSA POW Command will be arranged by the MTOUSA POW Command. Any differences which may arise will be adjusted by AFHQ/MTOUSA.

7. Administration

a. General

(1) The US final concentration areas will be the responsibility of the MTOUSA POW Command.

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- (2) The British main concentration area will be the responsibility of Number 1 District.

b. Segregation of Enemy Personnel

- (1) Italian Nationals will be concentrated separately. The number so held will be taken into consideration in adjusting the total holdings of enemy personnel by the US and British in accordance with the policy established in paragraph 5 b (1) above.
- (2) As far as practicable other personnel will be segregated by nationalities.
- (3) While the surrendered enemy forces are being held in the concentration areas the following directives will apply:

(a) Russian Nationals

Headquarters MTOUSA letter, file AG 383.7/414 D-O, 31 May 1945, subject: "Disposition of Soviet Citizens" as amended by Headquarters MTOUSA letter, same file and subject, dated 4 June 1945.

AFHQ letters, file CR/3491/2 G-1 (Br), 6 March, 7 March and 15 March, all 1945.

(b) Other Nationals (exclusive of the Italian Republican Army)

Headquarters MTOUSA letter, file AG 383.6/326 PRC-O, 26 February 1945, subject: "Administrative Instructions for the United States Prisoner of War Enclosures in MTOUSA", Chapter XVIII, paragraph 7.

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 60, 14 December 1944 except:

1. Where specific instructions to the contrary have been issued.
2. Chetniks will be retained in the British concentration area and segregated into a separate enclave, to await disposal instructions which will be issued by AFHQ.

- (4) Separate instructions have been issued regarding the disposal of senior enemy officers.

c. Technical Troops - Technical troops used as such in accordance with paragraph 5 b (3) above will be distributed between the US and British in accordance with instructions from AFHQ/MTOUSA.

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dat 7 July 1945 (Cont'd)d. Recalcitrant Enemy Personnel

- (1) Personnel named by Counter Intelligence Staffs as dangerous to security, or who prove troublesome, will be termed "recalcitrant".
- (2) Such personnel will be separated from the remainder of the surrendered enemy forces as early as possible, and held in confinement when specified by AFHQ/AFMUSA. They will not be given PW status.
- (3) Recalcitrants will be segregated from any personnel granted PW status by competent authority.
- (4) All SS troops will be considered recalcitrant and treated in accordance with sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) above.

e. Employment - Instructions regarding the employment of enemy forces have been issued separately. (AFHQ letter, AG 386.3/163 GGT-O, 15 June 1945, subject: "Employment of German Prisoners of War and Surrendered Personnel - Priority List Ten").

f. Documentation

- (1) Detailed documentation will be carried out by Allied military headquarters concerned for:
 - (a) Recalcitrant personnel
 - (b) Personnel of Allied nationality.
- (2) Instructions concerning the documentation and maintenance of records for all surrendered enemy personnel held in this theater are contained in AFHQ letter, AG 386.3/163 GIP-O, 13 June 1945, subject: "Instructions for the Documentation of Enemy Surrendered Personnel".

g. Bounds

- (1) Concentration areas will be placed off limits to all Allied military personnel except those concerned in the administration of the areas.
- (2) No fraternization will be allowed between surrendered enemy personnel and Allied or co-belligerent personnel. In their respective areas, FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies, through AMG, will be responsible for insuring that civilians comply with this non-fraternization order. Headquarters Allied Commission will be similarly responsible in other areas.

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386.3/163 LOG-O,
dtd 7 July 1945.

SUGGESTED SCALES OF ACCOMMODATION

(German scales may be used but will NOT exceed those given below).

1. General area to be 50-sq yards per man.
2. Staging Camp or Bivouac scales for all ranks will be all tentage except as follows:

Deep Trench latrine seats.....	5%
Field Urinals 10' long.....	1%
8-ft Double Sided Ablution Benches.....	2%
Kitchen Wash-up Benches.....	1%
Duck Board 6'6" long.....	5%
Incinerator.....	0.1%
Litter Cages.....	1%
Grease Interception Boxes.....	1%
Showers.....	Nil
Mobile equipment to be used.	
Static water reserve storage.....	2-gals
per head	
Water supply to give 5-gals per head per day	
Flyproofed food store and food preparation room, at 1-f-s. per	
head	

NOTE: Screen surrounds are required to Ablution Benches and to latrines and urinals, and Proof cover is required before October. Water points should be established for mobile showers, near kitchen wash-up in food preparation room and near ablutions.

3. Water supply to be 5-gals per head per day for all purposes with 2-gals per head storage.

4. HOSPITALS IN AREA

Scale as for Bivouac/Staging camps above.

5. VEHICLES

100 - sq yards per vehicle. No hard standings or wash down points will be constructed. 1021

6. ANIMALS

50 - sq yards per animal. No hard standings will be constructed and only the minimum construction to give paddocks and uncovered lines. Water supply - 10 gals per animal per day.

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To be existing covered accommodation where authorized, standing and roads. Covered accommodation will only be used for goods that would deteriorate if stored in the open.

8. ANCILLARY BUILDINGS

Bath-houses, laundries, bakeries, cookhouses, etc, are not authorized for initial occupation to Bivouac/Staging Camp scales in final concentration area.

9. LIGHTING

Lighting will be only that which can be made available from surrendered forces mobile equipment. Firstly for hospitals, secondly Workshops Depots and Offices.

10. TRANSIT CAMPS FOR RECALCITRANT PERSONNEL

These will be required for 5,000 in British and US areas. They should be constructed to Bivouac/Staging Camp scales and fenced with guard-walks as PW compounds, divided internally into 1,000-man pens.

