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145	Ltr CAO AFHQ	19 Apr 45	Hq AC	Chg in status of IPW(Co-ops) in Italy
146	IPW/36/36, Stone	27 Apr 45	G-5 AFHQ	Chg in status of IPW(Co-ops) in Italy.
147	8262/EC, Aide-Memoire, CC	5 May 45	CAO AFHQ	Proposal that Land Forces SC deal with Ital PW
148	Cbl AC ExC, 7407	12 May 45	AFHQ G-5	Proposal that Land Forces (MMIA) deal with IPW.
149	Gen Pietro Gazzera	24 May 45	Stone	Gazzera's resignation as Hi Comm.
150	IPW/18/333, Stone	2 Jun 45	Cazzera	Gazzera's resignation as Hi Comm.
151	Cbl AC G-1 E, 9339	7 Jun 45	AFHQ	Questions for SHAEF & Troopers on IPW.
152	Cbl AFHQ FX-89358 (MAT-742)	7 Jun 45	CCS	Release of Neo-Fascist women PW.
153	AFHQ AG 387.4/079 GCT-O	16 Jun 45	Concerned	Arrangements for reorg of coop PW units under British contr on release to IR-ITI Italian Army status.
154	Cbl CG MTOUSA, FX-94211	16 Jun 45	FBS, 5, AAF, ABC MMIA, AC	Scheduled release of IPW in US custody and keeping "essentials".
155	Cbl CG MTOUSA FX-95157	18 Jun 45	AC, MMIA, 15, 5	It Army LOs to PW under US custody to explain-coordinate release.
156	Cbl FBS, 7445	18 Jun 45	MTOUSA, MMIA	Allocation of US-ITI troops.

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133a	8262/COS, Stone	12 Dec 44	AFHQ	Proposal that Land Forces SC deal with IPW.
134	Cbl AFHQ F-85711	16 Jan 45	AC for Partridge	Subject concurrence AMG Pantelleria no objection all Italians there considered released PW status.
135	Cbl CCS, Fan 487	31 Jan 45	SACMED	Status of IPW now or later held in It other than captured since the Armistice will be terminated upon... New CCS Directive to AC.
136	9001/25/EC, Lush	22 Feb 45	Land Forces SC & WMD-IPW S/C	Chg in status of IPW(Cooperators in Italy. CC does not agree with APP: Draft IPW/36/9 fr CC to AFHQ
136a	Aide-Memoire, Pres.	24 Feb 45	Bonomi	New Deal for Italy in re PW.
137	IPW/36/9, Stone	5 Mar 45	AFHQ	Chg in status of IPW(Cooperators in Italy.
138	Cbl AFHQ FX-40469	9 Mar 45	5/A, PBS, ABS, REPCO, AC, RAAC	Use of German prisoners of war, in labor, etc.
138a	Bonomi 28870/ 18344/1.1.12	14 Mar 45	Stone	Segregation of PW/Internees at camps in Afragola, and Aversa.
139	Cbl ACEXC 3920	20 Mar 45	MTOUSA	Use of German PW in labor.
140	IPW/18/255, Stone (Sgd by Fiske)	22 Mar 45	Bonomi	Segregation of PW/Intternees at camps in Afragola and Aversa.
141	Cbl AFHQ, FX-48517	23 Mar 45	AC	Employment of 21 ex IPW by ACC Bulgaria (Br Delegation)
142	AFHQ G-5: 383-6	6 Apr 45	All Concerned	Chg in status of IPW Cooperators in Italy.
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1. Lt Col REGIS has informed Col HAMBLEN G-5 that chief Commissioner has stated that claims submitted to Alcom by former US held IPWS while so held are Allied Commissic records and will not be released to PBS. Request confirmation that records will be released soonest.

2. Understand US IPW records and records of IPW held by other Nations have been placed in same file. Desire early separation and transmission US files to PBS. Col REGIS not available for such separation. Presume presently employed AMG paid personnel can complete the job. If not what assistance is required ?.

3. Related subject. Desire there be no publicity reference payment of claims of US held IPW.

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(a) Prisoners against whom there are objections on security or political grounds.

(b) Prisoners who are permanently unfit for duty or who persistently report sick.

(c) Psychotics.

(d) Men of bad character or bad discipline.

(e) Prisoners taken after 8th Sep 43.

Officers above the rank of Major will not be accepted without War Office authority.

For procedure in the case of co-operators who subsequently wish to withdraw their agreement to co-operate, see Para 28.

3. Those whose services are accepted retain the status of PW, but they will be so described only when status is material, (*e.g.*, the preparation of a charge sheet, on identity documents).

4. As far as is compatible with their status as defined in para. 3 above and with the exception of any restrictions which may be imposed from time to time, the treatment of co-operators will follow the general lines of that afforded to British personnel in the units in which they work.

5. The functions of the Protecting Power, the International Red Cross Committee and the World's Alliance of YMCAs remain unchanged, with certain modifications in Italian territory.

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(a) In Units for which a special War Establishment has been created to show British and Italian personnel. These units range from Italian units with a British cadre for administrative purposes to units with a small percentage of Italians for general duties.

(b) Within the War Establishment of suitable British units and in lieu of an equal number of British personnel.

(c) Attached to units in excess of War Establishment.

(d) On a daily, "casual labour," basis.

11. *Applications to employ co-operators.*

(a) For (a) above. In cases where no suitable War Establishment has already been approved, it will be necessary for a proposal to be submitted to the War Establishments Committee. Proposals will be submitted through the normal channels to AFHQ (G3 Org) in accordance with the terms of AFHQ letter 210/Org 3 of 17 April 44. Applications to form, convert or disband units in which Italian personnel appear as part of the W/E will be submitted to AFHQ through service channels in accordance with Appendix A. The authority for the formation of such units will be a formation letter issued by AFHQ (G1(Br)).

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(d) For (d) above. By application to Commandant of nearest PW Reinforcement Holding Camp, or OC, Base Depot for Italian Reinforcements.

12. *Employment by Authorities other than British Army Units.*

(a) *By Royal Navy.*

(i) Establishments for units employed by RN are shown at Appendix "C."

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(b) *By Royal Air Force.*

(i) Establishments for units employed by RAF are shown at Appendix "E."

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CHAPTER III.

DOCUMENTATION AND REINFORCEMENT PROCEDURE

16. *Procedure on Acceptance.*—As soon as an Italian PW signifies his agreement to co-operate the following particulars will be despatched to GHQ 2nd Echelon in respect of each individual:—

(a) PW number, rank and name.
(b) Arm of the Service (Italian).
(c) Army trade (Italian).
(d) Civil trade.
(e) Age.
(f) Language qualifications.
(g) Name and address of next-of-kin.

Italian PW who are in PW Camps will be despatched to the BDIR.

17. *Strength States.*—Co-operators will be struck off the strength of the PW Camp and taken on the strength of the Italian X (iv) List. They will cease to be accounted for by PW Camps in AF W3487, and will be included in O2E Form 2. Hospitals will not account for co-operators on AF W3487 but deal with them in accordance with para. 19 (b) hereof.

It should be noted that PW who are not, or who cease to be, co-operators must be accounted for on AF W3487 by both PW Camps and Hospitals.

18. *Registered Number of Co-operators.*—For the purpose of readily identifying co-operators, the suffix R will be added to the PW number of each such man. This will be quoted as part of the number in all Casualty Forms and correspondence rendered to GHQ 2nd Echelon and to PW Camps or BDIR.

19. *Reporting of Casualties.*

(a) By Units.

The following casualties to co-operators filling vacancies within a British WE, or attached to a British Unit in excess of WE, will be reported to GHQ, 2nd Echelon immediately they occur on forms stated below and, where applicable, authorities will be quoted:—

(i) Postings on AF W3011A (Casualty Return—ORs).
(ii) Upgradings from unskilled to skilled labour and downgradings—AF W3011A.
(iii) Casualties due to accident, injury, sickness, enemy action and death—AF W3011B.
(iv) Releases, Repatriations AF W3011A.
(v) Casualties to co-operators attached to a British Unit in excess of WE will be reported on AF W3012A and B.
(vi) Casualties in respect of co-operators held on X(iv) List will be reported by Camps and BDIR on AF W3012A and B.
(vii) Casualties to officers will be reported on AF W3010A and B.
(viii) Absence without leave, escapes, return to duty from absence, recaptures will be reported on AF W3010A, AF W3011A, or AF W3012A. (See Para 40).

(b) By Hospitals.

(i) All admissions, discharges, transfers and deaths affecting co-operators will be reported to GHQ 2nd Echelon on AF W3034, as laid down in "Unit Guide to Documentation in a Theatre of War (Overseas), 1942" page 18, para. 4 (b). [illegible] that separate sheets of AF W3034 be used for Italian

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(a) PW number, rank and name.
(b) Arm of the Service (Italian).
(c) Army trade (Italian).
(d) Civil trade.
(e) Age.
(f) Language qualifications.
(g) Name and address of next-of-kin.

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(ii) When a co-operator is placed on the DI or SI list a report to that effect will be telegraphed to GHQ 2nd Echelon. Changes of condition, e.g., removal from DI or SI list or transfer from one to the other will be similarly telegraphed.

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(iii) Weekly states of personnel on DI or SI list will be rendered to GHQ 2nd Echelon on AF W3034A.

(iv) An Italian clerk will be attached to each of the hospitals in North Africa dealing with co-operators, to assist documentation.

(v) Escapes will be reported on AF W3034 (see para 40).

All Army Forms mentioned in this paragraph are now printed in English and Italian. Casualties affecting co-operators in Italian co-operator Wings to General Hospitals or serving with units will be rendered in Italian if possible; otherwise in English.

20. *Accidents and Injuries.*

(a) AF B117 will be rendered in all cases of accidental injuries to co-operators.

(b) Units will render these forms to GHQ 2nd Echelon. In the case of injuries which are self-inflicted, or are suspected of having been self-inflicted, the form will be sent through the Commander of the Sub-District, Area, Sub-Area or Garrison concerned.

(c) In the case of injuries which are immediately fatal, a report of the Court of Inquiry proceedings will take the place of AF B117.

(d) Courts of Inquiry will be held in the same circumstances as for British personnel.

21. *Burial Returns.*

AF W3314, in duplicate, will be rendered to GHQ 2nd Echelon as soon as possible after burial.

22. *Reinforcement of Units (Italian personnel).*

(a) Will be carried out from the BDIR whose functions will be equivalent to that of RTDs established for the purpose of reinforcing British units.

(b) Rfts will be supplied to units only on authority of GHQ 2nd Echelon.

(c) GHQ 2nd Echelon will thus be responsible for posting Italian personnel from BDIR to British units employing co-operators.

(d) GHQ 2nd Echelon will post personnel into units in accordance with demands received from units on AFs W3008 and 3009.

(e) In cases where Rfts are urgently required at short notice, e.g., as a result of an epidemic, a telegraphic demand will be submitted to GHQ 2nd Echelon stating full details of requirements.

23. *Reinforcement of Units (British personnel).*—Will be carried out by GHQ 2nd Echelon in the normal manner from existing RTDs.

24. *Field Returns (Units).*—AFs W3008-9 will be prepared by units each week as laid down in " Unit Guide to Documentation in a Theatre of War (Overseas), 1942," page 9, para. 3. Six copies will, however, be prepared, which will be distributed as follows:—GHQ 2nd Echelon 3 copies, Reinforcements Section, North Africa 1 copy, War Diary 1 copy, Unit File 1 copy.

25. *Compilation of Field Returns by Units Employing Co-operators.*

(a) AFs W3008.

(i) Part " A." Columns 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be sub-divided into two columns each one headed " British," the other headed " Italian." The W/E and strengths

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(ii) Part "B." The word "Italian" will be written in the column for Regt or Corps in the case of Italian officers joining or quitting.

(iii) Part "D (i)." Will be divided into two portions by ruling a line across the sheet. The top portion will be marked "BRITISH PERSONNEL," the bottom portion "ITALIAN PERSONNEL."

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(iv) Part " D (ii)." The word " Italian " will be written in the column for Regt or Corps in the case of Italian officers attached in excess of W/E, less 1st Rfts.

(b) AF W3009.

(i) Part " A." Columns 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be sub-divided into two columns each, one headed " British," the other headed " Italian." The W/E and strengths of British and Italian portions will be shown separately in the appropriate sub-column.

(ii) Part " B." The column headed " Rank or Appointment " will be sub-divided into two columns, one headed " British," the second " Italian."

(iii) Part " D." Will be sub-divided into two portions by ruling a line across page 2 of the form. The top portion will be marked " BRITISH PERSONNEL," the bottom portion marked " ITALIAN PERSONNEL." Separate totals of British personnel and Italian personnel will be shown on Part " D." The total British personnel will be shown at the bottom of the portion of Part " D " allotted to British personnel, and the total Italian personnel will be inserted at the foot of page 2 of Part " D."

In all cases where *Italian Army personnel* are held, they will be shown separately from co-operators.

26. *Ex-Hospital Procedure.*

Co-operators admitted to hospital will be dealt with as follows:—

(a) North Africa.

(i) Those who are detained in hospital for less than 21 days will be returned direct to their unit.

(ii) Those who are detained in hospital for 21 days or more will be returned to BDIR or 211 PW Camp on discharge. Personnel whose return has been particularly requested in Part " C " of AF W3008-9 will be despatched to their units by OC, BDIR, on authority from GHQ, 2nd Echelon.

(b) Italy and Sicily.

(i) Irrespective of the period detained in hospital, all co-operators will be returned to their former unit when discharged. If no vacancy exists within the WE of the unit, application for disposal instructions will be made by the unit to GHQ, 2nd Echelon.

In certain cases, e.g. disbandment, or move overseas of a unit, it will not be possible to return ex-hospital personnel to their former units. These co-operators will be dealt with as follows:—

(ii) *Districts under HQ AAI.*

Will be attached to another unit holding co-operators under District arrangements. This unit will apply to GHQ, 2nd Echelon for disposal instructions for this personnel.

(iii) *Other Districts.*

Will be sent to 209 PW Camp or to 5 Bn GRTD, whichever is nearer. In the case of personnel sent to 209 PW Camp this unit will be responsible for despatching them to 5 Bn GRTD. OC, 5 Bn GRTD will apply to GHQ, 2nd Echelon for disposal instructions for this personnel.

27. *Status.*—A co-operator does not cease to be a PW. Part (i) of AF W3000, on which he was originally registered must therefore accompany the co-operator and be held in the BDIR Unit or Hospital where he is.

28. *Voluntary relegation to status of non-co-operator.*— A co-operator who wishes to revoke his agreement to co-operate will be allowed fourteen days from the date of his

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of British and Italian personnel will be shown separately in the appropriate sub-column.

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In no case will any man thus relegated be reaccepted as a co-operator at some later date.

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29. *Promotions.*

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CHAPTER IV.

DISCIPLINE AND APPLICATIONS FOR RELEASE

32. Regulations for the Maintenance of Discipline among Prisoners of War, 1939, will continue to apply to co-operators, except where modified by these instructions.

33. *Punishments and Awards.*

(a) A British officer commanding any unit or body of troops to which Italian co-operators are posted or attached may deal summarily with such Italian co-operators and may award punishments as follows to co-operators below the rank of serjeant:—

(i) If he is of the rank of Major or above:—
28 days' detention or field punishment or 14 days' confinement to quarters;
A penal deduction from the pay due to any co-operator within the terms of para 38 below.

(ii) If he is of the rank of Captain or below:—
14 days' detention or field punishment or
14 days' confinement to quarters.

The maximum summary punishment which may be awarded to co-operators of the rank of serjeant and above is that of "severe reprimand."

(b) If a British Officer Commanding considers that a charge is of such a serious nature as to require a heavier punishment than he himself can award, he will refer the case to higher authority.

(c) Italian officers in units will be responsible to the British Officer Commanding for the discipline of Italian personnel, but will not award punishments (including penal detention).

(d) Sentences of Field Punishment will be served with the unit if possible. Co-operators senteneed to detention may be sent to either 209 or 211 prisoner of war camp to serve sentence. Co-operators under sentence will not be sent to British Detention Barracks or Field Punishment Camps.

(e) A co-operator forfeits all pay for the period of any sentence of Field Punishment or Detention and for the period of any absence without leave.

(f) The privilege of receiving cash payments may be withdrawn in whole or in part from an ill-conducted or idle co-operator, but the *crediting* of basic pay may only be stopped under (e) above.

34. *Identity Documents.*—Co-operators will at all times be in possession of an identity document in the form shown at Appendix "F," and will be liable to disciplinary action if found without such identity document. These cards may be obtained on demand through "A" channels from District HQs, or HQ AAI in the case of units under command AAI, and *not* from Stationery Depots.

35. *Relegation to Status of Non-Co-operator.*—Co-operators will be relegated to the status of non-co-operator in the following circumstances:—

(a) Subversive activities.

(b) Persistent indiscipline.

(c) Persistently reporting sick.

(d) After 42 days in hospital, unless likely to be discharged fit within a total of 91 days from date of admission.

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(e) Refusal to undergo inoculation or vaccination.

Applications for relegation will be submitted to AFHQ in duplicate and will be accompanied by full reasons where necessary.

In the case of applications under (d), if because of an injury sustained while on duty, this fact will be stated so that the case may receive special consideration.

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36. *Officers—Unfavourable reports.*—While it is not intended that officers below the necessary standard should be retained, it must be remembered that Italian standards are very different from those in the British Army. In particular, where an officer is able to perform his duties in a reasonably satisfactory manner, he should not be rated unsatisfactory on the grounds of personal appearance and bearing.

When it is desired that an Italian officer be replaced on grounds of unsuitability, the following procedure will be adopted:—

(a) A report will be prepared by the British Officer Commanding the Unit, to show the officer's name, Christian name(s) and PW number, and will state the exact reasons why he is considered unsuitable. (This report will be regarded as the co-operator equivalent of AF B194E.).

(b) The report will be submitted through Service channels to AFHQ (G1 (Br)) in duplicate.

(c) In cases where replacement is considered necessary, posting instructions will be issued to GHQ 2nd Echelon by AFHQ.

37. *Applications for Release.*

(a) On medical or compassionate grounds. Applications will be submitted to AFHQ (G1 (Br)) and must be accompanied by supporting evidence, e.g., full medical history or independent evidence of the compassionate grounds. No application will be considered in cases where co-operators would receive treatment preferential to that afforded to British troops in this theatre.

(b) Requests from individual co-operators for service with the Allied or Italian Military authorities will not be considered. Release will only be authorized where the services of a particular co-operator are specifically asked for by the appropriate Military authorities.

38. *Loss or Destruction of Public or Private Property.*—A co-operator's account may be debited to make good (a) the loss or destruction of any public or private property which occurs through his own negligence, (b) his share of charges for barrack damages for quarters in which he is one of the occupants (See para 33).

39. *Traffic Discipline.*

(a) All Italian personnel employed as drivers will be tested as regards their competence to control a motor vehicle.

(b) They will be instructed in the action to be taken in the event of an accident, and their responsibility for making a full report immediately they return to their unit.

(c) They will be informed that they will be subject to disciplinary action should they be involved in an accident as a result of their own negligence.

(d) An Italian driver sent out unaccompanied will be in possession of a Traffic Accident Slip (AF A3680) filled in with his name and the number of his vehicle, so that he may give this information to any civilian involved in a traffic accident with his vehicle.

(e) Traffic accidents in which the WD vehicle is driven by an Italian will be reported in the same manner as if the driver were British.

40. *Absence and Escape.*

(a) An Italian co-operator who absents himself for a period of 24 [illegible]

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40. *Absence and Escape.*

(a) An Italian co-operator who absents himself for a period of 21 days or less will be reported as absent without leave unless other evidence clearly shows that he intended permanently to evade Allied control. In the latter case he will be reported as having escaped on the date when his absence began.

(b) A co-operator who continues absent after 21 days will be treated as having escaped and will be so reported.

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(c) Such casualties will be reported as follows:—

(i) Name, number, description and home address of the co-operator, and the name and address of his next of kin will be furnished by the quickest possible means (e.g. by phone) to Sub District, Area, Sub-Area or Garrison Headquarters, to the nearest CMP HQ and also (North Africa only) to the French Civil Police. The details will be confirmed in writing with a copy to AFHQ (G1(Br)).

