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P.O.W. SUB-COMMISSION & ALLIED P.O.W.
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AGAW-GR (23 Nov 51)

24 April 1953

SUBJECT: Return of File

TO: Chief, War Claims Commission
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Mr. Ralph Vernon

1. Reference is made to letter, War Claims Commission, 23 Nov 51, subject: "Italian Prisoner of War Camps - Re: Claim No. 1044, et al." and to 1st Ind thereto, AGAW-GR (23 Nov 51), 4 Jan 52.

2. Request that file ACC 10000/100/87 be returned to The Adjutant General's Office, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.. Attention: AGAW-GR, at the earliest practicable date.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

SHERROD EAST
Chief, Departmental Records Br, TAGO

1st. Indorsement

TO Office of the Adjutant General
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D.C.

ATTN. AGAW-GR (23 Nov. 51)

SUBJECT: Return of File

1. File ACC 10000/100/87 is returned in compliance with your request.

Encl. 31 File.

Ralph W. Vernon
Captain, Infantry
Liaison Officer
War Claims Commission
Washington 25, D.C.

Gen Taylor *File* *3836*
7/22
From: Office of the Governor of the Prison.

19 Sept 43

To:- The Anglo-American Military HQ.
Albergo delle Nazioni, Brindisi.

I shall be very grateful if the Anglo-American authorities will be good enough to give instructions defining the legal status of 99 prisoners in this prison, of whom 79 are Montenegrins, 4 Albanians, 6 Slavs. These prisoners requested me immediately after the conclusion of the Armistice to get in touch with some officer of the Anglo-American HQ.

The 99 prisoners are here under sentence of Military War Tribunals.

I take the opportunity to forward an application addressed to you from the firm of CAPPELLO, which has hitherto employed prison labour for the execution of works of a military character in general and particularly for the construction of run-ways.

About 200 prisoners worked until the conclusion of the Armistice on the LEVERAND airfield under the direction of the CAPPELLO firm.

The Director

Dr. Adelchi Maselli

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1988



DIREZIONE
DELLO

STABILIMENTO PENALE

GABINETTO

Prot. n° 4334 = 3-6

Alligati n° 1

Raccomandata

Lecce 19-9-1943

AL COMANDO MILITARE ANGLO-AMERICA-
NO = Albergo delle Nazioni

BRINDISI

Prego vivamente la cortesia di cotesto Comando di voler dare disposizioni per la definizione della posizione giuridica di n° 99 stranieri ristretti in questa Casa Penale fra cui n° 79 mantengrini, n° 4 albanesi e n° 16 slavi i quali, non appena avvenuto l'Armistizio mi hanno chiesto di poter conferire con qualche Ufficiale di cotesto Comando.

I 99 detenuti sono qui perché condannati dai Tribunali Militari di Guerra.

Rimetto con l'occasione una istanza diretta a cotesto Comando della Ditta C A P P E L L O , la quale nei lavori di carattere militare eseguiti finora si è servita della mano d'opera dei detenuti, la cui capacità è tale da potere eseguire lavori di carattere militare in genere e di piste di atterraggio.

Numerosi condannati, un 200 circa, hanno lavorato sino al momento dello Armistizio sul campo di Leverano alla dipendenza della Ditta CAPPELLO.

Ringrazio.

Con osservanza.



IL DIRETTORE
(Dott. Adelchi Maselli)

Handwritten signature of Adelchi Maselli.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512 U.S. ARMY
Brigadier K.W.D. Strong

B/S/Gen/161

24 Sep 43

Dear General.

This is to introduce Lt.-Col. Simonds who is in charge of M.I. 9 operations in the Mediterranean Area. He has come over especially to cope with the escape and rescue problem of Allied P.O.W.s at large in Italy.

I should be most grateful for any assistance you can give him in this respect. I apologise for this horde which is descending on you continuously.

Thank you so much for all your kindness during my visit.

Yours v. sincerely,

Kenneth Strong.

Lt. General Mason MacFarlane, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.
C-in-C
Gibraltar

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G-3 (Ops B) Section, A. F. Hq.

JFB/ghp 25 Sept, 43.

FATIMA

RPTD 15 ARMY GROUP (FOR BILLINGHAM)

FOR ASSISTANCE FW IN EAST ITALY FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS MADE X SIGNED
CINC X CITE PHOCT X FIRST X REPORTING FATIMA TWENTY SIX SEPT LT COL
SIMONDS X SECOND X ARRIVING TWENTY SEVEN SEP FOUR OFFICER TWO CRS
TAC A FORCE TWO OFFICERS FIFTEEN CRS OSS WITH ALL NECESSARY STORES
IN FOUR AIRCRAFT X THIRD X ARRIVING EARLY FROM MALTA CAPT ROBB X
FOURTH X SIMONDS BRINGS DIRECTIVE ND PLAN AGREED NAAF ND AIRBORNE
FORCES AFHQ X SHIP REQUIREMENTS BEING ARRANGED WITH CINC MED X REQUEST
YOUR COOPERATION

COORDINATED WITH:

"A" FORCE

DISTRIBUTION:

SGS
Cin C Med
G-2
G-3
Airborne Forces
"A" Force
AG Records

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

G-3 (Ops B) Section A.F.H.Q.

