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*Restitution of Documents
- Attached, p. 1*

ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER
REAR H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

SEC GEN

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SUBJECT: Request for restitution of documents of war.

ABO/

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.

29 Jun 44

1. Attached translation of letter 1021/121/32 dated 14 Jun 44 from the High Commissioner for Prisoners of War is forwarded.

2. A reply which will permit of my informing General Gurnea of what action has been taken is requested.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

- 1 LUG. 1944

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

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

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Trans. No. 877

Cava dei Tirreni 14 144.

File No. 1021/MI1/G2

Subject: Request for restitution of documents of ex POW

TO ACC Salerno

Private Giuseppe BELLICANO' son of Domenico n. 51947 ex POW repatriated on 8 June 1943 (living in Reggio Calabria, Via Pensilvania Isolato 45-428) has asked for the restitution of the following objects which were sequestered by the British Authorities of Camp N. 360 Kenya in the Hospital of Andeburgo:

- a. Savings Book issued by the Bank of Italy - Office of Gimma with a credit of Lire: 21.400
- b. Military document (tesserino)
- c. Mail nurse certificate
- d. Various personal photographs and documents.

I beg this Commission to examine this application with due consideration. The POW has in fact informed that he is at present without any money and without any possibility of finding any work because of the lack of the sequestered documents.

The High Commissioner
(General Pietro Gazzera)

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23 June 1944

In reply refer to:
A/cc 383.6

27 JUN 1944

Subject: Restitution of personal property to repatriated
Prisoners of War.

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

1. The Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War has reported many instances of Italian Prisoners of War repatriated to Italy where Articles 6 and 24 of the Geneva Convention have not been complied with.

2. In Articles 6 and 24 it sets out that all Prisoners of War prior to release should have all private effects and monies held or due to him returned or paid prior to release on repatriation. Exchange in currency is not permitted without the consent of the Prisoner of War concerned.

3. I enclose translations of the presentations by the High Commissioner for Prisoners of War of twelve claims from repatriated Prisoners of War, for monies and personal effects of which they were relieved at the time of capture or on occasions of transfer from one camp to another. The High Commissioner for Prisoners of War states that in many cases the non-return of money etc. has been very hard on repatriated Prisoners of War and has caused much unhappiness.

4. Many Italians in North Africa and Italian East Africa who, at the outbreak of hostilities were taken prisoner, consigned their entire possessions in cash, government bonds, saving books, etc. to the Command who took them prisoner. As a rule the articles were enclosed in an envelope on which was written the name of the owner but a receipt was not always given.

5. If, on investigation, the statements made in the attached claims prove correct, it is requested that steps be taken to satisfy the claims as quickly as possible.

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6. It is also for consideration that early instructions be issued to staff and others handling the release of Prisoners of War to ensure that the correct procedure is known and the undesirable actions complained of not repeated in the future.

HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Enclosures as in para 3. (all refer to
High Commissioner for Prisoners of War
letters to A.C.C.)

1.	Letter - File No.	409/mil		dated	30 May 1944
2.	"	"	596(185) mil	"	6 June 1944
3.	"	"	597(199) mil	"	6 June 1944
4.	"	"	598(587) mil	"	6 June 1944
5.	"	"	599(208) mil	"	6 June 1944
6.	"	"	600(519) mil	"	6 June 1944
7.	"	"	601/mil/204	"	6 June 1944
8.	"	"	521/mil	"	7 June 1944
9.	"	"	608/mil	"	7 June 1944
10.	"	"	649/mil/G.2	"	9 June 1944
11.	"	"	653/mil/G.2	"	9 June 1944
12.	"	"	646/mil/G.2	"	15 June 1944

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TRANSLATION No 661 SORISI

High Commissioner for POW
File No 409/mil

Cava 30 May 44
TO: A.C.C. - Salerno

SUBJECT: Restitution of Money, Documents and Bonds to Medical
Colonel RITUCCI-CHINI Agostini.

