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128	Ltr Morse, N.15554	16 Oct 44	Commo. Stone	Repatriated officers from Camp 4, England; Gen Mancinelli,etc,have arrived in Italy.
129	Ltr, Maj Quayle A/CC 014.33-1	24 Oct 44	Maj Watrous, Force 266,Sec B-8	Repatriation of Col. Giuseppe BERTI from Greece. INCL: Ltr,Infante, 7 Oct 44.
130	Meeting, CA Sec	26 Oct 44	- -	Repatriation of Italian soldiers (from Greece mainly).
131	Ltr, Commo. Stone 4.37.1/CA	27 Oct 44	G-5 Sec AFHQ	Repatriation of Italian soldiers from Greece and the Balkans - should be taken care of by MMLA
132	Ltr, Maj Quayle	4 Nov 44	Infante	Repatriation of Col. Giuseppe Berti from Greece. APP: Ltr Force 399, 1 Nov 44.
133	Ltr, Commo. Stone IPW/1/233	4 Nov 44	Sir Noel Charles	Proposed repatriation 11,000 PW from India to Italy not feasible.
134	Secy of Vatican	27 Nov 44	- -	Suggest Xmas season fitting occasion for repatriation of IPW.
135	Ltr Infante 0376	28 Dec 44	Stone	Repat. Dr Gerardo Lupi fr Africa.
136	Ltr Stone IPW/1/348	29 Dec 44	Myron Taylor	Suggestion that Xmas season fitting occasion for repat of IPW
136a	Ltr Gazzera16531Mil.	4 Jan 45	AC Rome	Repat of PW under sp conditions.
137	Ltr Stone P/505/Lu	? Jan 45	Infante	Repat.Dr Gerardo Lupi fr Africa.
138	Ltr Lush, IPW/22/94	8 Jan 45	G-5 AFHQ	Repat/return of Ital soldiers fr the Balkans.
139	Ltr Lush, IPW/22/95	8 Jan 45	G-5 AFHQ	
140	LtrStone, IPW/1/358	9 Jan 45	Taylor, Myron	Suggestion that Xmas season fitting occasion for repat of IPW.

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118	Ltr Messe 15257	20 Sep 44	Capt Stone	Return Gen Mancinelli news POW in Camp 4 England
119	Memo Stone	21 Sep 44	Col Campbell	Repatriation of Senior Italian Officers ref 15257 20 Sep Messe
120	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 014.33-1	1 Oct 44	Messe	Repatriation of Senior Italian Officers ref 15257 20 Sep Messe
121	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 014.33-1	2 Oct 44	Spofford	Assignment for Gen Castellano command of division
122	Ltr 2404/22/COS Brig Lush	6 Oct 44	Defense Security Office, Malta	Return of Maltese students Giacomotto & Casser to Italy.
122a	Ltr Commo Stone IFS/1/7/122(Gen Campbell)	8 Oct 44	Marshal Messe	Repatriation of Senior Italian officers.
123	Ltr A/CC 014.33-1 Capt Stone	9 Oct 44	Spofford	Gen Castellano assigned to command a division in Sicily.
124	Memo 9005/7/COS Brig Lush	10 Oct 44	Civil Affairs Sec	Return of wounded prisoners of war.
125	Ltr Brig Lush 8257/8/COS	10 Oct 44	G-5 Sec, AFHQ	Repatriation of Ital soldiers from Greece.
125a	Memo,Col Shipp	11 Oct 44	A/CC	Castellano comd'ng div. in Sicily
126	Memo, Commo Stone A/CC 383.6-1	13 Oct	Chief of Staff	Proposed repatriation 11,000 officers from India. INCL: Ltr 6/103/44,N.Charles,11 Oct
127	Ltr Commo Stone A/CC 383.6-1	13 Oct 44	Noel Charles	Proposed repatriation 11,000 Italian officers from India.

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107	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 014.33	5 Aug 44	Kapsambelis	Greeks not military age may return liberated Italy
107a	Ltr Prunas 1/172	5 Aug 44	Capt Stone	Dissolving Ital Mil Mis & appointing Naval Liaison Mission
108	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 014.33	6 Aug 44	AFHQ	Italian Military Mission forwarding correspondence for info
109	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 014.33	7 Aug 44	Prunas	Forwarding info re Ital Naval Mission to AFHQ
110	Ltr Campbell ASC/1/11/181	8 Aug 44	AFHQ G-5	Request for repatriation of Italian Commisariat Officers
111	Cbl ACC S 311	9 Aug 44	AFHQ	Ref F74792 24 Jul no administrative difficulties foreseen
112	Memo Quayle	15 Aug 44	File	Case of Gen Azzi let it die App a - Ltr Harcourt 6 Jul 621/131 App b - 11/16/0744 11 Jul 2 Dist
113	Ltr AFHQ G-5 014.33	15 Aug 44	ACC	Ref ltr 16 Jul Tangier informed Col. Vitali make arrangements retur
113a	Ltr AFHQ G-5 334-50	16 Aug 44	ACC	Present position view Royal Navy re Italian Naval Mission
114	Cbl Matera Province	18 Aug 44	Winston Churchill	Request repatriation Maj M.O. Pasquale Gagliardi POW England
114a	Cbl AFHQ F85040	20 Aug 44	ACC	400 Italians now await repatriation from UK can Ital Govt accept
115	Cbl AFHQ F85397	20 Aug 44	ACC	Repatriation 800 Italian sick & wounded from North Africa
116	Ltr Capt Stone	24 Aug 44	Gen Browning	Gen Gammell's desire that Gen Castellano have suitable position
117	Ltr Capt Stone 271/123/CA A/CC 014.33	30 Aug 44	Governor Malta	Maltese Students Giacomotto & Cassar return to Italy no

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91	Cbl ACC 692	19 Jul 44	Filpot	Additional 600 POW fr Indie are accepted give 10 days notice
92	Cbl ACC 726	20 Jul 44	Natousa & AFHQ	Ital Govt accept additional 117 including restraint cases
93	Cbl Natousa 32150	21 Jul 44	ACC Rear	Return 250 additional Ital PWs repatriable
94	Ltr Di Brigata 14310	22 Jul 44	Capt Stone	Repatriation & disbanding of IMM with AFHQ
95	Cbl AFHQ F74792	24 Jul 44	ACC Main	Repatriation Italians fr Eritrea relieve unemployment there
96	Ltr Campbell ASC/1/2/171	24 Jul 44	PBS	Repatriation Ital Army Officer now POW
97	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 014.33	25 Jul 44	AFHQ	Italian Military Mission
97a	Cbl ACC 955	25 Jul 44	AAI	Ital Govt accept officers
98	Ltr Campbell ASC/1/7/27	26 Jul 44	AFHQ	Repatriation POW Gen Scattini & Gen Roda whereabouts
99	Ltr Campbell ASC/1/8/6	26 Jul 44	High Comm POW	Repatriation POW Camp 131
99a	Ltr Campbell	27 Jul 44	AFHQ	ASC/1/7/34 invalids French hand
100	Ltr Campbell ASC/28/31	27 Jul 44	AFHQ G-5	PW requested for repatriation fr Island of Lissa
100a	Ltr Campbell	27 Jul 44	AAI	ASC/1/7/33 sick & wounded
101	Cbl ACC S-301	28 Jul 44	AFHQ	Ltr for Messe delivered seeing him on subject F 72610 28 Jul
101a	Cbl AFHQ F76210	28 Jul 44	ACC Stone	Future employment Castellano
102	Ltr Col Densmore A/CC 014.33	29 Jul 44	AFHQ	Italian Military Mission Incl 1 - Ltr Prunas 1/121 37 Jul
103	Ltr Messe 582	29 Jul 44	Capt Stone	Settlement of Gen Castellano Incl 1 - Ltr Messe 566 28 Jul to Gen Gammell
103a	Ltr Gen Rooks	29 Jul 44	Capt Stone	Interest of Gen Castellano
104	Ltr Densmore	1 Aug 44	Int & Disp	Prepare draft reply for A/CC re Greek Nationals
104a	Cbl ACC 1148	30 Jul 44	Natousa	Greek POS's ref 1 info req-
105	Memo Slaughter 014.33	1 Aug 44	Densmore	uested contained in 85
106	Cbl Natousa L34553	1 Aug 44	ACC & MMIA	Move 250 Ital POWs delayed be cause of other requirements

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75	Cbl ACC Rear 3027	3 Jul 44	Filpot	Accept additional 150 repatriates send ETA
75a	Ltr ASC G/6/1 Repatriation sick & wounded	4 Jul 44	Col Campbell (Garibaldi Div)	App a - Cbl Filpot A 731 29 Jun Repatriation of wounded, sick & invalid POW
76	Memo Campbell	3 Jul 44	AFHQ	Incl 1 - Ltr Gazzera 1145 30 Jun Forwerding ltrs fr Gazzera &
76a	Ltr Bonomi 1939 Dr Vitale - re-entry into	5 Jul 44	Capt Stone country	AFHQ please throw into the scales
77	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 014.33	5 Jul 44	Sir Noel Charles	Forwerding ltrs fr Gazzera & AFHQ please throw into the scales
78	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 014.33	5 Jul 44	Alexander Kirk	Status Ital POW in liberated Italy repatriation of views ACC
79	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 014.33	5 Jul 44	AFHQ C-of-S	Incl 1 - Ltr Gazzera 410 18 Jun Incl 2 - Request liberation word honor
79a	Ltr Bonomi 1939 Dr Vitale's re-entry into	5 Jul 44	Capt Stone country	App a - Draft incl EWS 29 Jun AFHQ
80	Cbl Densmore ACC Main S268	6 Jul 44	AFHQ & ACC ADV	Ital Govt agree withdrawal of Ital Mil Mission
81	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 014.33	6 Jul 44	Bonomi	AFHQ informed Ital Govt agree withdrawal of Itel Mil Mission
82a	Ltr Bonomi 5532	6 Jul 44	Capt Stone	Confirm statement Ital Govt agree withdrawal Ital Mil Mission
82b	Cbl Natousa 130095 Repatriation POW mental cases	8 Jul 44	ACC Rear	On Ital side need repatriation of Lederchi for Comando Supremo
83	Ltr Infante 14082/OP	7 Jul 44	Maj Quayle	Suggest Laderchi be repatriated for Comando Supremo
84	Ltr Densmore A/CC 014.33	10 Jul 44	AFHQ G-5	Ital Govt desire Gen Neuvel be repatriated in place Gen Giorgio
84a	Cbl ACC Rear 3079	9 Jul 44	AFHQ	Policy affecting Greeks entering liberated Italy
85	Ltr Int & Disper IDP/569/101-6	10 Jul 44	A/CC	Request acceptance 600 Ital repatriated fr India add to 900 pre
86	Cbl AAI A849	11 Jul 44	ACC ADV	Repatriation Ital POW on medical grounds - policy
86a	Zanghi-De Domenico	12 Jul 44	Capt Stone	Repatriation of Dr. Vitale - re-enter governmental administrati
87	Ltr Gammell	13 Jul 44	MacFarlane	Italian Military Mission
88	Ltr Densmore A/CC 014.33	16 Jul 44	AFHQ G-5	Repatriation on Compassionate Grounds
88a	Memo Doe	17 Jul 44	Col Densmore	Request repatriation POW in India Dr Molisani
89	Ltr Campbell ASC/1/1/201	18 Jul 44	AFHQ G-5	
90	Ltr Campbell ASC/1/1/202	18 Jul 44	AFHQ G-5	

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61	Cbl CG Natousa F 61385	19 Jun 44	ACC Main	Maj C E Buscaglia depart 19 Jun request ETA inform this HQ
62	Ltr Messe 466/AV	21 Jun 44	MacFarlane	Thanks prompt repatriation of Gen Pralormo who arrived Italy
63	Cbl AFHQ F63549	23 Jun 44	ACC Main	Ital Mission doing nothing moving to Italy suggest abolish
63a	Ltr Stone 014.33	24 Jun 44	Messe	Info requested Ital Govt re repatriation Dr. Vitale be forwarded
64	Ltr Slaughter DSG 014.33	25 Jun 44	AFHQ G-5	App a - Memo Secy Gen 24 Jun to DSG
64a	Ltr Quayle 014.33	26 Jun 44	Gen Browning	App b - Ltr AFHQ G-5 21 Jun 014.33
64b	Ltr Densmore 014.33	26 Jun 44	AFHQ G-5	Notification Mannella & Frusci arriving Italy
65	Cbl Natousa F 64733	26 Jun 44	ACC	Thanks ltr 466/AV 21 Jun Gen Infante assuming functions 1st Gen A'd'C His Royal Highness
66	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 014.33	27 Jun 44	Messe	Repatriation Col Laderchi for duties with ACC no longer needed
67	Ltr Maj Quayle A/CC 014.33	27 Jun 44	Gen Infante	App a - Memo LDD 26 Jun to EWS
67a	Cbl Land Forces Adriatic	27 Jun 44	AFHQ & AAI	App a Incls - Ltr AFHQ G-5 201 15 Jun to ACC
	Regards POW fr 500 PW moved VIS to Italy			Incl 1 - Ltr Civ Aff 1 May CA/EM/83
67b	Cbl MMIA SD1053	28 Jun 44	HQ ACC	Incl 2 - Ltr Bri Res Min 43/46/1 6th
	Repatriation 500 men per month fr Albania			Incl 3 - Ltr MGS 091.711 15 Feb
68	Cbl CG Natousa L-28880	27 Jun 44	ACC (Bowen)	Ital Maj Carlo Buscaglia arrived 25 Jun destination Bari ETA unknown
69	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 014.33	30 Jun 44	GOC Hq Force 266	Repatriation of Gen Mizzi & Staff from Albania
69a	Ltr Campbell ASC/22/35	1 Jul 44	Comando Supremo Ital Army in Balkans	Incl 1 - Ltr Messe 91423/AV 25 Jun with incl 2177/Inf 13 Jun
70	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 014.33	1 Jul 44	M.G. Kapsambelis	Ack ltr 724 28 Jun awaiting reply fr Sub-Com concerned
71	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 014.33	1 Jul 44	Int Disper SC	Please let me have comments on attached ltr fr Greek Delegation to Advisory Council 724 of 28 Jun
71a	Ltr Campbell ASC/22/36	1 Jul 44	AFHQ G-5 Ital Soldiers in Albania	Incl 1 - Ltr referred to above
72	Cbl ACC Main S265	1 Jul 44	AFHQ	Ref F 63549 23 Jun Bonomi agreeable recall Mission
				App a - Memo LDD 24 Jun to EWS
73	Cbl Freedom F 67292	2 Jul 44	ACC Rear	Italians for repatriation embark Algiers & Bone for Taranto ETA 8th
74	Cbl AFHQ F 67600	3 Jul 44	ACC (FNMM)	Wish dissolve Castellano's Military Mission Italian see Ital Govt
74a	Ltr Campbell ASC/1/	3 Jul 44	Maj Quayle	Repatriation POW on Compassionate Grounds with Apendicies

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Ref: IPW/1/350

9 January 1945

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Dear Mr. Taylor,

With reference to the questions in the list attached to the Secretary of State to the Vatican letter No. 87034/G dated 27 November 1944.

With regard to the availability of hospitals etc. for use by repatriated Italian Prisoners of War, it is pointed out that certain hospitals have already been made available and a number of beds are now being made available in military hospitals to meet future requirements. It is understood that for the present sufficient hospital accommodation is available.

Regarding the supply of uniforms, clothes, blankets etc. these were made available at a special camp at Taranto which was prepared for the repatriation of Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War returning from the Balkans. Out of the first 10,000 Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War passing through this camp it has only been necessary to issue clothing to approximately 1,000 and out of the 10,000 who passed through the camp 5,885 had one or more blankets and in certain cases two and three surplus blankets were brought back by some of the men who were repatriated. Sufficient blankets have been made available for all transit requirements.

On the question of transportation, as you know this is one of the most difficult problems in Italy to-day. The present arrangement with regard to the transportation of repatriated Prisoners of War to their homes is that the men are despatched to a central railhead in the district in which their homes are and while the men have to find their way on from the railhead, I understand that this method of movement is working satisfactorily and so far there have been no complaints.

With reference to the question of rations;- at the transit camp at Taranto, the ration scale is type 30 which is the high scale of ration practically the same and in certain items better than the Italian Army ration. There are two or three small transit camps which are not yet on the higher scale ration but representation has been made to put these camps on the same type of rations as that issued at the Taranto camp.

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All these questions in connection with repatriation of Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War to Italy are being studied daily at this Headquarters, and I shall be pleased if you will inform the Secretary of State to the Holy See that everything possible is being done to take care of any hardships that may crop up from time to time in connection with Italian Prisoners of War who have been repatriated.

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Honorable Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
To His Holiness the Pope
2 Via Don Compagni
Rome.

Prepared by:

J.A. Campbell
Lt. Col.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief of Staff

Prepared by:
J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt. Col.

Tel: 478733

Ref: IPW/22/35

8 January 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Soldiers and Prisoners of War from the Balkans.

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

1. The Italian Government have again requested me to take steps to have their soldiers and Prisoners of War repatriated from the following countries in the Balkans:

Albania, Croatia, Bulgaria, Macedonia.

2. General Mannerini who now commands the Autonomous Office for Veteran Soldiers and Repatriated Prisoners of War points out that in these countries there are considerable numbers of Italian soldiers practically starving.

3. Attached are translations of letters on this subject received from the Italian War Ministry.

4. The Italian War Ministry states that if these Italian soldiers are repatriated at the earliest possible moment, a number of them can, after a short period of leave, be used as drafts for the Italian Combat units in Italy, for which reinforcements are now required.

5. In forwarding the requests of the Italian Government with regard to these soldiers and Prisoners of War in the Balkans, it has been noted that recently a small number of Italians have been arriving in Italy from these countries; these arrivals may denote the commencement of the repatriation of all Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War from the Balkan countries.

6. I shall be pleased if you can inform me if there is at present any policy regarding the repatriation of Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War from the Balkans, and if no definite policy has yet been formulated, if it is possible in any way to meet the requests of the Italian Government in this matter.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(Sgd) M. A. Lush.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 478733

8 January 1945

Ref: IPW/22/94

SUBJECT: Repatriation and return of Italian Soldiers from the Balkans.

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

Reference my letter No. IPW/22/81 dated 5 December, 1944 on the above subject to which an answer is still awaited.

1. The Autonomous Office for Veteran Soldiers and Repatriated Prisoners of War of the Italian War Ministry have again requested that urgent consideration be given to the question of a universal type of ration for all Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War who are being repatriated to Italy.

2. In my letter referred to above, a request was made that type 30 ration be made available to the Transit Camp at Bari which handles the repatriation of a considerable number of soldiers and Prisoners of War coming into Italy from the Balkans and the East.

3. General Mannerini who is in charge of the Autonomous Office for Veteran Soldiers and Repatriated Prisoners of War has now requested that type 30 rations be not only made available at Bari but also for camps at Lecce, Naples and a second camp at Taranto.

4. Now that instructions have been issued that Patriots coming through our lines will be afforded treatment similar to that accorded the Italian Army in respect of rations and clothing, it is for urgent conside ation that those other Italians returning from the Balkans who have been fighting with the Patriots in these countries should have similar treatment. I would point but that those passing through the Bari, Lecce and the small Taranto Camp are small in number compared with those coming from Greece and the numbers likely to come through our lines from the North.

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5. It is very difficult to get the Italian Government to understand the necessity to issue civilian rations in one instance, and the higher scale of rations in the other, purely on account of the fact that soldiers or Prisoners of War arrive by different means and at different Ports.

6. It is strongly recommended that all camps receiving repatriated Italian soldiers and Prisoners of War be put on the same footing in respect of rations and clothing as the camp operating at Taranto.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(Sgd) L.A. Lush.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

cc: Civil Affairs Section.
L and Forces Sub-Com. (MMIA).
Food Sub-Commission.

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Ref: P/305/Im

January 1945

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Dear General Infante:

I thank you for your letter No. 0376 of December 28th regarding the repatriation of Doctor Gemmilo Lupi.