LOWELL W. BOOKS

Maj. Gen., G.S.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 SECTION

25 September 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Allied Military Mission.

SUBJECT: Rescue of P.W. in East ITALY.

1. It has been reported that large numbers of Allied P.W. are now at large between ANCONA and PESCARA, mostly moving South.

2. Lt. Col. A. Simmonds, R. Berks, has been sent to you to establish Tac HQ 'A' Force at a place to be decided on his arrival.

His task is to organize all available resources to rescue as many P.W. as possible.

These resources and an outline plan are shown in Appendix A.

3. It will be appreciated if you will give Lt. Col. Simmonds, his staff and troops all possible facilities and assistance in carrying out their task.

Lowell W. Rooks
LOWELL W. ROOKS, *et al.*

Major General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

Copies to:

15 Army Group
8 Army
5 Corps
78 Div
1 Airborne Div

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APPENDIX "A"

TO MEMORANDUM TO ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
DATED 25 SEPTEMBER 1943

Outline Plan For Rescue of P.W. in East ITALY.

1. Plan, Tac HQ 'A' Force will open in the HEEL under command Lt. Col. Simmonds, R. Berks, on 26 Sep. to organize mass rescue of Allied P.W. in East ITALY.
2. Lt. Col. Simmonds' plan is to send guides by land and air to the areas in which P.W. are, to direct them Southwards or to agreed rendezvous on beaches. He is also arranging with the Naval authorities to send small craft of all sorts to these beaches to take the men off.

If he receives information that P.W. urgently need food, this will be arranged by Airborne Forces, AFHQ, on receipt of a signal to that effect.

3. Resources available.

(a) Sea

C-in-C Med has been asked to make available all possible small craft for evacuation of P.W. from beaches and, if necessary, for infiltration of guides or transport of supplies.

(b) Land

15 Army Group have been asked to make available:-

- (i) One platoon (30 men) 1 Airborne Div for infiltration by land as far as FESCARA.
- (ii) One Det (20 men) 2 SAS Regt for air dropping between ANCONA and FESCARA. These dets are expected to report in as & when available.
- (iii) ~~(iii)~~ AFHQ are providing:-
One det 2677 Hq Co Exp (17 men & W/T set).
- (iv) Staff of 4 officers, 2 OR's ~~2 OR's~~ ^{1st Lt}
Parties in (iii) and (iv) arrive by special aircraft 27 Sep.
- (v) Parachutes and containers as required are being supplied from KAIRUAN under arrangements Airborne Forces, AFHQ.
- (c) M.A.C. has agreed to make available 4 aircraft.

If more are needed, a cable must be made to Airborne Forces stating

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
APO 512

28 September 1943

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Lieut. Colonel Simmonds who is in charge of MI-9 operations in the Mediterranean area, has been ordered by General Eisenhower, AFHQ, to carry out the rescue of several thousand Allied ex-prisoners of war now at large in eastern Italy.

You are requested to give Lieut. Colonel Simmonds every possible facility and assistance to carry out his task that he may require.

Colonel Simmonds carries authorization from General Alexander that Army commanders are to give him what help he needs to carry out his task. This is likely to include transport, rations w/T sets and fuel.

S/ta

F.N. MASCH MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief of Mission

COPY TO:

Lt. Col. Simmonds

1982

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
APO 512

28 September 1943

Commander,
Bari Sub Area.

Lieut. Colonel Simmonds, the bearer of this letter, has been instructed by General Alexander to carry out the task of rescuing several thousand Allied ex-prisoners of war now at large in eastern Italy.

You are requested to give Lieut. Colonel Simmonds every possible assistance he may require. His immediate needs are transport, W/T sets, fuel, rations, accommodations: which he can explain in detail. It is requested that every effort be made to supply these from sources at your disposal to the fullest extent possible.

S/ta

F. H. MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief of Mission

COPY TO:

Lt. Col. Simmonds

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

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PREC : ROUTINE

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

M/C NO: 16

REF NO: 97

FILED : 271511A Sept 43

REC'D :

? confirmed
Backer Pev firms Leigh Co, Rawson and Diana are Prisoners in War. FDD

FATIMA for A force Simonds from Crichton. In uniform.

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M/C No. 16

Ref. No. 97

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NO: N 24/30

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: 2113

PREC: ROUTINE

FILED: 271500A Sept 43

FROM: 15th ARMY GROUP

REC'D:

TO: HQ V ARMY for G-2 for HERBERT for G-3
for, FATIMA SIMONDS AFHQ for A FORCE

GOOSEBERRY 2 cancelled by order of C in C. Number 1 section endeavouring
send SPOON to Beach earliest. From FILLINGHAM.