(ii) A report will be made to GHQ, 2nd Echelon in accordance with para 19.

(d) When a co-operator goes absent or escapes and it can be established that he has taken away with him any British clothing or equipment, the following procedure will be adopted:—

(i) AF W3488 will be closed and a slip of paper will be securely attached to it to show the quantity and value of the missing articles.

(ii) At the expiration of 21 days from the date of absence, AF W3000, Part I, and AF W3488 with slip attached, will be forwarded to GHQ 2nd Echelon.

(e) Co-operators absent without leave in Italy or Sicily for a period exceeding 4 days will be posted on surrender or apprehension to units in North Africa. The names of all such men will be reported direct to GHQ, 2nd Echelon, who will arrange postings as soon as possible. The return of a co-operator from absence will also be reported to all HQs (including AFHQ (G-1(Br))) to whom his absence was notified under (c) above.

(f) As soon as OC unit has taken such disciplinary action as he sees fit on (e) above, he will send all such personnel to 209 PW Camp for concentration before transfer. Nominal rolls headed " Italian co-operators for transfer to North Africa " will be delivered to Commandant, 209 PW Camp by the hand of the escort. They will show name, rank and number of each co-operator and will include any other necessary information, e.g. particulars of any sentence of detention awarded and not yet completed.

41. *Dispensing with escorts.*

(a) Co-operators may travel unescorted in parties up to ten in number.

(b) The following procedure will be observed in North Africa:—

(i) Each man will be provided with a trilingual certificate as shown at Appx " G."

(ii) The prior concurrence of the French Local Authorities will be obtained in cases where contact with the civil population in inhabited areas is involved.

(c) The following procedure will be observed in Italy and Sicily:—

Each man will be provided with a bilingual certificate as shown at Appendix " H."

The above instruction is intended to apply principally to reinforcements proceeding to units or to men going to and from hospital, but may be applied to other cases at the discretion of the unit commander where he is satisfied that a valid reason for a journey exists.

42. *Leave.*

(a) Leave is permissible for Italian co-operators throughout SICILY and Allied Occupied ITALY as far north as Rear Army Control Line.

(b) In no circumstances will more than two leave periods of 7 days exclusive of travelling time be granted in one year.

(c) CO's may grant passes for one night to a maximum of one per man per week, which will not count against the above leave periods.

(d) Not more than 5% of the co-operator strength of a unit will be on leave at any one time: absentees without leave will count against this entitlement, but men on night pass under (c) above will not be included in calculating this percentage.

(e) Priority for leave will be given to men with families in the areas to which leave is permitted.

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(d) When a co-operator goes absent or escapes and it can be established that he has taken away with him any British clothing or equipment, the following procedure will be adopted:—

(i) AF W3488 will be closed and a slip of paper will be securely attached to it to show the quantity and value of the missing articles.

(ii) At the expiration of 21 days from the date of absence, AF W3000, Part I, and AF W3488 with slip attached, will be forwarded to GHQ 2nd Echelon.

(e) Co-operators absent without leave in Italy or Sicily for a period exceeding 4 days will be posted on surrender or apprehension to units in North Africa. The names of all such men will be reported direct to GHQ, 2nd Echelon, who will arrange postings as soon as possible. The return of a co-operator from absence will also be reported to all HQs (including AFHQ (G-1(Br))) to whom his absence was notified under (e) above.

(f) As soon as OC unit has taken such disciplinary action as he sees fit on (e) above, he will send all such personnel to 209 PW Camp for concentration before transfer. Nominal rolls headed "Italian co-operators for transfer to North Africa" will be delivered to Commandant, 209 PW Camp by the hand of the escort. They will show name, rank and number of each co-operator and will include any other necessary information, e.g. particulars of any sentence of detention awarded and not yet completed.

41. *Dispensing with escorts.*

(a) Co-operators may travel unescorted in parties up to ten in number.

(b) The following procedure will be observed in North Africa:—

(i) Each man will be provided with a trilingual certificate as shown at Appx "G."

(ii) The prior concurrence of the French Local Authorities will be obtained in cases where contact with the civil population in inhabited areas is involved.

(c) The following procedure will be observed in Italy and Sicily:—

Each man will be provided with a bilingual certificate as shown at Appendix "H."

The above instruction is intended to apply principally to reinforcements proceeding to units or to men going to and from hospital, but may be applied to other cases at the discretion of the unit commander where he is satisfied that a valid reason for a journey exists.

42. *Leave.*

(a) Leave is permissible for Italian co-operators throughout SICILY and Allied Occupied ITALY as far north as Rear Army Control Line.

(b) In no circumstances will more than two leave periods of 7 days exclusive of travelling time be granted in one year.

(c) CO's may grant passes for one night to a maximum of one per man per week, which will not count against the above leave periods.

(d) Not more than 5% of the co-operator strength of a unit will be on leave at any one time: absentees without leave will count against this entitlement, but men on night pass under (c) above will not be included in calculating this percentage.

(e) Priority for leave will be given to men with families in the areas to which leave is permitted.

(f) No additional expense will be incurred by the British Government as a result of the grant of leave to co-operators. Co-operators may travel to their leave destination in WD transport provided that no Allied personnel are displaced and that the transport does not deviate from its scheduled route.

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(g) The grant of leave to co-operators will be conditional on the proved good conduct of the individual concerned. Co-operators proceeding on leave will be warned that, if they deliberately overstay the period allowed, they are liable to be relegated to the status of non co-operator, and will in any case be posted to a unit in North Africa on their return or apprehension. They should also be informed that the granting of leave is a privilege liable to be withdrawn if there is any undue increase in the number of absentees without leave.

(h) All co-operators proceeding on 7 days leave will be issued with a pass as shown at Appendix " H " and will draw 7 days rations in advance.

43. *Marriages.*

(a) A co-operator is allowed to marry, but in North Africa marriages are subject to certain restrictions detailed in (c) below.

(b) Prior to the marriage ceremony, the OC of the unit in which the co-operator is serving will obtain from the co-operator a signed statement to the effect:—

(i) that the co-operator understands that no additional allowances will be made available by the British authorities.

(ii) that he understands that he will not be entitled to any additional privileges as a result of his marriage.

(c) Any requests for marriage allowance may be forwarded to the Italian Government through this Headquarters, but no guarantee is given that any allowance will be paid.

(d) The following documents and casualty reports will be forwarded to GHQ, 2nd Echelon in respect of all such marriages:—

(i) The certificate referred to above.

(ii) Particulars of marriage on Army Form A.22.

(iii) AF. W3011A reporting the marriage, change of next-of-kin and address of next-of-kin.

(iv) Copy of any application for marriage allowance submitted to the Italian Government.

(e) Marriages in NORTH AFRICA may take place provided that a local authority willing to perform a marriage ceremony which will be recognized as legal can be found, and on the understanding that the obligation to repatriate a PW at the end of the war does not include his wife.

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CHAPTER V

PAY and ACCOUNTING

44. *Payment in Cash*: Co-operators are given the privilege of receiving a portion of their pay credits in cash.

45. *Rates of Pay*:

SCHEDULE "A"

COMBATANT OFFICERS

RANK (1)	Monthly rate of pay to be credited (2)	Maximum amount which may be expended from pay or issued in cash for any one month (3)		
			Equivalent	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Francs	Lire
Colonel	22 4 6	7 5 0	1,450	2,900
Lieut. Colonel	19 8 11	6 15 0	1,350	2,700
Major	18 1 2	6 10 0	1,300	2,600
Captain	15 5 7	6 0 0	1,200	2,400
Lieutenant	13 3 11	5 10 0	1,100	2,200
2nd Lieutenant	10 8 4	5 0 0	1,000	2,000

SCHEDULE "B"

PROTECTED PERSONNEL OFFICERS

RANK (1)	DAILY RATES OF PAY TO BE CREDITED				Maximum amount which may be expended from pay or issued in cash for any one month (6)		
	Medical (2)	Dental (3)	Chaplains (4)	Chemists and Adm (5)		Equivalent	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Francs	Lire
Colonel or Chaplain 1st Class	3 3 4	3 1 2	2 5 4	—	7 5 0	1,450	2,900
Lt. Col. or Chaplain 2nd Class	2 12 0	2 9 10	1 16 2	2 3 0	6 15 0	1,350	2,700
Major or Chaplain 3rd Class	1 14 0	1 11 8	1 7 2	1 8 6	6 10 0	1,300	2,600
Captain or Chaplain 4th Class	1 4 6	1 2 8	15 4	16 6	6 0 0	1,200	2,400
Lieutenant	19 10	16 2	—	13 0	5 10 0	1,100	2,200
2nd Lieutenant	—	—	—	11 0	5 0 0	1,000	2,000

NOTES TO SCHEDULES "A" and "B"

(i) Pay is issuable in arrear on the last day of the month.
(ii) Officers above the rank of Major will not be accepted as co-operators without obtaining War Office authority.
(iii) The rates of pay in Schedule "B" are the minimum for the rank allowed in the following articles of the British Pay Warrant:

Medical—Articles 275 & 276; Dental—Articles 275 & 279; Chaplains'—Article 281; Chemists, etc.—Article 268.

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Lieutenant	13 3 11	5 10 0	1,100	2,200
2nd Lieutenant	10 8 4	5 0 0	1,000	2,000

SCHEDULE "B"

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	Medical (2)	Dental (3)	Chaplains (4)	Chemists and Adm (5)		Equivalent	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Francs	Lire
Colonel or Chaplain 1st Class	3 3 4	3 1 2	2 5 4	—	7 5 0	1,450	2,900
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Major or Chaplain 3rd Class	1 14 0	1 11 8	1 7 2	1 8 6	6 10 0	1,300	2,600
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SCHEDULE "C"

COMBATANT AND PROTECTED PERSONNEL OTHER RANKS

Weekly Rates of Basic Pay and Additional Pay

RANK (1)	BASIC PAY CREDITED (Weekly) (2)			ADDITIONAL PAYMENT CREDITED (Weekly) IF SKILLED (3)			ADDITIONAL PAYMENT CREDITED (Weekly) IF PROFICIENT (4)			MAXIMUM PAYMENTS IN CASH (Weekly) BASIC PAY (5)			MAXIMUM PAYMENTS IN CASH (Weekly) ADDITIONAL PAYMENT Under Column 3 (6)			MAXIMUM PAYMENTS IN CASH (Weekly) ADDITIONAL PAYMENT Under Column 4 (7)		
	£ s. d.	Equivalent Franc	Equivalent Lire	£ s. d.	Equivalent Franc	Equivalent Lire	£ s. d.	Equivalent Franc	Equivalent Lire	£ s. d.	Equivalent Franc	Equivalent Lire	£ s. d.	Equivalent Franc	Equivalent Lire	£ s. d.	Equivalent Franc	Equivalent Lire
ers	14 0	140	280	—	—	—	—	—	—	12 6	125	250	—	—	—	—	—	—
of Sjt and above	12 0	120	240	1 6	15	30	—	—	—	10 0	100	200	1 3	12.50	25	—	—	—
nk of Sjt	9 0	90	180	1 6	15	30	—	—	—	7 6	75	150	1 3	12.50	25	—	—	—
yed in Military, Naval or RAF units or on camp administrative duties	7 0	75	150	1 6	15	30	1 0	10	20	5 0 *(See Note (i))*	50	100	1 3	12.50	25	1 0	10	20
yed in lieu of civil labour, e.g. by or Service Departments	7 0	70	140	2 0	20	40	1 0	10	20	5 0	50	100	1 6	15.00	30	1 0	10	20

NOTES TO SCHEDULE "C":

in columns 2 and 5 for Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. apply only when the Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. are actually employed in their ranks within an authorized War ment. If Warrant Officers and N.C.Os. are employed as Privates, pay will be issued at Privates rates; similarly if a Warrant Officer or N.C.O. of the rank of Sgt or above yed in a lower N.C.O. rank, he will be paid at the rates appropriate to the lower rank under (b), (c) of columns 2 and 5.

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	£ s. d.	Equivalent Francs	Equivalent Lire	£ s. d.	Equivalent Francs	Equivalent Lire	£ s. d.	Equivalent Francs	Equivalent Lire	£ s. d.	Equivalent Francs	Equivalent Lire	£ s. d.	Equivalent Francs	Equivalent Lire	£	s.	d.
(a) Warrant Officers	14 0	140	280	—	—	—	—	—	—	12 6	125	250	—	—	—	—		
(b) NCOs of rank of Sjt and above	12 0	120	240	1 6	15	30	—	—	—	10 0	100	200	1 3	12.50	25	—		
(c) NCOs below rank of Sjt	9 0	90	180	1 6	15	30	—	—	—	7 6	75	150	1 3	12.50	25	—		
(d) Privates employed in Military, Naval or RAF units or formations, or on camp administrative duties	7 6	75	150	1 6	15	30	1 0	10	20	5 0 (See Note (i))	50	100	1 3	12.50	25	1	0	
(e) Privates employed in lieu of civil labour, e.g. by EFI, YMCA, etc. or Service Departments	7 0	70	140	2 0	20	40	1 0	10	20	5 0	50	100	1 6	15.00	30	1	0	

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Explanatory Notes on Assessment of Credits

at the above rates.

(a) Co-operators employed by Military, Naval or RAF units or formations or on Camp administrative duties:

Basic minimum weekly rates credited (Col. 2).

PLUS

Additional weekly credit of 1s. 6d. to Serjeants and NCOs below the rank of Serjeant if certified by the Company Commander that the NCO is employed on duties which, if performed by a British NCO of equivalent or higher rank, would carry a tradesman's rate of pay. Note (i) above.

PLUS

Additional weekly credit of 1s. 6d. to privates if certified by the Company Commander that the recipient is satisfactorily employed on duties for which tradesman's rates of pay would be payable to a British soldier. (Col. 3).

PLUS

Additional weekly credit to privates of 1s. 0d. if certified by the Company Commander that the recipient is proficient in his duties. (Col. 4).

Weekly rates for credit on AFs W 3488 will therefore be as follows:—

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Warrant Officers - - - - - -				14 0
Serjeants - - - - - - -			12 0	or 13 6
NCOs below the rank of Serjeant - -			9 0	or 10 6
Privates - - - - - - - -	7 6,	8 6,	9 0	or 10 0

(b) Co-operators employed by Service Departments and by EFI, YMCA, etc., in lieu of Civil Labour, and by Civilian Organizations in agriculture or industry.

Basic minimum weekly rate of pay, 7s. 0d. (Col. 2).

PLUS

Additional weekly credit of 2s. 0d. if employed on work which employers certify to Company Commander would, if done by civilians, carry rate of pay higher than the lowest rate payable to unskilled workers in the trade. (Col. 3).

PLUS

Additional weekly credit of 1s. 0d. if employer notifies to Company Commander that the co-operator's weekly output has been above the average. (Col. 4).

Weekly rates for credit on AFs W 3488 will therefore be either 7s. 0d., 8s. 0d., 9s. 0d. or 10s. 0d.

No additional pay in respect of time worked over 8 hours a day is admissible.

Co-operators will normally work the same hours as British troops of the units alongside with whom they work.

46. *Messing Charges.*

NO messing charges are payable by co-operators.

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47. *Method of Accounting for Pay Credited and Issued.*

(a) Personal Account Cards (AF W 3488) will be prepared in duplicate and clearly marked in red ink " CO-OPERATOR," on which all transactions affecting a man's account will be recorded whilst he remains a co-operator.

In the event of a transfer of a co-operator to the UNITED KINGDOM, copies of

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(b) Co-operators employed by Service Departments and by EFI, YMCA, etc., in lieu of Civil Labour, and by Civilian Organizations in agriculture or industry.

Basic minimum weekly rate of pay, 7s. 0d. (Col. 2).

PLUS

Additional weekly credit of 2s. 0d. if employed on work which employers certify to Company Commander would, if done by civilians, carry rate of pay higher than the lowest rate payable to unskilled workers in the trade. (Col. 3).

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In the event of a transfer of a co-operator to the UNITED KINGDOM, copies of accounts will be forwarded by GHQ 2nd Echelon to Regimental Paymaster, LONDON, and care should be taken that the AFs W 3488 forwarded show:—

(i) Rate or rates of pay issued;

(ii) Period for which pay was issued;

(iii) Credit balance at the date of transfer.

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The account card held prior to 16th June 44 will also be forwarded by GHQ 2nd Echelon.

(b) Should a co-operator revert to his former status, his account will be closed. The debit or credit balance on both the original and duplicate AF W 3488 will be signed (not initialled) by the co-operator and both copies of the closed account card, which should bear the signature of the co-operator in respect of all past entries, will be forwarded to GHQ 2nd Echelon. A new account will then be opened in his status as a non-co-operator.

(c) Pay will be credited on AFs W 3488 to officers monthly, and pay and additional credits for other ranks fortnightly. All entries will be signed for, both on the original and duplicate copy of the Account Card.

(d) Co-operators who do not wish to draw the full maximum cash amount authorized will have cash issues restricted to the amount required.

(e) Officers will be paid monthly in arrear on the last day of the month, and other ranks (i) fortnightly in arrear in respect of cash issues from basic pay credits, (ii) four-weekly in arrear in respect of cash issues from additional pay credits.

(f) At the end of each accounting period separate schedules in respect of officers and other ranks will be prepared in duplicate on CMF Forms 61 and 62 for all co-operators. Each schedule will be serially numbered. The original schedules will support the charges in the monthly Imprest Account of the unit and the duplicate will be retained by units to support debits on AFs W 3488 and will be available for audit.

(g) All cash payments should be entered on AFs W3488 at the time of payment.

(h) *Charges against credits.* Charges against credits on AFs W 3488 will be restricted to the following items of expenditure.

For services rendered to officers in respect of repairs to clothing and boots, haircutting and charges for medical services under ACI 396/40 as amended by ACI 554/40. These charges will count against permissible monthly expenditure and cash drawings should be restricted accordingly.

Cash payments under para 45.

Stoppages for barrack damages, etc., under para 38.

Remittances under para 48.

(i) All purchases of canteen supplies will be paid for in cash at time of purchase, and will not therefore be recorded on AF W3488.

(k) The payment of credit balances on release is the responsibility of the Italian Government. Every man released should therefore be provided with a certificate showing his final credit balance.

48. *Remittances:*

(a) Co-operators may make remittances monthly from accumulated credit balances from pay only (which in the case of other ranks includes additional pay credits) to persons and institutions in Allied occupied ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA. No remittances can be made to persons, etc., resident in that part of ITALY still occupied by the enemy. Requests for remittances will be accepted only from individuals out of individuals' accounts. No arrangements exist for block remittances. Care should be taken that cash payments to officers and other ranks, and services rendered to officers in accordance with sub-para 47 (h) above are taken into account before the remittance is approved.

(b) Monthly schedules, which will be serially numbered and prepared in triplicate, will be compiled on CMF Form 65. The original and duplicate copies will be passed to the Local Command Paymaster, who will retain the original in support of eventual adjustment with the Italian Government and forward the duplicate to Chief Finance Officer, Finance Sub-

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(b) Monthly schedules, which will be serially numbered and prepared in triplicate, will be compiled on CMF Form 65. The original and duplicate copies will be passed to the Local Command Paymaster, who will retain the original in support of eventual adjustment with the Italian Government and forward the duplicate to Chief Finance Officer, Finance Sub-Committee, Allied Control Commission, ITALY, for onward transmission to the Italian Government. The triplicate copy will be retained by the unit, etc., to support the relevant charge on the AFs W 3488 of the individuals.

(c) The unit, etc., will charge the individual's account at the time the request is accepted and entered on the schedules, and will obtain the signature of the individual on both copies of AF W 3488.

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CHAPTER VI.

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53. *Description of Uniform.*

Co-operators will wear standard British uniforms with a distinctive badge to distinguish them from British troops. This badge consists of a white emblem 1 in. x 2 ½ ins. in the shape of the letter "I" and will be sewn permanently on the left sleeve of the BD Blouse, Bush Shirt and Greatcoat, the top of the letter "I" being one inch below the shoulder seam.

