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51	Cbl Freedom F 51746	28 May 44	Fatima FNMM	Agree release Parlormo for Crown Princes staff AFHQ permit Gen Traina go North Africa pick personnel from POW Release of Sergeant Major Raffaele Viscido May reply be given to our outgoing F 51746 28 May Dr. Vitale working with American services Tangier no objection returning Italy for definite job App a - G-5 014.33 AFHQ 8 Jun Incl 1 - 43/143/1503 7 Jun AFHQ Incl 2 - 43/143/1503 12 May AFHQ Arrangements being made return of Maj Carlo E. Buscaglia Maj Carlo E. Buscaglia being returned to Italy from USA Release of POW over 50 years of age Request list 2543 surplus Ital officers PW Camp 131 App a - Ltr AFHQ 383.6 30 May ACC App b - Ltr AFHQ 383.6 19 Apr ACC App c - Ind 1 & 2 20 May & 26 May High Commissioner's request repatriation PW's compassionate grounds Thanks communication re repatriation for humanitarian reasons
52	Cbl ACC Rear 2824	28 May 44	Distwo	
53	Ltr Capt Stone DCC 014.33	4 Jun 44	HQ AAI	
54	Cbl AFHQ F 56052	7 Jun 44	ACC FNMM	
55	Ltr Capt Stone DCC 014.33	13 Jun 44	Marshal Badoglio	
55a	Ltr Col Beevor G/105	8 Jun 44	AFHQ & ACC	
55b	No large scale evacuation practicable on grounds of security	7 Jun 44	Italians Albania security	
56	Cbl CG Netouse F 56227	7 Jun 44	ACC Main	
57	Cbl ACC Rear 2893 FNMM	11 Jun 44	DISTWO	
58	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/390	12 Jun 44	Ital Govt POW	
59	Ltr Capt Stone DCC 383.6	16 Jun 44	AFHQ G-5	
60	Ltr Camp bell ASC/1/26	16 Jun 44	AFHQ G-5	
60a	Ltr Gen Gazzera 399/Pol/I-4	18 Jun 44	HQ ACC	

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40	Ltr Maj Doe D 014.33	9 May 44	Capt Eyre Hq 71 Sub Area CMF	Repatriation of Dr. Massimo Vitale latest word AFHQ engaged to be repatriated end of April App a - Permit for repatriation of Dr. Massimo Vitale fr Col Mayne to SG HQ ACC 8 May ref 106/2
41	Ltr Maj Doe SG 014.33	9 May 44	AFHQ MGS	Req more info re status of Dr. Massimo Vitale for repatriation
42	Cbl MMIA AQ1112	9 May 44	Filpot & ACC	Ref AAI/3072/2/A(0) 27 Apr sug repatriated POW disembark Brindisi or Bari due to Small Pox in Naples Ref Gen Gazzera's ltr 123 Pol 2 May re repatriation POW for humanitarian reasons
43	Ltr Capt Stone DCC 014.33	18 May 44	Gen Depino	App a - Ltr referred to above
44	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/289	13 May 44	AFHQ CofS MGS	Appointing Gen Pralormo to Crown Prince's staff & Gen Fratini in Gen Castellano's place
45	Ltr Messe 1308640p	16 May 44	Gen MacFarlane	Crown Prince agrees appointment Gen Pralormo to his staff please repatriate him as soon as possible
46	Cbl MMIA AQ1177	19 May 44	ACC Rear Campbell	Advance notice to be given of numbers & ETA of repatriated Ital wounded App a - Cbl ACC Rear to MMIA 2767 16 May App b - Cbl AFHQ to ACC Rear F - 45458 13 May App c - Cbl ACC Rear to AFHQ 2730 9 May
47	Ltr MacFarlane CC 014.33	22 May 44	Gen Gammell	Repatriation of Ital POW for humanitarian reasons those over 50 or 60 having served 2 years Incl 1 - Document of Ital Govt 123 Pol. 2 May
48	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/328	23 May 44	Messe	Already requested Gen Pralormo repatriation
49	Cbl PBS CO MBS H-8418	26 May 44	Natoua & IBS	Ital POW personnel departing & also 50 Ital civilian internees transferred from Sicily
50	Cbl Natoua F 51878	28 May 44	AGWAR & ACC	Request repatriation Maj C E Buscaglia from US for Air For SC

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30a	Ltr Gen Gammell	23 Apr 44	Gen MacFarlane	Pursuing matter General Vittorio Emanuele Bernardo di Pralormo no objection security awaiting reply India to questionnaire by G-1 (B)
31	Ltr MacFarlane CG 014.33	25 Apr 44	Gen Orlando	Repatriation of Brig dei CC.RR. DI MAURO Antonio approved travel arrangements being made App a - Ltr MGS 014.33 23 Apr on the same as above the approval
32	Cbl Fatima Rear 2672	26 Apr 44	Totali	Req Rep if port Taranto able to handle return repatriated Ital PW Naples impracticable (Reception Dep)
33	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/233	26 Apr 44	Gen Browning	Req agreement to press AFHQ on repatriation off named att list Incl I- Ltr 12517/OP 19 Apr two for priority repatriation
34	Ltr MacFarlane CC/G/234	26 Apr 44	AFHQ att: MGS	Req agreement release badly wounded PW on memo fr Gazzera Incl I- List att ltr ref above Incl II- Ltr 13 Mil 14 Feb req for repatriation of prisoners in list
35	Ltr Capt Stone	26 Apr 44	Marshal Badoglio App A App B & Incl	Dr Vitale on important local work but will be returned to Italy when finished
37	Ltr Gen MacFarlane	29 Apr 44	Gen Gammell	Thanks ltr 23 Apr re repatriation Gen Vittorio Emanuele Bernardo di Pralormo for Gen Castellano relief to report to Comando Supremo
38	Ltr MacFarlane CC 014.33	28 Apr 44	Hq Force 266 CMF	Reply to Memo SF/101/7/Comd 21 Apr re repatriation of Italians in Albania App a - Ltr referred to above on same subject
39	Ltr MacFarlane	29 Apr 44	Gen Gammell	Re repatriation & assignment of Gen Pralormo in place of Gen Castellano to report Com Sup first
39a	Ltr Gen Gammell	3 May 44	Gen MacFarlane	Ref ltr 29 Apr re Gen Pralormo approve replace Gen Castellano no objection report Comando Supremo

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				5. Ltr 199 Badoglio 18 Jan to Gen MMW requesting Vitale. B) Action taken by Major Doe on DCC 014.33 of 10 Apr: Ltr SG 014.33 11 Apr 44 to AFHQ, asking for Dr. Vitale. 1 ENCLOSURE: Ltr 014.33 20 Jan from Doe to AFHQ re repatr. Vitale.
21	Cbl Fatima 3288	15 Apr 44	Fatima Rear Army	Para of Freedom 27260: Proposed to ship 170 sick lt POW on Princ. Giovanni. Request approval.
22	Ltr CG/G/198 MacFarlane	16 Apr 44	AFHQ MGS	Pls try to repatriate Gen. Orlando's orderly for me.
23	Ltr CG/G/197 MacFarlane	16 Apr 44	Gen Orlando	Thank you for your letter. Will try to get your orderly.
24	Cbl Fat Rear 2636 Army Sub-Comm	16 Apr 44	Freedom	Ref 27260 & Fatima 3288: proposal accepted. Ship to Bari.
25	Cbl Free F 33714	17 Apr 44	Mov info Fat Rear	Ref 2636: 170 sick POW will come in on Oxfordshire to Taranto.
26	Cbl Free F 33799	18 Apr 44	Fatima	Ref 2636: Ship used will be Oxfordshire and not Princ. Giovanni.
27	Cbl Fat Rear 2640 Col. Quin-Smith	18 Apr 44	MMIA	Ref Fat 3288, accepted & take it ship avail. for general service.
28	Cbl MOV 5/11 ADNAP	19 Apr 44	MOVIT	Oxfordshire due Taranto 22 Apr, has 170 POW. Will go Naples.
29	Cbl Fatima Rear 2661	24 Apr 44	Freedom	Ref F 35091 20 Apr Ital Govt can accept ENCLOSURE 29a Incl - Ref referred to above desire send Italy hospital ship 999 Ital POWs please accept
30	Ltr Quin-Smith QS 298	23 Apr 44	SG Main HQ ACC	Ref att ltr 12517/OP 19 Apr re Repatriation of PW disabled for life with list & covering ltr 13 Mil 14 Apr Incl I- Ltr 12517/OP 19 Apr two for priority repatriation Incl II- Ltr 13 Mil 18 Apr request for repatriation of prisoners Incl II- Att list to above ltr

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16b	Ltr AFHQ 383.6-3 GAP*AGM Gen Gammell	11 Mar 44	DCC ACC	Reply to MacFarlane's 77/3/CA of 20 Feb 44: Impossible to release Ital Med O POW because of shortage of such for Ital POW now in Africa. Blanket releases like this cannot be approved: submit specific wants.
19	Memo: Col Quinsmith	14 Mar 44	DCC	Ref atchd ltr: plan for forwarding indiv. cases for repatr., esp those very sick POW, in lieu of a definite AGWAR policy.
19a	Memo Q5123 Col Quinsmith	17 Mar 44	DCC	1 ENCLOSURE: 1) Ltr Messe #11642/OP, asking for repatr. of Gen's ERUSCI & PITASSI, now very ill in USA.
19b	Ltr DCC 014.33 Captain Stone	24 Mar 44	Messe	Quoting final sentence of AFHQ 383.6-3 of 11 March, perhaps indiv. cases (esp of those POW who are sick,) might be considered by AFHQ.
19c	Ltr DCC 014.33 Captain Stone	24 Mar 44	AFHQ	Ref No. 11642/OP of 7 March, question of repatr. for POW seriously ill being studied. Answer soon.
20	Ltr 12113 Messe	31 Mar 44	ACC	Requested that Genrels ERUSCI & PITASSI, seriously ill, be repatr. Request repatriation of Gen. Castellano; & release of Gen. PRALORMO from India to take his place.
20a	Ltr CC/P/178 MacFarlane	6 Apr 44	Gen Gammell AFHQ	Messe wants Castellano, with substitution of Pralormo. Advise.
20b	Ltr DCC 014.33 Capt. Stone	8 Apr 44	Messe	Ref yours of 31 Mar, AFHQ is being asked to act.
21	Ltr DCC 014.33 Capt. Stone	10 Apr 44	SG Main Hq	Repatriation of Dr. VITALE; follow up should be made by your office.
21a	Ltr AFHQ MGS c 091.711 Italian Soldiers in Albania & Greece	12 Apr 44	HQ ACC	2 ENCLOSURES: 1) Ltr 139/37/CA fr RC & MG Capt Cunliffe, 8 Apr. to VP Adm Sec. 2) Ltr 014.33 of 20 Jan Doe to CINC.

APPENDICES:

- A) 1. 11/1.1/AS Stansgate to RC & MG, 9 Apr not sent.
2. 139/37/CA see Incl 1 a/m
3. Ltr 014.33 20 Jan see Incl 2 a/m.
4. Ltr EWS 20 Jan to Bad., request re Vitale fwd'd to AFHQ.

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14a	Ltr Stone	19 Feb 44	Ministry of Interior, Ital. Govt.	Re 14, case of Dr Falcone & others at Kenya being forwarded to Allied authorities in Algiers for action. Will advise outcome.
14b	Ltr Stone	19 Feb 44	AFHQ	Request of Italian Govt forwarded herewith for action (See 14.)
16	Ltr MacFarlane 77/3/CA	20 Feb 44	CINC AFHQ	Head of Army Sub-Com has indicated shortage of medical O in Italian Army. Italian Gen Staff has asked for the release of medical O now in POW camps in N. Africa & other theatres. This will benefit Italian Army & civilians & will fulfil Allies obligation under Articles 9 & 12 of Geneva Convention. Matter should be dealt separately fr that of normal POW procedure. Requirements listed.
16a	Memo Capt Collins	21 Feb 44	Capt Slaughter	Re 16 above, Brig. Parkinson has concurred.
17	Cbl Fargo 1202 MacFarlane	22 Feb 44	Freedom CS & MGS	Chief of Air Sub-Com desires all Italian Air Force POW in Sicily be handed to Italian Air Force. They are required in connection with substitution of RAF & USAAF personnel. Anticipate asking for more Italian POW of Air Force, thus raising question of policy. Let me have your reaction.
18	Ltr Lt Col. Parkinson, Jr.	24 Feb 44	GHQ, MEF	Request by Ital. Govt that their Nationals, lately residing in Somaliland, be permitted to return to their homes & resume their occupation. It is requested you examine this matter & inform us of decision.

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11	Ltr Stone	20 Jan 44	Badoglio	Acknowledged ltr to MacFarlane dtd 17 Jan on repatriation of Dr Massimo Adolfo Vitale.
9b	Cbl PBS 5368	15 Jan 44	Fatima	Holding two Italian NCO's. Screened at this base as A POW for transfer to AGC care Sq. Ldr Johnstone. Also holding Lt Natoli Class A for transfer to AGC. Request info as to where & when they can be delivered.
10b	Cbl Fatima 2047	20 Jan 44	Freedom	Re Freedom's 30796. Italian Govt desires repatriation Tumino & Coletti.
9c	Fatima 2089	22 Jan 44	PBS	Re PBS's 5368 on return of POW, Sq Ldr Johnstone will contact you personally regard to Taibi & Fornalino. Lt Natoli should be sent to Brindisi to report to Comando Supremo.
9d	Memo Italian Liaison O.	22 Jan 44	Maj Doe	Re your verbal info on arrival of Dr. Natoli at Naples, Comando Supremo expects him in Brindisi.
12	Cabl Freedom 4228	24 Jan 44	Fatima	Repatriation of 617 Italians fr US No. African camp desired. 250 require hospitalization. Request approach Italian Govt & secure their acceptance of these individuals.
13	Cbl Devers W-1305/4185	28 Jan 44	Fatima (Info)	Release & ret to Italy is requested of Gen. Brunetti now POW in US, provided there is no objection by WD. Release requested by Italian High Command for reorganization of Italian Army Gen. Staff. Release recommended.
2c	Cbl Freedom 45443	31 Jan 44	Fatima	Re 2b. Authority granted repatriation parachutists POW. Info requested as to where they are to be sent.
14	Ltr Under Sec of State Itl. Gov No. 338	1 Feb 44	AGC	Request for the Pres of Consorzio Agrario, Genale (Somalia), Dr. Falcone to return with other internees to resume own business.
15	Ltr MacFarlane	18 Feb 44	Badoglio	Re your request for repatriation of Lt Sergio now in Russia, doubt ability to secure release unless good reason in connection war effort exists.

