

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

ACC-Italy

10000/105/36

*383.6
Dec. 8,*

36 pp.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

10000/105/36

383.6 Prisoners of War
Dec. 8, 1943 - Feb. 11, 1944

36 pp.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
400 394

Administrative Section

ACC/303.6/AM *

11 February 1944

SUBJECT: whereabouts inquiries

TO : XI and XII, ACC, 400 394

1. In my view, the most important information which can be obtained with regard to the ~~status~~ of inquiries about Italian persons is that inquiries respecting:

(a) Italian POWs believed to be located in Allied controlled territory should be addressed to the Public Safety sub-Commission here, and

(b) that all other inquiries be directed to the XI and XII Section.

2. If this is done the inquiries which may be addressed to you are,

(a) in respect of Italians located in enemy controlled areas (which may be passed to the International Red Cross) or

(b) in respect of members of the Italian Forces either serving or POW's. (which may be passed to the Military Section)

3. Where a question of release of a POW arises because his services are required I think that the sub-Commission requiring his services should have the heading of the question of release. (For example, the case of a local Government official should be dealt with by the Interior sub-Commission; the case of a member of the judiciary by the Legal sub-Commission and similarly for other technical experts).

(Sd) S

STANWART
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

708

Copy to: Education sub-Commission
Economics, Fine Arts and Archives sub-Commission
Legal sub-Commission
Public Safety sub-Commission
Public Health sub-Commission
Interior sub-Commission
Property Control sub-Commission
File ACC/014.1/AM

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Administrative Section SHF/-b

ACC/35.6/10 ✓

9 Feb 44.

SUBJECT: Release of Prisoners of War.

TO: H.Q. and H.Q. Section, HQ, ACC, APO 394.

1. Attached is a directive on the procedure to be followed in dealing with applications for Release of Prisoners of War and drafts of the forms thereby directed to be used.

2. It is desired that this directive shall be issued to those concerned according to the attached distribution list and that the necessary forms may be prepared.

STANISLAW,
Vice President, Administrative Section.

Distribution list referred to in Para 2 above:-

Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6.
5th and 8th Armies.
Public Safety Sub-Commission. (Admin. Sect.)
Civil Affairs Branch. }
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. }
Security Branch. }
Italian Refugee Branch. }
ACC, Liaison B.C. ACMP. }
AFHQ, Adv. Admin. Ech. }
AFHQ, MRS. }
A.G. Wein and Rear HQ. }

PG 4 ML, Sec

707

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

ACC/55/INT.

9th February, 1944.

SUBJECT: Handling of Requests for Release of P.O.W.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

Reference my letter of 9th February the required distribution of the memorandum herein is as follows :-

// Regions I, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6.
5th and 8th Armies.
Public Safety Sub-Commission. (Admin. Sect.)
Civil Affairs Branch.)
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.)
Security Branch.) RC & MG. Sec.
Italian Refugees Branch.)
ACC. Liaison H.Q. ACMF.
AFHQ. Adv. Admin. Ech.
AFHQ. MOS.
A.G. Main and Rear HQ. //
~~Executive Commission.~~

R. G. B. Spicer
R. G. B. SPICER,
Lieut. Colonel,
Acting Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

CSU

It is against ^{the} principle to interfere with another branch's efforts ^{to maintain} but I think the wording of the attached is so ~~that~~ ^{that} something might be done about it. It may not be put in its present form.

Para 3 & 2. says down that requests must originate at command or provincial level and then treated through Regional HQ to the HQ.

§4. then goes on to speak about what shall be done with requests which originate at the Army HQ which §3 forbids.

§5. then repeats the last part of §3 with embellishments, as has to obtain the forms (which need not be part of the instructions at all except as a form) contains instructions as to what HQ will do which it is not necessary to follow functions apart at all it is a purely internal matter and no reason of subordination.

§6. I hope that the last sub-paragraph will not entertain verbal requests by individuals - which clearly implies that they will accept written requests by individuals and thus that since the views of Regional Provinces and Comanches. Is this intended, any has this again as an instructional interval to HQ and need not be included in instructions to lower formations and is directly contrary to the very next line.