54. *Scale of Clothing, etc.*

	Winter	*Summer*
(a) *Clothing.*		
Boots, Ankle, w/laces prs	2	2
BD Blouses	1	—
BD Trousers, prs	1	—
Caps, FS, Dyed	1	1
Greatcoats	1	—
Shorts, KD, prs	—	2
Trousers, KD, or Shorts KD with turnups, prs	—	1
(b) *Necessaries.*		
Anklets, web, prs	1	1
Bags, kit, part worn	1	1
Braces, prs	1	1
Brushes, shaving	1	1
Brushes, tooth	1	1
Combs, hair	1	1
Drawers, woollen, prs	2	—
Forks	1	1
Gloves, knitted, prs	1	—
Hosetops, drab, prs	—	1
Knife, table	1	1
Razor, safety	1	1
Shirts, angola, drab	2	—
Shirts, bush	—	2
Socks, worsted, prs	3	3
Spoons	1	1
Towels	2	2
Vests, woollen	2	—
Housewives	1	1
Basins, ST, 6 in.	1	1
Plates, ST	1	1
Badges, distinguishing letter "I"	2	2
Blankets—Scale as for British troops.		

(c) All clothing and necessaries issued under these scales will be part worn whenever possible. Winter clothing will be withdrawn when summer clothing is issued and vice versa.

(d) Clothing and necessaries for officers will be issued on payment. They will not be permitted to purchase through Officer's Shops, nor will British Officers' pattern articles be supplied.

(e) The winter scale will be applicable to all personnel evacuated out of the theatre, irrespective of the time of year at which evacuation takes place.

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		Winter	*Summer*
(a)	*Clothing.*		
	Boots, Ankle, w/laces prs	2	2
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	BD Trousers, prs	1	—
	Caps, FS, Dyed	1	1
	Greatcoats	1	—
	Shorts, KD, prs	—	2
	Trousers, KD, or Shorts KD with turnups, prs	—	1
(b)	*Necessaries.*		
	Anklets, web, prs	1	1
	Bags, kit, part worn	1	1
	Braces, prs	1	1
	Brushes, shaving	1	1
	Brushes, tooth	1	1
	Combs, hair	1	1
	Drawers, woollen, prs	2	—
	Forks	1	1
	Gloves, knitted, prs	1	—
	Hosetops, drab, prs	—	1
	Knife, table	1	1
	Razor, safety	1	1
	Shirts, angola, drab	2	—
	Shirts, bush	—	2
	Socks, worsted, prs	3	3
	Spoons	1	1
	Towels	2	2
	Vests, woollen	2	—
	Housewives	1	1
	Basins, ST, 6 in.	1	1
	Plates, ST	1	1
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(f) Attention is drawn to War Clothing Regs, 1943, Appendix VI.

Alterations to the scale of clothing, etc. will from time to time be promulgated in GROs.

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CHAPTER VII

RATION SCALES

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Commodity	Scale in ozs. per diem	Remarks
Bread	20	
or Biscuits	13 ⅓	
Meat, Frozen (bone in)	5 10/21	
or Meat, Frozen (boneless)	4 ½	
or Meat, Preserved	4 ½	
Vegetables, Fresh	8	
or Vegetables, Tinned	4	
or Beans, Canned	4	
or Vegetables, Dehydrated	1	
Potatoes, Fresh	10	
or Potatoes, Dehydrated	2	
or Potatoes, Tinned	5	
and Flour	1 ¼	
Fruit, Fresh	2	
or Fruit, Dried	2/7	
Peas/Beans/Lentils	1 ½	
Macaroni	2 ½	
or Oatmeal	1 ½	
Rice	2/7 §	
Tea	2/7	25 days per mensem
or Coffee	1 1/4	5 days per mensem
Sugar	1 1/7	
Milk, Fresh	5	
or Milk, Tinned (U.K. or DOM.)	2	
or Milk, Tinned (U.S.A.)	2 ½	
or Milk, Powder (F.C.S.U.)	2/3	
Herrings	4/7	20 days per mensem
or Sardines	2/7	10 days per mensem
Jam	4/7	
Salt	3/8	
Chillies	1/14	
or Pepper	1/160	
Mustard	1/160	
Baking Powder	1/30	
Margarine	6/7	
Cooking Fat	2/7	
or Cottonseed Oil	1/7	
or Olive Oil	5/7	

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Vegetables, Fresh	8	
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Potatoes, Fresh	10	
or Potatoes, Dehydrated	2	
or Potatoes, Tinned	5	
and Flour	1 ¼	
Fruit, Fresh	2	
or Fruit, Dried	²/₇	
Peas/Beans/Lentils	1 ½	
Macaroni	2 ½*	
or Oatmeal	1 ½	
Rice	¹/₇ §	
Tea	²/₇	25 days per mensem
or Coffee	1 ¹/₄	5 days per mensem
Sugar	1 ¹/₇	
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or Milk, Powder (F.C.S.U.)	¹/₄	
Herrings	¹/₇	20 days per mensem
or Sardines	²/₇	10 days per mensem
Jam	⁴/₇	
Salt	²/₇	
Chillies	¹/₁₀	
or Pepper	¹/₁₀₀	
Mustard	¹/₁₀₀	
Baking Powder	¹/₁₀	
Margarine	⁶/₇	
Cooking Fat	²/₇	
or Cottonseed Oil	²/₇	
or Olive Oil	²/₇	
Bacon, M.C.	⁴/₇	
or Bacon, Tinned	½	
Offal or Sausage, Fresh	1 ⁴/₇	
or Sausage, Tinned (Pork and Soya Link)	1 ⁴/₇	

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Commodity	Scale in ozs. per diem	Remarks
Cheese, Crated	1/2	
or Cheese, Tinned	1/2	
Flour	2*§	
Fruit, Dried	1/2	
Skim Milk Powder	1/4	
or Dried Yeast	1/4	
Vit. B' Yeast tablets	3 tablets	On Medical Recommendation only.
or Ascorbic Acid, Tablets 25 mgm	1 tablet	
or Comp. Vit. tablets	1 tablet	
Tobacco	1 ¼ oz weekly	O. Rs. only.
or Cigarettes	35 cigarettes weekly	

NOTES

(a) * ADD either Macaroni - - - - - 1 oz.
or Flour - - - - - - - - - - 1 oz.
§ ADD either Rice - - - - - - - ½ oz.
or Flour - - - - - - - - - ½ oz.
i.e. Maximum daily issue of Flour would be 3 ½ ozs.

(b) Milk fresh may be increased to 10 ozs., or Milk tinned (UK or Dom) to 4 ozs., for invalids on medical recommendation.

(c) 25 % of fresh Vegetables to be carrots, spinach, lettuce, tomatoes or tropical equivalents, Chinese cabbage, Snake gourd, Amaranth, etc.

(d) All flour, including bread, to be wholemeal if available, or Vit. B' fortified. Other flour will be issued in lieu if neither are available.

(e) Dried chillies will be issued in preference to pepper when available.

TRANSIT SCALE.

For all journeys exceeding 24 hours, when owing to lack of cooking facilities it is not practicable for the normal scale to be utilized.

	Scale in ozs. per diem
Meat preserved	8
Biscuits	12
Raisins or dates or figs	2
Jam	1
Milk tinned, UK or Dom	1 1/2
Sugar	1/2
Tea	1/4

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Flour	2	
Fruit, Dried	½	
Skim Milk Powder	¼	
or Dried Yeast	½	
Vit. B¹ Yeast tablets	3 tablets	On Medical Recommendation only.
or Ascorbic Acid, Tablets 25 mgm	1 tablet	On Medical Recommendation only.
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Tea	½

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CHAPTER VIII.

MEDICAL.

58. Italian co-operators will, so far as possible, be given medical care and attention by Italian Protected Personnel, who will be attached to units on a scale of two medical officers, six medical orderlies, one dentist and one chaplain per 1,000 co-operators.

59. Cases requiring admission to hospital will whenever possible be admitted to British General Hospitals which have Italian medical units attached to them.

In North Africa these are as follows:—

(i) Italian Co-operator Wing att. 6 Br Field Hosp—BONE.
(ii) „ „ „ „ 94 Br Gen Hosp—ALMA, ALGIERS.
(iii) Camp Reception Station —TUNIS.

In Italy and Sicily, until Italian medical units are available, co-operators will be admitted to the nearest British General Hospital.

60. Co-operators will undergo inoculation and vaccination under the same conditions as for British troops.

Italian co-operators who refuse inoculation or vaccination will be relegated to non co-operator status. For the procedure to be adopted see para. 35 (e).

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CHAPTER IX.

CORRESPONDENCE, PARCELS AND CENSORSHIP

65. Regulations with regard to mail facilities will be carefully explained to co-operators and instructions for guidance and reference will be posted in all units.

66. *Incoming Correspondence.*

(a) Correspondence addressed to co-operators will be passed to the Prisoner of War Censorship Detachment, APO 512 U.S. Army.

(b) It will then be forwarded to the Italian Postal Tracing Section, GHQ 2nd Echelon for distribution to the various units where co-operators are held.

(c) Correspondence addressed to co-operators will not contain any communications addressed to persons other than co-operators. Any such communications will be condemned by PW Censorship Detachment.

67. *Outgoing Correspondence.*

(a) Method of addressing correspondence.

(i) A co-operator will write on the back of the envelope his official PW number, rank, name and return address.

(ii) The return address for all Italian co-operators employed in units, held as Rfts in the BDIR or patients in hospitals, will be:—

208 PW Camp,
NAPLES, ITALY.

(b) Collection.

(i) Locked letter boxes will be installed by unit commanders in each unit, in which co-operators will post their outgoing mail.

(ii) Separate boxes will be used for officers and other ranks.

(iii) These boxes will be cleared regularly, at stated intervals, by British personnel of the unit staff.

(c) Correspondence will be forwarded daily to the Prisoner of War Censorship Detachment, APO 512, U.S. Army. Officers' and other ranks' mail will be bagged separately and marked. In order to avoid congestion it is essential that correspondence is not held up, even for short periods. After censorship, the PW Censor will forward correspondence in accordance with arrangements effected for that purpose.

(d) Commanders of units and their representatives will not censor co-operators' correspondence, nor will the unit censor stamp be impressed on co-operators' correspondence. Correspondence containing more than the permitted quantity of written matter or disclosing any location other than the authorized return address will be returned to the writer by the Prisoner of War Censorship Detachment. Correspondence not bearing the complete particulars required by para 67 (a) above will be condemned by PW Censorship Detachment.

(e) Co-operators will be instructed that the use of civilian postal facilities and the posting or delivery of letters or post cards through third parties are forbidden.

(f) Stationery.

(i) Special PW stationery will be used types of which are as follows:—

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(i) Special PW stationery will be used types of which are as follows:—
AF W3058—Letter Card. AF W3494—Post Card.

(ii) Indents for official PW stationery will be submitted to 15 Stationery Depot, BNAF, or 21 Stationery Depot, CMF.

(g) Quantity of correspondence permitted.

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Correspondence of co-operators will be limited as follows:—

(i) Italian officers and other ranks: Two letters, or one letter and one post card, or two post cards, weekly.

(ii) Protected Personnel are allowed to write double the quantity allowed to co-operators.

(iii) Subject matter of letters will be limited to 24 lines, and of post cards to 7 lines.

68. *Incoming Parcels.*

(a) Censorship.

(i) In order to avoid the necessity of opening and repacking parcels by the PW Censor, the responsibility of examining them will rest with unit commanders.

(ii) Parcels for co-operators will be opened in the presence of the addressee. Letters which may be found enclosed in these packages will be forwarded to the Prisoner of War Censorship Detachment for examination.

(iii) Packing and wrappings will be inspected. If they contain any censorable material, a memorandum listing contents will be prepared in triplicate and signed by the examining officer and co-operator addressee. The entire parcel will then be forwarded to the Prisoner of War Censorship Detachment. Otherwise packing and wrappings will be destroyed.

(b) Articles not permitted.

(i) Civilian clothing, and underclothing which could be used as civilian clothing.

(ii) Weapons and weapon-like tools.

(iii) Ammunition, explosives and inflammable objects.

(iv) Maps, cameras, microscopes.

(v) Spirits and spiritous liquors.

(vi) Books, newspapers and printed matter of subversive or immoral character

(c) Disposal of articles confiscated from parcels.

Descriptions of any prohibited articles found in parcels for co-operators will be forwarded by unit commanders to AFHQ, G1(Br) who will issue instructions for disposal.

69. *Parcels—Outgoing.*—Parcels may NOT be sent by co-operators.

70. *Cables and telegrams.*—Co-operators are not permitted to send telegrams or cables, either direct or through a third person. This rule will not be departed from except at the express request of the representative of the Protecting Power, or in the most exceptional circumstances, such as serious illness the recovery from which is dependant on the co-operator's freedom from anxiety.

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CHAPTER X.

WELFARE

72. The welfare of co-operators is a matter to which great importance is attached. The problem is in some districts more acute for co-operators than for British personnel in the same units, owing to the lack of liberty afforded to the former. Much has been achieved by the enterprise of unit commanders, but the following notes set out amenities which are available in addition.

73. *Italian Welfare Staff.*—Italian officers are attached to District and Sub-District Headquarters with the appointment of Italian Welfare Officer. Their duties are:—

(a) To inspect the welfare amenities in units, to receive suggestions for improvement, and to submit suitable reports to the British authorities.

(b) To deal with all enquiries of a compassionate nature, i.e., enquiries on family matters, requests to marry, etc., which cannot be dealt with by the Italian officer in the unit or through an interpreter.

74. *E.F.I. Supplies.*—These are available under the same current conditions as for British troops, with the exception of beer under Schedule C and spirits and cordials under Schedule D. Officers are permitted to purchase an additional 35 cigarettes a week to offset the fact that they receive no free issue.

75. *Welfare Funds.*—These may be regarded as the Italian equivalent of PRI funds, and must be run separately from unit PRI funds. They are created principally as a result of NAAFI discounts, but also from donations through the International Red Cross from time to time.

It should be the aim of every unit commander to retain as small a credit in the Welfare fund as possible. Funds may be spent without restriction (subject to local orders) including the purchase of wine, fresh fruit and vegetables from local resources to supplement the ration. Funds should be spent for the benefit of the men who helped to create them, and in the event of units being disbanded or drafts being posted away, the whole or a suitable proportion of the Welfare fund should be transferred to their new units.

76. *Recreational Facilities.*

(a) Footballs and other games equipment have been distributed in very limited quantities and more may be available from time to time for distribution through Sub-District, Area, Sub-Area or Garrison HQs.

(b) Some books have been made available for distribution by the International Red Cross and it is hoped that further supplies will be forthcoming.

(c) It is considered advisable that accommodation in units be allotted wherever possible for reading and writing purposes, and in cases where it is found possible to run a separate canteen for co-operators, the two might well be combined.

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APPENDIX "A"

REVISED APPENDIX " B " TO ALLIED FORCE HQ. LETTER 210/Org 3 of 27 Oct 43.

APPLICATION TO FORM, CONVERT OR DISBAND UNITS

To: G3 (Org 3) (2 Copies)
Copy to G1(Br)
Q(AE)
G3 (Org 2) (Manpower)
G3 (Org 4)

} Applications to be submitted through the normal channels.

1. Application is made to form/convert/disband the following unit(s):—

	War Est.	Officers		O.Rs.		Vehs.	Trailers	M.Cs.
		Br.	It.	Br.	It.			
(a) *Units to be formed and/or new establishments to which units are to be converted.*								
(b) *Units to be disbanded and/or old establishment from which units are to be converted.*								
(c) *Any other establishments to be amended as a result of this application (show increase or decrease as + or —).*								
(d) Net increase								
(e) Net decrease								

2. Additional appointments or upgradings above the rank of major (British Officers only):—

3. Where net increase is shown, the proposed offset in terms of reduction(s) in the AFHQ Basic Order for Battle.

4. Reasons for the formation, conversion or disbandment:—

5. Reasons for items in para. 2 (only required if they are part of a new establishment).

6. The supervisory authority or authorities for the above action (applicable to units in N Africa *only*).

7. G1098 No. (if known).

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To: G3 (Org 3) (2 Copies)
Copy to G1(Br)
Q(AE)
G3 (Org 2) (Manpower)
G3 (Org 4)

Applications to be submitted through the normal channels.

1. Application is made to form/convert/disband the following unit(s):—

	War Est.	Officers		O.Rs.		Vehs.	Trailers	M.Cs.
		Br.	It.	Br.	It.			
(a) *Units to be formed and/or new establishments to which units are to be converted.*								
(b) *Units to be disbanded and/or old establishment from which units are to be converted.*								
(c) *Any other establishments to be amended as a result of this application (show increase or decrease as + or —).*								
(d) Net increase								
(e) Net decrease								

2. Additional appointments or upgradings above the rank of major (British Officers only):—

3. Where net increase is shown, the proposed offset in terms of reduction(s) in the AFHQ Basic Order for Battle.

4. Reasons for the formation, conversion or disbandment:—

5. Reasons for items in para. 2 (only required if they are part of a new establishment).

6. The supervisory authority or authorities for the above action (applicable to units in N Africa *only*).

7. G1098 No. (if known).

8. Effective date for fmn. conversion and/or disbandment (applicable to units in N Africa *only*).

9. Location for reorg.

10. Is Imprest a/c necessary (or whether one held if disbandment).

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APPLICATION TO *DILUTE* BRITISH UNITS WITH ITALIAN CO-OPERATORS

To: G1 (British) A2. (Applications to be submitted through the normal channels.)

1. Application is made to dilute the following unit(s):—

Unit	War Est.	Nos. of British to be replaced by Italians	
		Officers	O.Rs.
TOTAL (*a*).....			

	Officers	O.Rs.
2. Present total deficiencies on W.E. of the above units: (*b*)		

	Officers	O.Rs.
3. Numbers of British personnel who will be released for other duties as a result of this application (*a*)—(*b*)		

4. Reasons for proposal:—

5. In the event of the necessary skilled Italian personnel not being available, unskilled personnel WOULD/WOULD NOT be accepted in lieu for training.

NOTES

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TOTAL (*a*).....			

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	Officers	O.Rs.
3. Numbers of British personnel who will be released for other duties as a result of this application (*a*)—(*b*)		

4. Reasons for proposal:—

5. In the event of the necessary skilled Italian personnel not being available, unskilled personnel WOULD/WOULD NOT be accepted in lieu for training.

NOTES

Dilution is defined as the replacing of British personnel (shown as such on unit WE) by an equal number of Italians.

If Italian tradesmen are required, details of trades to be attached as appendix. Total numbers of tradesmen allowed by WE cannot be exceeded.

Applications to hold Italians in excess of WE should not be made on this form.

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APPENDIX "C"

ITALIAN NAVAL CO-OPERATOR COMPANIES

1. *British Personnel, Weapons and Transport*:—To be supplied from Army sources on the same scale as for Italian Pioneer Coy (NA 172/1).

2. Italian Personnel, each company.

DETAIL	*TOTAL*
Captain	1
Subaltern	1
TOTAL, Officers	2
W.O.	1
C.Q.M.S.	1
Sergeants (includes one Interpreter)	11
TOTAL, WOs, Colour Sgts and Sgts	13
Corporals	21
L/Cpls	21
Privates	226
TOTAL, Rank and File	268
TOTAL, Other Ranks	281
TOTAL, Italian Naval PW Coys	283

3. *Distribution of Rank and File by trades and duties.*

TRADESMEN:	No. 1 Coy.	No. 2 Coy.	No. 3 Coy.	No. 4 Coy.	No. 5 Coy.	No. 6 Coy.
Blacksmiths	2	—	3	5	—	—
Bricklayers	20	8	2	8	—	—
Carpenters and Joiners	30	4	3	40	10	10
Concretors	16	—	—	—	5	5
Cooks	7	8	8	7	—	—
Draughtsmen	1	—	—	—	—	—
Driver, Mechanics	8	8	4	6	8	8
Electricians (Wiremen)	8	1	1	8	—	—
Engine Hands (IC)	—	10	4	4	—	—
Fitters, ICE	2	4	4	11	—	—
Masons	12	—	—	—	10	10
Motor Mechanics	1	3	1	8	—	—
Painters and Decorators	8	—	—	4	—	—
Plasterers	—	—	—	—	6	6
Plumbers and Pipefitters	12	4	4	14	—	—
Signwriters	—	—	—	1	—	—
Steelbenders	4	—	—	—	—	—
Steel Binders (Reinforced Concrete)	—	—	—	—	6	6
Steel Erectors (Structural)	—	—	—	—	22	22
Surveyors	1	—	—	—	—	—
Timbermen	2	—	—	—	—	—
Tinsmiths and Whitesmiths	2	1	1	2	—	—
Turners (Machine)	—	—	—	4	—	—
Watch and Instrument Makers	—	—	—	2	—	—
Welders	—	—	5	3	—	—
TOTAL, Tradesmen	136	51	40	127	67	67
NON-TRADESMEN:						
Drivers, IC	6	15	6	6	6	6
Batmen	6	6	6	6	6	6
Sanitary Men	1	1	1	1	1	1

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2. Italian Personnel, each company.

