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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

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15 May 1945

SUBJECT: Complaint of Demetrio Gualtieri

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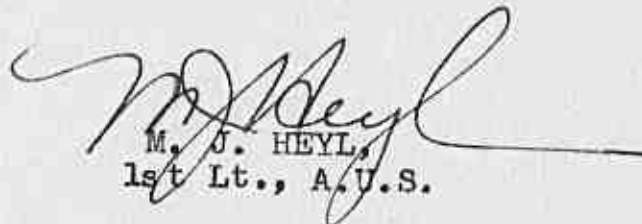
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,  
APO 934.

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1. Reference your 4/7B/CA of 12 May 1945.
2. Herewith attached is copy of CCHD/354/2 of 6 May.

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For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

  
M. J. HEYL,  
1st Lt., A.U.S.

Incl: as above



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Claims Commission and Hirings Directorate

CCHD/354/2

G-5  
AFHQ  
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6 May 45.

Complaint of Demetrio Gualtieri

Reference your IRS G-5:151 transmitting copy of HQ, A.C.  
53/7/PAT of 4 April 45.

1. During my recent stay in Rome I saw Vice-President, Civil Affairs Section, Allied Commission (Brigadier G.H. Upjohn, KC) on this complaint.
2. The day of the alleged incident was that on which the Provincial Office at Aquila closed down. It is therefore quite possible that the complainant was, in fact, interviewed in the hall and was not taken into a private room; probably the furniture had gone. The officer in question is probably Capt Giliberti; he has returned home. However, A.C. are enquiring into the matter.
3. This is not a case for the Claims Commission, but for the Allied Screening Commission, CMP, which alone deals with claims by helpers of escapers and evaders (vide AFHQ letter AG 123/145 GBL-0 dated 17 Nov 44, of which a copy was distributed to you).
4. I also saw the Allied Screening Commission; they have no trace of ever having received a claim from Gualtieri Demetrio of San Martino d'Ocre or from his Avvocato, Leopardi Emilio.
5. I have given them a copy of the basic document and they are taking steps for their Investigating Officer, who will be in Aquila shortly, to see the Avvocato and if necessary the claimant.
6. I have also arranged for A.C. and Allied Screening Commission to issue co-ordinated instructions to ensure that there is the fullest co-operation between their Officers in the field and that helpers receive every consideration and assistance.
7. I have arranged that you will return the attached documents to AC for attention of Col. Cripps, to complete his file.

Tel: 16506.

(Sgd) ? ? ? ?  
for E.R. Cawdron,  
Brigadier,  
Vice President Claims Commission  
and Director of Hirings.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 354  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref 4/7E/CA ✓

12 May 45

SUBJECT : Complaint of Demetrio Gualtieri

TO : AFM G-5

Reference G-5: 151 of 9 May 45. (6A)

Copy of letter referred to (COHD/3A/2 of 6 May) has not been received in this office. May Claims Commission and Hearings Directorate please be directed to forward a further copy.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

*AK*  
G.R. JENSEN Brig,  
VP CA Section

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
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G-5: 151

9 May 1945

11 MAY 1945

SUBJECT: Complaint of Demetrio Gualtieri

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission  
Attn: Civil Affairs Section  
APO 394.

1. Reference is made to letter to this Section from Claims Commission and Hirings Directorate, CCHD/354/2 of 6 May, copy to V.P., "A.C. Section", Allied Commission, subject as above.

2. In pursuance of para. 7 of letter under reference the original documents are returned to you.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

*Julius Byles*  
JULIUS BYLES  
Major, F.A.



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1. Ltr from H.M. Embassy to Patriots Branch, 30 March
2. Cy. ltr, 30 March, H.M. Embassy to Signor Gualtieri
3. Ltr 16 March, Signor Gualtieri to H.M. Embassy
4. Translation of item 3.

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To: Patriots Branch, Allied Commission.

From: H.M. Embassy, Rome.