I am advised by the Political Section of this Headquarters that Doctor Lupi's case has already been submitted to the appropriate authorities at Allied Force Headquarters and I trust I shall shortly be able to inform you that the arrangements for his repatriation have been successfully completed.

Very truly yours,

KLIOT T. STONE,
Rear-Admiral,
Chief Commissioner.

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H.E. General A. Infante,
First Aide-de-Camp General of
H.R.H. the Lieutenant-General of
the Realm,
Quirinale Palace,
ROME.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

Rome 4th January 1945

TO: The ALLIED COMMISSION
ROME

No.16531/Mil.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of PsW in special conditions.

This Commission knows the echo of contentment we have received by the repatriation of those PsW, who have been repatriated for invalidity, age, etc.etc. From the Italian Public, who await with anxiety, due to necessity and sentimental reasons, the return of their men.

Also in the Camps, due to the prolungation of the war, the anxiety is intense and in some cases causes moral sufferings that produce psychic disturbances amongs the PsW when if these psychic disturbances do not become really pathological.

It seems therefore to the Italian Authorities, that the Allied Authorities must if possible increase the number of repatriated P.O.W.

Therefore added to the decisions for repatriation that exsist at present the repatriation of all these of 60 years of age and ever 50 who have had two years imprisonment, and those who enter in the classes for compassionate reasons, permitted by the Allied Authorities and lastly those who have military or civil obligations to the nation, we propose the repatriation to be enlarged as follows.

a) All Italian PsW who have 4or more children.
b) All Italian PsW who are 40 years of age and have been in prison three years.
c) All Italian PsW who 30 years of age have had 4 years imprisonment.

It is evident that this category of PsW enter into the class for repatriation mentioned in Art. 72 of the Geneva Convention Art. 71 that is inspired by humanity reasons.

It is not possible for the High Commissioner to give information as to the precise number of men in these Groups, having lost under the German occupation of Rome, documents and statistics made up by the fascists pertaining to above mentioned subject, but it is presumed that roughly the number of PsW in the 1st category are about 40,000 and in the category 2 & 3 about 30,000 each.

The fact that these numbers may seem say high, will certainly not be considered by the Allied Authorities, too numerous, to refuse the consent for these repatriations.

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The moral and material advantages that will result in the co-belligerence of the Italian people will be greatly furthered by those measures.

These measures do not only correspond with humanitarian reasons but also for utility reasons, for the national reconstruction.

In fact it is to note, that amongst these repatriated PW they will be a high number of peasants (perhaps a 40 or 50 %) and also a good number of workers according to the desires expressed by a petition of the Italian women forwarded to this Allied Commission.

Naturally in the cases of requested specialists, the requests will be forwarded as in the past, apart:to wit (CC.RR. Customs officials, Navy, Air-men and magistrates etc.etc.).

In the meantime we submit this question to the favorable consideration of this Commission to forward this request to the competent Allied Authorities.

The HIGH COMMISSIONER
Gen.Pietro Gazzera

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Ref: IPW/1/348

29 December 1944

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Further to my letter of 21 December 1944.

In relation to Secretary of State to the Vatican letter 87031/5 dated 27 November 1944, the repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War is proceeding in accordance with the availability of shipping.

In certain cases of repatriation on Compassionate Grounds and of specialists asked for to fill specific appointments in Italy, delay occurs owing to screening and the location of the Prisoners of War concerned.

Lists are at present being compiled in all British and American Prisoner of War Camps of those Italian Prisoners of War who are over 60 years of age and those over 50 years of age who have been prisonner for over 2 years; the repatriation of this class has started, and will continue automatically.

It is hoped that during the month of January 1945, the number of Italian Prisoners of War to be repatriated to Italy will increase, but it must always be borne in mind that the availability of shipping controls nearly all repatriation of Prisoners of War.

The present number of Italian Prisoners of War whose repatriation has been agreed to is 7062, excluding those in the age group referred to above.

In relation to Secretary of State to the Vatican letter 87033/3 dated 27 November 1944, the question has been up for consideration from time to time, and recently the Italian Government were asked to put forward a scheme showing how best the transfer from Prisoner of War status could take place without upsetting the war effort.

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The scheme submitted was not sufficiently complete, and the matter was discussed by the Director of the Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission, General Gazzera the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, and also General Mannerini of the Autonomous Office for War Veterans and Repatriated Prisoners of War on the 23rd of this month, and the new plan on which a further study of the question can be made is awaited from the Italian Government.

Immediately upon receipt of this plan from the Italian Government, the matter shall again have attention.

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honourable Myron C. Taylor,
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States
To His Holiness the Pope,
2 Via Bonconpagni,
Rome.

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Prepared by:

Lt. Col.
WMD & IPOW Sub-Com.

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Translation

The First Aide de Camp General
of H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom

Private Military Secretariat
n. 0375

Rome, 28 December 1944

Dear Admiral,

The family of Dr. GAETANO LUPI, at present a prisoner (n.1960 Italian evacuee camp n.2 - East Africa), have informed H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom about their conditions which would improve if their breadwinner was repatriated.

Dr. Lupi was made a prisoner in London in November 1941.

His repatriation has already been requested to the Allied Commission by the Ministry of Italian Africa and it seems that the request is now in the Political Section.

I should be most grateful, my dear Admiral, if you will kindly intervene in favour of this good functionary, so that the administration of the state and his family may soon benefit by his work.

Thanking you in advance for whatever you may be able to do, I remain,

Truly yours,

p. A. Infante

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
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Frome the Vatican, November 27, 1944

It has been reported that there are at the present time about 10,000 Italian Prisoners of War who are rendering service to various units of the Allied Armed Forces.

The special interest of the Holy See has been requested on behalf of these prisoners in view of the fact that they are in the position of being prisoners within the confines of their own national territory which has, moreover, now been declared free and subject to Italian national authority.

It would be an act of real generousity if a free status were to be goven to these prisoners who could then still continue to render service even after they had been granted this freedom.

It has been noted that the repatriation program which has been established by the Allied Authorities is proceeding rather slowly.

The approach of Christmas would seem to present a fitting occasion for accelerating this repatriation program and also perhaps for extending this favor to other persons besides those to whom it has already been granted by the Allied Authorities.

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Ext: 388.

Ref: 9002/008

23 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : Director, IPW Sub-Commission.

1. The attached notes from the Secretary of State to His Holiness The Pope were forwarded to the Chief Commissioner by Mr. Myron Taylor.

2. The Chief Commissioner has sent an interim reply to Mr. Taylor to the effect that the matters contained in the notes will receive urgent attention and, after due consideration, replies will be forwarded.

3. The note which deals with the supply of clothing equipment in hospitals and billets at the ports of disembarkation is a matter for Land Forces Sub-Commission to handle, but I am forwarding it to you in the first instance so that you can be kept in the picture.

4. The note which states the approach of Christians is a fitting time for accelerating the repatriation programme is a little naive, and I leave it to your ingenuity to provide a good answer.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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In reply refer to:
IPS/1/233

4 November 1944

My dear Sir Noel:

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Reference your letter No. 6/103/44 dated 11 October 1944.

1. After careful consideration, and for the following reasons, I am of the opinion that it would be unwise to repatriate the 10,000 Italian Officer Prisoners of War en bloc from India to Italy at the present time.

a. There is no hope of absorbing them into the Army at its present strength.

b. A large number who belong to the North would become displaced persons.

c. The Press is likely to attack the Government or the Allies if officers only are repatriated.

d. The supply of clothing or the necessary material to make clothes is extremely short. We have to accept approximately 10,000 Italian soldiers from Greece and the Balkans during the next two weeks, and the necessary clothing for these men has not yet been supplied.

e. There would be a further 10,000 mouths to feed, a very considerable proportion of whom would be ineffectives.

2. If, however, it is a matter of urgency that a number of Italian Officers should be moved out of India, I suggest they might be diverted to South Africa and Kenya, since the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War complains that there are not sufficient officers to look after the welfare of the Italian Prisoners of War in the camps in these countries.

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3. Furthermore, if lists of officers whom it is desired to repatriate could be forwarded, the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War could examine the lists with a view to selecting those for whom immediate employment could be found in Italy and the return of these particular officers could then be requested. A number of officers have already been asked for and these should, I think, be repatriated immediately.

Very truly yours,

KILBURY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCMG,
British High Commissioner in Italy.

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Civil Affairs Section
Political Section
Land Forces Sub-Commission
Public Relations Officer
Chief of Staff
WMB & IPOW S/C
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EWS/afe

4 November 1944

Dear General Infante:

In reply to your letter of October 7th I have received the following information from Headquarters, Force 399.

1. Major Worrall has returned to Greece with instructions to inquire into the present position of Colonel Berti and to inform his Headquarters at soonest.

2. Headquarters, Force 399 request that you rest assured that everything possible will be done to facilitate the return to Italy of Colonel Berti.

3. Headquarters, Force 399 will inform me immediately of any further developments in this matter.

Yours very sincerely,

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to A/CC

General Adolfo Infante
The First Aide de Camp General
Of H.M.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom
Rome

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S. to A/cc

Subject: Col. BERTI.

L.O. Med. Gp.,
Force 399,
C.M.F. 3151

GCA/87/418.

1 Nov 44.

H.Q. Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

Reference your A/CC.014.33-1 and attached memorandum for Maj. Tony QUAYLE received in this office today.

1. Maj. WORRALL, since returned to the Field, has been requested to enquire into the present position of Col. BERTI and to inform us soonest.

2. Please inform Gen. INFANTE that he may rest assured that everything possible will be done to facilitate the return to ITALY of Col. BERTI.

3. We will inform you immediately of any further developments in this matter.

J.N. Layzell, Capt.
for Maj. G.S.

HEADQUARTERS
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Have informed Infante.
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27th October, 1944.

Ref: 4.37.1/c4.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Soldiers.

TO: G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q.

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I refer to my letter 8257/A/G&S of October 10th, to which I have had no reply.

The matter is now becoming one of extreme urgency and it is essential that a ruling should be given as to the status of Italian soldiers a) returning from Greece or any other theatre as soldiers, and b) as PW.

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As you will see from the notes of a meeting held in the Civil Affairs Section of this Commission yesterday, we have been compelled to make tentative plans without knowing what principle is to be followed.

These plans affect some 6,000 soldiers about to be returned from Greece. The same problem arises with 2,000 soldiers demobilised in Nile. I have received a Memorandum from the Minister of War in which, quite rightly, he puts forward provisional proposals to deal with 5,400 Italian prisoners of war who may be expected from Germany and approximately 1 million from Allied sources.

I must repeat my strong recommendation that the Army Sub-Commission in the Italian Government the Ministry for War is properly handling the matter. It is logical that their counter-part in the Commission should do their part from the Allied side. They have the means, they have the organisation in the Italian Army and that Army must, with the help of the Army-Sub-Commission, be prepared to help Italian soldiers returning to their homeland.

It is, I submit, wrong to define such people as displaced persons or Italian refugees. It would certainly be impolitic to do so. Moreover, we are placed persons Sub-Commission, with vast experience among civilians in the North, is not in a position to handle soldiers.

I ask, therefore, ask that the matter be treated as one of great urgency and that arrangements should be made for the Army Sub-Commission to use the Italian Army for the reception, demobilisation and dispersal or hospitalisation of all Italian soldiers returning to Italy, and that the means, if necessary, be put at their disposal to undertake this extra commitment.

Mikey W. Grove.
Colonel. Deputy.

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G-5 Section.

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NOTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION ON THURSDAY, 26 Oct '44.

Present:- Brig.C.E. Upjohn. (Chairman)
Col. C.K. Findlay (Displaced Persons)
Col. R.L. Griggs (CA Section)
Lt.Col.C.F.F.Fotheringill (Displaced Persons)
Lt.Col.J.C. Campbell. (P.o.W)
Maj.Driffield White. (G-5 Sec.AFHQ)
Representative of Industry sub-commission
Representative of Transportation sub-commission

1. Brig. Upjohn pointed out that the status of Italian soldiers returning from Greece or any other theatre of operations was one which had yet to be determined. The matter was down for discussion with the Chief Administrative Officer AFHQ by the Acting Chief Commissioner this afternoon.

2. AFHQ had ruled that such people were Displaced Persons, and as such should be handled by the Displaced Persons sub-commission. It was the contention of this HQ, however, that men who had been bearing arms for Italy were until demobilised still soldiers whether prisoners of war or not, and that as such they should be handled, until they are demobilised, by the Army sub-commission and the Italian Ministry of War. Any action agreed at this meeting would be without prejudice to the decision referred to above. He therefore proposed to examine the problem with a view to deciding what steps should be taken to assist Displaced Persons and P.O.W. sub-commissions, and the requirements to be placed before G-5 Section AFHQ.

3. The Chairman pointed out that he had knowledge of one party of not less than 8,500 persons who would be arriving in Italy in a very deplorable condition at an early date. He asked Major Driffield White if he had any knowledge as to the port of entry, or the time of arrival.

4. Major Driffield White stated he could not give details, but he thought it would be in the very near future, in fact he was of the opinion that some had already arrived.

5. Lt.Col. Campbell interposed that that was the case and he had information that 900 Italian soldiers had already arrived at Bari and were in the Italian Government's returning prisoner of war transit camp. He announced that the Italian Government's organisation for handling returning Italian POW was dealing with these men, were prepared to do so, and that he believed that they had sufficient facilities for handling up to 1,000 men at any one time provided that they did not arrive at too frequent intervals.

6. Major Driffield White enquired whether in fact the men referred to by Lt.Col. Campbell were from Greece. He thought they might also possibly be from Jugoslavia. Col.Campbell agreed that that might be the case.

7. The Chairman pointed out that if that was the case then the Italians would appear to have a perfectly suitable Organisation to deal with this matter themselves without further investigation.

8. It was then pointed out that these persons were practically speaking [illegible] clothing or boots. No sub-commission present had any

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8. It was then pointed out that these persons were practically speaking without any form of clothing or boots. No sub-commission present had any solution for providing these and all declared that there were no stocks whatsoever available.

9. Brigadier Upjohn then declared that requirement number one was clothing and footwear for returning prisoners and requested Major Driffield White to obtain from AFHQ.

10. Lt.Col.Campbell added that he considered there must be large quantities of khaki drill recently turned in by the Army which could be made available. It was agreed that such clothing would be acceptable provided that sufficient quantity could be issued in order to make up the necessary thickness for warmth.

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11. Returning to the question of dates of arrival Major Driffield White said that he anticipated these soldiers would return faster than it appeared that the P.o.W.Organisation could absorb them. Displaced Persons sub-commission could deal with up to 2,000 for short periods of time at the Bari camp there disinfestation facilities existed. It was suggested that the brickfields camp at Taranto could also be used, but it appeared that this was being used as an enemy P.o.W.cage for outgoing prisoners. The Chairman requested Major Driffield White to investigate the possible release of this camp for use of the returning prisoners, and also to investigate the possibility of procuring a Disinfestation Unit.

12. The Chairman then asked how were the inmates of the camps to be fed. Displaced Persons stated that persons occupying the Bari camp were authorised to receive Scale 3C. The Chairman then stated that it was agreed that requirement number 2 would be that AFHQ authorise the issue of Scale 3C to these persons, at Taranto or any other camp which would be set up for the period of their stay before dispersal.

13. Discussion then turned to transportation for the dispersal of returning soldiers. Lt.Col.Campbell stated that if they were in small numbers and were handled by the Italian High Commissioner for P.o.W, transport would be provided, but if larger numbers occured he doubted the sufficiency of transport. It was then agreed that number 3 requirement from AFHQ would be an order to local Military Commanders to supply road transport from ship to camp and from camp to rail (This to include ambulances).

14. The Chairman then raised the question of hospitalisation. He pointed out that these persons had been described as suffering from malnutrition, lack of discipline and leadership and disease-ridden, and that up to .0% would probably require hospitalisation. A cable had been sent saying that they could not be accepted suffering from infectious disease, and the importance of their being free from smallpox and typhus was emphasised.

15. It was emphasised by Lt.Col.Frizelle that to prevent people arriving on the Italian mainland during incubation period of infectious disease, it would be essential to establish a quarantine camp in Greece for their adequate supervision.

16. It was then pointed out that if the Army sub-commission were to be responsible as had been recommended for the dispersal of these soldiers there would of course be hospitalisation arrangements to be made. If they were to be thrown upon the civilian organisations then a very careful survey of the possibilities of accomodation would have to be made. It was agreed that Public Health sub-commission look into the whole matter together with the Italian Red Cross with a view not only to utilising civilian hospitals, but military hospitals turned over to civilian use and staffed by Red Cross personnel. In particular the hospital in the vicinity of Regio Calabria to be investigated.

17. The whole question of transport would arise in this matter and Lt.Col. Frizelle emphasised the importance of AFHQ making available through local military commanders ambulances for this purpose.

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24 October 1944

Here is a letter from General Infante which is self-explanatory. I wonder if you could steer it into the right channels so that I could give an answer to the General as soon as possible. As you will see, it is dated October 7; the reason for the delay is that for some time I have been hanging on to it in the hopes that I would be visiting Bari shortly and could bring it with me. However that has not come off.

When so much is going on in Albania I feel very out of it. Munzi and I meet from time to time and weep on each other's shoulder. He tells me, by the way, that Skender-Muco has been killed. If this is true, I wonder if you would give me any details as to how it happened. I know you must be wildly busy but please take five minutes to drop me a line and give me the news of those both "in" and "out". What has happened to Brian and Ansor, and where is Xhelil? I suppose he's gone back into the country again.

.....Oh dear, I feel rather homesick.

1st May Quarter

Major Eliot Watrous
Hq Force 266 (Section B-8)
C. M. F.

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TRANSLATION

THE FIRST AIDE DE CAMP GENERAL
OF H.R.H. THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL OF THE KINGDOM

Rome, 7 October 1944.

n. 131/ S-GI

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR TONY QUATTLE

Among the numerous Italian who have remained in Greece, is Colonel (cavalry) Giuseppe Bedri, ex-Commander of the regiment "Aosta" Cavalleria.

When the armistice was declared, Col nel Bedri and his regiment refused to hand over their arms to the Germans, and joined the troops of the "Pinerolo" Division to fight at the side of the Greek rebels.

When civil war broke out in Greece, the "Aosta" regiment was disarmed by the communist of the ELAS and the nationalists of the EDES, and the officers and soldiers were sent to a concentration camp, under the care of Major ARGYLL.

Now, I have been informed that while the Italian troops are gathered in various camps, with through the assistance of the English Mission, Colonel Bedri is still kept back by the Andartes who don't want to set him free.

In my opinion, it is necessary to do everything to hasten his return to Italy, by plane if necessary, as it has been done for other Italian officers.

Would it be possible to have Force 266 take an interest in the matter?

With many thanks, I remain,

Truly yours,

Generale Adolfo Infante

Trans. F.O.

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IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

n°131/3-GI

Roma: 7 Ottobre 1944

MEMORANDUM PER IL MAGGIORE TONI QUAYLE

In Grecia, fra i numerosi italiani colà rimasti, vi è il Colonnello di cavall. Giuseppe BERTI, già comandante del Reggimento "Aosta" Cavalleria.-

All'atto dell'armistizio il Colonnello BERTI con il suo Reggimento rifiutò di cedere le armi ai tedeschi e si unì alle truppe della Divisione "Pinerolo" per combattere insieme ai ribelli greci.

Scoppiata la guerra civile in Grecia, fra comunisti dell'ELAS e nazionalisti dell'EDES, il Reggimento "Aosta" fu disarmato e gli ufficiali e truppa inviati in un campo di concentramento dove, a cura del Maggiore WARRELL, furono sistemati e mantenuti.

Ora mi viene riferito che mentre i militari italiani sono riuniti in vari accampamenti con l'assistenza della Missione Inglese, il Colonnello BERTI è tuttora trattenuto dagli Andartes che non vorrebbero lasciarlo libero.

Sarei del parere che è necessario fare tutto il possibile per accelerare il suo ritorno in Italia, eventualmente in aereo, come è stato fatto per altri ufficiali italiani.

E' possibile interessare in proposito Force 266 ?

Grazie e molti buoni saluti.

