



# Italian Prisoners of War in India

How to Order a Copy of a Record



The British Library has a two volume alphabetical list of Italian prisoners of war in the India Office Military Department files.

There are two volumes:

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- IOR/L/MIL/5/1070 Italian POWs Surnames J - Z

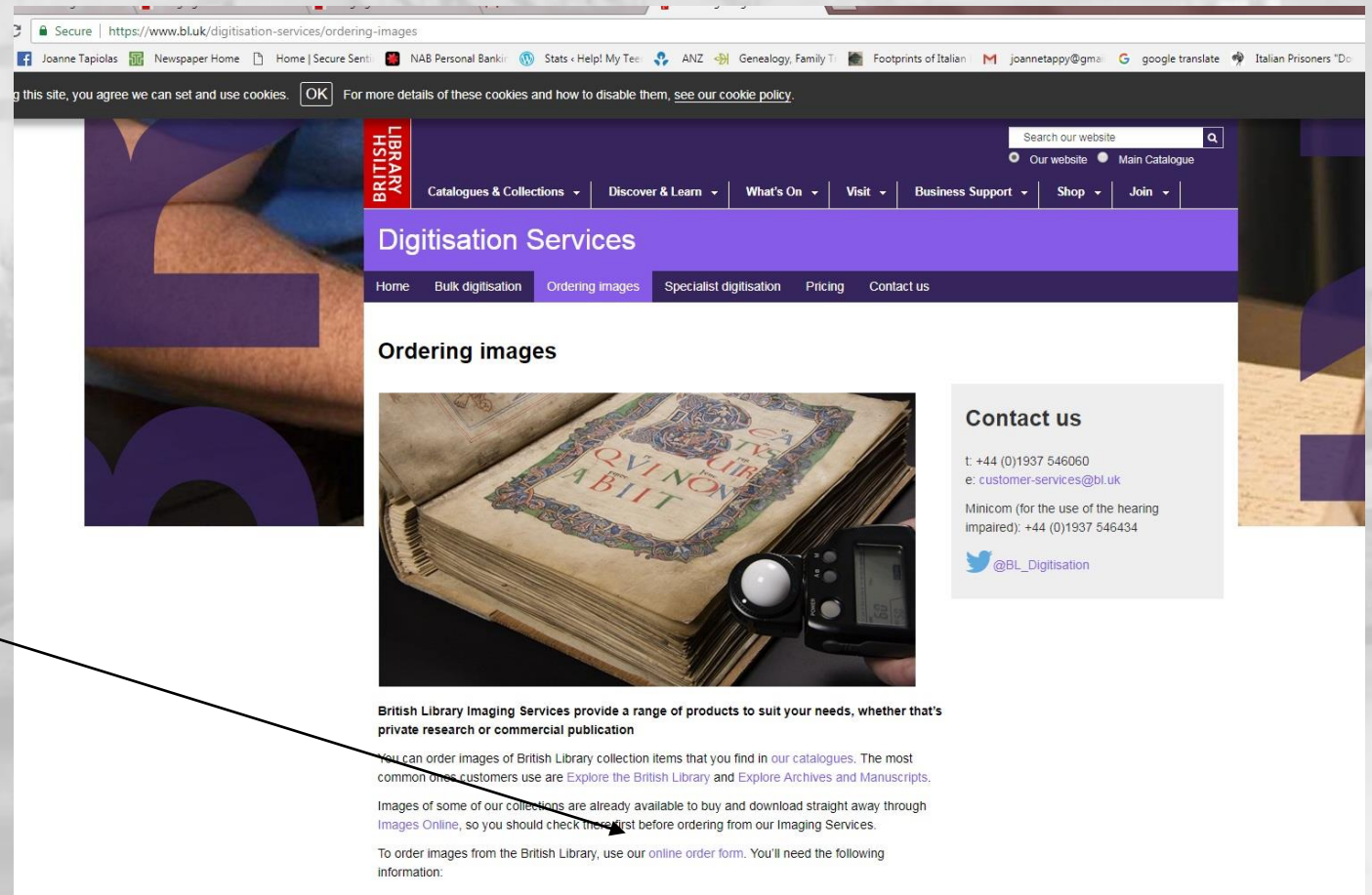
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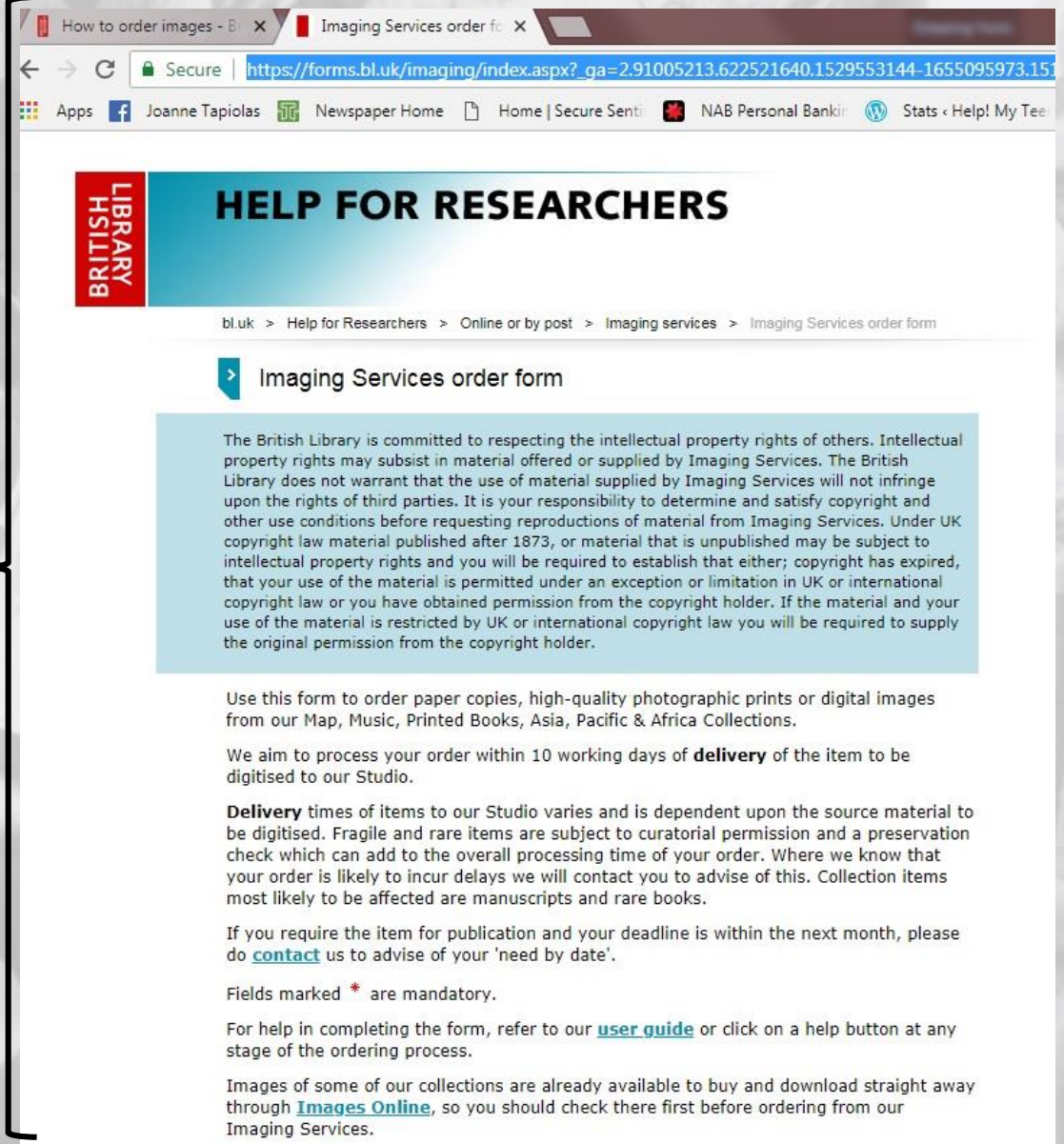
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8. Type in this box: Surname, First Name M.E. Number: 11111 (M.E. Number is found on the Australian Service and Casualty Form. This number is used in India)  
eg Esposito, Vittorio M.E. 133181