7th

White 705

§4 then goes on to speak about what shall be done with requests originate at AEC or AECG. H4a which §3 forbids

§5 then repeats the last part of §3 with embellishments. He has to obtain the forms (which need not be part of the instructions at all except as a footnote) contains instructions as to what H4a will do which it is not necessary to tell lower formations about at all. It is a purely internal matter and no version of authorization.

§6 11. There that the Int. Sub. Council will not entertain verbal requests by individuals - which clearly implies that they will accept written requests by individuals and these shall accord the views of Regions, Provinces and Countries. Is this intended, any has this again as an instruction internal to H4 and would not be included in instructions to lower formations and H4b, directly contrary to the very next line.

H4b 705

746

383.6.

CSO
It is against ^{the} principle. It interferes with ^{the} function business drafts
but I think the wording of the attached is so ^{in position} that something
ought to be done about it. It may not be so out in its present form.

Para 3 E 2. says down that requests must originate at command or
provincial level and then transmitted through Regional HQ to the HQ.
§4. then goes on to speak about what shall be done with requests which
originate at ACC or AMG HQ, which §3 forbids.

§5. then repeats the last part of §3, with embellishments as how to
obtain the forms (which need not be part of the instructions at all
except as a footnote)
§6. contains instructions as to what HQ will do which it is not
necessary to follow formations about at all. It is a purely internal
matter and no concern of subordination.

§3. 1.1. Says that the Int. Sub. Comm. will not entertain verbal
requests by individuals - which clearly implies that they will
accept written requests by individuals and thus not circumvent
the views of Regional Provinces and Communes. Is this intended,
any how this again as an instruction internal to HQ and
need not be included in instructions to lower formations and is
directly contrary to the very next line.

4/10/64, 705

7/10/64

provincial level, and then treated through Regional HQ
 then goes on to speak about what shall be done with requests which originate at HQ or AMIG. HQ, which is a point.

then reports the last part of §3, with embellishments as has to obtain the forms (which need not be part of the instructions at all except as a footnote).
 contains instructions as to what HQ will do which it is not necessary to tell lower formations about at all. It is a purely internal matter and no concern of subordinates.

§3.1.1. In/c that the Int. Sub. Comm. will not entertain verbal requests by individuals - which clearly implies that they will accept written requests by individuals and thus that since the views of Regional Provinces and Communes. Is this intended, any has this again as an immediate internal to HQ and need not be included in instructions to lower formations and is directly contrary to the very next line.

4/11/68, 705

7th

383.6.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

ACC/55/INT.

9th February, 1944.

SUBJECT: Handling of Requests for Release of Prisoners of War.

TO : Vice President. Administrative Section.

1. Attached

- (i) This Sub-Commission's letter and Memorandum of 5th February
- (ii) your draft of Instructions thereon and covering letter

2. If it is desired to issue a précis of the Memorandum in the form of (ii) above, I have no fundamental objection.

3. I would point out, however, that the purpose of the Memorandum was not merely to prescribe the procedure to be followed by Regions, Communes, etc., but also, for the information of all concerned, to show the procedure which would be adopted by this Sub-Commission after the application has been properly received. To this extent, the Memorandum still appears preferable.

4. Para 1 of the Instructions may suggest that ACC will only entertain applications for the limited category stated therein. The purpose of the Instructions is merely to indicate the procedure for the limited type of PCW with whom this Sub-Commission alone is concerned. It is appreciated that the covering letter refers to this point, but it is recommended that the Instructions, if issued, should state this to prevent any doubt which may arise if the two are not read together.

5. I prefer the original draft of this Sub-Commission which will, I suggest, put all concerned in the picture, and will eliminate queries and correspondence.

R. G. B. Spicer
R. G. B. SPICER,
Lieut. Colonel.
Acting Director.
Interior Sub-Commission.

704

SEEN	TO	INT.
ADMIN. DIRECTOR		
CHIEF STAFF O.		
STAFF O 1		
STAFF O 2		
STAFF O 3		
CHIEF CLERK		
DAI		704

DRAFT (Covering ~~the~~ ^{the} Loss)

File

APPLICATIONS FOR RELEASE OF PRISONERS OF WAR

1. Herewith ~~are~~ instructions for dealing with applications for the release of certain categories of POWs. An initial issue of the appropriate forms PW-1 will be ~~supplied~~ ^{supplied} to regions without incident. Further supplies will be despatched on receipt of written requests.
2. These instructions are not concerned with and do not affect the release of Civilian Internees which will continue to be dealt with under General Order No.10 HQ AMB of 3 Dec. 1943.