Generale - Adolfo INFANTE -

A. Infante

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THE CHIEF OF STAFF

P.M. 151, 16 October 1944

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Dear Commodore Stone,

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I received your letter A/CC 014.33-1

The officers of n.4 P.O.W. Camp (Annexe), mentioned in my letter 15257 of September 20th, have all been sent home, except for Ammiraglio di Divisione PAVESI and Contrammiraglio LEONARDI.

I wanted to inform you of these ripatriation and thank you for your kind interest in this matter.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY
CHIEF OF STAFF
(Giovanni Messe)

/s/ G. Messe

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Commodore Ellery W. Stone
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
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cc: Col. Campbell
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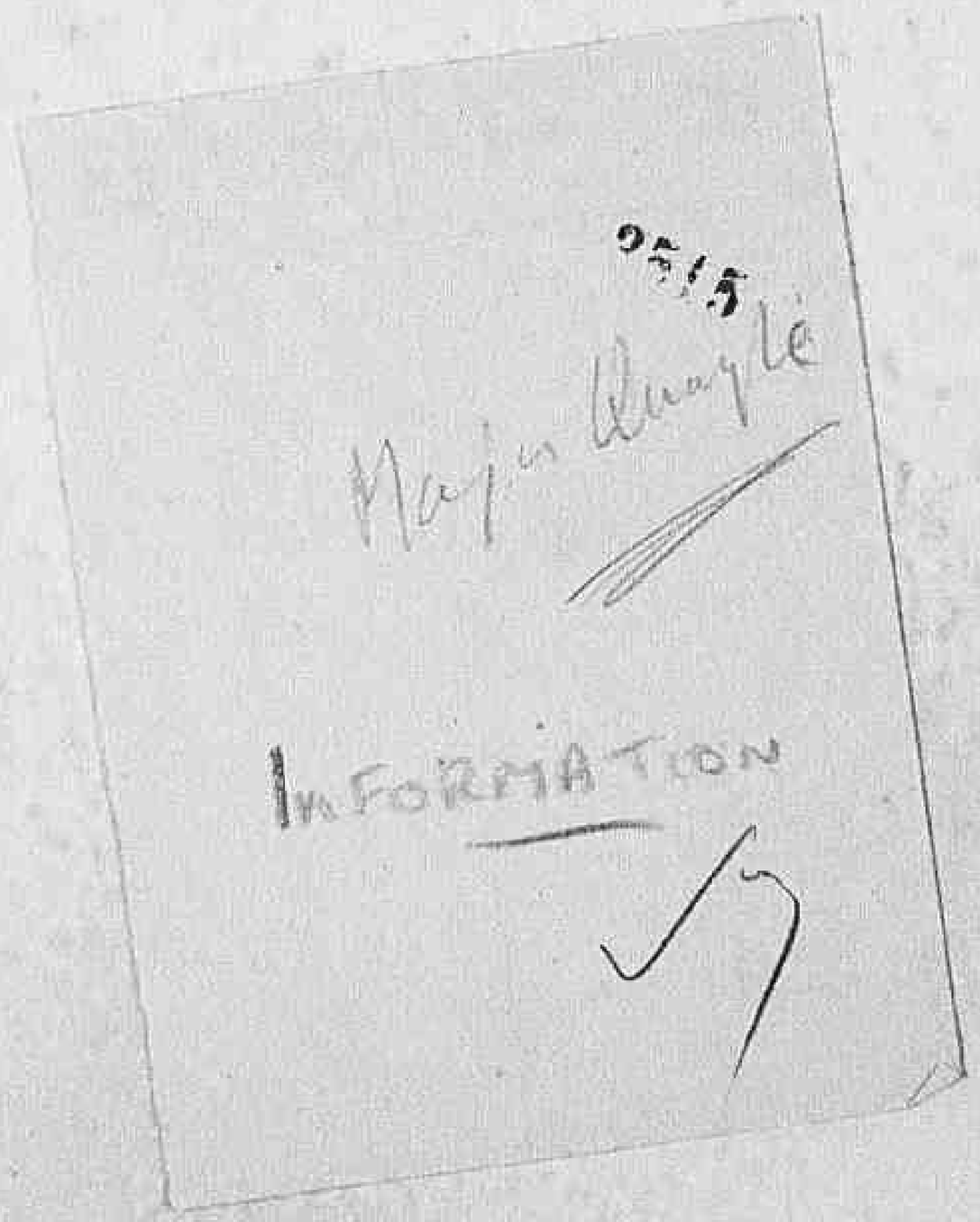

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE

P.M. 151, 15 ottobre 1944

N° 15554 /Op. di prot.

Caro Comandante Stone,

ho avuto la Sua lettera A/CC 014.33-1.-

Gli ufficiali del n. 4 P.O.W. Camp (Annexe), di cui al mio foglio 15257 del 20 settembre u.s., sono ora tutti rientrati (meno l'Ammiraglio di Divisione PAVESI ed il Contrammiraglio LEONARDI).

Mentre Le dò notizia di tali rimpatri, desidero ringraziarLa del Suo cortese interessamento al riguardo.

La saluto cordialmente

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

G. Messe

cc: w/ translation
to Col. Campbell.

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N° 15556 /Op. di prot.

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ho avuto la Sua lettera A/CC 014.33-1.-

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

G. Messe

cc: w/ translation
to Col. Campbell.

Al Capitano di Vascello
Ellery W. S T O N E
Capo della Commissione
Alleata di Controllo

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13 October 1944

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My dear Sir Noel:

Replying to your letter of 11 October with regard to the repatriation of some 11,000 officer prisoners of war, I am checking this matter with my colleagues and will communicate with you in a day or so.

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Yours very sincerely,

MARY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Bt., K.C.M.G.
British High Commissioner in Italy
British Embassy
8, Via Venti Settembre
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

MMS/afe

A/CC 383.6-2

13 October 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief of Staff

With reference to the attached will you kindly get the reaction of General Browning and the Political Section. At a time when the Italian Government are pressing for the general repatriation of their prisoners of war, I think it might have a somewhat unfortunate effect to return only officers. It is likely to be felt that the British Government favors the officer class at the expense of other ranks. However, I shall be guided by your recommendations.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore
Acting Chief Commissioner

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ROME.

11th October, 1944.

My dear Commodore,

In accordance with our conversation of yesterday I am writing to inform you that the Indian Government have some 10,000 Italian officer prisoners of war for whom it is not possible to find employment, and since they need guards, food and accomodation, their continued detention is detrimental to Indian war effort. As it is expected that shipping may become available it is desired to repatriate these officers, with the exception of those who may be known Fascists.

The British authorities realise, however, that there may be political difficulties which should be taken into consideration, against the obvious advantages of the proposal. I am therefore requested to consult you and your advisers before any approach is made to the Italian Government.

I should be grateful if you could favour me with your advice which I have been requested to forward to my Government as soon as possible.

Believe me

yours very sincerely,

Sir Noel Charles

Commodore Ellery W. Stone, USNR.
Allied Control Commission.

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A/cc 578
11/10/44.

11th October 1944.

Acting Chief Commissioner.

General Browning tells me that General CASTELLANO about whom General GAMMELL wrote to you some time ago recommending him for a good post has been appointed as Divisional Commander of an Internal Security Division in Sicily.

for Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.
Absent on Duty.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Office of the Chief of Staff

10th October, 1944.

Ref: 6257/8/G(S)

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Soldiers from GREECE.

TO : G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q.

1. In his letter of September 26th, Commanding General, XV Force 140 asks that arrangements should be made to assist him in the repatriation of some 8,500 Italian soldiers from GREECE. In your letter G5/409/01(Dr) of October 4th you have forwarded the request to AMGIA in order to enable the Italian Government to make the necessary provisions for the care of these personnel. You have suggested provision of medical and other stores from released prisoners of war sources and you clearly assume that such arrangements will be made by the Ministry of War and AMGIA.

2. In a memorandum attached, Commanding General AMGIA states that AMGIA is not in a position to take on this proposition. He states that from the point of view of the Italian Army these soldiers are civilians and suggests that their disposal should be handled by the Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission, the Italian Red Cross and UNRRA.

3. As regards the maintenance of these men in GREECE and their transportation to this country neither the Italian Government nor the ACC can assume any responsibility. That is a matter for XV 140 Force to arrange with UNRRA or other relief agencies in GREECE and the Naval authorities.

4. From the point of view of the Italian Government, however, it would seem essential that the Ministry of War should take charge of these men immediately they are repatriated to this country. I cannot believe that it would be right for the Italian Government to take the line that they must be considered as civilians. Public opinion would rightly resent this attitude.

5. The present charter of the AMGIA forbids the provision of food, hospitalisation or transport from AMGIA for these men because they cannot be regarded as effectives.

6. I would suggest, therefore, that in order to deal with these unfortunate troops some relaxation should be permitted from the rigid enforcement of the orders of the ACC. It would seem natural and indeed humane that a military organisation such as is suggested in para 3 of the G-1 letter referred to should be set up under the aegis of AMGIA and that the repatriated soldiers should be fed and hospitalised

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for a period say of two months after repatriation and until they can be demobilised and returned, again under this arrangement, to their homes.

7. I am aware this also brings up an important question of principle as to the use of men but I think we should not decide the issue because of its importance from the point of view of the Italian Government.

8. The same difficulty is being experienced with the return of Italian prisoners of war from other theatres who on arrival are regarded only as civilians and are fed, transported and hospitalised as civilians, under the care of the Italian Red Cross. They can take on no more than their present commitment.

9. If it is impossible for the above to be arranged then I would suggest that the whole problem be placed in the hands of UNRRA both in Greece and in this country. The displaced persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission would find it impossible to provide staff and extremely difficult to organise the repatriation and hospitalisation which will be necessary for the majority of these men.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff,
for Actg. Chief Commissioner.

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Office of the Chief of Staff.

9005/7/COS.

Return of Wounded Prisoners of War. 10 October 4.

Deputy Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Sec.

1. I refer to your letter of 4 October 1944.

2. The matter has been discussed with Lt.Col.Campbell, Director of War Materials and Italian PW Sub-Comm., and it appears that a number of wires have crossed and that Lt.Col.Campbell has the whole question well in hand. He says that he has, in conjunction with the Italian Red Cross, MMIA and the Italian High Commissioner for POW, set up a drill for moving wounded PsOW from the dockside which is working well, and which he has no reason to believe will not continue to work well.

3. We should let Lt.Col.Campbell deal with this question. He should of course have been at the original meeting.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

DSL Army

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A/CC 014.33-1

9 October 1944

Brigadier General Charles M. Spofford, U.S.A.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5
Allied Force Headquarters

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Dear Chuck:

Supplementing my letter of 2 October re General Castellano, I am now advised that he is to be assigned to command a division in Sicily.

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
APO 394

EWS/Jc

IPW/1/7/122

8 October 1944

Subject: Repatriation of Officials, to Italy.

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Dear Marshall Messe,

With reference to your letter dated 20 September 1944, N. 15257 subject "Repatriation of Senior Italian Officers" and reference our letter A/CC 014.33-1 dated 1 October 1944, subject "Repatriation of Senior Italian Officers" I am pleased to write you these developments.

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The following Italian Officers are now being embarked at United Kingdom for return and repatriation to Italy: General Alberto Mannerina, General Gino Ficalbi, Captain Carlo Franchi, Captain Orazio Bernardini, Captain Francesco Colombo.

The exact time of arrival in Italy, as yet I do not know. However, as the cable received at this Headquarters stated that they were in the process of embarking, these officers should again soon be in Italy.

Very truly yours,

EWS

for ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency
Marshall MESSE,
Chief of Italian General Staff,
Stato Maggiore Generale

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
C. M. F.

Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 2404/32/008.

6th October 1944.

SUBJECT: Maltese Students.

TO : Defence Security Office,
MALTA.
Attn: Lt.Col. G.L. Harrison.

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1. The Acting Chief Commissioner has asked me to acknowledge and reply to your letter to him, Ref: DS777/1 of 18th September, 1944.

2. The question of permitting the two Maltese students to return to Italy to resume their studies has been reconsidered in light of what you say.

3. The additional reasons advanced by you while showing that these students have acted in a highly patriotic manner do not, however, warrant the reversal of the decision already made. I regret, therefore, that I cannot grant permission to the students to return to Italy at the present time.

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M S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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A/CC 014.33-1

2 October 1944

Brigadier General Charles M. Spofford, U.S.A.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5
Allied Force Headquarters

Dear Chuck:

You inquired about General Castellano. Some weeks ago, as I telephoned General Gammell, he was offered a post at Ankara as military attache, but did not care to accept it.

Since then, he has been awaiting assignment.

The Ministry of War advises that he is expected to be assigned to the command of a Division shortly.

He appears to have been in no difficulties since his return, due to the role which he played in connection with the Armistice.

Sincerely,

See 123

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Prepared by
WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

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A/CC 014.33-1

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Senior Italian Officers.

Dear Marshal Messe,

With reference to your letter n.16257 dated 20 September 1944.

The High Commissioner for Prisoners of War was asked to state his views regarding the repatriation of the officers you mention.

This he did in his letter 1007/M11/C2 di prot 22 July 1944 when he stated that no employment could be promised, and that other Italian officers had been prisoners for a much longer period.

I wrote Allied Force Headquarters on 26 July 1944 stating that the Italian Government would accept the repatriation of the officers mentioned with the exception of PAVESI and LEONARDI.

I pointed out that it would embarrass your Government to have the Admiral and the Commodore returned - this information being given to me by General Gazzera, and also what General Gazzera had said in respect of the length of time the officers had been held Prisoners of War.

Notification of expected time of arrival has not yet been received, but the delay in the repatriation may be due to lack of shipping space under existing conditions.

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Date Time 1 OCT 1944
via AG. 1520
cipher CM.

Very truly yours,

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ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency
Marshal Messe,
Chief of Italian General Staff,
Stato Maggiore Generale.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

21 September 1944

Subject: Repatriation of Senior Italian Officers

To : Lt. Col. J. A. Campbell,
WSD & IPOW Sub-Commission.

I attached copy of letter received from Marshal Messe. I would be grateful if you consider the point he raises and draft a suitable reply for me in the light of your decision.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Ltr No. 15257, dtd 20 Sept 44,

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TRANSLATION

THE CHIEF OF STAFF

n. 15257

P.M. 151, 20 September 1944

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APO 394

Dear Captain Stone,

On the return of General Mancinelli, I had recent news of the prisoners of war who were with me in Camp 5 in England.

This General has drawn my attention on a letter sent to him on August 18th last, from Beaconsfield, by Brigadier General N.R. Crockatt: in this letter, the Brigadier writes among other things that he is doing all he can to facilitate the return to Italy of the remaining Italian prisoners in Camp n. 4, but that unfortunately, the final decision is not General Cepp's or mine (Crockatt's), but depends on a request which must be made by the Italian Authorities in Rome".

It would seem the repatriation of:

- Ammiraglio di divisione	PAVESI	Igino
- Generale di brigata	MANNERINI	Alberto
- " "	FIGALEI	Gino
- Contrammiraglio	LEONARDI	Priamo
- G.S. Colonello	RUGGERI LADERCHI	Cesare
- Capitano di Vascello	FRANCHI	Carlo
- " "	BERNARDINI	Orazio
- Capitano di Fgt. (reserve)	COLOMBO	Francesco

all of them in n. 4 P.O.W. CAMP (CANADA).

Brigadier General Crockatt's words make me ask you to examine the possibility of repatriating these officers.

Nevertheless, I don't deem it advisable to put them of the lists of the 25 elements to be repatriated, so that the few possibilities of requesting repatriation which these lists offer should be kept for really special cases.

I should be most grateful to you if you could repatriate these officers by extraordinary procedure (ie. besides those who are repatriated by the mentioned lists).

Trusting in your kind interest, I remain,

Yours truly,

MARSHAL OF ITALY

Chief of staff
(Giovanni Messe)

Trans one E.C.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE

P.M. 151, 30 settembre 1944

APO 394
287 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 20 Sept 1200
By MRR

N° 15957 /Op. di prot.

Caro Comandante Stone,

con il rientro del Generale Mancinelli ho ricevuto notizie recenti di prigionieri di guerra che erano con me al Campo n. 4 in Inghilterra.

Ed in particolare tale Generale ha portato a mia conoscenza una lettera, direttagli il 18 agosto c.a., da Beaconsfield, dal Brigadiere Generale N.R. Crockatt: in tale lettera questo Brigadiere Generale, tra l'altro, scrive che fa tutto il possibile per facilitare il ritorno in Italia dei restanti prigionieri italiani del Campo n. 4, ma che purtroppo la decisione finale "non è del Generale Gepp o mia (di Crockatt), ma dipende da una richiesta che deve essere fatta dalle Autorità Italiane in Roma".

Si tratterebbe in sostanza del rimpatrio dei:

- Ammiraglio di divisione	PAVESI	Igino
- Generale di brigata	MANNERINI	Alberto
- " "	FICALBI	Gino
- Contrammiraglio	LEONARDI	Priamo
- Colonnello S.M.	RUGGERI-LADERCHI	Cesare
- Capitano di vascello	FRANCHI	Carlo
- " "	BERNARDINI	Orazio
- Capitano di ftr.(di compl.)	COLOMBO	Francesco

tutti del n. 4 P.O.W. CAMP (Annexe).

Ella ben comprenderà, caro Comandante, come le parole del

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N° 1525/ /Op. di prot.

Caro Comandante Stone,

con il rientro del Generale Mancinelli ho ricevuto notizie recenti di prigionieri di guerra che erano con me al Campo n. 4 in Inghilterra.

Ed in particolare tale Generale ha portato a mia conoscenza una lettera, direttagli il 18 agosto c.a., da Beaconsfield, dal Brigadiere Generale N.R. Crockatt: in tale lettera questo Brigadiere Generale, tra l'altro, scrive che fa tutto il possibile per facilitare il ritorno in Italia dei restanti prigionieri italiani del Campo n. 4, ma che purtroppo la decisione finale "non è del Generale Gepp o mia (di Crockatt), ma dipende da una richiesta che deve essere fatta dalle Autorità Italiane in Roma".

Si tratterebbe in sostanza del rimpatrio dei:

- Ammiraglio di divisione	PAVESI	Igino
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tutti del n. 4 P.O.W. CAMP (Annexe).

Ella ben comprenderà, caro Comandante, come le parole del

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Al Capitano di Vascello
Ellery W. S T O N E
Capo della Commissione
Alleata di Controllo

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Brigadiere Generale Crockatt mi inducono a pregarLa di riesaminare la possibilità del rientro di tali ufficiali.

Senonchè, non ritengo sia il caso di inserirli nelle note liste di 25 elementi da rimpatriare, per utilizzare le poche occasioni di richiesta che offrono tali liste per i casi veramente speciali.

Le sarei quindi vivamente grato se Le fosse possibile far rimpatriare i suddetti ufficiali con procedura straordinaria (cioè oltre a quelli che vengono rimpatriati con le citate note liste).

Confido nel Suo autorevole interessamento al riguardo e La saluto cordialmente.

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

P. Messe

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Defence Security Office,
MALTA.

Ref: PF 777/1

18 September 1944.

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
HQ. ACC., ROME.

I am writing at the request of the Lieut-Governor Malta with reference to his letter dated 16th August, 1944 and your reply regarding permission for Carmel CASSAR and Richard GIACOMOTTO, Medical Students, to proceed to CATANIA to continue their studies at the University there.

It is fully appreciated that it is undesirable normally to create a precedent for the return of students to Sicily at present, but what I wish to point out in this case is that these two men did give valuable assistance to security after their escape from Fascist hands, in the form of information concerning certain disloyal Maltese whom we were anxious to run to earth.

Should this constitute a further reason for permitting them to study with a view to becoming Doctors and thereby being of use to the war effort, it is felt that such a concession would be greatly appreciated by Malta Government and would be agreeable to this office.

/s/ G.L. HARRISON
Lt. Colonel.

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Ref 271/123/CA
A/CC 014.33

30th August, 1944

SUBJECT: Maltese Students

TO : His Honour the Lieut. Governor of Malta

1. I regret that the notes which you forwarded with your letter regarding Richard Giacomotte and Carmel Cassar do not constitute a sufficiently strong case to justify a precedent. I am most reluctant to give a loop-hole to people to enter this country at this time unless their visit can be considered to be of direct benefit to the war effort.