1. Med Col RITUCCI-CHINI Agostini was taken prisoner at Mogadiscio by British forces and listed as No 72251. On May 11, 43, he was put on the Dutch hospital ship "Orange" and repatriated. He now states as follows:

A few days after the embarkation, obeying orders issued by British Authorities, he delivered, for censorship purposes, the following items which he intended to take to Italy, enclosed in 6 envelopes, which in turn were in a cotton bag:

- 1st. Personal health records;
- 2nd. Receipts, bills paid, administrative documents;
- 3rd. 20 Treasury Bonds of the value of 95,000 lire, 25 interest bearing postal bonds valued at 61,000 lire besides the accrued interest; 1 deposit book of the Bank of Italy with 15,000 lire; 2 money orders (non-transferable) of 50,000 lire each;
- 4th. Family snapshots;
- 5th. Railroad book and various identity cards;
- 6th. Promotion orders and military honors.

Name and surname of Col RITUCCI-CHINI were written on each envelope, and also on the cloth bag. This last was tied with ribbon and sealed in the presence of the officer himself.

The British Censorship officer, Lt H Damiana, assured him the documents would be censored in Cairo and then restored at the time of prisoner exchange which would occur at Smyrna. Arriving at Smyrna on 2 June, contrary to instructions, nothing was returned.

The Red Cross delegate travelling on the same ship assured the Col that the documents would be returned a few months after arrival. But up to now, about a year later, this has not been affected.

2. To the above, the Col adds that on 9 May 43, two days after leaving Mogadiscio, it was ordered that all officers and other ranks should deliver all currency and all valuable objects (watches, chains, rings, buttons, etc) which they wished to take away with them. The British Lt. H Damiana, already mentioned above, took in the items, issuing to each man a list of currency and objects put in his care. Each individual was given an envelope in which all articles and money were placed. The envelope, sealed with sealing wax, was written the name of the owner.

Arriving at Camp Helwan in Egypt the day before leaving for Alexandria, these envelopes were distributed, the envelope of the Col very much frayed, was found to be less a gold fountain pen, and a gold container which held a thermometer.

Aware of the fact that the above articles were missing, and since he held a receipt issued at Mogadiscio by Lt H Amiana, he made a complaint, which resulted in an inquiry. The Col was asked to file a report, which was given, and he was assured by the British that an investigation would be made of the matter.

3. In compliance with Art 24 of the Geneva Convention, I beg the AOC to use its good offices in connection with the British Government so that Hed Col RIZUCCHI-CHINCHI may regain the above mentioned items.

I feel it advisable to point out, in regard to the matter, that credit of POW may not be converted into other values without their consent, and that the officer involved has not given any consent whatsoever for that purpose.

The High Commissioner
(GENERAL PIETRO CASERNA)
/s/ P Caserna.

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TRANSLATION No 724 - SORISI

High Commissioner for POW
File No 596(185) mil

Cava 6 June 44
TO: - A.C.C. - Salerno

SUBJECT:- Reimbursement of Sum Due in Deposit Book of Medical
Major SPAGNOLETTI.

During his prison term, a deposit book was made out to Medical Doctor Major Galileo SPAGNOLETTI, ex PW in 1943 at Camp No 5, PW Myrtleford (Australia), in which monies due PW were put to his account in the Australian Bank at Melbourne, and the deposit book was held by the Australian Camp Administration.

The sum at the time of his repatriation, amounted to 950 pounds sterling, and consisted of salaries paid to the officer in addition to credits used for purchases at the Camp stores, which were issued to him from time to time.

When SPAGNOLETTI was repatriated he was not given the deposit book, nor did he get either the sum deposited or a receipt for the same.

Reference to Art 24, Geneva Convention, I beg the ACC to use its good offices with the detaining Power to procure quick payment of the 950 pounds sterling with deposit book to Medical Doctor Major Galileo SPAGNOLETTI. Art 24 prescribes that deposits of PW cannot be converted to another value without his consent.

The High Commissioner
(GENERAL PIETRO GAZZERA)
/s/ P Gazzera

TRANSLATION No 721 - SORISI

High Commissioner for POW
File No 597(199) mil

Cava 6 June 44
TO: A.C.C. - Salerno

SUBJECT:- Restitution of Money to Capt. BACCHELLI.

Capt Desiderio BACCHELLI, repatriated 8 Dec 43, states that on 1 August 43, he gave 27,000 French francs to the Command of the English PW Camp at Corso (Algeria), which sum was put in an envelop, signed by BACCHELLI himself.

At the time of repatriation, BACCHELLI received neither money nor receipt.

Reference Art 24, Geneva Convention, I beg the ACC to use its good offices with the Detaining Power to procure quick payment of the 27,000 French francs to Capt Desiderio BACCHELLI. Art 24 prescribes that deposits of PW cannot be converted to another value without his consent.