DETAIL	TOTAL
Captain	1
Subaltern	1
TOTAL, Officers	2
W.O.	1
C.Q.M.S.	1
Sergeants (includes one Interpreter)	11
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Bricklayers	20	8	12	8	—	—
Carpenters and Joiners	30	4	3	40	10	10
Concretors	16	—	—	—	5	5
Cooks	7	8	8	7	—	—
Draughtsmen	1	—	—	—	—	—
Driver, Mechanics	8	8	4	6	8	8
Electricians (Wiremen)	8	1	1	8	—	—
Engine Hands (IC)	—	10	4	4	—	—
Fitters, ICE	2	4	4	11	—	—
Masons	12	—	—	—	16	10
Motor Mechanics	1	3	1	8	—	—
Painters and Decorators	8	—	—	4	—	—
Plasterers	—	—	—	—	6	6
Plumbers and Pipefitters	12	4	4	14	—	—
Signwriters	—	—	—	1	—	—
Steelbenders	4	—	—	—	—	—
Steel Binders (Reinforced Concrete)	—	—	—	—	6	6
Steel Erectors (Structural)	—	—	—	—	22	22
Surveyors	1	—	—	—	—	—
Timbermen	2	—	—	—	—	—
Tinsmiths and Whitesmiths	2	1	1	2	—	—
Turners (Machine)	—	—	—	4	—	—
Watch and Instrument Makers	—	—	—	2	—	—
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Batmen	6	6	6	6	6	6
Sanitary Men	1	1	1	1	1	1
Water Duties	1	1	1	1	1	1
General Dutymen	123	199	219	132	192	192
TOTAL, Non-Tradesmen	137	222	233	146	206	206
TOTAL, Italian Naval Co-operator Coy	*273	273	273	273	273	273

* NOTE:—Includes 5 Sergeants.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN ROYAL NAVY AND ARMY IN RESPECT OF ITALIAN NAVAL CO-OPERATOR COMPANIES

1. The Italian PW included in Naval Co-operator Coys consist of certain skilled tradesmen as laid down in the W/E of these Coys, and will be permanently allocated to the Royal Navy for such work as the latter may decide.

2. They will therefore, be considered as AFHQ Coys and will not come within the labour pool of any District.

3. Although permanently allotted to the Royal Navy for work, these Coys will come under the D.D.L., of the appropriate District, who will be responsible through the local Pioneer Group Commander, for the details enumerated in paras. 4 (b) and 7 below.

4. The division of responsibility for these Coys between the Royal Navy and the Army will be as follows:—

(a) The Royal Navy will be responsible for:—

(i) Deciding the place and nature of work of these Coys.

(ii) Arranging accommodation, when this is to be provided in Naval Barracks.

(iii) When accommodation in Naval Barracks is not available, contacting, in conjunction with the local Pioneer Group Commander, "Q" Branch of the Sub-District, Area, Sub-Area or Garrison concerned with a view to the allocation of alternative accommodation or tentage.

(iv) Supply of any transport required for the conveyance of personnel to and from the place of work irrespective of whether such transport comes from Navy or Army resources.

(v) All tools required for the performance of each particular task irrespective of whether these tools are provided from Navy or Army resources.

(b) The Army will be responsible for:—

(i) All documentation and general administration.

(ii) Discipline.

(iii) Medical arrangements.

(iv) Stationery.

(v) The collection and distribution of all rations and EFI supplies and the accounting thereof.

(vi) The accounting for all G1098, accommodation stores, clothing and necessaries.

(vii) Pay and accounting.

5. Owing to difficulties of administration and discipline that would arise thereby, it is strongly recommended that these Coys should not be split into small detachments. 2267

6. Where this is unavoidable, it is requested that due notice of such moves be given to the local Pioneer Group Commander in order that arrangements can be made, through the appropriate DDL, for these detachments to be attached, where possible, to the

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7. In the event of detachments moving to locations where there are no local Italian Pioneer Coys, alternative mutual arrangements will be made between the Navy and the appropriate DDL, through his local Pioneer Group Commander.

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RAF ITALIAN CO-OPERATOR COMPANIES

1. *RAF Italian Co-operator Coy (Type "X").*—Italian personnel as for WE NA/172/1. British personnel, weapons and transport to be supplied from RAF sources.

2. *RAF Italian Co-operator Coy (Type "Y").*

(i) *Personnel.*

DETAIL	ITALIANS		
	Head-quarters	*Working Coy*	*TOTAL*
Captain	1	—	1
Subaltern	1	—	1
TOTAL, Officers	2	—	2
Warrant Officer	1	—	1
C.Q.M.S.	1	—	1
Serjeants	—	10	10
TOTAL, WOs, Colour Serjeants and Serjeants	2	10	12
Corporals	1	20	21
Lance-Corporals	1	20	21
Privates	17	210	227
TOTAL, Rank and file	19	250	269
TOTAL, Other Ranks	21	260	281
TOTAL, RAF Coy (Type "Y")	23	260	283

(ii) *Distribution of Other ranks by Trades and Duties.*

TRADESMEN:			
Carpenters	—	(a) 11	11
Clerks	(b) 2	7	9
Cooks	7	—	7
Electricians	—	(a) 26	26
Engine Fitters	—	15	15
Fitters, M.T.	—	(a) 16	16
Instrument makers/repairers	—	(a) 26	26
Mechanics, M.T.	—	15	15
Mechanics, W/T	—	(a) 16	16
Photographers	—	3	3
Storemen	—	(a) 16	16
(c) Air Force tradesmen	—	—	—
TOTAL, Tradesmen	9	151	160
NON TRADESMEN:			
Drivers, I.C.	3	12	15
(c) General Dutymen	9	97	106
TOTAL, Non-Tradesmen	12	109	121
TOTAL, RAF Coy (Type "Y")	21	260	281

All personnel will be as far as possible Italian ex-Air Force PW.

(iii) *British personnel, transport and weapons* will be supplied from RAF sources.

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NOTES

(a) Includes one serjeant.
(b) Includes one Interpreter.
(c) Tradesmen with exclusively Air Force qualifications (e.g. fitters, aircraft, armourers, aircraft, etc.) will be supplied in lieu of General Dutymen as and when available.

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APPENDIX "F"

DESCRIPTION OF ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR

Description du Prisonnier de Guerre Italien

ISN — No. Matricule .....

Name of Prisoner
Nom du Prisonnier .....

Age
Age ..... Height
Stature ..... Weight
Poids .....

Colour of Eyes
Couleur des yeux ..... Colour of Hair
Couleur des cheveux .....

Distinguishing Marks
Marques caracteristiques .....

Teeth
Dents, condition .....

Knowledge of English
Connaissance de l'Anglais .....

Knowledge of French
Connaissance du Francais .....

.....
(Signature of PW—Signature du prisonnier de guerre)

Date .....

PW Camp No.
No. du camp de P.G. .....

.....
(Issuing Officer — Officier Distributeur)

(Overstamp of Issuing Office)

Imprint of Right Thumb

[REVERSE

NOTICE

The bearer of this card can be identified by his description given on the other side.

He is an Italian prisoner of war who has been allowed certain privileges.

When he is absent from his quarters or place of work he must also have a pass issued by his commanding officer.

AVVISO

La descrizione a tergo corrisponde al portatore di questa carta d'identita'.

E' un prigioniero di guerra Italiano a cui fu concesso certi privilegi.

Quando si trova assente dal suo campo o posto di lavoro deve pure avere seco un permesso scritto dal suo officiale in commando.

IDENTIFICATION CARD

The finder of a lost card should return it to the nearest military authority.

CARTA D'IDENTITA'

Chiunque trovi questa carta d'identità è pregato di ritornarla all'autorità militare più vicina.

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ISN — No. Matricule .....

Name of Prisoner
Nom du Prisonnier .....

Age .....
Age

Height .....
Stature

Weight .....
Poids

Colour of Eyes .....
Couleur des yeux

Colour of Hair .....
Couleur des cheveux

Distinguishing Marks
Marques caracteristiques .....

Teeth
Dents, condition .....

Knowledge of English
Connaissance de l'Anglais .....

Knowledge of French
Connaissance du Francais .....

.....
(Signature of PW—Signature du prisonnier de guerre)

Date .....

Imprint of Right Thumb

PW Camp No.
No. du camp de P.G. .....

.....
(Issuing Officer — Officier Distributeur)

(Overstamp of Issuing Office)

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AVIS

Le porteur de cette carte peut etre identifie par la description a l'inverse de cette carte.

Il est un prisonnier de guerre italien, a qui on a accorde de certains privileges.

Quand il se trouve en absence de son camp, ou de l'endroit ou il est employe il doit posseder une permission accordee par son officier commandant.

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CARTE D'IDENTITE

Celui qui trouve une carte d'Identite doit la rendre aux autorités militaires competentes.

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No.
Numero
Numero

Rank
Grade
Grado

Name
Nom
Nome

Christian name(s)
Prénom(s)
Cognome

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est un prisonnier de guerre italien aux mains de, et employé par, les Autorités Militaires Britanniques.

è un prigioniero di guerra italiano ed è impiegato dalle Autorità Militari Britanniche.

He has permission to travel unescorted
Il lui est permis de voyager sans escorte
E' autorizzato a viaggiare senza scorta

between ..... and ..... via .....
entre *et* *via*
fra e via

for the purpose of .....
pour
allo scopo di

Journey will commence on .....
Le voyage commencera le
Il viaggio avrà inizio il

and will terminate before .....
et finira avant le
e avrà fine prima del

Place .....
Lieu
Luogo

Signed .....
Signé
Firmato

Date .....
Date
Data

Unit Stamp

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Name ..... Christian name(s) .....
Nom *Prénom(s)*
Nome Cognome

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between ..... **and** ..... **via** .....
entre *et* *via*
fra e via

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pour
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and will terminate before .....
et finira avant le
e avrà fine prima del

Place ..... **Signed** .....
Lieu *Signé*
Luogo Firmato

Date ..... **Unit Stamp** 226
Date
Data

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APPENDIX "H"

Number ..... Rank .....
Numero *Grado*

Name ..... Christian Name(s) .....
Nome *Cognome*

The bearer of this document is an Italian prisoner of war co-operator in the custody
Il portatore di questo documento è un prigioniero di guerra italiano cooperatore ed è

of, and employed by, the British Military Authorities. He has permission to be absent from
impiegato dalle Autorità Militari Britanniche. E' autorizzato ad assentarsi dal suo posto

his place of work from ..... hrs. ..... (date) until ..... hrs.
di lavoro dalle ore (*data*) *alle ore*

..... (date) for the purpose of proceeding to .....
(*data*) *per recarsi a*

Place .....
Luogo

Signed .....
Firmato

Date .....
Data

Unit Stamp .....
Timbro dell'unità

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Name ..... Christian Name(s) .....
Nome *Cognome*

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di lavoro dalle ore *(data) alle ore*

..... (date) for the purpose of proceeding to .....
(data) per recarsi a

Place .....
Luogo

Signed .....
Firmato

Date .....
Data

Unit Stamp .....
Timbro dell'unità

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AMENDMENT No. 2

to "Administration of Italian PW Co-operators in British Hands"

1. Base Depot for Italian Reinforcements has been disbanded and its functions are now carried out by 211 PW Camp in NORTH AFRICA and by 5 Bn GRTD in ITALY. All references to Base Depot for Italian Reinforcements will be amended accordingly.

2. Para 26.

(a) Sub-para (b) (ii) Heading—*delete* "Districts under HQ. AAI" and *substitute* "15 Army Group and Nos. 1 and 2 Districts."

(b) Sub-para (b) (iii). *Delete* whole sub-para and *insert* following new sub-para:—

"*3 District.*

Will be sent to 5 Bn GRTD. Officer Commanding 5 Bn GRTD will apply to GHQ., 2nd Echelon for disposal instructions for this personnel."

3. Para 33.

Delete existing para and *substitute* the following new para:—

"33. *Punishments and Awards.*

(a) A British officer commanding any unit or body of troops to which Italian Co-operators are posted or attached may (subject to the provisions of sub-para (b) below) deal summarily with such Italian Co-operators and may award punishments as follows:—

(i) Confinement to quarters not in excess of 14 days.

(ii) Detention or Field Punishment not in excess of 28 days unless the Commanding Officer is below the rank of Major or equivalent rank, in which event the maximum award in each case will not be in excess of 14 days.

(iii) In addition to or without any of the punishments above referred to forfeiture of all advances of pay for a period beginning on the day of award and not exceeding 28 days. The advance of pay for the purposes of this sub-para represents the whole of the pay of a co-operator at the rate applicable at the date of the award.

(iv) In addition to or without any of the punishments above referred to a penal deduction from any pay due to a co-operator not exceeding the sum required to make good any expenses caused by him or any loss, damage or destruction done by him to any public or private property, provided no penal deduction exceeding £10 may be awarded without reference to higher authority.

(b) (i) A British Officer commanding will not deal summarily with any charge against an Italian Co-operator Officer, except as set out in (ii) below, nor without previous reference to superior authority with any charge against any Italian Co-operator which, if the accused were a private soldier in the British Army, he would be required to refer to superior authority under the provisions of King's Regulations para 573.

(ii) He may, however, award a penal deduction from any pay due to an Italian Co-operator Officer not exceeding the sum required to make good any expenses caused by him or any loss, damage or destruction done by him to any public or private property provided that no penal deduction exceeding £10 may be awarded without reference to higher authority.

(c) Italian officers in units will be responsible to the British Officer Commanding for the discipline of Italian Co-operators but will not award any punishments.

(d) Sentences of Field Punishment will be served with the unit if possible. Co-opera-

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now carried out by 211 PW Camp in NORTH AFRICA and by 5 Bn GRTD in ITALY. All references to Base Depot for Italian Reinforcements will be amended accordingly.

2. Para 26.

(a) Sub-para (b) (ii) Heading—*delete* "Districts under HQ. AAI" and *substitute* "15 Army Group and Nos. 1 and 2 Districts."

(b) Sub-para (b) (iii). *Delete* whole sub-para and *insert* following new sub-para:—

"*3 District.*

Will be sent to 5 Bn GRTD. Officer Commanding 5 Bn GRTD will apply to GHQ., 2nd Echelon for disposal instructions for this personnel."

3. Para 33.

Delete existing para and *substitute* the following new para:—

"33. *Punishments and Awards.*

(a) A British officer commanding any unit or body of troops to which Italian Co-operators are posted or attached may (subject to the provisions of sub-para (b) below) deal summarily with such Italian Co-operators and may award punishments as follows:—

(i) Confinement to quarters not in excess of 14 days.

(ii) Detention or Field Punishment not in excess of 28 days unless the Commanding Officer is below the rank of Major or equivalent rank, in which event the maximum award in each case will not be in excess of 14 days.

(iii) In addition to or without any of the punishments above referred to forfeiture of all advances of pay for a period beginning on the day of award and not exceeding 28 days. The advance of pay for the purposes of this sub-para represents the whole of the pay of a co-operator at the rate applicable at the date of the award.

(iv) In addition to or without any of the punishments above referred to a penal deduction from any pay due to a co-operator not exceeding the sum required to make good any expenses caused by him or any loss, damage or destruction done by him to any public or private property, provided no penal deduction exceeding £10 may be awarded without reference to higher authority.

(b) (i) A British Officer commanding will not deal summarily with any charge against an Italian Co-operator Officer, except as set out in (ii) below, nor without previous reference to superior authority with any charge against any Italian Co-operator which, if the accused were a private soldier in the British Army, he would be required to refer to superior authority under the provisions of King's Regulations para 573.

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(c) Italian officers in units will be responsible to the British Officer Commanding for the discipline of Italian Co-operators but will not award any punishments.

(d) Sentences of Field Punishment will be served with the unit if possible. Co-operators sentenced to Detention may be sent to either 209 or 211 Prisoner of War Camps to serve sentence.

Co-operators under sentence will not be sent to British Detention Barracks or Field Punishment Camps.

(e) A Co-operator forfeits all pay for the period of any sentence of Field Punishment or Detention and for the period of any absence without leave.

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(f) The privilege of receiving cash payments may be withdrawn in whole or in part from an ill-conducted or idle Co-operator, but the crediting of basic pay may only be stopped under the provisions and subject to the restrictions set out above.

4. Para 38.

Delete whole para.

5. Para 40.

Delete sub-para (c) (i), and *substitute* the following sub-para:—

"(c) (i) Name, number, description and home address of the Co-operator and the name and address of his next of kin will be furnished by the quickest possible means (e.g., by phone) to:—

(*a*) In ITALY or SICILY.
APM or DAPM at Area, Sub-Area or Garrison Headquarters.

(*b*) In NORTH AFRICA.
DAPM, Headquarters, BTNA and to the French civil police.

The details will be confirmed in writing."

Delete last sentence of sub-para (c), and *substitute* "The return of a Co-operator from absence will be reported to the authorities who received notice of his absence."

6. Para 45 Schedule C.

Insert additional Note (v) as follows:—

"(v) The rates under (d) of columns 3 and 6 are only admissible for privates, if employed within an authorised War Establishment by Military, Naval or RAF Units or Formations, or on camp administrative duties."

7. Para 59.

In line 4 *delete* "6 Br Field Hosp," and *substitute* "Camp Reception Station."

In line 5 *delete* "ALMA."

Delete "(iii) Camp Reception Station — TUNIS"

8. Para 67.

Insert additional sub-para as follows:—

"(h) Personal photographs may be sent by Co-operators to their homes in Allied occupied ITALY or SICILY provided that they are unmounted and with a plain background, and that envelopes containing them are bundled together and clearly marked as containing photographs before despatch to the Prisoner of War Censorship Detachment."

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(1) TROOPERS (2) EAST AFRICA COMMAND (3) MIDEAST

(4) GEORGE FIVE ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO. 794

IPW/1/4/5769

2 December 1946

Dear Sir:

Further to my letter dated 19 November 1946.

The U.S. Military Authorities concerned are perfectly aware of the situation pictured in your letter. They point out however that no instruction was given to the Italian Co-operators and POW's by U.S. Military Authorities to surrender their Certificate of Credit Balance to the Italian Authorities and -in effect- many POW's kept their certificate until instructions were given to surrender them to U.S. Administrative Officers.

If this situation has developed it is due to deplorable misunderstandings by Allied and Italian Authorities which are much regretted.

In any case a plan was submitted to the War Department some months ago for the total settlement of all certificates partially paid by the Italian Authorities. The last information received revealed that it was under review by the Budget Division of the War Department and that a decision would be expected within the near future.

I have contacted just a few days ago the highest Authorities concerned for a prompt settlement of this matter which I feel cannot be postponed any longer; your case has been represented as being one of typical character.

As soon as a definite procedure is approved it will be communicated to the Italian Government and to the Public press.

As to the rate of exchange (18 Lire on the Dollar) applied by the Italian Authorities to a part of the credits of Italian Officers, this is due to the interpretation given by the Italian Government to the second paragraph of article 23 of Geneva Convention and applies only to credits coming from Military Pay (which was calculated on the pre-war rate of exchange) and not to credits earned for work performed for the benefit of the Detaining Power.

Yours truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dott. Francesco Spinelli
Via Nomentana, 175
Roma.

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C.C.

Ref: 9013/73/EC

14 November, 1946.

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : Polad A
Polad B

This Commission has been directed by A.F.H.Q. to prepare an estimate of the work of the I.P.W. Division which, it is anticipated will be outstanding after 31st December 1946, and to ascertain whether the Embassies would be prepared to take over the residual functions of the I.P.W. Division with effect from 1st January 1947.