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3b	Ltr Italian Liaison Sect No. 0074/LP	5 Jan 44	Deputy Pres. ACC	Your note dtd 2 Jan, Comando Supremo advise Bari is best port for landing POW being repatriated fr UK.
7	Badoglio No. 66 Ltr.	8 Jan 44	Gen Joyce	Prince of Piedmont desires repatriation of Gen Grillo, now POW at Monticello, Arkansas.
2a	Ltr MELA SD/2/	9 Jan 44	ACC	Ref to 2. (page one) request info on action being taken.
8	Cbl Freedom W-9815-26590	10 Jan 44	Fatima (Info)	If considered secure, request return of Generals Boselli, La Perla POW in USA. They have been requested by Italian Govt for reorganization Ministry of War & Army Gen Staff.
9	Cbl Freedom 26890	11 Jan 44	Fatima	Natoli, Taibi & Borsalino requested by ACC departed Oran by water.
10	Cbl Freedom W9965/27389	12 Jan 44	Fatima (Info)	Release & return to Italy is requested of Italians Generals Boselli, La Perla & Bellotti, now in USA, if no objection by WD.
9a	Cbl PBS 4973 Pence	12 Jan 44	Fatima-Joyce	Cbl H-3574 received by PBS: Lt Francesco Natori, Maresciello Taibi & Brig Borsalino expected to arrive at Brindisi for ACC. Escorted by American Sgt. No knowledge held this Hq of these Q.
2b	Ltr ACC Maj Doe	13 Jan 44	CINC AFHQ	List of 0 to be repatriated at the request of Italian Govt.
7a	Ltr Gen Joyce	13 Jan 44	Badoglio	Ref Badoglio's Ltr No. 66 dtd 8 Jan, have requested AFHQ to ask for repatriation of Brig. Grillo.
10c	Cbl Freedom 30796	19 Jan 44	Fatima	Generals Boselli, Laferla, Belletti & Admiral Manfredi are being dispatched as soon as air transport available. Laferla & Boselli requested repatriation of Maj Giovanni Tumino & Lt Colletti. Request your concurrence on the release of these two officers

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1	Ltr Rotouea Brig. Dillon	10 Dec 43	CG AMGOT Hq	Request for the return of POW cannot be granted unless statement need is furnished. Gives names of add POW located. The Italian Gen. Staff is re-organizing Parachute Div. Will examine possibility of releasing men willing to join units being organized? List of POW being repatriated fr UK. Informing about POW being repatriated fr UK. Security is concerned with presence of Italians in Portuguese West Africa. Security check on the spot impossible. Arrangement have been made for Italians to go fr Lourenco Marques to Casablanca to undergo screening. Those found reliable would be sent to Italy, the rest to UK for internment. It is necessary for Italian Govt through Lisbon rep to request fr Portuguese Govt repatriation to Casablanca of Italians. Understood Portuguese Govt readily accede to request. Treat urgently. Understand Italian O & OR's fr Greece are interned in Egypt as POW. These obviously are not to be considered POW. Will appreciate your taking matter up with AFHQ. Italian High Command requests repatriation of Italian O & EM escaped fr Greece after armistice, now reported interned as POW in Egypt. Italian Govt request repatriation Admiral Manfredi now in USA.
2	Ltr Italian Gen Staff 883/NOTH /V	13 Dec 43	MM 1 A	
3	Chl Freedom 22156	1 Jan 44	Fatima	
3a	Memo Capt Collins	2 Jan 44	Col. Rossi	
4	Chl Freedom 22949 Eisenhower	3 Jan 44	Fatima - Joyce	Understand Italian O & OR's fr Greece are interned in Egypt as POW. These obviously are not to be considered POW. Will appreciate your taking matter up with AFHQ. Italian High Command requests repatriation of Italian O & EM escaped fr Greece after armistice, now reported interned as POW in Egypt. Italian Govt request repatriation Admiral Manfredi now in USA.
5	Ltr Comando Supremo No. 100130F Nesse	2 Jan 44	CG AOC	
5a	Chl Fatima 1802	4 Jan 44	Freedom	
6	Chl Fatima 1830	5 Jan 44	Fatima	

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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

No. 399/Pol/I-4 of Prot.

Subject: Memorandum

To: Hq Allied Control Commission
Office of the Chief Commissioner

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Cava dei Tirreni, 18 June 1944

With reference to letter CC/G/390 dated 12 June 1944.

I thank you for the communication made to me regarding
the memorandum about repatriation for humanitarian reasons.

I await the decisions that the higher Allied authorities
will take in this matter.

/s/ P. Gazzera

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
(General Pietro Gazzera)

Trans - Sgt Shenfield/lws

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OGGETTO : Memorandum.

Secy General
Cava dei Timoni, 18 giugno 1944

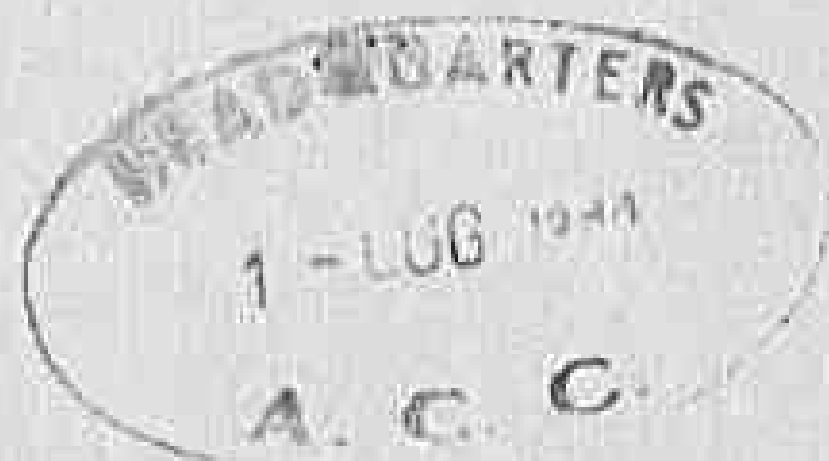
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Office of The Chief Commissioner
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Riferimento foglio CC/G/390 datato 12 giugno corrente.

Ringrazio per la comunicazione fattami in merito al memorandum circa rimpatri per ragioni umanitarie.

Rimango in attesa delle decisioni che prenderanno al riguardo le Autorità superiori.

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO
(Generale Pietro Gazzera)



P. Gazzera
21/6/44

ARMY SUB-COMMISSION
 REAR H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

ABO 1/26
 16 June 1944

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

Subject: Repatriation of Prisoners of War.

20 JUN 1944

The High Commissioner for PW has requested the repatriation of the following PW's on compassionate grounds:-

- 1/. 2nd Lt. Eugenio Panasci, PW No. 40155, Camp 356 (B) East Africa.

He has been a prisoner for six years, because captured in Abyssinia in December 1937, was held by the rebels and then consigned to the British authorities.

- 2/. Engineer Giuseppe Masullo son of Luigi - PW No. 21890, Camp No. 360 Section A c/o APO, East Command, Africa.

He has been a prisoner since 1941, his wife died leaving five young children in the care of their grandfather who is very badly off. Residence of family: Passiano di Cava dei Terrini.

- 3/. Marshal of Royal Carabinieri, Giuseppe Tuccio - No. 74331, Camp 366 Section D, East Africa Command.

He has been prisoner since 1941 and has been in Africa ever since 1938 without interruption. He has a wife and four children in precarious financial situation. Residence of family: Monopoli (Bari) Via Bianchi, 13.

- 4/. Lt. Filippo Maria Gueritore No. 244617 Camp 26 Wing 1/3 PW c/o GPO Bombay.

He has been prisoner since 1941. Two of his brothers were killed in action. The father is eighty years old, and the mother, seventy, are invalids.

The statement concerning each case contains only the bare facts but the High Commissioner has assured me that he has investigated each case himself and asks that favourable consideration be given as in his opinion the grounds for repatriation are of a real compassionate nature.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J. A. CAMPBELL
 Lieut.-Colonel

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 ASC 1/26
 10 Jun 44

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16 JUN 1944
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DCC 363.6

1st Ind.

REAR HEADQUARTERS, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, 16 June 1944.

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

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of letter 363.6 SSCCS, Hq SOS MATUSSA, 19 April 1944, it is requested that a list showing name, rank and branch of service, and whether or not physically able for duty, of the 2543 surplus Italian officers at PW Camp #131 for whom no suitable assignment is available with Italian Service Units, be supplied the Allied Control Commission.

2. It is contemplated that such list will be used as a basis for requesting release as provided in paragraph 3 of reference letter.

3. With respect to 1st Ind, AG 091.713/555 A-C, Hq MATUSSA, 20 May 44, to reference letter, the Italian Government thru its High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, has assured this Commission that the Italian Government is prepared to accept all aged and infirm Italian officer Prisoners of War. In this connection, it is requested that the following information be submitted to AUC prior to the release of such officers:

- a. Nominal Roll
- b. Physical Classification
- c. Number requiring full hospitalization

1 Incl - u/c

cc: Army Sub-Commission

WILLIAM W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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30 May 1944

G-5 383.6

SUBJECT: Italian PW (Officers) at PW Camp #131

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

1. Attached are the following
 - (a) copy of S.O.S. NATOUSA 383.6 SSDCS of 19 April
 - (b) Copies of indorsements 1 and 2 on above
2. The above correspondence has been passed here by the Liaison Section.
3. Will you please reply to this Section giving your comments on the matter and indicating what lists you desire should be furnished.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN,
Major.

Incls:
as above

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G-5 383.6 CONFIDENTIAL
30 May 44

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383.6 SSDCS

19 April 1944

SUBJECT: Surplus Italian Officers at PW Camp #131.

TO : Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534, U.S. Army.

FOR : G-1.

1. There are at the present time 2543 surplus Italian officers at PW Camp #131 for whom no suitable assignment is available with Italian Service Units.

2. While the possibility exists that a portion of this surplus may be used in Service Units to be formed from enlisted men returned from the French or for replacement of unsuitable or released officers now assigned to Service Units, it is not anticipated that a large amount of the surplus will be necessary for such purposes.

3. To permit disposition of this surplus officer personnel and provide for the use of their services, it is recommended that in addition to the present basis for release and repatriation the following be authorized for application to this group only:

a. Release of groups of officers selected by the Italian Government (from nominal rolls to be furnished on request or by accredited representatives) for establishment of a pool to meet its needs.

b. Release on compassionate grounds when investigated and recommended by ACC, IBS or PBS.

c. Release for acceptance of civilian occupation in Allied occupied territory, or territory returned to control of Italian Government when such release would be beneficial to civilian economy.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ E. S. Turner
/t/ E. S. TURNER,
Major, A.G.D.
Asst. Adjutant General

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383.6 SSDCS
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AG 091.713/555 A-O 1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS NATOUSA, APO 534, 20 May 1944.

TO: Commanding General, SOS NATOUSA, APO 750, U. S. Army.

It is desired that prompt action be taken with Italian Representative regarding the release of aged and infirm Italian officer Prisoners of War as well as other officers who are not needed for service units.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

/s/ H. V. Roberts
/t/ H. V. ROBERTS
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

383.6-(SSAG) 2nd Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, SOS NATOUSA, APO 750, U. S. ARMY, 26 May 1944

TO: Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534.

It is requested that basic communication be referred to Liaison Section, AFHQ, for action desired in 1st Indorsement, since this Headquarters has no direct contact with the Italian Representative.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ Donald G. Wingert
/t/ DONALD G. WINGERT,
Captain, AG.D.
Asst Adj General

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Ref. CC/G/390.

12th. June. 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: High Commissioner for Prisoners of War,
Italian Government,
Salerno.

15 JUN 1944
16 JUN 1944

(47) Incl I

Reference your letter No. 123 POL of 2 May.

1. This question affects prisoners of war in both American and British care throughout the world and it has, therefore, been necessary to refer it to higher authority. I will inform you in due course when I receive a decision.
2. I would add that the number of Italian prisoners of war over 50 years of age in North Africa is small and the release of some of them has already been effected.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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HERE IS A PARAPHRASE OF AGWAR CABLE NUMBER W46575 OF 5 JUNE 44.
"FOR THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF MAJOR CARLO EMANUELE BUSCAGLIA ITALIAN
PRISONER OF WAR ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE AS REQUESTED. YOU WILL BE
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Copy to A.C.C.
Force 266DSD 1627
10 JUL 1944

1. Reference your unnumbered signal dated 6 May repeated to A.C.C. It was ruled that no large scale evacuation of Italians from ALBANIA was practicable or desirable on grounds of security.
2. The German Drive against the Partisan bridge-head in Southern Albania has again brought this problem into prominence.
3. The Naval Authorities have expressed the view that a limited number of Italians evacuated by Italian vessels engaged on operations to Albania would have a valuable effect on the morale of Italian crews.
4. At a Meeting of SOC to-day, SILO stated that from a security angle it should be possible to handle up to 500 Italians evacuees per month.
5. May confirmation be given that the evacuation of 500 per month would not be regarded as a large scale evacuation which was prohibited in your signal under reference.
6. Would emphasise that the continued presence of a large number of Italians in guerrilla areas without any prospect of reducing their numbers, presents a serious problem and may adversely affect current operations.

/s/ T.G. BEWON
Lt. Col.
for W.A.M. STAVELL
Major General
Comd.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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15 June 1944

G-5: 091.711-1

SUBJECT: Italian Soldiers in Albania.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394

It is requested that you will furnish this Section with a copy of your comments on the letter dated 8 Jan to AFHQ, copy to you from HQ S.O.(M) CMF. The cable referred to in the letter would appear to be F 42273 of 6 May from this HQ to Mideast repeated to you, SOMTO and Force 266.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. H. JACKMAN
Major.

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Dear Marshal Badoglio:

With further reference to your letter of 18 January 1944 and my replies dated 20 January 1944 and 26 April 1944, information has now been received that Doctor Massimo Adolfo Vitale is still working with American services in Tangier, but that they have no objection to his returning to Italy provided he has a definite job to do here.

