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ASSISTANCE TO ALLIED PW
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MINUTE No. 72

25th November, 1946

To: Chief Staff Officer.

Lt. Colonel de Burgh of the Allied Screening Commission came and saw me on November 23rd with reference to the Chief Commissioner's letter to the Prime Minister on 8th September 1945 at Folio 59, and to which no answer has been received. Lt. Colonel de Burgh said a definite "yes" or "no" was required from the Italian Government, and I agreed I would discuss with the Chief Commissioner the matter of raising the matter with the present Prime Minister.

Lt. Colonel de Burgh said that at the same time he was pressing the War Office for authority for permission to deal with property damage and had sufficient funds to cover the cost, but he had had no success in getting the necessary extension of terms of reference from the War Office.

When I saw Lt. Colonel de Burgh, I was working on Finance File 13044/2. It was only after Lt. Colonel de Burgh had left that I saw this file and a copy of his letter to the War Office at Folio 54. Para 2 seems to make it inadvisable for us to raise the matter again with the Prime Minister unless we are certain that we are going to get a negative answer.

I discussed the matter with the Chief Commissioner on the 25th November, and it was agreed that no action should be taken until the matter could be further discussed with Lt. Colonel de Burgh.

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M. GARR. Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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1/15/45 Lt. Col. Burgh 29/11. Who was leaving London to 14.1.45 was agreed to let this matter stand until his return when he would contact me again. McLandry 24/11

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Chief Commissioner

Draft letter at 77 is submitted for consideration. The original letter you addressed to the P.M. on the subject on 8th Sept 1945 to which no reply has been received is at File 39.

McLandry Brigadier. E.C.

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23/11 E.C. Approved 22/12.

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When do you suggest should take
action on folio 2, please? *AUR* 3/6

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Chief Clerk.

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Action as per mem 4.

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 over Allied Screening Commission (28 infans)
 He is sending Capt Ryan to AMG 5 + 8 amnio next
 week to talk to them on points of practical application.
 I asked for him to be sent to DEATH first, this
 will be arranged. Phoned Lt Col Thompson 15 am 7/5.
 In two or three days a directive will come to AC
 on application of scheme as it affects us.

Sh. 8/10 4/10

12 Jan 45

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letter submitted at 50. for signature of C.C.
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letter submitted at 50. for signature of C.S.
I will reply suitably to L. 49 on
return to file.

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V.P. Leon Sec.

May the Esc Comm. please be advised of the action

taken on folio 65

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Folio 68-69 are the answers to folio 65-

agreed
CSO Apts

Ref: 254/1112

22 December 1946.

SUBJECT: Losses sustained by Agents and Collaborators
with the Allied Forces.

TO : ALLIED COMMISSIONER (ITALY).

1. I refer to your letter H/1/1112/12 of 6 December 1946 on the subject of payment for damage to property in cases where it can be proved that the damage was direct vengeance for assisting Allied nationals.

2. The Allied Commission is only concerned with this matter if an approach is to be made to the Italian Government on this question.

Early this year it was agreed that the Italian Government was in no way concerned in this matter and that it was a responsibility for the Allied Governments and you informed the War Office accordingly in your letter H/1/1112/12 of 25 May 1946.

3. Nothing has transpired since which has changed that opinion and this Commission is in full agreement with the policy set out in the annexure to your letter under reference.

Seeing that you have funds available and that it has been agreed that all cases of damage to buildings will be covered it is difficult to understand why the War Office will not modify the existing ruling. I suggest that you should again take this matter up with the War Office as it would appear that the policy suggested by you is the only one under which it will be possible to dispose of these cases.

4. I have discussed this with the Chief Commissioner and he is in agreement with the above.

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Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED SCREENING COMMISSION (ITALY)
APO S 551
CMF

HQ/1/HGDeB/LFA.
9 Dec 46.

To: Allied Commission,
Rome.
Attn: Brigadier Carr, OBE, MC.

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1. I enclose a letter from the Deputy Director of Military Intelligence on the subject which I have discussed with you, and the subject on which the Chief Commissioner has written to the Italian Government. I should be very glad if you would kindly let me know if there is anything that the Allied Commission would be prepared to do in the matter, or any advice that you may give me as to how to proceed to enable these cases to be dealt with.

2. The procedure referred to in the second paragraph, whereby Claims and Hirings were able to deal with certain matters and send the bill to the Italian Government; so that, after investigation and assessment by them, Claims and Hirings, were authorised to pay and to send the account to the Finance Department of the Italian Government and I understand that there was never any question or difficulty between the two in this matter.

3. In regard to the destruction of property, the Americans, whom I have interviewed on the subject, are in agreement with me that it should be our responsibility on the lines laid down in this letter enclosed, and they are perfectly prepared that their contribution to Allied Screening Commission funds should be used for this purpose.

4. As I have already stated in various other letters, I do not ask for any further funds from any of the Allied Governments concerned. There are sufficient funds available for the few cases that would be dealt with and all that I ask is a revision of the policy. I enclose my suggested policy and I also draw your attention to paragraph 3 of the enclosed letter from BDM.

H. G. De Burgh
H. G. De BURGH, Lt Col, GS,
Commanding.
Allied Screening Commission (Italy),
CMF

2 encls.

C.S.O.

See folios 39 & 54

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Allied Screening Commission (1942)
A.F.C. 3 551
Rome.

Claim for damage to property of Italians which
were incurred as direct vengeance by the Germans
for harbouring and assisting prisoners.

We discussed this question on 2 Dec, and I must confirm
that we cannot obtain any alteration to the present ruling
as expressed in A.O. Telegram 91220 to A.F.H.C. dated 13.11.44
and Memo 7 ID/9/7/1 of 9 July 46, that claims for war
damage, even when not arising out of military operations, cannot
be met from your special funds.

I understand that there has been a procedure regarding
claims and hirings whereby the Commission paid such items and
charged them against the Italian Government. Could it not be
possible to adopt a similar procedure in these cases? Although
we admit no legal liability, we have considerable moral responsibility
in the matter and our present refusal to pay is undoubtedly
having a bad political effect.

I know that you are in full possession of the facts and can
prove these cases to be entirely unconnected with normal damage.
You have moreover excluded all cases of damage to buildings, and
thereby would not be understood as committing the British Government
to any responsibility for such damage.

I therefore recommend that you should lay the case before the
Allied Commission for immediate consideration, in the hope that
they may be able to follow the "Claims and Hirings" precedents.

Signed (S.E. Page)
S.D.S.I. (D and S).

Mr. Office.
1 December 1946.