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# Page of Record

Surname – Christian Name- Rank – M.E. Number – Regiment/Unit- Comments

Comments include Camp number, R – date of repatriation, A - Australia

The copy of the page you will be sent will have these headings.

The numbers represent the Camp Number.

A list of camps is on the next page. It is difficult to find information about these camps in India.

# POW Camps in India


- The Prisoners-of-war were interned in India in 29 camps forming 6 Groups of camps. In addition, there were two Civil Internment Camps at Dehradun and Deoli and one camp in Delhi for the Japanese prisoners captured in Burma.
- Some 18,400 Italian prisoners of war (out of 50,000 requested by the Australian Government, to be employed as farm labourers) were transported from India to Australia from 1943. Some of the [Italian?] POWs in India were shipped to South Africa to help build the railway there. [\[7\]\[8\]\[9\]](#)
- Group I – [Bangalore](#): Camps 1 to 8 - Italian prisoners. There were Camps at Jakkur, Hebbal and Jalahalli. [\[10\]](#)
- Group II – Bhopal: Camps 9 to 16 – Italian prisoners. Camp 16 was a hospital. [Bhopal Bairagarh](#) (Wikipedia)
- Group III – Ramgarh: Camps 17 to 20 – German Civil Internees and later Italian prisoners. Had a punishment camp for difficult Italian POWs Ramgarh was near [Hazaribagh](#). It was used as a POW camp up to May 1942 when the POWs were moved out and the United States Chinese Training Command was established there.
- Group IV - Clement Town ([Dehra Dun](#)): Camps 21 to 24 – Separated in Wings 1: pro-Nazi, 2: anti-Nazi, 3: Italians. One of the camps was a \*Central Internment Camp.
- Group V – YOL: Camps 25 to 28 – Italian prisoners. Yol was situated near [Dharamsala](#)
- Group VI – Bikaner: Camp 29 – Japanese prisoners. It was also a punishment camps for difficult Italian POWs. [Bikaner](#) (Wikipedia)

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# India POW Camp No. 7



Photograph. 	<b>Prisoner's of War History Sheet.</b> 63497 PART I.			P.O.W. No. 14118H
	SURNAME. SOLIANI	*Christian Names. Genesio	Nationality. Italiana	Rank, Regiment & Regimental No. Sold. 10 Regt. Bersaglieri
Date and Place of birth. 21-10-1916 Sompesco Mantova	Civil Occupation. Farmer	Date and place of capture. 5-2-41 Agedabia	Relationship and address of next of kin. Father. Soliani Eliseo Via Lassoli 26 Sompesco Mantova	
PART II.				
Date.	Entry.	Date.	Entry.	
1-6-41	Arrived in Ceylon		Imprisoned in M. A camp. Ceylon	
23-1-42	Transferred from no. A camp. Ceylon		" " " 2/A camp	
16-3-42	" " " NO. 2/A camp. Bangalore		" " " 8 camp. 5 Wing.	
1-5-42	" " " NO. 5 Wing. 8 camp.		" " " 1 Wing. 3 camp.	
4-2-44	to no 5 camp from camp			

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