I shall be grateful if you will furnish me the necessary information upon which to base a reply to the proper Allied authorities in connection with the return of Doctor Vitale to Italy.

Sincerely yours,

ELLEN W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Badoglio
Salerno, Italy

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8 June 1944.

G-5: 014.33

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians - Dr. Vitale.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to the following:

- (35) APP A
(35) APP A Inc
- a) your SG 014.33 of 11 April
 - b) our 014.33 of 23 April attaching copy of memo 43/143/1503 of 21 April from Office of British Resident Minister.

2. Now attached are copies of the following:

- (35) INCL II
(35) INCL I
- a) memo 43/143/1503 of 12 May from British Resident Minister
 - b) memo 43/143/1503 of 7 June from British Resident Minister

3. Will you please let this Section have the basis of a reply to the points raised in 2(b) above.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incls:
as above.

HEADQUARTERS
10 JUN 1944
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T. B. JACKMAN
Major.

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8 June 44

C O P Y

43/143/1503.

Office of the British Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, Rue . ofesseur Curtillet,
Algiers.

To: G-5.
From: British Resident Minister's Office.
Subject: Proposed Repatriation to Italy of
Dr. M. A. Vitale.
Reference: Our memorandum of May 12th.

The British Consul-General at Tangier now informs us that Dr. or Colonel Vitale is still working with the American Services in Tangier but that the latter have no objection to his leaving for Italy if he has a definite job in Italy to do. If he has no job, they would be glad if he could be kept at Tangier as he is likely to continue to be useful. We should be grateful if you could find out from the Control Commission, with whom we believe you to have been in correspondence about this case, whether the Italian Government really want him to return to Italy for some definite employment or whether if he returned he would merely be kept in idleness.

/s/ ?????

7th June, 1944.

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43/143/1503
7 June 44

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Office of the British Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters
5, Rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

43/143/1503

TO: Military Government Section.

From: Resident Minister's Office.

Reference: Your memorandum MGS 014.33 of May 11th
about the repatriation of Dr. M.A. Vitale.

We wrote to the British Consulate-General in Tangier on May 7th saying that we assumed that as soon as Dr. Vitale's services ceased to be valuable in Tangier they would let him know that permission for him to return to Italy had been granted and would encourage him to make arrangements accordingly.

/s/ A.R.

12th May, 1944.

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SUBJECT: Release of Sergeant Major Raffaele Viscido

TO : Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy

1. Kindly disregard our previous application for the release of the above named Italian PW, to which your AAI/3072/A(6) dated 18 May, referred.

2. I hereby submit a special request for the release of Sergeant Major Raffaele Viscido, Italian PW, presently assigned to 18 First Class Fire Brigade, C.M.F., now on the mainland of Italy.

3. Sergeant Major Viscido was Marshal Messe's chief personal clerk in Tunisia and it is the Marshal's particular request that he be transferred back to him at the Comando Supremo.

4. Your favourable reconsideration in this particular case is requested.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

Letter prepared by Army Sub-Commission, Rear Hq, ACC

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OF PREREQUISITES UNQUOTE SO THAT THEY MAY MAKE SURVEY AND COMPLETE LIST OF PERSONS
AVAILABLE TO ASK GENERAL TRAINA TO PREPARE THIS LIST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND
SIGNAL TO US FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION

AUTHENTICATED

E. J. GUOCCA
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PARLORNO FOR CROWN PRINCES STAFF AND WE WILL ASCERTAIN SUITABILITY OF
FRATTINI THROUGH WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, BEFORE ACCEPTANCE FOR MISS-
ION HERE. AS THERE IS NO LONGER NEED FROM OUR VIEWPOINT OF GENERAL OFFICER
ON ITALIAN MILITARY MISSION HERE WE REQUEST YOU TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER
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ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR PERSONNEL AS FOLLOWS DEPARTED GLEN ABOARD
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THEY ARE TO BE TRANSHIPPED TO PALERMO FOR RELEASE TO PM IDS MAJOR GARUSO,
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(SSPMG) DATED 19 MAY 44. CIVILIAN BARONE, GIOVANNI, REFERENCE LETTER
HEADQUARTERS SOS NATOUA DATED 16 MAY 44.

NEW SUBJECT:

ON SAME SHIPMENT ARE 50 ITALIAN CIVILIAN INTERNES CAPTURED IN SICILY, USTICA, LAMPEDUSA AND PANTELLERIA BEING TRANSFERRED TO PM PBS FOR DELIVERY TO PW CAMP NUMBER 371. TRANSFER DIRECTED BY LETTERS HEADQUARTERS SOG NAT- OUSA 383.7 (SSPMG) DATED 3 AND ON 7 MAY 1944. FOLLOWING NAMES CIVILIANS INCLUDED IN ABOVE TOTAL HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS INSECURE BY THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION OF THIS OFFICE: DALOGGI, ANTONIO; DRAGO, CARLO; FANITTIERI, PAOLO; LA VECCHIA, ANGELO; GABONI, STANISLAW; MAIORANA, RAIMONDO; TOTAL EMBARKED 53. ETA 27 MAY 1944. ESCORT GUARD AMERICAN 1 OFFICER AND 2 ENLISTED MEN WILL ESCORT PRISONERS OF WAR TO NAPLES AND WILL THEN RETURN TO THEIR PROPER

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 AND CIVILIAN INTERNEES BEING FORWARDED IN CASE HISTORY FORM BY AIR.

NEW SUBJECT: TO CC PES.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Deputy President

APO 394

22 May 1944

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1. Enclosed is a translation of a memorandum from the Italian Government making certain proposals, for humanitarian reasons, for the repatriation (a) of all Italian prisoners of war over the age of sixty and (b) of those over the age of fifty as soon as they have completed two years as prisoners of war.

2. This proposal is based upon Article 72 of the Geneva Convention and attention is drawn to an arrangement made in 1918 between the French and German Governments whereby NCO's and soldiers who had been prisoners for eighteen months and were more than forty-eight years old were released.

3. According to the Italian authorities there are only some forty prisoners of more than sixty years of age, and the enclosed memorandum suggests that prisoners over fifty should be repatriated at the rate of 250 a month. This latter proposal has been made in order to place as little a burden as possible upon transport facilities and, subject to this consideration, there is no doubt of the good political effect in Italy should it be possible to meet this Italian request in whole or even in part. As I have previously reported, the existence of a very large body of prisoners of war outside Italy is a matter of pressing concern to the Italian Government and people, and any measure taken to alleviate this situation must have wide repercussions both in the Army itself and in the public at large. At a time when we are proceeding, without the agreement of the Italian Government, to organize Italian prisoners of war for work not authorized by the Geneva Convention it would be particularly helpful if some such measure as the one now proposed by the Italian Government could be carried out.

4. It will be noted that this proposal has nothing to do with the plan whereby lists of 25 officers are forwarded from time to time (see our memoranda CC/P/105 and CC/C/222 of the 25th February and the 22nd of April) for release for employment with the Italian forces.

5. Copies are enclosed for the offices of the British Resident Minister and the American Political Adviser. Copies have been forwarded to Sir Noel Charles and Mr. Alexander Kirk.

TO:

4 Gen James A. Summitt
C of S AFHQ APO 512

CC/014.33
22 MAY 44

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NOEL MASON MACARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
PRISONERS OF WAR

Cava dei Tirreni, 2 May 1944

No. 123 Pol.

SUBJECT: Repatriation for humanitarian reasons.

TO : A.C.C. GALLIENI.

1. The Royal Government is receiving requests from families here in Italy and from the camps of prisoners of war in Allied hands, that for elderly prisoners, prisoners long held in detention, or in particularly serious family conditions, the regulations of Article 72 of the Geneva Convention of 27 July 1929, might be applied; which reads as follows: "During the continuance of hostilities, and for humanitarian reasons, belligerents may conclude agreements with a view to the direct repatriation or accommodation in a neutral country of prisoners of war in good health who have been in captivity for a long time."

The Royal Government has also received the memorandum addressed to the Governments of the belligerent states of the 15th of February 1944 from the International Red Cross Committee, which on page 3 states:

"On the other hand on the month of August 1943 the International Committee permitted itself to draw the attention of the belligerent states who are most interested of the means offered by Article 72 of the Convention of 1929, to conclude arrangements with the prospect of repatriation or hospitalization in neutral countries of prisoners of war who had been long in captivity. In this respect a note was taken of the agreement of 15 March 1943 between the German and French Governments stipulating the repatriation of WCOs and soldiers who had been in captivity for 13 months and aged more than 48 years and of the hospitalization in Switzerland of officers corresponding to the same conditions."

2. The Allied powers doubtless feel, as does the Royal Italian Government, the full importance of this appeal made by the International Committee, appreciating the strong humanitarian reasons which call us to take heed of the pitiful voices of the families and of the prisoners of war themselves, and understand surely the particular conditions of ITALY, who is making every effort to make all its help possible to the battle line and behind the line, even far behind, towards the common victory.

The Royal Government therefore earnestly hopes and begs that the Allied authorities might come to an agreement with it to gradually repatriate the prisoners of war which come under the conditions of Article 72 of the Geneva Convention.

3. Our proposals, offered here below, must take into consideration the following points, if they are to remain a practical possibility:

- a. The large number of soldiers at present in British hands.
- b. The fact that about half of them have been prisoners for more than two years.
- c. The distant places to where most of them have been taken, and the difficulty of sea or air transport required for repatriation.

It is, of course, needless to consider the solution of sending to neutral countries the soldiers who could enjoy the dispositions of Article 72, the fact of our as-bell-

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It is, of course, needless to consider the solution of sending to neutral countries the soldiers who could enjoy the dispositions of Article 72: the fact of our co-belligerency puts this measure in an absurd light, assuming and not permitting it to be practically feasible.

For the same reason we make no distinction between officers, ACOs and troops, as was made in 1918, though under entirely different circumstances.

The Italian authorities do not dispute, at present, of the statistical data which was collected at RCMB regarding prisoners of war, and it is not possible to supply more than very approximate figures, useful nevertheless, to carry forward the argument.

Lastly, we wish to point out that we consider the message No. 323 DM 433 sent on 7 March by the ACO (which states that prisoners of war may only be repatriated).

triated on presentation of lists of 25, at a time by the Italian authorities) as referring to requests sessioned by the needs of the It. armed forces, and not to other repatriations for humanitarian reasons.

4. This agreed, we calculate the number of soldiers detained in Allied prisoner of war camps who are beyond 60 years of age or reach 60 years during 1944, is not more than 40, dispersed throughout a few camps in U.S.A., India, East Africa, North Africa, Middle East, and perhaps a few in Russia. They are nearly all generals and superior officers; there are very few cases of lower grade.

We propose that they all be repatriated unconditionally, regardless of the length of time they have been prisoners. Most of them, however, are prisoners since the first or second year of war, that is they have been in captivity at least two years.

The fact that they are dispersed in various parts of the world seems to render possible their repatriations and in short time, even with the scarcity of available opportunities.

5. We calculate too that the prisoners of war detained in Allied camps who are older than 50 years or reach 50 years of age during 1944 do not number more than 2500. They are mostly officers; a few are NCOs and privates.

They are dispersed in a greater number of countries than those indicated in No. 4.

It is probably that about half of them, i.e., 1200, will, from the 1st of June, be prisoners since not less than 2 years and that another 500 will complete their two years of imprisonment during 1944.

We suggest that these soldiers who are not less than 50 years of age, be repatriated gradually according as they complete their two years as prisoners of war, at a total monthly rate of 250.

6. In order to take into account the prisoners whose families are in particularly piteous conditions, when the Commissioner for prisoners of war would point out one by one, giving the humanitarian reasons for repatriation, we suggest that altogether 500 others monthly might be allowed to be repatriated.

7. Thus, resuming beyond the few repatriations suggested in No. 4, other 300 monthly might be permitted to repatriate by sea or by air, coming from many directions, in order to accomplish this highly humanitarian duty. It would have a most favourable effect on the whole Italian population, who would be very grateful to the Allied powers. The Italian effort of co-belligerency would be greatly increased, especially from the spiritual point of view.

8. The above conditions should not, of course, influence the repatriations already taking place, of the wounded, sick and invalids following the proposals of the mixed medical commissions established by Article 63 of the Geneva Convention.

9. The proposals given here above, referring only to elderly soldiers or piteous cases, do not interfere with the agreement which it is hoped may be established with the Allied powers regarding total and free employment for all soldiers still stationed as prisoners of war.

However, when the Allied powers agree to our proposal, which we hope, we would like to see instructions to ensure that the prisoners are prisoners of war.

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7. Thus, resuming beyond the few repatriations suggested in No. 4, other 200 monthly might be permitted to repatriate by sea or by air, coming from many directions, in order to accomplish this highly humanitarian duty. It would have a most favourable effect on the whole Italian population, who would be very grateful to the Allied Powers. The Italian effort of co-belligerency would be greatly increased, especially from the spiritual point of view.

8. The above conditions should not, of course, influence the repatriations already taking place, of the wounded, sick and invalids following the proposals of the mixed medical commissions established by Article 69 of the Geneva Convention.

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However, when the Allied Powers agree to our proposal, which we hope, we would send a few directions to ensure that wherever there are prisoners of war there will be a few officers of high grade capable of organizing the prisoners for the fulfillment of the agreement.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

(SGI) General Pietro GALATI

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TRANSLATION

COMANDO SUPREMO

1st Division

No. 13086/op.

SUBJECT: Gen. Beraudo di Pralorno.

TO: General Noel Mason MacFarlane
Chief of the Allied Control Commission

With further reference to my conversation of April 13th, I inform you that His Royal Highness the Prince of Piedmont has approved the proposal made to him for assignment of General Beraudo di Pralorno as 1st General Aide-de-Camp.

I would be very grateful to you if you could bring about the repatriation of this General at the earliest moment and if you could let me know at what time presumably his return will take place.

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY
CHIEF OF SUPREME GENERAL STAFF
(Giovanni Messe)

/s/ G. Messe

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13th. May, 1944.

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MEMORANDUM:

DSM 870
20 MAY 1944

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: Chief of Staff
& Military Government Section).