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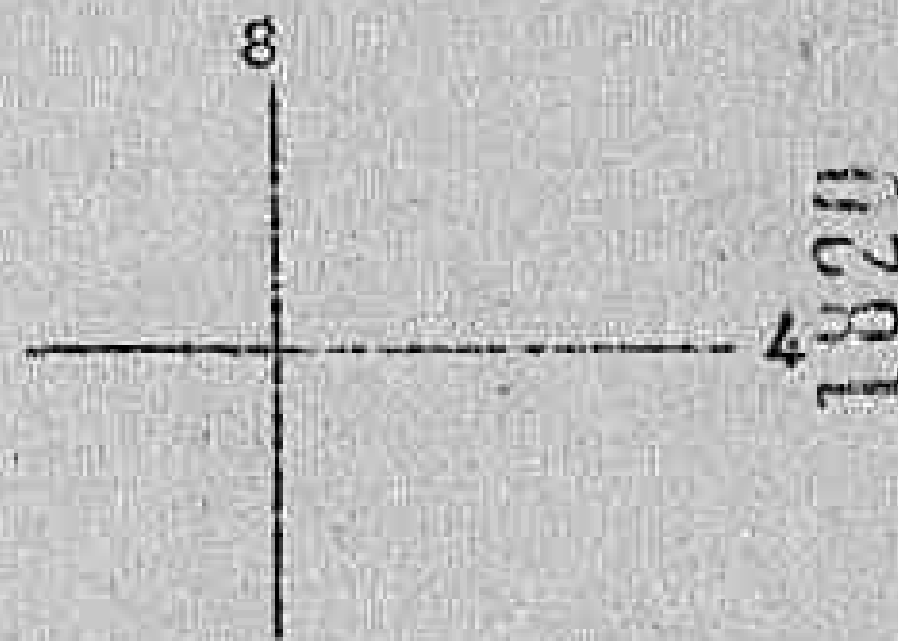
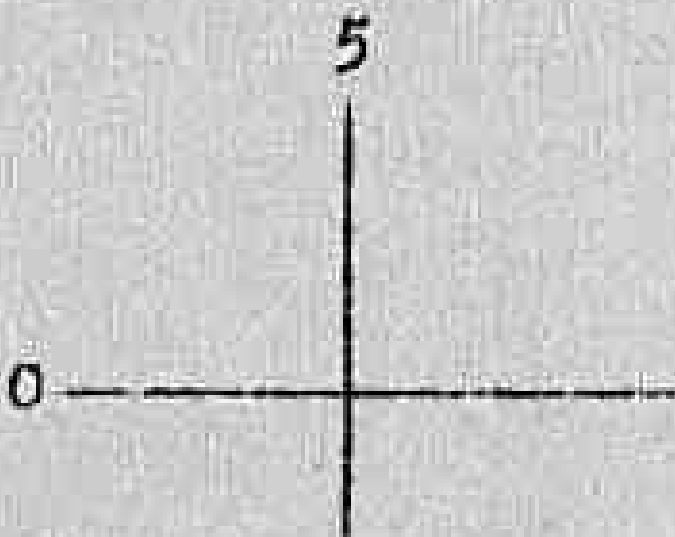
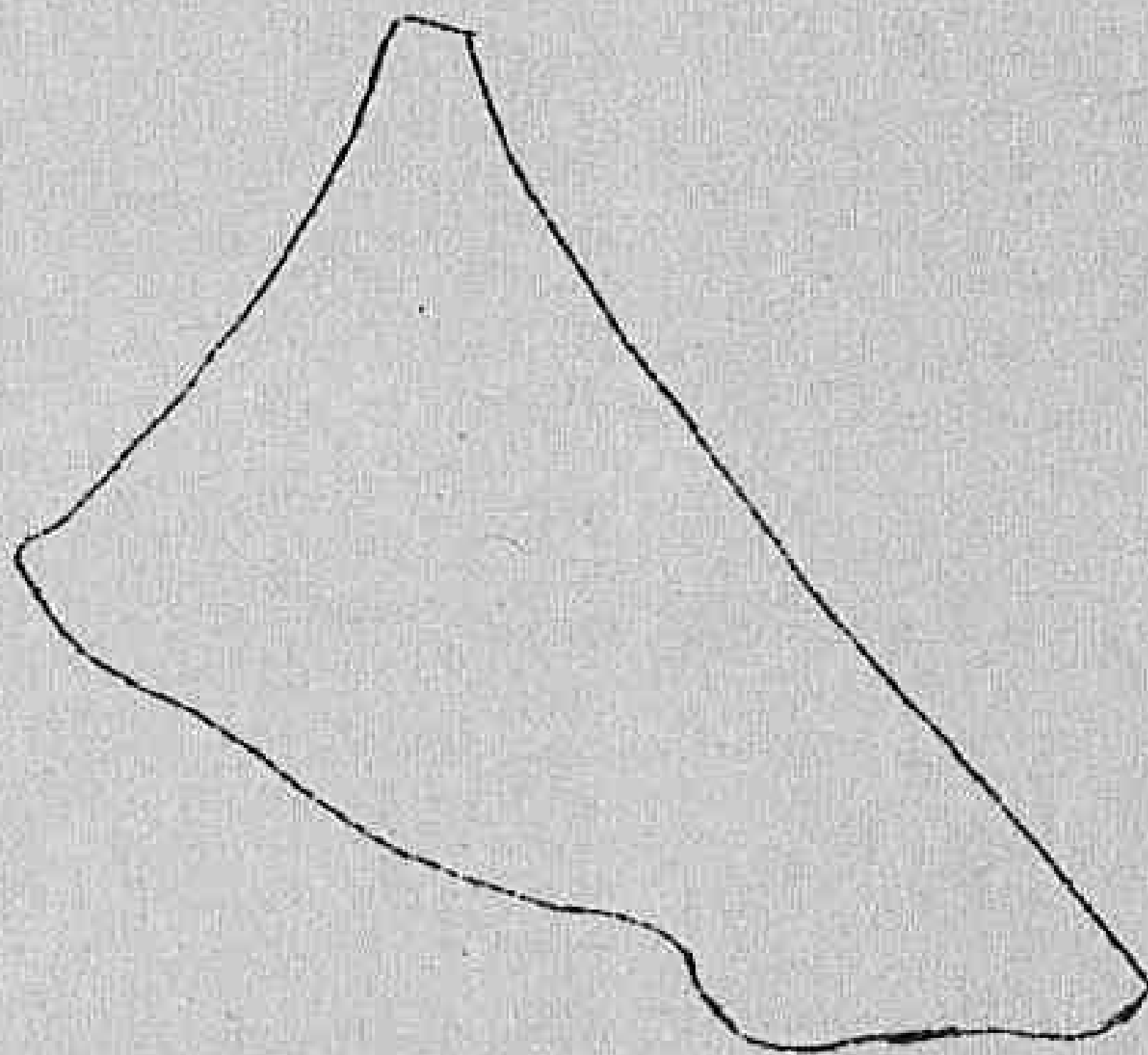
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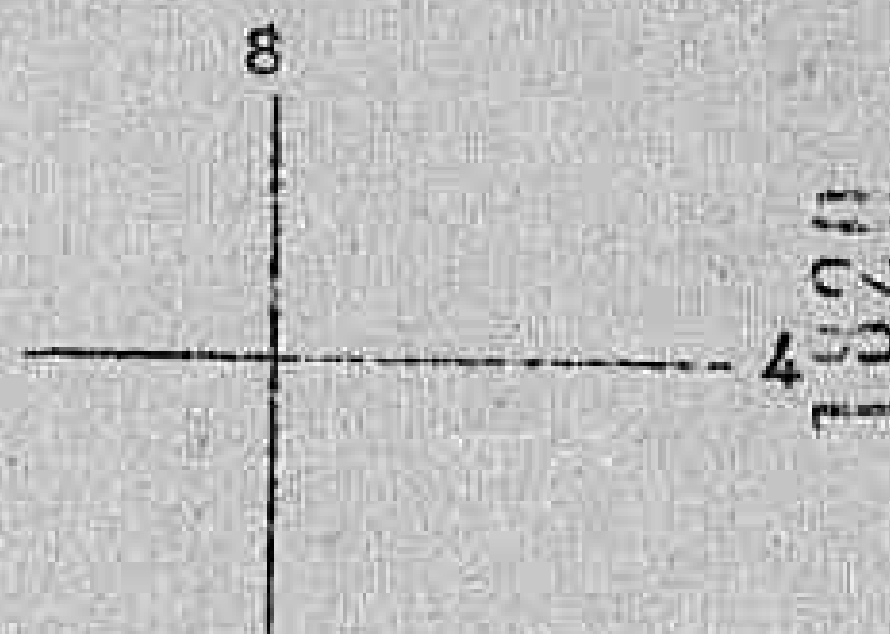
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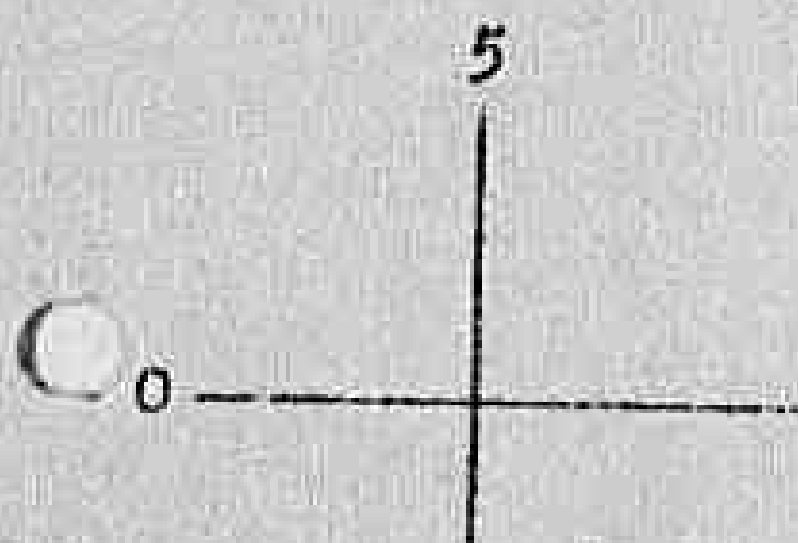
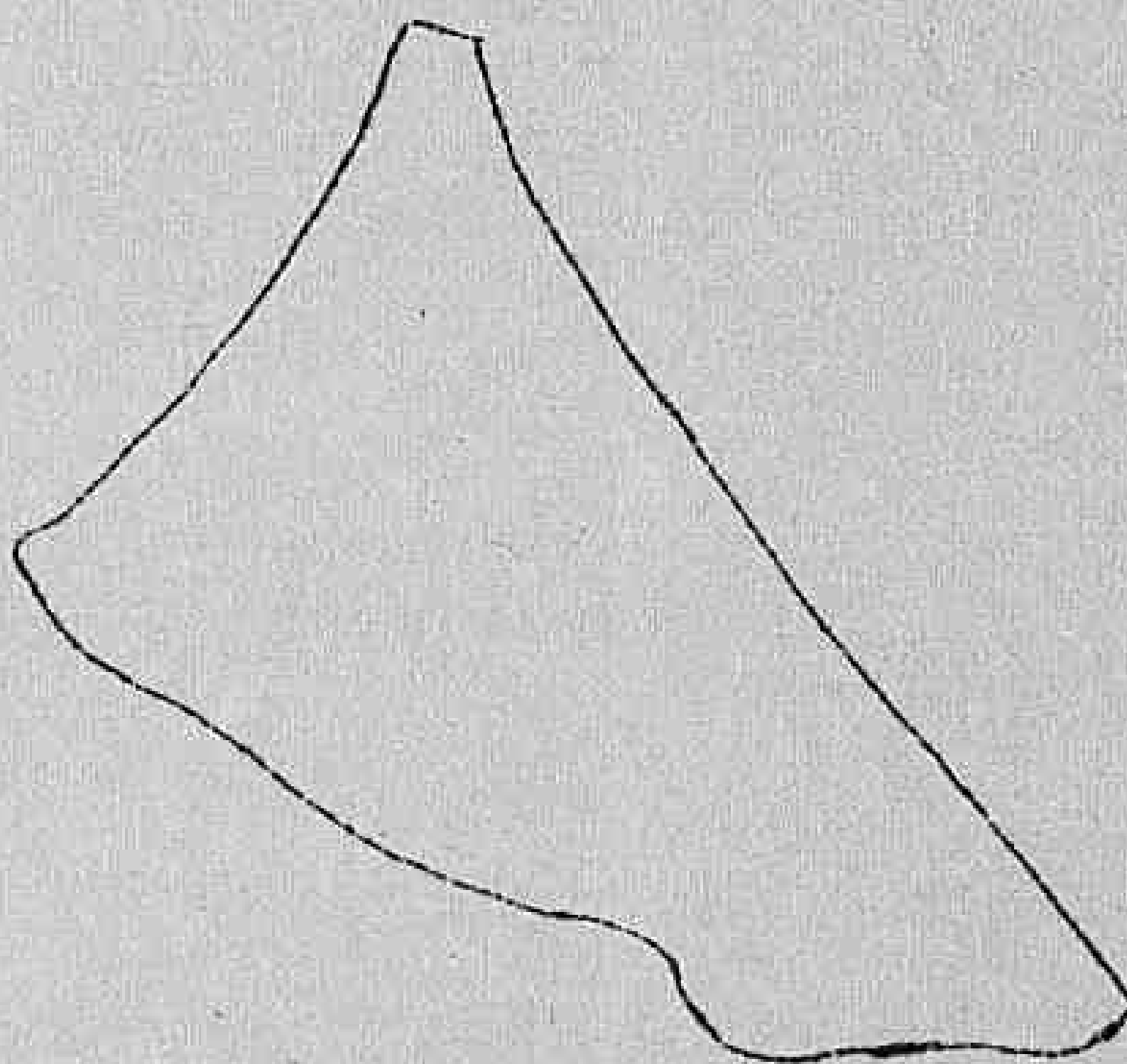
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Included #2

From : Italian Air Ministry
 To : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
 Ref : 2/DPM/26682/AM/66/3869/Coll
 Date : 12th July 1945

RELEASE OF EX-COOPERATORS FROM P.O.W. STATUS

With reference to the matter concerning the release from P.O.W. status of Italian Ex-Cooperators.

2. We inform your Sub Commission that on the 5th July 1945, (at the Campania Aeronautical Nucleus Command, Naples), a conference was held by the I.A.F. and M.A.A.F. representatives.

3. In the conference the following important points have been settled, by mutual agreement:

- (a) Discharge of all elements belonging to the eldest classes for which discharge is foreseen, according to present I.A.F. regulations.
- (b) Replacement of all ex-cooperators with other elements belonging to younger classes.
- (c) Care of I.A.F. to replace previously, on the spot, military personnel mentioned in para a) and b).

4. Further these agreements, this Directorate, on the 7/6/45, has given instructions to I.A.F. Comandi Territoriali, to group in Naples (Nisida Airfield) a certain number of military personnel (849 of which 21 Officers, 114 N.C.O's and 714 O.R's) in order to replace immediately those elements who need a rest (because they belong to old classes or because they have been longer in the service or P.O.W's.)

5. Afterwards with all the men available, we will be recalled from the disbanding of most of the Companies serving at present with U.S.A.A.F., we shall replace the remaining Co-operators as said in para 3 b).

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7. It is to be borne in mind that the regulations already mentioned in para 3 a) and 3 b) will be also applied to the credit of those military personnel serving with the 11 R.A.F. Companies, but belonging to other Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Finance Guards, R.Carabinieri, Civilians, etc.)

It is understood that such military personnel, when re-placed at the various Companies, will be sent to the relative Comandi Territoriali of the Army or Navy, in order to enable them to carry on their duties.

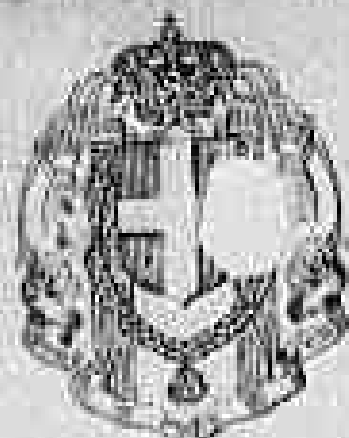
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8. In respect of what said in para 7, we ask your Sub Commission to contact M.M.I.A. in order to make similar arrange, as soon as possible, with the R. Army and R. Navy, on the credit of I.A.F. military personnel serving with ex-cooperators Companies, depending from them.