Ref to 14/11 ref memo minute S.D.S.I./29/192 dated Nov 11 1946.

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ALLIED DRENING COMMISSION(ITALY)

We have a number of cases in which people are completely destitute owing to all their property being destroyed in direct revenge for assistance to prisoners. Some of these people have returned from prison broken in health through torture to find nothing I have, all the time I have been here, tried to get a revision of the directive under which we work to enable me to do something for these people, for I feel it will create a very bad impression in the country if they are left. We do what we can by employing members of the family in the Commission but they receive a very small wage and are not able to keep themselves and help their families. The policy laid down for us in the very beginning was that all property damage was the responsibility of the Italian Government. I have, as I say, been endeavouring to get a revision of this to allow me to deal with these people. There are not very many of them. I feel very strongly that the hard and fast line made about damage to property is doing very great injustice to a number of people who in some cases have done a great deal more than those whom we are able to reward under other headings. We have been economical in our assessing and I do not expect to spend the amount of credit which has been allotted for the work. The policy suggested is:-

THAT THIS COMMISSION SHOULD BE AUTHORISED TO
PAY DAMAGE TO PROPERTY IN CASES WHERE IT COULD
BE PROVED THAT THE DAMAGE WAS THE DIRECT
VENGEANCE FOR ASSISTING ALLIED NATIONALS.

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17 August 1946.

Mr. H.F. FOSTER, who I understand is working in the R.P.I.B., was sent to me by the Allied Screening Commission who are unable to deal with the case which he had submitted.

The facts of this case are that in the process of arranging the escape of Lt. Gen. ISHAW, Lt. Gen. O'DONNELL, Air Vice Marshal BOND, and a number of other very senior British officers, a German naval lieutenant named LANGER, who was in command of the port at SMERALIA, was of the greatest assistance. According to Mr. FOSTER this lieutenant, who is married to an English girl, by arrangement with Mr. FOSTER who was the prime mover of the escape, removed the German guards from the port at SMERALIA on the night of the embarkation of the Generals and so enabled them to get away.

The lieutenant is now said to be a POW in a POW Camp in ITALY and Mr. FOSTER is anxious to help him in reward for his services. Mr. FOSTER will call on you shortly and has asked me to precede his visit with this short explanation.

M S LUSH

Major Marshall,
A.2(P.S.) Section,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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

Major 470
Marshall

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ASQ/5-5/PAH/PHS.

15 August. 46.

To:- Allied Commission,
ROME.

AUG 17 1946

Subject:- Mr. M.F. POSTER.

Mr. POSTER has been to this Headquarters to make a request regarding a German Officer who assisted him during the Nazi/Fascist occupation of Northern ITALY. This Commission is unable to assist Mr. POSTER. It is thought that may be, it is possible for you to take an interest in this case.

Mr. POSTER was of great assistance to escaped Allied POW behind the lines during the Nazi/Fascist occupation and was the main helper of Lt.Gen. NEUME, Lt.Gen. O'CONNOR, Air Vice Marshal BOYD and a number of other very senior British Officers who had escaped from P/W Camps near BRANCO.

Alas My
P.A. HEWITT Major
Foresters.

for Lt.Col.GS
Allied Screening Commission (Italy)
C.M.F.

Mr. Cooke

Mr. Ted Hunter

Lieut. Langen

German Navy

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Last appointment of Pat Senechal

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

27 July 1946
AUG 1 1946

Ref. AC/5127/A/Commerce

SUBJECT: Compensation for Helpers of Escaping
Allied PWS.

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter G-5 151/3 of the 10 July 46.
2. The matter has been taken up with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Economic Directorate and you will be informed immediately a reply is received.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

sgd. CHARLES W. WALTON
COLONEL AC
Acting Vice President

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. AC/5127/A/Commerce

27 July 1946

AUG 1 1946

SUBJECT: Compensation for Helpers
of escaping Allied PWs

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs -
Economic Directorate.

1. Arrangements are being made by Allied Force Headquarters to replace vehicles, which were sacrificed by Italian subjects, in helping Allied Prisoners of War to escape.
2. Replacement is being made by the placing of surplus British vehicles at the disposal of these people, through the Allied Screening Commission.
3. Naturally, Allied Force Headquarters would like an assurance from the Italian Government, that the recipients of these cars will not be subject to any import duty or similar tax.
4. Your early attention in this matter would be appreciated.

sgd. C.W. WALTON
COLONEL AC
Acting Vice President

Copy to: Allied Screening Commission
Ministry of Foreign Trade

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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G-5: 191/3

8 July 1946

SUBJECT: Compensation for Helpers of
Escaping Allied PWs.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794.

Reference the Allied Screening Commission letter G-5 of 4 May.

Arrangements are in hand for replacing vehicles sacrificed by
Italians to aid escaping Allied PWs by surplus British vehicles. Will
you please obtain an assurance from the Italian Government that they
will take whatever steps may be necessary to exempt the recipients of
such vehicles from any import duty as the vehicles merely replace
previously existing vehicle sacrificed in the Allied cause and inform
this Headquarters of the arrangements made (sending the AGC a copy of
your letter).

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMILTON
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to: Allied Screening
Commission, Rome.

NO DATE - 16 July

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 5 52640
Date/Time of Origin: 091118Z JULY

Message Centre No: 1/4522
Date Time Rec'd: JULY 091445
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ, THE CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS DEPT
TO: CHIEF OF STAFF LONDON FOR CA.
INFO: ALCON ROBE

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Subject is transportation lent to escaping P of W. Matter under detailed consideration here and official reply will be sent earliest.

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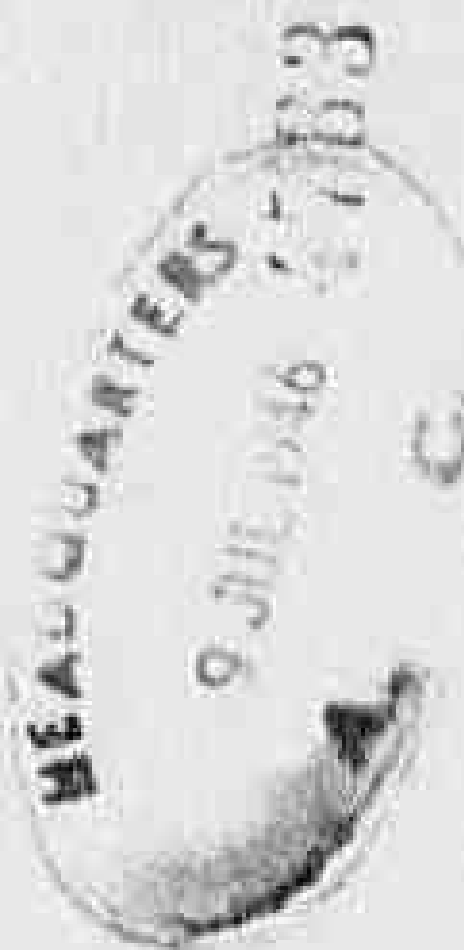
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PLEASE PASS TO 1807 ID REFERENCE WAR OFFICE SIGNAL CHARLES ABLE GEORGE WILLIAM PAREN
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TO HELP ESCAPING PRISONERS OF WAR ID REFERENCE ALCON REFUSAL IN PARAGRAPH ONE ID
LETTER NUMBER ALCON CHARLES EAST MINE MIAMI SEVEN FOUR SLANT ONE TWO ONE THREE OF ONE
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QUEEN HAVE NOW REPLIED STATING THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO AMEND THE EXISTING DIRECTIVE
ID UNQUOTE ID