1. It is the intention of Marshal Badoglio to provide the Crown Prince with an entirely fresh personal staff. The existing staff are an unsatisfactory collection and Badoglio holds them responsible for the recent unfortunate incident of the Crown Prince's giving an interview to the "Times" correspondent.
2. Both Badoglio and Messe are most anxious to appoint General Prelorno, who was recently nominated as relief for General Castellano, to the staff of the Crown Prince. As relief for Castellano in substitution for Prelorno they now wish to appoint General Frattini who is a P.W. in U.S.A. and whose name is included in the first priority repatriation list submitted by me to you. Frattini speaks English well and was at one time Military Attache in Japan.
3. I would be glad if you would let me know if you agree to accept Frattini in place of Castellano so that Prelorno can be appointed to the Crown Prince's staff. I recommend that if possible we should meet Marshal Badoglio's wishes in this case.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.



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Dear General Dapino:

It has just come to my attention that acknowledgement was not made of General Cassara's letter N. 123 Pol of 2 May 1944 relative to the repatriation of prisoners of war for humanitarian reasons. The delay was due to the fact that the officer representing the Army Sub-Commission at this headquarters has been assigned to another status and a new officer has taken over.

The proposals contained in the letter are receiving consideration.

Yours truly,

ELLERY S. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Vincenzo Dapino
The High Commissioner for PW
Cava Dei Tirreni

cc: Army Sub-Commission

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TRANSLATION NO. 378

E. ROMANO

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW
No. 123 Pol.

CAVA DEI TIRRENI, 2ND MAY 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation for humanitarian reasons.

TO : A.C.C. SALERNO.

1. The Royal Government is receiving requests from families here in ITALY and from the camps of prisoners of war in Allied hands, that for elderly prisoners, prisoners long held in detention, etc. etc.

follows: "During the continuance of hostilities, and for humanitarian reasons, belligerent may conclude agreements with a view to the direct repatriation or accommodation in a neutral country of prisoners of war in good health who have been in captivity for a long time."

The Royal Government has also received the "Memorandum addressed to the Governments of the belligerent States" of the 15th of February 1944 from the "International Red Cross Committee" which on page 3 states:

"On the other hand on the month of August 1943 the International Committee permitted itself to draw the attention of the belligerent States who are most interested of the means offered by Article 72 of the Convention of 1929, to conclude arrangements with the prospect of repatriation or hospitalisation in Neutral countries of PW who had been long in captivity. In this respect a note was taken of the agreement of 15 March 1918 between the German and French Governments stipulating the repatriation of N.C.Os and soldiers who had been in captivity for 18 months and aged more than 48 years and of the hospitalisation in Switzerland of officers corresponding to the same conditions."

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repatriation.

It is, of course, needless to consider the solution of sending to neutral countries the soldiers who could enjoy the dispositions of Article 72: the fact of our co-belligerency puts this measure in an absurd light, assuming and not permitting it to be practically feasible.

For the same reason we make no distinction between officers, N.C.Os and troopers, as was made in 1918, though under entirely different circumstances.

The Italian authorities do not dispose, at present, of the statistical data which was collected at HOME regarding prisoners of war, and it is not possible to supply more than very approximate figures, useful nevertheless to carry forward the argument.

Lastly, we wish to point out that we consider the message No. DCC 014.33 sent on 7th March by the A.C.C. (which states that prisoners of war may only be repatriated on presentation of lists of 25 at a time by the Italian authorities) as referring to requests occasioned by the needs of the Italian armed forces, and not to other repatriations for humanitarian reasons.

4. This agreed, calculate the number of soldiers detained in Allied PW camps who are beyond 50 years of age or reach 60 years during 1944, is not more than 40, dispersed throughout a few camps in U.S.A., India, East Africa, North Africa, Middle East and perhaps a few in Russia. They are nearly all generals and superior officers; there are very few cases of lower grade.

We propose that they all be repatriated unfailingly, regardless of the length of time they have been prisoners. Most of them however, are prisoners since the first or second years of war, that is they have been in captivity at least two years.

The fact that they are dispersed in various parts of the world seems to render possible their repatriations and in short time, even with the scarcity of available opportunities.

5. We calculate too that the prisoners of war detained in Allied camps who are older than 50 years or reach 60 years of age during 1944 do not number more than 2500. They are mostly officers; a few are N.C.Os and privates.

They are dispersed in a greater number of countries than those indicated in No. 4.

It is probable that about half of them i.e. 1200, will, from the 1st of June, be prisoners since not less than 2 years and that another 500 will complete their two years of imprisonment during 1944.

We suggest that these soldiers who are not less than 50 years of age, be repatriated gradually according as they complete their two years of PW at a total monthly rate of 250.

6. In order to take into account the prisoners whose families are in particularly piteous conditions, whom the Commissioner for PW would point out one by one, giving the humanitarian reasons for repatriation, we suggest that altogether 500 others monthly might be allowed to repatriate.

7. Thus, resuming beyond the few repatriations suggested in No. 4., other 300 monthly might be permitted to repatriate by sea or by air, coming from many directions, in order to accomplish this highly humanitarian duty. It would have a most favourable effect on the whole Italian population who would be very grateful to the Allied Powers. The Italian effort of cobelligerency would be greatly increased, especially from the spiritual point of view.

8. The above conditions should not - of course - influence the repatriations already taking place of the wounded, sick and invalids following the proposals of the mixed medical commissions established by Article 69 of the Geneva Convention.

9. The proposals given here-above, referring only to elderly soldiers or piteous cases, do not interfere with the agreement which it is hoped may be established with the Allied powers regarding total and free employment for all soldiers still stationed as prisoners of war.

However, when the Allied powers agree to our proposals which we hope, we would add a few directions to ensure that wherever there are PW there will be a few officers of high grade capable of organising the prisoners for the fulfilment of the agreement.

HIGH COMMISSIONER
/s/ General Pietro GAZZERA



**L'ALTO COMMISSARIO
PER I PRIGIONIERI DI GUERRA**

N. 123. Pol.

OGGETTO: Rimpatri per ragioni umanitarie.

Cava dei Tirreni, 2 maggio 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALIATA DI CONTROLLO

SALERNO

1. Da parte di famiglie qui in Patria, e dei campi di prigionieri di guerra in mani degli Alleati giungono al R. Governo richieste, perché siano applicate a prigionieri naziani d'età e da lungo tempo in prigione od in condizioni di famiglia particolarmente gravi, le disposizioni dell'art. 72 della Convenzione di Ginevra del 27 luglio 1929; il quale così suona: "During the continuance of hostilities, and for humanitarian reasons, belligerent may conclude agreements with a view to the direct repatriation or accommodation in a neutral country of prisoners of war in good health who have been in captivity for a long time."

L'Espresso pervenuto al R. Governo il "Memorandum adressé aux Conventions des Etats belligérants" del 15 febbraio 1944, del Comité International de la Croix-Rouge, il quale a pag. 3 scrive:

"D'autre part, au mois d'août 1943, le Comité International s'était déjà permis d'attirer l'attention des Etats belligérants le plus directement intéressés sur la faculté offerte par l'article 72 de la Convention de 1929 de conclure des accords en vue du rapatriement ou de l'hospitalisation en pays neutre des prisonniers de guerre valides ayant subi une longue captivité. Il a rappelé à cet égard l'accord passé le 15 mars 1918 entre les Gouvernements allemand et français stipulant le rapatriement des sous-officiers et soldats en captivité depuis dix-huit mois et âgés de plus de 40 ans et l'hospitalisation en Suisse des officiers répondant aux mêmes conditions."

2. Le Potenze Alleate indubbiamente sentono, come il R. Governo Italiano, tutta l'importanza dell'appello così fatto del Comité International, apprezzano certamente le profonde ragioni umanitarie che consigliano a dare ascolto alle voci dei

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1. Da parte di famiglia era in patria, e lei campò di prigionieri in guerra in mani degli Alleati giungono al R. Governo richieste, perché siano applicate a prigionieri anziani, età e in lungo tempo in prigione od in condizioni di famiglia particolarmente gravi, le disposizioni dell'art. 72 della Convenzione di Ginevra del 27 luglio 1929; il quale così suona: "During the continuance of hostilities, and for immediate relief reasons, belligerent may conclude agreements with a view to the direct repatriation or accommodation in a neutral country of prisoners of war in good health who have been in captivity for a long time."

N' pure pervenuto al R. Governo il "Memorandum adressé aux Gouvernements des Etats belligérants" del 15 febbraio 1944, del Comité International de la Croix-Rouge, il quale a pag. 3 scrive:

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Il R. Governo perciò prega vivamente le Autorità Alleate perché vogliano addormentare con esso ad un accordo in merito al graduale rimpatrio dei prigionieri di guerra che rimangono nelle condizioni dell'art. 72 della Convenzione di Ginevra.

3. Le proposte, che qui di seguito si espongono, vogliono tenere conto, per mantenerle nel campo pratico:

- a) del rilevante numero complessivo dei militari italiani tuttora in mani Alleate;
- b) del fatto che circa metà di essi son prigionieri di guerra da oltre due anni;
- c) delle lontane regioni ove essi generalmente si trovano, e delle difficoltà dei trasporti marittimi od aerei che occorrono per il rimpatrio.

Non si prende, evidentemente, in considerazione, la soluzione di fare assistere in paesi neutrali i militari che potrebbero godere delle disposizioni dell'art. 72: la nostra solidarietà si considera questa provvedimento come una cosa assurda, dato e non concesso che esso fosse praticamente attuabile.

Per lo stesso motivo non si fa alcuna distinzione tra ufficiali, sottufficiali ed uomini di truppa, come essi fanno, ma in circostanze completamente differenti, nel 1918.

Le Autorità Italiane non dispongono, ora, dei dati statistici che erano stati raccolti a Roma circa i prigionieri di guerra, e non si possono quindi fornire che cifre approssimate, utili tuttavia per condurre il ragionamento.

Infine si fa presente come si ritenga che la comunicazione fatta il 7 marzo della Commissione Alleata di Controllo, col foglio D.O.S. - 014.33 (con la quale si stabilisce che i prigionieri di guerra non possono venire rimpatriati che su liste nominative di 25 per volta presentate dalle Autorità Italiane) si riferisce solo alle richieste motivate da necessità delle forze armate italiane, e non consideri il caso di rimpatrio per alta ragioni umanitarie.

4. Ciò posto, si calcola che i militari detenuti nei campi di prigionia degli Alleati i quali hanno età superiore ai 60 anni, e che compiono i 60 anni entro il 1944, non raggiungono il numero di 40, ripartiti in alcuni campi degli S.U. d'America, dell'India, dell'Est Africa, del Nord Africa, del Medio Oriente, e forse in qualcuno nella Russia. Trattasi di generali e di ufficiali, molto eccezionalmente di militari di grado inferiore.

3. Le proposte, che qui di seguito si avanzano, vogliono tenere conto, per sentenziare nel campo pratico:

- a) del rilevante numero complessivo dei militari italiani catturati in mani Alleate;
- b) del fatto che circa metà di essi son prigionieri di guerra da oltre due anni;
- c) delle lontane regioni ove essi generalmente si trovano, e delle difficoltà dei trasporti marittimi ed aerei che occorrono per il rimpatrio.

Non si prende, evidentemente, in considerazione, la soluzione di fare sistemare in paesi neutrali i militari che potrebbero godere delle disposizioni dell'art. 72: la nostra collaborazione fa considerare questo provvedimento come una cosa assurda, dato e non conosco che esso fosse praticamente attuabile.

Per lo stesso motivo non si fa alcuna distinzione tra ufficiali, sottufficiali ed uomini di truppa, come essi fanno, ma in circostanze completamente differenti, nel 1940.

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Si propone che essi vengano rimpatriati tutti senz'altro, indipendentemente dal tempo nel quale si trovano in prigionia. Si fa notare però che nella maggioranza dei casi sono i prigionieri del primo o secondo anno di guerra, e che cioè hanno non meno di due anni di cattività.

Il fatto di essere rimpatriati in diverse parti del mondo sembra rendere più agevoli questi rimpatri in breve tempo, sia che con la scarsezza di posti disponibili.

5. Si calcola pure che i militari detenuti nei campi di prigionia degli Alleati i quali abbiano più superiore ai 50 anni o che compiano i 50 anni entro il 1944, non superino il numero di 2500. Tutti questi generalmente di ufficiali; eccezionalmente di sottufficiali o uomini di truppa.

Essi sono ripartiti in un numero maggiore di paesi che non i militari indicati al n. 4.

Di essi, è probabile che circa la metà e cioè circa 1200 siano al 1° giugno 1944 prigionieri da non meno di 2 anni e che altri 500 compiano i due anni di prigionia entro il 1944.

Si propone che questi militari che hanno non meno di 50 anni siano rimpatriati a meno e meno che compiano i 2 anni di prigionia e che vengano di 250 complessivamente.

6. Per tenere conto anche dei casi particolarmente numerosi per condizioni di famiglia, che il Commissario per i prigionieri di guerra, indicherebbe volta per volta, dimostrando la necessità umanitaria del rimpatrio, si propone che siano assegnati complessivamente altri 500 posti mensili per rimpatrio.

7. Covicchi, in sostanza, prescindendo dai pochi rimpatri proposti al n. 4, si tratterebbe di eseguire 300 posti mensili su navi, o su aerei, provenienti da molteplici direzioni, per compiere quest'opera altamente umanitaria, la quale avrebbe ricorrenze favorevolissime su tutto il popolo italiano che sarebbe molto grato alle Potenze Alleate. Lo sforzo bellico, con l'assistenza italiana ne sarebbe, soprattutto dal punto di vista spirituale, grandemente agevolato.

8. Quanto sopra non dovrebbe - naturalmente - influire sui rimpatri che vengono già effettuati ai feriti, malati ed invalidi e seguito delle proposte delle commissioni mediche miste sta-

no non meno di due anni di cattività.

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5. Si calcola pure che i militari detenuti nei campi di prigionia degli Alleati e quali ebbero un superiore ai 30 anni e che compiono i 50 anni entro il 1944, non superino il numero di 2500. Trattasi generalmente di ufficiali; eccezionalmente di sottufficiali o uomini di truppa.

Tali sono ripartiti in un numero maggiore di paesi che non i militari indicati al n. 4.

Di essi, è probabile che circa la metà e cioè circa 1200 siano al 19 giugno 1944 prigionieri e non meno di 2 anni e che altri 500 compiono i due anni di prigionia entro il 1944.