2. I regret, therefore, that it will not be possible to allow these students to return to Italy at the present time to continue their studies.

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Date · Time 31 AUG 1944
Via
Initials

KILBEY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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G. W. I. SHIPP
Lt. Colonel

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cc: RCAMG Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

EWS/dfe

24 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: General Browning

It is some time since I referred to you General Gammell's desire that General Castellano be assigned a suitable position. Can you advise me please what arrangements have been made for him so that I may advise General Gammell.

KILLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Hq A.C.C. Sec'y Gen.
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Via Messr.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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HQ ACC, APO 394
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24 AUG 1944

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22 AUG 1944

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TRUSTING IN YOUR HIGH INFLUENCE I REQUEST THE TRACE OF REGISTRATION OF MY HUSBAND PRISONER OF WAR, MAJOR M.O. PASQUALE CAGLIARDI NR 31669 CAMP 77 GREAT BRITAIN I THANK YOU YOURS RESPECTFULLY = AMELIA CAGLIARDI LACALA TITCARICO MATERA PROVINCE

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This lady was sent a reply to the effect that the correct channel for her is through National High Commission for P.O.W.s

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Naval Sub-Con. CONFIDENTIAL Acting Chief Comm. 7038

To note A/CC

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TBJ/seb
16 August 1944

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A 42
28 AUG 1944

Noted Cdr Sconse. 24/8

SUBJECT: Italian Naval Mission.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394.

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1. Following on receipt of your A/CC 014.33 of 25 July a copy was sent to C-in-C Med for information.

2. Attached for your information is a copy of C-in-C Med 0060/6 of 13 Aug stating the present position from the point of view of the Royal Navy.

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

T. B. JACKMAN
Major.

Incl:
as above

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Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean,
Allied Force Headquarters.

SECRET

13th August, 1944.

Ref.0066/6

C-5 SECTION, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

ITALIAN NAVAL MISSION TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN

With reference to your letter No. CS.330-50 dated 3rd August, 1944, an Italian Liaison Organization - an distinct from a Naval Mission - remains in Algiers, accredited to Flag Officer, Western Mediterranean, and is composed as follows:-

1 Senior Officer (head of the organization)
1 Paymaster Officer
2 Petty Officer Clerks
1 Seaman Orderly
1 Seaman Driver
1 Petty Officer Engineer
2 Cooks
1 Mess Attendant

The Italian Transit Camp at Chanzy Bugeaud 6 also remains in existence with a staff of one Petty Officer and four Seamen.

2. The Italian Naval Mission to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, which now consists of:-

Captain E. Cavriati (head of the Mission)
Lieutenant A. Ulpiano
1 Petty Officer Clerk

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DUPLICATE

G-5 SECRET 13th August, 1944.

1 Batman Orderly
1 Batman Driver

rendezvous with the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean. Office accommodation has been provided at Allied Force Headquarters.

DRAFT ORDER OF MOVE TO
ORGANIZE HQ CINCMED, ADMINISTRATIVE.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

BMR/scb
15 August 1944

G-5: 014.33

A 2249
20 AUG 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation.

TP : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
(Office of the Chief Commissioner)
APO 394.

Reference your A/CC (LDD/drr) of 16 July: H.M. Consul-General, Tangier has been informed by the British Resident Minister of the contents of your above mentioned letter and it may be assumed that Col. Vitali will now make arrangements to return.

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

B. M. REPTON
Jr. Comdr.

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15 August 1944

A 2193

16 AUG 1944

MEMO FOR FILE:

Reference case of General Azzi.

This case had better be allowed to die. General Azzi behaved in a dubious manner when in Albania and if his treatment was harsh, which I am by no means inclined to think it was, it is considerably less than he deserved. These remarks based on private information obtained from Force 399, and are for guidance, should Marshal Messe return to the attack.

T.A.Q.

J.A.Q.

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16 AUG 1944

H.Q. Force 399,
C.M.F.

SF/621/A/131/IB
6 July 44

SUBJECT: Repatriation of General AZZI and Staff from ALBANIA

TO: Acting Chief Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

COPIES TO: GSI(b), 2 District, CMF.
CSDIC (Sub-Centre East), c/o 2 District, CMF.

FROM: Commander, Force 399.

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1. Reference your A/CC 014.33 of 30 June 44.

2. General AZZI and his staff arrived in ITALY from enemy occupied territory where they had been in contact with the enemy and with the Allied Military Mission. It was, therefore, necessary that the customary security check should be made. The Army Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission were informed of this in a letter of 16 June 44, reference 2022/90.GSI written by GSI(b) HQ 2 District. The security check was carried out according to normal procedure.

3. The conditions under which General AZZI and his Staff were detained are not under the control of this H.Q. On this subject reference should be made to GSI(b) HQ 2 District and CSDIC (Sub-Centre East).

A. C. C.

Lt.Col.
(HARCOURT)
Cond. Force 399.

(112) App A

N.B. Copies of A.C.C. correspondence attached for information of GSI(b) 2 District and CSDIC.

C.S.O. 5630

Subject: Repatriation of General AZZI and Staff from ALBANIA

A 2195

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16 AUG 1944

CSDIC (Sub-centre East)
2 District, C.M.F.

CSDIC/E/11/16/0744

11 Jul 44

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Received 15 Jul 1230
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To: HQ, ACC,
Office of the Chief Commissioner, APO 394.
Copy to: Commander, Force 399, CMF.

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With regard to the separate complaints raised, the following may be said:-

(1) The party was searched in accordance with security instructions received. The search was however carried out by an officer who used all necessary tact and correctness for this unpleasant task.

All articles were returned before the party left, except certain documents which were returned a few days later and the gold currency which was handed back to the British Authorities concerned, with the General's full approval in writing. A balance of 19 gold sovereigns which the party claimed to be their own personal property was returned to him and a receipt is held by this office.

(2) Re accommodation, it might be said that the whole top floor of the refugee quarters with the exception of one room was placed at the disposal of General AZZI's party. Living and sleeping quarters were separate.

The sleeping accommodation consisted of double bunks and in view of the absence of any mattresses, blankets were issued on the liberal scale of FIVE per man i.e. three more than the summer scale for our own troops.

(3) It is ridiculous to state that meals were served in a "pot" or "pail". China table ware not being available in this theatre of war, all food was served on army issue tin plates and tea bowls.

(4) The rations which did not seem to please the General were British Field Service rations and identical to those consumed by the officers and men of the unit.

(5) All interrogations of the party were carried out on the premises by SIM personnel, who to the best of our knowledge did this in a formal and correct manner.

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In addition to the above it should be pointed out that the Italian speaking officer of the unit, a Maltese Lieutenant, went out of his way to reduce the so called discomforts sustained by the party and earnestly apologised to the General for the inadequate conditions under which they were forced to exist for two days (actually 36 hours). At the same time the party was given free of charge, 200 cigarettes and a 2 oz tin of tobacco out of the unit officers' own rations.

(12) APP B

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In conclusion it might be said that the only time the General voiced a complaint during the two days in question, was that their first breakfast was not properly served. This was immediately rectified and the services of a young Jugoslav were placed at the disposal of the party.

(H.G.F.Greenham) Capt.
for Officer i/c CSDIC (Sub-centre East) C.M.F.

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Acting Chief Commissioner

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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL & ITALIAN PW SUB COMMISSION

HQ ACC, APO 394
459 Secy Gen.
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AGC/1/11/131

6 August 1944

A 2064

9 AUG 1944

To: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

Subject: Request for repatriation of Italian Commissariat Officers.

1/. Submitted herewith is a list of 28 Italian Commissariat Officers who are prisoners of war and whose repatriation, as requested by the Director General of the Commissariat of the Italian Army, is considered by the Army Sub-Commission (MMIA) to be necessary for the proper functioning of that department.

2/. It is recommended that favorable consideration be given to the early repatriation of these officers and that they be considered as additional and not part of any lists already submitted for repatriation.

3/. Your early advice as to the action taken in regards to the above recommendation will be appreciated.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel
W.M.D. & I.PW S.C.

Encl. as in para 1.

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UFFICIALI DEL SERVIZIO DI COMMISSARIATO SEGNATATI PER IL RIENTRO DALLA PRIGIONIA

COPY

GRADO	Cognome e nome	Region and camp where the person is located	Altre notizie
Ten.Col. Commissario	Giuseppe SANTONOCITO	India - Camp 26	matr. 19655
Maggiore Commissario	Antonio FULGENZI	India - Camp 15	matr. 48053
Maggiore Commissario	Giuseppe ARDIZZON	India - Camp 26	matr. 19554
Maggiore Commissario	Pietro ALBERTI	India - Camp 9	matr. 5105
Maggiore Commissario	Giudo SCOPPETTONE	America - catturato dai britannici	matr.81-1-46428 Natousa PWE Camp 126 Orano(Algeria)
Capitano Commissario	Giulio DONDANTO	India - Camp 15	matr. 48188
Capitano Commissario	Arturo CANE'	India - Camp 7	matr. 16790
Capitano Commissario	Cesare OLEARO	48211 No. 3 Wing - No. 15 POW Camp c/o GPO Bombay (India)	matr. 48211
Capitano Commissario	Egisto CASINI	India - Camp 15	matr. 48186
Capitano Commissario	Francesco ABATE	India - Camp 24	matr. 333412
Capitano Commissario	Pietro TRAVERSI	India - Camp 20	matr. 21074
Capitano Commissario	Francesco COLONNA	Camp 356 E.A.F.	matr. 40557
Capitano Commissario	Fernando PIAZZA	Africa del Nord - Camp 203 POW	matr. 37304
Capitano Commissario	Carlo CAPPELLINI	India - Camp 20	matr. 1632
Maggiore sussistenza	Rosario MAIRA	India - Camp 24	matr. 305978
Maggiore sussistenza	Carlo BARDI	Camp 356 E.A.F.	matr. 290061
Maggiore sussistenza	Giuseppe TROJANI	Camp 356 E.A.F.	matr. 9257
Capitano sussistenza	Donato MARCIANO'	Africa del Nord Camp 127	matr.
Tenente sussistenza	Giorgio CALISTI	India - Camp 20	matr. 240609
Maggiore Commissario	Romeo FELICE	Africa del Nord Camp 127	
id.	N. LO VECCHIO	Africa del Nord Camp 127	
id.	Edoardo OLIVERI	203 POW Camp Washington	
id.	Alberto MABUCCI		

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GRADO	Cognome e nome	Region and camp where the person is located	Altre notizie
Maggiore sussistenza	Achille PERES	Herefore Camp 3 (Texas)	
id.	Giuseppe CRISAFULLI	Missisippi USA Como	
Capitano	Enrico		
Commissario	DE MARTIIS Sergio	Africa del Nord Camp 101	matr. 81-1-89633
id.	TALLON Antonio	America Camp 131 box 20 N.Y.	
id.	CALIARI	Missisippi USA Camp 270 como	

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EWS/hd

A/CC 014.33

7 August 1944

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Dear Dr. Prunas:

Thank you for your letter No. 1/172 of 5 August concerning the Italian Naval Liaison Mission. I have forwarded the information contained therein to Allied Force Headquarters.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Dr. Renato Prunas
Secretary General
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Rome

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A/CC 014.33

6 August 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Military Mission

To : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

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1. Reference is made to letter A/CC 014.33, Hq ACC to AFHQ, dated 29 July 1944, above subject.

2. Attached for your information is:

a. Copy letter A/CC 014.33, Hq ACC to Dr. Renato Prunas, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated 29 July 1944, same subject.

b. Copy letter N 1/172, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated 5 August 1944, with particular reference to the Naval Liaison Mission.

ELMER W. CHUNE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

2 Incls:
as in para 2 above

cc: Naval Sub-Commission

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A/GC 014.39

29 July 1944

(108) Incl 2

Dear Dr. Fumasi

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter 1/121 of 27 July 1944 relative to the Military Mission, Algiers. Your statement with respect to the Office of the Royal Navy in Algiers has been sent to Allied Force Headquarters.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Dr. Renato Fumasi
Secretary General
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Rome

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C O P Y

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
Il Segretario Generale

N: 3/172

Rome, 5 August 1944

(108) INCL 1

Dear Admiral,

I refer to your letter dated 29th ult., A.C.C. 014/33.

The Royal Ministry of Marine has been duly acquainted with the correspondence between this Ministry and the Allied Control Commission regarding the withdrawal of the Italian Military Mission in Algiers, and now informs me, under date 1st inst. that, as is known, in accordance with art. 4 of the Cunningham-De Courten agreement of September 23, 1943, a Naval Liaison Mission with the General Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean was then appointed.

The following are members of the said Mission: Captain Ernesto Giuriati and Lieutenant Aldo Cippico.

The above officers were also members, as representatives of the Royal Navy, of the disbanded Italian Military Mission in Algiers.

Following agreement with the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean, the Naval Liaison Mission will continue to function at the Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief, whilst an Office for the assistance to our warships and merchant ships will continue to function at Algiers.

Believe me, Dear Admiral,

Very cordially yours

/s/ R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.
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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

N. 4/172

ROME, - 5 AGO. 1944

HQ ACC. APO 394
416 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 6 Aug 0930
By ..... DRE

A 20294
- 7 AUG 1944

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102 014/33.

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R. Rossi

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
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5 August 1944

A/CC 014.33

(71) INCL 1

Dear M. Kapsambelis:

Reference is made to your letter 724 dated 29 June 1944. Facilities now exist for all Greek subjects who are desirous of returning to any part of liberated Italy to do so provided they are not of military age. Those of military age are recruited by the Greek Military Mission for service in the Greek Armed Forces.

Greek nationals who wish to return to Tripolitania or Cyrenaica have been recorded by Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and as and when shipping is available they will be sent to the places of their previous residence.

Yours very truly,

EMERY W. PICHE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

M. G. Kapsambelis
Vice Representative
Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy

cc: Internees & Displaced Persons s/c

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HEADQUARTERS
INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

IDP/947/101-6 Tel. 489081 Ext. 392 4 August 44

SUBJECT : Draft for Approval.

TO : Chief Staff Officer ACC.

1. Attached is draft prepared by this Sub-Commission as requested in your 014.33-35 of 1 August 1944.

For the Director:

C.F.FOTHERGILL
Lt. Col.
Deputy Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
APO 394

Ref; 014.33

4 August 1944

TO : Mr. G. KAPSAMBELIS
Vice Representative
Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: ACTION/ ACC REAR INFO: MMIA

7 AUG 1944

FROM: CG SOS NATCUSA SGD LARKIN

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 43/01

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No: L 34553

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG 011043B

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE SSPMG 497

PROPOSED MOVE OF 250 ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR REFERENCE YOUR LX 32150 DATED 19 JULY AND YOUR 1148 DATED 30 JULY 44 HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF OTHER SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS UNTIL ON OR ABOUT 1 SEPTEMBER 44. PROPOSE TO COMBINE OUR MOVEMENT WITH REPATRIATION OF APPROXIMATELY 300 ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN FRENCH CUSTODY IN NORTH AFRICA. FRENCH AUTHORITIES THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS HAVE INFORMED THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT THE 300 FROM FRENCH CUSTODY. MOVEMENT OF REPATRIABLES WILL BE TO TARANTO. REQUESTED IS AGREEMENT OF NEW PROPOSAL.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Secretary General

FILE No. 014.33

SUBJECT: Greek POS's

1 August 1944

TO: Colonel Densmore

With reference to 71 the information requested was contained in No. 85.

No reply was made as promised by Captain Stone.

F.J.S.

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W.M.D.S.C.,
PW SECTION

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9 AUG 1944

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1st Lt. MONTANT

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Chief Staff Officer

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Greek Nationals

Director, Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission — 1 Aug 4

1. References:

a. A/CC 014.33 dated 1 July
b. Your IDP/569/101-6, July 10

2. Please prepare draft of reply for Acting Chief Commissioner's signature to Mr. G. Kapsambelis' letter #724 of June 28.

Incl I

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

→ Suspend 5 August 44

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Chief Browning -
Further on Castel-
lano. If he is
attached to this
HQ, I think he
should be with
you.
How are you
progressing on it.
Thanks
WD

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After three days

I returned Mr. Secretly to Casati saying about Mr. Campbell's letter & that we want CASTELLANO placed in a suitable job. I asked CASATI to let me know what happens.

I then went in to see Col of Education Job & saw Mr. CASTELLANO for Tues, though I agree that it with his Rec at all he should Remain there

I think Kennedy satisfied & Campbell I've made CASATI to let me know (CASTELLANO)

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HQ AFC, APO 394
312 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 31 July 1050
By DRR

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff

29 July 1944

Dear Captain Stone:

I am addressing you in the interest of Brig. General G. CASTELLANO, who is now leaving his position as Italian Liaison officer at this Headquarters to return to duty with the Italian Army. I first met General CASTELLANO during the negotiations which preceded the signing of the Armistice with ITALY. Previously he had met General SMITH, our Chief of Staff, and General STRONG, our G-2, in SPAIN for preliminary negotiations on behalf of BADOGLIO and then came to SICILY where we conducted the staff conferences dealing with action to be taken by the Italian forces and with the ultimate acceptance of the Short Armistice Terms. I was present during these days of negotiations and can state it is my firm opinion that without the strong support of General CASTELLANO, the negotiations would probably have broken down. He was most cooperative throughout the period while at the same time extracting from us as much as seemed possible.

During his tenure of office at this Headquarters, his attitude also has been cooperative in the extreme. While there has been no great amount of business conducted through his office, I am convinced that he has done what was possible to secure Italian cooperation. I consider that he is a very clever man and further that he was actuated solely by what he considered to be the best interests of ITALY.

I believe that he would welcome an assignment as Liaison Officer at your Headquarters, and I believe that you would find him useful in that capacity. I should be very happy to see him located in some such capacity, as in the past I have had reason to believe that he had come under great criticism by certain factions in ITALY upon the charge that he had misled the BADOGLIO government as to the Allied ability to act offensively at the time of the Armistice. Through G-2, I had reports of the possibility that he might even suffer death at the hands of some of these critics. That was sometime ago, however, when the offensive in ITALY had bogged down in front of CASSINO and I do not give much credence to any such possibility at the moment in the light of the existing situation.

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I write this letter not with any idea of bringing pressure to bear on you, but merely that you may know the facts and give his case due consideration.

Sincerely yours,

LOWELL W. ROOKS,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

Captain Ellery Stone, U.S.N.R.
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
A.P.O. 394
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HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 31 July 0910
By ..... GRB

COMANDO SUPREMO

Chief of Supreme General Staff

No. 582/RP/AV.

29 July 1944.

A 1929

31 JUL 1944

Dear Captain Stone:

This morning General Castellano left for Caserta for a farewell visit to General Wilson and General Gammell.

I took advantage of this to send a card to General Wilson and a letter - copy of which is enclosed herein - to General Gammell.

Therefore will you please consider cancelled the letter I handed you on the occasion of our meeting on the 28th inst.

The settlement of General Castellano, in the sense suggested by General Gammell, might be studied in a meeting with you, General Browning and myself.

I await your decision.

Truly yours.

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

/s/ G. Messe

To: Captain Hilery W. Stone, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

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HQ AAF, APO 394
Secy Gen.
Rec'd 31 July 0911
By DPK

TRANSLATION

File No. 566/RF/AV.

COMANDO SUPREMO

Chief of the Supreme General Staff

28 July 1944

Dear General:

With much pleasure I received your letter dated 11th inst., sent through Captain Stone, relative to General Castellano.

With warm pleasure I learned that the work of the above mentioned General, during the period he has cooperated with you, has met with your full satisfaction.

I agree with you on the necessity to strengthen ever more the cooperation of the Italian Authorities with the Allied ones, using persons of such high capacity and efficiency as General Castellano has proved to be.

I am now considering what post I might in future entrust to said General, with a view to embetter ever more that cooperation I cherish so much.

As soon as a decision will be reached I will hasten to inform you.

Best thanks and best wishes.