The High Commissioner
(GENERAL PIETRO GAZZERA)
/s/ P Gazzera,

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TRANSMISSION No 722 - SORISI

High Commissioner for POW
File No 598(587) mil

Cava 6 June 49.

TO: - A.C.O. - Salerno

SUBJECT: - Request for Payment in Full of PW DE LUCA Teodoro,
Repatriated.

PW DE LUCA Teodoro, now repatriated, was given a statement of his credits, copy of which is enclosed, from which it seems the Detaining Power owes him 948 shillings 75 pence.

He was interned at Camp No 352, Kenya.

Reference Art 24, Geneva Convention, I beg the ACC to use its good offices with the Detaining Power to procure quick payment of 948 shillings 75 pence to PW DE LUCA Teodoro. Art 24 prescribes that deposits of PW cannot be converted to another value without his consent.

The High Commissioner
(GENERAL PISTRO GAZZERA)
/s/ P Gazzera.

Copy of attached:

STATEMENT ON ACCOUNT

Issued by General Headquarters Middle East Forces Embarkation
No. P.O.W. RANP 644 RANK .. Soldato NAME.. De Luca Teodoro
Credit balance at 27 May 49 E..sh 948,75 d..
I have received a copy of this statement
Supplementary Statement will be forwarded to the Italian Government.
Complete information received from East Africa.

p.c.c.
(certified copy)

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TRANSLATION No 720- SORISI

The High Commissioner for POW
File No 592(208) mil

Cava 6 June 44
TO: A.C.C. - Salerno

SUBJECT: - Restitution of Documents and Bonds taken from POW
Private TERRANOVA Salvatore

Private TERRANOVA Salvatore, ex-POW at Mendera, in Somaliland, Serial No 61892, was relieved of personal papers and 3 interest bearing bonds of lire 5,000 each, by POW Camp authorities when they were repatriating him.

Everything was enclosed in an envelope and TERRANOVA was given a receipt.

Quoting Art 24, Geneva Convention, I beg the ACC to use its good offices to contact the Detaining Power for a quick return of the items held by the latter.

The High Commissioner
(GENERAL PIETRO GAZZERA)
/s/ P Gazzera

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TRANSLATION No 727 - SONISI

High Commissioner for POW
File No 600(519) mil

Cava 6 June 44
TO: - A.C.C. - Salerno

SUBJECT: - Payment of Sum Deposited by Major CORR CAFFETTI Angiolo.

The Major of the Carabinieri Reali (CC RR) CAFFETTI Angiolo, repatriated from imprisonment, is the holder of the document of which we enclose a copy, from which it may be shown that he has a credit against the Government of the United States, of dollars 419.36, which he did not receive upon departure.

The document also contains other information which may help to trace the Camp in which he was interned.

Reference to Art 24, Geneva Convention, I beg the ACC to use its good offices with the Detaining Power to procure quick payment of dollars 419.36 to Major CC RR CAFFETTI Angiolo. Art 24 prescribes that deposits of PW cannot be converted to another value without his consent.

The High Commissioner
(GENERAL PIETRO GAZZERA)
/s/ P Gazzera

Copy of attached

PRISONER OF WAR
CERTIFICATE OF CREDIT BALANCE
P/W CAMP 131

Date 26 April 1944

This is to certify that Cappetti, Angello Maggiore (Major) 81-1-46405 has been a prisoner of War in custody of the U.S. Government from 13 May 43 to 26 April 44 and has a credit balance of dollars 419.36 Voucher No.... which has been credited to his account in the U.S. Treasury "Trust Fund 218915 - Deposits, funds of civilian internees and Prisoners of War", supported by approved payroll vouchers. The above amount is subject to change by the Finance Officer.

firmato: James T. Powers 2nd Lt Infantry
(signature of U.S. Army Personnel Officer)

Distribution:

1 copy to P/W
1 copy to PWIB c/o HMC Washington DC
1 copy for files

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TRANSLATION No 726 - SORISI

The High Commissioner for POW
File No 601/mil(204)

Cava 6 file 44
TO:- A.C.C. - Salerno

SUBJECT:- Payment of Sum Deposited by Major CARTA Vittorio

The Major of the CC RR, CARTA Vittorio, repatriated from imprisonment, is the holder of the document of which we enclose a copy, from which it may be shown that he has a credit against the Government of the United States, dollars 479.82, which he did not receive upon leaving.