Si propone che questi militari che hanno per meno di 30 anni siano rimpatriati a meno o meno che compiono i 2 anni di prigionia e rate mensili di 250 complessivamente.

6. Per tenere conto anche dei casi vertiginosamente vietosi per condizioni di famiglia, che il Comandante per i prigionieri di guerra, indicherebbe volta per volta, concentrando la necessità umanitaria del rimpatrio, si propone che siano assegnati complessivamente altri 500 posti mensili per rimpatrio.

7. Cosicché, in sostanza, prescindendo dai pochi rimpatri previsti al n. 4, si tratterebbe di eseguire 300 posti mensili su navi, o su aerei, provenienti da molteplici direzioni, per compiere quest'opera alquanto umanitaria, la quale avrebbe ripercussioni favorevolissime su tutto il popolo italiano che sarebbe molto grato alle Potenze Alleate. Lo sforzo bellico e obbedienza italiana ne sarebbe, soprattutto dal punto di vista spirituale, grandemente agevolato.

8. Quanto sopra non dovrebbe - naturalmente - influire sui rimpatri che vengono già effettuati di feriti, malati ed invalidi e a seguito delle proposte delle commissioni mediche miste stabilite dall'art. 69 della Convenzione di Ginevra.

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3. Le proposte qui sopra esposte, che si riferiscono solo a militari vecchi ed a casi particolari, non turbano l'accordo che tuttora si confida di potere stipulare con le Potenze Alleate circa il totale e libero impiego di tutti i militari ancora detenuti come prigionieri di guerra.

Tuttavia quando, come si ritiene, le Potenze Alleate cominciano ad accogliere le presenti proposte, si aggiungerebbero alcuni particolari per ottenere che sicuramente in ogni territorio ove ora sono detenuti i prigionieri di guerra vi possano essere alcuni ufficiali di maggior grado idonei per l'organizzazione dei prigionieri stessi per l'esecuzione di quell'accordo.

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO
(Generale Pietro Gazzera)

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L'ALTO COMMISSARIO
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My dear Noel,

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Thank you for your letter of 29 April 1944 concerning General Vittorio Emanuele Bernardo di Pralormo. I am now able to say that I finally approve of his replacing General Castellano as Chief of the Italian Military Mission attached to AFHQ. I have no objection to his reporting to the Comando Supremo for briefing before he takes up his duties here, and I shall be glad if you will confirm this to Marshal Messe.

Yours ever

/s/ James Gammell
/t/ J. A. H. Gammell
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

Lieut. General NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Chief Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

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TO: Deputy Chief Commissioner.

Confirming conversation of 1445 hours today.

Please note that Comando Supremo have asked that Gen. di PRALORMO be directed to report at Comando Supremo first before going on to ALGERIA.

J. A. Smith Lt. Col.

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 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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 Classification : CONFIDENTIAL
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 To : A (O) FILPOT RPTD ACC MAIN FOR OFFENHAUER,
 ACC REAR FOR QUINSMITH

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SG 014.33

Subject: Repatriation of Dr. Massimo Vitale.

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.
(Attention: Military Government Section)

(35) A71 B
In reference to your letter of 23 April 1944, file MGS 014.33,
subject as above, information is requested as to the present status of
the above named individual.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

014.33 General

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SG 014.33

Subject: Repatriation of Dr. Massimo Vitale.

To: Captain R. F. Byro, HQ 71 Sub Area, C.M.F.

In answer to your letter to Colonel Mayne concerning the repatriation of Dr. Massimo Vitale, our latest word from AFHQ was that Dr. Vitale was engaged on some important work in Tangier and that it was expected that he would be repatriated about the end of April. A follow-up has been sent to AFHQ to see what the present status is.

ROBERT E. DDE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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9 May 44

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
A.P.O. 464 U.S. ARMY

8th May 1944.

Subject: Permit for repatriation - Dr. Massimo Vitale.

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To : Secretary-General,
H.Q., A.C.C.

I forward to you original letter addressed to me by Capt. Eyre of 71 Sub-area on this subject, with a request that you *have a* reply, direct to Capt. Eyre.

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106/2
8 May 44

E. B. Wayne
E. B. WAYNE,
Lt. Col., U.D.F.,
Chief of Staff,
AMG FIFTH ARMY.

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29 APR 1944

CC 914.33

28 April 1944

Subject: Italians in Albania.

To: HQ Force 266, C.M.F.

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1. In reply to your memorandum SF/101/7/cond of the 21st April, it is considered inadvisable in the present circumstances to permit the Italian Government to approach Albanian authorities through Ankara with a view to arranging the repatriation of Italians in Albania. Apart from the undesirability of allowing the Italian Government to get into direct touch with a puppet government under German control, it seems highly improbable that the German authorities would acquiesce in any such proposal.

2. In the event of it being considered an Allied interest to arrange for the repatriation of these Italians, it would be less open to objection from the point of view of the A.C.C. should the Allied authorities themselves undertake discussions through the Turkish Government.

3. Copies of this correspondence are being sent to the American Political Advisor and the British Resident Minister's office at Allied Force Headquarters.

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ROEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

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C O P YSECRETSubject: Italians in ALBANIAHQ FORCE 266
C.M.F.

Ref: SF/101/7/Comd

21 Apr 44

To: HQ Allied Control Commission
NAPLES

1. From the following passage dated 20 Feb 44 in the Albanian official journal "BASHKIMI I KOMBIT", it is apparent that the Albanian Government are anxious and have even attempted to arrange the repatriation of Italians in ALBANIA.

" We have always insisted that what remained of the Italian Army should be sent out of the country because of the diplomatic troubles that may arise in the post-war period.... Our efforts to repatriate all Italians have often been prevented by the Communist party. "

2. It would appear that there is nothing to prevent the BADOGLIO Administration initiating negotiations on the subject with TIRANA since the Albanian Government is technically neutral. It would be possible for BADOGLIO to make the necessary approach to the Albanians through ANKARA, probably using the Turkish Consul at TIRANA as an intermediary.
3. There is, of course, no guarantee that the Germans would permit of such repatriation, but it is thought that the scheme is well worth trying and you may care to suggest it to the BADOGLIO Government, without in any way mentioning Force 266, who are not in a position to carry out such repatriations, which would have to be arranged by the Italians themselves.

/s/ H.G.P. Miles

Brigadier
Comd Force 266Copies to: HQ S.O. (M)
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BS.
Comd (2)

(38) APP A

SF/101/7/Comd
21 Apr 44C O P Y

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Military Government Section

MGS: 091.711

12 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Soldiers in Albania and Greece.

TO : HQ A.C.C.

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23 JUN 1944

1. This Section has received from Mid-east an appreciation concerning Italians (soldiers) known to be in Greece and Albania which has been prepared with a view to exploring the practicability of relieving the Allied Military Missions in the field of responsibility for maintaining such Italians which are said to number some 10,100 in Greece and some 20,000 in Albania.

2. The appreciation has been considered by G-3, "A" Force and the Ministers here and the following points appear:-

a). That no large scale evacuation of the soldiers is practicable or from the security point of view desirable nor would the food situation in Italy allow of the present repatriation of large numbers of troops.

b). That small numbers of specialists, however, from such forces could usefully be repatriated to Italy for duty with the Italian army units.

c). That it is necessary that it be impressed on such forces in Greece that they must not drift into Albania, as to do so without hope of repatriation adds materially to the difficulties of the situation there.

d). That as it is impossible to repatriate large numbers it is the duty of the soldiers to do all they can in the countries in which they at present find themselves to help the war effort in the most expedient manner, e.g., by formation of guerilla bands, and not to concentrate in areas where they cause embarrassment to forces which are fighting on the allied side.

3. It is understood that General Infante and four staff officers who have come out of Greece through Albania are in Italy and that Force 266 are willing to make available Major de Salis for a Liaison visit to the Italian Government. The latter officer is stated to be "persona grata" with the King of Italy and could with the proper authority and in conjunction with General Infante greatly assist in the necessary organization for repatriating such as it is practicable to deal with.

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4. It appears therefore that the matter should be tackled on the following lines:

- a). The visit of Major de Salis should be approved.
- b). That General Infante and his staff should stay until after Major de Salis' arrival.
- c). That lists should be prepared forthwith of the specialists whose repatriation could be accepted and arranged and that arrangements for this be worked out in conjunction with Major de Salis and General Infante.
- d). That the points made in 2 above be impressed on General Infante and that he go back ultimately to see that they are implemented in conjunction with the appropriate Allied Military authorities.

5. Will you please indicate by cable whether you concur in the above in order that Mideast may be informed and arrangements be made for Major de Salis to come over to you.

For /s/ T. D. Jackman, Major
/t/ HENRY PARKMAN, JR
Lt. Colonel, G. S. C.
Acting Chief of Section.

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General MacFarlane:

For signature and release
if approved.

E. W. S.

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29 APR 1944

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29 April 1944

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Thank you for your letter of 23 April concerning General Vittorio Emanuele Bernardo di Pralormo. If his repatriation and assignment as General Castellano's relief is finally approved, Marshal Messe would like very much to have him report to the Comando Supremo for briefing before taking up his duties at AFHQ.

I assume there will be no objection to this if he is permitted to return but would be grateful if you would let me know whether I can confirm this to Messe.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

Lieut. General James A. H. Gammell, CB, DSO, MC
Chief of Staff
Allied Force Headquarters

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DSM 253
27 APR 1944

26 April 1944

Dear Marshal Badoglio

With further reference to your letter of 18 January 1944 and my reply thereto dated 20 January 1944, information has now been received to the effect that Doctor Massimo Adolfo Vitale, who is now in Tangiers, is at present employed on some important local work.

The necessary approval of all concerned has been obtained and the work on which Doctor Vitale is employed should be completed around the end of April, at which time it is expected that he will be permitted to return to Italy.

Please accept my apologies for the unavoidable delay and I will inform you when additional information is received.

Sincerely,

MURRY E. STONE
Captain, USA
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Pietro Badoglio
Chief of the Government

cc: RC & MG Section (DRC) (1)
Admin. Section (1)
Political Section (1)
Army Sub-Commission (1)

(Reference your letter Ref/139/37/CA
8 April 1944. Please pass to Region II.)

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26 Apr 44

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014.33 Report POW
Approved

INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Secretary General

DSH 806
13 MAR 1944

FILE No. SG 014.33
25 April 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Dr. Vitale.
TO: Deputy Chief Commissioner

Attached is a copy of a letter from the British Resident Minister at AFHQ concerning Dr. Massimo Adolfo Vitale. Reference your memo DCC 014.33 of 10 April.

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ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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23 April 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians - Dr. VITALE

TO : HQ ACC

Ref your SG 014.33 of 11 April, en-
quiries have been made and attached for your
information is copy of memo 43/143/1503 of 21
April received from the office of the British
Resident Minister which shows the present posi-
tion so far as Dr. VITALE is concerned.

For the Chief of Section:

T. B. Jackman
Major

T. B. JACKMAN
Major.

Incl. ✓
as above.

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DSH 206
13 MAG 1944

Office of the British Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, rue Professeur Crutillet,
Algiers.

43/143/1503

To: Military Government Section.

From: British Resident Minister's Office.

Subject: Repatriation of Dr. M. A. Vitale.

Reference: Your memorandum MGS.014.33 of April 19th.

On receipt of your Memorandum MGS 014.33 of February 16th, this office telegraphed to the British Consulate-General at Tangier informing them that Vitale's request for permission to return to Italy had been granted by all the authorities concerned, asking them to arrange for him to be informed, to supply him with an Inter Allied laissez-passer and to give us notice of his arrival. A telegram was received in reply from the Consulate-General saying that the British and American Security authorities in Tangier were very anxious that he should remain there at least until the end of April, because he was employed on some important local work, and that, failing further word from us, they proposed to place the case in abeyance for the time being. We informed the Political Section of the Control Commission of this and have not taken any further action in the matter. We propose to reconsider the case at the end of April.

A.R.

21st April, 1944.

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21 Apr 44

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1. Re attached
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28 APR 1944

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Ref. CC/G/234.

26th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: M.G.S.)34 Encl.
30 Encl.

1. The following is an extract from a memorandum just received from General GAZZERA, High Commissioner for Italian P.O.W....
2. "For humanitarian motives I ask the Commission for the release and return to their families of the Italian P.W. listed in the attached form. These soldiers are all mutilated and are at present in the P.W. hospital, Santa Marta, in Catania. They have been visited recently by His Excellency, Marshal Badoglio, who has expressed the desire to see them released as soon as possible".
3. The list referred to is enclosed.
4. Will you please inform me whether -
 - (a) I may agree to the release of these badly wounded P.W. and
 - (b) If you agree, whether in similar cases I may authorise release on my own responsibility after taking medical advice.

O/H. 33. Report General

NOEL MASON MACPARKLAND,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief-Commissioner.

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cc/G/234
26 Apr34 Encl.
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Form attached to letter file No. 13 Mil. Apr 14 44

MUTILATED ITALIAN PW HOSPITALISED IN SANTA MARTA HOSPITAL IN CATANIA

HOME TOWN

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3.	Private	Giuseppe ZAPPAIA	External fracture with loss of bone in right leg with a lateral deviation of same.	Caltanissetta.
4.	Private	Antonino DI MARCO	Amputation of mid section of left leg.	Messina.
5.	Private	Francesco GUERCI	Paralysis of right cubital.	Ogliastro Marina (Salerno).
6.	Private	Giacchino NAPOLITANO	Amputation of lower right limb, and section of thigh.	Rugani (Salerno).
7.	Private	Marco LUCIANI	Loss of right eye.	Siret (Tripoli).
8.	Private	Raffaele FUSCO	Fracture of right leg. Badly joined, shortening of leg.	S. Lorenzo Maggiore (Benevento).
9.	Private	Giovanni CARIO	Amputation of right forearm.	Nocera Tirenese (Catanzaro).
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14 Apr 44

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TRANSLATION No. 238 Bonanni April 18, 1944

High Commissioner for PW
File No. 13 Mil.Cava dei Tirreni
TO: ACC SALERNO, APO 394
April 14, 1944.

SUBJECT: Requests for the repatriation of prisoners.

With reference to your letter 63174 dated 2nd April 1944 with the subject "Italian PW".

1. I wish to thank you for your kind communication regarding the repatriation of Italian officers in groups of 25.

On this matter I wish to inform you that, on the basis of the tasks entrusted to me by His Majesty's Government, from now on this office will send the Commission the requests for repatriation.