9. We await your approval of what said in the first 7 paras of this letter, and we should appreciate to know at the earliest opportunity the reply of M.M.I.A. as far as para 8 is concerned.

The Director,
Gen. A. Agnesi.

translated by J. Bevacqua.



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 Ministero dell'Aeronautica
 COMANDO GENERALE DELLE SCUOLE
 DIREZ. PERS. MILITARE E SCUOLE

tramite ufficio collegamento R.A.

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 Prot. N. 2/DPM/2668
 AM 66/8869

Risposta al f. N.°

 OGGETTO Rilascio dallo Stato di p. di guerra dell'ex coope=
ratori.

e per conoscenza:

 AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - Gabinetto -
 ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.A. SEZ. ORD. SERV. MOB. -

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Si fa riferimento alla pratica relativa al rilascio dallo sta=
to di prigionieri di guerra degli ex cooperatori Italiani.

2. Si porta a conoscenza di codesta Sottocommissione che il gior=
no 5 Luglio 1945 presso il Comando Nucleo Aeronautico della Cam=
pania in Napoli, si è svolta una riunione tra i rappresentanti del
la R.A. e rappresentanti del Comando M.A.A.F..

3. Nella riunione sono stati fissati, di comune accordo, i se=
guenti punti principali:

a) invio in congedo di tutti gli elementi appartenenti a classi
anziane per le quali è previsto il collocamento in congedo, a
norma delle disposizioni attualmente in vigore nella R.A.;

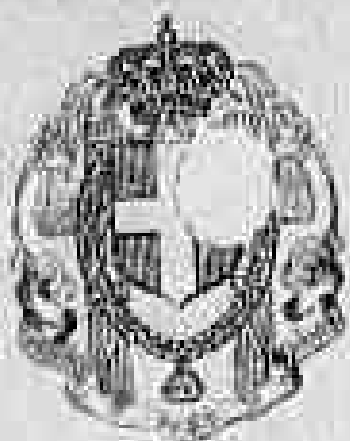
b) graduale sostituzione di tutti gli elementi ex cooperatori con
altrettanti elementi appartenenti a classi giovani;

c) impegno da parte della R.A. a sostituire preventivamente, sul po=
sto, i militari di cui ai precedenti paragrafi a) e b).

4. In seguito a tali accordi, questa Direzione ha provveduto in da=
ta 7 Luglio 1945 ad impartire disposizione ai Comandi Territoriali
della R.A. perchè facciano affluire a Napoli (Aeroporto di Nisida)
un certo numero di militari (849 di cui 21 Ufficiali, 114 Sottuf=
ficiali e 714 militari di truppa) al fine di poter provvedere con
tutta urgenza alla immediata sostituzione di quegli elementi più
abbisognevole di riposo (perchè appartenenti a classi anziane o per=
chè da un maggior numero di anni alle armi o in prigionia). 1818
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La presente è per conoscenza e per essere conservata nella repubblica
 di Napoli.

(L'Ufficio per l'ordinamento delle scuole)



Ministero dell'Aeronautica

COMANDO GENERALE DELLE SCUOLE

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5. Successivamente con la disponibilità degli uomini che saranno recuperati dallo scioglimento di buona parte delle compagnie attualmente in servizio con la USAAF, si potrà provvedere alla completa sostituzione dei rimanenti ex cooperatori, come specificato al paragrafo 3 b).

6. Si dà assicurazione che codesta Sottocommissione sarà sempre e continuamente tenuta al corrente di ogni variazione che avverrà nelle 11 compagnie di ex cooperatori restituiti alla R.A..

7. E' da tener presente che i provvedimenti di cui ai paragrafi 3 a) e 3 b) saranno applicati anche in favore di quei militari incorporati nelle 11 Compagnie Raf, ma appartenenti ad altre Forze Armate (Esercito, Marina, Corpo delle Guardie di Finanza, Arma Reale Carabinieri, civili, ecc.).

Si intende che questi militari all'atto della sostituzione presso le singole compagnie saranno avviati ai rispettivi Comandi Territoriali dell'Esercito o della Marina, per le successive operazioni di loro pertinenza.

8. In considerazione di quanto espresso al precedente paragrafo 7, si prega codesta Sottocommissione di prendere contatti con la M.M.I.A. affinché analoghi provvedimenti vengano presi, con l'urgenza che il caso richiede, da parte del R. Esercito o della R. Marina in favore dei militari della R.A. incorporati in compagnie di ex cooperatori, alle loro dipendenze.

9. Si rimane in attesa di un cenno di conferma per quanto esposto nei primi sette paragrafi della presente lettera e si gradirebbe conoscere al più presto la risposta della M.M.I.A. per quanto chiesto al precedente paragrafo 8.

IL DIRETTORE

(Generale B.A. 101 AGNESI)

[Signature]

La presente lettera per ogni lettera in cui si esprime un'opinione o un'osservazione sulla presente

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry,
Directorate of Personnel
Date : 10th July 1955
Ref : AFSC/911/P4

R.A.F. (Italian) Cos.

We enclose a copy of a letter received from H.Q. M.A.A.F. concerning the 1919 class.

2. In para (2) the A.F.S.C. authority referred to concerns those in the above Cos. only.
3. It is to be noted that some replacements will be required.

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

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, Headquarters MAAF CME.

To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.

Date:- 5th. July, 1945.

Ref:- MAAF/4221/ALS.

RAF (Italian) Companies.

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1. Reference is made to your letter AFSC/911/P4 dated 2nd. July, 1945.
2. The release class for the Italian Air Force will continue to be 1919, and in the case of Army personnel, 1914. It must be clearly understood that such discharge will not take place without BMIA or AFSC authority.
3. It would be appreciated if, in the case of desertions, replacements are drafted into these companies, which will in future be known as 'RAF (Italian) Companies'.



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For

(C. CONROY),
Squadron Leader,
Air Vice Marshal,
Chief of Staff/RAF MedE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 35)

Use of German POW and Surrendered Personnel I
 Joint Disposal Committee II

I--- USE OF GERMAN POW AND SURRENDERED PERSONNEL

1. It is the policy of this headquarters to make full use of German POW and Surrendered Personnel. At the same time, due consideration of the effect of such labor on Italian labor and economy will be given, provided it does not impede the progress of the redeployment program. To insure uniformity of procedure and policy the following will govern:

a. Presently hired civilians will not normally be discharged in order to permit replacement by POW/SP. This is not intended to prevent replacement with POW/SP in the case of employees who are discharged for cause or who leave employment voluntarily.

b. Italian Cooperator Service Units will be replaced by POW/SP labor, except that the loss of skilled, key personnel caused by the withdrawal or demobilization of Italian Cooperator Service Units may, in so far as is practicable, be avoided by the hiring of such individuals as civilian employees.

c. Where an Italian business, factory or facility is presently operating or may in the future be operated by or for the Allies the civilian employees of such concern will not in general be replaced by POW/SP. Augmentation of labor may be by civilian labor or POW/SP as considered preferable.

d. POW/SP and civilian labor will not be intermingled in work gangs. POW/SP work gangs may, however, work on the same job with civilian laborers provided it is practicable to avoid close contact. Individual POW/SP's may work on administrative and other duties in offices provided avoidance of close contact with civilian employees is practicable.

e. On new projects, such as depots and rest areas, the use of POW/SP will be the general rule. Consideration will be given to the local civilian unemployment situation in all such cases. If such situation is acute, civilian labor should where practicable be employed at least on a supplementary basis, but the mere availability of local labor imposes no urgent obligation to hire.

2. When specific questions arise which are not covered by these instructions, the following generalities will be given consideration. Italian civilian labor has been of great assistance to the Allies. Faithful workers should not suffer by the introduction of free labor. The Allies are definitely concerned that there shall be no wide spread disturbances because of Italian unemployment. The adoption of a fair employment policy and consideration of the right of the individual will do much not only to inculcate a receptive attitude toward Allied democratic institutions but also to introduce such policies into Italian labor relations.

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AFHQ Administrative Memo #35 (cont'd)

II-- JOINT DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

Paragraph 3, AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 8, 1945, is amended as follows:

Delete

Joint Chairmen : Assistant Chief of Staff G-4
DQMG G-4(B)

Secretariat : Will be provided by the
Allied Force Local Resources
Section AFHQ

Insert

Chairman : Chief Administrative Officer

Vice Chairman : Assistant Chief of Staff G-4
DQMG G-4(B)

Joint Secretaries: G-4(A)
G-4(B)

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : H.Q. M.A.A.F. A.L.S.
Date : 2nd July 1945
Ref : AFSC/911/P4

ITALIAN EX-COOPERATOR Cos.

Reference is made to AFHQ letter ASD/921 of June 23rd, and this H.Q. letter AFSC/911/P4 of the 30th June.

2. In para 3 of above letters, the classes of 1914 are referred to. This applies to the Italian Army, but in the I.A.F., however, the release class is 1919, and as these companies are now I.A.F., may it pleased be confirmed that the 1919 classes may be considered for discharge.

3. May authority be given that, in cases where desertions take place, replacements can be drafted in so that the work of the Companies may suffer as little as possible?

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

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 30th June 1945
Ref : AFEC/911/24

DEMobilISATION OF MI-COOPERATORS

A further directive (ref. ASD/921 of the 23rd June) has been received from AFHQ re. the above subject, and below are given the main points for your information.

1. 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.

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

3. In conjunction with the A.F.S.C., the I.A.M. 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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P.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copies to : H.Q. M.A.A.P., A.I.S.
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UNITED STATES ARMY
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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, ITOUSA, APO 794
 ITOUSA POW Command, APO 464

Commanding Officers,
 Adriatic Base Command, APO 388
 Headquarters Command, AF, APO 512
 Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
 FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission, (MMA).

I. GENERAL.

1. Reference is made to Allied Force Headquarters letter, file AG 387.4/079 CCT-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 MMA and continue working for the Allied Forces as part of the Italian Army or will be demobilized by MMA. 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 IMIA. IMIA 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 IMIA will be notified.

c. Major commands concerned will also notify IMIA 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 IMIA 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 ITOUS (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 AG 383.6/326 P-0, dated 4 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 ATO 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 PIB 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 AFMUS Supply Directive No. 46, cs. After change to new status, these units will retain organizational equipment presently authorized on special PCN T/E's on a loan basis as provided in paragraph 12 of Supply Directive No. 46. The special PCN T/E's referred to were published under cover of War Department letter AG 400(2 May 44)CE-S-SPCHP-A, 12 May 1944, subject: "Troop Basis and Special Tables of Equipment for Italian Service Units (PCN) in North Africa", as amended.