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY
CHIEF OF THE SUPREME GENERAL STAFF
(Giovanni Messe)
/s/ G. Messe

To: Lieutenant General
J.A.H. CAMPBELL
Chief of Staff of the
Supreme Allied Command - Mediterranean

(103) 566
28 Jul 44
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COMANDO SUPREMO

IL CAPO DI S. M. GENERALE

n°566/RP/AV.

P.M.135, 28 July 1944

Dear General,

I have received with great pleasure, through captain E.W.Stone, your letter of July the 11th, concerning general Giuseppe Castellano. I have been very pleased to hear that you have been fully satisfied for his work, in the time he cooperated with you.

I share your opinion on the necessity of strengthening more and more the cooperation of Italian with British and American Authorities, employng personnel endowed with high capacity and efficiency as general Castellano.

In consequence I shall be very glad to commit to general Castellano a task in which he will be able to improve more and more such cooperation. And in view to obtain this purpose I should be very grateful to you, dear general, if you could be so kind as to let me know which task you think could be committed to general Castellano.

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Your sincerely

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n°566/RP/AV.

Dear General,

I have received with great pleasure, through captain E.W.Stone, your letter of July the 11th, concerning general Giuseppe Castellano. I have been very pleased to hear that you have been fully satisfied for his work, in the time he cooperated with you.

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Marshal of Italy
Chief of General Staff

Lieutenant General J.A.H. GAMMELL
Chief of Staff of H.Q.Allied Mediterranean Theater

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B/b.

P.M.13, il 28 luglio 1944.

COMANDO SUPREMO

IL CAPO DI S. M. GENERALE

n°566/RP/AV.

Caro generale,

ho ricevuto con molto piacere la Sua lettera dell'11 corrente, inviatami tramite il comandante Ellery W.Stone, relativa al generale Giuseppe Castellano.

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IL CAPO DI S. M. GENERALE

P.M. 135, 28 July 1944

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(Giovanni Messe)
Marshal of Italy
Chief of General Staff

To Captain U.S.N.R. ELLERY W.STONE
acting chief commiss...

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Marshal of Italy
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To Captain U.S.N.R. EILERY W.STONE
acting chief commissioner
of the Allied Control Commission
APO 394

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P.M.135, il 28 luglio 1944.

COMANDO SUPREMO

IL CAPO DI S. M. GENERALE

Caro comandante Stone,

La ringrazio di avermi trasmesso la graditissima lettera del generale Gammell e Le sarò grato se vorrà compiacersi fare avere al suddetto generale, con i miei personali saluti, l'annessa lettera di risposta.

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Con rinnovati ringraziamenti, sinceramente Suo

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

P. Messe

Al capitano di vascello U.S.N.R.

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P. Messe

Al capitano di vascello U.S.N.R.
ELLERY W. STONE
-commissario capo ff.della commissione alleata di controllo-
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29 July 1944

Subject: Italian Military Mission

29 JUL 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. For your information attached is copy of letter 1/121 from Ministero Degli Affari Esteri dated 27 July 1944, above subject.

2. Attention is directed to statement relative to Office of the Royal Navy in Algiers.

3. Our letter# 25 July 1944, same reference and subject, refers.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

L. D. DENGMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

1 Incl: Ltr 1/121, 27 Jul 44
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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

1/121

Rome, 27 LUG 1944

HQ ACC, APO 394
264 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 28 July 0930
By FRR

A 1913
29 JUL 1944

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Dear Admiral,

I refer to your letter of 6th inst., addressed to the President of the Council of Ministers, and to my communication of the same date.

The Supreme Command now informs me of the repatriation of the members of the Military Mission in Algiers, which took place on the 16th inst. The Mission in question will be dissolved on the 31st inst., and the personnel, as per enclosed list, will return to their respective Ministries.

The above arrangements however do not affect, as I informed you in my preceding letter, the Office of the Royal Navy in Algiers, concerning which direct agreement could be reached between Admiral De Courten and the competent Allied Naval Authorities.

Believe me, dear Admiral,

Very cordially yours

R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.
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27 July 44

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MISSIONE MILITARE ITALIANA PRESSO IL COMANDO
IN CAPO DELLE FORZE ALLEATE AD ALGERI

Generale di Brigata (s.p.)	CASTELLANO GIUSEPPE
Ten. Col. A.A.pil. (s.p.)	TICLI GIORGIO
Capitano autieri (compl.)	GUARNASI Vito
S. Tenente cavalleria (compl.)	IANZA GALVANO

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HQ ACC, APO 394
273 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 28 July 1500
By DRR

TO: ACTION ACC PERSONAL FOR STONE

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 29/28

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No: F 76210

PRECEDENCE: URGENT

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE FANOS

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30 JUL 1944

WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING ACTION TAKEN ON LETTERS FROM CHIEF OF STAFF TO YOU AND MARSHAL MESSE DATED 11 JULY ON SUBJECT OF FUTURE EMPLOYMENT GENERAL CASTELLANO. AS GENERAL CASTELLANO IS DEPARTING AFHQ ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 29 JULY, IT IS DESIRED TO INFORM HIM BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE AS TO WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE MATTER

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AUTHENTICATED:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

ASC/1/7/33

27 July 1944

A 1925

31 JUL 1944

To: H.Q. Allied Armies in Italy.

Subject: Repatriation of Sick and Wounded Prisoners of War.

1/. Reference your letter AAI/3074/19/A(o) dated 2 July.

2/. Italian Government has agreed to accept the 401 sick and wounded Prisoners of War awaiting repatriation from East Africa.

3/. It is requested a nominal roll be submitted as soon as possible, showing physical classifications etc. and that at least 10 days notice of estimated time of arrival be given.

4/. It is requested that either Taranto, Brindisi or Bari be used as port of disembarkation owing to medical arrangements and hospital accommodation being in that region.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR [illegible]
File No. 1549/211/S.-2

ROME JULY 17, 1944
TO: A.C.C., ROME

SUBJECT: Repatriation of sick and wounded Italian PW.

1/. Answer to the letter ASC/1/7/18 dated July 10, 1944.

2/. I assure you that the repatriation from East /Africa of the 401 sick and wounded PW is very welcome to the Italian Government.

3/. The A.C.C. is begged to give an advance announcement of at least 8 days, indicating the landing port and the preannounced list of the repatriating PWs.

4/. As already has been mentioned in other times, it would be preferable if the disembarking occurred in an East Mediterranean port or in an Adriatic one (Taranto, Brindisi, Bari) because in the inland there are more possibilities to recover the repatriating PW who are in need of medical cures.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
/s/ General Pietro Gazzera.

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APO 394

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By 1900.

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27 July 1944

A 1887

28 JUL 1944

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

Subject: PW requested for repatriation from Island of Lissa.

1/. The Comando Supremo report that there are some 225 Italians on the Island of Lissa made up as follows:

11 of the 26th Div., chauffeurs, motor-cyclists and mechanics.
80 of the 11th Brigade subdivided between the various battalions.
70 of the 12th Brigade, subdivided between the various battalions.
18 seamen captured by the British on motor-sailing boats which were then at the service of the Germans.
7 Army soldiers at the Concentration Camp of Marne Femlje (Lissa).
2 sailors at Comiza.

2/. Marshal Messe requests that as the personnel are not being employed where they are and could be used to advantage in Italy that they be repatriated. It is suggested that Allied vessels, light vessels of the Italian Navy or Italian transport planes be used to transport this personnel back to Italy.

3/. I shall be pleased to have your reply regarding this question.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

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APO 394

ASC/1/7/34

A 1933
31 JUL 1944

27 July 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

Subject: Repatriation of invalid Prisoners of War in French hands in North Africa.

1/. The attached translation of letter No. 1463/Mil/C.2 dated 13 July from the High Commissioner for Italian Prisoners of War is forwarded.

2/. Your attention to this question is requested together with your early reply.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. CAMPBELL.
Lt.-Colonel

Encl. as above.

Copy to:- Secretary General (2)

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW ROME 13 July 1944
File No. 1463/M11/C.2 di prot. TO: A.C.C., ROME

SUBJECT: Repatriaton of invalid PW in French hands in North Africa.

1/. The delegate of the International Red Cross of Algiers, passing through Salerno, has declared verbally to the Royal Italian Government that among the Italian PWs kept by the French authorities in camps in North Africa there are several hundred wounded, sick and invalid cases, which the International Medical Commission declared quite some time ago should be repatriated, are still there anxiously waiting to be ~~[illegible]~~ transported to Italy. Several of them are in serious condition and should be allowed to see once more their native country before their painful death.

2/. I address an urgent prayer to the A.C.C. so that the Commission through courteous solicitude would obtain that the repatriation of the above mentioned should take place at the earliest possible date.

3/. As I already had written before, these PWs will always be received by the Italian authorities with open arms and they want only to be warned, by means of me, at least a week before the arrival of the PWs.

With anticipated thanks,

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
/s/ General Pietro Gazzera

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APO 394

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26 July 1944

A 1890
28 JUL 1944

To: High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Repatriation of Prisoners of War - Camp 131.

1/. Enclosed are lists of Italian Officer Prisoners of War, Camps 126, 129 and 131 (showing physical efficiency state at top of each list) who are surplus or unassigned to Service Units in the Oran area.

2/. The Italian Government is invited to request the repatriation of the listed Prisoners of War on the following bases:-

(a) Release of groups of officers (specifically named) for the establishment of a pool of officers to meet Italian needs.

(b) Release for civilian occupation in Allied occupied territory, or territory returned to the Italian Government when such release would be beneficial to civilian economy.

3/. In addition to the above, these Prisoners of War may be released for repatriation on compassionate grounds when such is recommended by A.C.C., I.B.S. or P.B.S.

4/. If you will examine the enclosed lists in the light of the aforestated conditions, I will be happy to facilitate, in every way, any requests for repatriation you may make.

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J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Encls. as above.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5 : 383.6

13 July 1944

SUBJECT: Surplus Italian Officers at P.W. Camp #131.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394.

Reference your D.C.C. 383.6 dated 16 June 44, attached are the lists of surplus Italian P.W. (Officers) at Camp 131 as requested.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

W. de KNOOP

Incl:
as above.

(a) Camp 126, Physically Fit Major.
(b) Camp 126, Physically fit but inefficient
(c) Camp 126, Physically unfit
(d) Camp 131, Unassigned surplus, physical class designated
(e) Camp 126, Require hospitalization
(f) Camp 126, Roster, class stated

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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

ASC/1/7/27

26 July 1944

A 1877
27 JUL 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

Subject: Repatriation of Prisoners of War.

HQ ACC APO 394
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Rec'd 26 July 1700
By DAR

1/. Reference your letter No. G1/B/2209/A2 dated 27 June 1944.

2/. The Italian Government state that with regard to General Scattini, he has arrived in Italy but that General Roda is not in India but in America in Camp of Monticello (Arkansas) and ask that his repatriation be accelerated as much as possible.

3/. With regard to para 4, the High Commissioner for Prisoners of War states that as it is our wish that the officers in question be repatriated they will accept these officers with the exception of Admirals Paveai and Leonardi whom it is quite impossible to employ and who might cause embarrassment to the Italian Government.

4/. The Italian High Commissioner points out ~~that~~:

(a) No guarantee of immediate re-employment in the Italian Armed Forces can be given but all cases will be considered on the arrival of the Prisoners of War in Italy.

(b) That the Prisoners of War in question have not been prisoners for anything like the length of time that other Italian Prisoners of War have and whose release has been asked for to fill appointments in the Army and Civil Service. The High Commissioner asks that the release of Prisoners of War to fill Army and Civil appointments be accelerated.

(c) That the Italian Government, apart from the requirements of the country, do pray that those Prisoners of War who have suffered longest captivity be given precedence in repatriation.

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5/. It is only by such arrangement that the Government can induce the population to have patience with regard to the Prisoners of War situation.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

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~~Army HQ (MI5A)~~
~~H.Q. AAI (your signal A903~~
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25 July 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Military Mission

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. Reference is made to:

a. Freedom Message N 72/28, FHLIA, 28 May 1944

b. " " F 63549 " 23 June 1944

c. ACC " 3-265, 1 July 1944

d. Freedom " FX 67600, FHLIA, 3 July 1944

e. ACC " 3-268, 6 July 1944

2. With respect to above subject, on 6 July the Italian Government informed the Commission:

"The Italian Government has no objection in principle to withdrawal of the Italian Military Mission from Algiers - always without prejudice to the measures which may be made directly by Admiral De Courten with the competent Allied naval authorities as concerning the office of the Royal Navy in that city."

3. On 22 July 1944, the Italian Government directed a letter to the Commission as follows:

"As the Italian Government informed ACC on July 6th, the proposed repatriation of the Italian Military Mission in Algiers has been willingly agreed upon, whereas the transfer to Italy of several Allied Headquarters has caused the ends, for which the mission has been instituted, to cease.

"The last members of the Mission have arrived here on the 18th of July.

"On July 31st the Mission will be disbanded and its personnel will be employed in other duties."

MILTON W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

ADC/1/2/171

24 July 1944

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26 JUL 1944

To: Peninsular Base Section, APO 782.

Subject: Repatriation of Italian Army Officers now Prisoners of War.

1/. Reference your File No. 383.6 (BPLNO) dated 18 June.

2/. The Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War states that, in view of the fact that the officers, whose repatriation you request, have been prisoners only a relatively short time, out of equitable consideration for the mass of Italian Prisoners of War, the Italian Government are not in accord with this request.

3/. If you consider it essential that the officers named be repatriated to fill specific appointments, please forward details of appointments to be filled, together with a statement, that no suitable officers are available in Italy to fill these appointments.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Copy to:
(Army SC (your AG/11/1
dated 24 June refers)

Copy to Secy General:-

(46) Agreed with Col Densmore.
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24 Jul 44

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A 1891
28 JUL 1944

REPORTED FROM LONDON THAT CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY OF REPATRIATING ITALIANS FROM ERITREA IN ORDER TO RELIEVE ACUTE UNEMPLOYMENT THERE. STATED THAT IT COULD BE ON VOLUNTARY BASIS. NUMBERS ARE UNCERTAIN BUT NOT RPT NOT LIKELY EXCEED 5000 AND COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED FOR SOME MONTHS.

PARA. LONDON HAVE REQUESTED VIEWS AS TO AVAILABILITY OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO COPE WITH REPATRIATES AND AS TO WHETHER IN EVENT OF GOVERNMENT ACCEPTING PROPOSAL AND LATER PROVING UNABLE TO FEED AND ADMINISTER THEM AGC COULD UNDERTAKE THE COMMITMENT.

PARA. REQUEST YOU CONSULT GOVERNMENT AND SUBMIT YOUR VIEWS HERE SOONEST.

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P.M. 135, 22 July 1944

C O M A N D O S U P R E M O
1 Reparto -Uff.Operazioni

file n. 14310

A 1871
27 JUL 1944

SUBJECT : Repatriation and disbanding of IMM with AFHQ

As the Italian Government informed ACC on July 6th, the proposed repatriation of the Italian Military Mission in Algiers has been willigly agreed upon, whereas the transfer to Italy of several allied HQs has caused the ends, for which the mission has been instituted, to cease.

The last members of the Mission have arrived here on the 18th inst.

On July 31st the Mission will be disbanded & its personnel will be employed in other duties.

by order
IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
(Arturo Scattini)

COMANDO SUPREMO

P.M. 135, 22 luglio 1944

I Reparto - Uff.Operazioni

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

N° 14310 /Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O : Rimpatrio e scioglimento Missione Militare Italiana ad Algeri.

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Come comunicato dal Governo a codesta Commissione il 6 corrente, in seguito a richiesta, la parte italiana ha di buon grado aderito al rimpatrio della Missione Militare Italiana ad Algeri, in quanto, con il trasferimento nella Penisola di buona parte degli Alti Comandi Alleati, sono venuti a cessare gli scopi per i quali la Missione era stata istituita.

Gli ultimi elementi della Missione stessa sono quì giunti il 18 corrente.

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Tanto si comunica per informazione. 2159.

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IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
(Arturo Scattini)

Scattini

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N° 11310 /Op. di prot.

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FROM ACC REAR, MILLAM SUPPLY, XX 449 SSCAP

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TO CG SOS NATOUSA

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24 JUL 1944 ROUTINE

FULL INSTRUCTIONS TO RETURN APPROXIMATE 250 ADDITIONAL ITALIAN PWS CERTIFIED AS REPATRIABLE FROM TARANTO ON OR BEFORE 7TH AUGUST 44 BREAKDOWN AS TO AMBULATORS LETTER AND MENTAL NOT ASSEMBLY AVAILABLE BUT WILL BE FURNISHED EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BE APPROACHED AND STRONGLY URGED TO AGREE TO THIS MOVEMENT

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COL. J. A. CAMPBELL

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Prop Corps Office (A)

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20 JUL 1944 By 2nd R.

SUBJECT:- Request for repatriation. ASC/1/1/202

TO :* Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section
18 July 44

1. The attached copy of translation of letter from Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, No 1124/Mil G7 dated 9 July is frowarded.

2. Your favorable consideration of this appeal is recommended.

J.A.CAMPBELL
Lt. Colonel
Army Sub-Commission

COPY TO:-
Secretary General (2) ✓

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(90) ASC/1/1/202
18 Dec 44

CMHQ 14.33 Journal

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High Commissioner for PW Cava dei Tirreni 5 July 1944
File No. 1124/Mil.G.7 TO: A.C.C. SALERNO

SUBJECT: Repatriation of PW in India Major Doctor Guiseppe MOLISANI Director of the Hospital of the 2nd Group PW Infermary Camp No. 24.

The above mentioned Major Doctor is 55 years old, PW since June 1941, and in India since November 3, 1942, by a direct demand by the Spanish Consul at Bombay, has stated to be working eccessively in a horrid climate, suffering from calculous colecistitis with frequent colics and of late has developed a notable iperdrofy of the hyrroid glands. In consideration of the above mentioned I beg the A.C.C. to be so kind as to have him visited by the mixed medical Commission for an eventual repatriation.

(90) Incl I
1124/mil.G.7
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The High Commissioner
General Pietro Gazzera.

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20 JUL 1944

ASC/1/1/201
18 July 44

SUBJECT:- Repatriation on Compassionate Grounds

TO :- G-5 AFHQ

1. The attached copy of translation of Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War letter, No 1301/M.L.C.3 dated 7 July, is forwarded.

2. Favourable consideration of this appeal is recommended and your early reply requested.

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lt. Colonel,
Army Sub-Commission

COPY TO:
Secretary General (2)

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ASC/1/1/201
18 July 44

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High Commissioner for PW Cava dei Tirreni 7 July 1944
File No. 1301/M.L.C.3 TO: A.C.C., SALERNO

Subject: Request for repatriation of PW Lt. Col. Guido LUSENA, in consideration of particular pitious conditions of his family.

General Leonardo Luseno from Rome, where he is ~~living~~ living in Via Lungotevere Sanzio No. 117, father of the PW Lt. Col. Guido LUSENA, has represented to this High Commissioner for PW the particular pitious condition of his family more than everything, by the fact that the above named son is a PW.

His explanation reveals that:

1. The LUSENA family has had one of his sons, Umberto, barbarously killed by Germans (one of the 320 victims in the Domitilla catacombs) who left without support his wife and two children.
2. The father is more than eighty and is very sick.
3. The other son, only moral of the family, is PW since 1941 at the following address:

Ten. Col. Guido LUSENA
No. 177017 Wing No. 36/6/c
No. 82660 - 3 Camp

He, before being taken prisoner, had two very serious wounds and has been submitted to a medical commission because of his last wound in the abdomen.

The case is worth of a particular consideration, and we present it to this commission with the prayer, if it is possible, to ask the repatriation of PW Lt. Col. LUSENA. He is also highly recommended by the Comando Supremo.

The High Commissioner for PW
General Pietro Gazzera

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1301/M.L.C.3
7 Jul 44

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Secretary General

FILE No.