DEAF

INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATIONS FOR RELEASE OF PRISONERS OF WAR

1. POW's will only be released if their release is necessary or desirable for the more effective working of the AGC administration in regions, Provinces, or Communes or for the more effective prosecution of the war.
2. When an application for release is originated by an individual it will be made in writing to the Provincial or Communal AGC HQ.
3. HQ AGC of Communes receiving an application will forward it with their own recommendation to HQ AGC the Province.
4. HQ AGC of Provinces will forward all applications whether originating in their own HQ, or received from a Commune with their recommendation to HQ AGC the Region.
5. HQ AGC of Regions will complete a POW Release Information Sheet (PR-1) in respect of each application and forward it (with the application and recommendations attached) to HQ AGC (for Interior Sub-Commission). Each dossier will be fastened with PR-1 as the first sheet. All particulars asked for on the form will be supplied.
6. When the services of a prisoner are desired by a subordinate AGC HQ, the application will be submitted through HQ AGC Region who will attach a completed PR-1 form in the usual way. When such services are desired by a sub-commission or division HQ AGC/AGC the sub-commission or division will submit its request together with a completed PR-1 direct to the HQ AGC (for INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION.)

702

383.6.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

File: AOS/55/Int

5 February 1944

SUBJECT: Handling of Requests for Release of Prisoners of War

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section ✓

1. The amendments are accepted and inserted with exception of the word "normally", paragraph 2, original draft. The insertion of this word would only encourage the common use of "abnormal" channels.

2. Both Memorandum and pro forma are herewith forwarded accordingly for approval.

3. They should be issued to all units, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, and 5th and 8th Army.

4. If it is decided to alter the "officer at high level", then I feel the Chief of Staff could insert the officer designated as chosen, and with this done, be good enough to forward as a copy of the draft as approved. If not, I am sure, the Chief of Staff will agree, a matter for me to decide.

H. G. B. Spicker
H. G. B. SPICKER
Lt Col
Acting Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Distribution:
3 copies for Hq
1 for Administrative Section
1 for file

701

SEEN	
ADMIN. L.	
STAFF O 1	
STAFF O 2	
STAFF O 3	
DATE	7 FEB 1944

DRAFT

SUGGESTIONS:

1. Form PP-1 and PP-2 might be combined into one form of a folder nature (greater size), the appropriate part being headed, "Nothing will be written below for use at HQ AOC only". The application could be pinned inside and the form would act as a cover and this would facilitate handling and eventual storing. Each application would be a little booklet and not a bunch of papers. There would also be only one form to store.

If this is approved may I submit draft of form.

2. Suggested numbering and filing for applications/6-1.

ACC.Int/55/P---Release of POW-Policy
for correspondence on HQ level and higher on consideration
or and decision of policy matters

ACC.Int/55/I---Release of POW-instructions
for correspondence on HQ level and lower on implementing
policy decisions, issuing instructions, etc.

ACC.Int/55/R---Release of POW-Routine
instructions, enquiries on office routine and other minor
matters.

ACC.Int/55/A1 ACC.Int/55/A2 etc.

applications 1 applications 2 etc.

All these filed separately in numerical order, if numerous.
an index under names will enable anyone to be easily found.

700

383.6

OFFICE INSTRUCTIONS FOR
DEALING WITH
APPLICATIONS FOR RELEASE OF PRISONERS OF WAR

File

1. Applications for release of POW originated by individuals will be considered only if received from Regions and accompanied by completed forms PR-1.
2. Applications originated in HQ. ACC/AFB will be considered only if accompanied by completed forms PR-1.
3. On receipt of applications the appropriate military Section Service (CIC/ISS) and the ~~Director's~~ ^{Director's} Staff Branch will be asked for their views, together with a report of any investigations they have made.
4. The sub-commission will then complete the action sheet PR-2, summarizing this information and the Director's recommendation and forward the same to the Deputy Commissioner.
5. On receipt of instructions from the Deputy Commissioner that a release is recommended a letter informing the CO, AFHQ will be prepared for the signature of the Deputy Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division.