Enclosed is a copy of a paper which shows the present situation of the work of the I.P.W. Division and a forecast of its outstanding duties.

It is proposed to hold a Conference on this matter at a very early date. Land Forces Sub-Commission representative will bring to the Conference an estimate of the staff required by each Embassy to deal with residual functions of the I.P.W. Division after 31st December 1946.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

Copy : Land Forces Sub-Commission.
(I.P.W. Division).

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Ref. : POW/48/Int

24 September 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War Division.

TO : G-5 Section.
APO.

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1. Reference is made to your letter G-5 370.43 of 4th September and to discussion (Rear Admiral Stone, A.C. - Colonel Hamblen, G-5) on 23 September 1946 at your Headquarters.

2. Lt. Colonel Eagle will be made available for re-assignment within the Allied Commission w.e.f. 1 October 1946 on the assumption that arrangements will have been made by your Headquarters, by that date, for any residual American contingent to be handed over to some other agency. As proposed during discussion, this commitment might be taken over either by the office of the Military Attache to the American Embassy or by the American component of A.A.A.C.

3. Action has been initiated regarding the handing over of any residual British functions of the POW Division to the British Embassy after 31st December 1946. Action to be taken with the American Embassy will depend upon your decision on the alternatives suggested in para 2 above.

/s/ Geoffrey W. Stone

GEOFFREY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: L.F. S/C
Executive Officer A
Poland A) With copies of G-5
" B) letter of 4.9.46

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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4 September 1946.

G-5 : 900.43

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoner of War Division.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Reference is made to your letter 9013/33/MC dated 6 Aug 46.

1. In view of the fact that the repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War in the hands of the U.S.A. has been completed and that the remaining commitment is entirely British it is proposed to withdraw all U.S. personnel from duty with the IPW Division MMIA, which thereafter will continue as an entirely British commitment.

2. Lt. Col. REGIS will therefore be made available for reassignment w.e.f. 1 October 1946, by which time he should have handed over all his present duties to his British successor.

3. In regard to your recommendations that the Embassies concerned should take over any residual functions of the IPW Division after 31 December 1946; please prepare an estimate of the work which you anticipate will be outstanding at this date, ascertain whether the Embassies would be prepared to take it over, and report further to this HQ when their views have been obtained.

4. All IPW matters will continue to be dealt with by "A" Branch GHQ in accordance with existing practice. AFHQ letter ref AG 383.6/22/GSC-O dated 9 August 46 is hereby cancelled (copy attached for easy reference).

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

/s/ A.L. HAMBLEN
Colonel GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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27 July 1946.

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.

The new Undersecretary to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Dr. Cappa, called to pay his respects on July 27th.

In the course of our conversation, he mentioned that Prefect Innocenti from Bolzano stated that a number of Italian prisoners passed through Bolzano on their way to Germany and added that this had made a very painful impression in Bolzano. The prisoners were stated to have been transferred from a former Italian POW camp at Pisa.

I told Dr. Cappa that I was certain that no Italian prisoners had been sent to Germany and believed that these were probably residents of Bolzano who had joined either the German or Austrian Armies and accordingly were being treated as German POW's.

Will you investigate this report and advise me if my assumption is correct. Although I did not so express myself to Dr. Cappa, I still do not see why residents of Bolzano, even though members of the German Army, are being transported to Germany unless they are part of labor units and are not intended for repatriation.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Translation

Il PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Dear General,

I am informed that from all over the country relatives of the military internees in the camp of Sant'Andrea are flocking to Taranto, having ben alarmed by rumors regarding the difficulties in the life of said prisoners, who are obliged to sleep on the bare ground and subsist on very scarce rations.

The relatives, who often have to endure the discomforts and expenses of a long journey, are unable to see their dear ones as the rules of the camp do not permit the prisoners to receive visitors.

In view of these circumstances.I would be grateful if you could take into kindly consideration the possibility of handing over all or part of the prisoners to the Italian authorities, and see that in the meantime they receive better treatment.

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)

Brigadier General M.S. Lush

Executive Commissioner's Office,

Allied Commission, Rome.

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RELEASED (PUBLIC INFORMATION).
G-5 SECTION.
APO 512.

4 September 1946

G-5:900.43

SUBJECT: Italian prisoner of war division.

TO: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Reference is made to your letter 903/33/GC dated 6 August 46.

1. In view of the fact that the repatriation of Italian prisoners of war in the hands of the USA has been completed and that the remaining commitment is entirely British it is proposed to withdraw all U.S. personnel from duty with the ITW Division MMIA, which thereafter will continue as an entirely British commitment.

2. Lt.Colonel HUGHES will therefore be made available for reassignment w.e.f. 1 October 1946, by which time he should have handed over all his present duties to his British successor.

3. In regard to your recommendations that the Dalmatica concerned should take over any residual functions of the ITW Division after 31 December 1946; please prepare an estimate of the work which you anticipate will be outstanding at this date, ascertain whether the Dalmatica would be prepared to take it over, and report further to this Headquarters when their views have been obtained.

4. All ITW matters will continue to be dealt with by "A" Branch GHQ in accordance with existing practice. AFHQ letter ref AG 383.6/22/GEN-G dated 2 August 46 is hereby cancelled (copy attached for easy reference.)

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

R.E. MARSH,
Colonel G3D.
Asstst. Chief of Staff.G-5

E. E. Dorr
Italian Land Forces
Relations Section, Eso & A
I/c

CC to Mr. Dept. 19 Sept. 1946

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Ref : 535/25/26

27 August 1946

My dear Dr. Cappa:

When you called upon me on 27 July you mentioned a report from the Prefect of BOLZANO to the effect that a number of Italian prisoners of war had passed through BOLZANO on their way to GERMANY. I told you I was certain that these were probably residents of the Sud-Tyrol who had joined either the German or Austrian Armies and were accordingly being treated as German prisoners of war.

I have caused this report to be investigated and find that my assumption was correct. On 22 July some 780 Sud-Tyrolese left BRIXEN for DACHAU, Germany, and passed through BOLZANO on 23 July. They were prisoners of war who had served in the German or Austrian Armies. With the exception of four men they were all discharged within 48 hours by the authorities at Dachau and transport to Italy was arranged. At the German-Austrian frontier (BRENNERO) the transport was refused clearance to return to Italy by an Italian Liaison Officer. Since then a number have managed to enter Italy by other means.

There are in other prisoner of war camps in Italy under Allied authority some 1496 Sud-Tyrolese prisoners of war. The authority for the release of 790 in RIMINI camp was forwarded to the Italian War Ministry on 12 August. It is hoped to obtain authority for the release of the remaining 706 and, in fact, all Italian prisoners of war or surrendered enemy personnel less security suspects, war crimes witness and civil internees by 31 August.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Paolo Cappa,
Undersecretary to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government.
ROME.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner. ✓
I.P.W. Section.

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TRANSLATION

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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Rome, 22 August, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

I have informed the competent Ministry regarding the subject of your letter to the President of the Council, No. 8252/333/DC dated 29 July, 1946, and will let you know what has been decided as soon as I receive detailed information. 186

With best regards,

Yours truly,

(s) Cuttè.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,

Chief Commissioner,

Allied Commission,

Rome.

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Navy S/C
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Or/

Il Sottosegretario di Stato
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

Roma, 22 agosto 1946

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Caro Ammiraglio,

ho interessato il Ministero competente in merito alla questione da Lei prospettata al Presidente del Consiglio con la nota n.8252/333/EC del 29 luglio u.s., e mi riservo di farLe conoscere le definitive determinazioni sull'argomento non appena sarò in possesso degli indispensabili elementi.

Colgo l'occasione per inviarLe cordiali saluti.

Quaroni

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All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Commissario Capo della Commissione
Alleata
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 794

Ref. : 9013/33/HQ

6 August 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War Division.

TO : G-5,
AFHQ.

1. The question of the future of the Italian Prisoner of War Section of the Land Forces Sub-Commission (LFSA) has been raised by:

(a) A ZETOMA signal FX 68410 dated 27 June requesting the withdrawal of U.S. Personnel from the IPW Section

and

(b) Conversation between the Executive Commissioner, ACC and G-5 Section of AFHQ.

2. The position is as follows:

(a) In October 1945 Allied responsibility for liaison with the Italian War Ministry and all other authorities in regard to the repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War held by any of the Allied nations, was transferred, together with the necessary personnel, to Land Forces Sub-Commission (LFSA).

(b) The functions and composition of the IPW Section and the present position regarding repatriation of IPW are shown at Appendix "A".

3. The repatriation of Prisoners of War in the hands of the USA was practically completed some time ago. The repatriation of Prisoners of War still remaining in the hands of Great Britain and the British Dominions and Colonies, is now in progress and if it continues at the present rate it should be completed before the end of the year.

4. To achieve this result I consider it essential that whoever handles this work should be in Rome, where daily contact with the Ministry of War and the Ministry of Post War Assistance can be made and where tours and visits by Allied and Italian officers together can be organised quickly.

5. Because IPW are obviously military personnel I consider this commitment is a proper military one of the Land Forces Sub-Commission

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and not a residual function of the Allied Commission and that, therefore, in spite of FAO 630/ it obviously should remain the responsibility of the Land Forces Sub-Commission.

6. I am informed by the Political Advisor (British) that in view of the British Embassy the registration of Prisoners of War is a military function and that in any case the Embassy has not the physical means of undertaking this work. The U.S. Embassy is hardly concerned now that all except a few deferred cases have been repatriated.

7. If you decide that this responsibility should be taken over by the Military Authorities, I would urge that the work should be carried out in Rome so that direct contact can be maintained with the Italian authorities concerned. It is for consideration whether, with the U.S. repatriation virtually completed, this should be the responsibility of AFHQ or CMF, C.M.F.

8. Taking everything into consideration I recommend that the responsibility for repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War should remain with the Land Forces Sub-Commission until 31st December 1946 or until 90 days after the ratification of the Peace Treaty whichever is the earlier.

If you agree you may consider it advisable that all concerned should be notified now that any outstanding questions after that date will be dealt with by the Embassies concerned direct with the Italian Government.

M. G. LUSH
Brigadier
MALCOLM W. GROSS
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner
(absent on leave).

Copy to: C. Com. ✓
Land Forces (Pols Sec)

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APPENDIX 'A'

COMPOSITION AND FUNCTION OF I.W. DIVISION

1. Establishment as at 20th of June 1946:-

(i) Officers

US	3	1 Lt. Col. 1 Capt. 1 Lieut.
Br.	4	1 Major 2 Captains. 1 Lieut.

(ii) ORs

Br.	2	1 Cpl. 1 Pte.

(iii) Civilian Staff

Italian	20

2. Present Establishment w.e.f. 1st July 1946:-

(i) Officers

US	1	1 Lt. Col.
Br.	4	1 Major. 2 Captains. 1 Lieut.

(ii) ORs

Br.	2	1 Cpl. 1 Pte.

(iii) Civilian Staff

Italian	15

3. The following is the present situation regarding IW repatriation:-

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	Original number held	Total number so far repatriated	Number awaiting repatriation
England & Scotland	158029	132464	25565
North Africa	43152	43074	-
East Africa	42774	21023	21481
West Africa	1000 x	1436	-
South Africa	40794	13472	27322
Middle East	70491	39501	30990
[illegible]	34702	18189	16513

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	Br.	4	2 Captains. 1 Lieut.

(ii) ORs

Br.	2	1 Cpl. 1 Pte.

(iii) Civilian Staff

Italian	20

2. Present Establishment w.e.f. 1st July 1945:-

(i) Officers

US	1	1 Lt. Col.
Br.	4	1 Major. 2 Captains. 1 Lieut.

(ii) ORs

Br.	2	1 Cpl. 1 Pte.

(iii) Civilian Staff

Italian	15

3. The following is the present situation regarding PW repatriation:-

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	Original number held	Total number so far repatriated	Number awaiting repatriation
England & Scotland	158029	132464	25565
North Africa	43152	40074	-
East Africa	42784	21023	21481
West Africa	1000 x	1435	-
South Africa	49794	13472	27522
Middle East	70391	39101	30990
India	33302	16789	16513
Australia	17657	633	17024
Gibraltar	541	526	15
Persia	2000	-	2000
USA	51000	51136	?
France (US)	43000	41256	?
Italy (US)	20000	20000	-
North Africa (US)	9751	9751	-
French N. Africa	37300	37836	?
Russia	20000	11626	8374
France	35000	30297	?
Balkans	160000	09704	10296
Germany & Switzerland	560000 x	631158	?
TOTAL	1285171	1138331	159580

x Estimated Figure Only

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4. Details of object and functions.

Apart from facilitating the repatriation of IPW, there are a great many administrative details to be dealt with, with the Italian Ministry of War or Ministry of Post War Assistance on the one hand and the appropriate Allied Military Authorities on the other.

Some of the correspondence and contact with the various CHQ is purely liaison work, but it should be clear that it is essential work, since other formations have no facilities or establishments for dealing direct with the Italian Ministry of War and Ministry of Post War Assistance and the mass of correspondence received from these two bodies. There is also liaison with the British and US Embassies, the representatives to the Vatican and with the Vatican itself. The following list of tasks performed by this Division and details dealing with the Italian Ministry of War, MPWA, Min. of Foreign Affairs, Min. of Interior, AFHQ, PW Accounts Offices all over the world, French Representative, Russian Representative, and Naval Authorities, is notified:-

Shipping moves (inter alia IPW Div. has nine ships (1) under its control).
Questions re PW baggage.
Repatriation Medical Cases.
Applications for Mixed Medical Commission for sick IPW abroad.
Tracing War Criminals.
Voluntary deferment of repatriation.
Desire of PW to remain in Command held.
Repatriation of Specialists requested by Italian Government.
Requests for release of Neo-Fascist PWs.
" " " in Italy of German PWs.
" " " " " of South Tyrolese PWs.
Repatriation of compassionate cases.
IPW Welfare (news, letters, parcels, enquiries from IPW re families, enquiries from families re IPW.)

Financial commitments:

Transmission of Power of Attorney by IPW.
Enquiries re Allowance due to IPW and their families by Italian Government.
Transmission of remittances made by IPW in favour of their families or of Banks and Institutions in Italy. Claims for non-receipt of these remittances.
Notification to the Italian Government of Credit/Debit Balances in respect of PW Pay earned by PW while in Br. custody, and claims concerning the Balance in question.
Inquiries re payment of Credit Balances in respect of IPWs released from US custody.
Requests of return of properties impounded from PWs and transmission of them to the Italian Red Cross.
General Policy regarding Pay, rate of exchange of credits etc. to PW.

5. It was agreed at AFHQ before repatriation commenced that US held IPW would be repatriated first and then Br. held IPW. US held IPW have now been repatriated and IPW in Br. hands are being dealt with at the present moment. Many claims for settlement of outstanding Credit Balances for ex-IPW in US hands are still being dealt with. The whole question, therefore, remains as before an Allied commitment.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIC
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

AUG 1 1946

31 July 1946

Ref. : 585/479/10

SUBJECT: Italian PsOW.

TO : C.I.C.
Bolzano.

1. The new Undersecretary to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Dr. Cappa, called to pay his respects to the Chief Commissioner on July 27th.

2. In the course of their conversation, he mentioned that Prefect Innocenti from Bolzano stated that a number of Italian prisoners passed through Bolzano on their way to Germany and added that this had made a very painful impression in Bolzano. The prisoners were stated to have been transferred from a former Italian POW camp at Pisa.

3. Dr.Cappa was told that the Chief Commissioner was certain that no Italian prisoners had been sent to Germany and believed that these were probably residents of Bolzano who had joined either the German or Austrian Armies and accordingly were being treated as German POW's.

4. Will you investigate this report and advise me if this assumption is correct.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref. : 8252/333/80.

29 July 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I am enclosing a list of Triestini who enlisted, from POW Camps, in the British Army in INDIA, and statement by one of them.

They are all at present on demobilization leave and it is alleged that one of them named SPIGAMIGLIO was secured by the Italian Naval Officer in VENICE to whom he reported, of cooperating with the enemy and that he was deprived of his discharge leave pay and informed that his case would be reported for further action. As a result all the soldiers on the attached list are extremely apprehensive.

I am sure that such an accusation would never be made with your knowledge or approval and would like your confirmation that no detrimental action will be taken against these ex-soldiers.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

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Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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S T A T E M E N T

The following, citizens of Trieste, served in the British Army as under:

Pte	B A R B A L O N G A	Salvatore	Italian Army Inf.	Enlisted	1 June 1943
Pte	B A C O T T A	Sergio	Merchant Navy	"	1 June 1943
Sgt	C O N S O L I	Giuseppe	Merchant Navy	"	1 June 1943
Pte	G I O R G I N I	Aldo	Royal Navy Ital	"	26 Dec. 1943
Cpl	G O Z Z I	Riccardo	Army Infantry	"	23 Sept. 1943
CSM	P E T E L I N	Vittorio	Royal Navy Ital.	"	1 June 1943
Sgt	S I N I G A G L I A	Spartaco	Royal Navy Ital.	"	1 June 1943
Pte	S P I Z Z A M I G L I O	Ferruccio	Navy Ital	"	1 June 1843
Pte	C H E Z Z I	Valerio	Italian Army Inf.	"	23 Sept. 1943

At the time being the above B.O.Rs are on Release Leave until the 19th July 46 being discharged from the British Army in accordance with the K.R. 390 (XVIII) (c)

Pte S P I Z Z A M I G L I O Ferruccio states:

On the 1st of July 46 I went to VENICE at the Italian Navy Depot (C.R.E.M.) in order to cash his arrears of pay to which I am entitled as well as 60 days discharge leave.

As soon as the Officer, to whom I was speaking, understood that I started to co-operate with the British Army in India, since 1942, as first action against me, he deprived me of the Discharge Leave Amount telling me that I didn't comply with my soldier duties cooperating with the enemy and waging war against the King. He, reported in writing my case and said that I have to wait the results and further actions.

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(Signed)
No. W/150 Pte Spizzamiglio Ferruccio

Dated
6.7.46

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27 July 1946.

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.

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In the course of our conversation, he mentioned that Prefect Innocenti from Bolzano stated that a number of Italian prisoners passed through Bolzano on their way to Germany and added that this had made a very painful impression in Bolzano. The prisoners were stated to have been transferred from a former Italian POW camp at Pisa.

I told Dr. Cappa that I was certain that no Italian prisoners had been sent to Germany and believed that these were probably residents of Bolzano who had joined either the German or Austrian Armies and accordingly were being treated as German POW's.

Will you investigate this report and advise me if my assumption is correct. Although I did not so express myself to Dr. Cappa, I still do not see why residents of Bolzano, even though members of the German Army, are being transported to Germany unless they are part of labor units and are not intended for repatriation.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Translation

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Gabinetto

Rome, 1 June 1946

No.7070/4/3620.1.1/1.1.26

TO : Console Giorgio Barbuscei de Vetor
Italian Liaison Office to A.C.

SUBJECT : Re-employment of Italian PWs.

Having received a communication from the Ministry of Post War Assistance on the same lines, we beg you to draw the attention of the competent Allied authorities to the desirability that AMG should allow the provision in favour of the repats to be extended to the provinces not yet handed back to Italian administration, in order to permit of a just uniformity in the treatment of this category of citizens.

The measures which concern this matter are the following:

D.L.L. 4-8-1945, n.433
" 4-2-1946, n.27
" 16-2-1946, n.38
" 5-3-1946, n.61
" 16-3-1946, n.153

It would be appreciated if you would inform us of the result of your efforts.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

E.C.DIST - 4 June
Action: [illegible] (P.S. 4/6)
Info : C.C.
E.C.
Land Forces 4/6

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Cipher Cable Also referred To

AC. 3753

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TRANSLATION

H.E. De Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers.

For Admiral Stone's information. Rome, 22 February, 1946.

We enclose a memorandum regarding I.P.O.W., hoping that you will pass it on to the Allied Commission as soon as possible.

We wish to bring to the attention of the Ministry of War, and Ministry of the Interior, the situation born by men interned in concentration camps; men who were compelled to serve the Republican army, and were later interned in the concentration camp of Afragola, near Naples. (Camp, no. 209).