SUBJECT: Re Italian Military Mission

17 July 1944

TO: Colonel Densmore

Re Italian Military Mission, Major Campello reports that the orders to withdraw the mission were verbal. Cable was sent to Algiers but he has not yet been able to get the exact wording of it; however the Army side has been in Rome for two days, but some of the Naval side of it is still in Algiers. It has been impossible to contact Admiral De Courten to find out why, but Campello says that Dr. Prunas will be able to contact De Courten tonight or in the morning. Campello will then give me another report.

Robert E. Doe

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

Later: DeCourten contacted and says the naval people are not part of the military mission, but were sent to Algiers pursuant to an agreement between DeCourten and Cunningham. [illegible]

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HQ ACC. APO 512
55 Sec'y G.S.C.
Rec'd 16 Jul 1944 Hour 0930
By [illegible] G-2

ITALIAN LIAISON SECTION ACC

MEMO TO COL. DENSMORE

July 14th, 1944

The Presidency of Council of Ministers inform that general instructions have already been given to the Military Authorities concerned for the withdrawal of the Italian Military Mission from Algiers.

However, since H.E. the Minister of M. Navy is not yet in Rome and shall not be here till this evening, no details are as yet available as to the actual text of orders issued for the said purpose.

Campello.

L. CAMPELLO
Maj., Arty
Liaison Officer

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File (M)

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16 July 1944

A/CC 014.33

Subject: Repatriation of Italians - Dr. Vitale

To : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512, U. S. Army
(Attention: G-5)

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1. Reference is made to letter AFHQ G-5: 014.33 of 8 June 44, to Headquarters Allied Control Commission, above subject.

2. In reply to para 3 of reference letter it is stated that Doctor Massimo Adolfo Vitale upon his re-entry into the country will re-enter the governmental administration with which he was formerly connected.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

L. D. DENMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

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File 149

A/cc 014.33
16 Jul 44

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HQ ACC, APO 394
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

13 Jul 44

Dear Mason MacFarlane,

With further reference to your CC OUT.33 of 22 May, and my reply of 2 Jun, the Combined Chiefs of Staff have ruled that the following policy shall be adopted.

1. Subject to the availability of shipping, Italian prisoners of war who reside in Allied-occupied portions of ITALY should be repatriated, if found eligible on medical grounds by the competent authority of the detaining power either for direct repatriation under the provisions of Article 68 of the Geneva Convention on Prisoners of War, or for hospitalisation in a neutral country under the provisions of the Model Agreement annexed to the Convention.

2. Subject to the availability of shipping and security considerations, Italian prisoners of war who reside in Allied-occupied portions of ITALY:

(a) should be repatriated if they are 60 years of age or over, or are between 50 and 60 years of age and have completed 2 years of internment.

(b) may be repatriated if it is determined by the competent authority of the detaining power that they are entitled thereto on compassionate grounds.

In conveying this information to the Italian Government, it should be emphasised that reliance on compassionate grounds will be granted sparingly, with each case being considered on its merits and with approval granted only when the grounds are such that an Allied soldier under similar circumstances would be repatriated to his own country.

For the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre:

/s/ J. A. H. Gemmell
J. A. H. GAMMELL
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

Lieutenant General Sir. F. H. Mason MacFarlane, CB, DSO, MC,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

REFERENCE SLIP

Date 18.7.44

File: 014.33

SUBJECT: Repatriation of POW

FROM: Acting Chief Commissioner

TO			
	Administrative Section	✓	War Materials Disposal Sub-Comm.
	Economic Section		Public Relations Branch
	Political Section		Secretary General
	Regional Control and Military Government Section		Chief Staff Officer
	Air Sub-Commission		
	Army Sub-Commission		
	Communications Sub-Commission		
	Navy Sub-Commission		
FOR:			
	Acknowledgement		Information and Retention
✓	Appropriate Action		Dispatch
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	Information and Return		

REMARKS: Encl - XFHQ Bonnell 13/7 & FNMM 014.33 Sec 1447

Initials I.A.G.

TRANSLATION

Vigliatore (Messina) 12/7/1944

A 1278
27 JUL 1944

CAPTAIN ELLERY W. STONE

Chief Commissionner of the Allied Control, Commission

ROME

Dear Captain Stone,

I know that my family will finally be blessed by the Goddess Fortuna if this letter, reaching you, is read by you personally. I sincerely believe that you are a kind and generous man, and I put my trust in these two virtues of yours.

You are a soldier; my husband too was a soldier; devoting yourself to a true ideal, you are working for your country and for our good; my husband after being snatched away from his family and his work for a mad idea which he never did believe in, languishes in a prisoners'camp in Algeria, after having delivered weapons which were not used and which no one ever tried to use.

Meanwhile, my family, composed only of women, is in a desperate situation, and lives on the charity of relations and friends. My husband worked in a firm of which he was the only representant in Sicily; these interests which are not properly cared for will mean later on the financial ruin of my family.

His return is urgent and necessary, not only on sentimental but also on business grounds. Better than anybody else, you can do that. Give him back to his family! I appeal to your kindness, and generosity, to these who are dear to you, to your dead.

Don't disappoint this last and greatest of hopes; give orders for the repatriation of CAPTAIN RAFAEL ZANGHI'
Matricule 81 - I - 151256 Matouse
Prisoners of War enclosure 131
ORAN Algeria

Providence will amply reward you for the good you will have done

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/s/ Grazia Zanghi-De Domenico

Address: Signora Grazia Zanghi-De Domenico, VIGILATORE, (Messina)

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12 Jul 44

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE A-1693 Dce

15 JUL 1944

TO: ACTION: ADV ACC

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: -

FROM: AAI MAIN

CLASSIFICATION: NOT GIVEN

REFERENCE No: A 849

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 111100B

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

FURTHER TO THIS HQ LETTER AAI/3072/19/A(O) OF 25 MAY. FREEDOM REQUEST ACCEPTANCE OF FURTHER 600 ITALIAN REPATRIATES FROM INDIA ADDITIONAL TO 900 PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED. BREAKDOWN NOT YET AVAILABLE. SIGNAL THIS HQ IF ACCEPTABLE.

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INTERNEES A. DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION EVS/drc.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

IDP/569/101-6. A 1744 16 July 44.

19 JUL 1944

SUBJECT:- Greek Nationals.

TO :- Acting Chief Commissioner,
Through R.C.& M.G. Section.

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1. Referance your letter A/CC 014. 33., dated 1 July 44.

2. I am informed that Mr. KAPSAMBELIS wrote this letter due to having misunderstood the explanation of Comdr. MELISSINOS, Head of the Greek Military Mission regarding the policy affecting Greeks liberated in Italy, who were established before the war in Italy.

3. The Head of the Greek Military Mission wished to inform Mr. KAPSAMBELIS that all Greek Subjects who were desirous of returning to any part of liberated Italy, could do so, providing they were not of Military age.

4. All Greek Internees are thoroughly screened from a security angle before they are evacuated in accordance with the request of the Greek Government.

C.B. Findlay

C.B.FINDLAY.
Colonel.
Director.

014.33 Greece

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IDP/569/101-6
10 July 44

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AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. CHIOCCA
C&O USA
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION — MESSAGE

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CLASS: Confidential

REF NO: F-65150

PREC : Most Immediate

FILED : JULY050200B

FROM : Afhq SIGNED SACMED CITE FHAIH

REC'D : JULY050930B

TO : MMIA

Subject is General De Giorgis for whom security objection is now rai raised by India. Instead one of following suggested number 93 Major General Vyanden Jeuvel if infantry officer wanted or number 60842 Lt General Giuliano if Cavalry officer wanted.

Will you say.

(Army SC Note - HC for PW records indicate that both names are incorrect as given; Vyanden Jeuvel should be "Van Den Nouvel"; Giuliano is a Christian name but General Dapino said he knows who was meant, however, he did not tell us)

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5 Jul 43

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A/CC 014.33

10 July 1944

Subject: Repatriation of Colonel Ruggeri Laderchi

11 JUL 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(Attention: G-5)

1. Reference is made to your G-5 201- of 15 June 44.

2. This officer is in point of fact no longer required for the post of liaison officer with the Allied Control Commission, but his return to Italy is strongly desired by the Comando Supremo for other duties.

3. I confirm therefore that the request for his repatriation should stand, and if possible be even expedited.

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

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Repatriation Ruggeri Laderchi

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A/CC 014.33
10 Jul 44

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TRANSLATION PL.

COMANDO SUPREMO

14082/op

P.M. 135, 7 luglio 1944

Caro Maggiore Quayle,

con riferimento alla Sua lettera A/CC 014.33 del 27 giugno, La ringrazio del cortese interessamento circa il rimpatrio del Colonnello RUGGERI LADERCHI e Le confermo che tale rimpatrio è desiderato dalla parte italiana.

Effettivamente non ci sarà più bisogno di tale ufficiale per l'A.C.C.; egli troverà però ottimo impiego presso il Comando Supremo, data anche la perfetta conoscenza della lingua inglese.

La prego quindi non solo di lasciare che la richiesta della parte italiana abbia corso, ma di volere, per quanto possibile, accelerare tale rimpatrio.

Sinceramente suo

Adolfo Infante

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Generale di Divisione f.g.s.

Al Maggiore Art.

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Al Maggiore Art.
J. A. Q U A Y I E
Commissione Alleata di Controllo

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TRANSLATION

Comando Supremo

No. 14082/OP

P.M. 135. 7 July 1944

Dear Major Quayle,

With reference to your letter A/CC 014.33 of 27 June, I thank you for your courteous interest in the repatriation of Colonel Ruggeri Laderchi and I confirm that his repatriation is desired on the Italian side.

Actually there is no longer any need of such an officer with A.C.C.; he will nevertheless find highly satisfactory employment with the Comando Supremo, especially in view of his perfect knowledge of the English language.

I thereforeask you not only to let the request from the Italian side take its course, but to be good enough to facilitate his repatriation as much as possible.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Adolfo Infante

ADOLFO INFANTE
MAJOR GENERAL, FGS

Major J. A. Quayle, RA
Allied Control Commission

Trans - Sgt Shenfield/lws

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7 Jul 44

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CG SOS NATOUSA SGD LARKIN
L-30095
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IN ADDITION TO NUMBERS LISTED IN OUR L25917 DATED 12 JUNE 44 IT IS DESIRED TO REPATRIATE FROM MED BASE 5 OFFICERS AND 103 ENLISTED MEN ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SCREENED SECURE, ALL MENTAL CASES.

ADDITIONAL 9 ENLISTED MEN CERTIFIED AS REPATRIABLE MENTAL CASES INSECURE CAN BE RELEASED ONLY TO AN AGENCY WHERE POSITIVE CONTROL OF THEIR ACTIONS COULD BE SECURED. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ITALIAN AUTHORITIES BE APPROACHED TO ACCEPT THESE REPATRIABLES AND THAT RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS BE AS FOR THOSE LISTED IN OUR MESSAGE REFERRED TO ABOVE

Repatriation
POW

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS

Salerno, 6 July 1944

N. 5532

DSB 1535
8 JUL 1944

Dear Admiral,

With reference to the telephone conversation between you and Mr. Montanari yesterday, I confirm the statement that the Italian Government has no objection in principle to withdrawal of the Italian Military Mission from Algiers - always without prejudice to the measures which may be made directly by Admiral De Courten with the competent Allied naval authorities as concerning the office of the Royal Navy in that city.

Believe me, dear Admiral, yours most cordially.

/s/ I. Bonomi

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.,
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
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6 Jul 44

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI

Salerno, ; 6 LUG 1944

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Caro Ammiraglio,

con riferimento alla telefonata fattale ieri dal dott.Montanari, Le confermo che il R.Governo non ha obbiezioni di massima al ritiro della Missione Militare Italiana da Algeri, salvo gli accordi che potranno essere direttamente presi dall' Ammiraglio De Courten con le competenti Autorità navali allegate per quanto concerne l' Ufficio della R. Marina nella stessa città.

Mi creda, caro Ammiraglio, molto cordialmente.

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Rear Admiral Ellery W.Stone, U.S.N.,
Acting Chief Commissioner.
Allied Control Commission.
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Dear Prime Minister Bonomi:

In accordance with telephone conversation with Dr. Montanari on 5 July, I have informed Allied Force Headquarters: "The Italian Government has agreed to the withdrawal of the Italian Military Mission and order to that effect will be issued". Also that we will advise them when the orders have been issued.

Will you therefore please send me a copy of such orders as soon as they are issued. It will be appreciated if the matter can be expedited.

Yours very truly,

EMERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

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THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

No. 1939 of Prot.

Salerno, 5 July 1944

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Dear Captain Stone,

I refer to yours of 13 June, number 014.33, addressed to Marshal Badoglio.

Doctor Massimo Adolfo Vitale, upon his re-entry into the country, could avail himself of the provisions of Royal Decree-law 6/1/1944 No. 9 which provides for the re-admission into service of officials discharged for political or racial reasons, and could again take up his post, provided he still possesses the required qualifications, in the administration with which he was formerly connected.

Cordially,

/s/ Ivanoe Bonomi

To: Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

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5 July 1944

Subject: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War

To: Allied Force Headquarters
(Attention: Chief of Staff)

1. In previous communications the point of view of A.C.C. has been made clear in regard to the status of Italian prisoners of war in liberated Italy.

2. I now enclose a further letter, together with translation, from the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War again setting out in detail the views of the Italian Government on the subject of their prisoners of war in Italy.

3. There is little doubt that the position with regards to Italian prisoners of war in Italy is causing embarrassment to the Italian Government, and if the position remains the same may well be the cause of serious discontent among the population, thus weakening the government.

4. I therefore request that I may be issued with a definite instruction on this matter, as it is now becoming extremely difficult to satisfy the Italian government without a definite statement as to our policy.

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2 Incls:
1 - Ltr fr Gen Cazzera, No. 410/Pol of 18 Jun 44
2 - Translation of ltr No. 410/Pol of 18 Jun 44

cc: The Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles

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Control POW Branch

TRANSLATION

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
PRISONERS OF WAR

Cava, 18 June 1944

To: A.C.C., Salerno

File No. 410/Pol

SUBJECT: Italian POW in Italian Territory

1. As you well know, the Allied Forces are detaining Italian soldiers in Italian territory, considering them, even now, as POW, in one of three principal categories:

a) Military units formed and commanded, actually, by Allied officers—as pioneer, signal, port, hospital, services, interior, Military police companies, transportation, etc.; and perhaps in other units, not known to Italian Military Authorities, or in isolated service attached to various commands;
b) Soldiers free on parole, (Sicily), who have signed an agreement, giving their word of honor;
c) in POW camps.

I have already at other times pointed out, as was my duty, how, from the point of view of the Royal Government, this is contrary to the provisions of the Geneva Convention of 27 July 1929, and how, in view of our co-belligerence, it is also contrary to military and political convenience. Each time I have set forth concrete proposals whereby the contribution of these POW to the war effort would not only be legalized, suffering no diminution, but rather being increased.

I submit a resume of views previously expressed on the subject.

2. Undoubtedly, the decision to utilize Italian POW in Military units has suggested itself to the Allied Authorities as a result of the establishment of co-belligerency with the Royal Italian Government, which has continually expressed and actuated its intention to give maximum support to the fight against the Germans.

But the Geneva Convention, in clear and forceful language, forbids the employment of such by the Detaining Power in tasks, which have direct connection with military operations (Article 31).

Therefore, properly to request POW to perform such tasks, forbidden by the Geneva Convention, it should have been necessary that a specific agreement had been effected with the Italian Government, providing consent to such request (Art. 83), which has not been consummated, despite the manifest good-will of the latter. (Such tasks are being performed generally by Italian POW here in Italy).

Further, because of the restrictions imposed by Art 31, it is not sufficient that POW have eventually personally to perform labor that contravenes the Geneva Convention. The more so, because, after months and years of captivity, the POW may be easily influenced by his obsession and desire for greater liberty, and more strongly, that of reaching the soil of his fatherland, possibly to reunite with his relatives, to accept any renunciation. Proof of this is the fact that many of such POW, members of the aforesaid units, have deserted to contact their families and the ranks of the Italian Army.

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All these facts demonstrate not only the illegality but also the inexplicability of the position resultant upon these soldiers and the Italian Authorities, not to mention the unfortunate and regrettable reaction on the Italian people.

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Aside from that, it is the intention and purpose of the Italian Government that its participation in cobelligerency be manifest in every conceivable manner consistent with national honor and dignity. Accordingly, should all Italian soldiers forming these units be declared completely free and restored to their full status as Italian soldiers, the Government would so establish their military and administrative capacity and maintain their organization under Italian law, discipline and tradition, as not to interfere with the effectiveness of the operations in which these units are engaged at this delicate moment of the war; they would become regular Italian units, employed by the Allies, as is the case with other Italian units, on the front lines and behind the lines.

In addition to the conformity with International Law, the following concrete advantages would be enjoyed:

- the elimination of the humiliation of the state of imprisonment, under which these Italian soldiers are now living in the presence of free comrades-at-arms, would restore to them contentment of mind and a soldier's spirit;
- by working for the Allied Armed Forces in obedience to orders transmitted through the Italian Government, they would have the confidence of working for the good of their country and would even bring new zest to their labors;
- operating under the orders of their natural and legally constituted commanders, they would constrain to a more customary and effective discipline in the task itself.

In conclusion, on this point, we propose that Allied Authorities may see fit to effectuate an agreement with the Italian Authorities, whereby these POW units, without delaying their operations or altering their effecacious loyalty, may be transformed into regular Italian units of free Italian soldiers.

3. The binding declaration of freedom on parole, signed by a certain number of soldiers of the Italian Armed Forces in Sicily, appears on the enclosed form.

To solicit its execution by Italian POW and effect its acceptance by them is palpably contrary to the laws of warfare:

a) Because freedom on parole may be conceded by the Detaining Belligerent to the POW only if the laws of the prisoner's country authorize this liberty (see Art. 10 of Regulations added to the 4th Convention of the Hague dated 18-10-07, specifically reenacted and incorporated in Geneva Convention relative to POW of 1929 as Art. 69 of the latter);

b) Because there not only does not exist a norm in Italian law authorizing this type of freeing Italian POW, but there is in existence, instead, the pronounced promulgation of Italian law prohibiting it, it being provided by the Military Law Penal Code that its acceptance by an Italian POW constitutes a crime (Art 217, C.M.P.G.: "The Italian POW who, by giving his word of honor not to participate further in hostilities, obtains from the enemy freedom from war imprisonment, is punished by imprisonment of three to five years.")

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b) because, by virtue of this condition of fact and consequence of law, they must immediately present themselves to the Italian military authorities and submit

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c) because, even uder this pretext, by obligating freed POW to commit this new crime it would be a violation of their honor and personality, as stated previously, under Art. 3 of the Geneva Convention.

The continuation of the rights of the Detaining Power after liberation, manifested by the attached document, are absurd not only on the contemplation of the law warfare, but as well with respect to the more fundamental laws of international nature, because it resolves itself into a very grave disregard of the sovereign rights of another state.

We must add that the irregularity of these pretensions is also aggravated by the existence of the state of co-belligerency:

1. - because this, having swept aside (at least by de facto) the state of counter-belligerence, has automatically eliminated (at least de facto) also the reason for imprisonment and therefore our POW should be released a " fortiori" from such a state, without any conditions whatsoever;
2. - because, in this manner, the Italian state is prevented from recuperating an appreciable nucleus of its own very good soldiers, who could be usefully employed in the cooperative war effort, which is their desire and which has been pursued with much firmness also in the interest of the Allied Forces.

From a practical point of view, as well, the undesirable consequences arising from this method of liberation practiced by the Allied Authorities, are nonetheless serious, since, should the Italian authorities, as they must, enforce the Italian law against Italian POW so liberated, they are clearly placed in a position whereby they cannot fulfill the obligations which they have assumed with the liberating Power; and if the law is not enforced, they put in jeopardy, in their own eyes, in those of their comrades-at-arms, even of the Italian populace at large, not only the prestige of the latter but also the efficiency of military discipline which would be a great deal more harmful for the Italian State.

In conclusion, then, for this point we also propose that the Allied Military Authorities, by leaving free those soldiers who have given their parole (whereas the fact of liberation is juridically irrevocable since the condition of imprisonment is extinct), may annul the obligation which was assumed and put them at the disposition of the Italian Military Authorities, who will take action to organize them in an orderly manner and will provide for their employment according to the military exigencies of co-belligerency.