20 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Place of Confinement of Italian Military Prisoners.

TO : Hq. ACC, Brindisi.

1. A report from the R.C.A.C. of Region II discloses that there are a number of soldiers of the Italian Army who are confined in Civil Prisons following conviction for offences against Italian Military Law.
2. The immediate effect of the continuation of the reception of such prisoners will be over-crowding of the institutions.
3. Other questions also arise:-
 - a. Custodial responsibility.
 - b. Rations.
4. It is assumed that the Italian Army normally would follow the practise observed in other armies, namely that military prisoners be segregated and placed in the custody of the military authorities and be rationed by them.
5. It is requested that the matter be discussed with the Italian Military authorities with the object of having them establish a military prison camp, preferably in King's Italy, to which all military prisoners now or hereafter to be confined could be transferred, placed under military guard, and fed from Italian military food stores.

698

COPY TO:

Copy to

Public Safety Sub-Commission

Interior Sub-Commission

Legal Sub-Commission

CHARLES M. SPORFORD
COLONEL, G. S. C.
V. C. C. A. O.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INTER OFFICE MEMO

FROM: *Legal Submissions*

SUBJECT: *Military Prisoners*
TO: *Administrative Director*

FILE NO.

18 Jan 1945

*This seems plainly a case to be referred to
ACC at Brindisi for discussion with the
Italian Military authorities.*

Richard H. Collins
Sr Col GAC
DCLO

697

1st Ind.
HQ, AMG, Region II, APO 394, 13 Jan 44.
To: Chief, AMG, Naples.



GHM/rjh

1. A ruling is respectfully requested upon the policy to be followed with respect to the questions raised in the basic communication:
 - a. As to whether Italian Military prisoners should be accepted in civil prisons if such reception would cause overcrowding.
 - b. As to whether military guards should be supplied.
 - c. Whether rations should be supplied by the Italian Army for such prisoners.

SEEN		
ADMIN DIRECTOR		
CHIEF STAFF O		
STAFF O 1	✓	<i>DM</i>
STAFF O 2		
STAFF O 3		
CHIEF CLERK		
DATE <i>18 Jan 1944</i>		

G.H. McCaffrey
G.H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.A.O.

696

To The H.C.A.C. No 2 Region. A.M.C.

Jan. 13/4. 1944.

Subject: Italian Military Prisoners in C.W. 1 F. Camp.

On the recent inspection, I was told that in several prisons there was a number of Italian 30/4/44 prisoners for military offences against the Italian Military Law.

I would point out that if this practice continues it will result in overcrowding. Military guards are not supplied, and it would appear that the prisoners are seldom (if ever) visited by the Italian Military Authorities.

It is suggested that these authorities are preoccupied with a view to the removal of their prisoners to a Military Prison, and that in the meantime they supply their own guards and rations.

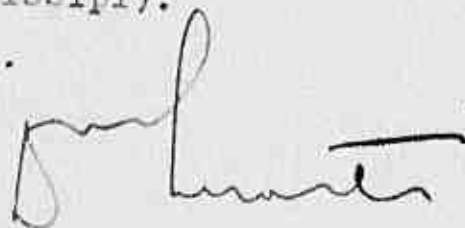
H.W. Adams
Capt.
Supt. of Prisons
No. 2 Region. A.M.C.

PRESIDENZA
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
...
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Salerno, 15 febbraio 1955

Ringrazio vivamente della cortese co-
municazione di cui al foglio n.3636/AS del-
l'11 corrente circa la sorte del Sottotenente
Nicola Janigro di Vincenzo, prigioniero
di guerra a Como (Mississippi).

Cordiali saluti.



694

Al Signor
Lt. Colonel. R.H. CRIPPS
Vice President, Administrative Section
Commissione Alleata di Controllo-SALERNO

PEARL HARBOR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394.

ADC/333.6/44

11 Febbraio, 1944

SOGGETTO : Prigionieri di guerra.

