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213	Cbl AG 00700	14 Oct 46	Disper	Repat of Russian zoned PW/ Sep It
214	Cbl SC 19300	18 Oct 46	MMIA	Re progress of repat of It soldiers
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215	Cbl 73 4000 (m) LI	2 Nov 46	MMIA	Re route of vessels repat It PW
216	Ltr 9001/96/EC	4 Nov 46	Charles	Frwd of ltr re repat of It. PW
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217	Ltr Behn	8 Nov 46	Cosentino	Re It prisoners of war
218	Memo			List of repatriated It PWs in British Hands

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204a	Memo Stone	26 Jul 46	IPW Sec, MMIA	Request draft ltr fr CC signature
204b	Ltr McK Key	29 Jul 46	Stone	It POWs in Procuplije, Jugoslavia
204c	Ltr IPW/1/11ANZ/ 2706 Regis	29 Jul 46	Behn	Repat of Salvatore & Polese
205	Ltr 1/1cml1716 B	30 Jul 46	Crocetta	Repat of Luzzi
206	Ltr Noel Charles	31 Jul 46	Stone	It POWs in Procuplije, Jugoslavia
207	Ltr 9013/40/EC	8 Aug 46	De Gasperi	Handover of IPW Div to UNRRA; Incl
208	Ltr IPW/1/11ANZ/ 2732 Regis	22 Aug 46	Behn	Repat of Polese
209	Ltr IPW/1/11ANZ/ 2741 Regis	29 Aug 46	Behn	Repat of Stella & Moschetti
210	Ltr Behn	6 Sep 46	Cosentino	Repat of Stella, Moschetti, Polese Salvatore.
210a	Ltr Prunas	7 Sept 46	Stone	Submitting of It POW ltr for Adm Stone's att
210b	Ltr 5602/176/EC	14 Sep 46	Navy S/C	Sale of It Ships
211	Ltr 8262/88/EC CC	19 Sep 46	Charles	Info re conditions re repat of It POWs
212	Cbl 5184	12 Oct 46	Hdq RAF, MED/ME	Re early repat of It. POW

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193	Cbl 10334/OET	May 46	Alcom IPW S/C	Repat POW shipping
193a	Ltr 68890 Arpesani	7 May 46	CC	Repat of Cristiano - Request fr
194	Cbl H/2844 Mideast	11 May 46	IPW S/C	Transportation of It PWs to Italy
195	Ltrs	18 May 46	CC	Request fr return of It PWs to Ita
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196	Ltr Stone	21 Jun 46	EC	Memo re Report on It PWs repatrtn
197	Ltr Stone	21 Jun 46	Maffei	Return of It PWs fm Australia
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199	Ltr Charles 175/80/46	9 Jul 46	CC	Repat It PWs fm India, Australia
200	Ltr Behn	15 Jul 46	Cosentino	Request fr info re Polese & Scerfogliero
201	Ltr IPW/1/11ANZ/2686	19Jul 46	Behn	Release of Polese & Scarfogliero
202	Ltr 9002/81/EC	22 Jul 46	Key	Request fr repat of It PWs fm Procuplije
203	Cbl 4712/AG Army(?)	22Jul 46	MMIA	Repat of It PWs fm Australia to IT

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180b	Cbl FX58054 CMF	7 Jan 46	ALCOM, Rome	RAF release of co-operators
181	Cbl F 58078 V MTOUSA	8 Jan 46	CC	Italian PWs from Hawaii to Italy
182	Cbl F 58078 V MTOUSA	9 Jan 46	CC	Ita. PWs From Hawii to Italy
182a	Cbl 209 IPW Division	9 Jan 46	ACC HUNGARY	Ital PWs from Russia to Budapest
183	Cbl FX 58728 COMGENMED	10 Jan 46	AGWAR CC	Italian shipping list
183a	Ltr 8262/EC Stone	17 Jan 46	G-5 AFHQ	Exchg Germ PW fr It PW in Fr Hands
183b	Cbl FA 59178 CMF	22 Jan 46	DISTHREE	Italian non co-operators , Neo Fas PW
184	Ltr 22308/C3 Nitti	24 Jan 46	POW S/C	Repatriation of POW Graziano
184a	Cbl COMGENLAPE	29 Jan 46	HQ ALCOM	Embarkation of personnel on Marine Car
185	Cbl 95739PW 1 TROOPERS	31 Jan 46	FREEDOM	Repatriation of Italian PW
186	Cbl PLN 855 JDOA	2 Feb 46	COMGENAMET	Italian Service Units
187	Ltr 627/4/EC Lush	5 Feb 46	AFHQ G-5	"Alto Atesini" German P.W.
188	Ltr James	7 Feb 46	Stone	Assistance for Lorenzo's son
188	Cbl JDOA	21 Feb 46	ALCOM	Repatriation from Casablanca
189	Ltr de Masi	25 Feb 46	Liaison	Repatriation - Special Case
190	Ltr de Masi	28 Feb 46	CC	Repatriation - Special Case
191	Ltr Stone	2 Mar 46	James	Repatriation - Special Case
192	Cbl FX 65327 SACMED	26 Apr 46	IPW Div	Trnspt of It PWs to Italy

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168	Cbl AFHQ, FX-43598	15 Sep 45	Mideast,AC	Repat of Ital PW and internees ex-So.Africa and E.Africa.
169	Cbl AFHQ FX-44795	21 Sep 45	MMIA, AC	Schedule on release of Ital & German PW's in US for subseqt shipmt to EUROPE.
170	Cbl Combd DISPL PERS EX	1 Oct 45	AFHQ, AC	Approx no. of Italians in France who are responsibility of US & Fr. Gov'ts.
170a	Ltr 8266/108/EC White	31 Oct 45	Civil Affr.	Repatriation of Italian PW
171	Cbl 7909 Pub-Health S/C	1 Nov 45	Bolzano Prov	Sick Italians in Russian Zone.
171a	Ltr Florentine Committe	5 Nov 45	CC	Prisoners of French in North Africa
172	Cbl 84811 MIDEAST INDIA	16 Nov 45	MILWESTAF	Repatriation Italians from UK
172a	Ltr Regis	26 Nov 45	Floren Comit	Prisoners of French in North Africa
173	Cbl 8886 IPW Div.	30 Nov 45	AFHQ G-5	3000 IPW from Russia held at border
174	Cbl FX 55703 MTOUSA	7 Dec 45	AGWAR Wash.	Repatriation of Lt. Gen. Bergonvzoli
175	Ltr North Africa	9 Dec 45	info CC	Repatriation of Service Units
176	Ltr Regis	10 Dec 45	Floren Commit	Prisoners of French in North Africa
177	Cable H6564 North Africa	15 Dec 45		Repatriation from Casablanca
178	Cbl 27068 Delt Base Sec	21 Dec 45	CC	Repatriation Of Italian PWs
179	Cbl 91180 Troopers	29 Dec 45	info CC	Repatriated irrespective f country

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153	Cbl AC WMD-IPW 9345	8 Jun 45	AFHQ	Suggested plan IG-AC, for Bolzano Conference discussions.
154	Cbl AFHQ 90683 (?)	9 Jun 45	SHAEF, AC, etc	Proposed agenda for Bolzano Parley.
155	Cbl AC WMD 9492	10 Jun 45	AFHQ G-5	Repat of Italian Miner PW.
156	8262/EC, Lush	12 Jun 45	WMD-IPW S/C	Repat of Italian Miner PW.
157	AFHQ G-1P/3266/2/A2	18 Jun 45		Minutes of Bolzano Conference. 14-15th
158	Cbl AC DPR, 496	24 Jun 45	AFHQ C-5	Acceptance of refugees, in accordance Bolzano Conference, at Como & Brenner.
159	Cbl AFHQ, FX-14104	28 Jun 45	AC, MEMA	30,000 It cooperators in USA; repat may be delayed until 1 Oct.
160	IPW/1/475, Talbot	30 Jun 45	AFHQ G-1(B)	Repat of elderly PW; also PW in India, Australia and South Africa.
161	Memo, Lamin	7 Aug 45	WMD-IPW S/C	Lo Voi & son fr PW Camp in USA.
162	Cbl AFHQ, FX-36115	16 Aug 45	USFET, AGWAR	Repat Ital svc units fr ETO to MTO.
163	Cbl AFHQ, F-39062	28 Aug 45	AC	Repat of 10 It Gen Officers held by Russians, by air from Berlin.
164	8266/50/EC (Proby)	30 Aug 45	M.F.A.	Repat of It Mil Personnel thru Jug.
165	Cbl AFHQ, FX-40736	3 Sep 45	Mideast, AC	Return of Seamen PW from Mideast.
166	Cbl AFHQ, F-41884	8 Sep 45	AC	Repat Ital svc units fr France to It.

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142	Ltr, Col Henn, G-5	14 Feb 45	Lush	AFHQ Staff Sections studying repatriation of Specialist IPW.
143	AC Exec Memo No. 3 IPW/46/2	13 Mar 45		Procedure for Repatriation of Italian Nationals to Italy.
143a	19/04934/14, R.Prunas	10 Apr 45	Stone	Capt Francesco Positano fr Bombay Cp.
144	Ltr, Quayle	14 Apr 45	Campbell, WMD-IPW SC	Repatriation of Dr. Sigfrido Fago, from Kenya Camp, requested by Montanari
145	IPW/1/11/1081, Stone	17 Apr 45	R.Prunas	Capt Francesco Positano fr Bombay Cp.
146	19/06467/18, Prunas	3 May 45	CC	Capt Francesco Positano fr Bombay Cp.
147	Memo, Presidency Council	10 May 45	AC	New plea for repatriation & aid for PW, ex-internees, etc, especially those fr Germany.
147a	Cbl AFHQ F-76831	17 May 45	AC	US plans ret 33,000 It Svc Unit personnel to Italy - plus other non-coops.
148	Cbl AFHQ, F-78462	19 May 45	AC	1000 It Officer PW trouble-makers in US and proposal send to Italy.
149	Cbl AFHQ F-79217	21 May 45	AC	Propose reply AGWAR can not accept any of 33,000 before 1 Jul, 10,000 monthly after
150	Cbl AFHQ FX-84971	31 May 45	AC, MMIA	Phased plan to repat PW abroad in US & UK custody; US Policy repat soonest, UK policy not yet known.
151	Cbl AFHQ FX-87917	5 Jun 45	5, SHAEF, 15, 12, 6, 1, MMIA, AC	Bolzano Conference on exchange German PW in It for Itals now under SHAEF.

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Less than 45,00~ Italian prisoners of war in British hands remain to be repatriated and all of these are expected to have departed for their homeland by the end of January, it was announced today by the Allied Commission. Repatriation of all of the 123,000 prisoners in American hands was completed by April 15th 1946, the announcement declared.

Since the signature of the armistice, repatriation of prisoners has been proceeding steadily under the direction of the I.P.W. Division M.M.I.A., Allied Commission and it is reported that as of November 25, 1946 more than 1,250,000 had been returned to Italy from points scattered all over the world. In addition to the Italian prisoners in the United States, 635,000 had been repatriated from Germany and Switzerland by August 1946, 90,000 from the Balkans as of November 1946, 37,000 from French North Africa by June 1946, and 12,000 from Russia as of November 1946. The British Empire had returned a total of 353,000 as of November with 158,000 sent back from the United Kingdom and 195,000 from the dominions.

A definite, scheduled program has been set up to facilitate the return of all the remaining prisoners of war. Ships have been designated by name for this purpose and estimated times of departures and arrivals have been set forth. The plan, showing the countries from which repatriation is to be effected, the name of the ships transporting Italian soldiers, the number of soldiers carried by each ship and the estimated time of departure or arrival is set forth below. It will be noted that the last ship bearing prisoners of war, the Orontes will leave Australia toward the end of January.

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COUNTRY	SHIP	NOS. IPW	REMARKS
INDIA	ARONDA	1352	ETA: late Nov.
"	CARTHAGE	2050	ETD: 16 Nov.
"	TARMAROA	1031	ETD: 6 Dec. (3 offrs, 28 ORs left in India. To be repatriated as soon as space available in Hospital Ship.)
AUSTRALIA	KATOOMBA	600	ETA: 28 Nov.
"	STRATHMORE	1500	ETA: early Dec.
"	MORETON BAY	800	ETA: late Dec.
"	MANGITATA	400	ETA: 8 Nov.
"	ORMONDE	2340	ETA: mid Dec. (embarking all available med. cases)
"	ALCANTARA	3323	ETD: late Dec.
"	ATRANTO	3710	ETD: Late Dec.
"	ORONTES	1200	ETD: late Jan.
S. AFRICA	ORONTES	500	ETA: late Nov.
"	NALOJA	5500	ETA: mid Dec.
"	MATAROA	1600	ETA: late Dec.
"	TUSCULUM VICTORY	1490	ETA: late Dec.
"	MEDINA VICOTRY	1284	ETA: early Jan.
"	CHITRAL	3100	ETA: mid Jan.
"	TAOS VICTORY	1420	ETA: mid Jan.
E. AFRICA	MEDINA VICTORY	1296	ETA: 27 Nov.
"	TAOS VICTORY	4129	ETA: 29 Nov.
"	STAMFORD VICTORY	1484	ETA: 7 Dec.
"	SEA PERCH	1366	ETA: 16 Dec.
"	INDIA VICTORY	1501	ETA: mid Dec.
"	CARTHAGE	2250	ETA: late Dec.
"	STRATHNAVER	2800	ETA: late Dec.
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6 November 1946.

Dear Dr. Cosentino,

Upon my return from Paris I received your NR letters No. 861 of 17 October and No. 923 of 25 October 1946, concerning the three prisoners of war in whom the Provisional Head of the State is interested.

Upon receipt, I immediately forwarded these letters to the Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission, urging in the Admiral's name that quick action be taken.

I trust that I will be seeing you again shortly.

Very sincerely yours,

EDWARD J. BEEN
Lt(jg), USNR
Aide to Chief Comm.

Dr. Francesco Cosentino
Segretario Particolare
del Capo Provvisorio dello Stato
ROMA.

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Ref. : 9001/96/20

4 November 1946

My dear Sir Noel,

I am forwarding a copy of a letter showing the latest position in regard to the repatriation of Italian PW, sent to me by the Land Forces Sub-Commission.

In view of paragraph 6 of the "Agreement Modifying Italian Armistice Regime" which provides for the return of PW as soon as possible, and particularly of paras 2 and 3 of the attached letter, I would ask for your assistance in bringing strong pressure to bear in order to expedite the repatriation of the remaining PW in British hands, for which no programme has yet been notified.

Very truly yours,

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

H.E. Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCMG,
British Ambassador,
British Embassy,
ROME.

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(1) POLI ROME ,INFO: (2) MEDIA (3) AFHQ

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1. Reference your 260942 October.

2. Confirmation has been received from War Office and DET that all vessels repatriating Italian PW from theatres East of Suez will be routed through to Naples for disembarkation. Shipping for Italian PW transitees will not therefore be required.

3. Date of availability 2400 PW ex Egypt referred to in para 1 of my 673550(M) 18 of 12105 18 October will be signalled earliest possible.

4. Agreed PETO MED.

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AICOM ROME SIGNED MCNARNEY CITE ETAG
CG US FRCES EUROPEAN THEATER

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Reurad I P W / 15 , 20 September 46 disregard curad S C 15089,10 September 46. All former Italian soldiers under jurisdition US Army in this theater have been repatriated uor are currently in process of being repatriated .

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GHQ CMF A BRANCH
DISTHREE 1 SEP CENTRE 217 AREA , INFO: BERCOMB, EKFOR , CONCOMB, USFET FOR CONTINENTAL BASE SECTION FOR TRANSPORTATION , USFET FOR OMGUS REAR FOR FOR TRANSPORTATION , DIV GOVERNMENT MILITAIRE FRANCAIS INNSBRUCK FUUR PDR ATTENTION COL THIBAULT, TUSA FOR G2 FOR CONSTABULARY , TROOPERS , TUSA FOR TRANSPORTATION , OMG LAND GRETTER HESSE , ALCOM ROME , MOV BOLOGNA , MOV LIAISOI ROME , G2E CMF , PRISONER OF WAR ACCOUNTS OFFICE CMF

UNCLASSIFIED:

Subject is repatriation of Russian zoned PW/Sep Italy.

.1. Further to our AG00189 of 7 October. Balance of 500 PW/Sep to complete 5000 accept in Bercomb BGCC no 13939 of 05 being crx no 1312 for the Russian zone will move from Rimini 31 October under arrangements q(Mov) this GHQ.

.2. Administrative arrangements as in our above quoted signal.

.3. This movement co-ordinated Q(mov) GHQ G(Ops) GHQ CRX Berlin.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C., ROME. 32/1004 OCT. 46

AIR HEADQUARTERS, EAST AFRICA.

HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F., MED/ME.

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PETER MIKE FIVE ONE ED SUBJECT REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR ED LETTER MIKE EASY DOG MIKE EASY SLANT BUGAR TWO ZERO ONE SEVEN TWO EIGHT SLANT CHARLIE SLANT FIVE ONE ONE ONE SLANT ONE SLANT PETER FOUR DATED FIVE SEPTEMBER SENT TO YOU FOR ACTION. AND ALSO THAT APPLICATION FOR EARLY REPATRIATION TO ITALY SHOULD BE MADE BY US TO HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION ED THIS FORMATION IS A PART OF HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION AND IS ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHIEF COMMISSIONERS REACK TO HASTEN REPATRIATION ED ALLIED COMMISSION ITALY WOULD APPRECIATE URGENT ACTION BY YOU

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DIRECTOR A.F.S.C.

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19 September 1946

Ref. : 8262/88/20

My dear Sir Noel,

Thank you for your letter 175/102/46 of 31 August dealing with the repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees.

It is true that until recently the Prisoners of War Repatriation rate was 10,000 per week; unfortunately 90% of this figure represents the U.K. and Middle East, from whence nearly all prisoners have now returned.

Although recent news is better, (one ship from Australia and three from India are due to arrive in October) the present situation is that unless more ships are allotted for Australia, over a year will elapse before all Prisoners of War can be repatriated from that country alone. Ships are also urgently required for S. and E. Africa, where the rate of return is low.

I am grateful for your interest in this matter and I hope that in view of the foregoing you will be able to press for a further shipping allocation.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.E. Sir Noel Charles, Bt.,
K.C.M.G., M.C.,
British Ambassador
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

SEP 16 1946

Ref. : 5602/176/EC

14 September 1946.

SUBJECT: Sale of Italian Ships.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission,
A.C.

1. Reference conversation between Capt. Mentz and Capt. Knisely on this subject.

2. Will you please prepare a directive on this matter in order that the Embassies may be informed.

3. This directive should include the action to be taken by prospective purchasers of ships that lie

a) in Venezia Giulia,
b) in the remainder of Italy,

and the appropriate authorities in each case to whom application should be made.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

A. W. Kn...

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

Returning from Yougoslavia, repatriated on 9 June 1946 on a ship carrying 500 sick men, I wish to inform you - as requested by the comrades left in the concentration camp - of the treatment I was subjected to while I was a prisoner in Yugoslav concentration camps by the wild beasts of Tito, to the day of my repatriation (now the conditions have become even worse because of Trieste).

In the morning we had to get up at 4, then work in the port on the Danube loading and unloading boats sometimes for 96 hours without interruption and beaten from morning till night, or work in a mine at a depth of 700 meters. The food amounted to half a mesatin of boiled barley, often without salt or any seasoning, half a kilo of Indian corn bread which was uneatable, the beddings were full of insects of all kinds.