COPY TO: ECONOMIC SECTION (CEM BR) (2)

PRIORITY

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO USA
Asst Adjt

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: CA CH(B) NO 3

Date/Time of Origin: 031500Z JULY

Message Centre No: H/4404

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 040915Z

Precedence: PRIORITY

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FROM: WAR OFFICE

TO: ALCON ROMEL FOR DRWF FOR CA2

INFO G-5 AMHQ

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Subject is transport lent by italians to help escaping POWS and allied screening C-Commission C M P recommended in March release to such italians of vehicles or necessary parts from local stocks to replace the lent to help POWS escape. This request was refused. SE HQ Alcon CM/-74/121. of 1st April. The subject being taken up very high level war office with support allied screening commission request. 3 reversal of Alcon decision in urgently requested our CA 2 clear of 20 June and expedite of 1 Jul to G AMHQ on reasons why impossible ACCE DE this request. 4 grateful if you could press this question and obtain answer before weekend in view of foregoing.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

CEM/74/1408

7 June 1946

SUBJECT: Transport for Helpers of Escaping ex-P.W.

TO : Allied Screening Commission
25 Corso d'Italia
(Attn. Major Aiken).

CEM/74/1408

Reference letter from Chief Disposals Officer (Italy) CDM/7/34
dated 27 May 1946, copy of which is attached.

1. Headquarters Allied Commission are in favour of the suggestion
put forward by the C.D.O. to Sig. Corbino.

2. It is not considered necessary to seek advice from G.H.Q. in this
matter and it is suggested that arrangements be made direct with the Italian
Government through the Minister of the Treasury and A.R.A.R.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
CEM Branch

1 Copy Executive Commissioner.
1 Copy Economic Section.
1 Copy Chief Disposals Officer (Italy).

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Sgt J.

Ref: AC/436/Ps

10. June 1946.

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Thank you for your letter regarding Captain Reid's allegations and copy of "New Statesman and Nation" which I return herewith.

I referred the story to Public Safety for investigation and it would appear that Cerini's story to Captain Reid was greatly exaggerated. Cerini was, as you observed, Sindaco of Vivaro and was paid 10,000 lire by the Allied Screening Commission for aid rendered to two POW's.

We received a letter from Captain Reid in March 1946 to which we did not reply, partly because he ended with a threat to the effect that if he did not get a satisfactory answer he would have the matter raised in the House of Commons, but mainly because it was never our intention to make exhaustive enquiries about a case in which we most certainly had no grounds for interfering.

As a matter of interest, one of Captain Reid's so-called Fascists was imprisoned by the Germans for aiding Allied POW's.

The Questore is still proceeding with enquiries into five other alleged Fascists mentioned in Captain Reid's letter and it is now intended to forward a full reply to Captain Reid immediately these enquiries are completed.

(Sgd) M. S. Lush

Brigadier Alban Low, CBE, MC,
Commander,
Headquarters,
Home Area Allied Command.

Copy to: E. Cunn

(Capt K)

28 May 1946

SUBJECT: Property damage and losses sustained by agents and collaborators with the Allied Forces.

TO : Allied Commission
Chief Commissioner
Rome

1. During the last year this Command has received a number of claims from former agents and collaborators for property losses suffered at the hands of the Germans and Fascists as a direct result of their activities on behalf of the Allied cause.

2. As your office knows, this Command had a number of Italian civilians working behind enemy lines gathering intelligence and organizing resistance groups. Often they used as headquarters their own homes or the homes or offices of persons who were collaborators with them. When the enemy learned of their activities, they went to these meeting places to make arrests during the course of which they ransacked and destroyed all the furniture and personal effects they could find in the place.

3. Because no provision exists under American law to reimburse these persons for losses of this nature, the matter was taken up in October 1945 with Mr. Pietro Mastino, the undersecretary for War Damages, Ministero del Tesoro, and arrangements were made that all such claims be referred to the Italian Government.

4. Two of the claimants have recently informed this office that their claims have been denied as not coming within the purview of the Italian War Damages act.

5. It is the opinion of this office that some provision should be made to compensate these persons who, as a direct result of their activities on our behalf, suffered property losses. These persons are certainly

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more deserving than those who took no active part in aiding the Allies, but who do come within the purview of the act because their homes were damaged by bombing or shelling. If your office is in agreement with this opinion, it is requested that the Italian Government be directed to accept these claims and make proper recompense to the claimants.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

DONALD C. HAYS
Capt., JAGD
Theater Counsel

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Recovery Commission
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED SCREENING COMMISSION (ITALY)
APO 3 551
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To: M.I. 9/19,
Room 327,
Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.C.2.

Copy to: Allied Commission.

MA to SAC, GMP.

Subject: Property damaged in revenge for assistance to Allied PN.

This problem is growing more and more acute in Italy. Many people have given cars to escapers or have used them to the detriment of the car and its tyres. I have many letters from people who do not want money. They only ask that we may release them cars and/or tyres from Allied Control. This does not seem a very difficult thing to do, but I have been unable to obtain any assistance either from Allied Commission or from Army Headquarters, although both have expressed interest and sympathy, which does not help either this Commission or the Italian helpers, some of whom have been hoping for more than a year that we will do something for them.

I feel, and Admiral Stone agreed with me when I saw him, that this is the Allied Governments' responsibility. To place the onus and expense on the Italian Government for the payment of work done for our escapers would be a lasting score against the Allied and a political mistake of the worst kind.

I should be most grateful if a decision could be given on the subject, and also authority given to this Commission to obtain for these people the things they need to start them in their small businesses, or professions, which they have lost through giving assistance to our men. This assistance was given without thought for themselves or their families and they have suffered death, torture and imprisonment for it, apart from ensuing destitution.