AL : Capo Gabinetto, Prigionieri di Guerra, Consiglio Ministeriale

In risposta alla lettera di Sua Eccellenza, in data 15 Gennaio, 1944 chiedendo notizie del Sotto Tenente Nicola Janigro, sono lieto sommarizzarle che il Sotto Tenente Nicola Janigro, ASI 13957 e' internato a Como, Mississippi e gode ottimo stato di salute.

R. R. CRIPPS,
Lt. Colonel,
For the Vice President, Administrative Section.

Chief of the Cabinet / Presidency of the Ministry of the Interior

I am answering to your excellent inquiry
of the 15th Jan. for ~~the~~^{news} of Sr. Nicola Tanigro.
We are happy to inform you that

Sr. Tanigro Nicola Tanigro 4 W 1835
is interned at Camp Mississippi and is reported
to be in excellent health.

for ~~the~~ translating
and typing in letters from
for Sr. Tanigro. Al Crippa

SALERNO

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

8191
AJC/bd 5-1

AG 353.81
X 201

22 January 1944

Subject: Information on Prisoner of War

To: CG NATUSA, APO 534.
Attn: Provost Marshal General, POW Section

The accompanying copy of a letter from the Chief of Cabinet, Italian Government, requesting news of 2nd Lieutenant Nicola Janigro, is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

A. J. Collins

A. J. COLLINS
Captain, R.E.
Asst Secy of Commission

1 Incl:
As above

AG 201-P-Janigro, Nicola (Off) 1st Ind.
HQ NATUSA, APO 534. U.S. Army, 5 February 1944

TO: Hq Allied Control Commission, APO 394 ✓

Request that the Chief of Cabinet, Italian Government, be informed that Sotto Tenente Nicola Janigro, 4 WI 15357, is interned at the Prisoner of War Camp, Como, Mississippi and is reported to be in excellent health.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVER:

Donald G. Winger
DONALD G. WINGER
Captain, A. C. D.
Asst Adj General.

1 Incl: n/c

TRANSLATION

PRESIDENCY OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Office of Civilian Affairs

Cabinet

Prot N. 305

January 15, 1944

To the Allied Control Commission

Request for news of 2nd Lt. Nicola Janigro, formerly of 1 Reggimento Genio, 205 Compagnia Collegamenti, Posta Militare 213 (Tunisia), by his family. The latter have heard through the Red Cross in August, 1943 that he was a POW at Como, Mississippi.

CHIEF OF THE CABINET

(Signature)

691

Robert M. La Follette

(4) Housing will not be given or located in allied controlled territory should be addressed to the Public Works Administration here, and

2. If you know the equation which is associated with the fire

in respect of persons in the Italian Service either serving or retired, (which may be placed in the Military section)

690

Copy to: Education Sub-Commission
 Museums, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission
 Legal Sub-Commission
 Public Safety Sub-Commission
 Public Health Sub-Commission
 Interior Sub-Commission
 Property Control Sub-Commission
 file AEM/OIG, 3/AS

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

C.S.O. Admin. Sec.

1. C Admin. Sec. sent this for information (no distributed copies, off-sec).
2. If you hear anything, let it flow to brass.
3. Please return.

J. W. Smith
Admin. Sec.

Copy

U.S. CONFIDENTIAL EQUALS BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/14601/6/PS

7 Feb 44.

SUBJECT : CO.RR. Officers in North Africa.

TO : Commanding General, AFHQ, M.G. Section.

1. The under-mentioned officers of the Carabinieri Reali, believed now to be prisoners of war in North Africa, are urgently required in Italy in connection with proposed re-organization.

Col. Contadini Giuseppe
Lt. Col. Fazio Giuseppe
Maj. Costa Vittorio
Maj. Cappotzi Angelo
Maj. Curci Monforte Ottavio
Capt. Pepe Nicola
Capt. Santoli Giovanni

Capt. Guongue Arturo
Capt. Tarzia Niello
Lt. Bordonaro Lauro
Lt. Terelli Matteo
Lt. Mattioli Luigi
Lt. Basoli Luciano Ugo
2nd Lt. Fratello Mario.