We spent last winter half naked, because when we were liberated from the Germans, we were completely undressed and remained in our pants and with naked feet. And in this condition we were sent to work under torrential rain or with a meter of snow, so the camp hospital was full, but in order to be admitted you had to have at least a 100 degrees temperature. 40 or 50 men died every day: they were completely undressed and then thrown on a dead railway track waiting for a cart to come and take them away and they were loaded into these carts like bales of merchandise! As to medical care, it was useless even to think about it: the hospitals are full of T.B. cases who are looking forward to death as a salvation from so much suffering. Only towards the end of winter did we get some wooden shoes; that's how we spent the winter with over 100 degrees under zero and in a constant state of terror of the camp commissars and of the partisans who for fun were doing all sorts of things to us, used to put us in prison for trifles. And the prison was a cellar full of rats and humidity where food was given us only every other day and in the night we were beaten with clubs.

Anti-Fascist committees were formed, whose main object was Communist propaganda; when we returned from work tired and hungry, they gathered us and held conferences, especially when the elections were near, and the flogging increased, maybe to ripen us completely.

The few Red Cross parcels with clothing were all sold by them to the civilians and we remained half naked and those who are still prisoners, if they have to spend another winter in those camps will never return home; many had already lost their eyesight for lack of vitamins (especially at night we could not see farther than at a distance of 10 centimeters) and the guards amused themselves calling us from a spot none of us could see and then to punch us and woe to him who revolted or said something. When we went to or returned from work, they amused themselves even to run us over with trucks or cars and there was often someone with a broken head or leg or someone bleeding from the caresses of the commissars and of the guards.

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There are many more things I could tell, the forced marches from one camp to another where the dead were lying along the roads by hundreds: whoever lagged behind was killed like a dog, unless it amused them more to cut his throat like a sheep's, or to finish him by beating; 70 or 80 kilometers a day without eating or drinking, sometimes running: imagine a line of about 9.000 Italians and other nationals (including Slavs who worked for the past regime), men of over 60 and women with small children, and they have made more than 1.000 kilometers by foot and in any weather, and when we were going through towns or villages the populations used to throw us stones; only in Croatia, being Catholic, the populations were trying to help us in every way, but the lead of the Tito partisans did not spare even them: I saw more than a person collapse in a pool of blood struck down by the butt of a gun.

This is only a small part of what we went through: to tell all would be a long story which many people - and particularly the Communists - would refuse to believe; but some day, when everybody will be repatriated, some extraordinary tales will be told. Our repatriation journey was terrible, we dragged ourselves for days on goods trains (and we were repatriated as sick men) without food, without care and with very seriously ill people, blind or without legs and arms or with T.B. or some other more or less serious disease; after waiting for 5 days we embarked on a merchant vessel, but we were 900 and only 500 were lucky enough to be able to leave, 400 had to stay back and we were told that they would leave the next day, but so far we have not seen anyone of them, so who knows when that day will come.

Two days of sea travel without food, because they gave us two loaves of bread which was mouldy and uneatable and we left them all behind on the ship.

After so much suffering, thank God, we have finally reached our Italy and were able to get rid, after a whole year, of those insects which had reduced us to a pitiful state.

This is the pure truth, but there are many more things to be said.

My only purpose is to try to save as many as possible of my comrades still languishing in the concentration camps of Tito's hell, so that they may be returned to their families who are waiting for them since such a long time.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

ROUGH TRANSLATION

I was repatriated from Yugoslavia on June 9th, 1943. On my departure I was asked by comrades to make officially known the illtreatments undergone during our captivity in Tito's hands.

Among the many things I could state to prove the unbelievable cruelty of Tito's men, I'll confine myself to enumerate only the most striking.

On the morning we had to get up at four and work in a/ harbour even for 36 hours in succession or in a mine at the depth of 200 yards. Our ration was of half a messtin of barley and about a pound of unwholesome bread; our beddings were verminous.

When we were freed from the Germans, the Yugoslavs deprived us of clothing so that we had to live and work in underwear during a bitter winter.

Owing to this conditions, the infirmary was overcrowded but you must have high fever to be admitted there! The result was that we counted forty or fifty dead a day. The number of sufferers from T.B. is exceptionally high and they are longing for death as the only way out. We received beatings from the guards under the slightest pretext. In the jail, always full of prisoners and rats, the food was brought in only every second day.

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The few parcels of the Red Cross were sold by the Yugoslavs to civilians. The undernourishment, the lack of vitamins were the cause of a widespread sightweckening.

It happened at times that without any reason Yugoslav soldiers deliberately killed working prisoners by driving their car against them! We were forced to march on even for fifty miles a day without food or drink, under the threat of being shot if surprised resting on the road.

The journey from Yugoslavia to Italy has been terrible: on the train and aboard the ship the sick were left without food and medical attention; only two loaves of bread were given us in the last days but they were too bad to be eaten.

I have stated only a few of the many things I could say on the subject and I can furnish further detailed information, if requested. My only aim is to help without delay the Italians who are still in the Yugoslav hell, because any delay would really mean danger of life to them.

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

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Roma, 7 SET 1940

Caro Ammiraglio,

Le invio qui unito in copia, per Sua opportuna conoscenza, una documentata lettera da me oggi indirizzata a queste Ambasciate di Gran Bretagna e degli Stati Uniti d'America.-

Molto cordialmente

P. Pierantoni

Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Roma,

Caro Ambasciatore,

Le invio qui unito in copia un esposto compiluto da un militare italiano di recente rimpatriato dalla Jugoslavia.-

Le sarò grato se Ella vorrà portare a conoscenza del Suo Governo, per il possibile interessamento, tale esposto che costituisce una nuova prova del trattamento inumano fatto dalle Autorità jugoslave alle molte migliaia di prigionieri italiani ancora da esse trattenuti.

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A S.E. Sir Noel CHARLES
Ambasciatore di Gran Bretagna
R O M A

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Copia

Reduce dalla Jugoslavia, rientrato in Patria il 9 giugno scorso, con una nave in cui erano a bordo 500 ammalati, incaricato dai compagni lasciati nel campo di concentramento, porto a conoscenza il trattamento avuto in tempo della prigionia, nei campi di concentramento della Jugoslavia, sotto le belve di Tito, fino al giorno del mio rimpatrio (ora sono peggiorate a causa di Trieste).-

La mattina sveglia alle ore 4, poi al lavoro al porto sul Danubio a scaricare e caricare i piroscafi anche per 96 ore di seguito e bastonate dalla mattina alla sera, lavori in miniera a 700 metri di profondità, il mangiare consisteva in mezza gavetta di orzo bollito, molte volte senza condimento e senza sale, mezzo chilogrammo di pane di granturco, che non si poteva mangiare da tanto che era forte, quando lo davano, dormire sopra dei castelli pieni di ogni insetto.-

L'inverno scorso si è passato mezzi nudi, perchè quando ci liberarono dalle mani dei tedeschi, ci spogliarono completamente, si rimase in mutandine e scalzi e in questa condizione ci portavano al lavoro, con un metro di neve o pioggia torrenziale, l'infermeria del campo era piena, ma per essere riconosciuti ci voleva un minimo di febbre di 39° i morti erano 40 o 50 tutti i giorni, venivano spogliati completamente e buttati su un binario morto della ferrovia in attesa che venisse un carro per portarli via, dove erano caricati sopra come se si trattasse di balle di merce; in quanto alle cure non vi era nemmeno da pensarci, gli ospedali sono pieni di tubercolosi che aspettano la morte come una salvazione da tanto strazio; solo verso la fine dell'inverno ci diedero qualche paio di zoccoli; ecco come si è passato l'inverno

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con 40 gradi sotto zero e continuamente sotto il terrore dei commissari di campo e dei partigiani che si divertivano a farci ogni sorta di spregi, per cose da nulla ci mettevano in prigione, che consisteva in una cantina piena di topi ed umida e il mangiare lì davano un giorno si ed uno no, e ogni tanto la notte si divertivano a venirci a riscaldare col bastone.-

Vennero formati dei comitati antifascisti, che consistevano nel fare tutta propaganda comunista; quando si rientrava dal lavoro stanchi ed affamati, ci radunavano e ci tenevano delle conferenze, specie vicino alle elezioni e le bastonate aumentavano, forse per finirci di maturare.-

Quei pochi vestiti che ci mandò la Croce Rossa li vendettero quasi tutti ai civili e noi si rimase sempre mezzi nudi e quelli rimasti in prigionia, se dovessero passare un altro inverno in quei campi non rientrerebbero neppure mezzi; molti si era già perso la vista per la mancanza di vitamine (specialmente la sera non si vedeva più di dieci centimetri di distanza) e le guardie si divertivano a chiamarci in qualche luogo dove non si vedeva nessuno e ci prendevano a pugni, e guai a rivoltarsi o dire qualcosa, quando si andava o si ritornava da lavorare si divertivano perfino con i camions e con le auto ad investirci e molte volte ci era qualcuno con la testa rotta o qualche gamba o qualche altro che sanguinava per le carezze dei commissari e delle guardie.-

Tante cose ci sarebbero ancora da raccontare, [illegible] forzate da un campo all'altro, dove i morti erano seminati lungo le strade a centinaia, chi rimaneva indietro lo uccidevano come un cane, quando non si divertivano a scannarli come le pecore, oppure finirli a bastonate; anche a 70 e 80 chilometri al giorno, senza mangiare o bere, e molte volte anche di corsa, pensate una colonna di circa novemila tra italiani e di altre nazionalità, compreso slavi che erano impiegati sotto il regime passato, uomini più che sessantenni e donne con bambini piccoli, e si è fatto più di mille chilometri a piedi e con qualunque tempo, e passando dai paesi e villaggi le popolazioni ci

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prendevano a sassate; solo in Croazia essendo le popolazioni cattoliche cercavano di porgerci aiuto in tutti i modi, ma il piombo dei partigiani di Tito non risparmiava nemmeno loro, più di una le ho viste colpite col calcio dei moschetti stramazzare al suolo in un lago di sangue.-

Questo non è che una piccola parte di quello che si è subito, raccontare tutto sarebbe un romanzo che molti non crederebbero, specialmente i comunisti; ma un giorno quando tutti saranno rientrati, ne sentiranno delle belle. Il nostro viaggio di rimpatrio è stato tremendo, giorni strasciconi sopra dei treni merci (e si rimpatriava come ammalati) senza mangiare e senza cure e con malati molto gravi, gente senza gambe e senza braccia o ciechi, e tubercolosi e altri più o meno gravi; dopo cinque giorni di attesa ci siamo imbarcati sopra un piroscafo mercantile, ma si era novecento (900) e solo cinquecento (500) si è avuta la fortuna di poter partire, 400 sono dovuti rimanere a terra e ci dissero che il giorno di poi sarebbero partiti anche quelli rimasti (ma per ora non si è visto più nessuno) chi sa quando sarà quel giorno.-

Due giorni di viaggio in mare e senza mangiare perchè ci dettero due pagnotte di granturco e ammuffite che erano immangiabili e si sono lasciate tutte sopra la nave.-

Dopo tanto calvario, ringraziando Iddio, siamo finalmente giunti nella nostra Italia e ci siamo potuti togliere di dosso, dopo un anno che si avevano, quegli insetti che ci avevano ridotti in uno stato da fare compassione.-

Questa è la pura verità, ma tante cose ci sarebbero ancora da dire.-

Quanto al mio solo scopo, cercare di salvare più che sia possibile i miei compagni che languono ancora nei campi di concentramento dell'inferno di Tito, perchè possano essere restituiti alle loro famiglie che li aspettano da tanto tempo.-

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

ROUGH TRANSLATION

Rome, September 7th, 1943.

Dear Admiral Stone,

I beg to submit to your kind attention the herewith enclosed letter of an Italian prisoner of war in Yugoslavia who has recently been repatriated.

The same has already been dispatched to the British and United States Embassies.

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Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) PLUMB

Admiral N. ELLERY STONE
Chief Commissioner

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

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6 September 1946

My Dear Dott. Cosentino:

Please excuse my delay in advising you about the disposition taken with regard to the various requests from the President of the Republic concerning Italian prisoners of war. I now have some information in connection with your requests.

With regard to POW Gentile Polese, Tommaso, I am happy to inform you that he will be dispatched home this month. Scarfogliero, Salvatore, will be repatriated to Italy as soon as he has been security screened by the British authorities concerned. I have not had as yet any information on S/Ten. Stella, Antonio, or Capitano Moschetti, Enrico.

As soon as any further information is received I shall forward it to you immediately.

Sincerely,

E. J. BEHN
Lt(jg), USNR
Flag Lt to CC

Dott. Francesco Cosentino
Il Segretario particolare del Capo dello Stato
Palazzo Montecitorio
Roma

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

IPW/1/11AN4/2741 29 AUGUST 1946

TO
GI (Br.) GHQ CMF

Subject:- S/TEN. STELLA Antonio No. 47344 - No; 5 P.W. Camp
B COMPOUND MYRTLEFORD (VICTORIA)

CAPITANO MOSCHETTI Enrico No. 35190 No. 356 CAMP
ELDORET (KENYA)

1. Application for early repatriation in respect of subject P.W. has been received from the President of the Italian Republic.

2.(i) Application in respect of STELLA was forwarded to you under List 13 B page 27 No. 285, on 5 Dec' 45, on compassionate grounds.

(ii) Application in respect of MOSCHETTI E. was submitted under List 13 B page 30 on 26 Sep'45, on National Reconstruction Purposes.

3. Please advise this Division of action taken.

For The Chief Commissioner

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M.V. Jacomi
Capt

JAMES E. REGI
Lieut. Col.
Chief IPW Division

Copy to :-
Lieut. E.J. BEHN (USNR)
Flag Lieut. to Chief Commissioner
H.Q. A.C.

Letter from Dr. F. Rosenthal to be dealt with returned.

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ITALIAN REPUBLIC

Secretarial Officer to the
Provisional Head of the State

23 July 1946

Prot.n.37

Dear Lieutenant

By the express desire of the President I beg to submit to your benevolent consideration the attached memo regarding two Italian POW.

I would be very grateful if you would do all that is possible in their behalf and would greatly appreciate if you would inform me if any action can be taken.

signed/ by the Private Secretary
(Dr. Francesco Cosentino)

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Lieutenant IPOW

REPVBBLICA ITALIANA

IL SEGRETARIO PARTICOLARE
DEL CAPO PROVVISORIO DELLO STATO

Roma, li 23 luglio 1946

Prot. 37

Gentile Tenente,

per espresso incarico del Signor Presidente mi permetto sottoporre alla Sua benevola considerazione gli acclusi pro-memoria riguardanti due prigionieri di guerra italiani.

Le sarà molto grato di quanto Ella, nei limiti del giusto e del possibile, vorrà fare in favore degli interessati, nonchè di un cortese cenno di risposta in merito.

Voglia gradire i miei più cordiali saluti

IL SEGRETARIO PARTICOLARE
(Dott. Francesco Cosentino)
F. Cosentino

Al Lieutenent Y. BEHN
Ufficiale di Bandiera
dell'Ammiraglio Stone

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

IPW/1/11ANZ/2732 22 AUGUST 1946

To
LT EDWARD J. BEHN (USNR)
Flag Lt. to CC HQ AC

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In continuation of our letter IPW/1/11ANZ/2706 dated 29 July 1946, information received from Middle East Land Forces indicates that P.W.GENTILE POLESE Tommaso cannot be afforded priority repatriation as all P.W. from that theatre will be dispatched home by September 46

M.V. Pozzan-L
Capt.

J.E. REGIS
Lt. Col;
Chief I.P.W. Division

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Ref: 9013/40/IRO.

6 August 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In the absence of the Chief Commissioner I am writing to acknowledge your letter No. 19/29366/60 dated 31 July 1946 regarding the rumoured handover of the Italian Prisoner of War Division to UNRRA.

There has been some correspondence on this subject between this Commission and AFHQ, but the Allied Commission have firmly recommended the retention of this important Division of the Land Forces Sub-Commission. In any case I do not foresee that UNRRA would be asked to handle the problem.

Yours very truly,

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Land Forces (IPW Sec)
} with copy of letter under reference.

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19/25366/60

Rome, 31 July 1946.

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Dear Admiral,

In the last days of May 1946 it was rumored that the Italian Prisoners of War Division presently existing at the M.M.I.A. would be suppressed and the office for Italian war prisoners transferred to U.N.R.R.A.

The Italian Ministry of War immediately pointed out to M.M.I.A. all the damages and inconveniences which would be caused by the change of a system or of a policy which had such satisfactory results.

These steps obtained on 5 June 1946 the reply that at the moment there was no intention of altering the status of the Italian Prisoners of War Division.

I am now informed that the suppression of the Italian Prisoners of War Division is very likely: and this just at a moment when the most delicate problem of the repatriation of prisoners can really be said to have entered its final stage. In fact, more than 135,000 prisoners have still to be repatriated and at this same moment, there are important questions regarding the use of naval means of transportation to be solved with the British Commands and Governmental authorities in whose hands our prisoners still are (in the Middle East - South Africa - East Africa - India - Australia). Questions which were going to be dealt with by Col Regis who ever since July 1945 when he took over the Italian Prisoners of War Division, carried out his task with such a competence.

The suppression of the Italian Prisoners of War Division, even if mitigated by some other arrangement, and anyhow any change of address could only achieve - according to my opinion - most harmful repercussions at this delicate moment.

I trust that the above will be taken in good consideration so as to assure to the war prisoners service that continuity of policy which to this day has given such a considerable and positive results in the solution of the complicated and important problem of the repatriation of prisoners.

/s/ De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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BRITISH EMBASSY
ROME

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31st July, 1946.

My dear Admiral,

Thank you for your letter No.9002/82/EC of the 22nd July about Italian prisoners of war at Procuplije in Yugoslavia.

I am afraid I cannot see my way to asking our Ambassador at Belgrade to intervene. We have never had any succes with such representations in the past and it becomes increasingly embarrassing to have to waste powder and shot in a hopeless cause.

But surely prisoners-of-war and their welfare are par excellence the business of the International Red Cross who have a representative in Yugoslavia. It is to them that the Italians should apply.

As I presume you also wrote to the United States Embassy about this case, I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr.Key.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely

/s/ NOEL CHARLES

Rear Admiral Ellery W.Stone, USNR
Allied Commission,
Rome

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30 July 1946.

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Dear Madam,

I am in receipt of your telegram dated 25 July 1946, dealing with your request for the repatriation of your husband, M/M Norberto Luzzi, No. 158197, on compassionate grounds.

Unfortunately, illness of a mother is not sufficient to warrant a case being made for priority repatriation of your husband, but I have arranged for the whole question to be taken up with the Italian Ministry of Post War Assistance for the necessary investigation.

You will be informed in due course of the position.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

TO: Signora
Dorina LUZZI CROCETTA
Montebello
Treviso

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

29 July 1946

IPW/1/11ANZ/2706

SUBJECT : Repatriation PW.

TO : Lt. Edward J. BEHN (Jg) USNR Flag
Lt. to C.C. HQ AC APO 794

Ref our IPW/1/11ANZ/2686 dtd 19 July 46.

1. Gentile Polese, Tommaso
GHQ MEF has been requested to despatch subject PW as soon as "shipping is available".

2; Salvatore Scarfogliero
The under Secretary of State, the War Office, Curzon St. House, Curzon Street, London, S.W.1, has been informed of the request of the President of the Italian Republic.

3. BTA will be forwarded to you as soon as available and provided subject PW are security screened by the British Authorities concerned.

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JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief,
IPW Division

* Middle East Forces

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rome, Italy
July 29, 1946.