16. In order to conserve as much clothing as possible for subsequent issue to German PWs 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 Q. 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 AFMUS 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 AIT, 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 18 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 AIT.

b. Officers of ISU organizations are considered to have purchased their individual clothing. Accordingly, there will be no charges submitted to the Chief Accountant, AIT, to cover clothing of officer personnel. If blanket and mess gear are essential upon transfer, the same charge will be made to AIT 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 supplementary instructions, in accordance with conditions of release and existing directives, as may be deemed necessary by the Commanding Officer, 269th Technical Supervision Regiment (Cvhd) to effect the release of Italian Service unit personnel.

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22. WFOSSA should take necessary action to inform the personnel of IGUs
as to the effects of their change of status.

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h. Guards - FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies will be responsible for the provision of guards for enemy forces while under their control. The MTOUSA POW Command and Number 1 District similarly will be responsible for the provision of guards in the concentration areas under their respective jurisdiction. The necessary troops will be allotted by AFHQ/MTOUSA to Number 1 District and the MTOUSA POW Command for this purpose. Arrangements for guarding when enemy forces are employed in accordance with letter referred to in paragraph 7c will be in accordance with paragraph 11 of above reference letter.

i. Discipline

- (1) Surrendered enemy forces will be responsible for maintaining a high standard of discipline.
- (2) All Allied commanders will insure that the persecution of non-Nazis, non-Germans and non-Fascists is prevented.
- (3) Such summary jurisdiction as may be necessary to maintain discipline in the final concentration areas may be left to enemy commanders within the discretion of Allied commanders concerned. Enemy courts martial may be permitted to function under Allied supervision.
- (4) All crimes, of whatever nature, may at the discretion of the appropriate Allied commanders be tried in AMG courts established for the purpose or by courts martial, notwithstanding any powers of summary jurisdiction which may have been given to enemy commanders.
- (5) Available enemy military police and provost personnel will be distributed as necessary among concentration areas.

j. Maintenance

- (1) Enemy Service Units - Such units as are required to enable forces to maintain themselves will be formed by the headquarters concerned. The MTOUSA POW Command will make available to MTOUSA major commands and Number 1 District such service units as are required, if available, to maintain enemy forces. The obligation of the MTOUSA POW Command to provide enemy service units to Number 1 District ceases when the principal adjustment in holdings of enemy forces by the British and US has been made as provided in paragraph 5 b (1) above. Co-ordination and allocation of enemy service units between the US and British will be the responsibility of AFHQ/MTOUSA.
- (2) Enemy stocks of maintenance supplies - FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies will obtain details of locations and quantities of enemy stocks of maintenance supplies located in their areas. Surrendered personnel required to operate enemy dumps or depots may continue to be so employed subject to the provisions of paragraph 7 c above.

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(3) Use of enemy maintenance stocks

- (a) Maximum use of enemy stocks will be made for the maintenance of surrendered enemy forces. Overall allocation of enemy stocks will be the responsibility of AFHQ/LTOUSA.
- (b) Subject to particular circumstances which may arise, Allied stocks of rations (Class I Supplies), Engineer and Ordnance stores (Class II and IV Supplies of all Technical Services) will not be used for this purpose, until enemy stocks have been exhausted.

(4) Allied assistance in the maintenance of surrendered enemy forces - In the interim stage, pending the locating of enemy stocks and the organization of the necessary service units, Armies, LTOUSA PGW Command and Number 1 District will perform such maintenance activities for surrendered enemy forces as are necessary.

k. Transport

- (1) In order to economize in motor transport, enemy forces will be maintained as far as practicable by animal transport.
- (2) Animal, in preference to motor, transport will be used for local details within the concentration areas. This is desirable for security reasons as well as to economize on motor fuel and vehicles.
- (3) Subject to the limitations of (1) and (2) above, surrendered enemy forces will be allowed to retain minimum scales of motor transport as laid down by Allied military headquarters concerned. Enemy units required to work under Allied supervision will be allowed to retain such transport and equipment as are necessary to carry out their task.
- (4) Enemy transport units in excess of requirements for enemy administration, may be used in relief of Allied administrative resources and for the movement of civil supplies. Allocation of this transport will be the responsibility of AFHQ/LTOUSA.

1. Rations - Surrendered enemy forces whether fed from enemy or Allied stocks will be provided with a ration of approximately 2000 calorific value. A ration of approximately 2900 calorific value will be allowed for heavy workers. (Heavy workers are those working more than 4 hours daily for the Allied armies). Detailed scales have been issued separately.

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m. Forage - The scale to be issued for captured animals will be as follows:

Animals in work - full scale.

Animals not in work - scale to be governed by the condition in which animals are found. Normally this will be fifty per cent (50%) of usual scale.

n. Surrendered Enemy Material - Separate instructions have been issued in AFHQ letter, file AG 386.3/163 LOG-O, dated 22 June 1945, subject: "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy".

o. Medical - In view of the danger of malaria:

(1) Personal and unit anti-malarial precautions will be enforced.

(2) General anti-malarial precautions throughout the concentration areas will be carried out as required.

p. Welfare - Enemy welfare services may be permitted to function under supervision. No Allied material or entertainment will be provided.

q. Postal Facilities - Initially no postal facilities will be provided for surrendered enemy personnel. Further instructions will be issued later if required.

r. Pay of Enemy Forces - Separate instructions will be issued.

s. Local Purchase and Use of Currency

(1) Surrendered enemy forces will not be permitted to make any local purchases on their own account. Should it be found economical to supply them with such local products as may not be required for civilian or Allied military use, such products will be purchased by Allied military authorities, in conformity with existing AFHQ/AFMTOUSA instructions as to method of procuring local resources. For the purpose of accounting, separate records will be maintained of all such purchases. 1822

(2) Accounts outstanding against the enemy in respect of purchases made previous to surrender will be forwarded to AG/AFM for such investigation or other action as may be considered appropriate.

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t. Allowance of Resale/EFI Items - Separate instructions are being issued to provide the minimum allowance of Resale/EFI items necessary for sanitation and health.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. Christensen
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 Colonel, AGD
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- 1 - Appendix "A" - Suggested scales of accommodation.
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SUBJECT : Demobilisation of ex-Cooperators. ^{911/pa}

TO : All Concerned. ⁹⁰⁹

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 To : Italian Air Ministry,
 Directorate of Personnel
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Welfare Purchases.

Any such purchases will remain with the Unit.

Identity Documents.

Identity documents issued by British authorities to Co-operators will remain with them until replaced by the Italian equivalent.

Disposal of Co-operators in hospital or undergoing detention.

(a) Co-operators who are patients in British Military Hospitals at 1st Jul. 45 will be transferred on or as soon as possible after that date at the nearest Italian Military Hospital.

(b) Co-operators serving sentences of detention not exceeding 28 days in 209 P.W. Camp will serve such sentence not exchanged Depot (Raviscanina).

On release they will be despatched to the nearest Italian Military Hospital.

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1 - 3 1/4 ton Truck	1806
1 - Motor-Cycle	
1 - Cycle	

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Release from P.V. Status of Italian Co-operators in
RAF Hands in Italy.

1. Further to this Headquarters letter of even reference dated 20th. June, 1945.
2. Attached herewith are the detailed instructions for the closing down and adjustment of present administrative arrangements for the R.F. controlled Italian Co-operators, referred to in para. 5. of the above quoted letter.
3. Accounting - Documentation - Personal Effects. Instructions have already been issued to all concerned under this Headquarters letter M.A.F./4223/1S dated 14th. June, 1945.
4. Invest Account. Will be closed on 30 Jun. 45 and forwarded to the Command Paymaster. Any balance of cash from Imprest Accounts will be handed in to the nearest Area or Field Cashier.
5. Welfare Fund. Accounts of all Italian Welfare Funds will be closed on 30 Jun. 45. All balances to the credit of such funds will be handed in to the nearest Accountant officer or Imprest Holder, who will bring the amount on charge in the Cash or Imprest Account, who will arrange for these funds to be transferred to No. 8. Command Paymaster to be noted for credit to a Special Suspense Account which will be entitled Italian P.V. (Co-operator) Central Welfare Fund. The accounts of all such funds for the quarter ended 30 Jun. 45 will be audited in accordance with KR & AOT para. 1345 (as amended), as soon as possible after they have been closed.
6. Centron Stocks. Centron Stocks having been bought out of Funds will not be withdrawn.
7. Welfare Purchases. Any Welfare Purchases made by units will remain with units in their new status.
8. Identity Documents. Identity documents issued by British authorities to Co-operators will remain in their possession until they are issued with the Italian equivalent.
9. Disposal of Co-operators in Hospital or under ongoing Detention. (X) Co-operators who are patients in British hospitals will be transferred to Italian hospitals as soon as possible.



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4. Imprest Account. Will be closed on 30 Jun. 45 and forwarded to the Command Paymaster.
Any balance of cash from Imprest Accounts will be handed in to the nearest Area or Field Cashier.
5. Welfare Fund. Accounts of all Italian Welfare Funds will be closed on 30 Jun. 45. All balances to the credit of such funds will be handed in to the nearest Accountant officer or Imprest Holder, who will bring the amount on charge in the Cash or Imprest Account. The Command Accountant will arrange for these funds to be transferred to No. 8. Command Paymaster to be noted for credit to a Special Suspense Account which will be entitled Italian P.V. (Co-operator) Central Welfare Fund.
The accounts of all such funds for the quarter ended 30 Jun. 45 will be audited in accordance with KR & CI par. 1346 (as amended), as soon as possible after they have been closed.
6. Canteen Stocks. Canteen Stocks having been bought out ~~200/45~~ 180/45 Funds will not be withdrawn.
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8. Identity Documents. Identity documents issued by British Authorities to Co-operators will remain in their possession until they are issued with the Italian equivalent.
9. Disposal of Co-operators in Hospital or undergoing Detention.
(a) Co-operators who are patients in British Military Hospitals at 1 Jul. 45 will be transferred on or as soon as possible after that date to the nearest Italian Military Hospital. Reports of all such transfers will be forwarded to G.H.Q. 2nd. Echelon on J.W. 3012a.
(b) Co-operators serving sentences of detention not exceeding 28 days in 209 P.V. Camp will serve such sentence in full. On release they will be despatched to the nearest Italian Reinforcement Depot (Raviscanino).