2. It is requested that the above officers be returned to Italy and placed at the disposal of General G. Piche, Commandante Generale, Armata CO.RR. Italia liberata.

For the Commanding General :

(Sgd) STANBATE
Vice-President, Administrative Section.

689

C
Are any of these names known
W

No W

283.6

ALLIED - MILITARY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

SECRET

PRIORITY

OUTGOING MESSAGE

FATIMA

XXXXXXXXXXXX

CG NATCUSA

XXXXXXXXXXXX

041624A

XXXXXXXXXXXX

042305A

NATC

Date

Telephone

(Continuing office)

(Restricted - Confidential - Secret)

(Deferred - Routine - Priority - Operational Priority - Urgent)

47209

To CG FBS ATTENTION PROVOST MARSHAL

DEPARTED ALGIERS 3 FEBRUARY 44 ABOARD SS CIRCASSIA THE FOLLOWING
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR: CAP MARINI, BRIGADIERE MELO, SGT MAJ LUPI, MARINE
GERINE, SOLD BASSOLI AND SOLD FALVO UNDER ESCORT LT JOHNSON, ULTIMATE DESTI-
NATION ACC. BRINDISI. ESCORT HAS FULL INSTRUCTIONS AS TO DISPOSITION OF PRISO-
NERS, ETA NAPLES 6 FEBRUARY CURRENT. REQUEST YOU ARRANGE MOVEMENT TO BRINDISI.

ACTION: FM

ACC DISTR:

INFO: TRANS.

(INFO) RC & MG SEC

AMG HQ.

ADMIN SEC

688

G-2

SECY

C.G.

Distribution

Content and classification
authenticated by

762

Signal Corps Message Center Number

(Do Not Write in This Space)

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

Reference: 201 Magistri, Francesco 18 January 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoner of War (Officer)

TO : Commanding General AFHQ

1. Forwarded herewith for your consideration is the correspondence concerning the request for transfer of custody, to the Italian Military Authorities, of Colonel Francesco Magistri, 207th Infantry, 31st Corps HQ. at Catanzaro (Italian Army). Col. Magistri is now in custody of Allied Authorities.

2. It is the recommendation of this Headquarters that Col. Magistri be released to the Italian Military Authority, in accordance with the views expressed in the enclosed Memorandum of Brigadier General Maxwell D. Taylor.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O.

687

Encl: (2)

1. Letter, Ministry for War
No. 256/c, PM 107 29 December 43/in translation
2. Memorandum, HQ. ACC
201 Magistri, Francesco

383.6.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

18 January 1944

SUBJECT: Release of Prisoner of War
TO : D.C.C.A.O.

1. Attached hereto is a letter w/enclosures submitted for your approval and signature, to the CG. AFHQ on the subject of the request of the Italian Ministry for War for the release to their custody of Colonel Francesco Magistri.

S.D. [Signature]

Capt.

for R.G.B. SPICER
Lt. Col.
Acting Director
Interior Sub-Commission

686

T R A S L A T I O N

MINISTRY FOR WAR

RED/hfj/mip

29 December 1943

Subject: Colonel Francesco Magistri, recalled from the
Restricted Reserve Cadre (A.R.Q.)

To: The Allied Control Commission, Brindisi.

The Headquarters of the 31st Army Corps has informed us that Colonel Francesco Magistri of the Bersaglieri of the 207th Infantry depot at Catanzaro has been placed in custody by the British - American authorities and is still being detained.

It seems that the arrest was motivated by the fact that the officer in question is an ex - squadrista.

This Ministry would be very grateful to the Commission if it would place Colonel Magistri at the disposal of the Italian military authorities so that they may undertake the burden under the recent Decree of the Ministerial Council of the "defascistization". This Ministry would also be grateful if it were informed of every step taken with regard to this case.

s/s Aliberti
GENERAL ALIBERTI

685

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

G A B I N E T T O

=====

N. di protoc. 256/C

P.M. 107 11 29 Dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Colonnello Bersaglieri richiamato dall'A.R.Q.