My dear Admiral Stone:

I have your letter of July 22, 1946 (Ref: 9002/81/EC) regarding the report you have received from the Italian Ministry of War of the presence in Procuplije, Yugoslavia of about 100 members of the 37th Battalion of Italian Prisoners of War, who were captured in Albania 5 years ago.

It is not clear from your letter who may have captured these Italians, nor how they may have found their way into Yugoslavia. In view of the length of time which has elapsed since their alleged capture, I should be inclined to suggest that the Italian Ministry of War investigate further the background of the case, possibly calling upon the International Red Cross for assistance in this regard. I feel that in view of the present status of the problem of Italian Prisoners of War, it would be desirable to have as full information as possible before considering any representations to the Yugoslav Government.

Sincerely yours,

/s/
David McK. Key
Charge d'Affaires ad interim

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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26 July 1946.

MEMORANDUM TO: IPW Section, MMTA.

Please draft letter for my signature.

Are we able to request repatriation on compassionate or harrishp grounds?

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Correspondence to above office

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26 July 1946.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Since I wrote you on 27 June about the Italian Prisoners of War in Australia, information has been received that two ships will leave FREMANTLE at the beginning of August, repatriating some 1100 Italian Prisoners of War.

I am grateful for your interest in this matter and happy that a start has at last been made.

However, the number embarking in August constitutes a very small percentage of the prisoners of war held in Australia and if the rate is not increased, the repatriation programme will not be completed for a very long time.

May I ask for your further intervention in this matter? If more shipping cannot be obtained immediately, knowledge of the intentions of the appropriate authorities, or better still, the publication of a planned programme, would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCMG, MC,
British Ambassador,
British Embassy,
Via XX Settembre 84,
Rome.

cc- Exec. Comm.
Land Forces S/C MMIA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
A P O 794

Ref: 9000/21/3Q.

12 July 1945.

My dear Mr. Key,

I have been informed by the Italian Ministry of War that the 37th Battalion of Italian Prisoners of War, with a strength of about 160, is at KRGUJEVAC (Yugoslavia). I have been further informed that the existence of this battalion was, until recently, unknown.

These Prisoners of War were captured in Albania five years ago and were living under very bad conditions, being housed in caves and with poor food and clothing.

I should be grateful if you would ask your Ambassador in Belgrade to take up this matter with the Yugoslav Government with a view to having these prisoners repatriated to Italy.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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David McK. Key, Esqr.,
U.S. Chargé d'Affaires ad interim,
U.S. Embassy,
ROME.

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Copies to: Chief Commissioner
H.E. Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCMG, MC.
British Ambassador,
British Embassy,
ROME.

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

IPW/1/11ANZ/2686

19 July 1946

SUBJECT: Release of IPW Salvetore SCARFOGLIERO & Tommaso FOLESE

TO : Lt Behn

FROM : Regis

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15 July 1946

My dear Dr. Cosentino:

I have received your letter of 12 July with regard to Lt Tommaso Polese and Salvatore Scarfogliero and will advise you as soon as I receive a report on their status.

Please rest assured that I will do all in my power to have the request of the President granted.

Yours sincerely,

E. J. BEGN
Lt(jg), USNR
Flag Lt to CC

Dott. Francesco Cosentino,
Il Segretario Particolare del
Capo Provvisorio dello Stato,
Roma

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIO.
Office of the Chief Commissioner
A P O 394

cc Copy

27 June 1946.

My Dear Sir Noel:

Although the repatriation of the Italian Prisoners of War is being effected with ever-increasing speed from most parts of the world, considerable anxiety is being felt regarding the position in Australia and India.

Some 15,000 Italian POW out of 33,000 have now been repatriated from India; a hospital ship and a ship carrying 2,000 are reported to be arriving in early July, but no planned programme for mass repatriation from India has yet been received.

In Australia the position is even worse: 633 Italian POW have returned out of a total of 17,000. Representation by the IPW Division of this Commission has not been successful, although War Office, London, has stated that efforts are being made to obtain the necessary shipping.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for this matter to be represented to the British Foreign Office in order to speed up the repatriation of these prisoners.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Kilmer W. Stone

KILMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.E. Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCMG, MC,
British Ambassador,
British Embassy,
ROME.

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21 June 1946.

My dear Signora Raffel:

This will confirm our conversation on 18 June in which I gave you certain statistics as to the return of Italian prisoners of war. Since you called on me I have received an additional week's figures which show an additional 9,515 prisoners returned -- making a total of 1,161,764 already returned, with the remaining 165,236 still to be returned.

I am making renewed efforts to see if we can improve the situation with respect to the return of prisoners from Australia, where a lack of shipping has been the problem, and also from India, where it appears that the use of a hospital ship will be needed.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Signora Raffel,
Rome.

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21 June 1946.

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.

From the attached memorandum from the IPW Division of Land Forces S/C, it looks as though additional pressure, probably through political channels, will have to be made to secure a suitable allocation of shipping from Australia and India.

Without interfering with any other arrangements being made through military channels, I should like you to draft a note from me to the British Ambassador asking for Foreign Office assistance.

Such a channel is now in order, I think, because of the commitment given by the four foreign ministers in the proposed revised armistice.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

CC: Land Forces S/C

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21 June 1946.

Report on Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War as of 9 June 1946

1. United Kingdom. Progress has been maintained. 83% or 131,718 have now been repatriated and an additional 4% are expected to arrive in Naples during June. The remaining 20,000 out of the initial number of 158,029 will be repatriated overland via Calais-Verona commencing 19 June, with successive arrivals on alternative days. Under the scheme 9,000 per month are expected.

2. North Africa (British held). 40,074 have been repatriated as of 9 June, which includes all prisoners, with the exception of a few isolated cases.

3. East Africa. 21,023 have been repatriated out of an initial number of 42,504. Colonel Regis, Chief of the IPW Division, has a program to visit there as soon as necessary permission is obtained so as to deal directly with commands in Kenya and accelerate repatriations from that area.

4. West Africa. All 1,485 prisoners have been repatriated.

5. South Africa. There is no actual program from this base but repatriation is regular with transhipment generally in the Middle East. Of an initial number of 40,794, 27,323 are still to be repatriated. Colonel Regis intends visiting these camps on his trip to Kenya.

6. Middle East. After Colonel Regis's visit in the Middle East, a program was carried out by which it is expected that all PW's will have returned by August; in June it is expected to give a lift to 13,400 and in July to 14,900. As of 9 June only 34,170 PW's remain out of the initial number of 70,091.

7. India. The largest scale of repatriation was obtained in April when 48% of the PW's were returned. Out of the total of 33,702, 15,748 have been repatriated. Representation has been made for a hospital ship to be made available. It is hoped that all sick PW's in India will be repatriated by late July.

8. Australia. Out of the initial number of 17,657, only 633 have returned. Few passages should be available for the Middle East for repatriation of approximately 120 priority cases. The War Office is endeavoring to arrange allocation of shipping when available.

9. Gibraltar. Original number of 341 is now reduced to 15.

10. Persia. Of the initial number of 2,000, none have yet returned.

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11. United States. All of the initial number of 51,136 were repatriated by April 1946.

12. France (U.S. held). 41,181 PW's have been repatriated, or all with the exception of a few isolated cases.

13. North Africa (U.S. held). All of the initial number of 9,751 have been repatriated.

14. French North Africa. All of the initial number of 37,402 have been repatriated. On 25 November there were still 32,662 and a program was planned to exchange 12,000 German PW's for these Italian PW's. The number was reduced first to 6,500, later to 4,250, and further negotiation with French representatives has cancelled completely this base of exchange.

15. Russia. The Russian Ambassador in Rome states that there are no more Italian PW's in Russia, while the Italian Government maintains that there should be 8,374 remaining in Russian of the initial number of 20,000.

16. Germany. All 630,869 Italian PW's have been repatriated.

17. France (4th Army). All 30,234 have been repatriated with the exception of a few isolated cases remaining.

18. Balkans. Of the initial number of 100,000, as of 9 June only 11,034 remain to be repatriated. The "G" Assembly Center in Trieste has been handling repatriation of Italian PW's for many months and ample arrangements have always been made in Trieste for quick transit to their homes. On the 27th May, 800 were reported to have arrived and a thousand are expected by 15 June. Program was in embryo for the Chief of the Italian PW Division to visit the Jugoslav camps as the Italian Government was in great concern as to the welfare of these prisoners, but consent was not granted.

19. Totals. The total number of Italian PW's in all hands as of 15 May 1945 was approximately 1,285,121. Total repatriations to date amount to 1,181,764, which leaves a balance to be repatriated of approximately 105,286.

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

7 June 1946

IPW/53/321

SUBJECT : Report of repatriation of IPW

TO : Chief Commissioner, A.C.

Herewith report on activities re repatriation of IPW as to June 9nd '46.

1) U.K.: Progress has been maintained; ~~75%~~ 83 ≈ 131,718 have now been repatriated, ~~12%~~ 47% are expected to arrive in Naples during June; remaining 20.000 out of 158.029, initial number, will be repatriated over-land Via Calais - Verona commencing 19 June, with sucessive arrivals on alternative days; under the scheme 9.000 per month are expected.

2) N. Africa (Br. held) : ~~45.152~~ 40,074 have repatriated as to June 2nd.

3) East Africa : ~~22.228~~ 21,023 have repatriated out of 42.504 initial number. Colonel Regis, Chief of IPW Division, has in programme a visit there, as soon as neccessary permission is obtained, so as to deal directly with commands in Kenya and accelerate repatriations from that area.

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6) Middle East: After Colonel Regis's visit in Middle East, a programme was carried out by which it is expected that all IPW will have returned by August; in June it is prospected to give a lift to 13.400 and in July to 14.900. There are as to June ~~2nd~~ 9nd only ~~36.319~~ 34,170 IPW remaining out of the initial number 70.091. 51,921

7) India : The largest scale of repatriation was obtained in April when 4831 IPW returned. Out of the total of 33.302 IPW, 15.748 have repatriated. Representation has been made for a hospital ship to be made available. It is hoped that all sick IPW in India will be repatriated late July.

8) Australia : Out of initial number 17.657 only 633 have returned. Few passages should be available for M.E. for repatriation of approx. 120 priority cases. Troopers is endeavouring to arrange allocation of shipping when available.

9) Gibraltar : Initial number of 541 is reduced to 15.

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Ex. Com.

Sir,

The attached paper was handed to me by Maj. Phillips Bdg Diosn., who had been instructed by General Brodrieg to pass the information to you as a result of this morning's discussion with the C. Const.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

M.M.I.A.

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/53/328 19/6/46

SUBJECT : Repatriation of IPW - Australia -

TO : C/O/C. Land Forces S/C (M.M.I.A.)

1. In view of the unsatisfactory position regarding the repatriation of IPW from Australia, application was made by this Division for information, and if possible, announcement of a planned programme.

2. The following is the text of a signal received in reply from Army Head Quarters, Australia, on 8/May/46:-

"Repatriation Italian PW from Australia dependent on provision of shipping by British Authorities.

"No shipping yet available or in sight to lift large numbers PW, but few passages available soon to ME for repatriation, approx 120 priority personnel requested by Italian Government for reconstruction or on compassionate grounds.

"Understand Troopers endeavouring arrange allocation shipping as soon as possible but NO definite programme can be stated at present".

3. With regard to the last sentence of the above signal, it is possible that Troopers may be able to allot the necessary shipping in the near future. A number of large ships have been used for the repatriation of IPW ex U.K.; commencing 19/6/46 the remaining prisoners in U.K. will be repatriated Via Calais to Verona. Nothing definite can be stated at present but it is hoped that this shipping now released can be used for journeys to Australia and possibly India.

4. Forwarded herewith is a copy of the table showing the general position of repatriation at the moment.

R R Phillips Major

J.E.REGIS, Lt.Col.
Chief IPW Div.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION [illegible].
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/ADM/12/2/62 15 June 1946

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian IPW

TO : G.C.C. Land Forces S/C MMIA
GHQ C.M.F. (Infm C-5)
British Embassy Rome (Infm Mr.Wilson)

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WEST AFRICA	1.000 (')	1.485	-	-
SOUTH AFRICA	40.794	13.471	-	27.323
MIDDLE EAST	70.091	35.921	2.149	34.170
INDIA	33.302	15.748	-	17.554
AUSTRALIA	17.657	633	-	17.024
GIBRALTAR	541	526	-	15
PERSIA	2.000	-	-	2.000
U.S.	51.000 (')	51.136	- 1)	?
FRANCE (Coop U.S.)	43.000	41.181	- 1)	?
ITALY (" U.S.)	20.000	20.000	-	-
NORTH AFRICA (U.S.)	9.751	9.751	-	-
FRENCH N.AFRICA	37.300 (')	37.402	-	?
RUSSIA	20.000	11.626	-	8.374
FRANCE (4th Army)	35.000	30.234	- 1)	?
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M.R. Phillips Major
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

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Gen Browning —
Pls give me a
statement showing
Nos by countries
Rate of return

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

The families of threehundred thousend prisoners of war and civilian internees, having convened in Rome from every part of Italy, are once more asking for your intervention so that their suffering and that of their beloved ones may cease. The continuation of such a tragic situation cannot contribute to appease the hearts and begin anew an orderly life in the interest of all peoples.

While events of decisive importance for Italy are taking place, the best citizens of the country are still doomed to remain just spectators. If your soldiers had been in the same conditions as our prisoners, you would certainly have done everything possible to obtain their liberation and participation to the life of the nation. Allow us therefore to appeal to you for your intervention in order to put an end to this painful injustice which is not without consequences, to men who have no other fault but to have obeyed the orders of their Country like the soldiers of all the other Nations.

Rome, 18 May 1946.

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Al Signor Ammiraglio Stone

Capo della Commissione Alleata in Italia

ROMA

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Dinanzi a fatti di importanza decisiva per l'Italia, i figli migliori sono ancora condannati a ruolo di spettatori. Pensate che se i vostri soldati fossero stati nelle condizioni dei nostri prigionieri, avreste fatto del tutto per ottenerne la liberazione e la partecipazione alla vita nazionale. Permettete allora che Vi richieda di intervenire perchè abbia fine questa dolorosa, e non priva di conseguenze, ingiustizia, a danno di uomini colpevoli di avere, non differentemente dai soldati di ogni Patria, obbedito all'ordine del proprio Paese.

Roma 18 maggio 1946

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COMITATO
PEL RITORNO DEI PRIGIONIERI
ROMA
PIAZZA MONTE GRAPPA N. 5

Roma, li

The relatives sicks Italian P.O.W. who are still in India, beg you in the high spirit of Humanity to be so kind as to take enough interest in them sending a hospital ship to India in order to pick up those sick people and bring them to Italy before the season of the rains begins.

The long years of enprisonment,(since I940 or the beginning of I94I) the climat,the lack of food , the anxiety to cpme back home,has caused several deseases,such as tubercolosis, hearth aches,etc; and several nervous and mental deseases which go from break-down to madness.

In this long waiting for the hospital ship,several of this people died or tried to commit suicide for desperation actually some of them succeded to hung themselves.

The spirit of these prisoners who are waiting anxiously to return home, is very low,exspecialy that of those who suffer for mental deseases.

The relatives of these poor people ask in the name of Humanity that something may be done for them, and a ship could be sent,as soon as possible,to pick them up. Every day of delay means new sufferings and the loss of life of many others.

Hoping that this request could be taken in consideration in the name of Humanity, the relatives of the P.O.W. held in India offer their thanks and their gratitude for what will be done for them.

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P.S. On this same matter some letters were sent to the"Ufficio Autonomo Reduci Prigionieri di Guerra e rimpatriati" at the Italian Ministry of war. In these letters Lieutenant Sgambati Mario was interpeter at the British H.Q. in camp 28, and Lieutenant Giovanni Cardinale ex assistent of C.M.E. - P.O.W. hospital Yol, being a student in medicine described the real position of those poor sick prisonners. These two persons arrived in Italy on the 2I st April I946.=

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Roma 01 june 1946

Sir,

To-day is the second anniversary of the entry of the Anglo-American troops in Rome, who here as in any other Italian town or village, have been welcomed as "liberators" not for opportunistic calculations, but because Italians have always continued to feel in their hearts those sentiments of friendship and admiration which were born during the hard years of the World War I when they, and they are still proud of this, were Allied against the same enemy.

We, the wives, mothers, sisters of the Prisoners of War hoped that, with the end of the war, we could see again our dear-ones who now, for more than five years, have been in Prisoner of War Camps. But unhappily our hopes have not been fulfilled and the sorrow for this delusion is without consolation as the return of the large number of Italian soldiers who are still prisoners seems problematical and very distant.

We fully understand the difficulties of rempatriation of such a large number, but we implore you, Sir, to take an interest in the matter as this situation which keeps our Prisoners confined in Prisoner of War Camps, far from their country, may cease. Please pardon us for our liberty in addressing this letter to you, but we have been forced by the love for our men, and accept the senses of our devotion for the high consideration that you will give to our request.

UNIONE REDUCI E FAMIGLIE PRIGIONIERI
COMITATO per il RITORNO ROMA

Annamaria Bettini
Italo Pizzi
Maria Bodin Maffei
Arturo Lanchard
Giuseppina Nobili

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(1) AFHQ INFO (2) ALCOM IRN DIV MMLA FOR REGIS (3) TROOPERS

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1. REFERENCE YOUR FX 65327 OF 26 APR NOT TO TROOPERS AND VISIT CGL REGIS TO GHQ MEF 7 MAY. FOLLOWING IS APPRECIATION POSN READ (A) AVAILABILITY OF IT PW FOR REPATRIATION. KB) PROPOSED METHOD OF CLEARANCE.

2. (A) MAY 13500 INCL 3500 IN TRANSIT E AND S AFRICA. (B) HIRED TRANSPORTS TOTAL LIFT APPROX 3750 IT NAVAL VESSELS 3250 VIDE MY 09208 OF 2 MAY NOT TO TROOPERS BACKLOG 6500.

3. (A) JUNE ED EGYPT 13400 INCL MAY B/L 6500 EX TRIPOLI 1000. (B) HTS APPR OX 5000. IT NAVAL VESSELS 3250 BUT REQUEST THIS FIGURE CONFIRMED. B/L 5150.

4. JULY EX EGYPT 14900 INCL JUN B/L 5150. EX TRIPOLI 1000. (B) HTS APPROX 5150. IT NAVAL VESSELS 107500.

5. (A) AUG 13500. (B) IT NAVAL VESSELS 1350.

6. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO FORECAST FUTURE NUMBERS OF IT PW TO ARRIVE FROM COMZ EAST OF SUIZ FOR STAGING AND ONWARD SHIPMENT BUT ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY IN CLEARANCE BY HTS. FOR TROOPERS. ASSUME YOU WILL BE ADVISING ALCOM FUTURE PROGRAMME FOR REPATRIATION.

7. IN VIEW OF SHORT FALL PERSONNEL AGAINST YOUR OFFER OF 15000 LIFT PER MONTH SUGGEST VESSELS BE ALLOCATED TO REPATRIATE ITALIANS EX ERITREA AND LATER TO ASSIST IN REPATRIATION EX E AND S AFRICA. MIDEAST SIGNAL 1 0394. OFF OF 6 MAY ADDRESSED ALCOM ONLY REFERS. UNDERSTAND TOSCANA AND OR SESTRIARE MIGHT BE AVAILABLE OT MEET THIS COMMITMENT.

8. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS

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TRANSLATION

No. 68390/10909.45/19.5

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 7 May 1946.

Dear Admiral,

My attention has been very particularly drawn to the case of a prisoner of war, 2nd Lt Mario CRISTIANO (Serial Nr 569389, Camp 305, Egypt) who was captured at El Alamein and transferred since several months to the abovementioned camp, as Camp 303 where he was before had been demobilized.