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10. Co-operators to remain in P.V. Status on Disciplinary Grounds.
(a) Co-operators awaiting trial by Military Court in Italy or Sicily will not be released from P.V. status on 1 Jul. 45 but will be retained in British custody and brought to trial under District arrangements. Any such co-operators who are subsequently acquitted will immediately be released and despatched to the nearest Italian Reinforcement Depot, pay being credited up to the actual date of release.
(b) Co-operators who prior to 1 Jul 45 have been apprehended or surrendered themselves in Italy or Sicily from absence without leave for a period exceeding 4 days, but have not at that date been transferred to North Africa will not be released from P.V. Status. Such co-operators will be transferred to North Africa via 209 PZ Camp, in the usual way. X
11. Applications for Relegation. No applications for relegation to non-cooperator status will be considered unless received at this Headquarters by 20 Jun. 45.
12. Remittances. Remittances may continue to be made under 'Administration of Italian Co-operators' para. 52 until the last pay day.
13. Clothing and Necessaries. X Personal clothing and necessities held by Co-operators to approved scale as at 30 Jun. 45 will be retained by them on conversion to BRITs. X A consolidated voucher in respect of such personal clothing and necessities will be prepared by the unit concerned and submitted to MIA through OKD channels, in accordance with para. 9. AG letter 400/031 GDS-O of 6 Oct 44. MIA will then debit such clothing and necessities to Italian Government through existing channels. Holdings of Reserve and Winter Clothing held within units will be returned through OKD channels to HSD. Thereafter they will become the maintenance responsibility of MIA from clothing and necessities made available under terms of AG 400/103 of 22 Sep. (Copies of both directives mentioned in this para. are attached).

14. Vehicles. M.T. Equipment on RAF Companies will be withdrawn as and when the RAF Cadre is disestablished.

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(H.R. McLaren Raid) 1806
Group Captain,
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Organisation
Command Accountant.
P.M.C.

C.M.S.O.
Financial Adviser.

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APO 512

AG 400/105 D-0

22 September 1944

SUBJECT: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air)

TO : All Concerned

1. Object

The following comprises a combined and revised directive covering policies and instructions heretofore issued by this headquarters, governing the supply of Italian armed forces and is for the purpose of assisting the Italian Government in its responsibility for the feeding, clothing, arming, equipping and maintenance of the Italian armed forces, in furthering the war effort. It will supersede the following:

Letter, this headquarters, dated 9 January 1944, to Acting Deputy President, ACC, subject: "Supply Organization - Italian Military."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 2, dated 10 January 1944, subject: "Subsistence for Italian Army."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 36, dated 4 September 1944. (Sec.I)

Letter, this headquarters, dated 10 February 1944, to CinC AAI, Deputy President, ACC, and Deputy Vice-President, Army Sub-Commission, subject: "Disposal of Italian Army", and amendment thereto dated 15 April 1944.

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 March 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Scale of Supply for Italian Army".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 May 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Single Ration Scale for Italian Military".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 21 April 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Organization for Supply of Effective Italian Troops"

2. Classification

For the purposes of this letter, the following abbreviations will have the meanings ascribed to them as shown:

BR - ITI	-	Italian armed forces under British command.
US - ITI	-	Italian armed forces under United States command.
ITI-ITI	-	Italian armed forces under command of the Theater Commander through the Italian War Ministry.

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3. Policy

a. All Italian armed forces will receive the same basic scale of supplies necessary for subsistence, i.e., food, clothing, medical supplies and fuel as laid down in annexes to this letter.

BR-ITIS and US-ITIS will receive such additional equipment as may be considered necessary in order to permit them to fulfill their allotted tasks. Issues of this equipment will be controlled by this headquarters in the case of BR-ITIS and by the Commanding General, NATOUSA in the case of US-ITIS.

b. Only those classes of troops who are in fact effective will be supplied. An individual who is "in fact effective" is defined as one who is a bona fide member of the Italian armed forces, either officer, non commissioned officer, or other rank, duly enrolled or enlisted who is subject to the laws of war and the Geneva Convention, borne on the rolls of the Ministry concerned, and actually performing the duty to which assigned as shown by the official strength returns of the Ministry concerned. Security Police, Carabinieri, Fire Brigades, and Finance Guards are not included, as they are not military organizations in the above sense of the term. Their functions are essentially civilian in character and the control is maintained through the Allied Control Commission.

4. Supply Responsibility for the Italian Army and the Italian Air Force

a. The maintenance of BR-ITIS is a British responsibility.

b. The maintenance of US-ITIS is a United States responsibility.

c. The maintenance of ITI-ITIS is the responsibility of the Italian Government supplemented to the extent required by the United States and United Kingdom as authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. This commitment is divided between the United States and the United Kingdom as follows:

Subsistence	- US
Clothing	- Joint US - UK
Medical Supply	- UK
Fuels	- UK

5. Functions of M.M.I.A.

a. The Military Mission to the Italian Army is responsible to the Theater Commander for the coordination and supervision of supply to all categories of the Italian armed forces through the Italian Ministries.

b. When British or United States supplies are issued to ITI-ITIS in accordance with paragraph 4 c above, the senior United States Army officer of MMIA will supervise the supply of subsistence. The senior British officer and the senior United States Army officer will jointly supervise the supply of clothing. The senior British officer will supervise the supply of medical items. The procedure for handling POL is as prescribed in Annex D.

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c. The entire resources of the Italian Army are available to ITI-ITIS. Any surplus will be available through MMIA to US-ITIS and BR-ITIS. Headquarters MMIA will be responsible for control, issue and accounting of supplies so drawn from ITI-ITI Depots.

6. Responsibility of Italian Army for Supply

a. In meeting the responsibilities of distribution of supplies indicated in 4 a and 4 b above, the Italian War Ministry, by use of ITI-ITI forces will assist in the distribution of supply to US-ITI and BR-ITI categories of Italian armed forces, to the degree found necessary by the United States and British commanders concerned and in agreement with MMIA.

b. The Italian Army is responsible with certain minimum supervision by MMIA, for implementing and maintaining their own supply system in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia for the ITI-ITI category of the Italian Army.

c. The Italian Army will accept responsibility for all ITI-ITI supplies made available for its use. Acceptance will include positive assurance on the part of the Italian Army that the supplies received will be issued on the scales announced and used only for the purpose intended and that they will not be bartered, sold, or otherwise disposed of.

d. The Italian Army, through MMIA, will be responsible for arranging transportation necessary for the movement of all supplies from the point of acceptance to warehouses and from warehouses to distribution or issue points. Essential transportation assistance will be furnished from the United States and British sources as agreed between the local commander and MMIA.

e. Shelter sufficient to house properly all supplies received will be provided by the Italian Army. The location of all the points of storage, including those in which supplies of Italian origin are stored, will be reported to MMIA and the commander of the Base Section or District concerned.

f. Supplies will be warehoused in accordance with recognized procedure which will insure safety from theft, pilferage, weather, damage or loss from insects or vermin, and permit inventory and distribution with ease and efficiency. Local base section and district commanders and other commanders concerned will give due consideration to the needs for Italian depot storage and facilities in order to accomplish the above.

g. The Italian Army will be responsible for the distribution and issue of all supplies on the scales and under the conditions contained in Annexes hereto, in accordance with 4 c and 4 d above.

h. The Italian Army will provide sufficient organizations of the proper type and strength with appropriate equipment to perform efficiently and expeditiously the duties referred to above, based on the quantity of supplies furnished from time to time for use of the Italian armed forces.

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i. Personnel from MMIA will be authorized to inspect, require inventories to be made as necessary, and otherwise satisfy themselves that all supplies turned over to the Italian Army are received, warehoused, accounted for and issued in accordance with the intent of this directive.

7. Scale of Supply

a. Subsistence

- (1) The Italian armed forces are subsisted on a single common ration scale shown in Annex "A". This scale will not be modified, amended or changed in any way for any category or group, without the prior approval of this headquarters.
- (2) The provision of local grown commodities under par. 2 of Annex "A" for all categories of the Italian armed forces is the responsibility of the Italian Ministries. When found to be more expeditious to do so, United States or British commanders may purchase available resources of these ration components for the Italian Ministries, and receive cash repayment therefor by submitting properly signed vouchers through MMIA.

b. Clothing

- (1) Clothing will be provided from the following sources in the order named and issued on the scale shown in Annex "B":
 - (a) Entire resources of Italian military clothing.
 - (b) Used clothing and individual equipment from Allied sources within the theater in accordance with the provisions of Annex "C".
 - (c) Shipments authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff for ITI-ITI, by War Department for US-ITI, and by The War Office for BR-ITI.

c. Fuel

- (1) Coal -- All coal and coke requirements for BR-ITI and US-ITI will be submitted through channels to the respective Army, Base Section, or MCC District for supply. Coal and coke requirements for ITI-ITI will be submitted through Italian Army channels through MMIA for screening and allocation.
- (2) Petroleum products -- See Annex "D".

d. Medical Supplies -- See Annex "E".

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c. Transport

- (1) Italian Army transportation will be allotted to all units in the Italian Army by MMIA in such manner as to afford the minimum use of Allied transportation.
- (2) The Italian Ministry of War is responsible for maintenance of all Italian Army transportation. The Allied commanders concerned may give such assistance as is desirable in the maintenance of the transportation allocated to BR-ITIS or US-ITIS.
- (3) MMIA is charged with the general supervision of maintenance, use and manner of operation of all Italian military transport, except in the combat zone, and more particularly in respect to transport provided by or for the ITI-ITIS.

8. Supply of Italian Navy

a. The theater policy is based on the decision of the Combined Chiefs of Staff that the British Royal Navy, being in command of the Italian Navy, is responsible for repairs, maintenance and supply of the Italian Navy.

- (1) MMIA is designated as the agency to supervise the bulk distribution of rations furnished by the British Government for the Italian Navy.
- (2) Where no Italian Army depots under MMIA control are accessible, the issue of subsistence in accordance with Annex "A", from United States Army or Navy or British Army stocks direct to Italian naval vessels is authorized to meet only minimum essential operational requirements of those Italian naval vessels operating from United States or British controlled ports. Replacement in kind will be made by MMIA, for the account of the Royal Navy, to United States Army or United States Navy, as applicable.

9. Medical

a. The Italian Medical services will maintain adequate medical hospitals and services for all the Italian armed forces.

b. Evacuation will be wherever practicable to Italian hospitals.

c. In an emergency personnel may be admitted to United States or British hospitals and will be subsisted the same as United States or British patients.

d. The Italian medical service personnel in Italian hospitals and all armed forces patients will be maintained as under:

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- (1) Rations. From international ITI-ITI stocks provided by United States and controlled by MMIA.
- (2) Medical Stores (Annex "E"). From international stocks provided by United Kingdom and controlled by MMIA.

c. Monthly adjustments, whereby ITI-ITI stocks will be reimbursed in kind, will be made by the United States and British Armies. Adjustments will be based on periodic reports covering number of US-ITI and BR-ITI patients for the period. Reports will be made by hospitals, as directed by MMIA.

10. Civilian Population

The policies set forth in this directive apply to the Italian armed forces only.

11. Cigarettes and Tobacco

Cigarettes or tobacco will be furnished from Italian sources and on the scale authorized by the Italian Army. None will be furnished from Allied sources.

12. Accounting

a. All supplies issued to the Italian armed forces of any of the three categories defined in paragraph 4, from intra-theater, United States, or British Army sources, will be reported to the Chief Accountant, ACC, through MMIA, and will be charged against the Italian Government in accordance with directives published by this headquarters. Issues so reported are chargeable to the Italian Government only when made as prescribed in this letter and will not be applicable to issues in excess of the scales herein prescribed unless approved by this headquarters. MMIA is charged with the duty of ensuring that only items correctly chargeable to the Italian Government are presented to the Chief Accountant, ACC.

b. Non-expendable supplies or stores and equipment furnished in accordance with paragraph 3 above, will be issued on a loan basis to be returned to the issuing agency when the mission is completed. No charge will be made to the Italian Government for such issues.