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC : PRIORITY

FROM : 15 ARMY GROUP

TO : For G-2 HERBERT for G-3 for HUNTER for
13 CORPS for NERVO 1st British Airborne
for PALVEY PATMA for SIMONDS

M/C NO: N20/30

REF NO:

FILED : 27 Sept

REC'D :

Advanced N section closes present location CASSIBILE, Sicily 1900 hours
30th September opens area San Spirito P 3088 northwest Bari approximately 1000
hours 4th October. Postal and signal address for new location will remain as
at present. From FILLINGHAM.

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SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: MOST SECRET

PRED : OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

TO : MAIN 13 CORPS Rptd MAIN 15 ARMY
GROUP, HQ ALLIED MILITARY MISSION

M/C NR:

REF NR: SD 2351

FILED : 27 Sept 1943

REC'D : 270930A 1943

Confirmation telephone. Corps will detail one troop S.A.S. complete with transport to assist escape Allied P.O.W. now in German occupied areas of Italy. Troop leader will report for instructions to Lieutenant Colonel Simmonds at Headquarters Allied Military Mission, Brindisi, 27 September.

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SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC : ROUTINE

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

W/C NO: N 21/28

REF NO: 287

FILED : 2720024 Sept

REC'D :

1. D Signal from AGAR to HYPERN THREE of 25 September states that 12th Air Force sea rescue boats required for use by us will be shipped soonest available boat, For FATIMA for "A" FORCE SLANDS from HOLDER. To be given priority over other cargo HYPERN THREE requested by us delived boats AC. No alternative as 12th Air Force boats may not operate on enemy benches.
3. TOWBRIDGE consulted and will be willing to release boats if better use can be made of than through AC

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PREC : PRIORITY

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

M/C NO: N 7/28

REF NO: 288

FILED :

REC'D : 272002A Sept

1. Essential you send accurate estimate numbers of ELKS likely to require rescue by sea and exact locations embarkation points soonest. For FATIMA for "A" FORCE SIMONDS from CRICHTON. 2. CINC MED requires this information and considers present figures exaggerated. 3. Have informed HVSC of your proposed activities. 4. BRIG. STRONG informed by Italians possibility some 8,000 PAMS under SLT(?) guard at Mount EURA, No 43 ° - 14° North, 13° - 41' East.

This copy only R.Y. M. 28001 to July
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PREC : ROUTINE

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

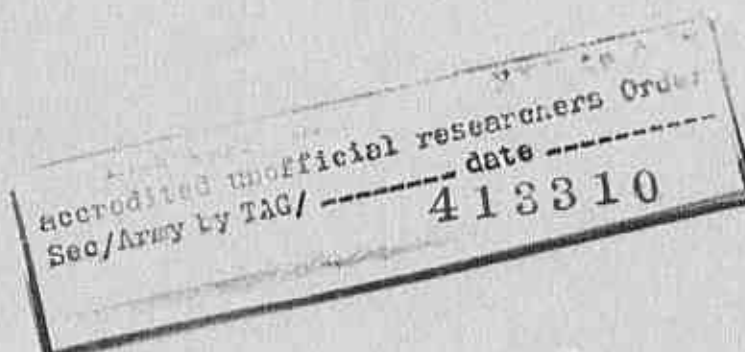
M/C NR: N 17/28

REF NO. 329

FILED: 272122A Sep

REC'D:

Understand Italian authorities have ordered general release of P/W and directed them to make for East and South. Consider their chances of escape will be greatly increased if BADOGLIO Government issues proclamation by radio and leaflet enjoining population to assist them in all ways, to direct them South and give food and shelter. Monetary rewards for assistance can be promised. Grateful you arrange such proclamation. Signed EISENHOWER NEW SUBJECT: Request from Italian authorities names of camps which have definitely been opened. Have they any knowledge numbers left in other camps. Request early reply.



ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC : IMMEDIATE

FROM : FATIMA

TO : MAIN 8TH ARMY rpt MAIN 15TH ARMY GROUP

M/C NO: 17/28

REF NO: 166

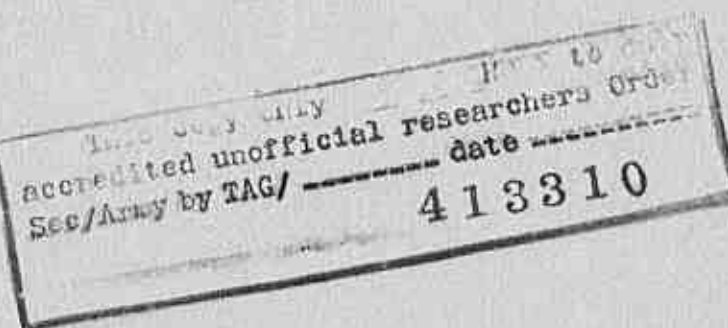
FILED : 282328A Sept

REC'D :