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b) the zone where Italian soldiers are now detained as POW is an area in which the Italian Government has received from the Allied Authorities the exercise of its sovereignity, and it seems paradoxical, therefore, that in such territory there could exist Italian citizens held as POW of foreign Powers, and co-belligerents, at the same time.

c) since the POW are subject to the rights and duties of the Geneva Convention, they should be safeguarded by a Protecting Power. Now, it is absurd that, in Italian territory, Italian citizens could and must be safeguarded by a foreign neutral power. This consideration applies as well to instances of Italian POW units and of prisoners released on parole.

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d) the Italian people cannot seem to understand, nor view with equanimity, this detention of their sons in prison camps while other sons of theirs fight together with the keeprs of those same camps. Further, they cannot concerive, by way of justification, any reasons of internal law, as has been advanced in reference to POW in Great Britian and America. Therefore, considerations of moral and political expediency, in the writer's mind, compel the liberation of these Italian soldiers and placing them at the disposition of the Italian Military Authorities.

e) Someone has said that among the POW there are soldiers who profess political policies contrary to co-belligerency. Italian Authorities have the means of enforcing obedience by Italian military military of whatever political conviction, and of preserving public order against the stupid wishes of any politically dissenting citizen.

This cannot therefore be a serious motive for delaying the liberation of these Italian military.

5. As a general conclusion, the Royal Government proposes that Allied Authorities consent, for the above-mentioned categories of Italian soldiers, and for all those who, continuing in the status of POW, were in any manner employed by the Allies in Italian territory, to the solution of justice and humanity which I have the honor of proposing: that is, the cessation of the state of POW.

By being included in the status of co-belligerency and delivered of unrest, these Italian soldiers will impart a more loyal zest to their task, and the population, at present disheartened because of their sons imprisonment near their own homes, will increase their confidence in the Allies' sense of Justice; the Allied Authorities, military and civil, will be more free to exercise their authority to the advantage of military discipline and of internal civilian order.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
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TRANSLATION

Bilingual Document
(English-Italian)

REQUEST FOR LIBERATION ON WORD OF HONOR

Place_____ Date_____

TO: The General Officer Commanding the 7th Army of the United States, Allied Armed Forces, on behalf of an officer of the Italian Armed Forces.

Particulars of person making request:_____

Name:_____

Matriculation Number:_____

Rank in the Italian Armed Forces:_____

Residence in Sicily: Commune of_____ Province of_____

Occupation or profession:_____

Date of birth:_____

Place of birth:_____

Civilian status:_____

Number of minor children or dependents other than wife:_____

I the undersigned (rank in the Italian Armed Forces) residing as set forth above, now a prisoner of war of the United States, request liberation on my word of honor for the purpose of (strike out words not applicable):

a) Returning to my family.

b) Proceeding to _____ to take up useful employment.

If my request is granted I pledge myself with my signature and upon my personal honor to hold myself to the following conditions:

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b) I will hold myself bound to scrupulous observance of all orders and instructions contained in the proclamations, general orders, notices, or regulations issued by the Allied Military Government of Occupied Sicily.

c) I will abstain from any act of hostility against the Allied Armed

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Forces and from any act that might aid the enemies of the aforesaid armed forces, from any act of violence or from any act whatever that might cause a disturbance of public order.

d) I am fully aware that if I should be guilty of failing short of any of the abovementioned conditions whatsoever, my freedom upon word of honor will be annulled and I shall be tried before a military court. I am furhter-more fully aware that if I should be apprehended bearing arms or waging war in any manner whatsoever against the Allied Armed Forces I shall lose my right to be treated as a prisoner of war and shall be tried before a military court of the Allied Armed Forces and shall be subject to the penalty of death.

Signature of the prisoner_____

Signature of witnessing prisoner_____

Transmitted by_____ (Name and rank of the officer of the Italian Armed Forces making the presentation)

Date_____

Signature of the Provost Marshal_____

HEADQUARTERS OF THE SEVENTH ARMY

The freed prisoner will carry with him at all times his own copy of this document, which must be exhibited upon demand to any member of the Allied Armed Forces or of the Royal Carabinieri or of any other agent of the division of public safety.

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CLERK

Pick up any letters from
Comm. Chief in relation to
expenses attached to A.A.I. or A.F.H.Q.
sympathetic with requests
from the Italians for the
release of Italian P.O.W.
in Italy.

Wait for Sam Rolfe.

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To MAJOR QUAYLE -

Ref. attached draft. As we have no Chief Commissioner's paper my Chief Clerk spoke to your office who suggested we should send a draft which they could type.

Perhaps under the circumstances, it might be as well to get Capt. Stone to agree the draft before having typed.

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U.S. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Type this pl
for Capt. Stone's
signature.

JAC/inn

29 June 1944

In reply refer to:

Subject: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

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

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ELLERY W. STONE
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The Honorable Alexander Kirk
The American Ambassador
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THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Salerno, 5 July 1944

No. 1939 of Prot.

Dear Captain Stone,

I refer to yours of 13 June, number 014.33, addressed to Marshal Badoglio.

Doctor Massimo Adolfo Vitale, upon his re-entry into the country, could avail himself of the provisions of Royal Decree-Law 6/1/1944 No. 9 which provides for the re-admission into service of officials discharged for political or racial reasons, and could again take up his post, provided he still possesses the required qualifications, in the administration with which he was formerly connected.

Cordially,

/s/ Ivanoe Bonomi

To: Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

Trans - Sgt Shenfield/lws

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI

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Salerno, li 5 luglio 1944.-

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17 JUL 1944

Caro Capitano Stone,

Mi riferisco alla Sua del 13 giugno nr.014.33 diretta al Maresciallo Badoglio.

Il dott. Massimo Adolfo Vitale, all'atto del suo rientro in Patria, potrà avvalersi delle disposizioni di cui al R.D.L. 6.1.1944 nr.9 che prevede la riammissione in servizio dei funzionari licenziati per motivi politici e razziali e riprendere, sempre che sia ancora in possesso dei requisiti necessari, il suo posto nell'amministrazione da cui dipendeva.

Cordialmente.-

P. Mavroni

AL SIGNOR CAPITANO
ELLERY W. STONE
COMMISSARIO CAPO
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
N A P O L I

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION
REAR H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Repatriation of wounded, sick and invalid POW. A30/

TO : A.P.M.Q. 3 July 1944.

1. The translation of a letter 1145/411/P dated 30 June 1944, received from the High Commissioner for Prisoners of War is forwarded.

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lt. Colonel,
Army Sub-Commission.

Copy to Major Quayle, ACC Main.

See Gen. Office

HEADQUARTERS
- 4 JUL 1944
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TRANSLATION No 888- ROME

5 JUL 44

Cava 30 June 44

High Commissioner for POW

TO:- A.C.C. Salerno

File No 1145/mil/B

SUBJECT:- Repatriation of wounded, sick and invalid POW

We have received information that the prisonersin the Italian POW camps in India were told last April that the Italian government was not in a position to receive the invalid POW that the mixed medical Commission had declared "for reaptriation" and that consequently they would still be retained in India.

We do not know how such news, so harmful to the morale of the POW, both ill and well, so injurious to the prestige of the Italian government, could have reached the Authorities of detention in India (and perhaps in other places as well).

I would be grateful if the ACCwould kindly inform the Allied authorities of every country where POW are being held, that the Royal Italian government willnever fail to welcome its sons who, wounded, sick or invalid, are repatriated. The entire Italian popukation will always be glad to make even the most serious privations, and the greatest sacrifices, in order to dedicate the best possible care to its soldiers who, after doing their duty in war now have need of assistance and the environments of their own country.

As I have said in preceding letters, the Royal government begs that the Italian soldiers whom the mixed medical commission has pronounced for repatriation, be repatriated with all possible speed, and to be informed in time to indicate the most points for disembarkation before their arrival and to be able to supply the necessary shelter.

Thanks in anticipation.

Convenient

The High Commissioner
(General Pietro GAZZERA)
/s/ P Gazzera.

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SUBJECT: Repatriation of Sick & Wounded - GARIBALDI Div.

DS J 1643
12 JUL 1944

Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MILA)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/6/1
4 July, 1944.

Lt. Colonel Campbell,
ACC.
SALERNO.

Reference your (AAI/22/27 of 29 June to FORCE 266.

1. Attention is invited to our AQ/2 of 23 June which defines disposition of sick and wounded soldiers.

2. The personnel of the GARIBALDI Division is not carried as a part of the Italian Army so far as we are concerned, and when returned will not be admitted to Italian Military Hospitals. Therefore, the Italian Government will have to make arrangements for their hospitalization from other than Army resources. No welfare rations, clothing or medical supplies furnished under FAM 338 will be used for this purpose.

3. The Surgeon of the Italian Army is attempting to get the cooperation of the various Ministries in taking the care of the returned POWs and others in the military hospitals at the present time who do not come within the provision of our letter. The Italian Government stated that it would take care of returned POW. Actually this was done by placing them in Army Hospitals which now has to be corrected.

4. You should make plain to Marshal MESSE that any people returned from the GARIBALDI must be taken care of from resources other than resources we have made available under FAM 338 and that he should make necessary arrangements to do so.

/s/ P.KERR Colonel,
Major General,
Army Sub-Comm. A.C.C.

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E. J. CHIOCCA
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Reference your 2924 of 15. Troopers request acceptance of 150 Italian repatriates from U K additional to 640 previously accepted. Breakdown not yet available. Please signal this Hq if they can be accepted.

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION
KEAR H(ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Repatriation of POW on Compassionate Grounds. AEC/1/

~~High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.~~ 8 Jul 44

TO :

- 8 JUL 1944

1. Ref your 606/Adj dated 8 June 1944.

2. Allied Headquarters states that the cases of Renucci, Tuccio and Guerritore do not constitute grounds for release, as British and American soldiers in similar circumstances would not be furloughed at home.

3. In order to consider the case of Masullo, it will be necessary to state the ages of the children, confirm that they are looked after solely by the grandfather without possible assistance of near female relative of either parent, and supply any further information relevant to this appeal.

4. If you will kindly forward the requested information concerning Masullo, we will prosecute his appeal and resubmit the cases of the other a/m.

J.A.CAMPBELL.
Lt. Colonel.
Army Sub-Commission.

TO: Major Quayle,
F/A to A/Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.6

28 June 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Prisoners of War.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your ASC/1/156 of 16 June.

2. This has been referred to the appropriate authority and the following states their views:

"2. The cases of PANASCI, TUCCIO and GUERRITORE do not constitute grounds for release, since British and American soldiers serving under similar circumstances would not be repatriated.

"3. The case of MASULLO might provide grounds on investigation. Information is required as to:-

(a) The age of the children concerned.

(b) Whether it is substantiated that they are looked after solely by their grandfather, without the assistance of near female relatives of either parent.

(c) Any other relevant details on which claim may be based."

3. Would you please supply the information as in 2 (3) above.

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

T. B. JACKMAN
Major

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AG G-5 383.6
28 Jun 44

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION
REAR H ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

ASC/1/56 (94)

16 June 1944.

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

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Prisoners of War.

The High Commissioner for PW has requested the repatriation of the following PsW 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 : Fasaiano di Cava dei Tirreni.

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 Guerritore No. 244617 Camp 26 Wing 1/B PW c/o G.P.O. 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:

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16 June 44

/s/ J.A.CAMPBELL,

J.A.CAMPBELL,
Lt. Colonel.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

DTD 1550
6 JUL 1944

TO: ACTION ACC PERSONAL FOR GENERAL MASON MACFARLANE, INFO AFHQ ADV CP

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 42/03

FROM: AFHQ SGD SACMED FROM GENERAL HEAUMONT NESBITT CLASSIFICATION: TOP SECRET

REFERENCE No: EX 67600 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

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We refer your S 265 of 1 July 44.

Due imminent move AFHQ decision of future of Castellano's Italian Military Mission is extremely urgent. It has more than fulfilled its need and retention is redundant. This is specially so in ITALY as Italian matters are adequately covered by ACC and AAI. We wish to dissolve this Mission and ask you to secure very early agreement of Italian Government to this action.

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4 July 44
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& urge answer from Italian Govt.
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- 5 JUL 1944

Ref your 2937 of 17 June. Following Italians for repatriation will embark Hospital Carrier Leicester at Algiers and Bone for Toronto expected time arrival 8 July. Category one (a) S1 TB 1. (B) M4 S8 T2 11 HD1. FR13 SK1. Total 60 category two (a) M15 S9 FN3 T51 (b) M29 S61 TB9 FN9 FP10 FN5 FNT3 XX(?)3 total 257 grand total 317.

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XUE FOX SIX THREE FIVE FOUR NINE OF TWO THREE JUNE CITE PHILA PD FAILED TO APPEAR FOR EXCHANGE FROM ACC MAIN FROM STOVE PAREN SUBJECT DISCUSSED WITH BONNI YESTERDAY WHO IS SYMPATHETIC TO RECALL OF MISSION AND WILL GIVE FINAL ANSWER IN FIVE DAYS

AUTHENTICATED:

ELLERT N. STOVE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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24 June 1944

To: Acting Chief Commissioner

On May 13th, letter CC/G/289, the CC reported to AFHQ: "Both Badoglio and Messe are most anxious to appoint General Pralormo, who was recently nominated as relief for General Castellano, to the staff of the Crown Prince. As relief for Castellano, in substitution for Pralormo, they now wish to appoint General Frattini who is a PW 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.

"I would be glad if you will let me know if you agree to accept Frattini in place of Castellano so that Pralormo can be appointed to the Crown Prince's staff. I recommend that, if possible, we should meet Marshal Badoglio's wish in this case."

See Message 51746, May 28th, for AFHQ's reply. In this reply AFHQ pointed out "As there is no further need from our standpoint of General officer on Italian Military Mission here, we request you to ascertain whether Italian authorities agree. In any event, we should like to secure immediate recall of Castellano as he is idle."

On June 7th, Message 56051, AFHQ, asked for reply to 51746.

Note message 63549 from AFHQ still seeking reply and suggesting mission should be abolished.

It does not appear that AFHQ's request for ACC to ascertain whether Italian authorities agree, etc., has been taken care of. Original action copy of message not at hand. I obtained attached copy from AG's files. It may be that General MacFarlane had referred this to some one for necessary action but no action has been taken.

General Pralormo has recently arrived in Italy so the only question here is matter of advising AFHQ with respect to Italian views on whether or not general officer is required for military mission. In view of Message 63549, June 23rd, it would appear that the question of the continued existence of the mission might be looked into.

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION
NEAR H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PSB 1623

10 JUL 1944

1 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian soldiers in Albania.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 section, APO 512. AFHQ/22/36

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Reference your letter no. G-5: 091.711-1 dated 13 June, 1944 on the above subject.

1. The Operations Groups are still very anxious to have as many Italians as possible repatriated from Albania and Greece.

2. Upon the Italian part of this 500 is now considered a large scale evacuation and the Italian Government will accept with satisfaction numbers of 500 per month - with this I am in accord.

3. It is considered that it will be possible to collect special- ists from these monthly parties, and in this way help the position to which your signal 16/6706 refers.

4. It is requested that on such notice as possible is given prior to the arrival in Italy of the parties concerned.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.A. Campbell
J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lt. Colonel,
Army Sub-Commission.

copy to: Secretary General, H.Q. A.C.C. (for information)

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1 July 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
(Thru RC & MG Sections)

1. Reference is made to attached copy of letter from the Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council.

2. Please let me have your comments after due consultation with HQ Allied PW Repatriation Unit (Naples) - lately named HQ PW Sub-Commission (Bari).

3. I will then reply to Mr. Kapsambelis.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Cy ltr fr Greek Delegation,
Ref 724, dated 28 Jun 44

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GREEK DELEGATION
TO THE
ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR ITALY

Ref.:724

Naples, the 28th June 1944.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that my Government would be appreciative if you would have the necessary recommendations given to the competent Authority so that, in accordance with the procedure followed up to now and the relative efforts of the Greek Representative to the P.W. Sub-Commission, every facility be given to all Greeks who have been liberated lately either in Rome or in its northern provinces and who were established before the war in Italy, Tripolitania or Cyrenaica, to return again directly to the places of their previous residence.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

G. Kapsambelis.
Vice-Representative.

Lt. General Sir Noel Mason MACFARLANE
Deputy Commissioner
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Dear M. Kapsambelis:

I have to acknowledge your letter 724 of 28 June 1944.

As soon as I have heard from the sub-Commission concerned I will reply to your letter more fully.

Yours sincerely,

KILLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

M. G. Kapsambelis
Vice-Representative
Greek Delegation to Advisory Council
Villa Chiara, Naples

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION
REAR H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

10 JUL 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army in Balkans.

TO : Comando Supremo, Cava.

ASC/22/35

1 July, 1944.

1. Ref your letter 12978 dated 11 May 1944 and numerous discussions with General Infante.

2. A message from AFHQ states that Major De Salis cannot be spared from his present tasks and suggests that it is no longer necessary for Major De Salis to visit Italy.

3. It is suggested that it may be possible to evacuate small numbers of specialists if lists showing types, numbers and priority can be provided.

4. I have discussed this matter with General Infante and understand that it is impossible to provide such lists as are asked for, and, that while the visit of Major De Salis is not essential, it is desirable that he should visit Italy when it is possible to spare him. I shall therefore notify A.F.H.Q. to this effect and shall be pleased if you confirm that you agree.

5. When speaking with General Infante it was decided that now that it was considered possible to repatriate some 500 Italians per month from Albania and Greece, that specialists could be selected from these parties.

6. I would like to point out that the repatriation of men from Albania and Greece would automatically result in demobilisation of similar numbers either from the army in Italy or from those repatriated.

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lt. Colonel,
Army Sub-Commission.

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A/CC 014.33

30 June 1944

Subject: Repatriation of General Azzi and Staff from Albania

To: G.O.C., Hq Force 266, C.M.F.

1. Reference is made to attached copy of letter and enclosure from Marshal Messe.

2. The enclosure alleges inexplicably harsh treatment given to General Azzi and members of his staff on their repatriation from Albania.

3. I should be grateful if this matter might be looked into, and an answer given to the allegations made, so that a reply may be given in due course to Marshal Messe.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Army Sub-Commission

014.33 Repatriation of Italian PoW's

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SUPREME COMMAND

P.M. , 25 June 44

File No. 91423/AV

TO: - A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Division General AZZI, 6 Officers and 277 Non-Coms and Troops from Albania.

The 9th Army Corps Command has informed us in the enclosed letter, of the manner in which Allied Authorities in Bari treated Gen. AZZI and 6 officers of the "Firenze Division," repatriated 11 June from Albania.

I believe it advisable to bring this incident to the attention of the Commission, with the prayer that it will intervene with the competent authorities so that better treatment may be given those who so bravely fought for the common cause.

The Marshal of Italy
Chief of General Staff
(Giovanni MESSE)
/s/ G Messe

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ENCLOSURE

IX Army Corps Command
File 2177/Inf

PM 67, 13 June 44

TO: Ministry of War
General Staff, Royal Army.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Division General AZZI and other officers, and 277 non-coms and troops.

It is my duty to inform you that today, the Division General AZZI, ex-commander of the "Firenze" division, presented himself to this command. He had debarked at Brindisi on 11 June from a barge, together with Colonel of Carabinieri GARBAI Zino; Artillery Major, CHIARIZIA Ernesto, Chief of Staff of the Division, and four other lesser officers.

General AZZI expressed his bitterness for treatment received from English authorities, who, right after the Brindisi landing, transferred him and the other officers to Bari by truck, and as soon as they arrived, lead them to a house away from the settled area. They were minutely searched, their weapons were taken away from them, money and documents. They were then subjected to severe questioning.

The General and the officers were later lodged in common premises containing double beds without straw, and were given troop rations in a pot (literal translation, - pail).

At 1400 hours today, the General and the officers were released at liberty in order to present themselves to the Italian Authorities, with the admonition to remain yet a few days at the disposal of the English Command.

The officers were given back their weapons and paper currency, but gold currency and the more important documents were held back.