The document also contains other information which may be useful to trace the camp in which he was interned.

Reference to Art 24, Geneva Convention, we beg the ACC to use its good offices with the Detaining Power in obtaining reimbursement by it to Major CARTA in the sum of dollars 479.82. You will note that Art 24 provides that the assets of PW may not be converted to other value without his consent.

The High Commissioner
(GENERAL PUERTO GANZERA)
/s/ P GANZERA

Copy of attached:

PRISONER OF WAR
CERTIFICATE OF CREDIT BALANCE
P.W. Enclosure N. 139
Mediterranean Base Section

date 26 April 44

This is to certify that CARTA Vittorio, Major 21-1-43407 has been a prisoner of war in custody of the U.S. Government from 13 May 43 to 26 April 44 and has a credit balance of \$ 479.82, for the period outlined above, which has been credited to his account in U.S. Treasury "Trust Fund 21915 - Deposits, funds of civilian internees and prisoners of war", supported by approved payroll vouchers.

* Stanley J Hart
2nd I.C.C.E., Adjutant.

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TRANSLATION No 725 - ROMANO
High Commissioner for POW
File No 521/ml1

Cav 14 June 44
TO: - A.C.C. - Salerno

SUBJECT: - Restitution of money, bonds and documents to Capt Ulderico D'URSO, M.D.

Captain Ulderico D'URSO, M.D., prisoner of war, bore the Series No 45342 in Camp No 305, Egypt.

His repatriation arranged, he was transferred on 10 Mar 42, to the Camp in the vicinity of Gencifa where he remained until 30 Mar 42, from whence he was eventually repatriated.

At the moment of departure from this latter Camp (Gencifa) in accordance with orders issued by the British Authorities, the said Capt Ulderico D'URSO enclosed what money he had with him in an envelope (4,500 Italian lire) as well as three interest bearing bonds (postal), amounting to the sum of 2,500 lire.

The envelope was sealed and on it was written the particulars of the officer. This envelope was then placed in a folder by the Camp authorities together with other personal documents of the officer himself, who was assured that all the money and the documents would be remitted to him in Italy, which has not as yet been fulfilled.

Reference Art 24, Geneva Convention, I beg the ACC to use its good offices with the Retaining Power to procure quick payment of 4,500 lire and the three interest bearing postal bonds, amounting to the sum of 2,500 lire, to Capt Ulderico D'URSO. Art 24 prescribes that the deposits of PI cannot be converted into other value without their consent.

The High Commissioner
(GENERAL PIETRO GAZZERA)
/s/ P Gazzera

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Translation No 723 14 June 1944 - Sorisi

High Commissioner for PW Cava di Tirreni 7 June 1944
No 608/Mil. TO: ACC Salerno

SUBJECT: Medical Soldier CARTA Severino of the late Francesco born in
Quarta S. Elena (Cagliari) on 28 Jan 1914 - ex PW No. 62426

Medical Soldier CARTA Severino, on leave, was captured 16
April, 1941, in Addis Ababa, was repatriated on 8 June 1943, on a
protected personal exchange.

British authorities of Camp of Mandera (Br. Somaliland),
the eve of his embarkation at Berera, took from CARTA all his personal
papers, among which a postal deposit book No 06286 (Naples) with entry
credits of lire 22,500, assuring him that everything would be sent to him
later, in Italy, to his address, Via Generale Gadolfo 13, Quarta S. Elena
(Cagliari) Sardinia.

To date he has received nothing.

This soldier, making the above complaint, begs that the postal
book be returned, in view of his poor financial condition.

I beg the Commission to use its good offices with the
competent British Authorities.

The High Commissioner
/s/ P. Garsera.

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TRANSLATION No 759 June 1944 - Romano

High Commissioner for PW, Cava dei Tirreni, 9 June 1944.
File No 649/MLI/G.2. TO: A.G.C.

SUBJECT: Private Felice fu Vincenzo SIANI, No. 192187, A.R.N. PW Camp
No 37 Great Britain, repatriated on 17 February 1944.