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H. G. De HUGH
 H. G. De HUGH, Lt Col, GS,
 Commanding
 Allied Screening Commission (Italy),
 CAS.

27 May 46.

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From: Lt. Col. F. H. McCleary, Chief Staff Officer.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 506/53/10.

24 March 1946.

Dear

In the absence of Brigadier Lush I am replying to your D/O letter ADC/759 of 15 March 46.

Admiral Stone has written to the Prime Minister, and I enclose a copy of his letter.

Yours

F. H. McCLEARY

Capt. F. G. R. W. Scott,
A.D.C. to S.A.C.
Allied Force Headquarters
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COM SION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref. 306/50731

22 March 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I enclose a copy of a letter from the Supreme Allied Commander to General Vindeland, whose husband, as you can see, was in prison at the time of the invasion in 1943. He behaved with great courage, and as a result of his actions was taken away by the Germans, very badly beaten up and subsequently died.

The Supreme Allied Commander felt he would like to write to the widow a word of acknowledgment of what Lt. Col. Vindeland achieved. He further thought that such a letter might be a means of extending a message of gratitude to all other Italians who helped the Allies during the war. He has therefore asked me to bring his letter to the notice of your Government, and I would be most grateful if you would do so.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Mr. Alcide De Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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From: Captain E.S.E.W. Scott, - S.D.C. to S.A.C.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Supreme Allied Commander
C.M.F.

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15th March, 1946.

Dear Brigadier Lush, 48

The attached letter is a copy of that sent by the Supreme Allied Commander to the widow of Lt-Col Vicidomini, who died in Milan on 9th March.

This man was the officer in charge of the prison camp, where, among others, Lt-Col de Burch, Head of the Allied Denial Commission, and myself were held at the time of the 1943 Armistice. He behaved, as you see from the letter, extremely well; and as a result of his action was taken away by the Germans and very badly beaten up. He eventually returned to his home at Milan, but with one side of his body paralysed. Thereafter his condition continued to deteriorate steadily until he died from general weakness.

The Supreme Allied Commander felt that he would like to write to the widow a word of acknowledgment of what this man did. He also thought that such a letter might be a means of extending a message of gratitude to all other Italians who helped us during the war. He would therefore be pleased if you would bring his letter to the notice of the Italian Government.

Yours Sincerely,
Frank Bull

Brigadier W.B. Lush, CB, DSO,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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From Lieut-General Sir William D. I. Jan, KCB DSO MC.

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C.M.P.

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15th March, 1946.

Dear

I have received with deep regret the news of the death on the 9th March of your husband, Lt-Col Viodomini, as a direct result of the gross ill-treatment inflicted upon him by the Germans.

My own A.D.C., who was a prisoner in your husband's camp, has described to me his action in September 1943, when, fully knowing the danger to himself, he enabled all the British prisoners in his charge to escape. Such courage and uprightness in carrying out - where others failed - the terms of a difficult armistice, cannot be too highly praised. These qualities, together with the fairness with which, I am told, he performed the invidious task of camp commander, will make his loss very much regretted by all who owed their freedom to him.

He is a war casualty on the Allied side, and I feel that this is a good occasion for me to say that such actions as his, committed on our behalf, will be remembered and appreciated by the British people.

To you personally I can only express my very sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Yours

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Signora Viodomini,
Via Leopardi 29,
Milan.

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Ref: 506/47/51

26 February 1946

SUBJECT: Salvatore Barchioni

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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1. Reference your letter 6/825/392, dated 19 February 1946, concerning provisions for compensation for the reprisal destroyed home of Salvatore Barchioni of Calice al Calore, Province of La Spezia.

2. IT IS REMITTED BUT TO DATE NO PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO COVER COMPENSATION FOR DESTROYED PROPERTY RESULTING FROM FASCIST RETALIATION FOR HARBOURING ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR.

3. Nevertheless, his claim is being forwarded to the Allied Screening Commission, 25 Corso S'Italia, Rome, which section is directly concerned with the above matter.

4. HOWEVER, STURGE BARCHIONI SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THERE ARE PROVISIONS FOR REWARDING PERSONS WHO HAVE HARBOURED ALLIED MILITARY STRICTLY BASED ON THEIR EXPENDITURES FOR LODGING AND FEEDING. HIS CLAIM SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE A/S OFFICE AND SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY SUPPORTING WRITTEN EVIDENCE.

VICTOR L. OGDEN
1000 T SOLDIER

Trigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:

Allied Screening Commission, Italy
with encl: Note 6/825/392 of 19 Feb. 46 fr I.M.F.A.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

FEB 25 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Salvatore BUCCHIONI -

1. Salvatore BUCCHIONI of Calles al Dulce, Province of Le Spezia, had his house destroyed by the Nazi-fascist as a reprisal for having harbored most absconding Allied former prisoners of war.

2. 5/4 states that the reconstruction of his house was proposed to him by the Allied authorities and that a Major Gordon Bates had written from London to have submitted the matter to the War Office and to the Department for Foreign Affairs and that a letter to the public was sent to "The Times" on the subject.

3. A written survey report of the damage was lodged by BUCCHIONI with the AWC but was returned to him. A claim application is said to have later been transmitted by the Regional Office to the Allied Commission.

Mention is made by BUCCHIONI of the Allied Screening Commission (ITALY) and to an office which is supposed to specially assist those who helped the Allied absconding prisoners.

4. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would appreciate it to learn whether there exist any provision entitling BUCCHIONI to special treatment or compensation. **A**

Rome, February 14th, 1946

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Subject: Salvatore LUCCHIONI -

1. Salvatore LUCCHIONI of Saline di Grotte, Province of La Spezia, had his house destroyed by the Nazi-Fascist as a reprisal for having harbored some absconding Allied former prisoners of war.

2. L/S states that the reconstruction of his house was proposed to him by the Allied Authorities and that a Major Gordon Lamb has written from London to have submitted the matter to the War Office and to the Department for Foreign Affairs and that a letter to the public was sent to "The Times" on the subject.

3. A written survey report of the damage was lodged by Lucchioni with the War Office but was returned to him. A claim application is said to have later been transmitted by the Regional Office to the Allied Commission.

Mention is made by Lucchioni of the allied screening Commission (ITALY) and to an office which is supposed to specially assist those who helped the Allied absconding prisoners.

4. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would appreciate it to learn whether there exist any provision entitling Lucchioni to special treatment or compensation. A

Rome, February 15th, 1945



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Translation

Siens Garrison
The Commander

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Leghorn 4 - 1 - 46

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Sir,

I take the liberty of forwarding a request.
Will you kindly read it and take it in considera-
tion, for the case is interesting, also from the
historical and psychological point of view and
turns to the advantage of the British.

Sincerely yours,

S. Gen. Angelica Domenico

Via Calzabigi, 2
Leghorn

P.S. I shall before long send you the booklet which I published.

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See L 45

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Gen. Angelica made his merits known to the Provincial Commissioner Lt. Col E. L. Nicholls (British) who was not interested. 43

On May 7th, he forwarded to A.M.C. the enclosed memo., and in September only, during an inspection trip, a British Major tried to get informations from him (enclosure 4).

On his return to Leghorn, General Angelica found his house badly damaged by occupation, but the Town Major told him he could give him no indemnity, as he must live with a pension amounting to 15 pounds a month, he will never be able to repair the house and buy what has been lost.

If there is a premium for those who saved prisoners, he asks that it should be paid, to him, and also to be given an indemnity for the damages suffered by his house (occupied by the officers and the mess of the R.A.F.) He would like that his booklet on the liberation of Siena, which emphasizes the goodwill of the Allies for helping save the town, to be translated by the Press Office of the Allied Commission and circulated in the British and American press; this would be a compensation for him.

General Angelica also asks for a job in the British Consulate in Leghorn; he knows some English and might make himself useful. Besides, Admiral Stone might support his cause with President De Gasperi, who is well disposed towards him, so that he be appointed prefect of Siena.

e/c

Translation

Montalto Castle - Castelnuovo Berardenga (Siena)
11 August 1945

My dear General,

I enclose a copy of the statement left to me
by one of the British prisoners which I helped .

I count on your discretion, for I don't want
this to seem a boast or a request.

When we spoke together, I forgot to tell you
that the British prisoners coming from the Teverno d'Arbia
Camp (a few kms from Siena) told me that during the first
days after the armistice, they were accompanied by their Offi-
cer in command of the camp and by the sentry for a distance
of about 20 kms from Teverno, on the Valdarno road, and set
free as soon as they reached the woody region, at Ponte delle
Muricce, where on the right are the wood covered hills of the
Arezzo region and on the left the Montalto woods (Prov of Siena)

I wanted to add this to be quite precise and
truthful.

s. Minna Carafa di Roccella

e/c

N.B. This lady whose name I must give to
support my thesis (cf. my booklet 'How
Siena was saved') risked her life several times,
and in spite of her unusual discretion, she
deserves a premium as well as the consideration
and gratitude of the British Nation.

What she says proves that the orders I gave
were well carried out.

Leghorn, 1 Jan. 1946

Gen. Angelica D'Amico

Translation

Ufficio Comunale
Siena

Siena, 17 October 1945

Subject:
Summon to the
Ufficio Allogi Militari

The undersigned asks you to report to this Office at 15 hours on October 17th, 1945 (today) to give information to a British Major regarding the assistance given to Allied soldiers during the war.

Kindly come, in your own interest.

The Police Director

S. Masini

A true copy

To General
Angelica Damico
Via della Gherchia, 11
Siena

S. Gen D. Angelica

N.B. As I was away, my wife answered the summons but couldn't tell much to the Major, for she knew little about the particulars of the liberation of the prisoners, and because I never speak about office matters whether at home or elsewhere.

D. A.

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Ref: 13044/7

8 September 1945

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My Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I am sure you are as concerned as I am over the unfortunate loss of, or damage to, property suffered by helpers of Allied escaped prisoners of war in Italy, which has been brought to my notice by the Allied Screening Commission (Italy), a body which rewards such helpers.

As you know, during the period of enemy occupation numerous civilian helpers of Allied military personnel, escaping or evading the common enemy in enemy-occupied areas, had their property stolen or damaged by the enemy for rendering assistance to these fugitives. You will realise that such damage does in fact fall within the category of war damage, and that therefore the responsibility for granting compensation for such loss or damage is that of the Italian Government.

Although this compensation cannot of course be set out of Allied funds, it is felt that there is a definite ~~responsibility~~ ^{obligation} on the part of the Allied Governments to ensure that these cases are accepted, investigated, and settled promptly and satisfactorily by the competent department of your Government. The total liquidation of all claims for war damage may represent a major financial problem for the Government, but the total amount involved in the type of claims under discussion is, and will be, a very small proportion of the whole, which could be, it is hoped, liquidated in full without affecting the general economy of the country or any policy of your Government regarding war damage claims generally.

Unfortunately, when, on instructions from the Allied Screening Commission, helpers who have suffered such loss or damage have referred their claims to the various Intendenze di Finanza, or even when such claims have been passed to the Intendenze direct by the Allied Screening Commission, the various branches of the Intendenze have sometimes rejected such claims, stating that they are the responsibility of the Allies. Naturally it is realised that the Intendenze do not appreciate the situation fully, and do not understand the true nature of such claims, but this attitude does tend to lead to embarrassment, and a certain unjustified loss of prestige to the Allies, who are as a result considered unappreciative of the many risks undertaken by these voluntary helpers.

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The Allied Screening Commission was eager to hasten the settlement of such claims, and to ensure that the loss or damage was in fact resulted directly from assistance rendered to Allied personnel escaping from the Germans. Therefore I would be most grateful if the appropriate department of your Government could be asked to take immediate action on all such claims; the Allied Screening Commission are naturally anxious to collaborate to the full on this question, and suggest the following alternative methods by which this action may be implemented.

The first method would be for the Allied Screening Commission to collect all such claims, and, having established that the loss or damage has occurred as a direct result of assistance rendered to Allied escapees and evaders, to forward these claims to the competent Italian Government department. This department would then value the loss or damage involved in each case and settle direct with the claimants, at the same time advising the Commission when these claims are settled and the amounts paid.

The other method would be for three accredited Damage Assessors of your competent Ministry to be attached to Allied Screening Commission, who would receive claims passed to them from the Commission, and value the loss or damage involved in accordance with the methods employed in their department. In accordance with such valuations the Allied Screening Commission would then arrange to make payment direct to the claimants, and would request for reimbursement a consolidated account at agreed intervals to the department concerned. The Allied Screening Commission prefer this latter method, and feel that since loss risk would fall upon the Italian Government thereby, this method may also be more acceptable to you.

As you will see, the position of the Screening Commission is invidious at the present, and I would be most grateful if some satisfactory agreement could be reached to bring an end to this pressing problem. Perhaps you would be good enough to treat this matter as urgent, and give me your views on the above at your early convenience.