13. Review of Supply System

The review and supervision of the supply system will be the responsibility of this headquarters.

By command of General WILSON:

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ANNEX "A"

SUBSISTENCE SCALE - ITALIAN ARMY

1. The following items of the Italian ration are to be furnished as follows:

- a. For U.S. commanded Italian troops, from U.S. sources
- b. For British commanded Italian troops, from British sources
- c. For Italian commanded Italian troops, from U.S. sources

Flour	12 oz.
Dried vegetables, ounces per ration	2 oz.
Meat, canned, or fish preserved	3 oz.
Cheese	1 oz.
Sugar	1 oz.
Macaroni	3 oz.
Rice	1 oz.
Vegetables, dehydrated	1 oz.
Catsup, or tomato paste	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Coffee	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Pepper	1/200
Matches, per 7 rations, box (small)	1 oz.
book, commercial type, ca	2

2. The following items, to complete the ration, are to be procured by the Italian Army from all three categories listed in paragraph 1 above:

Fruit	4 oz.
Vegetables, fresh	8 oz.
Olive Oil	1 oz.
Nuts	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Salt	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Wine, litre	$\frac{1}{2}$

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3. The total caloric value of the ration is 3290.

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ANNEX "B"

CLOTHING SCALE, ITALIAN ARMY

1. The basic clothing and individual equipment scale for all categories of the Italian Army is as follows:

Blouse, Battle dress	ea	1
Trousers, Battledress	ea	1
Shirt, cotton	ea	2
Belt, web, waist	ea	1
Drawers, wool	ea	2
Undershirt, wool or pullover (1 pullover equals 2 undershirts, wool)	ea	2
Towel	ea	1
Cap, field	ea	1
Overcoat, or mackinaw	ea	1
Boots or shoes (2 prs authorized in winter if supplies permit)	pr	1
Socks	pr	3
Anklets, or leggings (when required)	pr	1
Sewing Kit, initial issue only	ea	1
Blankets, or comforter (1 comforter equals 2 blankets)	ea	2
Packcarrier (When required)	ea	1
Canteen (When required)	ea	1
Mess Kit (including fork, spoon and cup)	ea	1

2. Items made available under the provisions of Annex "C" will include all items of British scales of clothing and individual equipment and United States Tables of Equipment 21.

3. Addition to the scale will be as approved by AFHQ for BR-ITI and Commanding General, NATOUSA for US-ITI. Addition to the scale for ITI-ITI will be as approved by MIIA and dependent upon the available supply received in accordance with the provisions of Annex "C".

4. Field Jackets, wool shirts, wool caps, wool trousers, overcoats, mackinaws, wool, and battle dress will be dyed green prior to issue to the Italian Army and Italian Air Force.

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ANNEX "C"

Procedure for Utilization of Allied Military Clothing
for the Italian Army and Air Force

1. In order to eliminate the shipping into the theater of clothing from external sources for the Italian Army and Air Force, maximum use will be made of used clothing that is not suitable for further use of the Allied Armies.

2. All items of clothing and individual equipment on British scales or U.S. Tables of Equipment will be considered as available for the use of the Italian Army. Commanders of Communication Zone, Armies, the RAF, AAF/MTO, and Districts are responsible that items made available to the Italian Army and Air Force are carefully screened and are in such condition as to be beyond economical repair for further use of United States or British military personnel or prisoners of war of the Allied nations.

a. Within the capabilities of military repair installations directly under the commanders named above, items considered suitable for the Italian Army and Air Force may be repaired, if necessary, for the purpose of issue in accordance with Annex "B" to authorized Italian units of the command. Accounting will be as prescribed in paragraph 10 of basic letter.

b. Items in excess of the repair facilities and ability of the British Army or the United States Army, will be delivered to Italian Army ITI-ITI repair installations and will be charged to the Italian Government in accordance with paragraph 10 of basic letter. No further accounting is required. Upon completion of repair, disposition will be as follows:

- (1) Such items are to be utilized for clothing and equipping the ITI-ITI with the Italian Army.
- (2) Surplus items will be made available by MMIA for clothing, the BR-ITI and the US-ITI. 1199

c. Distinctive buttons, insignia of rank, and all other insignia will be removed prior to transfer to Italian repair installations or depots.

d. MMIA is responsible that proper records are maintained by Italian repair installations and depots in order that the proper charges may be made to the Italian Government and a corresponding credit be given to the country of ownership. To the extent necessary to accomplish this, commanders will comply with the accounting and reporting procedure established by MMIA.

3. Supply, sale, donation, or transfer of military clothing to civilians is not authorized except when made available to ACC by MMIA. Items of clothing and shoes (boots) not suitable for the use of the Italian Army will be transferred to ACC by MMIA. Outer clothing will be dyed black by ACC prior to issue to civilians.

4. Rags and scraps originating from clothing and equipment in British or U.S. Army Depots will be offered to MMIA for the use of the Italian Army. Should the rags and scraps not be desired by the Italian Army, the rags and scraps will be disposed of as agreed by commanders named in paragraph 2 above, and ACC.

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ANNEX "D"

A. Italian Military Requirements for Petroleum Products

1. Italian formations serving with the Allied Armies will, if they are located in the Army areas, normally be supplied ex Rail/Road Head through their own maintenance channels. Italian army units serving with the Allied Armies in Army areas, and Italian units, and units diluted with Italians, which form a permanent part of the Allied Order of Battle, will be supplied as if they were Allied units, through the normal United States or British maintenance systems.

2. Italian army units not included in paragraph 1 above will be supplied with petroleum products as follows:

a. Requirements: The MMIA will be responsible for the collection and submission to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command, of requirements for the Italian army exclusive of those formations and units included in paragraph 1 above. These requirements will be submitted so as to reach AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command by the 19th of the month preceding that in which delivery is required and will specify geographical areas in which the units are located. The basis on which all of the above requirements are predicted will be set out in detail.

b. AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC, will make monthly allocations authorizing release of approved quantities of petroleum products from the CIP for Italian army account in the respective areas concerned.

c. The CIP will deliver to the Italian army on a contractual basis, charging only the distribution cost (including any imposed Government taxes) but not including the cost of the petroleum product.

B. Italian Naval and Air Force Requirements

3. The Italian navy and air force will be issued such petroleum products as are not "common user" items, as directed by Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and CinC Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, respectively. Such issues will be made direct from stocks under CinC Mediterranean and CinC MAAF control and not through CIP. ("Common user" items are defined as such Petroleum Products as are included in the North African Oil Slate).

4. Aircraft of the Italian Air Force, under the operational control of CinC MAAF will be issued with such petroleum products as they require, from stocks under the control of CinC MAAF. Records of such issues will be maintained and transmitted monthly to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command.

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5. CinC Mediterranean and CinC MAAF will advise AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC of the requirements of the Italian navy and air force of "common user" petroleum products other than those covered by paragraph 4 above. Such requirements will be submitted to AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC by the 19th of the month preceding that in which delivery is requested, and will specify geographical areas in which release is required. Approved quantities will be included in the allocations authorized for the Italian army, and will be released to CIP as in 2, above.

6. CIP will maintain separate records of quantities received from Allied stocks and issued to:

- a. civilian users
- b. the three categories of the Italian army
- c. Italian navy
- d. Italian air force divided into that used by the Italian air force under British command, U.S. command, and Italian command, and will report such information monthly to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command.

C. Transfer of Responsibility

7. Responsibilities established in this Annex with respect to particular agencies, i.e., Allied Military Government, Allied Central Mediterranean Force, Headquarters ACC, etc., in the event of transfer of, or assumption of responsibility by another agency will automatically be included in the transfer or assumption.

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ANNEX "E"

Medical Stores for Italian Armed Forces1. Scalesa. Hospital Diet Items

Milk	6,200 lbs	)	Based on 13,000 patients for 10 days.
Rice	11,700 lbs	)	
Somolina or equivalent	3,000 lbs	)	
Butter or margarine	10,400 lbs	)	
Meat Extract	520 lbs	)	

b. Disinfectants and Miscellaneous Stores

Water Sterilizing Powder	15 lbs	)	Scale per 1,000 men per month.
Anti Mosquito Cream	375 lbs	)	
Taste Remover Tablets	250	)	
Izal	1 gal	)	
Fly catchers	480	)	
Prepared rat bait	1/2 lb	)	
AL 63	20 lbs	)	
Blocks fumigating	4	)	
Anti Mosquito Spray	20 gal	)	
Cresol	10 gal	)	
Methylated Spirits	5 gal	)	
Maleriol	30 gal	)	
Paris Green	14 lbs	)	

c. Medical Stores

Standard scale of provision is 40 tons per 100,000 personnel per month. Itemized list omitted.

2. Provision for Medical Stores

a. 30 days reserve calculated on the above-mentioned scales will be held under arrangements of agencies having a supply responsibility.

b. Demands based on maintaining a maximum stock of one month's requirements will be submitted by MMIA to AFHQ for BR-ITI and ITI-ITI by the 20th of each month for requirements 4 months ahead, e.g., demands due 20 September will relate to February 1945.

c. Requirements for US-ITI will be handled by Commanding General, SOS NATOUS.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTER
APO 512

AG 400/031 GDS-0

6 October 1944

SUBJECT: Supply Procedure and Accounting for Supplies and Equipment Issued by Allied Depots to Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy, and Air).

TO : All Concerned.

1. Reference -- These instructions are issued in accordance with AFHQ letter, AG 400/105 D-0, dated 22 September 1944, subject: "Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy, and Air)". Any previous instructions published by this or other headquarters, which are in conflict herewith, are rescinded.

2. Effective Date -- For all items of supply, except rations, the effective date is date of this publication. The effective date insofar as rations are concerned is 16 October 1944.

3. These instructions are applicable to all supplies and equipment issued direct to units of the Italian Armed Forces from United States or British Army sources regardless of the category of the unit, as distinguished from supplies delivered to Italian Army depots from United States or British Army sources through MMIA.

4. The issuing agency is responsible that correct procedure is followed and that all vouchers are properly executed and forwarded to MMIA. This is the only method by which the Italian Government is charged for such supplies and equipment.

5. The procedure prescribed herein is designed to eliminate, insofar as possible, administrative functions on the part of the various Allied issuing agencies, and at the same time to insure that proper charges are made against the Italian Government. MMIA is charged with securing receipts from the Italian Government for all supplies issued in accordance with the AFHQ letter referred to in paragraph 1, above. Repayment, adjustment and accounting, in order that each nation will be given proper credit in accordance with its supply responsibility, will be performed by MMIA on the basis of this procedure and the vouchers submitted by the Allied agencies as specified herein.