2. As regards the reply to my letter file No. 1/M of March 28 on the return of Col. PIAZZA, who is a PW in Sicily. I again make the request for his release, since this officer is already in Italy and therefore no great difficulties whether of transport or any other nature, hinder his release.

3. For the same reasons and for humanitarian motives, I ask the Commission for the release and return to their families of the Italian PW listed in the attached form. These soldiers are all mutilated and are at present in the PW hospital, Santa Marta, in Catania. They have been visited recently by His Excellency Marshal Badoglio who has expressed the desire to see them released as soon as possible.

High Commissioner
Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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Ref. CC/G/233.

26th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Major-General L. Browning, CB, OBE, MC,
Director, Army Sub-Commission.

INCL 1.

1. I enclose herewith copy of a letter from General INTANTE which has been sent to me by (pin-Smith). *> 20 (30)*
2. Please let me know if you agree to my pressing A.F.H.Q. to secure the repatriation of these officers.

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NOEL MARION MACPARK
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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26 Apr 44

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Translation No. 259 - Lt. Sorisi 19 April 1944

SUPREME COMMAND
OFFICE OF OPERATIONS.

File No. 12517/OP

As two Generals ~~who~~ shortly are to be relieved of their high commands, H.E. the Marshal MESSE would like at the earliest possible moment, and over and above regular officers' repatriation list already sent on file 12406/OP of 14 Apr., to ask for repatriation:-

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I would be very grateful if you use your good offices in interesting higher Allied authorities.

/s/ ADOLFO INFANTE
Deputy Chief of Gen. Staff.

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AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. Chiozza
E. J. CHIOZZA
CWO USA
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25 April 1944

I am pleased to be able to report to your Excellency that the repatriation of brigadiere dei CC.RR. DI MAURO Antonio, has been approved and that the necessary arrangements for travel are being made.

2. The date of his arrival is not at present known and is dependent on transport facilities.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

H.E. General T. Orlando
Minister of War
LIEGE.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

MGS: 014.33

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23 April 1944

SUBJECT: Application for repatriation of
R. Carabinieri Brigadier Antonio
DI MAURO.

TO : HQ ACC

1. Reference your FMW/rj dated 16 April 1944, this Headquarters is informed by C-1 Natoussa that the necessary arrangements have been made for the repatriation of the above mentioned Prisoner of War.

2. The date of his arrival at his destination is not at present known and is dependent on transport facilities.

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Section.

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HQ A.C.C. APO 294
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23 April 1944

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We are still pursuing the matter of General Vittorio Emanuele Bernardo di Pralormo. There appears to be no security objection, but I am awaiting the reply from India to a questionnaire submitted by G-1 (B). Immediately we have any further information, I will pass it along to you.

J.A.H. GAMMILL,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

Lieut. General Noel Mason MacFarlane,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

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26 APR 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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23 April 1944

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SUBJECT: Repatriation of PW.

TO : Secretary General, Main HQ. A.C.C., Naples.

Reference attached letter No. 12517/OP dated 19 April,
from General INFANTE.

1. As the matter appears urgent, the Chief Commissioner may agree to consider this matter over and above the list of 25 names forwarded by the Deputy Chief Commissioner on 21 April (014.33). As the Generals concerned are in U.S.A. and KENYA, it is suggested a cable might be sent.

2. Reference attached letter from the High Commissary for PW, para 5, No. 13 Mil. dated 14 April. These men appear to be all disabled for life. From recent signals it appears that 170 sick PW are about to arrive in Italy. It thus appears that the principle of repatriation of non-active PW has been accepted, but in default of a policy it is not known if they are to be limited to cases who are permanently disabled. For this reason it is suggested that the matter be represented to A.F.H.Q. and that a policy be asked for.

3. Reference attached letter from the High Commissary for PW, para 2, No. 13 Mil. dated 14 April. This matter is being represented at my request by the Naval Sub-Commission. It appears that many PW who have a high "civil" value but who (usually) hold comparatively low Army rank, would best be represented by Sub-Commission dealing with other Ministries than the Armed Forces. A fairer priority demand in regard to A.C.C. activities would then be secured, than if the names were submitted to the Comando Supremo whose lists naturally tend to have a high "Services" flavour. I have also represented this point to the Administrative Section.

Lt. Col.

(Sgd) (G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

Copy to:
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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23 Apr 44

014.33 Repatriation General

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Deputy Chief of Gen. Staff

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TRANSLATION No. 238

Bonnani

April 18 1944

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High Commissioner
Gen. Pietro Gazzera

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10.	Lance Cpl.	Cataldo LEONE	Loss of right eye.	Bari
11.	Private	Pietro BOVA	Loss of left eye.	Soverato Mannelli (Catanzaro)

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Form attached to letter file No. 13 Mil. Apr 14 44

MUTILATED ITALIAN PW HOSPITALISED IN SANTA MARTA HOSPITAL IN CATANIA

RANK	NAME AND SURNAME	DIAGNOSIS	HOME TOWN
Lt.	Paola FRANZA	Amputation in mid section of right arm.	Porto (Siracusa)
Private	Salvatore BONANNO	External fracture of right leg. Leg shortened.	Paterno (Catania)
Private	Giuseppe ZAPPALA	External fracture with loss of bone in right leg with a lateral deviation of same.	Caltanissetta.
Private	Antonino DI MARCO	Amputation of mid section of left leg.	Messina
Private	Francesco GUERCI	Paralysis of right cubital.	Ogliastro Marina (Salerno)
Private	Gioachino NAPOLITANO	Amputation of lower right limb, and section of thigh.	Pagani (Salerno)
Private	Marco LUCIANI	Loss of right eye.	Siret (Tripoli)
Private	Raffaele FUSCO	Fracture of right leg. Badly joined, shortening of leg.	S. Lorenzo Maggiore (Benevento)
Private	Giovanni CARIO	Amputation of right forearm,	Nocera Tirenese (Catan-zaro)
Lance Cpl.	Cataldo LEONE	Loss of right eye.	Bari
Private	Pietro SOVA	Loss of left eye.	Soverato (Catan-zaro)

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TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA REAR FROM QUINSMITH SIGNED MACFARLANE PD
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CAN ACCEPT

AUTHENTICATED:

Reference F35091 of 20 April:

Now desire to send back to Italy by hospital
ship 399 unfit Italian PWs. Can you please accept.
Early reply requested so that concentration can
be proceeded with.

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CWC, USA
Asst Adj

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British Signals

Hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE due Taranto 0900 hrs. 22 April (?) Carries (?) 170
Italian Prisoners of War for repatriation under arrangements Fatima Rear. After
disembarkation vessel will be sailed Naples to evacuate casualties to North
Africa. Agreed D3TO disembarking and medical.

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AUTHENTICATED:

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FATIMA REAR RPTD NADIST

Er signals

Your 2636 dated 16 April not to NADIST or ALSDIST hospital ship used
will be Oxfordshire not Principessa Giovanni. Unable to route to Bari
will disembark Taranto. Expect to arrive 23 April.

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Action: MOV AINAP INFO: MOVIT MOV TARANTO FATIMA REAR

Via Br sig

1. Intend evacuate 170 unfit Italian POW from Algiers to Taranto in hospital ship Oxfordshire. Estimated date of arrival Taranto 22/23 April.

2. Fatima has agreed to accept their 2636 of 16 Apr refers.

3. Oxfordshire is being retained temporarily for internal Mediterranean evacuation. Suggest after disembarkation at Taranto vessel should be sailed to Naples to evacuate to Algiers.

4. Agreed ISTO and medical



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FATIMA REAR FROM ARMY SUBCOM SIGNED MACFARLANE

FREEDOM RPTD FATIMA

PROPOSED EVACUATION OF ONE SEVEN ZERO ITALIAN POW RPT POW TO ITALY ON HOSPITAL
SHIP PRINCIPessa GIOVANNI CMA INCLUDING TWO ZERO PYNCHOMEROTICS CMA ACCEPTED
PD REFERENCE FREEDOM GABLE TWO SEVEN TWO SIX ZERO CMA FATIMA THREE TWO NIGHT
EIGHT OF ONE FIVE APRIL TO FATIMA REAR REFERS PD PAREN TO FREEDOM RPTD FATIMA
FROM FATIMA REAR FROM ARMY SUBCOM SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN REQUEST THAT AT BARI RPT
BARI THEY BE DISBANKED

AUTHENTICATED:

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGD
Deputy Secretary General.

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16th. April, 1944.

Thank you very much indeed for your kind Easter greetings.

I reciprocate these very warmly and am confident that our collaboration in the future will be marked by the same closeness and cordiality which have obtained up to date.

With my best wishes.

S.E. General Orlando,
Minister of War.
LECCE.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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P.S. I have asked Headquarters at Algiers to send back your "ordonnance" if possible and hope that they will be able to do so.
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16 Apr.

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16th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: M.G.S.)

1. I enclose herewith copy of a letter from General Orlando, Italian War Minister.
2. I would be grateful if you could arrange, if in any way possible, for General Orlando's orderly to be repatriated as requested by the General.
3. General Orlando has been cooperating well with us and I think it would help if we could see our way to complying with his request.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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PATIMA 3RD MACFARLANE

AIR 151730Z

PATIMA REAR FOR ARMY SUBCOM RPTD 1517

Teletype

Receiving in paraphrase Freedom message 27260 received by this Hq.

"Principles" Giovanni hospital ship available for service. Proposed that this ship be used transport about 170 Italian POW to Italy. Included in prisoners are 20 psychoneurotics. Can they be accepted."

Freedom have requested only reply which please signal them with copy this Hq citing reference above.

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Military Government Section

MGS: 091.711

12 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Soldiers in Albania and Greece.

TO : HQ A.G.C.

1. This Section has received from Mid-east an appreciation concerning Italians (soldiers) known to be in Greece and Albania which has been prepared with a view to exploring the practicability of relieving the Allied Military Missions in the field of responsibility for maintaining such Italians which are said to number some 10,100 in Greece and some 20,000 in Albania.

2. The appreciation has been considered by G-3, "A" Force and the Ministers here and the following points appear:-

a). That no large scale evacuation of the soldiers is practicable or from the security point of view desirable nor would the food situation in Italy allow of the present repatriation of large numbers of troops.

b). That small numbers of specialists, however, from such forces could usefully be repatriated to Italy for duty with the Italian army units.

c). That it is necessary that it be impressed on such forces in Greece that they must not drift into Albania, as to do so without hope of repatriation adds materially to the difficulties of the situation there.

d). That as it is impossible to repatriate large numbers it is the duty of the soldiers to do all they can in the countries in which they at present find themselves to help the war effort in the most expedient manner, e.g., by formation of guerilla bands, and not to concentrate in areas where they cause embarrassment to forces which are fighting on the allied side.

3. It is understood that General Infante and four staff officers who have come out of Greece through Albania are in Italy and that Force 266 are willing to make available Major de Salis for a Liaison visit to the Italian Government. The latter officer is stated to be "persona grata" with the King of Italy and could with the proper authority and in conjunction with General Infante greatly assist in the necessary organization for repatriating such as it is practicable to deal with.

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4. It appears therefore that the matter should be tackled on the following lines:

- a). The visit of Major de Salis should be approved.
- b). That General Infante and his staff should stay until after Major de Salis' arrival.
- c). That lists should be prepared forthwith of the specialists whose repatriation could be accepted and arranged and that arrangements for this be worked out in conjunction with Major de Salis and General Infante.
- d). That the points made in 2 above be impressed on General Infante and that he go back ultimately to see that they are implemented in conjunction with the appropriate Allied Military authorities.

5. Will you please indicate by cable whether you concur in the above in order that Mideast may be informed and arrangements be made for Major de Salis to come over to you.

For /s/ T. B. Jackman, Major
/t/ HENRY PARKMAN, JR
Lt. Colonel, G. S. C.
Acting Chief of Section.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner
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SUBJECT: Repatriation of Dr. Massimo Adolfo Vitale

TO: Secretary General, HQ ACC

1. Reference is made to attached letter 139/37/44 from A.C. & A.D. Section, HQ ACC, to V.P. Adm. Section, dated 8 April 1944, above subject (Incl 1).

2. Inform A.C. & A.D. Section that this is a matter which is being handled by the office of the Chief Commissioner and is one in which A.A.I. is not involved as vetting is done at the point where POW to be repatriated is held.

3. Apparently your request 014.33 (copy attached as Incl 2) to C-in-C, AFM, (Attn: M3), dated 20 Jan 44, was not placed in suspense and no follow up action was taken by your office. The reason no reply has been received is doubtless due to the fact that the matter was sent (Attn: M3). A follow up should be made at once by your office, addressed to C-in-C, AFM, giving information contained in original request. Upon receipt of information with respect to the application, the C.I.C. should be advised in order that Regional Commissioner, Region II, can be notified and since the request for repatriation originated in Marshal Badoglio's office, the Marshal should also be informed at that time of the status of the case.

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - as in para 1
Incl 2 - as in para 3

cc: Adm Sec
AC & AG Section

HENRY D. STINE
Captain, USAR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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8 April 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Dr. Massimo Adolfo Vitale

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. On 1 January Marshal Badoglio wrote General MacFarlane requesting the repatriation of Dr. Massimo Adolfo Vitale. On 20 January Captain Stone, Deputy Chief Commissioner replied to General Badoglio that the letter had been forwarded to the appropriate quarter for action. Also on the 20 January Major Doe, Secretary General, wrote C.-in-C., A.F.M.C. However, this letter has not been answered to the knowledge of this Headquarters.

2. The subject has now been brought to the attention of this office by Regional Commissioner, Region II, who states that Dr. Vitale's son, an Italian Captain Linist officer with the 71 sub. area, is asking that the matter of his father's repatriation be followed up. The Provincial Commissioner of Brindisi speaks very highly of Captain Vitale's work and hopes we can help him and his father who is now a resident of Tanager, c/o the clinic of Prof. Bevarich. Dr. Vitale is also ex-Prefect of Nema. He retired to Tanager because of racial laws of fascist party.