The 277 non-coms and troops who landed in

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The Marshal of Italy
Chief of General Staff
(Giovanni MESSE)
/s/ G Messe

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The 277 non-coms and troops who landed in Brindisi by the same transport used by the officers, have not yet reached Bari.

The General Commanding
/s/ Roberto LERICI

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(Comando Supremo Seal)

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28 June '44
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RISERVATO

All. n° 1 al Rif. 9483 del 25-6-44
(Ufficio Storico)

COMANDO IX CORPO D'ARMATA - Stato Magg.- Uff. Informazioni -

P.M.67, 13 giugno 1944

Nr.2177/Inf.

OGGETTO:Rimpatrio dall'Albania del generale di divisione AZZI ed altri ufficiali e 277 sottufficiali e truppa.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto - P.M.107
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO P.M.151

Per doverosa informazione comunico che si è presentato oggi a questo comando, proveniente dall'Albania,il generale di divisione AZZI, già comandante della divisione "FIRENZE", sbarcato a Brindisi il giorno 11 corrente da uno zatterone, unitamente al colonnello CC.RR.CARRAI Gino - al maggiore art.CHIARIZIA Ernesto, capo di S.M.della divisione,ed altri quattro ufficiali inferiori.

Il generale AZZI mi ha espresso il suo rammarico per il trattamento ricevuto dalle autorità inglesi,le quali,subito dopo lo sbarco a Brindisi lo trasferirono a Bari insieme agli ufficiali su di un autocarro,ed appena qui giunti,li condussero in una casa fuori dell'abitato dove li perquisirono minutamente, sequestrando loro le armi,il denaro ed i documenti e li sottoposero poi a severo interrogatorio.

Il generale e gli ufficiali furono quindi sistemati in locali comuni con lettini biposto senza pagliericci e vettovagliati col rancio della truppa, portato in un secchio.

Alle ore 14 di oggi il generale e gli ufficiali sono stati messi in libertà per presentarsi alle autorità italiane e con l'avviso di rimanere ancora per qualche giorno a disposizione del comando inglese.

Agli ufficiali vennero restituite le armi e il denaro in carta e venne invece trattenuto il denaro in oro e i documenti più importanti.

I 277 sottufficiali e militari di truppa, sbarcati a Brindisi con lo stesso mezzo usato dagli ufficiali, non sono ancora giunti a Bari.-

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
F/to:Roberto Lerici

p. c. c.
il maggiore s.S.M.capo ufficio
(Renzo Rocca)

COMANDO SUPREMO

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COMANDO SUPREMO

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Prot.n° 91423 /AV.

Allegati : 1

P.M. 135, 25 giugno 1944

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

A.P.O. 394

Repatriation of Gen. Azzi, 6 Off & 277 EM from Albania

OGGETTO : rimpatrio dall'Albania del generale di divisione Azzi, di 6 ufficiali e di 277 sottufficiali e militari di truppa.-

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Ritengo opportuno portare l'attenzione di codesta Commissione sull'accaduto con preghiera di voler intervenire presso le competenti autorità affinchè venga usato un trattamento migliore verso chi ha tanto valorosamente combattuto per la causa comune.

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IL MARESSCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE

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...EAR HQ. A.C...

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Allegati : 1

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

A.P.O. 394

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

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DSM 145"44

30 JUN 1944

ITALIAN MAJOR CARLO BUSCAGLIA ARRIVED 24 JUNE CURRENT AT GLEN REFERENCE F-61385 DATED 19 JUNE. DEPARTED 26 JUNE, 393 FLIGHT. DESTINATION BARI, EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL UNKNOWN

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ACC DISTRIBUTION:
Action: Air [redacted] C.C.
Info: Dep C.C.
Air Forces S.C. AA
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

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10 JUL 1944

TO: ACTION HQ ACC

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N 49/30

CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED

FROM: MMIA

PRECEDENCE: NONE

REFERENCE No: SD 1053

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 28/

REF ACC 014 POINT 33 OF 26 JUNE. ALL CORRESPONDENCE AVAILABLE IN MMIA AS BELOW AVAILABLE IN HQ ACC. LETTER AFHQ, MDS 091 POINT 711, 12 APRIL ADDRESSED TO HQ ACC LETTER MMIA G/19/5 OF 20 APRIL, COPY TO HQ ACC SIGNAL 2684 OF 28 APRIL, ADDRESSED TO FREEDOM. FREEDOM SIGNAL F50273 FHGCT OF 6 MAY, COPY TO ACC. ACC LETTER Y8365 OF 3 MAY, ADDRESSED TO MDS AFHQ MIDEAST SIGNAL N127/27 OF 26 MAY COPY TO ACC FREEDOM SIGNAL F58387 DATE UNKNOWN, COPY IN MMIA RECEIVED FROM ACC, MMIA LETTER G/26 OF 16 JUNE COPY NO ACC. FROM THE ABOVE CORRESPONDENCE IT APPEARS THAT DECISION WAS MADE TO REPATRIATE SMALL NUMBER OF SPECIALISTS FOR DUTY WITH ITALIAN ARMY. EXCEPT FOR THESE SPECIALISTS AMPLE NUMBERS OF ITALIAN SOLDIERS AVAILABLE IN ITALY. REPATRIATION OF 500 MEN PER MONTH FROM ALBANIA WOULD AUTOMATICALLY RESULT IN DEMOBLISATION OF SIMILAR NUMBER OF MEN NOW IN ARMY IN ITALY.

NOTE: This subject has been dealt with throughout by Adv Army SC (ACC Rear HQ

HEADQUARTERS A.C.C. 30 JUN 1944 INFO ACTION

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FORCE 399
MISSPOL ATT POL CORPS AFHQ ADV CP

DSM 1476
- 8 JUL 1944

Originator's No. COND/ 96

SECRET (.) Action on your FX 64230 SIGNED SACMED CITE FILIA dated 24 June has been passed to MACLEAN mission (.) First enquiries indicate that of 500 PW recently moved from VIS to ITALY and taken over by British authorities 58 were Poles who volunteered for Polish Army (.) a further half dozen East Prussians of Polish origin did NOT so volunteer (.) believed there may be a small number on BISEVO (.) this not certain and being investigated by MACLEAN mission who will inform you direct (.)

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P.W. Sub-Commission. A.C.C.
Mr Broad.

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MISSPOL ATT POL CORPS ATHQ ADV CP

- 8 JUL 1944

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H.Q. Allied PW Information Unit
C.M.F.
29 Jan 44.

Dear Jungle,

Attached is the agenda & attach 9 regarding the meeting to be held tomorrow. If it does not suit you please let me know & I will attach.

John
H.C. Yeeli

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A/CC 014.33

27 June 1944

28 JUN 1944

1. Reference is made to the repatriation of Colonel RUGGERI LAIEROHI.

2. This officer was originally recommended as Liaison officer with A.C.C., by Marshal Messe, as long ago as last February, but the delay in repatriation has been such that A.C.C. have no longer any real need of him.

3. The name of Colonel LAIEROHI was one of the twenty-five in the first list submitted by the Comando Supremo to A.C.C. for repatriation. Possibly you only requested his return for A.C.C. duties. If so, would you be good enough to inform us. If, on the other hand, Marshal Messe has other use for him, then we will leave standing the request for his repatriation.

J. A. CHAVIK
Major, R. A.
P.A. to Actg Chief Comm.

Major-General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

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27 June 44

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26 June 1944

Captain Stone:

Re attached.

You recall that in February ACC requested Col. Ruggeri Laderchi's repatriation as a replacement for Colonel Rossi.

Note both General MacFarlane and Brigadier Lush say "not now required".

Col. Laderchi's name appears on Italian 1st list of 25. It may be they only requested his repatriation for ACC duties. Before we tell AFHQ that he (Laderchi) is not now required, should we first ask Marshal Messe if he has other use for him. If so, I see no reason why he should not be repatriated for use by Italian Army.

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AMERICAN FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5 201-Laderchi, Ruggeri

15 June 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Colonel Ruggeri Laderchi — Info letters Compiled

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

File 210.1 Folio 97

1. Reference MGS 201 Laderchi, Ruggeri of 3 May referring to CC/C/232 of 16 April the position is that although the repatriation of the above has been formally requested it is not known when this will be effected and the present ban on travel from England makes this unlikely for some time.

2. So far as Colonel Laderchi himself is concerned the attached will be of interest to you:

a. copy of War CA2/BM/83 of 1 May
b. copy of memorandum from Office of British Resident Minister 43/46/1 of 6 June
c. copy of endorsement number 7 of an informal routing slip from C2(CI) to this Section.

3. Will you please give your comments on the question of employment of Colonel Laderchi as raised in 2(b) and 2(c) above. For your information the request for his repatriation already submitted from here to London still stands.

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

T. B. JACKMAN,
Major.

HEADQUARTERS
16 JUN 1944
A. C. C

Incls:
as above

Executive Communications 2192

(67) APP A Encls dont think we know really want him, do we?

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G-5-201 Reply Post filled
15 June 44. and requested DC 1560

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LONDON, W.C.

C.A.2/BM/63

1st May, 1944.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that a request has been received from the Foreign Office, acting on behalf of the Italian Government, that Colonel Ruggeri Laderchi, at present a Prisoner of War in the United Kingdom, should be released to take up the post of Liaison Officer with the Allied Control Commission, in replacement of Colonel Rossi.

Colonel Ruggeri Laderchi was Military Attache to the Italian Legation in London from February 1937 until the outbreak of war. Previous to this appointment he was employed at the Ministry of War in Rome.

I am to say that the Security Services are not in full agreement as to the suitability of this officer for the proposed post.

On the one hand, one Branch considers that Colonel Ruggeri Laderchi is untrustworthy as, when he was recently questioned on the activities of the Italian Military Organization (Servizio Informazione Militare - S.I.M.) in this country, he denied all knowledge of the organization. The Branch concerned maintain that details of S.I.M. would be well known to Military Attache's, although they would be careful to dissociate themselves from Intelligence activities.

On the other hand the Intelligence Branch immediately concerned with P.W. have consulted the Intelligence Officers who have been in constant touch with Colonel Ruggeri Laderchi during the last year, and are of the opinion that he feminely has no knowledge of S.I.M. In support of this opinion is the fact that two Generals, P.W., lately Military Attaches, have volunteered the fact that they were completely ignorant of the activities of the S.I.M. This Branch believes that Colonel Ruggeri Laderchi would collaborate honestly and sincerely if employed with the Allied Control Commission.

I am to enquire whether, in the circumstances enumerated above, Colonel Ruggeri Laderchi would be acceptable to the Supreme Allied Commander for employment as Liaison Officer between the Italian Government and the Allied Control Commission.

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CA 2/BM/63
Italy

I am
Sir,
Yourobedient servant

Director of Civil Affairs

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COPY

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

43/46/1

To: G-5

From: British Resident Minister's Office.

Subject: Repatriation of Colonel Laderchi.

Ref.: Your memorandum 201 Laderchi of June 4th.

We ourselves have no information about Laderchi beyond what is contained in the letter from the War Office of May 1st enclosed in your memorandum, and judging solely by this letter we should be inclined to think that Laderchi is almost certainly a trustworthy person; but before trying to decide whether he would be acceptable for employment as a liaison officer between the Italian Government and the Allied Control Commission we suggest that you should first ascertain from the Control Commission that they still want his services in this capacity. It is about four months since the Control Commission asked you whether any objection would be seen to Laderchi's repatriation (see your memorandum MGS/091.711 (Italy) of February 15th) and it seems quite possible that the post of liaison officer may in the meantime have been suitably filled.

/s/ A.R.

6th June, 1944.

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6 Jun 44

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C O P Y

15 February, 1944

IMS-091.711 (Italy)

Repatriation of Col. Ruggeri LADERCHI.

7. G-2 (CI) G-5 13.6

1. In view of the length of time which has elapsed since the original request was made by Marshal JOSIP for the release of LADERCHI, it is suggested that it should be ascertained whether he is still urgently wanted.

2. If this is the case, it is felt that the fact that he withheld certain information about S.I.M. (if he was indeed in possession of it) is not sufficient reason to disapprove his appointment.

For the AC of S, G-2:

SIR HILL-DIXON,
Colonel, G.S.,
G-2 (CI) Section.

See folio 2, file 014.33.

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IMS 091.711
15 Feb 44

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Col. Ruggeri Laderchi

File 210.
Feb 3

#13. Marshal Messe recommended Co RL as LO unit acceptd requested repatriation

#17 - Feb 13 Gen MS reply re Marshal Messe

#18 Feb 13. Gen MS request AFHQ

#97 3 April. Reply from AFHQ - "report will be made"

#97 26 April - Gen MS ask AFHQ for action

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TAG.

A/CC 014.33

27 June 1944

OSA 3474
28 JUN 1944

Dear Marshal Mesae:

I have to thank you for your letter no. 166/AV of 21 June 1944, and I note that General Infanto is assuming the functions of First General Aide-de-Camp to His Royal Highness.

Yours sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

H.E. Marshal Mesae
Chief of the General Staff
Comando Supremo

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AKC 014.33
27 Jun 44

File for S

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Major Q

A Col Campbell would
be up to day. Ask
him how time
of his action.
Reserve
Has Dale got
two stripes
27 June

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Sec'y Gen.
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ACTION CG SOS MATOUSA, CG AAI, CG ACC

INFO CG MATOUSA SIGNED CG NATOUSA
FX 64733

JUNE 26/1911

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26 JUN 1944

NOTIFICATION RECEIVED FROM AGWAR BY CABLE W55865, 25 JUNE THAT ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR MAJOR GENERAL EMIO PIRASSI MANNELLA AND LIEUTENANT GENERAL LUIGI FRUCI WITH ORDERLIES MARESCIALLO CESARE PLATA, BRUNO RENI AND ANTONIO DANESE AND AIDES DE CAMP TENENTES LUIGI FRUCCI AND ROMANO ARCI ARE TO DEPART UNITED STATES BY AIR IN EARLY JULY UNDER SHIPMENT NUMBER IJ 204-IJ TO ARRIVE THIS THEATER. COMMANDING GENERAL SOS MATOUSA AND ACC MAY ARRANGE BY DIRECT COMMUNICATION ESCORT AND PLACE OF RELEASE

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27 JUN 1944
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JAQ/dfc

26 June 1944

A/CC 014.33

Subject: Italian Soldiers in Albania

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

PSB 1626
10 JUL 1944

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1. Reference is made to your 091.711-1 of 15 June 1944.

2. The comments you require are being compiled from the departments concerned and will be forwarded to you at the earliest possible date.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
PA to A/CC

Hq A.C.C. - Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date & Time 26 June 1945
Via As Soya
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26 June 1944

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DSA 1622
10 JUL 1944

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Reference evacuation of Italians from Albania and Greece.

Force 266 have asked AFHQ for permission to evacuate from Albania some 500 Italian soldiers per month, and AFHQ want ACC's comments on this. From signals in the past it would appear that there has been some consultation on this point between AFHQ, "A" Force, the Resident Minister, and ACC, and that it was decided in May that no large scale evacuation was desirable.

Could you please tell me if yours is the department concerned, refer me to any of your correspondence on the matter, and lastly tell me if your attitude to the project is in any way changed, as both Force 266 and the Comando Supremo are anxious to see this evacuation put into effect.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R.A.
PA to A/CC

Major General L. Browning, CB, OBE, MC
Director, Army Sub-Commission
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Bring up in 10 days
HA B.

Regards from Sir

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

FJS/ejp

25 June 1944

DSH-014.33

25 JUN 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians - Dr. Vitale

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512, U. S. Army
Attention: G-5 Section

(5) APP M (4) APP D

1. Reference your G-5: 014.33 of 8 June 1944 and G-5:014.33 of 21 June 1944. The information desired was requested from the Italian government on 13 June 1944. To date no reply has been received.

2. The information has again been requested and will be forwarded immediately upon receipt.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGD
Deputy Secretary General.

Italian

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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21 June 1944

G-5: 014.33

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italians - Dr. Vitale.

23 June 1645

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

It would be appreciated if an early reply could be made to this Section's 014.33 of 8 June on the above subject.

(5-5 AFPM)
Fwd'd to Capt. Slaughter, to make
10 June 44, reply.

(6) APP B

T. B. JACKMAN
Major

G-5 014.33
21 June 44

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Secretary General

SUBJECT: Repat. of Dr. Vitale **FILE No.** SG 014.33

TO: Capt. Slaughter 24 June 1944

The attached ltr is fwd'd to you for action. The letter referred to was fwd'd to you on 10 June by Major Doe for reply by your office.

T/3 D. F. Foreston

(6) APO A

SG 014.33
24 Jun 44

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AJC/hd

A/CC 014.33

24 June 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

In continuation of my letter of 17 June 1944, information has now being received that approval has been given to the release of the undermentioned Italian POW officers in British custody.

TONNINO Mario
MARTINETTI Mario
SANTINI Waldo
TOLLO Secondo

Applications in respect of the remaining POW are being considered by the Commands concerned.

014.33

KELLEY W. STONE LDD
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

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Received by Lt Stanfield for file from Lt Armstrong on 1 August 1944.

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24 Jun 44

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512 TBJ/seb

G-5: 383.6 14 June 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian PW.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394

1. Reference your CC/G/222 of 22 April and paragraph 3 of MGS: 386.3 of 14 May G.1.(B) now report that the release of the undermentioned has been approved.

TONNINO Mario
MARINETTI Mario
SANTINI Waldo
FOLLO Secondo

HQ ACC, APO 394
Secret Cy
16 June 1945
By

2. G.1.(B) further state that applications in respect of the remaining prisoners of war have been forwarded to the Commands concerned.

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

T. B. JACKMAN
Major

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GIBB, PHILA

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SUBJECT IS OUR FX1746 OF 26 MAY AND OUR Im56051 DATED 7 JUNE. IMMEDIATE REPLY REQUIRED AS ITALIAN MILITARY MISSION DOING PRACTICALLY NOTHING NOW AND ON MOVE TO ITALY. IT WOULD SEEM TIME TO ABOLISH IT ENTIRELY.

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Recd 23 Jun 1650
By H.D.

TRANSLATION

Comando Supremo
Chief of the General Staff
File No. 466/AV

P.M. 135

21 June 1944

28 JUN 1944

Dear General MacFarlane,

I wish to express to you my warmest thanks for the prompt repatriation from imprisonment of General Bergudo di Pralormo, who recently arrived in Italy.

The General's poor health, however, does not permit him to assume his work immediately.

His Royal Highness, the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom, in desiring to settle promptly the matter of his First General Aide-de-Camp, has requested me to place in this office General Adolfo Infante. During these days he will assume the functions of the above mentioned office.

Cordially,

/s/ Marshal G. Messe

To Lieutenant General
Noel Mason Mac Farlane
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
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Caro generale Mac Farlane,

desidero esprimerLe il mio vivo ringraziamento per il sollecito rimpatrio dalla prigionia del generale BERAUDO di PRALORMO, giunto in questi giorni in Italia.

Le precarie condizioni di salute del predetto generale non ne consentono però il suo immediato impiego.

S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno, desiderando definire sollecitamente la questione del Suo 1° Aiutante di Campo Generale mi ha richiesto di destinare a tale incarico il Generale Adolfo INFANTE. Egli assumerà, in questi giorni, le funzioni inerenti alla carica anzidetta.

Cordialmente

Al Tenente Generale
NOEL MASON MAC FARLANE
Capo della Commissione Alleata di Controllo

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CONFIRM YOUR MAY 19 PARAPHRASE OF ADVAN CABLE NR 52714 OF 18 JUNE CURRENT. FROM F 51878 DATED 20 MAY CURRENT AND F 46575 OF 2 JUNE CURRENT ARE REFERRED TO. MAJOR GARLO EVACUEE DESIGNATED ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR DUE TO DEPART 19 JUNE CURRENT BY AIR. DATE OF ARRIVAL AT YOUR HEADQUARTERS IS REQUESTED. * THIS HEADQUARTERS ALSO DESIRES TO BE INFORMED UPON ARRIVAL OF THIS INDIVIDUAL

ASG RECT

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Army Forces (Rome)
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