The PW in subject, repatriated on 17 Feb. last, has declared that during captivity in camp No 37, in Great Britain, he handed over to the Director of the Camp the sum of 1,900 lire to be sent to his family. He was issued a regular receipt for the sum, which receipt was later withdrawn from him by the Director of Hospital No 99, where he was admitted as a mental case, from June 1943 to 5th February 1944.

The said prisoner has declared also that during the period in Hospital No 99 he received no pay.

I beg the A.G.C. to notify the competent British Authorities of the above facts, in order that the person requesting may withdraw what is owing to him, according to Article 23 and 24 of the Geneva Convention.

The High Commissioner
/s/ P. Gazzera

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TRANSLATION No 719 Romano

The High Commissioner for POW

File No. 693/mil/G.2

Cava 9 June 1944

TO: A.C.C. Salerno

SUBJECT: Seaman Mario GARINI, son of Giuseppe. Application for payment of allotments not received during period of captivity.

The sailor in subject has presented to this High Commissioner the attached application.

Would the A.C.C. be so kind as to notify accordingly the competent authorities in order that the repatriated POW will be able to collect as soon as possible the amount he requests.

Sincere thanks.

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

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Cat 31 March 44

TO:- High Commission for POW
SUBJECT: Request for payment of Allotment omitted during captivity and return journey.

I, the undersigned Mario GARINI, son of Giuseppe, sailor and motor mechanic, born 1919, Genoa Military District, formerly of the 11th Submarine Squad, with Base at Bordeaux, declare as follows:

- to have been taken prisoner by the English Forces on the Atlantic on 25 October 1941, following the destruction of the submarine "FERRARIA", commanded by Capt. Elso Florin;
- To have stayed three days at Gibraltar and then to have been transferred to England, where I remained until 2 Nov 42. Later I was transferred to America, to the Camp of Monticello, until 23 Dec 43 day on which I embarked for Italy. I disembarked at Naples on 6 Feb 44;
- to have received during the period of captivity, the following allotments:
 - (1) In England; 2 shillings per month
 - (2) In America; 3 dollars per month (besides 20 dollars monthly as first workman and then attendant of H. Ex. Gen Gazzera, until the end of the month of Dec 43)
- to have received no allotment for the month of Nov and Dec 43 even though required to sign the payroll;
- to have signed various documents (some of which were in blank) without knowing the contents, even though I had asked for an interpreter;
- to have effected no deposits of money or objects of value while a prisoner;
- to have received no anticipation of funds on arrival in Italy up to date but only my usual allowances.

I therefore request that an application be made for the payment by the authorities concerned of what is due to me for the months of Dec and Nov 43 and for the period between 1 Jan and 7 Feb 44. The usual monthly allowances I received during voyage were approximately 1550

/s/ GARINI Mario

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TRANSLATION No 76: 16 June 1944 - Romano

High Commissioner for PW, Gava del Tortini 15 June 1944

File No. 646/mil/G.2 TO: ACC

SUBJECT: Repatriated PW Pompeo BASSOLI

Request for payments of sums overdue and not paid to him during the period of captivity.

The PW Pompeo BASSOLI has declared to this High Commissioner Office, the following facts:

to have been taken prisoner at Amba Alagi on 19 May 1941 and sent to the concentration camp at Asmara until 22 June of same year;
to have been transferred to India on the 23 of same month, where he remained until 20 December 42, on which date he was transferred to America, where he remained until 23 Dec 43; repatriated and disembarked at Naples on 6th February 1944; to have received during captivity, the following allowances: In India, 4 rupie and 14 annas a month: In America, 3 dollars a month, as well as 20 dollars monthly earned as attendant to General Guasoo; to have received no allowance for the month of November 1943, even though he signed the pay roll, nor the rate for the month of Dec 43; to have signed various documents (some of which in blank) without knowing the contents; to have effected a deposit of money, a copy of the receipt he was handed is here included.

I beg the A.C.C. to kindly call the attention of the competent authorities and obtain for the soldier BASSOLI what is due to him, according to Art. 23 & 24 of the Geneva Convention.

I thank you

The High Commissioner
/s/ P. Gazzera

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No 451

Date 7.6.1941

Received from

Rs/430

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Rs. 1.-

Notes

FOREIGN MONEY

4 one hundred = 400

2 " ten = 20

OLD COINS & VALUABLES

8 silver coins

12 copper coins

For MAJOR P.R.I.
No 21 Prisoners of War Camp
Clement Town
Dehra Dun
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