Yours very truly

WILSON S. SMITH
Rear Admiral U.S.N.
Chief Commissioner

cc Eyer Court

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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Tel: 478201

6 July 1945.

Ref: 506/37/EC.

SUBJECT: Claim for Reimbursement.

TO : Signor Angelantonio DI STEFANO,
Contrada Torricchio,
TORNABUCCIO, CHIETI.

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1. Mayor La Guardia, New York, has recently passed to this Commission an extract of your letter dated 24 November 1944.
2. To deal with cases of compensation where financial and other assistance has been given to Allied personnel during the period of German occupation of Italy, the Allied Screening Commission has been set up. The address of this organization is: 32 Piazza Augusto Imperatore, ROME, and it is recommended that you submit your claim to that organization who will pay you a reward if the facts are established.
3. You should, therefore, make application direct to the Allied Screening Commission with full details.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Claim for Reimbursement

FILE No. 11.10/ES

TO : Executive Commissioner

5 July 1945
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Your letter of 3 July, Ref. 4735 AC, was referred to the Finance Sub-Commission, which has returned it with the following remark:

" Lt Stefano should submit his claim to the Allied Screening Commission (no connection with AC) who will pay him a reward if the facts can be established. Address of Allied Screening Commission is 38 Piazza Augusto Imperatore, Rome."

For the Acting Vice President:

Cecil B. Sigler
CECIL B. SIGLER
Captain, Infantry
Staff Officer

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Tel : 735

2 July 1945

Ref: 4755/80.

SUBJECT : Reimbursement of Expenses

TO : Economic Section (for Finance Sub-Commission)

1. Attached hereto is copy of translation of a letter from Angelantonio Di STEFANO transmitted to the Chief Commissioner by the Mayor of New York.

2. Will you please take any steps possible and advise this office in due course of the action taken,

R. J. Rosten

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl :

ltr dtd 24 Nov 44.
Copy to : 506/33

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12 July

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COPY

CITY OF NEW YORK
Office of the Mayor
New York 7, N.Y.

May 17, 1945

Rear Admiral
Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome, Italy.

Dear Sir,

I have received several letters from Italy, containing complaints about requisitions, damages and the lack of satisfaction of requests made to the Allied Command.

I send you a translation of these letters, with the request that you verify whether the claimants in each case are correct in their complaints, and, if so, that you do what you can for them.

I am very grateful for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely yours

/s/ F. La Guardia
Mayor

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Translation

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..... immediately after the armistice and during the German occupation of Abruzzo, I was host for over 40 days, to 15 Allied soldiers, 3 non-coms and one captain, offering them all the necessary care as well as money and clothing, risking my life, of course, if the enemy had learned that I was doing this in my home.

Satisfied over the fact that I had done my duty, when the staff of the A.M.G. reached nearby Ateessa on March 25th last, I presented myself to tell of the sacrifice I had made, of the expenses I had borne, and to turn in the receipts which the above military men had given me when they left. A major who was in command of the AMG office made me certain promises, saying that I would be sent for in a few days. I have waited in vain until now, and the AMG office has moved elsewhere.....

ANGELANTONIO DI STEFANO

Contrada Torricchio

Tornareccio (Chieti) Italy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

Ref No: 13044/V

20 January 1945

SUBJECT: Attachments of Allied Screening Commission
Detachments to 15th Army Group.

TO: Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region, (For Regional Finance Officer)
" " Emilia Region, " " " "
" " Abruzzi-Marche Reg. " " " "
S.C.A.O., AND 5 Army (For Senior Finance Officer)
S.C.A.O., AND 8 Army " " " "

1. The following details of Allied Screening detachments which will be attached to 15th Army Group are forwarded for information.

2. Detachments will be constituted and will operate as follows:

No. 1 Detachment	Attached to	to operate in
126209V Lieut. W.E. Pennessy, U.D.P.	No.1 Section I.S. 9	5th Army
235241V Sjt. Eresman, U.I., U.D.P.	(under command P/Lt. Hasbleton)	Area
No. 2 Detachment		
240920V Capt. J.C. Shannon, U.D.P.	No.2 Section I.S. 9	8th Army
53074V Sjt. De Bruin, R.J., U.D.P.	(under command Lieut. Pepper)	Area

3. Duties of such A.S.C. Detachments will consist of:

General - A.S.C. detachments will deal with all matters referring to claims presented by civilians living in Italy who have assisted escaped or evading Allied service personnel.

Specific - (i) Investigation of such special cases as are referred to them from A.S.C. HQ.
(ii) Liaison between military formations, Regional Finance Officers and such other Allied Commission Departments as are concerned.
(iii) Forwarding of claims through existing Allied Commission channels.
(iv) Making of emergency payments up to a maximum of Lire 2,000 to claimants in special cases from funds supplied by Allied Screening Commission.

Copy to: AFHQ (G-2)
(Ref G-2(P/W) 1089/145
of 17 Jan. 45)
HQ APA.

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

CAPT Morhart, Office C-3.

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General Information should be
published by the to all concerned. May
to a GA and to the house to be particularly
concerned. Outside may also be interested.

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25 December 14, 1945

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6. You are authorized to hold transport as detailed in Appendix VI, up to 7.2. of OSTIC and 1.3.0 to meet the immediate needs of the Allied Screening organization. Where transport from Army sources is not available, authority

establishments. You are to act as suitable organizations to carry out the task of settling claims and awards in Italy, Greece and the Balkan countries. You are to be of the highest quality and to be under Army control.

3. It is suggested that to increase the military establishment for personnel will be required, but you are authorized to take on such civilian as may be required from time to time, subject of civilians to be made from MI 9, War Office, Funds.

4. Claims are to be settled in accordance with MI 9, War Office, directive MI 9 (a/W) No. 1012, dated 11 October 44, and accounted for direct by MI 9, War Office. Funds for this purpose will be made available by MI 9, War Office.

5. You are authorized to act for the re-establishing of suitable officers and accommodation in such areas where an office will be required through normal channels.

6. You are authorized to hold transport as detailed in Appendix 11, subject to W.E. of CCM and T.S. 2 to meet the immediate needs of the Allied Screening organization. Where transport from Army sources is not available, authority will be given for requisitioned vehicles to be held in lieu. These will be requisitioned in accordance with Army Administrative Instruction No. 10 dated 13 December 44.

7. Administration and office expenses should be restricted to the minimum and accounted for to MI 9, War Office.

8. You are authorized to obtain assistance from all Military Government or Mission officials in the areas in which you work to facilitate the expeditious settlement of outstanding claims.

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9. The organization is to be put into effect with the minimum delay possible, using all available CSBIO and I.S.S personnel for the purpose.