His conditions of physical decline and of nervous breakdown are seriously worrying his family which has already been recently suffering from other misfortunes.

I should be most grateful if you would kindly examine with special consideration the case of 2nd Lt Cristiano as well as the possibility of hastening as much as possible his repatriation.

Believe me, dear Admiral,

very respectfully yours,

/s/ E. Arpesani

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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E.C. DIST: 18 June
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ALCOM (R) MOV 6 (BRANCH DEL)

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AM informed that Italian Government is placing at disposal Middle East for repatriation POW sufficient shipping to move 15000 POW a month commencing June. AM also informed Middle East can only supply 10000 POW for this accomodation. May Italian Government be asked if some of this shipping can be used o for repatration both sexes and all ages civilians categories already accepted by them that is 800 financially assured 3000 selected by commission (your 1055 of 2 July 45 refers) and, if possible to effecte loading balance of lorries and drivers.

2. This arrangements would cancel todays proposals unaccompanied males.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

MAY 3 RECD

Ref: 3616/176/EO

2. May 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to your letter no. 66007/4802A.5./1.1.2 dated 5 April 46. Attached

I have been informed by AFHQ that these PWs were accommodated and fed in the same way as all other PWs. They slept on the ground with three or four blankets together with the necessary protection against dampness, depending on the time of year, their food contained the calorific value laid down.

I further understand that this camp is in the process of being handed over to your authorities.

Yours very truly,

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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

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(Copy)

Translation

Il PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Dear General,

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)

Brigadier General M.S. Lush

Executive Commissioner's Office,

Allied Commission, Rome.

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ROUTINE

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1. Can arrange transport to ITALY 15,000 PW per month commencing second week June. If you can make this number available Colonel REGIS can arrive your HQ about 8 may to discuss details.

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CC

2 March 1946

Thank you for your letter of 7 February concerning the son of Admiral Glassford's former cook, Lorenzo. (188)

I have had this matter personally taken up with our Italian Prisoners of War Division who, through the proper authorities at Caserta (G-1 British, GHQ, CMF), have sent cable communication to the appropriate POW camp in West Australia urging his early repatriation on compassionate grounds. I am informed that we can expect a reply to this communication in about four weeks' time.

I will communicate with you further as soon as I get any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

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

Rear Admiral Jules James, U.S. Navy
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Mediterranean
Navy 728 - Local

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Telephone:
489081
Ext 368

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

25 February 1946

IPW/1/1cm/1352-B

SUBJECT: Request for priority compassionate repatriation of Italian PW D'ALESSIO Berardino (58678), Camp 16 Marrinp(?), WEST AUSTRALIA

TO : Office of Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (Attention: Lt Col L. W. STEARNS)

1. Reference request from your office in behalf of subject PW, you are advised that on 25 Feb 46, this Division transmitted to G1(Br), GHQ CMF, a communication urging his early repatriation on compassionate grounds.

2. This was followed on 26 Feb 46, by a personal telephone call by the undersigned to G1(Br), requesting that the case be treated on a priority basis.

3. Confirmation of this telephone call went forward to G1(Br), in a letter of even date stamped "URGENT," copy of which is attached for your information.

4. As soon as word is received from G1(Br), GHQ CMF, of developments in the matter, you will be advised.

H. ARMAND de MASI.
Capt., Spec. Res., AUS
for
J. E. REGIS
Lt.Col.,CAC
Chief
IPW Division

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Ext 368

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

26 February 1946

IPW/1/1cm/1339-B

SUBJECT: Request for compassionate repatriation of Italian PW D'Alessio Berardino (58678), Camp 16 Marrinp(?) WEST AUSTRALIA

TO : G1(Br), GHQ CMF

1. This Division has received from the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, copy of a letter addressed to him by Rear Admiral Jules JAMES, U.S. Navy, forwarding a letter by Lorenzo D'ALESSIO, father of subject PW, requesting his early repatriation.

2. It appears from Admiral JAMES' letter that D'ALESSIO senior is a cook who was sent by Admiral STONE (the Chief Commissioner) to Vice Admiral William GLASSFORD, US Navy.

3. Admiral JAMES states, in part: "If there is any way in which your organization could assist in having his son sent home from Australia, I of course would greatly appreciate it."

4. According to the father's letter, subject PW is an only son, and the parents have not seen him in six years. The mother, he states, is "heartsick."

5. May this Division be advised, please, whether special consideration can be given subject PW in view of the circumstances outlined above, and, if so, EFA ITALY, when available?

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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H. ARMAND de HASI.
Capt., Spec. Res., AUS

for J. E. REGIS
Lt.Col., CAC
Chief
IPW Division

copy to:
Liaison Division, Allied Commission
(Attention: Commander APOSTOLO)

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COMMSNAMET ,INFO: CONFENED COPENSCUTH AMIA ALCOM MSA ALGIERS

UNCLASSIFIED:

PTN/1382 available for repatriation for Casablanca after 25 February 1946 will be the following Italian service Units comprising shipment number 52714 A-B: (list in 3 columns: Unit.Approximate strength, Officers,Enlisted men shipment number.) 5346 Military Police Company,6,236,52714 A.Class"C" non cooperatives,0,2315271AB. Totals 6 Officers, 259 enlisted men.Staging will be completed and units will be ready for shipment on or about 5 March. Movement orders will be prepared by this Headquarters and units shipped in accordance with previous Mtousa instructions.End nasc.

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UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
MEDITERRANEAN

7 February 1946

Dear Ellery:

I am enclosing a letter I received from Lorenzo who is the cook which I understand you found and sent to Glassford.

If there is any way in which your organization could assist in having his son sent home from Australia, I of course would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

JULES JAMES
Rear Admiral
U. S. Navy

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
Rome, Italy

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Naples, 6-2-16.

Dear Lieut. Admiral.

I am asking your help about the comm Back of the one eye son, whom is now a prisoner in Australia

I rely upon Your Goodness and Very Known Kindness.

They are six years I do not see him and his mother is heart sick and wishes more than I to see again him

Excuse me Admiral the troubles which I reach you and for the licence

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I have taken to write to you the present letter; it is the great desire to see again the one my sons.

I thank you beforehand of all what you shall do for me.

Faithfully Yours
Lorenzo

Address:

Name D'alessio
surname, Gerardino
number 58678
Rank soldato
comp. 16 marching
state West Australia

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5 February 1946

Ref: 627/4/20

SUBJECT: "Alto Atesini" German P.W.

TO : Maj A.F.H.Q.

It has been reported by the Ministry of War that the Italian Embassy in Warsaw have advised them that the Soviet authorities have decided to repatriate about 500 PWs who served with the German Army but who claim Italian nationality, calling themselves "Alto Atesini".

The Italian Embassy understood from the British Embassy in Warsaw that the Soviet authorities have, in fact, moved the prisoners down to Austria pending negotiations with the Italian authorities.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is very dubious as to the desirability of repatriation of these P.W. who had probably taken the option of acceptance of German nationality. In any case they would wish to have the opportunity thoroughly to screen these individuals before entry into Italy.

Your opinion and any information on this subject would be appreciated in order that I may keep the Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. B. LUCAS

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Polad (A)
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AVAILABLE FOR REPATRIATION FROM CASABLANCO AFTER 2 FEBRUARY CURRENT WILL BE THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN SERVICE UNITS COMPRISING SHIPMENT NUMBER 52713 A-D;

UNIT	APPROXIMATE STRENGTH, OFFICER,	ENLISTED EM.	SHIPMENT NUMBER
COMPANY C 7096 ENGRS. BN.	9	214	52713A
7389 ORDNANCE M COMPANY	3	98	52713B
7336 ENGINEER COMPANY	1	10	52713C
7315 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE COMPANY	4	159	52713D

TOTAL: 17, 481 . STAGING WILL BE COMPLETED AND UNITS WILL BE READY FOR SHIPMENT ON APPROXIMATE20 FEBRUARY CURRENT . NEW SUBJECT : AVAILABLE FOR REPATRIATION FROM CASABLANCA AFTER 6 FEBRUARY WILL BE THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN SERVICE UNITS COMPRISING SHIPMENTS 52719 A-C;

UNIT	APPROXIMATE STRENGTH, OFFICERS,	ENLISTED EM,	SHIPMENT NUMBER
7388 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE COMPANY	3	259	52719A
368 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE COMPANY	4	91	52719B
7334 QUARTERMASTER SALVAGE COMPANY	3	165	52719C

TOTAL; 11, 515. STAGING WILL BE COMPLETED AND UNITS WILL BE READY FOR SHIPMENT ON APPROXIMATELY 25 FEBRUARY CURRENT. NEW SUBJECT : AVAILABLE FOR REPATRIATION FROM CASABLANCA AFTER 10 FEBRUARY CURRENT WILL BE THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN SERVICE UNITS COMPRISING SHIPMENT NUMBER 52726A-C.

UNIT	APPROXIMATE STRENGTH, OFFICERS,	ENLISTED EM,	SHIPMENT NUMBER
7331 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE COMPANY	3	159	52726A
7382 PORT COMPANY	6	280	52726B
7382 PORT COMPANY	5	203	52726C

TOTAL: 14,570. STAGING WILL BE COMPLETED AND UNITS WILL BE READY FOR SHIPMENT ON APPROXIMATELY 28 FEBRUARY CURRENT. MOVEMENT ORDERS WILL BE PREPARED BY THIS HQ AND UNITS SHIPPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS MTOUSA INSTRUCTIONS.

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Following Italian PW being repatriated as follows.

1.On 31 January 46 by SS Ruys.Medical cases 2 ors.Compassionate 5 ors.Age and service group 3 ofrs 2740 ors.

2.On February 3 by SS Empire mace.Medical cases 39 ors compassionate 37 ors Carabinieri 188 ors age and service group 6 offs 647 ors.On 3 February by SS Ormonde.Medical cases 51 ors compassionate 64 ors Carabinieri 246 ors specialists 76 ors.Age and service 6 offs 2007 ors.

3.Nominal rolls following by fast air.

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Following personnel embarked on Marine Carp for Naples Italy; Army escort guards 2 off 80 EML italian prisoners of war under shipment Number 1428/A EML personnel 704 protected personnel 5, shipment Number2664/A EML personnel 1072 protected personnel 28, shipment number 2664/B personnel 311 protected personnel 6, shipment number 5488/B officers 100shipment number 8555/A EML personnel 994 protected personnel 6 total prisoner of war detachment 100 of 3126 eml permanent-ships camp embarked 6 off 19 EML no hold baggageload ed Ensin Lapedro 325 P C commanding General Lapo.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Liaison Officer to Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Repatriation of POW Antonio GRAZIANO

TO: POW S/C

FILE No. 24 b/MD

24 Jan 1946

Enclosed application of Mr Alfonso Graziano and letter to same by Minist. Ass. Post Bellica with copies of translation, is forwarded for your consideration.

P. APOSTOLO,
Lt Comdr, RNR,
L.O. to C.C.

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Translation

Ministry for Post War Relief
(Prisoners)
Military Office

n. 22308/C5

Rome, 15 September 1945

Mr. GRAZIANO ALFONSO
of Domenico
MIGLIERINA
(Catanzaro)

Subject : Repatriation of Enlisted Man GRAZIANO ANTONIO, P.O.W.

We inform you that the name of the P.O.W.

GRAZIANO ANTONIO

has been included in a list of cases worthy of compassion, forwarded to the Allied Commission for repatriation.

Further information will be sent to you as soon as we know the decision taken by the Allied Commission

IL CAPO SERVIZIO
(Dr. Fausto Mitti)

S. F. Mitti

e/c

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Miglierina Prov. Catanzaro 20-1-1946

A Sua Eccellenza
Omaggi di Ellery Stone
Roma.

Il sottoscritto Graziano Alfonso unisce alla presente una lettera del ministero, pregando gentilmente Vostra Eccellenza di compiacersi dargli riscontro in merito al provvedimento preso, poiché avendo il sottoscritto ripetutamente chiesto notizie al ministero con esposto e telegrafiche non senza risposta fin'oggi, per poter tranquillizzare l'animo della scrivente che da 15 mesi langueisce. Voglia augurarmi che Vostra Eccellenza provvederà di quanto sopra vi ha pregato. In tale attesa di riscontro sentitamente ossequia dev.mo Alfonso Graziano

Miglierina. Prov. (Catanzaro)

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B/La

Roma 15 Settembre 19[illegible]

MINISTERO ASSISTENZA POST BELLICA SERVIZIO PRIGIGUERI
Ufficio Militare
nº 22308/C3

Signor GRAZIANO ALFONSO
di Domenico

MIGLIERINA
(Catanzaro)

OGGETTO: Rimpatrio pdg. sold. GARIANO ANTONIO.

Comunicasi che il nominativo del pdg.

GARIANO ANTONIO

è stato incluso in una lista di casi pietosi trasmessa alla Commissione Alleata per il rimpatrio.

Non appena a conoscenza delle decisioni che in merito saranno prese dalla Commissione Alleata medesima, saranno fornite ulteriori comunicazioni.

IL CAPO SERVIZIO
(Dr. Fausto Nitti)

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copy:

Ref. 8262/EC

17/Jan/46

SUBJECT : Exchange of German PW for Italian PW in French Hands

TO : G 5, AFHQ.

1. The French Authorities in North Africa hold approximately 37,800 Italian PW. They are willing to release 25,000 of these individuals, but will only agree to the release of the remainder (some 12,000) if they are replaced by German PW transported by us as follows:

TO Tunisia		2,445
Algeria	Oran	2,000
	Philippeville	2,000
	Algiers	2,000
Morocco		3,700

2. The total repatriation of Italian PW's from North Africa is dependent on

a) Transport for 25,000, now ready to leave North Africa.
b) Furnishing the French 12,000 Germans in place of 12,000 Italians, and transport for the 12,000 Italians from N.Africa to Italy.

3. Attention is invited to report N°12508/1475 dtd 25 Oct.45, from Washington, copy attached, which states that German POW in USA will be sent to France. It is considered that it will not be possible to furnish either Italian or Allied transport for 12,000 German POW from France to N.Africa. Should 12,000 of the German POW in the USA be sent direct to the North African ports listed above, it would be possible to meet the French demand.

4. The Italian Government are constantly pressing for release of Italian PW's in French hands on account of alleged harsh treatment by the French.

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5. It is requested that action be taken to secure the assignment of either Italian or Allied transport for the 25,800 who can be repatriated now, and for the shipment to North Africa of 12,000 Germans now in the United States, and subsequent shipment to Italy of the remaining 12,000 Italians in North Africa.

(signed) ELLERY, W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Land Forces S/C

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" B	CO."A" 7203 ENGINEER GS REGIMENT
" C	CO."C" 7203 ENGINEER GS REGIMENT
" F	7332 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO.
" H	7362 ENGINEER COMPOSITE PLATOON
52741A	7319 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO.
" B	7361 ENGINEER COMPOSITE PLATOON
" C	7392 SIGNAL PHOTO LABORATORY
" D	7396 QUARTERMASTER LAUNDRY CO.PLATOON
" E	7385 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO.
"F D	7307 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO. DET.
52909A	HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DET.
" B	7302 QUARTERMASTER BATTALION
" C	7307 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO.DET
" D	7312 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO.
" E	7314 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO.
" F	7363 ENGINEER COMPOSITE PLATOON
52510A	7364 ENGINEER COMPOSITE PLATOON
" B	HQ AND HQ DETACHMENT 7303 QUARTM.BN.
" C	7316 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO.
" D	7317 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO.
" E	7318 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO.
" F	7335 ENGINEER COMPOSITE PLATOON.
52710A	7351 ENGINEER COMPOSITE PLATOON.
" B	7343 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO.
52724A	7344 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO.
" B	HQ AND SERVICE CO.7096 ENG.BN
" C	CO."A" 7096 ENGINEER BATTALION
" D	7358 ENGINEER COMPOSITE PLATOON
" E	7337 ENGINEER COMPOSITE PLATOON
	7360 ENGINEER COMPOSITE PLATOON

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7308 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO.
7313 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO.
7342 QUARTERMASTER SERVICE CO.

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IPW Division, Land Forces S/C, MMIA

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PARA ONE PD THIS DIVISION INFORMED BY ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY SIX TRAIN [illegible] LOADS ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR EX RUSSIA ARRIVED RECENTLY BUDAPEST PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION ABLE CHARLIE CHARLIE HUNGARY PAREN BRITISH ELEMENT PAREN FROM ALCOM CITE AGIPW PAREN

PARA TWO PD REQUEST CONFIRMATION OR DENIAL THIS INFORMATION AND WHETHER POSSIBLE COMPLETE REPATRIATION TO ITALY PD

ROUTINE

IPW Division

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

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AFHQ FROM Q(MOV) GHQ CMF

RAF MOVES ALGIERS, MOV NAPIES, MOV TARANTO BTNA, BISTHREE, 56AREA, 52AREA,

MOV HEEL, ALCOM ROME

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1. Subject is repatriation to Italy of Italian cooperators and PW.

2. Fitted Liberty Empire rivel capacity 144 Offrs 516 or due Algiers about 16 Jan to commence shuttle service. Other nominations follow when firm.

3. Ports of disembarkation

(A) for cooperators only Naples

(B) for all others Taranto. Non cooperators and other PW will not be embarked on same voyage as cooperators.

4. Draft conducting officer required for cooperators and nominal escort for others.

5. Vessel will require rations at Algiers.

6. For Algiers. Request details proposed embarkation.

7. Casuals may be embarked at Naples and Terento for Algiers.

8. Agreed PSTO(MED). Movements pass sea transport.

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TRICOMPERS INFO ALLIED COMMISSION

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SECRET

REFERENCE YOUR 91180 PM 2 OF 2) DECEMBER. DOES THIS APPLY TO ITALIAN CIVILIAN INTERNEES.

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INFO/ACTION: IFOS DIV

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

DEPUTY S/C

LAND FORCES: S/C

NAVY S/C

FILE (SELECTED)

CIPHER TELEGRAM
THIS MESSAGE WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE BRITISH OR U.S. GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR HEADQUARTERS OR RE-TRANSMITTED EVEN CIPHER WITHOUT BEING PARAPHRASED. (MESSAGE NEED NOT BE PARAPHRASED)

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MY 84811 15 NOVEMBER.

1. ITALIAN PS WILL BE REPATRIATED TO ITALY ONLY IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR COUNTRY OF DOMICILE BEFORE THE WAR. (MEDLEY

2. THIS SUPERSEDES MY MEMORANDUM G&S(A)/BM/223(PWI)16 MARCH 45 (NOT TO ALL ADDRESSEES) WHICH STATED THAT ITALIAN PS COULD BE REPATRIATED TO ITALIAN COLONIES OR CO-BELLIGERENT COUNTRIES.

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THIS MESSAGE WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE BRITISH OR U.S. GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR BE OR RE-TRANSMITTED EVEN IN CIPHER WITHOUT NEED PARAPHRASED.(MESSAGES MARKED O.T.P. NEED NOT BE PARAPHRASED).