6. Issue of Subsistence (Rations) from Allied Sources

a. Action by Italian Unit -- In order to draw rations, the Italian Armed Force Unit (Division, Regiment, Battalion, Company, or Detachment) will submit to the issuing depot a ration issue note in triplicate (MMIA Form ST/8) (for specimen, see Annex 1). Distribution of these forms to all Italian Units has been accomplished. Normally this document will be submitted at least 48 hours in advance of the time the rations are to be drawn from the depot. The Italian unit will enter name of unit, dates of consumption, ration strength, total number of rations. The unit will adjust the total number of rations due,

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in accordance with rations previously overdrawn or underdrawn according to the actual ration strength of the unit for the previous period. All three copies of the form will be signed by at least one officer; and if a second officer of the unit is available, he will countersign in the space provided.

b. Action by Issuing Depot

- (1) Enter voucher number in space provided. Vouchers will be serially numbered for each depot.
- (2) Enter depot name of designation in space provided.
- (3) Verify name of unit, period for consumption, and that the ration strength and total number of rations due seem reasonable on basis of previous indents (requisitions).
- (4) Calculate quantity of each item due the unit and enter the proper name of the item and the amount, in pounds, in the spaces provided. The only items to be issued to Italian Armed Force Units from Allied sources, and the proper scale of issue, as authorized in paragraph 1, Annex A of the above quoted AFHQ letter, are as follows:

Flour	12 oz
Dried vegetables, ounces per ration	2 oz
Meat, canned, or fish preserved	3 oz
Cheese	1 oz
Sugar	1 oz
Macaroni	3 oz
Rice	1 oz
Vegetables, dehydrated	1 oz
Catsup, or tomato paste	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz
Coffee	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz
Pepper	1/200 oz
Matches, per 7 rations, box (small)	1 box
book, commercial type	2 ea

c. Delivery of Rations -- At the time of delivery of the rations to the Italian Unit, all copies of the ration issue note will be signed by the issuing depot officer and by the person taking delivery of the rations. The date the rations are actually delivered will be entered on all copies of the ration issue note.

d. Disposition of Ration Issue Notes -- The issuing agency will send the original by official mail to Commanding Officer, Headquarters IMIA, APO 394. The issuing agency will retain one copy for its own files and will deliver one copy to the unit at the time the rations are issued.

7. Provision of Local-Grown Commodities

- a. (1) The Italian Government is responsible for the procurement for all categories of the Italian Armed Forces of the items

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as authorized in paragraph 2, Annex A of the AFHQ letter referred to in paragraph 1, above, which are as follows:

Fruit	4 oz
Vegetables, fresh	8 oz
Olive Oil	1 oz
Eggs	1 oz
Salt	1 oz
Wine	$\frac{1}{2}$ liter

- (2) Provision of these items is by War Ministry. Availability is from Italian Army Depots. Movement is by British or U.S., as applicable.
 - (3) British and U.S. authorities to bid to HQ MMIA each month for estimated requirements for following month.
 - (4) Bids to reach MMIA by 10th of each month and be by commodities in pounds weight needed.
 - (5) MMIA will advise British and U.S. authorities concerned at what point or points supplies can be made available and authorize Italian War Ministry to release on demand.
- b. (1) Where local resource items are purchased locally by Allied Commanders on basis of ultimate cash reimbursement by Ministry of War; the British and U.S. authorities effecting such purchases will forward to HQ MMIA each month, in respect of the preceding month, a priced debit voucher (in duplicate) showing commodities purchased, cost per unit (e.g. kilogram, liter) and total costs. Departmental handling charges may be added in the case of U.S. debit vouchers. Designation will be given of the finance office to which cash will be paid. Attached to each debit voucher will be a list of the Italian Army units and their aggregate monthly ration strengths, to whom the supplies thus purchased have been issued.
- (2) MMIA will be responsible to clear all such transactions with the Ministry of War and secure payment.

8. Italian Navy

- a. Repayment to U.S. of rations issued by U.S. Depots to Italian Navy.
- b. U.S. authorities concerned to submit monthly to HQ MMIA, in respect of the preceding month, requests for repayment in kind, stating commodities and weights issued Italian Navy vessels or store units concerned and their individual aggregate ration strengths for the month in question.

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c. Such requests for repayment to specify at what point repayment in kind is desired by the U.S. authorities.

9. Clothing and Equipment -- All clothing and equipment, except major items issued to an Italian unit from an Allied Issuing Agency, will be issued on Shipping Ticket, Tally, or other vouchers which will be serially numbered and show the following information:

- a. Date of issue.
- b. Authority for issue.
- c. Depot making issue.
- d. Unit to which issue was made.
- e. Item (use standard nomenclature)
- f. Unit
- g. Quantity
- *h. Price
- i. Amount
- j. Total amount
- k. Signature of the receiving Italian Officer, and name typed or printed.
- l. Countersignature of the issuing agency.

*New items or equivalent thereof, the full list price will be used. Used or part worn items will be priced as directed by AFHQ for British items and Commanding General, Communication Zone, MATOUSA for U.S. items.

10. The original signed voucher will be sent to HQ MHA as soon as possible after the issue is made. Issuing agency will retain one copy of the voucher, and one copy will be given to receiving unit at the time of issue.

11. Items of clothing and individual equipment issued in excess of the scales established by AFHQ letter referred to in paragraph 1, above, are not to be charged to the Italian Government unless such issue has previously been approved by AFHQ for BR-ITI and Commanding General, MATOUSA for US-ITI, MHA for ITI-ITI. Strict adherence to the scale is the responsibility of the issuing agency.

12. a. Items of equipment furnished to Italian units and in accordance with paragraph 3 of AFHQ letter referred to in paragraph 1, above, necessary to perform an allotted task or mission, will be issued on a loan basis, and returned to the issuing agency after the task or mission is completed. Memorandum receipt in duplicate will be obtained by issuing agency from the unit receiving the equipment. No charge will be made against the Italian Government for such issues, unless the equipment has not been returned within 15 days after the mission or task has been fulfilled. If the equipment has not been returned within that period, the original signed memorandum receipt in detail as follows will be forwarded to MHA, and will be used as a debit voucher against the Italian Government:

- (1) Date of issue.

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- (2) Authority for issue.
- (3) Depot making issue.
- (4) Unit to which issue was made.
- (5) Item (use standard nomenclature)
- (6) Unit
- (7) Quantity
- *(8) Price
- (9) Amount
- (10) Total amount
- (11) Signature of the receiving Italian Officer, with name typed or printed.
- (12) Signature of an officer of U.S. or British parent unit.
- (13) Countersignature of the issuing agency.

*New items or equivalent thereof, the full list price will be used. Used or part worn items will be priced as directed by AFHQ for British items and Commanding General, Communication Zone, NATOUSA, for U.S. items.

b. No vouchers on material loaned on memorandum receipt will be forwarded to MMIA for charge against the Italian Government until the parent organization of the using Italian unit has conducted an investigation of the circumstances. Memorandum receipts will be accompanied by supporting papers covering the investigation of the circumstances with the recommendations of the parent organization commander. Vouchers and supporting papers will be submitted to MMIA through AFHQ. The duplicate copy of the memorandum receipt will be used as a credit voucher to the stock record account of the issuing agency to drop the items from accountability. If, at a later date, the equipment is returned, it will be accepted by the issuing agency and receipt given therefor. Copy of this receipt will be sent to MMIA to be used as a credit voucher to the Italian Government account. Reference to the original memorandum receipt obtained at time of issue will be made on this receipt to enable MMIA to reconcile the two vouchers.

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13. Medical Supplies -- Medical supplies will be issued to Italian medical personnel only. Medical supplies will not be issued to Italian hospitals from American or British sources except in emergency. The normal source of supply is from Italian Medical depots. An Italian Medical officer will be present at the time of issue and sign voucher for items issued.

14. Voucher covering the issue will be serially numbered and will show the following information:

- a. Date of issue.
- b. Authority for issue.
- c. Depot making issue.
- d. Unit to which issue was made.
- e. Item (use standard nomenclature).
- f. Unit.
- g. Quantity.
- h. Price (full list price will be used).
- i. Amount.

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- j. Total amount.
- k. Signature of the receiving Italian Officer, with name printed or typed.
- l. Countersignature of the issuing agency.

15. The original signed voucher will be sent to HQ MMIA as soon as possible after the issue is made. Issuing agency will retain one copy of the voucher, and one copy will be given to receiving unit at the time of issue.

16. No non-expendable major items of Medical Equipment will be issued to an Italian Unit without specific authority of AFHQ.

By command of General WILSON:

H. V. Roberts
H. V. ROBERTS, *RAF*
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

1 Incl
Rations Issue Note
(MMIA Form ST/3)

DISTRIBUTION:

2 - C-in-C, Med	1 - S/GS	1 - Labour
2 - CAO	1 - G-1 (Br)	1 - Med Serv Dir
6 - G-4	1 - G-1 (A)	1 - Provost (Br)
2 - ComNavNAV	1 - C/S, NATO	1 - REME
10 - Fifth Army Hq and units	3 - G-3, AF	1 - Salvage
10 - Eighth Army (Br)	1 - G-4 (Log Plans)	1 - Tn (Br)
2 - MAAF	1 - G-5, AF	1 - V & Rs
10 - AAFSC/WTO	1 - Surg, NATO	1 - Works
1 - Hq Comd, AF	1 - AA & CD	1 - Engr (Br)
5 - Rome Allied Area Comd	1 - AFIRS	1 - Sig (Br)
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10 - No 1 Dist	1 - Pol & Econ Council	
10 - No 2 Dist	1 - Pub Relations	
10 - No 3 Dist	1 - Fiscal Director	
5 - Commander, Allied Garrison, Sardinia	1 - Inspector General	
3 - S & T	1 - Historical Subsection	
25 - MMIA	1 - PMG	
1 - Ord (Br)	1 - JAG, NATO	
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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
 To : Italian Air Ministry,
 Directorate of Personnel
 Date : 27th June 1945
 Ref : AFSC/911/P4

ITALIAN CO-OPERATOR Cos. WORKING WITH R.A.F.

We give below a list of P.O.W. Companies and their present locations.

2. It can be assumed that the present strength of a company is 2 Officers, 12 W/Os and Sergeants, Corporals and Lance-Corporals 42, O.R.'s 227. Total 283.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Location.</u>
No 3	RAF Italian Coy. - 323 Wing - Foggia
8	" " No 114 M.U. - Naples 794
10	" " No 114 M.U. - Cancellio
12	" " No 375 M.U. - Pagani
15	" " MACAF (Unit) - Caserta
20	" " No 5 R.F.U. - Gaudo
21	" " MAAF (Unit) - Caserta
22	" " MEDME C.Flight - Marcianise
24	" " No 4 M.T.B.D. - Naples Ves. Capodichino
25	" " No 159 M.U. - Test
26	" " No 353 M.U. - Bovino

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

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 25th June 1945
Ref : AFSC/911/P4

RELEASE FROM P.W. STATUS OF ITALIAN CO-OPERATORS

Given below is a list of co-operator Companies (Italian) which will shortly become I.A.F., together with their parent R.A.F. unit.