30th March, 1945.

I am directed by the Ambassador to transmit to you herewith in original a letter received from Gualtieri Lemetrio fu Romualdo of San Martino, complaining of lack of recognition by the Allied Military authorities of his services rendered to escaping Allied prisoners of war. The Ambassador would be grateful if you would investigate the matter and deal direct with the writer.

2. A copy of this Embassy's acknowledgment is enclosed.

*Frederick  
Rish Secretary*

*Let. Gualtieri Lemetrio fu Romualdo of San Martino  
50 & return to me. File 3/4.*

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British Embassy,

Rome.

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30 marzo 1945.

Egregio Signore,

Sono incaricato dall'Ambasciatore  
britannico di accusare ricevuta della vostra  
lettera del 16 marzo la quale è stata trasmessa  
all'autorità militare competente colle  
raccomandazioni del caso.

Con ossequi,

A.G.E. Malcolm.

Signor Gualtieri Demetrio,  
San Martino,  
Aquila.



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S. Martino li 16-3-45

Eccellenza M<sup>re</sup>

Ho l'onore di riferire a V.S. quanto segue.  
Nell'Invasata 43-44 mentre Prigionieri di  
Guerra. Inoltri scappati dai campi di con-  
centramento in Italia vagavano la zona occu-  
pata da Tedeschi fra mille avventure pur  
di sfuggere ed essere ripresi dal nemico.  
In quest'occasione ebbi ad ospitarne ad intervall  
le 18 prigionieri; ricattondoli alla meglio  
procurandogli da vivere; procurandoli carte  
geografiche; e persino della moneta a chi ne  
era sprovvisto e fra questi un maggiore Stopp  
Tutto questo risultava in documenti di varia  
sorta: che a sua volta non appena entrarono le  
truppe alleate e proprio nel mese di novembre  
a mezzo del avv. Emidio Lepardi di Aquila  
che mi fece domanda ed accluse documenti  
ad una e che è pronto farmi dichiarazione passò  
la domanda al Capitano Inglese Gilbert ufficia-  
le Provinciale nel Comune di Aquila.  
L'14 mi recai dal Sig. Capitano Inglese alla  
ricerca della pratica che si ritiene 532  
il quale mi non mi riceve in ufficio ma nel  
studio dell'ufficio mi si voltò con me 56/43

bruschi e sgambati senza darmi schiarimenti  
e mi mise fuori a spintoni nella schiena  
Tutto ciò mi è accaduto nell'ufficio del  
comando del Ufficio Inglese Provinciale  
la competenza a Vostra Sig.

Cora questa forse la ricompensa che meritavo...  
dopo aver salvati da un crudo Inverno quei  
bravi giovani connazionali del Capitano Gilbey  
colliarmi al rischio di essere bruciato con  
la mia famiglia o fucilato dalla barbaria  
tedesca.

Excel non aspettavo io una ricompensa  
per utile ma per onore, e non mi attendevo  
essere messo fuori la porta a spintoni da  
un comando Inglese. Difatti però ne è  
rimasta la prova locale di tanto bene che  
abbia fare ai prigionieri Inglese. Se Vostra  
Sig. vorrà darmi schiarimenti ne ho a ricevere  
molto onore

Ubb. e Devotissimo  
Quattieri Emetrio fu Romualdo  
in S. Martino d'ore (Aquila)

TRANSLATION NO. 641

S. MARTINO, 16 March 1945

Your Excellency,

I wish to report the following matter to you:

In the winter 43-44 some British POW who had escaped from concentration camps in Italy were roaming in the area occupied by the Germans, attempting to evade recapture by the enemy.

I took, at intervals, 17 prisoners into my house, providing them with shoes, food, maps and I even gave money to some who were in need, and a certain Major Stopp among them. All this was written on papers which were left with me.