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DELTA BASE SECTION

1 ALCOM ROME

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Repatriation of italian prisoners of war completed. Final shipment, 17 officers, 240 enlisted men (italian cooperators) departed Marseille 12 December 45. Estimated time of arrival Naples, Italy, 14 December 45.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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ROUTINE

NORTH AFRICA

AMEMB. INFO: COMGENMED CO PEISOUTH MMIA ALCOM WSA ALGIERS

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AVAILABLE FOR REPATRIATION FROM CASABLANCA AFTER 15 DECEMBER

WILL BE THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN SERVICE UNITS COMPRISING

SHIPMENT NUMBER 52718 A-B:

UNIT; APPROXIMATE STRENGTH, OFFICER, ENLISTED MEN;			SHPMT NO
7381 PORT COMP.Y,	8,	206,	52718 A
7384 PORT COMP.NY,	9,	201,	52718 B
TOTAL STRENGTH	17,	407,	

AVAILABLE FOR REPATRATION FROM CASABLANCA AFTER 22 DECEMBER

WILL BE THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN SERVICE UNITS COMPRISING

SHIPMENT NUMBER 52718 C-D

UNIT; APPROXIMATE STRENGTH, OFFICER, ENLISTED MEN;			SHIPMENT NO.
7310 QUARTERMASTER SERV.COMP.NY	5,	230,	52718 C
COMP.NY D 7096 ENGINEER BATTAL.N	9,	229,	52718 D
TOTAL STRENG.	14,	459	

STAGING WILL BE COMPLETED AND UNITS WILL BE READY FOR

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SHIPMENT BETWEEN 27 DECEMBER AND 5 JANUARY. MOVEMENT

ORDERS WILL BE PREPARED BY THE HEADQUARTERS AND UNITS

SHIPPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS MTOUSA INSTRUCTIONS.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

10/Dec/45

IPW/53/119

SUBJECT: IPW from North AFRICA

TO : Florentine Committee of the
Families of PW
Italian Republican Party
Via Pandolfini No. 17
Florence

1./ Ref. Our IPW/53/112 dated 26/11/45.

2./ The figure 400.000 referred to in para 2 of a/quoted letter should read 40.000.
The error is regretted.

/s/ J. E. Regis
Lieut. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner A.C.
Copy to: Ministry of War: Autonomous Office for War Vet. & Repatr. PW

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N.AFRICA SERVICE COMMAND.

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Available for repatriation from Casablanca after 1 December will be the following Italian Service Units comprising shipment number 52717

UNIT	OFFICERS	EM	SHIPMENT NUMBER
7353 Quartermaster CO.	8	180	52717A
7320 QM SVC CO	10	274	52717B
7399 QM BKRY PLATOON	2	57	52717C
739- Station Hospital	50	96	52717D
1st Replacement CO.	10	126	52717 E
TOTAL STRENGTH	80	643	

Staging will be completed and units will be ready for shipment on OR about 10 December. Movement orders will be prepared by this Headquarters and units shipped in accordance with previous MTOUSA instructions. New but related subject: advisable for repatriation from Tunis after 1 December will be the following Italian Service Unit comprising shipment number 52725:

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UNIT	OFFICERS	EM	SHIPMENT NUMBER
7330 Quartermaster SVC CO.	6	198	52725A
2 Platoons 7396 QM Laundry CO.	3	132	52725B
7345 QM BKRY Platoon	1	38	52725C
7341 QM SVC CO	3	206	52725D
TOTAL STRENGTH	13	568	

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AGWAR WASHINGTON, INFO: PENBASE ALCOM

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Now refer our cable F 62074 dated 3 December 1944. Signed COMGENMED CITE NAGAP.

The Italian Government has requested repatriation of Leutenant General ANNIBALE BERGONVZOLI at this time. All concerned this vheadquarters concur. Shipment at an early date would be appreciated.
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PARA ONE PD ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR REPORT THAT THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO ITALIAN PRIEST
WILLIAN FROM RUSSIA EN ROUTE FOR ITALY ARE BEING PREVENTED BY ALLIED AUTHORITIES FROM
CROSSING THE BORDER TO AMERICAN OCCUPIED ZONE AS THEY ARE VERY BADLY CLOTHED PD
PADRE TO FOR ACTION ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM ALCOM CITE ACIPW PAREN
PARA TWO PD URGENTLY REQUEST THEY BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE JOURNEY PD
PARA THREE PD CLOTHING WILL BE SUPPLIED WHEN THEY ARRIVE ITALY PD

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/53/112. 26 November 1945

Subject : Italian P.W. in N.Africa

To : Florentine Committee of the
Families of P.O.W.
Italian Republican Party
Via Pandolfini No. 17
Florence.

1. Further to your letter dated 5 November 1945 without reference, addressed to Admiral Stone.

2. The present position of these P.W. is as follows, there are approximately 400,000 in French North Africa of whom 1,500 are known to be sick and wounded. An Italian cruiser sailed from Naples on 23rd. November to pick up 750 of these individuals and should arrive in Italy before the end of the month. A second voyage will be made immediately to repatriate the other 750. The chief of this Division has sailed on this vessel to ascertain the treatment accorded to these P.W. and to make arrangements to expedite their repatriation.

3. The French authorities have agreed to the release of a further 18,000 and it is hoped that the above mentioned ship may continue this work of repatriation.

4. The French are not willing to release the remaining Italian P.W. in their hands unless they are replaced by German P.W. When shipping becomes available this movement will commence.

5. You will realise the difficulties involved in repatriating these individuals, negotiations are constantly carried

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out with the French authorities, and every effort is being made to secure the necessary shipping.

6. Will you please address any further correspondence on this matter to the Autonomous Office of Post War Veterans and Repatriated P.W. Ministry of War, with whom this office is in constant liaison.

J.E.REGIS
Lt. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Division.

Copy to : Executive Commissioner A.C.
Autonomous Office of Post War Veterans
and Repatriated P.W.
Ministry of War.

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IMMEDIATE

MIDEAST INDIA GHQ CMF ALCOM MMIA EAST AFRICA
MILWEST AF MALTA GIBRALTER JAMAICA.

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1. UK GOVT have decided that repatriation of Italians to ITALY from UK should begin as soon as harvest completed and when trasport available.

2. Agreement has been obtained that following principles should generaly Govern order of repatriation but you are at liberty to treat any special cases on their merits.

(A) Sick PW passed by a mixed Medical Commission should be given priority over other PW.

(B) CO-Operators should be repatriated before non-co-operators.

(C) Order of repatriation of co-operators and non co-operators should be determined on the basis of age and length of captivity in each case.

(D) Each draft of repatriates should contain as many officers as possible who were willing to co-operate but who remained non co-operators as no employment was available for them as co-operators. (Applicable to INDIA and mideast only).

(E) Protected personnel should be given priority over combatant PW but a proportion should be kept back for appropriate administrative duties.

(F) CUNEO and REGINA divisions and naval personnel who escaped from DODECANESE at presetn in middle east to have priority.

(G) Recalcitrants and criminals to be repatriated last.

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3. Above priorities to apply within individual countries only.

4. Repatriation to ITALY may commence forthwith. Probable numbers this year will be small.

5. You will obtain acceptance from GHQ CMF direct before despatch. Copies to troopers PW2.

6. All repatriates retain PW status until handed over to the Italian govt under arrangements CMF.

7. Movement from south and east AFRICA will be co-ordinated by C in C mideast. Otherwise movement will be arranged through usual movement CHANNELS within despatching theatre or command.

8. Repatriation of Italians has no priority but any shipping spaces which would otherwise not be taken up may be used.

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Translation

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

The undersigned are related to the Italians who are prisoners of the French in North Africa. France decided to released the said prisoners in August, stating that transport was to be supplied by Italy. It was officially announced that repatriation was to start in September and would be over before Christmas, but up to now, none of the prisoners have yet been repatriated. By official communications we know that the Italian Government asked the Allied Commission to be allowed to use our steamers for this service. We beg your Excellency to help us. No time must be lost; winter has begun, and many of the thirty eight thousand prisoners have reached the limit of their physical and moral strength; many have been ill for years and couldn't be repatriated because of the complete lack of a Mixed Commission. Another winter in prison might be fatal to them.

We trust that your Excellency won't reject our request, thus allowing many families to spend Christmas with those who are dear to them. We shall be ever so grateful to you and your country which you so worthily represent in Italy.

Believe us,

sincerely,

FLORENTINE COMMITTEE OF THE FAMILIES OF P.O.W.s
(Italian Republican Party - via Pandolfini, 17)

s. Rag. Emilio Rugiadini

Florence, 5 November 1945

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Public Health Sub-Committee

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G.M.Fairbairn, Esquire.

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Ref: 8266/103/SC

31 October 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian PW

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Reference communication from Chief of Cabinet of the Council of Ministers (50.99/10477.4/19.5 dated 25 October 1945) addressed to Marchese Gian Gaspare Attolico, subject: Repatriation 2nd Lt Giuseppe SCAPPAROTTA in the United States, referred to Civil Affairs Section for action.

2. The Chief Commissioner requests that this case be properly followed and that he be informed of the action taken to secure SCAPPAROTTA'S return.

/s/ E. H. WHITE

Chief Staff Officer
To the Executive Commissioner

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AFHQ INFO ALCOM ROME, USFET MISSION FRANCE

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Ref this HQ cable S-25210 dated 26 September 1945.

Your FX 46096 dated 27 September 1945. Approx 20,000 Italians in FRANCE who are responsibility of US Army. When this move is completed, additional 14,000 Italians responsibility of French Govt.

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AGWAR WX 66363 dated 19 September 1945 is repeated for your information.

Following is current planning schedule on release of Italian and German prisoners of war from work assignments in UNITED STATES for subsequent shipment to EUROPE:

MONTH	ITALIAN POWS	GERMAN POWS
September	12000	3450
October	4500	15000
November	8000	60000
December	9000	60000
January	12000	70000
February	4000	70000
March		63000

Actual shipments may lag as much as 30 days behind this schedule but present plans envisage acceleration to the end that all Germans may be embarked by the end of February.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER GTTE FHGAB
ACTION MIDEAST INFO TROOPERS, DSCHIEF, EAST AFRICA, ALCOM

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Your MOV 65/45799 of 13 September 45.

Can accept Italian PW and internees ex SOUTH AFRICA and EAST AFRICA - total 3300 - including the 400 PW officers and 800 PW ORs provided they are being repatriated on recognised grounds for release and are screened secure by commands holding them.

Please signal E.T.A. ITALY as soon as known and port of disembarkation to this HQ and ALCOM ROME.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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USFIS INFO TEFET, DELTA BASE, POW COMD, MEDIA, AIGCM

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Desired that Italian service units being returned ITALY for release not be returned with US equipment other than that necessary for housekeeping in transit. Any Italian equipment held should be returned for use by Italian Army.

NEW SUBJECT

Would appreciate 48 hour notice on water and rail shipments of subject Italians.

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AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHCE3

ALCOM ROME

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1. The 12,000 Italian POW Service Unit personnel whose repatriation from MARSEILLES now under consideration are part of a total of about 35,000 now in U.S. custody in FRANCE.

2. Believed that 12,000 are southern domiciled. Confirmation this point being sought from USFET. Ports used will be NAPLES and LEGHCR N. POW disembarked LEGHORN will be moved by military to NAPLES by rail. No sea transport will be furnished for movement of northern domiciled POW from FRANCE. USFET will be requested to send these overland to destinations decided upon after consultation with you.

3. Minimum 48 hour warning of Eta will be given.

4. Unlikely that BRENNER route will be used for any of this personnel.

5. While maximum weekly lift will be 3,000 cannot guarantee that maximum daily arrival will be 700.

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INFO : Chief Commissioner
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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHQSA
ACTION MIDEAST INFO ALCOM ROME

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Return of seamen at present juncture when there is little hope of employment for them would not help present situation in ITALY.

Not desired to bring pressure to bear on Italian Govt when there are still many cases outstanding of PW who were requested many months ago as specialists. Many over age repatriates overdue.

Service and Carabinieri personnel no longer admissable as specialists.

It is requested the situation be reviewed at a later date.

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Ref: 8256/50/SC.

30 August 1945.

MEMORANDUM to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian Military Personnel through JUGOSLAVIA.

1. Reference is made to a Memorandum, No.6/2502/1152 dated 1 August 1945 addressed to the Allied Commission by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs on the subject of the repatriation of Italian Military Personnel through JUGOSLAVIA. From more recent information received by the Allied Commission it is thought that the reports quoted by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs may have been somewhat inaccurate or exaggerated. It is believed that 10,000 P.W. are at the moment on their way to SPLIT to be repatriated to ITALY via SALERNO.

2. The Director of the Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission has discussed the matter with General Marmorini, of the Prisoner of War Office, who appears satisfied with the position. The Allied Commission propose therefore to take no further action in the matter.

MP

Copy to: IPOW S/C.

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ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNEL BACMED CITE FREELG

AICOM ROME

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USNET request repatriation by air from BERLIN of the following ten Italian General officers held by Russians: LT GEN SORRENTINO, AMEDEO EDUARDO; LT GEN TABELLINI, UGO CARLO; LT GEN DE BLASIO, ETTORE ABELA; MAJ GEN PAGLIANO, GILI SEPPE SALVATORI; MAJ GEN VOLI, EMILO NEMI; MAJ GEN AMATO, ATILIO LUIGI; MAJ GEN CERRUTTI, GUIDO SEBASTIANI; MAJ GEN FERRANINI, MARIO ANTONIO; MAJ GEN SANTORI, CARLO CESARE; MAJ GEN PERROLO, ENGENIO PIETRO.

Para 2. Request you approach Italian Government and agree entrance designating airfield and stating whether guards are required enroute.

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SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FREOT

ACTION USFET MAIN G-3. INFO USFET REAR, AGWAR, MMLA, AIGOM

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Your S-17622 dated 15 August not to all refers.

Agreed that WAR DEPARTMENT be consulted for immediate repatriation Italian service units to MTO.

Subject to WAR DEPARTMENT approval desire that information be forwarded of Eta so necessary arrangements can be made.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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/hjp

7 August 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of POWs in the U.S.A.

TO : War Materials Disposal and Italian POW Sub-commission, Hq., A.C.

The attached letter is forwarded to you for whatever action you may deem necessary.

J. LANNIN
Lieut, USNR
Flag Lieut

Incl.
Ltr from Mrs. LO Vol
Miss Chalandon's
register no. 40.

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Ref: IP&/1/475.

30 June 45.

Subject: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

To: AMMG (Attention G-1 (B)

1. We were informed by your letters CR/3005/G-1(B) dated 9 Oct. 44, and CR/3821/G-1(B) dated 13 Nov. 44, that allItalian POWs of sixty years of age and over, and fifty years of age with two or more years of captivity, would automatically be repatriated to Italy, and we requested that these repatriations should take precedence over others. This request has not always been complied with and the Italian Government is much concerned at the non-repatriation of these elderly POWs and feels that we have not fulfilled our undertakingin this matter. The Italian Press takes every opportunity of attacking the Government on this issue.

2. It was stated at the conference held on 25 May 45 at G-3(B) AMMG that the numbers of Italian POWs in India, Australia and South Africa were 33,000, 16,000 and 39,000 respectively.

The Italian Government has, on several occasions during the past year, requested the repatriation of some of these POWs, and we have been informed that repatriations would take place subject to the availability of shipping. It is for this reason, no doubt, that the Italian Government made the suggestion that shipping being used to take Italian nationals from this country to the countries concerned should be made available to repatriate corresponding numbers of POWs to Italy.

3. I shall be grateful if you will let me know :-

a) What steps are being taken regarding the POWs referred to in para: 1 above.

b) What steps can be taken to speed up the repatriation of POWs generally, and whether the Italian Government's suggestion referred to in para: 2 is feasible.

in order that I may inform the Italian Government of the present position.

For Chief Commissioner:

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For Chief Commissioner:

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ACTION MMIA RTTD ALCOM

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In receipt cable from AGWAR which states that repatriation of 33000 Italian cooperators now in U.S.A. at rate of 10000 per month starting 1st July may be delayed until 31st October. When above personnel available release, it is planned they be repatriated in units and not as individuals.

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CA SEC
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FOR ACTION GSOMF FIVE SECTION ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

496 24 June 1945 PRIORITY

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SUBJECT IS RECEPTION OF REFUGEES SWISS FRONTIER AND BRENNER FD

REPEAT TO FOR ACTION GSOMF FIVE SECTION ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS FROM AGCT CITE AGCT 496

PARA ONE FD RIGHTS OF DOLLARD CONFERENCE REFUGEES FD CAN ONLY ACCEPT ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO A DAY ACROSS SWISS FRONTIER TO COMO AND TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO A DAY ACROSS BRENNER UNLESS TRANSPORT AND ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ARE PROVIDED PRIOR FIRST JULY AS REQUESTED FD IF THIS TRANSPORT AND ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL PROVIDED WILL ACCEPT THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO SWISS FRONTIER TWELVE ZERO ZERO ZERO BRENNER

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18 Jun 45

REPATRIATION and DISPOSAL of PRISONERS of WAR, SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, ETC.

MINUTES of AFHQ - SHAEF CONFERENCE at BOLZANO - 14-15 JUN 45

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12 Army Group	(5)	G.1. (A)	(2)
15 Army Group	(8)	G-2	(2)
21 Army Group	(2)	G-3	(1)
Third United States Army	(1)	G-4 (A)	(2)
Fifth United States Army	(10)	G-4 (Br)	(2)
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Numbers Involved:

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Lieutenant General ROBERTSON requested Group Captain PAKENHAM to proceed to SHAEF to explore further the feasibility of using air as a means of transportation.

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(c) Rail:

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that, at such a large conference as this, he did not propose to go into detail with regard to rail movements, but that he wished to settle some broad principles and to form a committee to make a more detailed report. There were three main routes - the BRENNER, the SWISS and the route coming out through EAST AUSTRIA - the latter could be ruled out for large scale movement as it was already committed and was not conveniently situated. The SWISS route was under consideration for use by military traffic (i.e. the movement of troops as opposed to the movement of displaced persons and enemy personnel).

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Colonel W.A. BREWER (G-5 12th Army Group) said that he hoped that French, Belgians and Dutch, now in ITALY, would be returned via SWITZERLAND on the SWISS route, and not through 12 Army Group area.

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Colonel C.T. NEWTON (G-4 6th Army Group) said that the French Army agreed that this would be the best route for such personnel.

Brigadier A.G. SALISBURY-JONES asked if AFHQ would confirm that they would take 10,000 Greeks as agreed. Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that what AFHQ had agreed, they had agreed.

Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPE was instructed to act as Chairman to a sub-committee to go into the whole question of movement by rail.

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Major General C.B. MAGRUDER said that it was not acceptable to transportation to have camps at more than one place within the SHAEF area.

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON agreed and said that details would be decided by the Transportation Sub-Committee. Where SHAEF chose to put their camp was up to them, provided that it fitted in with transportation arrangements.

Flow:

6. Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPE (G-4 (Mov & Tn) AFHQ) said that the rate of flow which Mov & Tn had hitherto quoted was 3,000 a day by the BRENNER route, plus an indefinite figure for movement through SWITZERLAND.

When Lieutenant General ROBERTSON asked for views on the rate of acceptability, Colonel N.E. FISKE (Allied Commission) said that 5,000 repatriated Italians a day could be received on all routes by AFHQ.

Lt. Col. C.J. HACKETT (G-1 12th Army Group) and Colonel W.A. BREWER (G-5 12th Army Group) said 5,000 to 10,000 a day prisoners of war and disarmed personnel, plus 5,000 a day displaced persons, could be accepted by SHAEF.

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said he would like the target to be 5,000 a day on both the SWISS and the BRENNER routes.

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Major General C.B. MAGRUDER said that it was not acceptable to transportation to have camps at more than one place within the SHAEF area.

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON agreed and said that details would be decided by the Transportation Sub-Committee. Where SHAEF chose to put their camp was up to them, provided that it fitted in with transportation arrangements.