3. Please comment and reply so AAI can act on the security aspect of the matter, if you favor such a solution.

For the Deputy Executive Commissioner:

/s/ J. M. Gulliffe
/t/ J. M. GULLIFFE
Capt., AOD

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20 January 1944

In reply refer to:
CIA.33

Subject: Repatriation of Italian Citizen

To: C-in-C, AFHQ (Attn: Military Government Section)

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2. If there is no objection on your part it is requested that Dr. Vitale be repatriated to Italy.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ROBERT E. ROE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary of the Commission

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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9 April 1944

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Subject: Repatriation of Dr. Massimo Adolfo Vitale.
To : R.C. & M.G. Section.

Reference your 139/37/CA, dated 8 April 1944.

- 1 If Capt. STONE on the instructions of General MACFARLANE has already officially asked for Dr. Vitale's release, I think the General's request should be pressed until some action is taken even if it results in a refusal. A request by General MACFARLANE can not be allowed to be just ignored.
- 2 According to your instructions you are the correct channel to correspond on this matter with A.F.H.Q.

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8 April 1944

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For the Deputy Executive Commissioner:

J. Wm. CUNLIFFE
Capt., AGD

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20 January 1944

In reply refer to:
014.39

Subject: Repatriation of Italian Citizen

To: C-in-C, AMR (Attn: Military Government Section)

1. A request has been received from Marshal Badoglio for the repatriation, if possible, of Dr. Massimo Adolfo Vitale, a resident of Tangier, c/o the Clinic of Professor Beveridge. The Marshal states that Dr. Vitale is an ex-Prefect of Derna who retired to Tangier as a result of the racial laws of the fascist party.

2. If there is no objection on your part it is requested that Dr. Vitale be repatriated to Italy.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ROBERT E. DOR
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Commission

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To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

In the absence of General MacFarlane I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's letter of 17 January 1944, requesting the repatriation of Dr. Massimo Adolfo Vitale. The request has been passed forward to the appropriate quarter for attention.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief of Staff

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TRANSLATION

The Chief of Government

File No. 199

18 January 1944

To General Mason MacFarlane
Chief of Allied Control Commission
Brindisi

Dear General MacFarlane -

May I have the courtesy of your cooperation in the matter of the repatriation of Doctor Massimo Adolfo VITALE, resident in TANGIERS - c/o the clinic of Prof. BENVENISTA.

Dr. VITALE, ex-prefect of BERGA, retired to TANGIERS, where he ekes out a miserable living, because he was hit by the racial laws of the defunct fascist party.

Very Cordially.

MADCOLLO

Sgt. Scrinzi - Transl.
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SG 014.33

Subject: Repatriation of Italian Citizen

(Dr Massimo Adolfo Vitale)

To: C-in-C, AFHQ

1. Inclosed is a copy of a request for the repatriation of Dr. Massimo Adolfo Vitale, a resident of Tangier, c/o the Clinic of Professor Bevarida.

2. It has recently been brought to the attention of this headquarters that Dr. Vitale has not yet returned to Italy. Information as to the present status of this case would be appreciated.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Commission

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In reply refer to:
LCC 014.33

Subject: Repatriation of General Beraudo di Fralorno

Dear Marshal Messe:

Your letter of 31 March has been received and representations are being made to AFHQ in support of your recommendation for the repatriation of General Beraudo di Fralorno as relief for General Castellano as Chief of the Italian Military Mission at Algiers.

Yours very truly,

MILBY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

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Captain E.W. Stone, USNR,
Deputy Chief Commissioner.

Reference your note of 4th. April about Castellano and
Beruado.

1. I certainly approve your letter to Marshal Messe.
2. I am writing to General Gammell as suggested.

6th. April, 1944.

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Capt. Stone

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6th. April, 1944.

I have been asked by Marshal Messe to say that he wishes to transfer General Castellano from Algiers because he wishes him to do a tour of duty in command of troops.

2. He is anxious to replace Castellano as Chief of the Italian Military Mission at Algiers by General Vittorio Emanuele Berardo di Pralormo. The latter is at present a prisoner of war in India in a P.O.W. camp at Dehra Dun. Messe would be most grateful if we could arrange for his repatriation to enable him to relieve Castellano at Algiers.

3. I have told Messe that I have referred the question to you and I would be grateful if you would let me know in due course what reply I can give to Marshal Messe.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Lieut-General James A.H. Gemmell, CB, ISO, MC,
Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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TRANSLATION

P. M. 151 - 31 March 1944

Supreme Command

Operations Office

File No. 12113

Subject: Repatriation of General Bernardo di Pralormo

To: Allied Control Commission.

His Excellency the Chief of Government would like to have General Castellano return from Algiers, because he must complete his turn of command among the troops, among other things.

We shall also be grateful to the Commission for their help in releasing from internment, by precedence, General Vittorio Emanuele Bernardo di Pralormo. He is now in India (Dehra Dun Camp), and he would substitute General Castellano as Chief of the Italian Military Mission at Algiers.

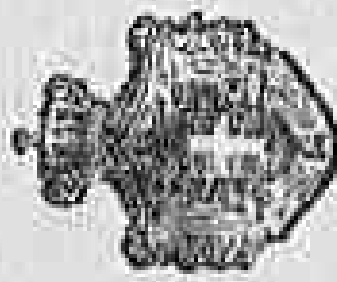
The Marshal of Italy
Chief of General Staff

/s/ Giovanni Messe

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31 March 1944



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COMANDO SUPREMO

Ufficio Operazioni

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

N° 12113 /Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O : Rimpatrio Generale BERAUDO di PRALORMO.

L'Eccellenza il Capo del Governo desidererebbe fare rientrare da Algeri il Generale CASTELLANO che deve fra l'altro compiere il suo turno di comando presso le truppe.

Sarò pertanto grato a codesta Commissione se vorrà interessare le Autorità Alleate per il rimpatrio dalla prigionia, con precedenza, del Generale Vittorio Emanuele BERAUDO di PRALORMO attualmente in India (campo di Dehra Dun) che dovrebbe sostituire il Generale Castellano nella carica di Capo della Missione Militare Italiana in Algeri.

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IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)

G. Messe

N° 19113 / Op. di prot.

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IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)

G. Messe

31/10/43 - Rimpatrio Gen. B. B. B.

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24 March 1944

In reply refer to:
DCC 014.33

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Officer Prisoners of War

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. Marshal Kense, Chief of the Supreme General Staff, has requested the repatriation of Lt. Gen. Luigi Frusci and Maj. Gen. Mario Pitassi-Mannella, both held as prisoners in Camp Monticello, Arkansas, U.S.A., who are stated to be precariously ill.

2. While it is appreciated that the policy is not to return prisoners of war normally from North Africa, exceptions have been appeared to be made in the case of prisoners of war who are seriously ill.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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24 Mar

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24 March 1944

In reply refer to:
DCC 014.33

Subject: Gen. Frusci and Gen. Pitagali-Mannella

Dear Marshal Messe:

With reference to your letter of 7 March 1944, N. 11642, on the above subject, we have taken up with Allied authorities the matter of making exceptions in the case of prisoners of war who are precariously ill and we shall advise you further in this matter.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

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17 March 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Prisoners of War
TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner.

For information of C.C. the final sentence of AG 383.6-3 GAP-AGM from Chief of Staff, AFHQ in a letter concerning repatriation of medical personnel reads as follows:-

"It has been previously stated that a blanket release of Italian prisoners of war will not be approved, but that each specific request will be considered on its own merits as pertains to the individual."

This infers that AFHQ are willing to consider individual applications. I propose, therefore, to forward individual names from time to time where it is thought circumstances warrant favorable consideration.

G. W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.
(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

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18 MAR 1944

Lt. Col. Quinn ①
Smith

What has been
done with the
letter of March
11th attached?
Has The Genl seen
it?
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② Ref. ①.

Nothing except to refer the
para. to you.

It is a Civil affairs query
from Naples, handed to us
for information.

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TRANSLATION

Commando Supremo
Office of Operations
No. 11642

March 1944
TO: Allied Control Commission

SUBJECT: Gen. FRUSCI and Gen. PITASSI - MANNELLA.

I should be grateful to the Commission if it would urge the proper Allied authorities for the repatriation of Lt. Gen. LUIGI FRUSCI and Maj. General EMIO PITASSI - MANNELLA, both held prisoners in Camp Monticello, ARKANSAS, U.S.A., who are precariously ill.

Marshal of Italy
Chief of Staff
Giovanni Messe

TO: Deputy Chief Commissioner.

14 March 1944

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Reference repatriation of Prisoners of War. (translation above)

Reference the attached letter from Marshal Messe. It is realised that the repatriation of POW from North Africa in particular has been stopped by order of AFHQ; also that the Chief Commissioner has submitted a list of 25 important prisoners in case AFHQ will relent to this extent.

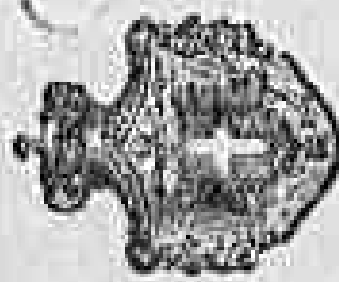
I am unaware of any AGWAR policy in regard to repatriation of POW generally. Unless therefore, the AFHQ decision rests on a general policy of cutting down repatriation, it seems reasonable that we should be able to forward cases where return is asked for on medical grounds. Some justification for this can be found in the fact that wounded POW are being regularly returned to Italy, although possibly not from North Africa. If we could get a declaration of high level with regard to medical cases suitable for repatriation held in India, U.S.A., Great Britain etc., it would facilitate dealing with individual applications such as that attached.

A similar case was received recently where medical authorities in West Africa recommended the return of a consumptive prisoner. This was actually forwarded by AFHQ asking to what place in Italy the man should be sent.

G. W. Quinsmith Lt. Col. 2119
(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

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COMANDO SUPREMO

Ufficio Operazioni

N° 11642/Op. di prot.-

li, 7 marzo 1944

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

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O G G E T T O : Gen. FRUSCI e Gen. PITASSI - MANNELLA.-

Sarò grato a codesta Commissione se vorrà interessare le competenti Autorità Alleate per il rimpatrio dalla prigionia di guerra del Generale di C.A. PRUSCI Luigi e del Generale di Divisione PITASSI-MANNELLA Errico, ambedue nel campo di Monticello (Arkansas - U.S.A.) che mi risultano versare in precarie condizioni di salute.=

IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA

CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE

- Giovanni Messe -

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7 March
O G G E T T O : Gen. FRUSCI e Gen. PITASSI - MANNELLA.-

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IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE

- Giovanni Messe -

G. Messe

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11 March 1944

AG 383.6-3 GAP-AGM

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Prisoners of War - Medical.

TO : Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to letter your headquarters 77/3/Ca, Subject: "Repatriation of Prisoners of War - Medical", dated 20 February 1944. (16)

2. There are not sufficient officers and other medical personnel now available to the Allied Forces in North Africa to render medical service to Italian prisoners of war under Allied custody in a satisfactory manner.

3. In view of the critical manpower situation to the Allied Nations, it is not believed desirable nor expedient to comply with the request for the return of medical personnel to Italian control, contained in your letter dated 20 February 1944, as such a release would occasion an additional burden to the professional services of the Allied Nations in North Africa.

4. It has been previously stated that a blanket release of Italian prisoners of war will not be approved, but that each specific request will be considered on its own merits as pertains to the individual.

J.A.H. GAMMELL,
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

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HEADQUARTERS

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24 February 1944

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MGS-014.33

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian internees to Italian
Somaliland

TO : G.H.Q., M.E.F.

1. The Italian Government has formally requested the Allied Control Commission that their nationals, lately resident in Italian Somaliland and at present interned in Kenya and elsewhere, may be permitted to return to their homes and to resume their occupations. The matter was presented to the Italian Government by Dott. Falcone Antonio, President of the Consorzio Agrario (Agrarian Syndicate), of Genale, Italian Somaliland; now interned at Camp 354B, Kenya.

2. It is requested that you will examine this proposal in the light of the policies governing the administration and control of Italian territory under your jurisdiction, and that we may be informed of your decision in the matter, and provided with such details as will enable an appropriate reply to be made to the Italian Government.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

HENRY PATRICKMAN, JR.,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.,
Deputy Acting Chief.

Copy to: HQ. Allied Control Commission - ✓
Attention Deputy Chief Commissioner
(Your UCC 014.33 of 19 February refers)

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22nd. February, 1944.

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PRIORITY

FREEDOM FOR CHIEF OF STAFF AND H.Q.S. FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL

Chief of Air Sub-Commission is anxious that all Italian Air Force P.W. now in Sicily be handed back to Italian Air Force. They are required in connection with plans for substitution of Italian personnel with R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F. . He anticipates asking for more Italian Air Force P.W. from North Africa and elsewhere in near future. This raises important question of policy in connection with P.W. question as a whole. Please let me have your reactions

014.33 POW/Repatriation

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Capt. Slaughter -

The C.C. has signed this but would like Brig. Parkinson to see and agree it before despatch.

If OK., please despatch and return papers by this afternoon courier.

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Capt. Slaughter

I concur with this wholeheartedly

G. S. Parkinson

Feb 21st '44

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

20th February 1944.

Ref: TI/3/NA.

Subject: Repatriation of Prisoners of War - Medical.

To : Commander-in-Chief,
Allied Force Headquarters.

1. The Chief of the Army Sub-Commission has represented to me that there is a shortage of medical officers in the Italian Army and a serious shortage of civil practitioners and specialists. The Italian General Staff has asked that a considerable number of medical officers who are now prisoners of war in North Africa and other theatres should be released and repatriated. Men of age groups prior to 1910 have been asked for and I consider that these needs should be met at once. Their repatriation will benefit both the Italian Army and the civil population and at the same time it will fulfil Allied obligations under Articles 9 and 12 of the Geneva Convention. The matter, in my opinion, should be dealt with quite separately from that of the normal P.O.W. procedure in view of the Geneva Convention.

2. The immediate requirements are as follows:

Surgeons	50
Internes	50
Oculists	20
Nose, ear and throat specialists	20
Neurologists	20
Dermatologists	15
Dentists	15
Hygienists	20
Children's doctors	20
X-Ray Specialists	20

3. I should be glad if early consideration could be given to this matter for the dearth of medical officers, both military and civil, may have a very serious effect both on the Army and the civil population of this country.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner.

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TI/3/CA Copy to: Army Sub-Commission.

20 Feb

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19 February 1944

In reply refer to:
DGC 014.33

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Internees

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, Military Government Section, APO 512

The attached letter from the Italian Ministry of the Interior is forwarded for such action as is deemed necessary with advice to this office as to disposition made.