M A G I S T R I Francesco.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

-BRINDISI -

e, per conoscenza:

- AL GABINETTO

- S E D E -

Il Comando del XXXI° Corpo d'Armata ha comunicato che il Colonnello dei bersaglieri MAGISTRI Francesco, comandante delle truppe al Deposito del 207° Fanteria a Catanzaro, è stato fermato dalle autorità anglo-americane ed è tuttora detenuto.-

Sembra che l'arresto sia motivato dal fatto che lo Ufficiale risulta essere un ex squadrista.-

Questo Ministero sarebbe molto grato a codesta Commissione se volesse disporre che il Colonnello MAGISTRI sia messo a disposizione dell'Autorità Militare Italiana, per i provvedimenti da prendersi a suo carico secondo il recente Decreto del Consiglio dei Ministri riguardante la defascistizzazione, e venisse anche data comunicazione di ogni accertamento già fatto in merito.-

684

GENERALE ALIBERTI

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division

Ref: 1D/6/A of 3 Jan 44.

12 January, 1944.

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : C.P.S.

1. Reference A.F.H.Q. G1/B/2216/A2 dated 16 Dec 43.

No copy of this letter has been received either at Public Safety Division or Adm. Directorate of this HQ.

2. There is no objection on security grounds to these prisoners of war being repatriated.

3. P.O.W. Division, P.B.S. ^{NOT} are in possession of the letter quoted at (1) and state that 15 Army Group have the machinery to cause the prisoners to be repatriated.

S. PICKERING
Lieut.-Col.,
Special Police Sec.

683

383.6

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

AMS/353.6/AD

18 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

TO: Commanding General, H.Q. No. 1 District, C.S.G.

1. Reference para. 1 of your letter ID/6/A dated 1 January 1944 subject as above, this Headquarters has no objections on security grounds as to the repatriation of personnel indicated on the nominal roll attached thereto. It is advised however, that no copy of the A.M.G. letter GI/B/2716/AD of 16 December 1943 is available here.

2. It is essential that these men be given passage indicating their status as repatriated prisoners of war.

[Signature] n. 682
CHARLES M. SPENCER,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
D. C. S. A. G.

19 December 1943. 4A

To: The English Command of the P.O.W. Camp 304.

The undersigned, 1st Capt. Cambria, Giuseppe, P.O.W. 389844, wishes to explain to the Honorable Command the following case.

His wife, Pracanica, Maria in Cambria, age 70, ill, wrote him on 1 Nov 1943 that his mother,, with whom he lived, was seriously ill, and that her death before receipt of her letter was to be expected. The house where they lived had been completely pilfered by thieves during their absence from their house from 15 July until 5 September 1943 and it was left in the most miserable state leaving them nothin, not even clothes. There are heavy losses: one gold plated dinner service, a souvenir of my grandfather, who was for ten years in the English Merchant Marine, would now be worth about 10,000 Lira.

The wife, Pracanica Maria in Cambria, dwelling in Messina, (Sicilia), Rione Fornaci isolato 491 A. N 27 via Salligona, has received neither the relative remittance of my allowance nor any assistance. She has no near relatives. Therefore she will suffer from cold and hunger. The undersigned begs the Honorable Command to be so kind as to indicate this sad case to the International Red Cross to interest the proper authorities in Sicily to give a subsidy to the wife of the officer prisoner.

Military salutations.

P.O.W. 389844

1st Capt. Cambria, Giuseppe.

681

389844

12/19/1943.

To the

English Command of the P.O.W. Camp 304.

The undersigned 1st Lt. Cambria Giuseppe P.O.W. 38884 wishes to explain to the Hon. Command the following case. His wife:

Phacaria Maria in Cambria, age 40, ill, wrote him on 11/1/1943 that his mother - with whom he lived - was seriously ill, and that her death before receipt of her letter was to be expected. - The house where they lived had been completely pillaged by thieves during their absence from their house from 4/15 until 9/5/1943 and it was left in the most miserable state leaving them nothing not even clothes. - There are heavy ^{losses} ~~damages~~. - One sold plated dinner service, a pension of my grandfather who was for ten years in the English Merchant Marine, would now be worth about £10,000. - 650

The wife Phacaria Maria in Cambria, dwelling in Messina (Sicilia), Biene Formaci involato 491 A. 1124 via Belligona - , has received within the relative assistance of my allowance not any assistance. - She has no near relatives. Therefore she will suffer from cold and illness. The undersigned begs the Hon. Command to be so

wrote him on 11/1/1943 that her mother
 he lived - was seriously ill, and that her death before
 receipt of her letter was to be expected. - The house
 where they lived had been completely pillaged by 4/15
 thieves during their absence from their house from 4/15
 until 9/5/1943 and it was left in the most miserable
 state leaving them possessing not even clothes. - There
 are heavy ^{losses} ~~damages~~ - One sold plated dinner service,
 a pair of my grandfather who was for ten years in
 a POW camp in France, would now be worth 600
 the English.

about £10,000.