Flow:

6. Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPE (G-4 (Mov & Tn) AFHQ) said that the rate of flow which Mov & Tn had hitherto quoted was 3,000 a day by the BRENNER route, plus an indefinite figure for movement through SWITZERLAND.

When Lieutenant General ROBERTSON asked for views on the rate of acceptability, Colonel N.E. FISKE (Allied Commission) said that 5,000 repatriated Italians a day could be received on all routes by AFHQ.

Lt. Col. C.J. HACKETT (G-1 12th Army Group) and Colonel W.A. BREWER (G-5 12th Army Group) said 5,000 to 10,000 a day prisoners of war and disarmed personnel, plus 5,000 a day displaced persons, could be accepted by SHAEF.

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said he would like the target to be 5,000 a day on both the SWISS and the BRENNER routes.

Target Date for Start:

7. Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPE (G-4 (Mov & Tn) AFHQ) said it was possible to open the BRENNER route by 20 Jun and the SWISS route was open to traffic now.

Colonel E.M. CLARKE (G-4 Fifth United States Army) said that camps could be ready at VERONA within seven days.

Lt. Col. J.A. FIELD (G-4 (Q(Maint) AFHQ) said that it was not easy as far as the SWISS route was concerned, as all accommodation was fully committed.

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Major P. SCHAFER (G-5 Third United States Army) said that camps could be constructed within seven days at MUNICH and not INNSBRUCK, which was not suitable.

Colonel P.S. LAUBEN (G-1 SHAEF) thought it unlikely that personnel would be available by 20 Jun, as no documentation had been done.

Colonel N.E. FISKE (Allied Commission) said that only nominal rolls were required of Italians coming to ITALY.

Colonel P.S. LAUBEN said it was necessary to prepare, for prisoners of war and disarmed enemy forces, nominal rolls, two copies of the form P 4, and discharge certificate, if possible.

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A small sub-committee was appointed under the chairmanship of Lt. Col. F.L. CARROLL (G-5 SHAEF), to agree the composition, terms of reference and other questions relating to this Committee.

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Colonel P.S. HUTCHINS (G-1 SHAEF) said that the list would be sent to AFHQ as soon as possible, and Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that it was apparent that a difficulty existed, and that AFHQ and SHAEF would both have to do their best to overcome it.

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(c) Documentation:

As far as movement to SHAEF was concerned, it was stressed by Lt. Col. J.D. CANTLEY (GHQ 2nd Echelon, CMF) that it would not be possible to document everybody and then send selected categories to SHAEF, due to the time limit. It was necessary to select the bodies by the system of "all agricultural workers hands up and one pace forward" and then to document those selected.

Colonel P.S. LAUBEN (G-1 SHAEF) agreed.

Lt. Col. H. FULTON (Displaced Persons, 21 Army Group) stressed that 21 Army Group was not prepared to accept personnel who were not domiciled in their area. This also applied to Eighth Army area, said Colonel C.A. RICH (Colonel A/Q Eighth Army), stating that the only Austrians he could accept both from ITALY and GERMANY were those domiciled in STYRIA and CARINTHIA.

As the place of domicile would appear on the documents accompanying personnel, Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that it was up to SHAEF to see that they sent the right people to the right place.

Lt. Col. G. EYRES MONSELL (G-2 AFHQ) asked whether screening was being undertaken by SHAEF of Italians for ITALY. Colonel P.S. LAUBEN agreed that it would be undertaken.

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON directed that a small sub-committee, under the chairmanship of Lt. Col. J.D. CANTLEY (GHQ 2nd Echelon, CMF), investigate the whole question of documentation.

(d) Disposal of Women of Prisoner of War and Surrendered Personnel Status:

It was agreed that this did not present any problem.

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Colonel W.A. BREWER (G.5. 12th Army Group) said that he was anxious to return to JUGOSLAVIA 25,000 Jugoslavs, who called themselves Montenegrins.

Major General C.B. MAGRUDER (Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4(), AFHQ) said that to return them to JUGOSLAVIA through NORTH EAST ITALY was not desirable for the time being due to the TITO - ITALIAN situation.

Major General M.W.M. MACLEOD (Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 (British) AFHQ) said that AFHQ were not prepared to accept in the SOUTH of ITALY, unless actual shipment to JUGOSLAVIA was in sight; furthermore/

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furthermore, that only those who opted for TITO and lived EAST of the 1939 frontier, should be sent.

Major E. RUSSELL ROBERTS (Allied Commission for Austria) suggested that movement through AUSTRIA and into JUGOSLAVIA might be considered.

Colonel C.B. FINDLAY (Allied Commission) asked if SHAEF would ensure that, if Jugoslavs were to be returned to JUGOSLAVIA via ITALY, only those who wanted to go back would be sent to ITALY.

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11. Lieutenant General ROBERTSON closed the meeting by saying that there would be a final session of the conference on 15 Jun, under the chairmanship of Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPE (G-4 (Mov & Tn) AFHQ) to go into any points not finally settled by the sub-committees.

Before the meeting was dispersed, Lieutenant General ROBERTSON thanked Fifth Army staff, and in particular Lt. Col. BARKIN, for the excellent arrangements made for the conference.

Brigadier A.G. SALISBURY-JONES (G-5 SHAEF) apologised for the late arrival of the SHAEF party.

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Lt. Col.	H. FULTON	Military Government

THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY:

Major	P. SCHAFER	G-5 Displaced Persons

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1. Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPE (G-4 (Mov & Tn) AFHQ) called the meeting to order at 1500 hours, saying that he proposed to run through the major points which arose as a result of the reports submitted by the various sub-committees appointed at yesterday's meeting.

Transportation Sub-Committee:

2. (a) Brigadier de RHE PHILIPE stressed the main points made in the report of the Transportation Sub-Committee, which is attached at Appendix 'B'.

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(iii) Rolling Stock: for the BRENNER route to be provided by AFHQ and SHAEF on a 50 - 50 basis as far as possible; for the SWISS route to be provided by the Swiss.

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(vi) The BRENNER route to open 1 Jul 45, the date for the SWISS route to be decided at a meeting with the Swiss Authorities, to be held probably in the last week of June.

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Documentation Sub-Committee:

4. (a) Lt. Col. J.D. CANTLEY (GHQ 2nd Echelon, CMF) read out his report - see Appendix 'D'.

(b) Brigadier de RHE PHILIPE/

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(b) Brigadier de RHE PHILIPE asked if Allied Commission wished the parties from SHAEF dispatched in batches according to geographical areas. Colonel C.B. FINDLAY, (Allied Commission) agreed that this would be a burden on SHAEF and unnecessary.

(c) Regarding the date of starting the flow, Colonel O.R. DAVIS (G-1 MTOUSA) stressed the fact that, not having seen the forms requested by SHAEF, he could not guarantee that documentation would be sufficiently advanced to permit movement starting on 1 Jul 45.

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It was agreed that AFHQ would endeavour to ensure that no person whose name appeared on this list (which AFHQ had not yet received) should go forward to SHAEF for discharge.

Medical Sub-Committee:

5. Brigadier General J.I. MARTIN (Surgeon Fifth United States Army) read out his report - see Appendix 'E' - and stressed that it could not be decided whether hospital trains would go to MUNICH or to final destination, until the medical meeting was held (see para 2 of Appendix 'E')

Miscellaneous/

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Miscellaneous Points:

6. (a) Colonel Q.R. DAVIS (G-1 MTOUSA) stressed the fact that, although the figure of 100,000 (see para 1 Appendix 'A') had been given as the number of German prisoners of war and surrendered enemy personnel to be moved from AFHQ to SHAEF, this was a figure representing the number immediately available. MTOUSA was holding a total of 291,000 prisoners of war and surrendered enemy personnel, all of whom would have to be disposed of eventually, as MTOUSA closed down.

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Colonel P.S. LAUBEN (G-1 SHAEF) said that, although D.2. Discharge Certificates would be made out, they would not be on the person of the individual himself, but would accompany each batch and not be given out until arrival at the final destination. Therefore, to all intents and purposes, they would travel as soldiers.

(c) It was confirmed for Lt. Col. R.E. HAINES (PW Command) by Colonel Q.R. DAVIS (G-1 MTOUSA) that no Italians arriving in AFHQ theatre from SHAEF would be the responsibility of P W Command.

(d) In response to a question from Lt. Col. R.M. HALL (Military Government, Eighth Army), Brigadier de RHE PHILIPE stressed the fact that it was the responsibility of the SHAEF - AFHQ Joint Disposal Committee to collect information on the number and location of personnel of all nationalities awaiting movement and to decide how best to control such movement.

(e) Lt. Col. F.L. CARROLL (Displaced Persons SHAEF) asked whether shipping was available to move 40,000 to 50,000 North Africans now in MARSEILLES.

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(h) It was confirmed by Colonel P.S. LAUBEN (G-1 SHAEF) that the figures given in Appendix 'A' were correct, subject to the proviso made by Colonel O.R. DAVIS (G.1. MTOUSA) that the figure of 100,000 given in para 1 was the initial figure only and that, as far as the United States holdings were concerned, a total of 291,000 would eventually be available for disposal.

7. No further points were raised and the meeting was closed at 1625 hours.

Allied Force Headquarters.
14 Jun 45
TFB/s.

T.F. BAYNTUN,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
G.1. (British) A2.

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Appendix 'J'

NUMBERS INVOLVED

	Nationality		Prisoners of War and Surrendered Personnel	Displaced Persons		Total Involved
1.	ITALY to GERMANY					
	Germans	(a)	100,000			100,000
2.	SHAEF to ITALY					
	Italians			360,000		360,000
3.	SHAEF to AUSTRIA					
	Austrians		160,000	50,000		210,000
4.	SHAEF to AFHQ					
	Bulgarians			5,000		
	Greeks			16,000		
	Jugoslavs			(b) 35,000		56,000
5.	AFHQ to SHAEF					
	French		4,420	19,000	23,420	
	Czechs	(c)	14,590	4,500	19,090	
	Belgians		110	1,350	1,460	
	Dutch		200	2,250	2,450	
	Danes		180	200	380	
	Norwegians		120	400	520	
	Swedes			100	100	
	Austrians			10,000	10,000	
	Germans			6,300	6,300	
	Luxemburgers		120		120	
	Spanish		60		60	
	Others		200	5,900	6,100	70,000
6.	SWITZERLAND to AFHQ					
	Italians			30,200		
	Jugoslavs			3,700		
	Greeks			940		
	Hungarians			1,210		
	Austrians			200		
	Jews for UNRRA (ITALY)			750		37,000
7.	SWITZERLAND to SHAEF					
	Germans			4,930		
	French			1,370		
	Dutch Jews			350		
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NOTES:

(a) This figure shows those immediately available, and will increase as and when approximately 130,000 used by the Americans and British in ITALY are no longer required.

(b) Southern Jugoslavs containing some Albanians - not to be dispatched until AFHQ can forward to destination.

(c) Includes 10,000 Czechs held and employed by British and Americans.

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Appendix 'B'

REPATRIATION and DISPOSAL of PRISONERS OF WAR, SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, ETC.

MINUTES of MEETING of TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE held at BOLZANO - 15 Jun 45

CHAIRMAN: Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPE, DQMG Mov & Tn, AFHQ.

1. The following are the main conclusions of the sub-committee meeting on Movements and Transportation aspects of movement between SHAEF and AFHQ territory.

Routes:

2. The following routes should be used for controlled movement:

(a) BRENNER Route.

(b) Route through SWITZERLAND.

In assessing acceptance it was also necessary to take into account the southward flow of Italians along routes from AUSTRIA and NORTH EAST ITALY.

Types of Movement and Acceptance:

3. (a) Southbound:

Allied Commission ITALY can accept forthwith in ITALY 5,000 per day by controlled movement plus up to 2,500 per day that may enter ITALY by uncontrolled movement. The SHAEF - AFHQ Joint Disposal Committee should review this figure at intervals in order to increase it when possible. Allied Commission ITALY require additional personnel and about 6 GT Coys (720 trucks) in order to maintain and later increase these numbers.

(b) Northbound:

(i) Germans: SHAEF can accept forthwith German prisoners of war and surrendered personnel, but they should not be for the Russian Zone of GERMANY. All German personnel will move by BRENNER route.

(ii) Other Nationalities: French, Belgian and Dutch personnel should be repatriated via SWITZERLAND or over the FRANCO-ITALIAN border. Central Europeans should move by the BRENNER route.

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Rail Working:

5. (a) Swiss Route: Clearance has now been obtained from the Swiss Government and technical details will be discussed as soon as possible. The Swiss have offered locomotives and some rolling stock, and will be asked to provide all stock required. Proposed terminals to be examined are:

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SHAEF - SCHAFFHAUSEN or BREGENZ, ANNEMASSE (for movement into FRANCE)
AFHQ - CHIASSO - COMO Area.

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(b) BRENNER Route: There will be a shuttle service of which the main terminals will be SHAEF - MUNICH area (INNSBRUCK for personnel to and from AUSTRIA) AFHQ - VERONA. It is estimated that about 400 box cars will be required which should be provided by AFHQ and SHAEF on a 50 - 50 basis. DMRS ITALY can provide 200 cars and SHAEF will investigate whether they can provide the other 200. The estimated rate of flow is 2 - 3 trains per day. The provision of locomotives should not be difficult and will be agreed between MRS concerned.

Communications:

6. Good communications are essential between MUNICH and VERONA, between the terminals of the Swiss route and between BERNE and Headquarters concerned with the Swiss route.

Relation to Overall Movement Programmes:

7. These shuttle services will have to be related to overall movement programmes both at SHAEF and AFHQ and their working will depend on facilities at each end to redistribute personnel.

Starting Dates:

8. (a) BRENNER Route - 1 Jul 45

(b) SWISS Route - dependent on the meeting with Swiss Representatives.

Other Movement:

9. (a) Austrians from SHAEF territory to AUSTRIA:

This is a matter for discussion between 12 Army Group, Eighth Army and Allied Commission AUSTRIA. Eighth Army are only willing to accept personnel for provinces of STYRIA and CARINTHIA.

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Covered Accommodation:

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Appendix 'C'

REPATRIATION and DISPOSAL of PRISONERS OF WAR, SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, ETC.

REPORT by SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER COMPOSITION, FUNCTION and METHOD of OPERATION of SHAEF - AFHQ JOINT DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN: Lt. Col. F.L. CARROLL (G-4(Mov & Tn) SHAEF)

Composition:

1.

SHAEF)	G-1 G-4 (Mov & Tn)
AFHQ)	G-5 Displaced Persons Allied Commission CATOR - MAAF

With powers to co-opt other experts from armies and groups also ETOUSA where necessary.

Function:

2. (a) To establish numbers of personnel to be moved by category (so far as possible), northward and southward respectively.

(b) To give guidance and direction to the respective HQ (SHAEF and AFHQ) for feeding, reception, delivery, camps from a movements point of view.

(c) To establish other related policies (not details) of movements inter-theatre.

(d) To maintain, review and report on statistics of the program.

(e) To facilitate the flow of nationals through intermediate countries to their final destinations.

Method of Operation:

3. Committee will meet approx every fortnight. Meetings will be called by AFHQ and SHAEF in turn. Next meeting will be called by SHAEF and will be held FRANKFURT 5 Jul. SHAEF G-4 Mov & Tn will advise all concerned arrangements for meeting and agenda. AFHQ will advise additions desired. SHAEF G-4 Mov & Tn will also advise all concerned as soon as possible SHAEF's idea of the type of statistics that should be kept by both AFHQ and SHAEF including agreed maps.

Method of Communication:

4. BRENNER ROUTE:

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Method of Communication:

4. BRENNER ROUTE:

AFHQ SIDE:

Co-ordinating movement Committee

SHAEF SIDE:

Third Army

SWISS ROUTE:

AFHQ SIDE

Co-ordinating movement committee

SHAEF Side

Probably First French Army (this will be confirmed by SHAEF)

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Appendix 'D'

REPATRIATION and DISPOSAL of PRISONERS OF WAR,
SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, ETC.

MINUTES of MEETING of DOCUMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE
held at BOLZANO on 15 JUN 45

PRESENT:

Lt. Col.	J.D. CANTLEY	(B)	GHQ 2nd Echelon, AFHQ. Chairman
Colonel	P.S. LAUBEN	(A)	G-1 SHAEF
Colonel	O.R. DAVIS	(A)	G-1 MTOUSA
Colonel	T.R. MACDONALD	(A)	G-2 Fifth Army
Lt. Col.	H. FULTON	(B)	Military Government, 21 Army Group.
Lt. Col.	F.A. MOULTON	(A)	Theatre Provost Marshal, ETOUSA.
Lt. Col.	C.J. HACKETT	(A)	G-1 12 Army Group
Lt. Col.	F.D. STEPHENS	(A)	US Group Control Commission, Austria.
Lt. Col.	R.M. HALL	(B)	Military Government, Austria.
Lt. Col.	G. EYRES-MONSELL	(B)	G-2 AFHQ
Lt. Col.	F.W. LA MOTTE	(A)	PW Command, MTOUSA.
Major	W.G.M. SINCLAIR	(B)	Eighth Army.

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1. CLASSIFICATION:

(a) German Prisoners of War and Surrendered Personnel for transfer to SHAEF will be made up of the following categories:

Miners,
Agricultural Workers
Transport Workers.
Persons of 50 years of age or over.
Any other trades, if necessary to make up the required numbers.

SHAEF will also take any women.

The above will be moved in batches consisting of personnel all domiciled in one zone, either the American or the British Zone. SHAEF will supply to AFHQ a list of REGIERUNGSBEZIRKE, showing the zone in which each lies.

Various trades may be included in the same batch, provided all personnel in the batch are domiciled in the one zone.

Selection of personnel as above will precede documentation and will be effected by calling for personnel of the required category and then segregating them in one or more compounds where they can be documented prior to movement.

Any special details of the composition of batches to be transferred to AUSTRIA must be settled between the Control Commissions.

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Lt. Col.	G. EYRES-MONSELL (B)	G-2 AFHQ
Lt. Col.	F.W. LA MOTTE (A)	PW Command, MTOUSA.
Major	W.G.M. SINCLAIR (B)	Eighth Army.

1. CLASSIFICATION:

(a) German Prisoners of War and Surrendered Personnel for transfer to SHAEF will be made up of the following categories:

Miners,
Agricultural Workers
Transport Workers.
Persons of 50 years of age or over.
Any other trades, if necessary to make up the required numbers.

SHAEF will also take any women.

The above will be moved in batches consisting of personnel all domiciled in one zone, either the American or the British Zone. SHAEF will supply to AFHQ a list of REGIERUNGSBEZIRKE, showing the zone in which each lies.

Various trades may be included in the same batch, provided all personnel in the batch are domiciled in the one zone.

Selection of personnel as above will precede documentation and will be effected by calling for personnel of the required category and then segregating them in one or more compounds where they can be documented prior to movement.

Any special details of the composition of batches to be transferred to AUSTRIA must be settled between the Control Commissions.

(b) Displaced Persons: If AFHQ wishes Displaced Persons who are transferred from SHAEF to ITALY to be moved in batches by any zones of domicile, AFHQ will supply to SHAEF a list of the zones required.

2. DOCUMENTATION:

(a) German prisoners of war or surrendered personnel transferred from ITALY to SHAEF will be accompanied by:

(i) Nominal rolls

(ii) Form P 4 (two copies)

(iii) Discharge Certificate D.2. (if possible).

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In addition, the DW Form will be completed and sent to the Central Registry of War Criminals and Security Suspects (CROWCASS) in respect of each person. The form will be endorsed "Discharged to Residence" with the date and place where it is made out.

All personnel transferred as above will be released to their homes by SHAEF.