REF YOUR SD TWO THREE FIVE ONE OF TWO SEVEN SEPTEMBER PD CONTEMPLATED OPERATION
BY FRENCH TROOPS ON EAST COAST LIKELY TO COMPROMISE ESCAPE PLANS THIS AREA PD
REQUEST THAT THIS TROOP SAS REPEAT SUGAR ABLE SUGAR NOW AT MANFREDONIA BE ALSO
PUT UNDER COMMAND AND REMAIN THERE AS TROOP AND BOAT VERY USEFUL IN ESCAPE OPERATION
SAME AREA AS THEIR ORIGINAL PLANS PD TO MAIN 8TH ARMY rpt ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP FROM
SIMONDS SIGNED MACFARLANE PD REPLY TO BARI HEADQUARTERS SUBAREA AS MOVING BARI
TWO NINE SEPTEMBER

AUTHENTICATED:

FRANK A. RANTER
1st Lieut, AGD
Adjutant General



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PREC : PRIORITY

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

M/C NR: N 2027

REF NO. 96/27

FILED: 271510A 1943 Sep

REC'D

Following information from monitoring report of 22 September.

German Supreme Command issued warning to Italians to beware fugitive Allied PW escaped from camps and offered reward 1800 Lire or 20 pounds sterling for everyone recaptured or betrayed.

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC : PRIORITY

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

M/C NO: 13/29

REF NO: 742

FILED : 2823294 Sept

REC'D:

Herein is paraphrase of information received from BASIN via TROOPERS. For
FATIMA A FORCE Simonds Rptd MIDEAST for PACKER Rptd TAC A Force FILLINGHAM from
HOLDER. Cairo pass to MIDEAST.

- a) Camp 53: During July 3rd 76 transferred from 73, 60 from 59, 523 from 70 and 806 from 53. July 21st all despatched unknown destination believed ESTONIA.. All technicians.
- b) Camp 57: Early September reported cleared British for Americans.
- c) Camp 47: Modena 300 Officers seen entrain for Germany.
- d) Camp 19: 1) Visited 2 September divided 2 sections separately for ~~German~~ German and Italian captives. Of former all RAF Americans and paratroops transferred Germany. 2) Commandant at first refused release and trebled guards. After consultation SBO allow gaps in wire as bolt holes against German arrival. Assured SBO would not hand over to Germans. 3) Germans arrived 0400 September 9th without warning and attacked camp. When PW attempted break out Germans opened fire killing one officer. 4) 900 Officers, 250 other ranks entrained for Germany, 12 Officers got away, 90 others hid in camp, 2 Officers escaped from train.
- e) Captains McRabb and Savage in prison Sulmona on long sentences.
- f) Partisan activity unlikely without loaders or arms. Potential groups Alpini in area foothills Alps on French Frontier south of latitude 45.

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e) Camp 49: Fontenellato (Col. Wheeler, RA informant) 450 Officers, 120 other ranks released 10 September, 2/3 went south to hide in hills or rejoin Allies, 1/3 in civilian clothes northwards. Italian peasants and some Camp Staff helped with money and clothes. Italians generally less likely to help since German Proclamation offering rewards threatening death for harbouring. Civilians in LCM# GARWY (?) hypnotised by German occupation methods and severe penalties. Helpers terrified, inactive; Fascists denouncing them. No confidence BADGLIO as run away V check at Salerno Liked (?) universal panic. Eighth/respected but not Americans.

h) Up to midday 25 September reported to MA RPT KA Berne British Officers 28, other ranks 500, Cypriots (?) 185, fighting French 153, grand total 866.

j) General: All services and railways controlled by Germans. All cities and small towns contain German Detachments. Curfew 2100 hours, penalty shooting. Germans seizing all Lorries, Bicycles, Cars.

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REF NO: 173

PREC: IMPORTANT

FILED: 291702Z Sept

FROM: FATIMA

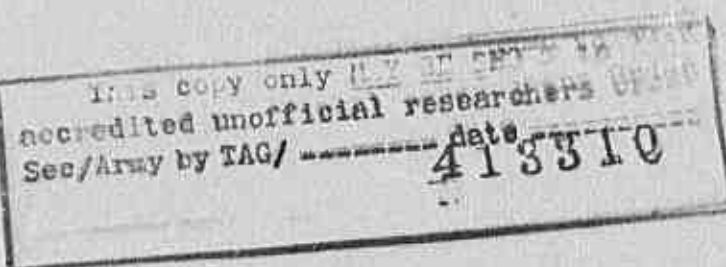
REC'D:

TO: 15th ARMY GROUP rptd FREEDOM

ALL TROOPS ALLOTTED FOR SCHEME HAVE REPORTED AND ARE AT BARI PD TO ONE FIVE ARMY
GROUP FOR FILLINGHAM RPTD FREEDOM FOR A REPEAT ABLE FORCE FROM SIMONDS SIGNED
MACFARLANE PD SELF AND HEADQUARTERS MOVING TO BARI TWO NINE SEPTEMBER PD BATHAM
REAR OFFICE AT FATIMA PD RESCUE OPERATIONS START NEXT FOUR EIGHT HOURS PD HERVO
AND KNOX IN TOUCH BUT DOING THEIR PROPER ROLES

AUTHENTICATED:

FRANK A. BANTER
1st Lieut, AGD
Adjutant General



ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE.

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HOLDER

291349A Sep.