The wife Praxenia Maria in Cambodia.
 dwelling in Messina (Sicilia), whose father is 491
 A. N. 24 via Belligosa - has received neither the relative
 permission of my allowance nor any assistance. - She has
 no near relatives. Therefore she will suffer from cold and
 hunger. - The undersigned begs the Hon. Demand to be so
 kind as to indicate this sad case to the International
 Red-Cross to interest the proper authorities in Italy to
 give a subsidy to the wife of the officer prisoner -
 military valuations

P.O.W. 389844

1st Capt. Cambodia Giuseppe

AL COMANDO INGLESE DEL CAMPO P.O.W. 304

19-12-1943. 4^c

Il sottoscritto I^o CAPITANO GAMBRIA
GIUSEPPE P.O.W. 389844 si onora esporre
a CODESTO COMANDO il seguente caso
pietoso. La di lui moglie:

- PRACANICA MARIA in Cambria, di anni
70, inferma, gli ha scritto il 1-11-43 che:
- la madre dello scrivente, - con cui essa conviveva -
gravemente ammalata era da presumere
morta prima che la lettera giungesse -
 - La casa di abitazione, durante la loro
assenza dal 15-7 al 5-9-1943, completa-
mente svaligiata dai ladri che la lascia-
rono nella più squallida miseria, non
lasciandole nulla, neanche i indispensabili.
- I danni sono gravi; un solo servizio
di porcellana dorata estera ricordo. Se non fosse
che navigò 10 anni nella MARINA MERCANTILE
%.

INGLESE, avrebbe avuto, ora, il valore di
circa Lit. 10.000. -

- La moglie Pracanica Maria in Cambria
abitante in Messina (Sicilia)

Rione Fornaci, isolato 49/A n° 27.

Via Bellinzona -

non ha percepito, nè la quota assegni
relativa al suo stipendio, nè alcun
sussidio. Essa che non ha parenti
prossimi, soffrirà quindi freddo
e fame -

Il sottoscritto prega vivamente
CODESTO COMANDO di benignarsi di
indicare il triste caso al Comitato
Internazionale della Croce Rossa
al fine che questo interessi le
competenti Autorità della Sicilia
per un sussidio alla moglie di un Ufficiale Prigioniero
to. Ringrazia. Saluta militarmente. POW 389844
1° Capl. Cambria Giuseppe.

1st. Ind.

AMG/385.6/AD.

H.Q., A.M.G., Administrative Directorate, 8 December 1943.

TO: Commanding General, A.P.M.G., (P.O.W. Section).

1. Forwarded as a matter pertaining to P.O.W. Section, your command.

For the Commanding General:



CHARLES A. SPOFFORD,
COLONEL, G.S.C.,
Acting Chief of Staff.

COPY.

E. Lombardi
42, St. John the Baptist Street,
Sliema - Malta.

10/11/43. 1A

Sir,

In February 1943 my son was taken prisoner of war in Tunisia, I heard from him four times from which I knew that he is somewhere in Italy.

The last letter he wrote to me was on the 26th. of June in which he told these words: "I hope by the time you receive this letter I'll be back home (England)". Since then I have not heard from him.

He joined the Army from Eastleigh (Southampton) with the Hampshire Regiment and left England in January 1943

His address when Prisoner of War was "Pte. Paul Lombardi 5507270, Hut II Sector 1 82 P.M. 3200.

Thanking you in anticipation for any information you may be able to give as to his present whereabouts.

I am
Sir,
Yours most obediently,

E. LOMBARDI

H.C. A.M.XG.O.T.
PALERMO

0304