As soon as the allied troops came in <sup>and in fact in</sup> November, Avv. Emilio Leopardi made a request on my behalf attaching all the papers and sent it to Capt. Gilbert, Provincial Commissioner of Aquila. Avv. Leopardi is ready to confirm this.

Yesterday I went to see Capt. Gilbert to make enquiries about my request, which seems to be lost. Capt. Gilbert did not show me into his personal office, but in the hall where treating me rudely and with unkindness, showed me out. All this happened to me in the provincial office.

Was this the award that I deserved, after having saved those brave youths from the hardships of winter, by exposing myself to the risk of being burnt or shot, together with my family, by the German barbarians?

Your Excellency, I did not expect a material reward but a morale recognition. I did not expect to be thrown out of an English Headquarters. However, everybody in town knows that I have done on behalf of the English prisoners.

I hope you will honor me with some explanations.

Gualtieri Deustrio

S. Martino d'Ocre (Aquila)



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C.M.F.

CA SECTION

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File 91

11th May, 1945.

To:-

V.P.  
Civil Affairs Section  
HQ. A.C.  
APO. 394

SC-6-C/WCS/NA/5

92 May 1945

1. This refers to letter SCND/354/2 of 6 May, 45, from Claims Commission and Airline Directorate, A.T.H. to G-5, A.T.H., copies of which were sent to you and to this Commission.
2. We enclose herewith for your information, copies of letters which we have recently sent to the Regional Commissioners of:-

UMBRIA-MARCHE REGION  
TOSCANA "  
EMILIA "  
LIGURIA "  
PIEMONTE "  
LOMBARDIA "  
VENETIA "

We also enclose copies of letters sent to the Regional and Provincial Finance Officers in the Regions of:-

EMILIA  
LIGURIA  
PIEMONTE  
LOMBARDIA  
VENETIA

W. C. Simpson

W. C. SIMPSON  
Capt.Officer Commanding  
Allied Screening Commission (Italy)  
C.M.F.

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ALLIED SCREENING COMMISSION (ITALY)  
C.M.F.

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2nd May, 1945.

To:- Regional Commissioner,  
H. HQ/AC  
UMBRIA-MARCHE REGION  
FLORENCE

Subject:- Civilian Helpers of Allied Escapors and Evaders

1. We take the opportunity of reminding you that all claims from civilians in Italy in respect of assistance given to Allied Military personnel, whilst escaping and evading in enemy-occupied territory, are dealt with by this Commission.
2. Since we understand that a few C.A.Os and other HQ/AC Officers in your Region are not aware of the above, we should appreciate it if you would kindly ensure that all are advised to this effect.
3. The Regional and Provincial Finance Officers are fully aware of the procedure for submitting claims to this Commission, which is through normal finance channels. They are already in possession of supplies of claims forms, but any further supplies will be forwarded on application to this HQ.

W.C. HENDERSON  
Capt.  
Officer Commanding,  
Allied Screening Commission (Italy)  
C.M.F.

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ALLIED SCREENING COMMISSION (ITALY)  
C.M.F.

HP

2nd May, 1945.

To:- Regional Finance officer,  
HQ. AMG/AC  
EMILIA-LIGURIA-PIEMONTE-LOMBARDIA-VEENEZIA DIVISIONS

Subject:- Claims from Helpers of Allied Escapers and Evaders

1. We are forwarding you under separate cover --- packages of our claims forms addressed to your various Provincial Finance Offices, which kindly have forwarded to them.
2. In addition we enclose a further ---- claims forms for your own retention and disposal as necessary to Provincial Finance Officers who may require them.
3. On receipt of demand at this HQ. we shall forward you further supplies.
4. A copy of our covering letter to the Provincial Finance Officers is attached, for your information.

W.O. SIMPSON  
Capt.  
Officer Commanding,  
Allied Screening Commission (Italy)  
C.M.F.

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ALLIED SCREENING COMMISSION(Italy) ., C.M.F.

ASG-6-1/AE/AL/1.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: Claims from Helpers of Allied escapers  
and evaders

P.F.O.