SIMONDS

Following from Packer. (FOR FATIMA "A" FORCE SIMONDS FROM HOLDER).

He has taken all possible action officially through Minister of State to Foreign Office personally through Charge d'Affaires Eton to ensure fair treatment of Leigh. Also for your private information Toads trying to arrange release through bribery. London informed they are confirmed PW.

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SVC/RELAY NR:

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PREC : ROUTINE

FROM : HOLDER

TO : SIMONDS

M/C NO: 16/30

REF NO: 1065

FILED : 291849A Sept

REC'D :

(a) ^{Handwritten} Runter reports from interview with UDF ELKS that following SCUMS helpful. FOR FATIMA A FORCE SIMONDS FROM HOLDER.

1) Modestino Nero, Roseto Valfortore, NR FOGGIA.

2) Altiles Leonardo, Fuarcangelo, Alcerona.

(b) The ELKS escaped from one of three unregistered camps 12 miles west of LUCERA near FOGGIA. Heard that three others escaped and probably lying up in that area. Rest taken north under guard on 21 August.

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ROUTINE

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HOLDER

291850A Sep.

SIMONDS

TROOPERS have supplied us with names of SCUM who have assisted out ELKS in area of Trento. (FOR FATIMA RPT "A" FORCE SIMONDS RPTD TAC "A" FORCE FILLINGHAM RPTD 15 ARMY GROUP MAIN FROM HOLDER). They also supply information from MA BERNE as to probable whereabouts of ELKS from PUB 49 FONTANELATO. We are passing all this information to our FORK going to this area. This for your information.

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PREC : ROUTINE

FROM : 15th ARMY GROUP

TO : FATIMA

M/C NO:

REF NO: 1/4

FILED : 29 Sept 43

REC'D :

am informed that Yugoslav prisoners may still be held by Italian authorities as follows. 29 in Carcere Giudizario Bari; 120 in Isola di Termite; concentration camp Lecce; civil prison Brindisi.

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FREEDOM

292143A Sep

FATIMA

In interview with Lieut. Cross 1st Worcestershires escaper from
Camp 19 Bologna (FOR FATIMA "A" FORCE SIMONDS RPTD TAC "A" FORCE
FILLINGHAM FROM HOLDER). Following name given as helpful Italian who
gave him clothes, food and money. Signor Giovanni at Castel San Pietro.
Cross gave him name and address in England.

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1987

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC : ROUTINE

FROM : EISENHOWER

TO : MARTELLI

M/C NR: 17/30

REF. NO. 1088

FILED: 291906A 1943 Sep

REC'D:

If Badoglio agrees to broadcast Proclamation asking Italian Population assist escaped Allied PS/BW reference FREEDOM 329 September 27. This should not ~~be~~ broadcast from Bari until recording can be sent Algiers and Tunis for simultaneous broadcast and signal for release should emanate from here.

Reference may be made to a reward but should not mention any actual figure.

Proclamation should not include instructions to PS/BW to proceed in any particular direction.

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE.

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FREEDOM

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FATIMA (Col. Simonds)

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Castellano has suggested to Brig. Strong that area Civitanova may prove profitable (FOR FATIMA "A" FORCE SIMONIS FROM HOLDER) for escape work.

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1952

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

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PRIORITY

1498

FREEDOM

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FATIMA

Lewis here (FOR TAC "A" FORCE FILLINGHAM RPTD FATIMA "A" FORCE FOR
SIMONDS FROM HOLDER) waiting instructions.

1961

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS : SECRET

PREC : PRIORITY

FROM : FREEDOM (HOLDER)

TO : FATIMA (SIMONDS)

M/C NR: N 1/1

REF. NO: 1499

FILED : 301857A Sep

REC'D :

Steps should be taken your end to prevent correspondents interviewing
Escapers and Evaders. Telling of stories direct contravention and W.D.
Orders. None may be published. Secure security certificates on all
Escapers and Evaders. Your 1/10 refers. Similar measures being attempted
here.

1960

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS : SECRET

PREC : IMMEDIATE

FRGM : FATIMA

TO : FREEDOM rpt to AFHQ ADV CP at Amilcar

M/C NR : 15/1

REF. NO. 205

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REC'D : 011913

YOUR NUMBER ONE ZERO EIGHT EIGHT.

AM MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO RECORD BROADCAST REFERENCE PRISONERS OF WAR
AS REQUESTED.

AUTHENTICATED:

F.N. MASON MACCARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief of Mission

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NO: 15/02

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: 2036

PREC: ROUTINE

FILED: 012121A Oct

FROM: FREEDOM (HOLDER)

REC'D:

TO: FATIMA (ACTION) & FORCE SIMONS
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FILLINGHAM, INFOR 15 ARMY GROUP

Message from TROOPERS states that in woods and mountains round Sabina there
are reported to be some 4000 prisoners of war.