ELLEN W. STONE
Captain, USMR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Ltr, Ministry for the Interior
No. 338, 1 February 1944

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In reply refer to:
DCC 014.33

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Internees

TO : Ministry of the Interior, Italian Government

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 1 February dealing with the case of Dott. Falcone Antonio in Kenya, East Africa, and other similar internees from Somalia. Your letter has been forwarded to Allied authorities in Algiers for such action as is deemed appropriate. I will advise you of the outcome of these cases.
2. I must apologize for the delay which was due to the move of this office from Brindisi to Salerno.

ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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18th. February, 1944.

1. With reference to your request that I should endeavour to secure the repatriation of Sotto Tenente Medico Emanuele di Sergio, taken prisoner on 19th. December, 1942 and now in concentration camp No. 188 in Russia.
2. I can hold little hope of securing this officer's repatriation unless you can let me have any very strong or urgent reasons - preferably in connection with the war effort - which I would be able to have forwarded to the Russian authorities.

*Sotto Tenente Medico
Emanuele di Sergio*

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

S.E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo.

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Ministry for the Interior
Italian Africa Affairs

Lecce -

No 338

To the Allied Control Commission
and for information;
Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs

The President of the Consorzio Agrario (Agrarian Syndicate) of Genale (Somalia). Dott. Falcone Antonio, at present an interned civilian at Camp 354 D Kenya, has asked, for other internees who have left their families and affairs in Somalia as well as for himself, to return to their seat and resume their own businesses.

We transmit our request to this Hon. Commission that they may favor it with their kind attention and, if it's possible, forward it to the East Africa Command for their determination.

Awaiting for the kindness of a quick reply, we thank you.

Undersecretary of State

/s/

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reference your letter 014.33 dated 13 January.

Authority has been given for repatriation of parachudists PW. Request
information where these PW be sent.

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AGWAF FOR ACTION TO PATINA FOR INFORMATION

Release and return to Italy for repatriation is requested for Italian Gen
 i Div Brunetti now believed to be in PW camp in US provided there are no
 military objections by the War Department. Has been requested by Italian High
 Command for reorganization of Ministry of War and Italian Army General Staff.
 Release of this officer is recommended and request that action be expedited.

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MESSAGE FROM MATOULA ARMED SERVICES CITE MAPRO

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Repatriation of 617 Italian POW is desired from U.S. Prisoner of War Camps in North Africa on hospital ships returning to Naples. Breakdown as follows: walking 196 officers, 106 SM, 8 civilians; litter cases 45 SM. Also desire to repatriate on other ships to Naples 92 officers and 6 SM over age and unfit for service. Of total approximately 250 require hospitalization. Request you approach Italian Govt. and secure their acceptance for the repatriation of these individuals. Contemplate returning them at early moment.

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MEMO TO MAJ. DOE

Following your verbal information that a dr. Francesco NATOLI has arrived in Naples, Comando Supremo informs that this gentleman is expected here in Brindisi, where he will have to report to Col. Pettorelli-Lavatta.

Brindisi, 22 January 1944

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Il Capo Ufficio Segretariato
(Col. Luigi Rossi)
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LEADER JOHNSTONE WILL CONTACT YOU PERSONALLY REGARDING TAIDI AND BORGALINO
AS TO THE FOR PROVOST MATERIAL FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PD LIEUTENANT
MARCELI SHOULD BE SENT TO BRIDGES TO REPORT TO COMMAND SUPREMO TO COLONEL
PETTORRELLI DASH LATER

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary of the Commission

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AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. COE
MAJOR, AGO
Secretary of Commission

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SVC/RELAY NO.

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REF NO : PES 5368

PREC : ROUTINE

FILED : JAN 15 NPT

FROM : PES PROVOST MARSHAL SECTION - PENCE CITE BPSM

REC'D : JAN 20 1540A

TO : FATIMA ADV (ACTION) FREEDOM (INFO)
 ACC FOR ACTION OF SQUADRON LEADER JOHNSON
 CG NATONIA FOR DILLON (IMG) FOR INFO

Holding two Italian non-commissioned officers, Vincenzo Taibi and Luigi Borsalino, both screened as Class A POW who arrived this base on 11 January from POW Camp in North Africa for transfer to ACC care of Squadron Leader Johnson per cable instructions cite NAMRG reference No. 14661, dated 16 Dec. Also holding Italian POW Lt Francesco Natoli screened as Class A for transfer to ACC per instructions in cable cite NAMRG reference 1672. Request information as to where and when these subjects can be delivered.

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20 January 1944

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

In the absence of General MacFarlane I am writing to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's letter of 17 January 1944 requesting the repatriation of Dr. Massimo Adolfo Vitale. The request has been passed forward to the appropriate quarter for attention.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MILLYN H. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief of Staff

Dr. Massimo Adolfo

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FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CG NATOUA CITE NAPMG

REC'D : JAN 191225A

TO : FATIMA FOR ACTION

Generals of Division Guido Boselli, Francesco Laferla, Pietro Belletti, and Admiral Manfredi are being dispatched to this theater as soon as air transportation can be arranged. Generals Laferla and Boselli request repatriation of Major Giovanni Tumino and Lieutenant Carlo Coletti as aides. Request your concurrence on the release of these two officers.

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To His Excellency Marshal Pietro Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

With reference to your letter of 8 January,

I have today requested AFHQ to ask for the repatriation to Italy
of General of Artillery Brigade Arrigo Grillo now a prisoner at
the Monticello Camp, Arkansas.

Most sincerely,

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~~Grillo~~

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In reply
refer to: 014.33

13 January 1944

Subject: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War

To: C-in-C, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. The Italian Government has requested that the following list of Prisoners of War be repatriated to Italy as soon as possible for duty in the Italian armed forces:

General of Artillery Brigade Arrigo Grillo
Monticello Camp, Arkansas, U.S.A.

Antonio Garinelli, Service of Prisoners of War,
D.H.P. - 228 - Bombay

Giuseppe Garinelli, POW Information Bureau, Office of the
Provost Marshal General, Washington, D. C., U.S.A.

Parachutists in 322 PW Camp, Syracuse:

2nd Lt. Pizziniago	Pte. Proietti
Sgt. Maj. MAURA Giovanni	Pte. Moralli
Sgt. Maj. OSSOLA Elmero	Pte. Gaddi
Sgt. ASSUCI Amendo	Pte. Gualmi
Cpl. FAISI Emilio	Pte. Zambardoni
Cpl. BUGLI Emilio	Pte. ADAMELLINI Venio
Cpl. ZAMBARDI Arrigo	Pte. Bertuzzi

Parachutist in 363 PW Camp, Augusta:

Pte. BENEATI Giuseppe

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary of Commission

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FROM : FBS PENCE (FARGO) CITE FARGO 233
CABLES 16721 AND 14661 NATOUA ARE REF

REC'D : JAN 130024A

TO : FATIMA HEAR FOR JOYCE

Ensuing is paraphrase of AFHQ cable H-3574 of 10 January.

Following Italian personnel departed MBS on 8 January aboard S S Nea Hellas sailing with Nat S F 12 for transfer to Allied Control Commission Brindisi. Lt Francesco Natori, Maresciallo Vincenzo Taibi and Brigadier Luigi Borsellino. Estimated time of arrival this Headquarters today. Escort American Sergeant is to be returned to point of origin. No knowledge held this Headquarters of these officers. Please cable disposal instructions.

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Release and return to Italy for repatriation is requested of Italian Generals Bosjeli, La Feria and Belletti now believed to be in prison camps in United States provided there are no military objections by the War Department. Release of these officers is recommended and request that action be expedited.

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FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CG MATOUSA GITE HAFMG

REC'D : JAN 111120A

TO : FATIMA FOR ACTION

Italians Lt Natoli, Maresciallo Taibi and Brigadiere Borsalino, requested
 by Allied Control Commission departed Oran by water, ETA Brindisi 12 Jan. current.

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provided they are considered secure request return of Gen di Div Boselli and
 Gen di Div La Perla, Italian PW in US. to this theater. They have been requested
 by Italian Government for re-organization of Ministry of War and Italian Army
 General Staff.

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SUBJECT:- Release of Italian Parachutists

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
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Allied Control Commission

1. I forward at Appx 'A' a copy of a letter from the Stato Maggiore which I forwarded to 15 Army Gp.
2. 15 Army Gp have requested me to ask you to obtain permission from AFHQ for the release of personnel listed, subject to the approval of G2 AFHQ.
3. May I please be kept informed of any action that is being taken.

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for
Brig
Comd

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TRANSLATION

CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT
No. 66 of Prot.

8 January 1944

Dear General Joyce:-

H. R. H. The Prince of Piedmont desires the
repatriation of the General of Artillery Brigade Arrigo Grillo,
prisoner at Monticello Camp, Arkansas (U.S.A.).

I beg you to interest yourself in this
matter.

Very cordially,

BADCGLIO

To General Kenyon A. Joyce
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
Headquarters

General Grillo

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UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO
CON LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
ITALIAN LIAISON SECTION
TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

N. 0074/LP
5, January 1944

TO THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

With reference to your note No. AJC/dfe dated 2 inst.,
concerning sick and wounded Italian POW being repatriated from
United Kingdom.

The Comando Supremo informs that the most suitable
port for landing of these POW is Bari (note No. 10092, of 4 inst.)

Il Capo Ufficio Collegamento

(C. Rossi)

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FROM COMANDO SUPREMO
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TO GENERAL CHIEF OF ALLIED CONTROL
COMMISSION

N. 10018/OP

2 January 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Military interned in Egypt

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Militari italiani internati in Egitto.-

Risultano attualmente internati in Egitto (campo prigionieri n. 304 di Helwan) numerosi militari italiani sfuggiti dalla Grecia dopo l'armistizio.

Tali militari non sono evidentemente da considerare come prigionieri di guerra.

Sarei grato a V.S. se volesse interessare il Comando in Capo Alleato per il loro rimpatrio, analogamente a quanto è in corso per i militari italiani rifugiatisi a Cipro.

IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)



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LETTER TO JOYCE REGARDING YOUR LETTER 014.33
 DECEMBER 16TH

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Security authorities are concerned at continued presence in Portuguese East Africa of Italians who have opportunities of damaging the war effort in an important operational area by sabotage and espionage. There are about 170 individuals involved, most of whom are merchant seamen. Anything in the nature of a security check on the spot is impossible and only practical method of removing the potential danger is to arrange for all the Italians to be removed from Portuguese East Africa to an area under Allied Control where they can undergo a thorough screening.

Preliminary arrangements have therefore been made for these Italians to go by Portuguese ship from Lourenco Marques to Casablanca and to have them screened there. Those found reliable would be sent to Italy, the residue being sent to the United Kingdom for internment.

In order to implement this plan it is necessary for the Italian Government through their representative at Lisbon to request the Portuguese Government to arrange for the departure and transport of the repatriates to Casablanca as it is understood that Portuguese Government would readily accede to this request.

We are asked to treat this question as one of urgency. Please arrange for the necessary instructions to be sent to Dajeta as soon as possible.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

AJC/dfe

2 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Rossi.

1. The following are sick and wounded Italian PW being repatriated from United Kingdom:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>	<u>lying</u>	<u>walking</u>
tuberculosis	tuberculosis	54 0	32 1
	psycho-psychosis	30	108
psycho-neurosis	psycho-neurosis	0 0	230 2
	medical & surgical cases	6	324
medical and surgical cases		0	13
	Totals	90	710
		710	
	TOTAL	800	

2. PW being lifted in the hospital ships departing 15 January 1944.
3. Please inform which port most convenient for disembarkation.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

A. J. COLLINS
Captain, RE
Asst Secy of Com

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TO : FATIMA

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Further our 14916 of 16 December addressed troopers repeated to you.

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APPENDIX 'A'

SUBJECT:- Release of Italian Parachutists

Ord and Mob (Mob Sec)
Stato Maggiore R.E.
855 MOB/V
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Stato Maggiore is reorganising units belonging to NEMBO Parachute Div. from which it has drawn the personnel required for various duties. Among these units, they are forming the 1st SPECIAL INDEPENDENT UNIT, which is to be put at disposal to British 13 CORPS.

Because there are in 322 and 358 PW Camps (see att list) at CYRUSSE and AUGUSTA respectively, a number of paratroopers, will NMIA please examine the possibility, if there are no objections, of effecting the release of such of these men who would like to join the units of the 8th Div which are in process of being organized.

size.

Gen. A. MARIOTTI.

Parachutists in PW Camps
322 & 369

2/Lieut	PIZZINILLO
Pte	PROLETTI
"	MONELLI
"	GADDI
Cpl	FALLI Emilio
"	BELLI Emilio
"	ZAMBARDI Arrigo
Pte	GULMI
Sgt	AMLUCCI Arraondo
Pte	ZAMBARDONZI
"	AMBELLINI Vezio
Sgt Maj.	MANTIA Giovanni
Pte	BERTUZZI
Sgt Maj.	OSSOLA Ilmoro
Pte	BRUCATI Giuseppe

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
Office of the Provost Marshal General
APO 534, U. S. Army.

10 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Return of Prisoners of War to Sicily.

TO : Commanding Officer, AMGOT Headquarters, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. A number of requests for the return of certain Italian Prisoners of War have been received at this office during the past two months.
2. Reference our letter of 30 October 1943, subject as above, the return of these prisoners can not be authorized without a statement of essential need and specified description as to the position for which the prisoner of war is required.
3. In addition to the prisoners mentioned in aforementioned letter, the following named Italians requested by your office have been located:
 - Algieri, Salvato - Lt. - M.B.S.
 - Fiorentino, Gioseppe - Capt. - M.B.S.
 - Vaccari, Rocca - Capt. - E.B.S.
 - Monello, Filippo - Capt. - British #2 Hospital, Thibar
 - Pantano, Carmelo - Capt. - British PW Camp #217
 - Puglisi, Alpedo - Lt. - M.B.S.
 - Tabacco, Sabastiano - Lt. - M.B.S.
 - Simoncini, Paolo - Lt. - E.B.S.
4. In order that records may be cleared and the prisoners concerned assigned to other duties without question of immediate transfer, request reply by indorsement hereon as to whether or not AMGOT intends to utilize this personnel.


J. V. DILLON,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Provost Marshal General.

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10 Dec

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