2. A representative of H.Q. M.A.A.T. is coming to Rome to discuss details, and the full instructions will be given later.

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

From:- Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F.
 To:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.
 Date:- 22nd. June, 1945.
 Ref:- MRAF/4221/ALS.

Release from P.W. Status of Italian Co-operators

1. In reply to your letter AFSC/911/PA dated 19th. June, 1945, enumerated below, as requested, is the list of RAF Italian Companies and locations.
2. It is agreed that the parent unit of each company will be required to submit a return to you each month.
3. The under-signed will visit your Headquarters next week, to discuss the change of responsibility and to coordinate with you in the compilation of detailed administrative instructions, which it will be necessary to issue to all units concerned.

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20.	No. 5. R.F.U. - Porto
21.	MRAF (Unit). - Porto
22.	No. 4. M.T.B.D. - Porto
24.	No. 159 M.U. - Porto
25.	No. 353 M.U. - Porto
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 (C. CONROY),
 Squadron Leader,
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 Chief of Staff/RAF, Rome.

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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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" " TURIN c/o 151 SUB AREA

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" " 54 AREA
" " SICILY
" " SARDINIA

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

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MMIA)

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 :

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

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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 and will count against the revised Italian Air Force ceiling.



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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. This headquarters will coordinate and supervise supply to all categories in accordance with this headquarter's Adm Instr No. 12 dated 12 Oct 44.

b. Where it is impossible for the terms of paragraph 4 a to take immediate effect owing to reorganization 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. 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. 387.4/079 GCT-O of 15 Jun refers.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 19th June 1945
Ref : AFSC/911/P4

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RELEASE FROM P.O.W. STATUS
OF ITALIAN CO-OPERATORS IN ITALY AND SICILY

Enclosed, for your information and necessary action, are two copies of AFHQ directive on the above subject.

2. A request has been made to H.Q. M.A.A.F. for information as to the strength etc. of such units concerned, and it will be necessary, when these are known, to make all administrative arrangements for these units in the appropriate Commands.


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

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From : Air Forces Sub, Commission Rome
To : H.Q. M.A.A.F., A.L.S.
Date : 19th June 1945
Ref : AF30/911/P4

RELEASE FROM F.O.W. STATUS OF ITALIAN CO-OPERATORS

Further to AFHQ directive No AG 287.4/079 GCT-0 of the 15th June, may a list of such co-operator units and their strengths be supplied to this Sub Commission, in view of section C para 4 of above directive?

2. It is presumed that such units will become similar to those now usually referred to as "I.A.F. serving with R.A.F.", and their parent units will render similar monthly returns etc.

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

TO: All Concerned

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BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. Christenberry
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Colonel, AGD
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15 June 1945

AG 387.4/C79 GGT-O

SUBJECT: Release From 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 MHI 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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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 18th June 1945
Ref : AFSC/911/P4

R.A.F. ITALIAN CO-OPERATOR COMPANIES

Attached herewith is a policy letter from H.Q. M.A.A.F. for your information.

2. The instructions contained in para 3 of this letter are not forwarded, being directions issued to C.O's of R.A.F. units, and are purely domestic.

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

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F.

To:- See Dist. below:-

Date:- 11th. June, 1945.

Ref:- MAAF/4223/ALS.

RAF Italian Co-operator Companies - Repatriation.

1. It has been decided that all Italian Co-operators in Italy will be released from P.W. Status on 30th. June, 1945, "i.e." 23.50 hours.
2. Detailed instructions as to the conditions affecting such release and as regards administration subsequent to change of status are in course of preparation and will be issued shortly.
3. In the meantime, in order that units may proceed at once with the work involved, the attached instructions are issued on accounting and documentation procedure to be followed.
4. The fact that all Italian personnel in the RAF Companies are to be repatriated means that they will cease to be under the administrative and disciplinary control of the Royal Air Force. The Italian Authorities will assume these responsibilities through the officers at present in the Companies.
5. Each Company will remain attached to the RAF unit and continue to work for the RAF in the same way as at present. The personnel will be absorbed into the Italian Armed Forces, and it is hoped, though not decided, to include all Italian personnel in RAF Companies within the I.A.F. ceiling, irrespective of their former branch of service.
6. From time to time it will be necessary for the Italian Government to discharge various personnel, but that will only take place on the authority of AFHQ and this Headquarters. Every endeavour will be made to substitute any personnel discharged.
7. The RAF units will be responsible for accommodation and cooking facilities as previously.
8. The Instructions "Administration of Italian P.W. Co-operators with the Royal Air Force" dated 9th. April, 1945 and issued by this Headquarters under the above reference are to be returned to this Section, on or about, 7th. July, 1945.

to Conway St.
(G. CONWAY),
Squadron Leader,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/RAF, Middle.

for

1. It has been decided that all Italian Co-operators in Italy will be released from P.V. Status on 30th. June, 1945, w.e.f. 23.59 hours.
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Instructions for Accounting and Documentation on Release
of Italian Co-operators in Italy and Sicily from PW Status on 1 Jul 45.

Closing of Accounts.

1. Accounts on A.F.W 3488 will be closed as at 30 Jun 45. Each A.F.W 3488 will be examined by the unit concerned to ensure that pay has been credited from date of capture, that all debits have been correctly entered and that all entries have been signed by the PW. A kit check will be held as late as possible before the closing of the accounts and any deficiencies will be debited and surpluses taken into stock.

Preparation of Nominal Rolls.

2. Nominal rolls of all Co-operators will be made out by all units, (including 5 G.R.T.D) to show the following details:-

PW Number.

Rank.

Name.

Period for which pay credited.

Balance debit or credit (in sterling).

Nominal rolls will be divided into four parts to be rendered on separate sheets with number of copies as follows:-

- (a) Co-operators on unit ration strength on 30 Jun 45 (5 Copies).
- (b) Co-operators on leave. (5 Copies).
- (c) Co-operators absent without leave or awaiting trial by Military Court. (3 Copies).
- (d) Co-operators in hospital or undergoing detention. (3 Copies).

Preparation of Individual Statements of Account.

3. Individual "Statements of Account for the period in which in the pay of the British Authorities" will be prepared in duplicate for all co-operators on unit strength, excepting those absent without leave, in hospital, undergoing detention or awaiting trial by Military Court. Printed pro forms may be obtained from Stationery Depots on demand.

Disposal of Nominal Rolls.

4. (a) Three copies of nominal rolls referred to in para 3 (a) (c) and (d) will be despatched to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon on or as soon as possible after 30 Jun 45.
(b) Three copies of nominal rolls referred to in para 3(b) will be despatched to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon on 16 July 45. If by that date any co-operator who was on leave at 30 Jun 45 has not returned to his unit, he will be treated as absent without leave and a note to that effect made opposite his name on each copy of the nominal roll before despatch.
(c) Two copies of the nominal roll referred to in para 3 (a) will be despatched to Allied Commission (IPW Sub-Commission) on or as soon as possible after 30 Jun 45 and two copies of that referred to in para 3(b) despatched to Allied Commission, (IPW Sub-Commission) on 16 July 45.

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Disposal of Statements of Account, A.Fs W3000 and 3488.

- 5. (a) The original "Statement of Account" referred to in para 4 duly completed and stamped by the unit will be handed to the co-operator on 30 Jun 45 and the duplicate with the form of receipt thereon, signed by the co-operator, will be attached to A.F. W3488.
- (b) In the case of co-operators absent on leave on 30 Jun 45 the procedure set out in 5 (a) above will be followed on their return from leave, provided such co-operators return before 16 July 45.

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(c) A.I.s W5000, both copies of A.I.s W3488 and duplicate "Statement of Account" in respect of all co-operators on unit strength, and A.I.s W3000 and both copies of A.I.s W3488 of all co-operators absent without leave on 30 Jun 45, will be forwarded to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon on or as soon as possible after 30 Jun 45. In the case of co-operators absent on leave on 30 Jun 45 the above-mentioned documents will be forwarded to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon whether or not such co-operators have returned from leave on 15 July 45.

(d) A.I.s W30411 or 30421 will be rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon with the nominal rolls referred to in para 4 above in respect of each co-operator released.

Procedure by Hospitals.

6. The procedure detailed in paras 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 above will be followed by hospitals so far as applicable.

Procedure by 209 PW Camp.

7. (a) The procedure detailed in paras 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 above will be followed by 209 PW Camp in respect of co-operators serving sentences of not more than 28 days detention unexpired at 30 Jun 45, as and when such sentences expire.

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Personal Effects.

8. (a) All co-operators who have not had their personal effects already returned to them will be invited to make a claim for any possession or currency taken from them while a PW and for which a receipt is held, which should show:-

PW NAME.
RANK
NUMBER.
ADDRESS.
DATE OF OCCURRENCE ON WHICH CLAIM IS BASED.
CIRCUMSTANCES OF CLAIM.
DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES CLAIMED.
PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN, IF ANY.

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(b) A receipt will be given for each claim handed in. The receipt will not acknowledge the validity of the claim, but merely its receipt.

(c) Such claims will be forwarded by units concerned to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, who will, where possible return any belongings to the O.C. Unit for handing to the Co-operator.

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PW UNIT.

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INFO - Air S/CIA

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.

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



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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 14th June 1945
Ref : AFSC/911/P4

DISPOSAL OF PRESENT AND FORMER MEMBERS
OF THE REPUBLICAN FASCIST ARMED FORCES

Herewith is a copy letter, for your information, on
the above subject.

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

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Present and Former members
of the Republican Fascist Armed Forces.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R C H E
TEL: 489081 Ext 533
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12 June 45

TO : AFHQ.

1. Reference is made to your AG 383.6/121 GAP-0 of 12 April and
P 73551 signed C.G. MFOUSA CITE MACAP of 21 May.

2. Under these regulations it would appear that any man who has
been a member of the Italian Fascist Republican Armed forces at any time
should now be considered a prisoner of war of the Allies.

3. Such men can be divided into the following categories :-

- (a) captured in fighting,
- (b) surrendered at the time of the Armistice,
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- (d) escaped after the Armistice.

It is clear that categories (a) and (b) above can conveniently
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(c) and (d).

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7. If the solution of leaving such personnel in Italian hands is
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8. The above has been represented to M.M.I.A. by the Ministry of
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W.P. Dudley
Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO: Navy Sub-Commission
Air Force Sub-Commission
Legal Sub-Commission

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

Ref: 32A3.

10 May 45.

SUBJECT:- Report Centre for Ex-PsW.List "B" (British).

1. A Report Centre in the City of ROME for ex-Prisoners of War is established at the office of the Town Major in PIAZZA ESEDRA.
2. Any Ex-PsW arriving in ROME other than in properly organised parties will be directed to report to the Town Major for onward movement to No 3 Detachment Allied Prisoner of War Repatriation Unit.

[Signature]
A. L. LOUDEN,
Maj,
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

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