Last Summer an order was issued for the release of these prisoners, but owing to incidents which occured after the release of thousands of internees of the concentration camp of Coltano, the order was suspended.

The internees of Afregola were removed to Taranto on the 3 February 1946. where the Commissione d'Inchiesta will decide the question of their release. What is the Italian Commission waiting for? It is known that the Allied Authorities have already asked them to question, and eventually, release these prisoners.

The Government, on several occasions, has announced its intention of putting an end to the intolerable situation of these men, who were compelled to serve the Government of Salo in extenuating circumstances. Why, then, does it not release them now?

So many of our prisoners have been repatriated from America, and yet nothing is being done for the release of those in concentration camps in Italy.

With the respect of

THOUSANDS OF MOTHERS AND WIVES

P.S. Please answer our letter in one of the daily newspapers, so that our minds be set at rest.

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TRANSLATION

H.E. Dr Gerbert
President of the Council of Ministers.

For Admiral Stone's information.

Rome, 25 February, 1944.

SUBJECT: CONCENTRATION CAMP OF MATERDA

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Allied Authorities have decided to open a concentration camp at Materda for the reception of Italian internees.

The internees at Materda will be selected from among persons who have been convicted of crimes against the Allied Armies or who are suspected of having committed such crimes. Apart from the Italian Commission working for the release of Italian internees, the Allied Authorities have also set up a Tribunal to which cases will be referred. Appeals against decisions of this Tribunal will be heard by the Supreme Court of Appeal.

The internees at Materda will be allowed to receive parcels and correspondence. Apart from the Commissione Italiana which deals with the question of Italian internees, the Allied Authorities have also set up a Tribunal to which cases will be referred. Appeals against decisions of this Tribunal will be heard by the Supreme Court of Appeal.

Any letters or parcels addressed to internees should bear the number of the camp: Camp No. 98 (Materda, near Naples). Letters addressed to internees should bear the number of the camp: Camp No. 98 (Materda, near Naples).

We wish to point to the attention of the Ministry of War, and the Ministry of the Interior, the situation from the point of view of internees in concentration camps: men who were compelled to serve the Republican army, and were later interned in the concentration camp of Materda, near Naples. (Camp. No. 98).

We enclose a memorandum setting forth the procedure which will have to be followed by Italian Commissions as soon as possible.

We wish to point to the attention of the Ministry of War, and the Ministry of the Interior, the situation from the point of view of internees in concentration camps: men who were compelled to serve the Republican army, and were later interned in the concentration camp of Materda, near Naples. (Camp. No. 98).

Any letter addressed to the internees should bear the number of the camp and nothing at all else.

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P.S. Please answer this letter at once to the Allied Headquarters' office dealing with two or three members of the Italian Commission.

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Col 5 - Translation, pls 3 —

Roma li 22 febbraio 1946,

Per conoscenza Alle Eccellenze Ammiraglio Stone,
affinché ne possa prendere visione, di questa nostra richiesta fatta a mezzo dell'On.le De Gasperi, per poterci sollevare dalle triste causa che ci addolora per i nostri cari. Alle Eccellenze On. le DE GASPERI

Con tanta osservanza

Presidente dei Ministri

Madri e spose dei nostri cari.

R OM A

Vi mandiamo l'unito promemoria con la viva, accorata preghiera di farne oggetto, al più presto possibile alla Commissione Alleata per i prigionieri di Guerra, affinché la nostra lunga attesa già da nove mesi possa essere presto esaudita per una grande opera umanitaria.

Riteniamo necessario segnalare ai Ministeri dell'Interno e della Guerra, la grave insostenibile situazione in cui versano tuttora i giovani di leva unitamente a tanti altri internati nei campi di concentramento, costretti a servire nelle file dell'esercito repubblichino ed internati poi nel campo di concentramento di Afragola presso Napoli (Campo 209).

Nella estate scorsa era stato diramato l'ordine di rilascio di tutti ma a seguito degli incidenti avvenuti dopo la liberazione di migliaia di internati nel Campo di Coltano, venne sospeso ogni provvedimento nei confronti di quelli internati ad Afragola. Non è umano però, che questi ultimi debbano sopportare le conseguenze dei lamentati incidenti provocati dagli internati di altro Campo.

Gl'interneti ad Afragola sono stati ora trasportati a Taranto fin o 3 c.m. dove si suppone risieda la Commissione d'Inchiesta che dovrà deliberare in merito al rilascio; sono passate però alcune settimane e non si sa alcuna notizia di un prossimo rilascio. Cosa aspetta la Commissione Italiana a decidersi una buona volta a muoversi, sé risulta esattamente di essere stata già richiesta dall'Autorità Alleata ad intervenire per essere interrogati e liberare tutti questi nostri cari?. Le famiglie tutte sono affrante per tale ritardo, che aumenta in modo indicibile le sofferenze di ben nove lunghissimi mesi di vana attesa.

Il Governo ha più volte annunciato di voler finalmente porre termine a tale situazione riconoscendo che i giovani di leva come tanti altri costretti a servire nelle file della repubblichetta di Salò, che sottrarsi a gravi minaccie di morte e rappresaglie contro le famiglie, hanno molte attenuanti a loro favore e allora perché non provvedere? Perché aumentare il dolore di tante famiglie, di tante madri e spose che sentono spesso il RIMORSO di aver spinto loro stesse i propri cari a rispondere alla chiamata al fine di sottrarli a sicura feroce rappresaglie?. Perché non ricordare valutare presto questa causa, ridando finalmente la pace e la tranquillità a tante famiglie che continuano a soffrire enormemente per i loro cari, che reclamano la loro liberazione con tutta sollecitudine.

E' incomprensibile di vedere arrivare tanti prigionieri delle Americhe, e per quelli internati in Italia non si é potuto ancora provvedere augurismo che la Vostra Eccelenza si possa prendere a cuore la nostra malinconica causa, per poter provvedere presto alle nostre giuste lagnanze

Con tutta osservanza

CENTINAIA DI MADRI E DI SPOSE

P.S. Saremmo ben lieti di voler dare una benevola risposta in uno dei quotidiani della Capitale, per toglierci dall'incubo di non continuare a vivere di illu-

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ROUTINE

AFHQ FROM Q (MOV) GHQ CMF

MOV NAPLES, INFO: DISTHREE NAPLES AREA: ALCOM ROME

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

2. Read (A) Ship
(B) APPROX ETD UK
(C) APPROX NUMBER OF PW TO BE EMBARKED

(A) DUNNOTTAR CASTLE
(B) 2 MARCH
(C) 2240

(A) DILWARA
(B) 4 MARCH
(C) 2210

(A) EMPIRE TROOPER
(B) 7 MARCH
(C) 1524

(A) QUEEN OF BERMUDA
(B) 9 MARCH
(C) 3646

(A) CARTHAGE
(B) 20 MARCH
(C) 2377

(A) GEORGIC
(B) 21 MARCH
(C) XX 5038

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

Total 23404.

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

4. Agreed.

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ACTION IPW SC
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
L FORCES
FILE 2
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FX 61263
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FEB 221030

MFOUSA SIGNED COMNGEMNED CITE NAGAF
ALCOM PENBASE
INFO: PENGOUTH

ROUTINE

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To facilitate the cashing of military payment orders by repatrioted Italian Prisoners of war thefollowing plan is proposed for the concurrence of the Italian Government:

1. No repatriated Italian Prisoners of War will leave the camp for his home until he has cashed his military payment order.
2. The Italian Government will notify Lieutenant Colonel V.S. Gafford, commanding officer, 47 Finance Disbursing Section when and where he is to send an agent finance officer for the redemption of military payment orders held by repatriated Italian Prisoners of War.

For PENBASE: desire Lieutenant Colonel V.S.Gafford, symbol number 210-940 FD, be provided with 3 agent finance officers for the purpose of accomplishing the above. Necessary guards will be provided by you upon the call of Lieutenarr Colonel Gafford.

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ACTION: IPW SC 2
INFO; CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECON SEC 2
FINANCE SC 2-FILE 2-FLOAT

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Chief Comm Cent L File

Reference in para 1 is on one file 3616/EC which is at present with CH Sec who will have it for 2 or 3 days. This letter is just for your info do you really require a copy of 3726/A2 of 21 Jan. When our file is returned from CH Sec Vault and it is yr

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FEB 18 RECD

Ref: 3616/122/EC. 18. February 1946

SUBJECT : "R" Civilian Internee Camp. Terni.

TO : Allied Forces Headquarters.
Attention: D.A.G.

1. I refer to letter 3726/A2 dated 31 January 1946 and the discussion between Lt. Col. CHILTON, A-2, Lt. Col. YOUNG, G-2, Brigadier LUSH, on the proposed handover of the civilian internee camp at TERNI to the Italian Government.

2. I fully appreciate that the lack of British manpower in this theatre makes it incumbent upon you to hand over to the Italian Government as many duties as possible. I would point out however that the Italian internees in this camp are prisoners of the Allied authorities and not of the Italian Government. They are held in custody by the Allies for purposes of military security. I understand that some have already been tried and acquitted on charges of Fascism by Italian courts.

3. Neither under Italian law or the Armistice terms could the Italian Government hold political or security offenders in camps of the type of "R" Civilian Internee Camp. The only thing the Government could do would be to send them to "confino" under the provisions of DLL 419 of 10 December 1944, amending the "Legge di Publica Sicurezza of 1931. In such case if the internees were absolved by a Prefectural Commission set up under this decree having jurisdiction to review their cases, there would remain no legal means to the Government to keep them interned.

4. A further difficulty arises. The maintenance of these persons under Italian administration will involve a deterioration in their conditions of living, food, sanitation, etc. A certain amount of public attention has already been drawn to the camp at TERNI even under British administration. Are you prepared to face possible criticism which would arise on the grou[illegible]

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civilian int[illegible]nees placed in internment[illegible]y the Allies had been handed over to Italian administration.

5. As agreed during the discussion referred to above, I will approach the Italian Government with regard to this proposal but I propose to limit the conditions as far as possible, having regard to the known wishes of G-2. For I am of the opinion that if the handover was to be proposed on the conditions laid down in your letter, we should not obtain the agreement of the Italian Government.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Com. ✓
CA Section.

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ROUTINE

FM BTNA ALGIERS
GMF
A BTANCH GHQ AMXCHANGE ROME INFO: HQ ALGOMI DISTHREE

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YOUR F 60587 DATED 121634A AND FURTHER TO THIS HQ SIGNAL OF EVEN NUMBER DATED 141710A. FLIGHT NOW DELAYED PROBABLY FOR SOME HOURS. WILL SIGNAL FIRM TIME WHEN KNOWN.

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ACTN: EX COMM.
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
P. SAFETY
FILE

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13 February 46 1230 hrs

ACPSF HQ ALCOM

A BRANCH CMF

(1) BUNA (2) TROOPERS (3) DISTREE

SECRET

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SUBJECT IS P.W. A.A. TWO FIVE THREE FOUR ZERO TWO MARSHAL GRAZIANI RUDOLFO PD FX 605873 176

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR FOX XRAY SIX ZERO FIVE EIGHT SEVEN OF ONE TWO FEBRUARY ONE NINE FOUR SIX PD

PARA TWO PD ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR AN ESCORT TO MEET PLANE AND TAKE OVER GRAZIANI AND BATMAN PD

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PRIORITY

PUBLIC SAFETY S/C

J.C. LEONE
CWO USA.
Asst. Adjutant.

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E.J. BYE, Colonel.

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To Dept 3753

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AGFSF HQ ALCOM 11 February 46 1800

A BRANCH CMF

(1) DISTRESS (2) BTNA (3) TROOPERS

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SECRET

SUBJECT IS P.W. AA 253402 MARSHAL GRAZIANI RUDOLFO FD

PARA ONE FD REFERENCE YOUR FX 60366 DATED 8TH FEBRUARY 46 FD

PARA TWO FD ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER CONSULTED PERSONALLY BY ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER ALCOM FD PRIME MINISTER AGREES TO PARAS ONE ABLE AND BAKER FD

PARA THREE FD ULTIMATE DESTINATION PROCIDA FD ITALIAN GOVERNME PREPARED TO ACCEPT CUSTODY OF SUBJECT FROM CHL FOUR FEBRUARY ONWARDS AT ANY AIRPORT OR SEAPLANE BASE [redacted] DECIDED BY ALLIED AUTHORITIES FD

PARA FOUR FD PRIME MINISTER FOUND IT NECESSARY TO GIVE INFORMATION OF PROPOSALS TO THE WAR MINISTER COMA CHIEF OF THE CABINET COMA AND COMMANDING GENERAL COMZ WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ESCORT FD NEED TO AVOID PUBLICITY UNDERSTOOD BY THEM FD

PARA FIVE FD PLEASE NOTIFY THIS HQ DATE COMA TIME AND PL[redacted] OF

PRIORITY

PUBLIC SAFETY S/C

MS. LUSH BRIGADIER.

J.J. LEONE
CWO, USA
Asst. Adjutant.

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ARRIVAL OF SUBJECT PD

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(1st Copy sent Mrs Peirce)
To the Chas Town Peirce 3753

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AGRICULTURAL CONCERN

BARONE CARLO CATALDI

SAN GIORGIO DI PIANO. (Bologna)

S. Giorgio di Piano, Jan. 28, 1946

To;- ADMIRAL ELLERY W. STONE

ALLIED COMMISSION

ROME.

On November 9, 1945 the Italian Government sent the Allied Commission a list of technicians, officials, and professional workers indispensable to the reconstruction of our Country. Among these was
LT. RAMPONI RUGGERO (F.P.N. 358199 - No. 2630 Italian Pioneer Company - Postal Section - M.E.F.) Doctor in Agriculture, technician of our a agricultural concern, required by us since August 1945.

Now, with the approach of Spring, and the total re-establishment of agricultural work, we are in urgent need of the above-mentioned officer.

Thanking you in anticipation, we remain,

Yours truly,

AGRICULTURAL CONCERN "BARONE CARLO CATALDI"

(s) Carlo Cataldi.

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1 February 1946

Ref: 8266/147/20

SUBJECT: Release of BIAGHI GIULIO, a prisoner of war at Afragola (Naples).

TO : I.P.W. - Sub-Commission

1. The attached communication from His Holiness the Pope's Secretariat of State is forwarded for your information and action.

2. May this office please be informed of the action taken in this case.

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Incl: Ltr 113124/3A of 21 Jan 46 fr Vatican

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SEGRETERIA DI STATO
DI SUA SANTITA'

Vatican City January 21, 1946

No. 113121/3A

Dear Captain Oddi:

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness takes the liberty to request that you recommend to the attention of the competent Allied Authorities the petition of the Very Reverend Antonino Silli, Provincial of the Dominican Fathers, Piazza della Minerva 42, Rome, for the liberation of BISOHI GIULIO a prisoner of war at Afragola (Naples), Camp POW No. 209-B-961877.

In his request Father Silli states that Bisohi Giulio in the only support of his seventy year old parents: another son, a member of the Dominican Order, was killed during the bombardment of Tivoli. The parents cannot provide for themselves on account of their advanced age and weakness.

In view of the humanitarian aspect of this appeal and because the Vatican has recently had assurance that release would be granted in cases of such extreme need, the Secretariat of State of His Holiness warmly recommends the above request.

With assurance of my appreciation of your kind cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Walter Carroll

Captain Victor Oddi
Liaison Division
AC HQ
Via Veneto

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IPW Division, HQ ALCOM

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SUBJECT IS DISPOSAL OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR PD

PARA ONE PD REUR THREE ONE FIVE ONE SLANT ONE SLANT ABLE TWO OF TWO TWO JANUARY FOUR SIX PD

PARA TWO PD PLEASE INFORM THIS OFFICE SOONEST NUMBERS OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN CMF PROPOSED HANDING OVER TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD BREAKDOWN REQUIRED IN NON DASH COOPERATORS CMA RECALCITRANTS CMA NEO DASH FASCISTS AND ITALIAN NATIONALS IN GERMAN ARMY CMA PLUS LOCATIONS PD

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

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

JAN 26 1946

24/JAN/46

IPW/64/2

SUBJECT : Italian PW in Jugoslavia

TO : Italian Red Cross
Provincial Committee
V.del Carmine, TURIN

1./ Ref your letter N°52213 dtd 14/Jan/46

2./ Every effort has been and is being made by the Allied and Italian authorities to help Italian PW in Jugoslavia, but the whole question is made very difficult by the state of diplomatic relations between Italy and Jugoslavia.

3./ The undersigned has requested permission to visit Jugoslavia, and on this visit hopes to be able to clear up allegations of illtreatment and arrange for the repatriation of the rest of the Italian PW held there.

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

Copy to: Chief Commissioner A/C/

Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission
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SUBJECT IS ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR COOPERATORS AND NON DAMN COOPERATORS PD

PARA ONE PD PLEASE FORWARD THIS HEADQUARTERS SOONEST TOTAL HOLDINGS OF ITALIAN

PRISONERS OF WAR COOPERATORS AND NON DAMN COOPERATORS IN YOUR COMMAND AT PRESENT DATE PD

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BRITISH EMBASSY BELGRADE

AFHQ INFO ALCOM, 13 CORPS

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For G2 from Military Attache.

1. Jugoslav Repatriation Commission have asked me to obtain AF permits for 15 Italian PWB. All are permanently disabled and are at present in military hospitals in BELGRADE. Their repatriation will necessitate special transport arrangements which Repatriation Commission is undertaking. As Jugoslavs are anxious to get rid of this commitment without delay and as submission of application for in normal manner would be both slow and difficult I should be most grateful if authority could be given me by telegram to issue permits.

2. Following is nominal roll.

NAME	DESTINATION
NICOLA CRAMAROSO	BARI
PIETRO CARDARILLO	MATERA
ANTONIO ANICARICO	AVELLINO
FERDINANDO MERLI	PIACENZA
GIORGIO FERITO	VENICE
VITTORIO CIRI	SIENA
ALFREDO DEMATHEIS	BRINDISI
ENRICO SPETOLI	FERRARA
INNOCENTE VEZZOLI	BRESCIA
ISERI ENZO	CINZANO
ENRICO TAGGI	FLORENCE
EMILIA POZZI	MAZZO VOLTERINO
RINALDO BIANCHI	ROME
SALVATORE BISIGNANO	TARANTO
MARIO BELLEO	BONIFORDIO

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Request you send representative to conference at office of G-1; MTOUSA, 1030 hrs 2 November 1945 relative to settlement of credit balances held by released prisoners of war. War Department memorandum number 190-45, dated 25 September 1945 on this subject provides that "Military Government Officers and other administrative officers" will issue receipts to released prisoners for certificate of credit balances surrendered, cause such certificates to be examined by PWIB for authenticity; after authenication, notify released prisoners to present receipts for certificates to designated disbursing officers, and prepare and certify vouchers for amounts due and forward to designated disbursing officers for payment. Estimate that approximately 50000 prisoners of war repatriated or tr transferred to Allied authority have been issued such certificates. Methods of implementing war department memorandum will be discussed. Further requested your representative be prepared to discuss matter of Italian Government already having redeemed some of these credit certificates.

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ACTION ALCOS INFO REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE LOMBARDIA.

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Italian Increment CSDIC already in touch with GENERAL MANERINI and the two interrogators now at MILAN. For addressee Number 1 IPW Section your 7533 and further to our FX 48927 for addressee Number 2 attention MAJOR HEATH suggest advisable entire matter be handled Italian CSDIC MANERINI LEVEL and you take no repeat no further action. Captain MORRIS Liaison Officer Italian CSDIC telephone ROME 478284 familiar details.

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PAREN TO FOR ACTION ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS AND FOR INFORMATION REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER LOMBARDIA REGION ATTENTION MAJOR HEATH PAREN

PARA TWO FD COLONEL EGIDIO PANZARDI VIA ALBANIA THREE SIX MILAN FD PW

FROM RUSSIA FD THIS OFFICER IS BEING HELD PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU FD

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Italian increment informed by General MANERINI 18th October some Italian officers arrived MILAN. Reference your 7351 dated 19th October cite IFWAC. Interrogators already despatched.

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ALCOM FOR IFW FOR HAMILTON

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Reference telephone conversation HAMILTON-APPLEBY 15 October. Further to our FX 48184 and F48417.