Any German prisoners of war or surrendered personnel transferred from SHAEF to AUSTRIA will be documented as above.

SHAEF will make the forms required for the above available for AFHQ as a matter of great urgency.

(b) Displaced Persons transferred either from SHAEF or AFHQ will be accompanied by a nominal roll of each batch and every Displaced Person will carry the completed identity card DP 1.

3. SECURITY

(a) German prisoners of war and surrendered enemy personnel

In addition to any screening required by AFHQ for its own domestic purposes, personnel transferred from AFHQ to SHAEF will be screened to exclude security suspects and persons on a SHAEF "Wanted" List of approximately 5,000 names. This list will be supplied by SHAEF to AFHQ.

All disarmed personnel transferred from SHAEF to AFHQ will be screened by SHAEF to exclude security suspects or personnel on the SHAEF "Wanted" List.

(b) Italian Displaced Persons transferred from SHAEF will be screened prior to transfer by Italian Security Officers.

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Appendix 'E'

REPATRIATION and DISPOSAL of PRISONERS of WAR, SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, ETC.

MINUTES of MEETING of MEDICAL SUB-COMMITTEE held at BOLZANO on 15 Jun 45.

PRESENT.

Brigadier General	J.I. MARTIN	Surgeon, Fifth United States Army.
Colonel	C.L. MILBURN, Jr	12th Army Group.
Major	M.L. MAURER	Surgeon's Office, MTOUSA
Major	O.S. WILLIAMS	Medical (British), AFHQ.

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2. Complete arrangements for the movement of sick and wounded between the two theatres will be completed at a recommended meeting of the medical staffs concerned. It is estimated that not more than 25,000 German sick and wounded will require movement to GERMANY as of 10 Jul. The number of Italian sick and wounded, now in GERMANY to be moved to ITALY, will be notified at a later date.

3. The following recommendations were agreed upon in regard to the movement of fit personnel.

(a) It is considered that all practical steps should be taken to control and prevent the movement of those suffering from or potential carriers of infectious diseases. Accordingly, it is recommended the following preventative measures be adopted both in regard to the movement of personnel out of and into AFHQ territory:

(i) That no personsshould be permitted to commence the journey if he or she shows any signs of symptoms of disease;

(ii) all personnel to be examined for infectious conditions within 24 hours of departure from point of origin;

(iii) all personnel to be dusted with DDT or some other antilouse preparation not more than three days prior to departure. It is to be noted that this is additional to the course of three dustings at weekly intervals which is routine for all prisoners of war and surrendered personnel in AFHQ territory;

(iv) it is not considered necessary nor practical for all persons to be vaccinated, but in the event of an isolated case of smallpox occurring in the course of the journey, it will be necessary for all personnel taking part in the move to be isolated until

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(v) a certificate will accompany each party stating that all sanitary precautions as prescribed above have been complied with in regard to each individual in the party.

(b) In regard to the provision for medical care during the journey, it is proposed that on each train one coach be so adapted as to enable four to six lying patients to be looked after. Each train to have a permanent German and/or Italian medical staff.

(Signed) J.I. MARTIN
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Brigadier General, USA,
Fifth Army Surgeon.

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JUN 12 RECD

Ref : 8262/EC

12 June 1945

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian Miner POW.

TO : WMD & IPW Sub-Commission.

Please state :

(1) On whose authority the attached telegram was sent :

(2) Whether it has been coordinated :

(a) with the Economic Section;
(b) with the Italian Government;
(c) with the request for 6,000 German POW.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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AFHQ G-5 SECTION

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10 JUNE 1945

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PARA ONE FD SHORTAGE MINERS ITALY AND SARDINIA AND WORLD SHORTAGE COAL FD

PAREN TO AFHQ GEORGE EAGH FIVE SECTION FROM ALCOM CITE ACWMD PAREN

PARA TWO FD PREDICATED NEED FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE RETURN ITALIAN MINERS HELD FW BY ALLIES FD

PARA THREE FD REQUEST YOU DEMAND PRIORITY ACCORDINGLY FD

WMD/ITW DIST:

Chief Commissioner
Econ. Sec.
Indust. S/C

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SHAEF FORWARD INFO CG 7TH ARMY, CG 12 ARMY GROUP, CG 6 ARMY GROUP, CG 7TH US ARMY, CG 1ST FRENCH ARMY, SHAEF MISSION PARIS, CG [illegible], ALGIERS, CAIRO, MALTA, CG 3RD US ARMY, CG 15 ARMY GROUP, 8TH ARMY MAIN.

REGRET.

Your FWD 23922 dated 7 June cite SHAEF.

Following is proposed agenda for BOLERO conference. Begins.

1. In addition to problems in para 2 below on which the policy has already been determined, a policy has yet to be agreed upon

(A) The disposal of Axis nals whom no country is willing to receive, the method by which they will cease to be a military commitment and to whom the responsibility for their upkeep will then be transferred.

(B) Is movement through SWITZERLAND acceptable and feasible.

2. Problems.

(A) How and when repatriation to GERMANY may be effected of approximately 400,000 German prisoners of war or surrendered personnel now in British or American hands in ITALY, and immediately available.

(B) How and when SHAEF will return from areas under SHAEF control.

(1) Italians to IT-IT. Number to be provided by SHAEF.

(2) Austrians to that portion of AUSTRIA under APHQ control. Numbers to be provided by SHAEF.

(C) The regulation and control of the Cross-Flow [illegible] other nationalities whether of military or displaced person status, who in course of repatriation [illegible] territory

(1) Under SHAEF control enter territory under APHQ control. Numbers to be provided by SHAEF.

(2) Under [illegible] control enter territory under SHAEF control.

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Estimated number 70,000.

(D) Outflow of those known to be in GERMANY

(1) To SHAEF

(2) To AFHQ.

3. Method as effecting each of the sub-heads of para 2.

(A) Controlling agency

(B) Route

(C) Means of transportation

(D) Rate of flow

(E) Staging

(F) Medical

(G) Screening for war criminals etc

(H) Documentation

(I) Target date for start

4. Miscellaneous.

(A) Priority of classes for disposal and method of call forward of selected.

(B) Disposal of women of Prisoner of War and surrendered enemy status.

(C) Disposal of long term sick.

(D) Guards. Agenda ends.

5. Where numbers are shown in text as due to be supplied by SHAEF it is requested that SHAEF give them nearest to this HQ and all information addressees. Breakdown by Nationalities under para 2 (C) will be required and provided at conference.

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PARA ONE PD REUR FX EIGHT FOUR NINE SEVEN ONE DATED THREE ONE MAY PD
PAPEM TO AFHQ GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION FROM ALCOM CITE ACWMD PAPEM
PARA TWO PD AFTER CONSULTING ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THE FOLLOWING IS
SUGGESTED PLAN PD
PARA THREE PD REF PARA THREE PD

(a) REPATRIATION TO COMMENCE AUGUST AT RATE OF
40.000 FIRST MONTH - 20.000 PER FORTNIGHT
50.000 SECOND MONTH - 25.000 PER FORTNIGHT
80.000 THIRD MONTH - 40.000 PER FORTNIGHT
UP TO 100.000 FOURTH MONTH - 50.000 PER FORTNIGHT
(100.000 BEING MAXIMUM FIGURE PER MONTH UNTIL REPATRIATION COMPLETED)
FIGURES GIVEN FOR FIRST AND SECOND MONTHS TO INCLUDE 10.000 PER MONTH
ALREADY ACCEPTED CMA MY SIGNAL EIGHT ONE NINE NINE DATED TWENTY
SECOND/ONE NINE FOUR FIVE REFERS PD

(b) (a) PORTS - GENOVA WITH TRANSIT CAMP FOR 10.000
LEGHORN OR CIVITAVECCHIA CAMP FOR 10.000
NAPOLI WITH TRANSIT CAMP FOR 10.000
CAGLIARI WITH TRANSIT CAMP FOR 3.000

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PALERMO WITH TRANSIT CAMP FOR 3.000

TARANTO WITH TRANSIT CAMP FOR 10.000

ANCONA OR VENEZIA WITH TRANSIT CAMP FOR 10.000

(d) THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST GROUPS CONSIST OF CAMP UNITS UNDER OWN LEADERS AND ARE SHIPPED TO PORTS NEAREST THEIR HOMES PD FIRST SHIPMENTS TO INCLUDE ALL COAL MINERS AND THOSE IN OLDER AGE GROUPS PD

PARA FOUR PD REF PARA FOUR PD

(b) (c) RECOMMEND THAT ITALIAN ARMY TRANSPORT UNITS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ROAD HAULS AS NECESSARY PD TO EFFECTUATE PROPOSALS NEW TRANSIT CAMPS WILL REQUIRED AT GENOVA CMA ANCONA OR VENEZIA CMA AND LEGHORN OR CIVITAVECCHIA FOR 10.000 WITH CAMPS AT NAPLES AND TARANTO INCREASED TO TAKE FURTHER 5.000 PD EXTRA ITALIAN PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO ADMINISTER AND RUN NEW AND INCREASED CENTRES - ONE TWO EIGHT OFFICERS ONE FIVE FIVE NCOS AND EIGHT FOUR ZERO ORS PD TRANSPORT FOR CAMP ADMINISTRATION - EIGHT CARS OR UTILITIES TWO ONE THREE TON TRUCKS AND SIX M/CS PD

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PARA FIVE PD ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL NOMINAL ROLLS BE RECEIVED THIS HQ BEFORE ARRIVAL OF ANY PERSONNEL PD
PARA SIX PD IF PERSONNEL AND TRANSPORT AS REQUESTED CAN BE PROVIDED FROM ITALIAN ARMY CMA THIS HQ AGREES TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS AND OF OPINION THAT MOVEMENT FROM CAMPS TO VICINITY OF HOMES AND DEPOTS CAN BE ARRANGED PD
PARA SEVEN PD MMIA REQUEST EARLY STATEMENT OF POLICY ON USE OF ITALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL AND TRANSPORT PD

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
APO 394

7 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Repatriation Conference at Bolzano.

TO : Colonel NORMAN E. FISKE, Advance Headquarters, Allied Commission, Milan, Italy.

1. Reference inclosed secret signal FX 87917, from AFHQ, dated 5 June 1945, subject as above.

2. The Chief Commissioner directs me to inform you that you will attend the Conference (mentioned in the attached secret signal), as his personal representative.

3. Brigadier Upjohn and Lt Col Campbell of this Headquarters will also attend, but you as Personal Representative of Rear Admiral Stone, will act as head of the Allied Commission delegation.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

C.M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Actg Vice President.

1 Incl:
as per par 1 above.

Maj. Stearns
This will be
handed to
Col Fiske 6/8/45.
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Give book to Stevens

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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FWCAB

ACTION: 93 5 ARMY. INFO: SHAEF FWD SHAEF MAIN FOR G5, CG 15 ARMY GROUP, CG 12 ARMY GROUP, CG 6 ARMY GP, CG COMZONE SHAEF MISSION FRANCE, DIXTONE, MEDIA, ALSOS

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1. Conference planned to take place BOLZANO between AFHQ and representatives of all information addressees and yourself to discuss repatriation from ITALY of German surrendered personnel in exchange for Italians now under SHAEF control. Repatriation of ex PW and DPs of Allied nationalities from present locations whether under SHAEF or AFHQ to parent countries will also be discussed.

2. Estimate approximately 60 officers from SHAEF and CMF will attend. Request you confirm earliest that accommodation can be arranged (A) for conference and (B) for officers probably nights 13/14 14/15 June. If you desire we will send an officer to your Hq to assist in Adm arrangements.

3. Number and ranks attending from CMF will be notified to you soonest.

4. For SHAEF FWD. Your FWD 2322 Tel(?) of 2 June not to all. Will send you points we propose to raise at BOLZANO conference. Suggest you send us points you wish to discuss soonest and we prepare combined agenda and forward to you prior to meeting. Propose 14 June date for conference which we suggest starts with high level meeting

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to decide policy followed by meetings between staff sections to work out details. Request confirmation you agree.

5. For EYES FORWARD. Request you notify 5th ARMY direct of overall numbers by ranks of officers attending conference on your behalf.

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Brig Hyslop & Col Campbell to attend

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AIRCOM ROME INFO MMIA

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Repatriation of Italian PW abroad in U.S.A. and U.K. custody.

1. Consideration being given here by American and British personnel sections for phased plan repatriation Italian P.W. now held outside ITALY. U.S.A. policy known to be to repatriate soonest possible from abroad and also reduce considerably forthwith numbers held in ITALY and NORTH AFRICA as service units personnel. Policy not yet known on U.K. side but is being sought.

2. Proper execution any plan dependent on ability of Italian authorities receive and dispose without affecting stability of Italian economy of repatriates not required for re-enlistment Italian Army.

3. In order to assist preparation plan request you consider in conjunction with Italian authorities and submit urgently.

(a) Phased plan, which should show progressive increases from month to month giving maximum numbers considered disposable to civilian life.

(b) Suggestions as to ports at which repatriates should disembark.

(c) Plan for accommodation pending final disposal giving details of transit and staging areas envisaged.

(d) Preferences for repatriation by age groups and types of repatriations.

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4. In consideration of the above following should be borne in mind.

(a) G-1 responsibility will finish at dockside.

(b) Short interim period after arrival and pending disposition necessary in transit areas to check records and carry out demobilisation if returning to civil life. Responsibility this period will be that of the ALLIED COMMISSION in conjunction with MMIA.

(c) Movement to railhead within vicinity of home will probably be carried out when Allied re-deployment traffic will be heavy and movement of repatriates will be correspondingly difficult. Hence proper interim staging areas will be necessary on routes home.

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ALCOM ROME

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Supplementing F 76831 cite FHQ-EC proposed reply AGWAR that none of 33,000 can be accepted before 1 July and that 10,000 can then be accepted monthly. Do you agree. Urgent reply required

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Italian officer prisoners of war described as trouble makers held in US to number of approximately 1000. These claim to be "citizens of Italian Social Republic" and disclaim allegiance to present Italian Govt.

US authorities state above constitute burden there and desire return them to ITALY for transfer to Italian authorities for continued detention under assurances their activities will be punished.

Comments after informal discussion with Italian authorities have been requested.

Your comments after such informal discussion requested soonest possible with view to agreeing immediate repatriation and subsequent disposition to and by Italian Govt.

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AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FIGES.

ALCOM ROME.

SECRET.

Signal received today from ACWAR shows intention return Italian POW to ITALY by earliest practicable date they can be released from labour in US. Intention also to give Italian Service Unit personnel priority over non-cooperators. Request made for assurance that up to 33,000 Italian Service Unit personnel can be accepted as units and for advice of rate of return per month for these and other Italian Prisoners.

Your views requested by signal as matter of urgency.

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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Translation

Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Memorandum for the Allied Commission

The Government hopes that the repatriation of the Italian prisoners of war may take place without delay.

Because of its moral, political and social repercussions, the problem of the prisoners of war is one of the most urgent and important questions of the present period of national life. It concerns an important mass of youthful energies - the strongest from the moral and productive point of view,- which have been for a long time - from two to four years - in captivity abroad, without feeling the psychological process of the new democratic life of the nation and its hard work for reconstruction. The precarious and uncertain moral situation of our prisoners has immediate and constant repercussions in the Country on several million members of their families, whose thoughts, political attitude and social activities depend on the problem of over one and a half million Italians scattered in concentration camps all over the world.

This painful situation obliges the Government to stress the fact that it is necessary to repatriate without delay all our prisoners, in conformity with the wish of all the Italian nations.

Trusting that this may soon take place, the Government is taking the necessary action to welcome in the Country this large mass of repatriated, prisoners, interned persons, officers and other ranks who find themselves abroad because of the war.

The organization of the relief services for officers and other ranks who are being repatriated had been entrusted to the War Department which has drafted a detailed plan, foreseeing the establishment of various 'gathering centres', adequately placed, where the soldiers will be sent when being repatriated.

Considering the urgency for this organization for the reception of interned prisoners to start functioning, the Government begs the Allied Authorities to allow as soon as possible the Italian military personnel indispensible for the functioning of the organization, as from the plan drafted by the War Department and forwarded, last January, to the War Material Disposal and Italian P.W. Sub-Commission, to get ready.

Appealing to the usual kind comprehension of the Allied Authorities, the Government asks them to give every possible help in the way of materials, foodstuffs, vehicles required for the functioning of the said centres.

The main cause of preoccupation is the lack of clothing for the soldiers coming from Germany.

Because of the raw materials we can dispose of, as well as be cause of the working, the possibilities of the national production do not allow us to cope with this requirement.

We want to submit to the attention of the Allied Authorities the following

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We want to submit to the attention of the Allied Authorities the following proposals which aim at solving this important question.

1) The Allied Commission might examine the possibility of ceding to the Italian Government such clothing as the Commission does not mean to remove from Italy.

2) The raw materials necessary for the working in the manufactures might be unblocked, and the transfer of such raw materials to territories under Italian Administration authorized.

3) The clothing, barracks equipment and outfit belonging to the German and fascist troops in North Italy might be reserved for the Italian Government, for the requirements of repatriated prisoners.

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4. In case it would not be possible to cover thus the entire clothing requirement, the Allied Authority might examine the possibility of ceding to the Italian Government, against payment, a certain amount of clothing, to cover the remaining requirement.

The situation of the great mass of Italians who were interned in German prisoner camps and have now been liberated by the advance of the allied armies is a cause of great anxiety.

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However, we feel it is our duty to contribute, more than we have been allowed to do, through practical action, direct intervention and to the limit of our possibilities, to the solution of a problem which is of such concern for us.

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Translation

Enclosure 1

Action taken by the Italian Government to organise relief and repatriation for Italians who were deported in Germany.

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Translation

State Department

The Secretary General

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Dear Admiral,

I have just received your letter IPW/1/11/1081 of April 17th, in which you kindly inform me that Capt. POSITANO - indicated by me - has been the object of a request for repatriation from India.

I am most grateful for your kind communication, and I want to thank you for the personal interest you showed in this circumstance.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Truly yours,

S. Pruneas

Rome, 3 May 1945

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref. IFW/1/11/1081

17 April 1945

My dear Signor Prunas,

With reference to your letter No.19/04934/14 under date of 10 April 1945, I am pleased to inform you that this Headquarters is in receipt of a copy of a communication to the Commander-in-Chief, India asking that Capt. POSITANO be repatriated to Italy.

This letter was dated 24 March 1945. I cannot give you the actual estimated time of arrival of Capt. POSITANO, as his arrival in Italy is dependent upon the availability of shipping.

As soon as I am informed as to his estimated time of arrival I shall advise your office.

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

TO: Hon. R. PRUNAS
Secretary General
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
ROME

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JAQ/hjp

14 April 1945

Dear

I have just received a request from Dr. Montanari, Private Secretary to Sig. Bonomi, that we examine the case of a certain Dr. Fago who has been a prisoner-of-war in Kenya since 1941. Dr. Fago, he states, is an excellent engineer whose services would be of great use to his country at the present time.

2. Here are the details of the case:

a. A request for the repatriation of Dr. (Ing.) Sigfrido Vittorio Fago (E/4992, N.3 Italian Evacuee Camp, Kenya) was sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the A.C. on Sept. 23, 1944. It was request again with note n. 210 of October 28, 1944.

b. Dr. Fago is a well-known engineer and has been in the evacuee camp since 1941. His wife is American and is living at present in America with her children.

3. I think that Montanari is only asking this favor out of friendship for Fago but it would be nice to help him if we can or at least furnish him with a reply.

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

Lt. Col. J. A. Campbell
W.M.D. & I.P.O.W. Sub-Commission
Hq A.C.