10. A copy of this directive has been sent to addresses below, who are requested to give you all assistance possible in carrying out the above instructions.

T.S. Army,
Major-General, S.S.,
A.O. of S., G-2.

DISTRIBUTION FOR INFORMATION:

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British Residents Institute.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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17 November 1944
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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 AME 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:

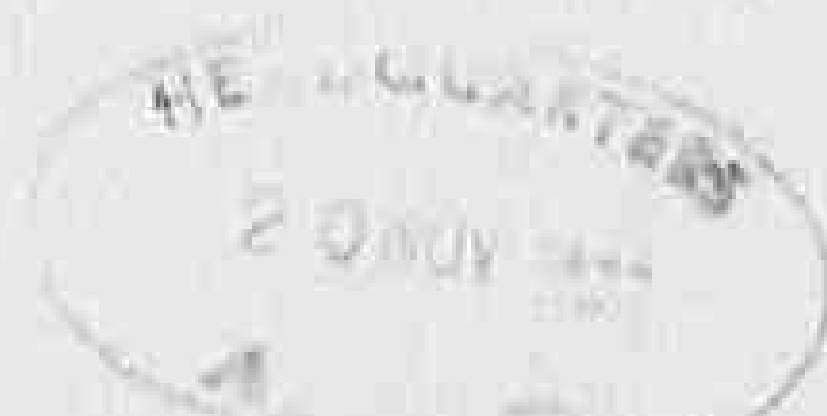
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H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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21st September, 1944

SUBJECT: Payment to Helpers of Allied PWs.
TO : Executive Commissioner

folios
1. Reference/18 to 22 Commander Holsworth has forwarded a very good letter from a Captain Gibson complaining that Italians near FROSINONE who had helped him to escape had received no recognition. This is only one of many such complaints, and is extremely well presented.

2. Col. Grafftey-Smith (folio 21) has made some very (loose) comments and the gist of these have been embodied in a draft to G - 5 A.F.H.Q. for your approval.

(This draft has been prepared by Messrs. Feilding and I think good words)

G. W. I. SHIPP
Lt. Colonel

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Signed 1884

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Messrs. Feilding & Co.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref 785/23/CA

21st September, 1944

SUBJECT: Payment to Helpers of Allied PWs.

TO : A.C.M.C.

1. We have received the attached copy of a memorandum from Captain R. Gibson which focusses attention somewhat forcibly on the unsatisfactory state of affairs regarding compensation to Italian civilians who have rendered assistance to Allied PWs. Although this is no longer a direct concern of this Commission, it nevertheless occupies much of the time of my officers and I therefore think it right to bring the case to your notice.

2. Briefly the facts are as follows:

- a) In January this year the ACC Finance Sub Committee accepted the responsibility, at the request of G 5, AFHQ, of making payments on behalf of "A" Force to those who had helped escapees. The reasons for assuming this responsibility were that "A" Force was not equipped to make such payments, and that the ACC had a network of finance officers throughout the province of Southern Italy. Payments were made in two ways:
- i. On the direct instructions of "A" Force to individuals mentioned by name, based on information received by "A" Force from C.S.D.I.C.
 - ii. An ad hoc payment on a scale established by "A" Force to those who claimed to have assisted prisoners.
- b) This system worked satisfactorily until May, when it was found that the number of applicants in the newly liberated Provinces of Littoria and Grosinone were more than could be handled by the Provincial finance officers. This matter was reported to G 5 with the recommendation that "A" Force should immediately set up its own disbursing organization. Our attitude was approved by both G 5 and "A" Force

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and we were asked what additional help we required to handle the rewards. In reply it was suggested that a team of two officers and two OR/PS (with financial experience and speaking Italian) should be allocated which could be moved to where the demand was greatest.

- c) After the liberation of Rome an Allied Screening Commission was instituted, the staff being drawn from former PW officers discovered in Rome. The ASC has been relieved of its responsibility of examining claims but is still asked to make payments as designated by the A.S. Commission. The A.S. Commission is now reduced to two officers the remainder having returned to England.
- d) All this work has now been transferred to ED Claims and Hirings, who is still endeavouring to take charge of assessment and payment. ED Claims hopes to receive a favourable reply from London with the next few days.

3. You will appreciate that in addition to the actual payment of compensation, a personal visit to the helper in question is required, and that some degree of ceremony be attached to the presentation of the reward. At the same time we recommend for your consideration the suggestion that, in giving official recognition, some form of certificate, preferably signed by the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, should be presented. This matter is believed to be under discussion in London. In parenthesis it may be stated that a Russian General has personally visited the helpers of the few escaped Russian prisoners and has presented a reward with much pomp and ceremony.

4. It is estimated that in AQUILA Province alone there are approximately 1500 cases deserving of recognition, whilst the numbers of helpers in the North of Italy in territory yet to be liberated may be as large as 25,000.

5. The machinery for handling the matter has largely passed out of our hands but we feel very strongly that active steps should at once be taken to enable ED Claims and Hirings to carry out these functions. A continuance of delay in dealing with the subject is likely to create an extremely bad impression and reflect on the integrity of those who, on behalf of the Allies, broadcast proposals for recompense to all who gave help to Allied PWs.

copy sent to
Finance Sub Commission

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For Acting Chief Commissioner

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Col Shipp

1. Ref folios 18 + 19 please see 21 + particularly para 3(d) thereof.
2. I suggest this is a matter which we should again press strongly with AFHQ. The memo from Capt Gibson (17 + 18) is impressive.
3. SETTEFRATI has 2000 pop + is approx 12 miles EAST of PROSINONE.

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E.H.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
A.F.O. 394.

13044/P.

16 September 1944.

SUBJECT : Payment to helpers of Allied PWs.

TO : Executive Commissioner. ✓

1. I write with reference to the correspondence forwarded to me by Major Stewart on the unsatisfactory state of affairs regarding recognition to those Italians who have given assistance to escaped Allied Prisoners of War.

2. This Sub-Commission is acutely aware of the apparent lack of attention that has been given to this important matter which at the moment is not and cannot be handled by any competent body.

3. Briefly the facts are these:-

- (a) In January this year the Finance Sub-Commission accepted the responsibility, at the request of G-5, AFHQ of making payments on behalf of A force to those who had helped escapers. The reasons for assuming this responsibility were that A force was not equipped to make such payments, and that the ACC had a network of finance officers throughout the provinces of Southern Italy. Payments were made in two ways:
- (1) On the direct instructions of A force to individuals mentioned by name, based on information received by A force from C.S.D.I.C.
 - (2) An ad hoc payment on a scale established by A force to those who claimed to have assisted prisoners.