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PREC: ROUTINE

FROM: HOLDER

TO: SIMONDS

M/C NO: N 27/03

REF NO: 2515

FILED: 022248A Oct

REC'D:

TRCOPERS advise that crew overpowered LEIGH on way from SAGINOS to neighboring island and surrendered him to Germans at SYRA flown to ATHENS and now believed PW at AVEROFF prison information from Minister of State Cairo. (TO FATIMA ACTION)

Swiss Minister Athens (FOR FATIMA "A" FORCE SIMONDS FROM HOLDER) being asked to assist by British Minister Berne because of help in securing release FELIX.

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1957

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

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CLASS: SECRET

REF NR: A-199

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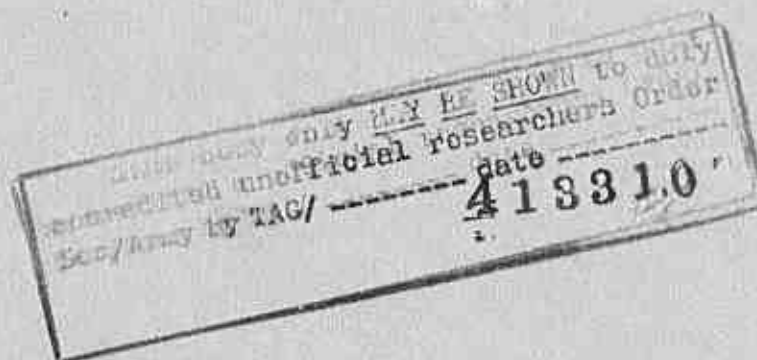
FILED : 031830 Oct

FROM : H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP

REC'D :

TO : P.W. SUB COMMISSION C/O 6 BASE
SUB AREA - FOR ACTIONAFHQ-G1 (BR) MIDEAST, 5 ARMY, 8 ARMY
MAIN NO 1 DISTRICT, NO 2 DISTRICT
(FORTBASE), FATIMA - FOR INFO

Reference this HQ 3091/1/A2 dated 26 September paragraph 2 (d). Firstly, Yugoslav Military P/W to be retained Southern Italy preferably Adriatic Coast. Secondly, all Greeks and Poles to Mideast. Thirdly, all Greeks and Northern Europeans to North Africa. Authority FREEDOM cite FHGAB No. 1986 of October 1st.



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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: SECRET

PRI: PRIORITY

FROM: FREEDOM

TO : FALTA from HOLDER "A" FORCE
SIMONIS rptd TROOPS for
CROCKETT rptd MIDDLEST for PACKER

M/C NO: 13/03

REF NO: 2516

FILED : 031135A Oct

REQ'D :

Following copy of information forwarded by GSC 3 HUNTER with Headquarters

Fifth Army. Unless otherwise stated all information obtained at first hand.

(a) Camp 32 LATERNAL (?) Commandant kept prisoners of war guarded after armistice. Said he would defend themselves against the Germans. 12 September guards fled ..?.. Command Headquarters Englishmen and by day prisoners of war been fired upon by Germans and Carabinieri. Source believes 3,000 remain in camp rebellious removed to Germany. This information from CIC report.

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(c) All camps Naples area evacuated before Armistice.

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(f) Sub Camp VAGLIA north FLORENCE (?) approximately (?) 50 PW's all set free on Armistice.

(g) Sub Camp reported near SAN-LORENZO east of VAGLIA. Fate of 400 PW's not known.

(h) Camp containing 250 South African PW reported 60 Kms north VENICE.

(j) Camp BUSSENTON. PARMA contained 500 Englishmen prisoners of war. 10 to 15 escaped remainder handed to Germans. Information second hand.

(k) Camp 21 CHIETI. 15th September Commandant strong FASCIST still keeping PW under guard. TROOPERS (?) ----- (?) HMA BERNE if considered advisable interfere there (?). FILLINGHAM already in possession this information.

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FROM : HOLDER (FREEDOM)

TO : TROOPERS CROCKATT RPTD FATIMA "A" FORCE SIMONS

M/C NO: N 6/04

REF NO: 2695

FILED : 031604A Oct

REC'D :

Reference my 557 September 28th. Further confirmation received from MIDEAST through agent in SALONIKA area that BARRISH LEVIDES and SOE representative captured and arrived there 24th September.

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SVC/RELAY NR:

M/C NR: 07/06

CLASS: SECRET

REF NR: 292

PRED: PRIORITY

FILED: 061746A Oct

FROM: FATIMA

REC'D:

TO: FREEDOM for PWB rpt to AFHQ ADV CP at
FAIRFIELD REAR and AMILCAR for PWB

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MESSAGE REGARDING PRISONERS PD
QUOTE EVERY ITALIAN WHO SUCCEEDS IN RESCUING FROM GERMAN HANDS PRISONER OF THE ALLIED
NATIONS AND DELIVERS HIM TO THE AUTHORITIES OF THE SAID NATIONS WILL RECEIVE
REWARD UNQUOTE PD MISSION CONSIDERED UNNECESSARY RECORD MESSAGE WHICH HAS ALREADY
BEEN BROADCAST AND PUBLISHED BARI NEWSPAPER

AUTHENTICATED:

FRANK A. RAHTER
1st Lieut AGD
Adjutant General

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS : SECRET

PREC : IMMEDIATE

FROM : FATMA

TO : FREEDOM rpt to AFHQ ADV CP

M/C NR: 9/03

REF. NO. 249

FILED: 031424A Oct

REC'D:

REFERENCE MY TWO ZERO FIVE.