Since 147 Generals and 15 Colonels dispersed they and others similarly dispersed may be written off. 13 CORIS handling any new arrivals entering through northeast and these need not be evacuated MILAN.

2. Request number and ranks all officers PW from RUSSIA now MILAN or expected arrive near future. Pending receipt this information will take no action here. If upon receipt this information situation appears promising plan request Italian increment to CSDIC to contact Colonel ANFOSSO direct.

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Our FX 48184 is reference.

Make no reference to CSDIC or the purpose of interrogation. Dispatch and hold bodies at MILAN as suggested conversation Major HAMILTON Lt Col HOFFMAN. Advise AFHQ number and ranks and if possible names. Further instructions on or about Monday.

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PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER AMG UDINE

ACTION HQ ALCOM, AFHQ, INFO: HQ AMG VENEZIA REGION, HQ 13 CORPS,
CMFT STRAUSS I/C DP CENTRE UDINE

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Reference ALCOM telegram 5934 dated 11 October and AFHQ telegram FX 46181 received 12 and 11 October respectively. 147 Italian Generals 15 Colonels passed through refugee centre UDINE from RUSSIA 5 October en route DP camp VERONA. Names available here and further particulars may be obtained DP Centre VERONA.

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PARA ONE PD REQUEST YOU DETAIN ALL ITALIAN EX PRISONERS ABOVE RANK OF MAJOR RETURNING FROM RUSSIA PD

PAREN TO ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT UDINE RPTD OSDIC ROME CMA ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS PAREN

PARA TWO PD THEY ARE REQUIRED FOR INTERROGATION BY OSDIC PD

PARA THREE PD NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS OF ARRIVAL PD

PARA FOUR PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED PD

PARA FIVE PD AFHQ AND OSDIC PD AFHQ SIGNAL FOX X-RAY FOUR EIGHT ~~ONE FOUR~~ FOUR ONE EIGHT OF ONE ZERO REFERS PD

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ALLIED COMMISSION ROME FOR IPW SC INFO CSDIC ROME

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1. Information received here large number of Italian Ex-Prisoners from RUSSIA including many high-ranking and general officers currently arriving AMG at UDINE.

2. Understand repatriation operates through ALLIED COMMISSION IPW SC and thence Italian authorities for disposition.

3. Urgently desired here that interrogation particularly officers on matters pertaining to Russian order of battle be effected with commensurate high security.

4. As information here is not available as to mechanics of administration of these personnel from UDINE into ITALY it is desired here th t CSDIC be enabled to interrogate these personnel before such time as Italian authorities assume control.

5. Request you liase with CSDIC and AMD UDINE to expedite and inform this Headquarters of progress made.

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1. Information recieved here large numbers Italian Ex-War Prisoners including high ranking and general officers from RUSSIA now arriving UDINE at AMI.

2. Interrogation through 13 CORPS directed however facilities not available there for handling large numbers and possibility exists some personnel already cleared into ITALY.

3. Understand ALLIED COMMISSION IPW SC next screening agency before Italian Government assumes control.

4. Request you liase with ALLIED COMMISSION to insure availability personnel named para one before Italian agencies assume control.

5. Directed that Russian Order of Battle be secured by interrogation and brief will be forwarded fastest.

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Many Italian PW held in MIDEAST have impression that PW service as cooperators does not count towards reckonable service with Italian Army. Definite ruling urgently required to combat morale deterioration. Pleaseobtain full statement upon effect of PW service on Italian Army service for pay promotion etc from Italian authorities for circulation to PW. Signal reply.

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Ref: 9001/65/HQ. 29 June 45.

Subject: Demobilisation of ex-Co-operators.

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

Reference AFHQ memorandum, AMD/921 of 23 June 45.

No Italian Co-operators have been or are being employed by this Commission.

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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SIGNED CG MTOUSA CITE NAGAP

ACTION FENBASE FWN POW COMMAND MTOUSA FOR INFO INFO MMIA: ALGOM

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Reported here informally by Colonel KERR of MMIA that now in LEGHORN area are 3000 to 8000 Italian prisoners of war who are now surplus to UNITED STATES Italian service unit requirements and who are not desired by MMIA for incorporation into Italian Army since overage etcetera. Take necessary action to turn this personnel over to MMIA as soon as practicable. Latter instruction re change of status of Italian service units will be issued by this headquarters within next 3 days.

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CG MTOUSA FOR ACTION, TO PENSOUTH, MEDIA and MTOUSA FW COMZ AFD
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Allocation of US-ITI troops and schedule established in your radio FX 94038 cite NAGCT, 16 June is subject.

1. Present FENBASE ceiling 56000 will not be exceeded when the UNITED STATES Italian prisoner of war personnel rever to Italian Army status on 1 July.

2. Proposed FENBASE ceiling of 20000 effective 1 August understood to contain converted UNITED STATES Italian prisoner of war personnel and present US-ITI troops, all of which cannot be replaced under present policies. This proposed ceiling of 20000 is satisfactory. However compliance with this ceiling by 1 August is dependent upon the following:

A) Disposition of all UNITED STATES prisoner of war personnel after they are converted to US-ITI category on 1 July that are in excess to those to be retained as truck drivers and guards.

B) The availability of German prisoner of war units to replace the remaining US-ITI units due to be released.

C) The availability of German prisoner of war units to replace Italian service units (Prisoner of War) that are due to be released.

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AFHQ SIGNED CG MTOUSA CITE WAGAP

AJCOM - MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY INFO: 15 ARMY GP; 5 ARMY, AAF/MTO, PENBASE, ROME AREA MTOUSA, ADRIATIC BASE COMMAND.

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Necessary that Italian Army immediately dispatch Liaison officers to all UNITED STATES agencies in ITALY now using Italian Service Unit personnel to instruct agencies as to change of status on 1 July 45 and its effect on the individual. UNITED STATES commanders concerned instructed to cooperate fullest. It will be made clear to all concerned that effective date for change of status is not yet firm and may be later than 1 July 45.

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AFHQ SIGNED CG MTOUSA CITE NAGAP
FENBASE INFO: PENSOUTH, 5 ARMY, AAF/MTO, ABC, ALCOM, MMIA.

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Scheduled release of Italian Prisoners of War in UNITED STATES custody (reurad PBS 7364 cite HPGAP, EPGOT, EPGDS, EPSPM and EPLNO, copies not to all) in military class of 1914 and older is subject. In letter from this Headquarters to ALCOM 19 April 45 reference the change in status of Italian Prisoners of War in ITALY, the general plan on the change over was reviewed and it was stated that this personnel would automatically become part of the Italian Army on 1 July and "personnel incorporated in these units will not be demobilized without Allied consent and transfer of such personnel as between units will be subject to Allied approval".

You are hereby authorized to retain the minimum amount of key personnel of military class of 1914 and older for the minimum amount of time necessary, either to complete your projects or to train suitable replacements of other categories. Such personnel who would normaly be scheduled for release should be released as fast as practicable. Specific detailed instructions on change of status and release of Italian Service Unit personnel will be issued by this Headquarters shortly.

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AG 387.4/079 GCT-O

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

TO: All Concerned

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 15 June 1945. — NO TRACE IN WIC

2. The following arrangements will be made for the reorganisation of Cooperator Prisoner of War Units under British control on release to BR-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 this headquarters. 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 Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (MMIA).

b. Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (MMIA) will be responsible for submission of all new or re-written War Establishments to this headquarters for approval by WEC. British personnel will be shown on separate war establishments from Italians. Where organisational changes are desired by Staffs or Services, WE amendment proposals will be submitted as soon as possible in accordance with letter, this headquarters, file 210/Org-3, dated 14 March 1945. — NO TRACE IN WIC

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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17 JUN 1945
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EDMUND R. SHEGART
Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGEG
INFO ALCOM ROME

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This is MAT 742.

Release of NEO-Fascist women PW.

As exception to para 2 of MAF 876 and in order to save administrative difficulties, recommend transfer co dustody of Italian Government as soon as possible of about 115 NEO-Fascist women Prisoners of War captured while attached to German or Republican Fascist forces. These include both civilian followers and members of enemy military organizations for women. There is no security objection to their transfer and they will be subject to war crimes checking prior thereto.

2. Request your approval. Terms on which NEO-Fascists generally should be dealt with will be subject of separate telegram.

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PARA ONE FD REFERENCE MADE FOX SIGHT HEX SIX SEVEN 5860 DATED 62ND JUNE FD

PARA TWO FD QUESTION FOR SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FD

PARA THREE FD VIEWS CMA RECOMMENDATION FOR SMALL MISSIONS OF ITALIAN OFFICIALS OR ITALIAN RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES ENGINEERS TO VISIT ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR CAMPS IN GERMANY EGYPT CMA FRANCE CMA GERMANY CMA BELGIUM AND HOLLAND FD SECOND CMA POLICY REGARDING ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN FRANCE CMA GERMANY CMA BELGIUM AND HOLLAND FD THIRD CMA PERMISSION TO SEND PARCELS TO ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN FRANCE CMA GERMANY CMA HOLLAND ENGINEERS AWAITING REPATRIATION FD

PARA FOUR FD OWING PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE OF ALL ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR QUESTIONS TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CMA NECESSARY THEY NOW QUICKLY BE FULLY INFORMED ON ALL MATTERS FD

PARA FIVE FD QUESTIONS FOR TROOPERS FD

PARA SIX FD FIRST CMA RECEIVE TROOPERS VIEWS ON ALL ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR QUESTIONS AND EXPRESS ITALIAN GOVERNMENT VIEWS FD SECOND CMA REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SICK AND WOUNDED FROM AUSTRALIA CMA INDIA CMA SOUTH AFRICA ENGINEERS AND THIRD CMA NOW RECEIPT OF NOMINAL ROLLS OF REPATRIATED ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR FROM ITALY AND MIDDLE EAST ENGINEERS

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NICHOLAS HENDRICKS
COL, USA
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2 June 1945

My dear General Gazzera:

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It was with regret that I received your letter telling me of your resignation.

Your association as High Commissioner for Italian Prisoners of War with this Headquarters through the Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission has been a long one, and your untiring efforts on behalf of your fellow countrymen held Prisoners of War throughout the world, always had my admiration.

In saying goodbye, I wish to express the thanks of Lieut.-Colonel Campbell and the Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission for your full co-operation, and wish you God speed.

Yours very truly,

Elbert W. Stone

ELBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

General Pietro Gazzera
110 Corso Vittorio Emanuele
Rome

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The High Commissioner
for Prisoners of War

Rome, May 24th, 1945

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commidsioner
Allied Commission
R o m e

Dear Admiral,

I want to tell you that I sent to H.E. the President of the Council my resignation from the charge of High Commissioner for prisoners of war, with the note of which I enclose a copy, for the reasons herein mentioned.

I must thank you for your kind consideration for all questions dealt with by the High Commissariat.

I am also most grateful to Col. Campbell and the officers depending from him, who always showed great comprehension for our problems.

Yours sincerely,

s. Gen. Gazzera

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Note
Col Campbell spoke to Gen Gazzera on 28th May as to purport of letter

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The High Commissioner for Prisoners of War

Rome, 24 May 1945

Excellency,

Fifteen months ago, when I came back from prison, and being already in the reserve, I gladly assumed the hard charge of High Commissioner for prisoners of war, entrusted to me by the Council of Ministers, thinking it was a highly humanitarian and non-political post in which I could be useful to many fellow prisoners and to the numerous families they had left behind.

I fulfilled this mission with faith and zeal.

As people now want to consider this charge as a high political function, I think it is no longer suitable for me, for I always attempted to work for the country, keeping away from politics.

Will you accept my resignation from the charge of High Commissioner, as well as all my thanks for your kind support which never failed me and for the clear directions you always gave me.

Yours very truly,

s. Gen Gazzera

To His Excellency
Cavaliere Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
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Roma, 24 Maggio 1945.

L'Alto Commissario
per i prigionieri di guerra

All'Ammiraglio ELLERY S T O N E
Capo della Commissione Alleata
= ROMA =

Caro Ammiraglio,

Ritengo doveroso di comunicarLe che ho rassegnato a S.E. il Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri le dimissioni dalla carica di Alto Commissario per i prigionieri di guerra con il foglio di cui annetto copia, per le ragioni in esso indicate.

Tengo ad esprimere alla S.V. il mio ringraziamento per la considerazione che da parte della S.V. è stata sempre dedicata alle questioni trattate dall'Alto Commissariato.

Il mio apprezzamento si rivolge anche al Ten.Col. Campbell ed agli ufficiali da Lui dipendenti, che hanno dimostrato sempre grande spirito di comprensione dei nostri problemi.

Sinceramente Suo

gen. Piazzoni

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L'Alto Commissario
per i prigionieri di guerra

Roma, 24 Maggio 1945.

Eccellenza,

Quindici mesi fa, tornato dalla prigionia di guerra e già nella riserva, di buon grado ho assunto l'arduo compito di Alto Commissario per i prigionieri di guerra affidatemi dal Consiglio dei Ministri, ritenendolo posto eminentemente umanitario, non politico, nel quale potessi rendere utili servizi a tanti compagni di prigionia ed a tante famiglie da essi lasciate in patria.

Ho atteso a tale missione con fede e con fervore.

Poichè ora si vuol vedere in questa carica una alta funzione politica, ritengo che essa non sia più adatta per me, che ho sempre cercato di lavorare per il Paese, al di fuori della politica.

La prego di volere accogliere le dimissioni mie da Alto Commissario e di gradire il più sentito ringraziamento per l'alto appoggio sempre concessomi e per la chiara guida sempre fornitami.

Con devozione

f.to gen. Giglioli

A Sua Eccellenza
il Cavaliere Ivanoe BONOMI
Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: 8262/EC.

5th May 1945.

AIDE MEMOIR TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON.

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR RETURNING FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

1. Now that hostilities have ended it is strongly recommended that the reception, screening, accommodation and distribution of returning Italian POW be placed entirely in the hands of the Ministry of War and implemented by the Italian Army. This is being done to a great extent with Italian POW returning from Allied sources and the Allied Commission (Italian POW Sub-Commission) is a Staff Liaison Section between the Allied authorities and the Italian Ministry of War.

2. We are already faced with the disbandment of the Fascist Italian Army, many numbers of which have already turned into stragglers and are being found in the larger cities and even as far as Rome and we shall be faced immediately with large numbers coming over the frontier.

3. The High Commissioner for POW in the Ministry of War is willing to and capable of handling this through the Italian regional commands if he can be given the necessary personnel. He has asked for 1320 at the moment and will probably want more. MMIA have been unable to approve the provision of these officers and men and it is strongly recommended that an instruction be given to MMIA that the whole of the returning Italian POW and the management of stragglers from the Italian disbanded Army be handled by the Italian forces. The Italian POW Sub-Commission will continue to exercise its liaison functions but should not become a functional organisation with teams of collecting officers, camps, etc.

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27 April 1945

Ref: IEM/36/36

SUBJECT: Change in Status of Italian Prisoners of War (Co-operators) in Italy.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

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Reference AFHQ letter dated 19 April 1945 signed by the Chief Administrative Officer.

1. The Italian Government in letter 1310/Pol/D-8 di prot dated 24 April 1945 have accepted the conditions proposed in your above-quoted letter, for the release from Prisoner of War status of Italian Prisoner of War Co-operators held in Italy, as at 1 July 1945.

2. The Italian Government request permission to publish the fact that as from 1 July 1945, all Italians held prisoner of War in Italy will become free Italian soldiers. May I be advised?

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

19 April 1945

SUBJECT: Change in Status of Italian Prisoners of War (Co-operators).

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your IPW/36/9 of 5 March, forwarding the combined proposals of the Allied Commission and the Italian Government as to how the change in status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy can be effected so as to implement paragraph 2H of FAN 487.

2. The above proposals have been considered at a conference held in this Headquarters on Friday 13 April, at which you were represented. As a result, it is proposed to recommend to the Combined Chiefs of Staff that theChange of status be made in the following manner and upon the following conditions:

a. All co-operator Prisoners of War in Italy will be released to the Italian Government on 1 July. The Italian Government will automatically retain personnel so released in units similar in formation and strength to those to which they now belong. Such personnel will accordingly be subject to Italian law, including military law.

b. The units to be formed for this purpose will have the status of BR-ITI or US-ITI units and will be subject to all terms and conditions affecting existing BR- ITI or US-ITI units. These units will be commanded by Italian officers and NCOs but the Allied authorities will reserve the right to attach to such units such Allied supervisory and technical personnel as they deem fit.

c. Personnel incorporated in these units will not be demobilized without Allied consent and transfer of such personnel as between units will be subject to Allied approval. The replacements for personnel for whom Allied consent for demobilization is given will be found from Italian Army replacement depots in the normal manner or from Italian Prisoners of War.

d. Personnel released from Prisoner of War Status will, as from the date of change of status, receive the appropriate Italian Army scales of pay, emoluments and rations.

e. The Italian Government will upon request by the Allied authorities direct the demobilization of selected personnel with a view to their voluntary employment by the Allies outside the Italian armed forces.

3. It is requested that you will approach the Italian Government with a view to securing their agreement to the foregoing modified proposals so that they may then be submitted to the Combined Chiefs of Staff as promptly as possible.

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s/ BRIAN H. ROBERTSON

t/ BRIAN H. ROBERTSON
Lieutenant General
Chief Administrative Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the President
A P O 394

To: Chief Commissioner.

From: Mr. Macmillan.

Release of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy.

At a meeting at A.F.H.Q. presided over by General Robertson at which some twenty or thirty branches were represented, I am told that an agreement was come to on a plan that seemed workable. A.F.H.Q. proposals will reach you in a day or two, and I suppose you will clear them with the Italian Government. After that they will be put to C.C.S. for formal approval.

15th April, 1945.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383.6

5 April 1945

SUBJECT: Change of Status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy in United States Custody and of Italian Cooperators in British Custody serving in Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Chief Commissioner)

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1. Reference is made to your IPW/36/9 of 5 March.

2. Since the receipt of the above the detailed comments of Sections at this HQ thereon have been received and analyzed. These comments raise issues which require important decisions on basic policy besides more detailed matters of procedure and administration.

3. It has been decided to hold a meeting at this HQ at 1430 hours Friday 13 April in the office of the Chief Administrative Officer and under his chairmanship at which the points of basic policy may be discussed with staff sections primarily concerned with a view to a further meeting being held at a later date with all concerned on the more detailed matters of procedure and administration.

4. Attached are 4 copies of the notice which has been issued in connection with the meeting on 13 April together with 4 sets of the summaries prepared of the comments made by sections at this HQ. It is requested that you be represented at the meeting by a Senior Officer and that he arrive at this HQ section during the morning of 13 April in order to allow of adequate time for discussion with representatives of this section before the CAO's meeting begins.

5. It is requested that you will confirm receipt of the above and inform this section as to who will attend from Allied Commission.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl:
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Allied Commission

G-4(A) and G-4(B) will presumably be briefed to discuss points of principle raised by the Services.

8. The meeting will be held in Room 2038 (CAO's Room, Doorway 12 Stairway 6) at 1430 hours on Friday 13 April under the chairmanship of the Chief Administrative Officer.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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G-5: 383-6

6 April 1945

SUBJECT: Change of Status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy in United States Custody and Of Italian Co-Operators in British Custody Serving in Italy.

TO : All Concerned (See Distribution List).

1. The question of a change in the status of Italian Prisoners of War held in Italy has been the subject of consideration by this Headquarters, following upon directives received from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. In this connection, the Italian Government has been invited to put forward any concrete proposals which they wish to make for making Italian PWs available to Allied Forces under substantially similar conditions of service without reduction of manpower efficiency and control.

2. On 30 January FAN 487 was received, para 2H of which directed that "The status of Italian Prisoners of War now.....held in Italy.....should be terminated by you upon adequate assurance being given that their services will continue to be made available on terms satisfactory to.....The Supreme Allied Commander."

3. On 5th March proposals were received from Allied Commission, incorporating the suggestions of the Italian Government. The proposals have been considered at this Headquarters, and the comments thereon received by this Section appear in summary form at Appendices A and B to this memorandum. These comments are very complete and require careful consideration; they fall into two main parts, comments which require decisions of policy, and comments which are concerned with more detailed matters of procedure and administration.