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D^r Montagano

Segreteria Particolare
del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri

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Anything that could be done to expedite Dr. Fago's repatriation would be very much appreciated.

F. Montanari

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Translation

State Department,
The Secretary General
19/0493/44

Rome, 10 April 1945

Dear Admiral,

Captain Francesco Positano, prisoner in Bombay, n. 113096, Camp 26/1 P.O.W. C./O. G.O.P., finding himself in the required conditions, has been included in the last list of prisoners to be repatriated sent by the High Commissariat for Prisoners of War to the Allied Commission.

His father, almost ninety years of age, is seriously ill and is at present in a Roman nursing home after submitting to a dangerous surgical operation.

It is therefore essential for the return of Captain Positano to take place without delay.

I therefore ask you, my dear Admiral, to intervene with the competent authorities to obtain a rapid and favourable solution to the above mentioned case.

Thanking you, I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours sincerely,

S. R. Pruneas

Admiral Ellery Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

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13 March 1945

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 3)

REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN NATIONALS TO ITALY.

1. This Memorandum sets out the classes into which Italian Nationals held as Prisoners of War and Internees are divided, and the procedure which must be followed in making application for their repatriation.

2. There are two main classes:

(a) Italian Prisoners of War i.e. members of the Italian Forces in Allied hands and Italian Merchant Seamen who have been interned by any of the Allied nations.
(b) Civilians and groups of civilians living or interned outside Italy.

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR AND MERCHANT SEAMEN.

3. WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION is responsible for the handling of all questions concerning the repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War and Italian Merchant Seamen.

4. The following are the categories in which Prisoners of War or Merchant Seamen may be repatriated.

(a) Entitled Repatriates.

Sick, wounded, those who are 60 years of age or over, those who are over 50 years of age and have been two years in captivity. These Prisoners of War are now being repatriated automatically as shipping becomes available and will be demobilized on arrival in Italy.

(b) Compassionate cases.

Cases where Prisoners of War are required to take care of a family who have no other means of support, on conditions similar to those under which an Allied soldier would be posted home. Such cases are comparable to those of men of military age exempted from service, and will be demobilized on arrival in Italy.

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Workers who are required by a U.S. or British agency or by an Italian Government agency for important work as a direct contribution to the Allied War Effort. Such cases are comparable to those of men of military age exempted from service as key workers, and will be demobilized on arrival in Italy.

(d) Effective Members of the Italian Armed Forces.

Prisoners of War who are required for active service with the Italian Armed Forces, Approval must first be obtained from the Service Sub-Commission concerned.

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PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN DEALING WITH ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR AND MERCHANT SEAMEN.

5. All applications and enquiries regarding repatriation within classes 4 (a) and (b) will be forwarded direct to the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, Corso Vittorio Emanuele 110, Rome.

6. Requests will only be submitted under 4 (c) when responsibility is accepted by the Director of the Sub-Commission, Regional Commissioner or the Italian Government agency, submitting the case that the Prisoner of War concerned will fill and is qualified to fill the appointment for which he has been requested. Requests under 4 (c) made by an Italian Government agency will in the first place be submitted to the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

7. All requests for repatriation under 4 (d) will be initiated by the service Ministry concerned to the appropriate service Sub-Commission. The requests will give full particulars of the personnel required and their proposed employment in the Armed Forces. After approval by the service Sub-Commission concerned the requests will be returned to the service Ministry for submission to the Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War. Prisoners of War will not be absorbed into the Armed Forces in ITALY by any other means.

8. The Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War will check and collate all applications and requests made to him and will forward them to War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission which will, if it approves, make formal application to higher authority.

9. In all cases under the above conditions repatriated Italian Prisoners of War of military age will only be demobilized or released from service for other duties provided the service Ministry concerned does not require their retention in the Armed Forces.

CIVILIANS LIVING OR INTERNED OUTSIDE ITALY.

10. The DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION will be responsible for the handling of all applications for the repatriation of civilians and groups of civilians living or interned outside ITALY.

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(a) Compassionate cases.

Cases where civilians are required to return to ITALY to take care of a family who have no other means of support. All cases on compassionate grounds will however be considered on their merits.

(b) Priority workers.

Cases where civilians are necessary to the war effort and will be a direct contribution thereto.

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12. All requests from Sub-Commissions or Regional Commissioners for repatriation of civilians or groups of civilians under para 11 (a) and (b) will be forwarded direct to DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION who will be responsible for screening all applications and approving them prior to forwarding them to higher authority. Directors of Sub-Commissions and Regional Commissioners will be responsible for insuring that the applications they submit are warranted by the circumstances and facts put before them. In applications under 11 (b) the civilian for whom the application is made must be qualified to hold the appointment for which he is asked and will fill the appointment after repatriation.

M.S.LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

14 February 1945

My Dear Maurice,

In answer to your IPW/39/4 of 2 February 1945. A meeting will be convened by G-1 Br. here to consider the repatriation of Specialist Italian P.O.W., but before this can be done it is necessary to acquire certain information from Staff Sections of this Headquarters. You will be informed as soon as a decision has been reached - which will, I hope, be within a week or so.

Very sincerely,

T.R.H.

T. R. HENN,
Colonel

Brigadier R. S. Lush,
Chief of Staff,
Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 478733

17 January 1945

IPW/1/371

SUBJECT: Repatriation of POW under special conditions.

TO : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Reference your letter No. 16531/Mil. dated 4 January 1945.

1. It is regretted that the suggestions contained in para. 4 of your above-quoted letter with regard to repatriations of Italian Prisoners of War cannot be considered at the present time.

2. It is felt that the present repatriation policies are as liberal as is possible under present conditions, without effecting mass repatriation. As you understand and agree, it is not possible to have a mass repatriation at this moment as many Italian Prisoners of War are performing important functions in Service Units, thus releasing Allied troops for Combat duties.

3. Your numerous requests for the repatriation of necessary specialists to fill specific appointments in Italy are being met as quickly as possible, as and when shipping space, which can be spared from the very urgent requirements of war materials, is available.

4. The question of repatriations of Italian Prisoners of War is ever before the Commission, and you may be assured whenever the opportunity arises to increase repatriations of Italian Prisoners of War from the humanitarian standpoint, or the moral and material advantages of Italy, that the Commission will be ready to help in every way possible.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

M.S. LUSH

(Sgd) Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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TRANSLATION

Returning from Yougoslavia, repatriated on 9 June 1946 on a ship carrying 500 sick men, I wish to inform you - as requested by the comrades left in the concentration camp - of the treatment I was subjected to while I was a prisoner in Yugoslav concentration camps by the wild beasts of Tito, to the day of my repatriation (now the conditions have become even worse because of Trieste).

In the morning we had to get up at 4, then work in the port on the Danube loading and unloading boats sometimes for 96 hours without interruption and beaten from morning till night, or work in a mine at a depth of 700 meters. The food amounted to half a mesatin of boiled barley, often without salt or any seasoning, half a kilo of Indian corn bread which was uneatable, the beddings were full of insects of all kinds.

We spent last winter half naked, because when we were liberated from the Germans, we were completely undressed and remained in our pants and with naked feet. And in this condition we were sent to work under torrential rain or with a meter of snow, so the camp hospital was full, but in order to be admitted you had to have at least a 100 degrees temperature. 40 or 50 men died every day: they were completely undressed and then thrown on a dead railway track waiting for a cart to come and take them away and they were loaded into these carts like bales of merchandise! As to medical care, it was useless even to think about it: the hospitals are full of T.B. cases who are looking forward to death as a salvation from so much suffering. Only towards the end of winter did we get some wooden shoes; that's how we spent the winter with over 100 degrees under zero and in a constant state of terror of the camp commissars and of the partisans who for fun were doing all sorts of things to us, used to put us in prison for trifles. And the prison was a cellar full of rats and humidity where food was given us only every other day and in the night we were beaten with clubs.

Anti-Fascist committees were formed, whose main object was Communist propaganda; when we returned from work tired and hungry, they gathered us and held conferences, especially when the elections were near, and the flogging increased, maybe to ripen us completely.

The few Red Cross parcels with clothing were all sold by them to the civilians and we remained half naked and those who are still prisoners, if they have to spend another winter in those camps will never return home; many had already lost their eyesight for lack of vitamins (especially at night we could not see further than at a distance of 10 centimeters) and the guards amused themselves calling us from a spot none of us could see and then to punch us and woe to him who revolted or said something. When we went to or returned from work, they amused themselves even to run us over with trucks or cars and there was often someone with a broken head or leg or someone bleeding from the caresses of the commissars and of the guards.

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There are many more things I could tell, the forced marches from one camp to another where the dead were lying along the roads by hundreds: whoever lagged behind was killed like a dog, unless it amused them more to cut his throat like a sheep's, or to finish him by beating; 70 or 80 kilometers a day without eating or drinking, sometimes running: imagine a line of about 9.000 Italians and other nationals (including Slavs who worked for the past regime), men of over 60 and women with small children, and they have made more than 1.000 kilometers by foot and in any weather, and when we were going through towns or villages the populations used to throw us stones; only in Croatia, being Catholic, the populations were trying to help us in every way, but the lead of the Tito partisans did not spare even them: I saw more than a person collapse in a pool of blood struck down by the butt of a gun.

This is only a small part of what we went through: to tell all would be a long story which many people - and particularly the Communists - would refuse to believe; but some day, when everybody will be repatriated, some extraordinary tales will be told. Our repatriation journey was terrible, we dragged ourselves for days on goods trains (and we were repatriated as sick men) without food, without care and with very seriously ill people, blind or without legs and arms or with T.B. or some other more or less serious disease; after waiting for 5 days we embarked on a merchant vessel, but we were 900 and only 500 were lucky enough to be able to leave, 400 had to stay back and we were told that they would leave the next day, but so far we have not seen anyone of them, so who knows when that day will come.

Two days of sea travel without food, because they gave us two loaves of bread which was mouldy and uneatable and we left them all behind on the ship.

After so much suffering, thank God, we have finally reached our Italy and were able to get rid, after a whole year, of those insects which had reduced us to a pitiful state.

This is the pure truth, but there are many more things to be said.

My only purpose is to try to save as many as possible of my comrades still languishing in the concentration camps of Tito's hell, so that they may be returned to their families who are waiting for them since such a long time.

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15 July 1946

My dear Dr. Cosentino:

I have received your letter of 12 July with regard to Lt Tommaso Polese and Salvatore Scarfogliero and will advise you as soon as I receive a report on their status.

Please rest assured that I will do all in my power to have the request of the President granted.

Yours sincerely,

E. J. BEHN
Lt(jg), USNR
Flag Lt to CC

Dott. Francesco Cosentino,
Il Segretario Particolare del
Capo Provvisorio dello Stato,
Roma

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22 JULY 1946.

My dear Sir Noel:

I have been informed by the Italian Ministry of War that the 57th Battalion of Italian Prisoners of War, with a strength of about 100, is at PODGELIE (Yugoslavia). I have been further informed that the existence of this Battalion was, until recently, unknown.

These Prisoners of War were captured in Albania five years ago and were living under very bad conditions, being housed in caves and with poor food and clothing.

I should be grateful if you would ask your Ambassador in Belgrade to take up this matter with the Yugoslav Government with a view to having these prisoners repatriated to Italy.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

H.E. Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCMG, MC,
British Ambassador,
British Embassy,
ROME.

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Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Land Forces S/C (IPW Section).

David McK. Key Esq.
U.S. Chargé d'Affaires ad interim
U.S. Embassy,
Rome. (Ref 9002/81/EC)

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6 September 1946

My Dear Dott. Cosentino:

Please excuse my delay in advising you about the disposition taken with regard to the various requests from the President of the Republic concerning Italian prisoners of war. I now have some information in connection with your requests.

With regard to POW Gentile Polese, Tommaso, I am happy to inform you that he will be dispatched home this month. Scarfogliero, Salvatore, will be repatriated to Italy as soon as he has been security screened by the British authorities concerned. I have not had as yet any information on S/Ten. Stella, Antonio, or Capitano Moschetti, Enrico.

As soon as any further information is received I shall forward it to you immediately.

Sincerely,

E. J. BEHN
Lt(jg), USNR
Flag Lt to CC

Dott. Francesco Cosentino
Il Segretario particolare del Capo dello Stato
Palazzo Montecitorio
Roma

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22 June 1946.

My dear Signora Maffei:

This will confirm our conversation on 18 June in which I gave you certain statistics as to the return of Italian prisoners of war. Since you called on me I have received an additional week's figures which show an additional 9,515 prisoners returned -- making a total of 1,181,764 already returned, with the remaining 165,236 still to be returned.

I am making renewed efforts to see if we can improve the situation with respect to the return of prisoners from Australia, where a lack of shipping has been the problem, and also from India, where it appears that the use of a hospital ship will be needed.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Signora Maffei,
Rome.

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Report on Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War as of 9 June 1946

1. United Kingdom. Progress has been maintained. 83% or 131,718 have now been repatriated and an additional 4% are expected to arrive in Naples during June. The remaining 20,000 out of the initial number of 156,029 will be repatriated overland via Calais-Verona commencing 19 June, with successive arrivals on alternative days. Under the scheme 9,000 per month are expected.

2. North Africa (British held). 40,074 have been repatriated as of 9 June, which includes all prisoners, with the exception of a few isolated cases.

3. East Africa. 21,023 have been repatriated out of an initial number of 42,504. Colonel Regis, Chief of the IPW Division, has a program to visit there as soon as necessary permission is obtained so as to deal directly with commands in Kenya and accelerate repatriations from that area.

4. West Africa. All 1,485 prisoners have been repatriated.

5. South Africa. There is no actual program from this base but repatriation is regular with transshipment generally in the Middle East. Of an initial number of 40,794, 27,323 are still to be repatriated. Colonel Regis intends visiting these camps on his trip to Kenya.

6. Middle East. After Colonel Regis's visit in the Middle East, a program was carried out by which it is expected that all PW's will have returned by August; in June it is expected to give a lift to 13,400 and in July to 14,900. As of 9 June only 34,170 PW's remain out of the initial number of 70,091.

7. India. The largest scale of repatriation was obtained in April when 48% of the PW's were returned. Out of the total of 33,302, 15,748 have been repatriated. Representation has been made for a hospital ship to be made available. It is hoped that all sick PW's in India will be repatriated by late July.

8. Australia. Out of the initial number of 17,657, only 633 have returned. Few passages should be available for the Middle East for repatriation of approximately 120 priority cases. The War Office is endeavoring to arrange allocation of shipping when available.

9. Gibraltar. Original number of 541 is now reduced to 15.

10. Persia. Of the initial number of 2,000, none have yet returned.

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11. United States. All of the initial number of 51,136 were repatriated by April 1946.

12. France (U.S. held). 41,181 PW's have been repatriated, or all with the exception of a few isolated cases.

13. North Africa (U.S. held). All of the initial number of 9,751 have been repatriated.

14. French North Africa. All of the initial number of 37,402 have been repatriated. On 25 November there were still 32,662 and a program was planned to exchange 12,000 German PW's for these Italian PW's. The number was reduced first to 6,500, later to 4,250, and further negotiation with French representatives has cancelled completely this base of exchange.

15. Russia. The Russian Ambassador in Rome states that there are no more Italian PW's in Russia, while the Italian Government maintains that there should be 8,374 remaining in Russian of the initial number of 20,000.

16. Germany. All 630,869 Italian PW's have been repatriated.

17. France (4th Army). All 30,234 have been repatriated with the exception of a few isolated cases remaining.

18. Balkans. Of the initial number of 100,000, as of 9 June only 11,034 remain to be repatriated. The "G" Assembly Center in Trieste has been handling repatriation of Italian PW's for many months and ample arrangements have always been made in Trieste for quick transit to their homes. On the 27th May, 800 were reported to have arrived and a thousand are expected by 15 June. Program was in embryo for the Chief of the Italian PW Division to visit the Jugoslav camps as the Italian Government was in great concern as to the welfare of these prisoners, but consent was not granted.

19. Totals. The total number of Italian PW's in all hands as of 15 May 1945 was approximately 1,285,121. Total repatriations to date amount to 1,181,764, which leaves a balance to be repatriated of approximately 165,286.

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

The families of threehundred thousand prisoners of war and civilian internees, having convened in Rome from every part of Italy, are once more asking for your intervention so that their suffering and that of their beloved ones may cease. The continuation of such a tragic situation cannot contribute to appease the hearts and begin anew an orderly life in the interest of all peoples.

While events of decisive importance for Italy are taking place, the best citizens of the country are still deemed to remain just spectators. If your soldiers had been in the same conditions as our prisoners, you would certainly have done everything possible to obtain their liberation and participation to the life of the nation. Allow us therefore to appeal to you for your intervention in order to put an end to this painful injustice which is not without consequences, to men who have no other fault but to have obeyed the orders of their Country like the soldiers of all the other Nations.

Rome, 18 May 1946.

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Rome, 10 May 1946.

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2 March 1946

Thank you for your letter of 7 February concerning the son of Admiral Glassford's former cook, Lorenzo.

I have had this matter personally taken up with our Italian Prisoners of War Division who, through the proper authorities at Caserta (C-1 British, GHQ, CMF), have sent cable communication to the appropriate POW camp in West Australia urging his early repatriation on compassionate grounds. I am informed that we can expect a reply to this communication in about four weeks' time.

I will communicate with you further as soon as I get any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

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

Rear Admiral Jules James, U.S. Navy
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Mediterranean
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UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
MEDITERRANEAN

7 February 1946

Dear Ellery:

I am enclosing a letter I received from Lorenzo who is the cook which I understand you found and sent to Glassford.

If there is any way in which your organization could assist in having his son sent home from Australia, I of course would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

JULES JAMES
Rear Admiral
U. S. Navy

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/1/1cm/1352-B 28 February 1946

SUBJECT: Request for priority compassionate repatriation of Italian PW L'ALESSIO Berardino (58678), Camp 16 Merrinp(?), WEST AUSTRALIA

TO : Office of Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (Attention: Lt Col L. W. STEARNS)

1. Reference request from your office in behalf of subject PW, you are advised that on 25 Feb 46, this Division transmitted to G1(Br), GHQ CMF, a communication urging his early repatriation on compassionate grounds.

2. This was followed on 26 Feb 46, by a personal telephone call by the undersigned to G1(Br), requesting that the case be treated on a priority basis.

3. Confirmation of this telephone call went forward to G1(Br), in a letter of even date stamped "URGENT," copy of which is attached for your information.

4. As soon as word is received from G1(Br), GHQ CMF, of developments in the matter, you will be advised.

H. ARMAND de MASI,
Capt., Spec. Ren., AGS
for
J. E. REGIL
Lt.Col., C.C
Chief
IPW Division

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ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/1/1cm/1352

28 February 1946

SUBJECT: Request for repatriation on compassionate grounds of Italian PW D'ALESSIO Berardino (58678), Camp 16 Herring(?), WEST AUSTRALIA

TO : G1(Br), GHQ CMF

1. Pursuant to telephone conversation (Lt. WATTS-Capt. de MASI) and further to our 1/1cm/1359-B of 25 Feb 46, this Division has now received an urgent request from Rear Admiral Ellery W. STONE, Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, that every effort be made to grant subject PW priority repatriation from AUSTRALIA.

2. It is therefore requested that an urgent signal be dispatched to C-in-C, AUSTRALIA, or the competent authority having control of subject PW, for priority repatriation.

3. May this Division be advised, please, of action taken, with PTA ITALY as soon as available?

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

H. ARMAND de MASI,
Capt., Spec. Res., AUS
for
J. E. REGIS
Lt.Col.,CAC
Chief
IPW Division

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