BADOGGIO HAS ISSUED HIS PROCLAMATION REGARDING HELP FOR ALLIED PRISONERS
OF WAR IN THE LOCAL PRESS. AM ARRANGING TO HAVE THIS RECORDED FOR BROADCASTING
AS REQUESTED.

AUTHENTICATED:

F.N. MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief of Mission.

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NR:

CLASS: (Not Given)

PREC : (Not Given)

FROM : FORTEASE

TO : AFHQ rptd MIDEAST 15 ARMY GROUP
ALLIED MILITARY MISSION, PW SUB
COMMISSION

M/C NR: DRL

REF NR: 42A

FILED : 8 October
(No DTG)

REC'D : 091900A (VIA DRL)

Cite FHGAB and FH MGS. Reference your 3386 of 5 October, 1943. Following
agreed with Allied Military Mission and 15 Army Group.

1. All Allied Nationals released or escaped from Axis control to be
WD responsibility through the PW Sub Commission pending establishment
of proper Foreign Office or State Dept Organization.
2. PW Sub-Commission to receive register and interrogate all such personnel.
3. Sub-Commission will maintain refugees in Italy until such time as they
are evacuated to ME or NA in accordance with your instructions or until
such time as proper organization is established.
4. Proposed those of proved dual nationality are released in Italy after
interrogation provided they have means of support.
5. Request your agreement and ETA proper organization.
6. In view of possible large numbers involved and necessity for release
PW Sub-Commission from this task early establishment proper organization
essential.

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

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PREC : OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM : FORTEASE

TO : REAR EIGHTH ARMY
151st SUB AREA (BARLETTA)
ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
BRITISH MILITARY MISSION
15th ARMY GROUP

M/c NO: DRL

REF NO: 2/137

FILED : 111200A Oct

REC'D : 121200A

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1. PW Sub Commission request use of Italian camp No. 65 GRALIA (ALTEMURA) to accommodate all released Allied PW and Allied Nationals. Certain engineer work necessary to recondition camp. Report follows.
 2. For Allied Military Mission understand Italian Military have no objection as camp now unoccupied.
 3. Please treat as urgent.

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FREEDOM

AFTER DISCUSSING REFUGEE MATTERS WITH BRIGADIER VENABLES I AM IMPRESSED WITH THE NEED FOR A PROMPT DECISION ON THE FOLLOWING COLON HAREN ONE PAREN THE MANNER OF PROVIDING OF CLOTHING FOR REFUGEES OF THE ALLIED NATIONS IN CAMPS IN ITALY SEMICOLON PAREN TWO PAREN A PROCEDURE FOR A PROMPT EVACUATION OF THESE CAMPS PD TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARIANE PD PENDING THE ARRIVAL OF THE MISPLACED PERSONS COMMISSION I RECOMMEND THAT SOMEONE REPRESENTING THE LATTER ORGANIZATION COME TO ITALY TO DISCUSS LONG RANGE PLANS WITH VENABLES WITHOUT DELAY

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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AFHQ
Adv Adm Ech
C.M.F.

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- Cases continue to occur where Allied ex-P.W. have been evacuated direct to MIDDLE EAST or NORTH AFRICA without passing through the P.W. Sub-Commission.

2. Hospitals will notify the P.W. Sub-Commission immediately of the arrival of any Allied ex-P.W. In cases where it is essential on medical grounds to evacuate such cases direct from this country the P.W. Sub-Commission will be notified as early as possible.

3. All ex-P.W. personnel for evacuation from ITALY are issued with an Embarkation Card from the Transit or Collection Camp of the Sub-Commission. No ex-P.W. personnel (except hospital cases) will be allowed to leave the country without such official Embarkation Card.

4. The notification of next of kin of the release of P.W. must only be dealt with by the P.W. Sub-Commission - individual notifications will not be made.

W. P. H. ~~Colonel~~
for Major-General
D.C.M.

Major-General,
D.C.A.O.

Copy to:- Q,
Mov & Tn.
Medical,
P.W. Sub Commission,
A.M.G.
Allied Military Mission, ~~or~~
AFHQ (for consideration and publication as a G,R,O.)

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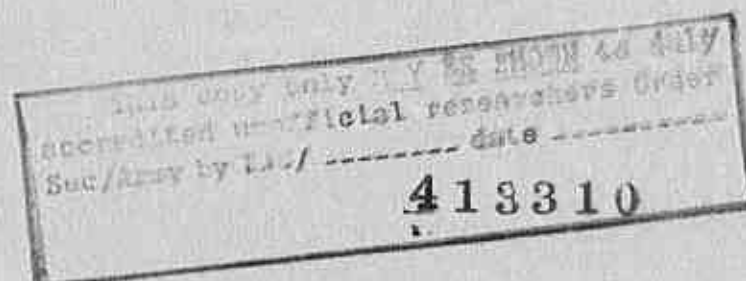
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Reference your 640 of 28th October.