4. Appendix A contains the comments of Staff Sections which relate to matters of basic policy.

5. Appendix B contains more detailed comment to which attention will have to be paid if and when the basic policy is agreed.

6. In view of the divergent views revealed by analysis of the comments of the interested sections of this Headquarters, it is proposed to call a meeting at which the Staff Sections principally concerned with basic policy should attend, and at which Allied Commission will be represented, in order to attempt to arrive at a solution which will carry out the directive of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in FAN 487 referred to above.

7. It is suggested that the following be represented at the meeting, leaving it to a later meeting, at which all addressees will be invited to attend, to discuss the many points of procedure and detail which appear in Appendix B.

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APPENDIX 'A'

Analysis of the main policy objections of Staff Sections of AFHQ to Italian Gov't/Allied Commission proposals for change in status of Italian Prisoners of War (Co-Operators) in Italy.

a	Italian Govt/Allied Commission proposals contained in letter of 5 March from Chief Commissioner.	AFHQ Staff Section	Comments	Discussion
	b	c	d	e
1	All Co-operator Prisoners of War in Italy to be released at a certain date to the Italian Govt, who will automatically retain these men in units similar in formation and strength, but in accordance with the existing Italian Law, including Italian Military Law.	G-1 (A)	a. Do not concur in the transfer of prisoners of war from service units status to the Italian Army. Experience with Italian army units has demonstrated that they do not measure up in standards of efficiency, discipline, etc. to those that have been obtained by the AMG Service Units.	a. The fact that they do not measure up to standards of efficiency produced when disciplined by US/Br Officers and NCO's is no an answer to the directive of CCS. It may be that the "satisfaction" stipulated in FAN 487 will have to be less complete than the optimum. The point is that CCS require the present status terminated.
		G-1 (B)	b. It was considered that the proposal be not accepted, and that the Italian Government should be induced to authorise the transfer of Co-operators from P/W status to voluntary enlistment into Br Alien Pioneer Units, any shortage on the voluntary basis being supplied compulsorily from the Italian call up man-power resources.	b. This counter suggestion should be dealt with by Allied Commission and the Italian Gov't reaction obtained.

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APPENDIX 'A' (Con't)

Serial	Italian Govt/Allied Commission Proposals contained in letter of 5 March from Chief Commissioner.	AFHQ Staff Section	Comments	Discussion
	b	c	d	e
		G-1 (B) (Contd)	The proposal does not comply with the CCS directive that SAC must be provided with services at least equal in efficiency to those received under the present organisation of co-operators.	This is NOT what FAN 467 says. It requires "adequate assurance....that services will continue to be made available on terms satisfactory.....".
		G-4	c. It is desirable to keep prisoners of war in their present status, since if standard of living is reduced for any reason, their services will become far less valuable, and considerable loss of disciplinary control will result. U.S. Service Units have been released from theatre on basis that Italian Service Units would be available for replacement, and availability of latter will have considerable effect on redeployment. The next best solution is to release them from both their prisoner and military status.	c. See a. above. This would not make their services available in accordance with CCS directive.
		QM	d. It is considered that the ISU (ex POW) are much more effective in the war effort than are US-ITIS. Recommended that no change be made at present.	d. See a. above.

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	b	c	d	e
		Q Maint & S T. Branch	e. Co-Operator Units are "infinitely superior" to those Br-ITI Units included in ST organisation. Italian standards of organisation and administration are so low as to be of little practical value.	e. See a. above
		LOV & TN & TN (BR)	f. British cadres and British administration make co-operator units (4) employed by ST much more efficient and reliable than all-Italian Units. To make units all Italian would result in a serious loss of efficiency and reliability.	f. See a. above
		Eng. (A)	g. Any change in status would result in marked decrease in efficiency and work output. Prefer conversion of PO/ Units to US-ITI Units of similar type and strength, in which case allotments of supervisory personnel should not be reduced.	g. See a. above Presumably ceiling wo... ferred to Italian Army ce... tish Co-operators to Br-I... U.S. to U.S.-ITI ceiling. ... matter to be referred to ...
		Eng. (Br)	h. Assumed that proposed change of status would result in co-operator units becoming Br-ITI units.	h. See g. above

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		Ord(A) and G-4(Ops)	i. A serious decline in morale, physical strength, health and ability will be suffered. It would be better to have POW's concerned restored to civilian status.	i. See a. above Contrast g. and h. above Restoration to civilian status would not make their services available in accordance with CCS directive.
		C-in-C MED	j. Two co-operator coys are disposed of by C-in-C Med. Most undesirable any changes should be made except in name.	j. See a. above.
		RAF	k. Require to be assured that personnel employed as RAF Coys will be attached to RAF Units as before. Serious discontent will arise among North African Co-operators (5,000) if their "brothers are released in Italy".	k. The anomolous situation of POW held outside Italy was presumably in the mind of CCS when directive was drafted.
2	Subsequently the Italian Gov't will demobilise those over age, and where necessary, postpone the demobilization of certain specialists until replacements can be found. The Italian Gov't will also take steps to induce certain types of trained specialist personnel (due for demobilization) to serve	G-1(A)	1. Does not concur in a proposed demobilization of certain of the men now in POW Service Units. Determination of the individuals for release is a matter for major commander utilizing their services.	1. If Italian Army authorities are to control their own troops, they must have jurisdiction over demobilisation. Certain safeguards would have to be specified, as indicated in 2m, 2o, 2p, 2q, 2r and 2s following.

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	C-in-C MED	j. Two co-operator coys are disposed of by C-in-C Med. Most undesirable any changes should be made except in name.	j. See a. above.	
	R.A.F	k. Require to be assured that personnel employed as R.A.F Coys will be attached to R.A.F Units as before. Serious discontent will arise among North African Co-operators (5,000) if their "brothers are released in Italy".	k. The anomolous situation of POW held outside Italy was presumably in the mind of CCS when directive was drafted.	
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	...ret a further period by offering a cash bonus.	G-1(B)	m. The personnel of co-operator units would be turned over almost immediately, older and skilled men being replaced by unskilled and untrained boys from recent call ups.	m. See 1 above.
		G-4	n. Better to keep them in their civilian status, and hire the majority as civilians, although standard of living would not be as high as at present.	
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		Q Maint & S & T	p. As S&T employ considerable number of skilled operator artificers, essential to ensure that men of same standard who are required to replace them would be provided. No skilled artificer should be released until his relief has been tested and proved satisfactory.	p. See 1. above.

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APPENDIX 'A' (Cont'd)

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		REME	q. No reduction of Italians employed can be entertained. Co-operator Wkshp Coys should be converted into Italian Military Wkshp Coys. Necessary to have a supervisory British staff for each coy.	q. See 1. above.
		Eng. (A)	r. Personnel now in units should be kept as many are artisans and/or skilled workers. Allotment of supervisory personnel should not be reduced.	r. See 1. above.
		Eng. (B)	s. PW should not be demobilised until replacements are available. Italian officers must be accepted; not considered desirable to attach British Officers to units.	s. See 1. above.
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		M&TN & S & T	v. Unless there is considerable improvement in organisation for ensuring that properly trained replacements are available, considerable difficulty will ensue.	
		U.S. POLAD	w. Repatriation of Italian POW in French hands is subject to direct negotiation between Italian and French Governments.	
		Eng. (Br)	x. A ruling will be required regarding status of co-operator units remaining in N. Africa. A change in their status might have political repercussions with French, leading to our having to withdraw such units to Italy and replace them with British Units, a course of action which is deprecated.	

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APPENDIX 'B'

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1. Disposal of T/E equipment (G-4(A)).
2. No PX or NAAFI facilities should be made available after relief (PMG(A); QM; G-3)
3. Possibility is suggested of repatriating approximately 1300 surplus officer POW now at Casablanca (PMG(A)).
4. Question of identity documents, vehicle documents, and all charges will have to be considered. (PMB)).
5. The question of absentees and deserters would have to devolve on Italian Army. (PM(B)).
6. MMIA should be invited to comment. (G-3, QM).
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(a) Cash Payment and Credit System Co-Operators. - Co-operators receive a cash payment throug unit imprest and their entitlement as a credit; remittances can be made from the accummulated funds of th credit but the r for meeting such remittances rests with the Italian Army financial authorities.

Accordingly, a clear-cut instruction will be required on the procedure to be adopted for the handover o accounting and the disposal of existing unit records. It is presumed that any cash balance due to the indiv paid in full up to the date of conversion.

(b) Unit G.1098. - It is suggested that items of unit G.1098 up to the authorised scale of the Italian Army Unit panies are being converted should be retained from existing G.1098; only surplus items to be withdrawn.

(c) Clothing and Necessaries. - It is recommended that the same principle should be adopted as in para (b) abov will be required on their retention or otherwise of

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(ii) Chocolate coloured Battledress of the Co-operator units ex ME.

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(e) 63? Italian Pioneer Company (Co-operator). - This unit, although formed on WE XII/956/1, contains a high pe artisans and has been solely employed by MEDME as a skilled unit in baseworkshops.

It is considered therefore that if the services of these artisans are still required, the unit should be the skilled personnel absorbed within a suitable BR-ITI MEDME unit.

12. Accounting instruction regarding the closing of Co-operators' accounts will have to be issued. (Financial Adviser

13. Payment of credit balances is the responsibility of the Italian Government. (DPIC.) (Financial Adviser)

14. Disposal instructions regarding impounded personal effects and cash will have to be issued. (Financial Adviser)

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Labour Directorate

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onus is not concurred. (US Fiscal Director)

rge should be made through normal U.S. disbursing facilities, and properly verified; payrolls must be submitted for proper computation. Concurrances of Treasury Dept for any plan for payment, and of Comptroller General for lement of claims against U.S., must be obtained. (U.S. Fiscal Director).

E of RACC Italian Co-operator units should not be removed. (Ord (B)).

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ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQBG

ALLIED COMMISSION ROME INFO ACC BULGARIA (BRITISH DELEGATION)

CONFIDENTIAL.

Reference ACC BULGARIA M/869 March 21 not to ALLIED COMMISSION. ACC BULGARIA request you ask Italian Government to inform their representative in MOSCOW that they approve the employment of 21 ex Italian P.O.W. by British Delegation ACC in SOFIA. This information to be passed to Soviets with a request that they confirm it to Russian head ACC BULGARIA. British Delegation will undertake to return Italians to ITALY on completion engagement with them.

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ACTION: WmD & POW S/C
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
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MAR 23 RECD

22 March 1945

IPW/18/255

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter N/28870/18344/1.1.12 dated 14 March with regard to the treatment of soldiers belonging to the Army and Partisan formations.

The matter has been investigated and instructions were issued - some few days ago to the Camp Commandants and others - for each case to be examined at the earliest possible moment to decide which class or catagory it should come under - Prisoners of War or civilian internees.

As the examination proceeds those classified as Civilian Internees will be moved to Padula while Prisoners of War will be interned in Prisoner of War Camps in accordance with the procedure as laid down.

It is considered that the examination and inspections will be completed in about three weeks time.

With reference to paragraph 4 of your letter, as your suggestion that each individual case should be examined is now being carried out, it would appear that there is no longer any necessity to form the Commission of Italian officers.

Yours very truly,

sgd. N.E.FISKE. Col.

for ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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AFHQ FOR MEDUSA

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REFERENCE YOUR FX FOUR ZERO FOUR SIX AMID OF NINE MARCH CITE NAMES FD UTILIZATION OF GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN AREAS UNDER AC SLASH AMG SUPERVISION HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND IT IS THE OPINION OF THIS HQ AND CONCURRED IN BY THE ITALIAN MINISTER OF LABOR THAT SUCH EMPLOYMENT SHOULD BE CONFINED TO MINE CLEARANCE AND ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT ARE IN NO WAY COMPETITIVE TO THE CIVILIAN LABOR MARKET FD

PARIS TO AFHQ FOR MTOUSA FROM ALCOM CITE ACMED PARIS FD

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN POW AND CIVILIAN RATIONS WOULD LEAD TO WIDESPREAD LABOR UNREST WITH CONSEQUENT POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS FD THESE PRISONERS OF WAR SHOULD ONLY BE USED IN MILITARY SERVICES UNDER ARMY CONTROL OMA HOWEVER NOT REPEAT NOT IN ANY WAY TO REPLACE ITALIAN LABOR NOW BEING EMPLOYED BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES AS FOR EXAMPLE IN PORTS OMA OR STORAGE DEPTS OMA TRUCK COMPANIES OMA ETC FD

FOUR ZERO FOUR SIX FOUR SEVEN NINE

FOR THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

/s/ STEARNS

Deputy Exec Comdr

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CC 703
MAR 16 REC'D
Chief Comm'r

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

n. 28870/18344/1.1.12

Rome, 14 March 1945

Dear Admiral,

Soldiers belonging to the partisan formations and to the Army are put together with the civilians in the concentration camps organized by the Allies in Afragola and Aversa.

The charges against them are quite different in kind; they go from that of being a combattent in the republican fascist forces and that of collaborating with the enemy to arbitrary absence from military service or suspect attitude.

Such a situation which implies the life in common of such different elements without classification or distinction of military rank, is likely to bring about quarrels and unpleasant incidents, if we keep in mind the present psychological condition of the prisoners.

To eliminate this possibility, I would like to propose to you, my dear Admiral, to take in consideration the opportunity of forming a commission of Italian officers, to examine every individual to see whether he must be classified as prisoner of war or interned for determinate reasons.

Let me tell you that this organ could contribute to shorten for many elements a stay which has been lasting for a very long time while they were waiting for their position to be cleared up.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

See (4)

S. I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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Action: CA
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Exec Comm'r
Joint Forces Sec (Main)

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FX 40469 —
MAR 09/1623A

D/4659
MAR 10/0830
ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED MTOUSA CITE NAGDS.
5TH ARMY, PENBASE, ADRIATIC BASE COMMAND, REPLACEMENT AND TRAINING COMMAND, INFO: ALCOM, ROME AREA.

SECRET.

1. In view of events now in progress and a possibility of US being confronted with the necessity of guarding, feeding and employing a large number of German prisoners of war it will be necessary to construct main prisoners of war enclosures.

2. The location of these enclosures will be determined by the ability of the major commands to utilize these prisoners. These main enclosures will be guarded and administered by PWB.

3. It is desired to utilize these prisoners to the maximum.

4. Base on the above, it is requested that this Headquarters be furnished:

A. The number of German prisoners of war which can be used by your command.

B. Approximately where prisoners are to be used and for what duties.

C. Length of time German prisoners of war may be usefully employed.

5. Reports are to reach this Headquarters on 16 March 1945 current.

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXEC COMM
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Ref: I2W/36/3

5 March 1945

SUBJECT: Change in status of Italian Prisoners of War (Co-operators) in Italy.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. With reference to para. 2(h) of FAN 487 (the new directive from Combined Chiefs of Staff on the Allied Commission) and your letter dated 23rd. November 1944 signed by General Gammell, Chief of Staff.

2. The following embodies the combined proposals of the Commission and the Italian Government as to how the change in status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy can be carried out.

(a) All Co-operator Prisoners of War in Italy to be released at a certain date to the Italian Government, who will automatically retain these men in units similar in formation and strength, but in accordance with the existing Italian law, including Italian Military law.

(b) Subsequently the Italian Government will demobilise those over age, and where necessary postpone the demobilisation of certain specialists until replacements can be found. The Italian Government will also take steps to induce certain types of trained specialist personnel (due for demobilisation) to serve for a further period by offering a cash bonus.

(c) Replacements for those discharged to be found from Italian Army replacement depots in the normal manner, and/or from Italian Prisoners of War (who have many specialists amongst their numbers) to be repatriated as soldiers from North Africa (especially those in French hands), Egypt, Kenya, India, and South Africa (it is stated by the Italian Government that no labour units have been formed in South Africa although many Prisoners of War have volunteered to co-operate.)

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(d) Allied officers and Non-Commissioned officers with co-operator units to be replaced by Italian officers and Non-Commissioned officers, and where essential a cadre of Allied officers to remain.

(e) The present rate of pay now received by Co-operators will cease, and as from the date of change of status they will go on to appropriate Italian Army scales of pay and emoluments.

(f) Co-operators on release to receive in cash all credit balances due; and to retain the privilege and benefit of purchasing PX/NAAFI stores for a limited period until canteen facilities can be provided by the Italian Army. However, as a number of Army re-inforcement personnel will (vide 2(c) above) be drafted to replace wastage, there may well be difficulties in having in the same unit some men with access to PX/NAAFI stores and others without. For this reason, it may be considered preferable to pay out instead a final cash bonus to all Co-operators, apart from the bonus suggested in 2(b) above.

(g) The ceiling of the Italian Army to be increased by the number of Co-operators now in and destined for Italy.

3. Although these proposals may give rise to certain difficulties from the Allied military point of view, they represent in my opinion, the best method of carrying out the terms of FAN 487 and should be accepted.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Chief Comm'r. ✓
Executive Comm'r.
Italian POW S/C (originator)
Land Forces S/C

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24 February 1945

AIDE MEMOIRE FOR COMMUNICATION TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BY THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE CONTENTS OF THE NEW DIRECTIVE ON THE FUNCTIONS OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION

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EXTRACT:

11. The Allied Nations desire to make concessions with regard to Italian prisoners of war now or hereafter held in Italy, other than those captured since the Armistice was signed. Provided that arrangements can be made for the services of such persons to continue to be made available on terms satisfactory to the Supreme Allied Commander, their status as prisoners of war will be terminated.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

22 February 1945.

Ref: 9001/25/AC.

SUBJECT: Change in status of Italian POW (Cooperators) in Italy.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)
YAD & IPW Sub-Commission.

1. The Chief Commissioner does not agree with the proposals contained in draft IPW/36/9. He considers that the suggested scheme would create such difficulties for the armed forces that they would be compelled to reject it.

2. The Chief Commissioner directs that you should study the question anew on the basis of creating special auxiliary labour companies to which these POW would be transferred on practically the same conditions of pay, rations, etc., as they are now enjoying. The Chief Commissioner realises the disadvantages that would accrue from this scheme from the point of view of the Italian Army but rules that the advantages which it would bring to the Allied war effort outweigh these.

3. Please submit a joint draft as early as possible.

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MH Lucas
Brig
Executive Commissioner

MH1/JG.

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DRAFT.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref: IPW/36/9.

February 1945.

SUBJECT: Change in status of Italian Prisoners of War (Co-operators) in Italy.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attention: Chief Administrative Officer.

(135)

1. With reference to para 2(H) of FAN 487 (the new directive from Combined Chiefs of Staff on the Allied Commission) and your letter dated 23 November 1944 signed by General Gammell, Chief of Staff.

(131)

2. The following embodies the combined proposals of the Italian Government and the Land Forces Sub-Commission as to how the change of status of Italian Prisoners of War in Italy can be carried out:

(a) All co-operator Prisoners of War in Italy to be released at a certain date and returned simultaneously to the Italian authorities who will automatically re-employ them in the Italian Armed Forces in accordance with existing laws.

(b) Subsequently the Italian Government will demobilise those over age and where necessary postpone the demobilisation of certain specialists until replacements can be found.

(c) Replacements for those discharged to be found from younger soldiers called up: as the replacements available from this source will not be sufficient, the balance to be found from Italian Prisoners of War (who have many specialists amongst their numbers) to be repatriated as soldiers from North Africa (especially those in French hands), Egypt, Kenya, India and South Africa (it is stated by the Italian Government

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Attention: Chief Administrative Officer.

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(c) Replacements for those discharged to be found from younger soldiers called up: as the replacements available from this source will not be sufficient, the balance to be found from Italian Prisoners of War (who have many specialists amongst their numbers) to be repatriated as soldiers from North Africa (especially those in French hands), Egypt, Kenya, India and South Africa (it is stated by the Italian Government that no labour units have been formed in South Africa although many Prisoners of War have volunteered to co-operate).

(d) The co-operator units to remain, as far as possible, similar in formation and strength as they are at present. Allied officers and non-commissioned officers to be replaced by Italian officers and non-commissioned officers, who will be posted as required.

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(f) Co-operators on release to receive in cash all credit balances due, as recompense for the loss of other benefits.

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