\_\_\_\_\_ Province

\_\_\_\_\_ Region

We enclose herewith an initial supply of our Claim forms. Further supplies may be obtained at any time on application to your Regional Finance Officer.

We take the opportunity of reminding you that the proper channel for the submission of these claims is through your Regional Finance Officer, to Finance Sub-Commission, A.C., who forward them to this H.Q.

Officer Commanding  
Allied Screening Commission(Italy) .,  
C.M.F.

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G-5 Section  
AFO 512

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15 January 1945

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17 GEN 1945

FILE : G-5/151-1

SUBJECT : Claims for helping Allied Prisoners of War.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394  
(Attention: Civil Affairs Section)1. Reference is made to your letter (file ~~SECRET~~ CA) dated 27 December 1944 on above subject.

2. Previous to the official formation of the Allied Screening Commission (AG 123/145 G-1-0 dated 17 November 1944), the following instructions were issued to Commanding General "A" Force (AG 337 G-0 dated 16 July 1944):

"This commission (i.e., Allied Screening Commission) is charged with investigating, screening, and approving, disapproving or adjusting all claims presented by Italian civilian personnel for assistance rendered to Allied Service personnel who escaped from or who were evading the enemy. When a claim is approved or adjusted it will be presented by the Allied Screening Commission to any Finance Officer of the Allied Control Commission who will pay the approved amount from funds provided by "A" Force to G-5 for this purpose."

3. Acting on the 16 July Directive, the Joint Director, Finance Sub-Commission issued an implementing directive (reference 13044/F dated 4 September 1944) to Regional Commissioners and S.F.Os AMG 5th and 8th Armies.

4. G-2 (I/W) Section, this Headquarters, has requested that the present working arrangement between the Allied Screening Commission and the Allied Commission as outlined above be continued. This Section has not heard any objections from the Finance Sub-Commission, and therefore concurs in the G-2 request.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5,

*Frank A. Southard Jr.*  
FRANK A. SOUTHARD JR.,  
Commander, U.S.N.R.,  
Financial Adviser.c.c. Finance Sub-Commission  
G-2 (I/W), AFHQ

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 294  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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27 Dec 54

SUBJECT: Claims for Helping Allied PWs

TO: AFHQ G-5

Can this Commission please be informed that are AF's responsibilities and obligations implicit in line 2 of para 3 (b) of AF 123/145 dated 17 Nov which has only just been received.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

SP-1  
CIVIL AFFAIRS BRIG  
AF HQ Section  
APO 294

Copy to: Finance S/C  
Public Safety Branch  
Public Safety S/C

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**CONFIDENTIAL**ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512*All officers to see*

AG 123/145 GHI-0

17 November 1944

SUBJECT: Procedure for Settling Claims of Helpers of British and USA  
Escapers and Evaders.

TO : All Concerned.

1. It is a G-2 responsibility to settle the claims of helpers of British and USA escapers or evaders in this theater.

2. G-2(P/W) Section, this headquarters, will assume full responsibility for any already existing organizations or future organizations set up to carry out this work in Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

3. a. In order to carry out this task as expeditiously as possible, G-2(P/W), this headquarters, will immediately set up an Allied Screening Commission for this purpose in ITALY and in GREECE.

b. The commissions in ITALY and GREECE will be known as:

Allied Screening Commission (IS 9), c/o AG, and  
Allied Screening Commission (IS 9), c/o AML GREECE, respectively.

c. IS 9 personnel have been attached to all Military Missions in the BALKANS and Central European countries for the same purpose, and will be the only authorized channel for receiving and investigating claims in these countries.

4. Commanders and Heads of Missions will insure that claimants within their area are referred to the nearest IS 9 organization, or to the Allied Screening Commission in the case of ITALY and GREECE.

By command of General WILSON:

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*H. V. Roberts*  
H. V. ROBERTS,  
Colonel, AGD,  
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