Clothing. Arrangements made for Red Cross to provide. Estimate of future requirements made and shipment to this theater in hand. Red Cross representative now with displaced persons Sub Commission.

Evacuation. After discussion of all concerned, policy agreed that personnel to remain in camps for present.

Chief and some officers displaced persons Sub Commission now with Headquarters Allied Military Government Palermo. Have cabled them send representative discuss problems with you earliest.



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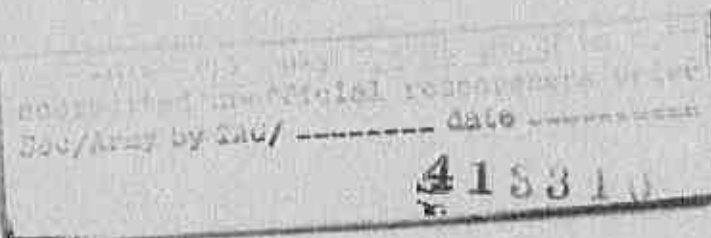
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FLAMBO ALLIED MILITARY MISSION

Proposed to form two pioneer labor companies from Yugoslav, Czech and Polish personnel in Tarsia concentration camp. FLAMBO please give policy and scale for clothing, equipment, rations and pay, and authority to form. Mission please say if proposal approved.



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NUMBER TWO DISTRICT PROPOSES TO FORM TWO PIONEER LABOR COMPANIES FROM YUGOSLAV CMA
CZECH AND POLISH PERSONNEL IN TARSIA CONCENTRATION CAMP AND REQUESTS THE APPROVAL OF
THIS MISSION PD TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACERLANE PD WHAT IS THE
APPROVED POLICY QUERY

AUTHENTICATED

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.

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Para 1. Policy. No authority formation of civilians into formed bodies for labor purposes, but otherwise work should be provided for such personnel where practicable. TO FATIMA FOR MACFARLANE REPEATED FARGO FOR DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FIMGS REFERENCE YOUR 691 OF 31 OCTOBER. Para 2. As already notified Missions from Governments of Allied Nations called forward and will be despatched earliest possible. Para 3. For your information local Representatives of Allied Governments advise as follows. (A) Yugoslavia would like to see Nationals kept busy, but unable give detailed views without knowledge ages, criminal records, and National and Political Allegiance. Latter most important, as likely considerable difference of opinion amongst personnel which might cause strife. (B) Poles. Substantially as for Yugoslavs. (C) Czechs. Concernes lest as majority male personnel likely to be from Liberal Professions might not stand manual work. Requests holds Nationals together until arrival Mission.

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Hidest have requested information present whereabouts of Greeks as follows:
(TO FANGO AND FATIMA SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FRAGS). (a) Former Greek Minister of
Air by name of Aleco Zannos. (b) General Manettas who was former Chief Greek
General Staff. (c) Conndouriotis (?) rank of Lieutenant Commander. All believed
released from Greek hostage camp in Southern Italy, and later although no
confirmation of this may have been moved Trivolitanis (?). Can you trace. If so
request all particulars be sent here.

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5. For Fatima. New E.H. of Displaced Persons sub-Commission should be considered with a view to absorb such surplus PW sub-Commission personnel as may be suitable.

6. Request agreement.

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ACTION PROCEEDS INFO FLAMBO FATIMA PW SUB COMMISSION o/o HISTAO

Reference Troopers 62918 of 28 Jan to Freedom only. Agreed PW Sub-Commission on present scale is far too big and displaced persons Sub-Commission urgently need personnel for whom at present there is no establishment. Am therefore reorganizing as under.

1. As a temporary measure PW Sub-Commission is authorized to attach surplus officers and men to Displaced Persons Sub-Commission pending revision of both ME's on following lines which we are now considering.
2. Administration and Repatriation of escaped PW will be responsibility of AGMF using normal military channels, augmented as follows:
3. To ensure speedy evacuation proper welfare and documentation a small unit will be formed out of present PW Sub-Commission designated "ex-PW Administrative unit." This will consist of HQ and reception camps near port Capranco with small advance detachment for forward duty with armies and a small embarkation camp for personnel going Middle-East. Total strength approximately 18 officers and 30 OR's. This unit capable expansion to meet larger commitments should they eventuate.
4. Indian dominion commonwealth, etc. personnel will be attached to units in third above or disposed of after consultation with representatives concerned.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION RBD/mip/arr
APO 394

In reply
refer to: 200.1

25 November 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: P/W Sub Committee

1. Headquarters Mideast has requested information on the whereabouts of the following Greeks:

- a. Aleco Zannac, former Greek Minister of Air.
- b. General Manettas, former Chief Greek General Staff.
- c. Lt. Commander Conndouriotis.

2. It is requested that any information on the above be forwarded to this headquarters for onward transmission to Headquarters Mideast.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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

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