(b) This system worked satisfactorily until May when it was found that the number of applicants in the newly liberated provinces of Littoria and Grosinone were more than could be handled by the provincial finance officers. This matter was reported to G5 with the recommendation that A force should immediately set up its own disbursing organization. Our attitude was approved by both G5 and A force and we were asked what

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additional help we required to ~~do~~ the rewards. In reply it was suggested that a team of two officers and two OR/EM, (with financial experience and speaking Italian) should be allocated which could be moved to where the demand was greatest.

(c) After the liberation of Rome an Allied Screening Commission was instituted, the staff being found from former PW officers discovered in Rome. The Allied Control Commission has been relieved of its responsibility of examining claims but is still asked to make payments as designated by the A.S. Commission. This Commission is now reduced to two officers the remainder having returned to England

(d) All this work has been transferred to DD Claims & Hirings who is still endeavouring to obtain an increased establishment in officers, men and vehicles to take charge of assessment and payment. D.D. Claims hopes to receive a favourable reply from London within the next few days.

4. You will appreciate that what is required is a personal visit to the helper in question; that some degree of ceremony is attached to the presentation of the reward. In Aquila Province alone there are fifteen hundred such claimants who cannot be handled by the provincial finance officer who has his ordinary duties to perform and cannot visit the out-lying villages to make the payments. It has been repeatedly emphasized by this Sub-Commission that a certificate, preferably signed by the Prime Minister, should be presented at the same time as the reward. This matter is under discussion in London. In parenthesis it may be stated that a Russian General has personally visited the helpers of the few escaped Russian prisoners and has presented a reward - and probably a picture of Marshal Stalin - with much pomp and ceremony.

5. It is estimated by A force that the number of helpers in the regions yet to be liberated amounts to 25,000. With this figure in sight and with a stringent reduction of finance officers in the Southern and Central regions it is clear that this Sub-Commission cannot continue to assume this responsibility. With particular reference to the helpers of Sette Frati it is curious that the news did not spread that the provincial finance officer in Prosinone was making such payments. There is now no finance officer in the southern half of Region IV. As regards the personal debt of 6,000 lire incurred by Capt. Gibson the War Office should have made the facts known to A force.

6. Finally, it is only proper to state categorically that the situation will go from bad to worse until such time as DD Claims & Hirings receives sufficient personnel etc., to perform this essential service which to be really satisfactory must be accompanied by a certificate of merit delivered with personal commendation.

A. E. Grassby
Joint Director,
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION.

No. 1 Special Force,
C.M.F. 19

13th September, 1944

Dear *Brigadier*

One of my officers, Captain Pat Gilham, has recently had the opportunity to visit some of the families who showed kindness to him whilst he was escaping from a Prisoner of War Camp in this country.

The attached is an account of the condition in which he found some of these people to be existing. I forward it to you, Sir, in the hope that one of your officers may shortly have the opportunity to inquire into these people's sad plight.

Yours *very sincerely*

Ernest Holdsworth

Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.,
Allied Control Commission.

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MEMORANDUM

On September 8th 1943 I escaped from a prison camp near PARMA in N. ITALY and walked southwards through the mountains, finally reaching the Allied lines at the end of November.

During this period I received great kindness and hospitality from peasant families in every area through which I passed and in particular from families in the village of SERRAVALLE, in the province of PARMA, where, for three weeks, I was sheltered, fed, hidden from the German troops, and provided with money.

On September 2nd 1944, a journey from PARMA to ROME enabled me to revisit this village and to meet again the families to whom I owe such a deep debt of gratitude. I found that the village had been liberated from the Germans some four months before, but that after this liberation nothing whatever had been done to liquidate the debt which I, in company with at least 800 other ex-prisoners who found refuge in that village, owed to its people.

Shortly after the Italian armistice RADIO ALLIERS broadcast an appeal to the Italians to harbour escaped prisoners in their homes, instructing them to take the names of such prisoners in order to claim some recompense after the arrival of Allied troops. Therefore many escaped prisoners used to leave with their hosts signed statements of the hospitality they had received. None of these debts had, so far as I could gather, yet been honoured by the Allied authorities. In addition, a debt of 6000 lire which I incurred in this village and of which I gave full particulars, on being asked to do so at the War Office, had not yet been paid. I had been assured by the War Office that it would be paid on my behalf. I naturally paid it myself on this occasion rather than allow a debt to remain unpaid.

Furthermore, the village itself had not, I was told, been visited by any official, Allied or Italian, since a fortnight after its liberation four months ago. Several houses were still, they informed me, unsafe to enter owing to the presence of unexploded mines. Food was appallingly short, clothes non-existent; and yet this village seemed to be in a better condition than some others in the area. The villagers had been told that an Italian regiment of engineers would arrive to clear the mines. This has not occurred.

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Furthermore, the village itself had not, I was told, been visited by any official, allied or Italian, since a fortnight after its liberation four months ago. Several houses were still, they informed me, unsafe to enter owing to the presence of unexploded mines. Food was appallingly short, clothes non-existent; and yet this village seemed to be in a better condition than some others in the area. The villagers had been told that an Italian regiment of sappers would arrive to clear the mines. This has not occurred.

The points arising from the above are threefold:

- i) That in a period of four months after liberation, this village has received no attention from any authority whatsoever - if its inhabitants, then I know and trust, are to be believed.
- ii) That an English debt, the debt of some hundreds of ex-prisoners, has not yet been honoured. Practically none of the prisoners, even if fortunate enough to have avoided subsequent recapture, are

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In a position to honor their debts themselves, and the promise of recompense was a British promise officially broadcast.

(11) That these payments have not asked for any recompense, and that it was I who introduced the subject by asking if any recognition of their kindness and generosity had been made.

It is, of course, only with the second and third of these three points that I feel a deep and personal concern.

R. T. L. L.

Captain

10.9.44.

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Maj. Gen. Sir B.H.
Robertson, 37,
C.A.C.,
HQ A.A.I.
3001/9/C10

7 AUG 44.

8 AUG Recd

My dear Maurice,

Thank you for your 785/12/01
of 5 Aug. I have given instruc-
tions to Brig. Lew at home area
to find out what quantities would
be suitable to meet this case,
and have given him authority to
make an issue accordingly.

Yours sincerely

Wm H. Johnston

Brig. E.S. Lush,
HQ A.C.C.

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R.C. & P.G. Section 0 15

This is note matter for the
Pabisti Branda, tho. I understand
that para. 2 of the attached letter
is correct.

P.D. Naguib

7 Aug 44

No for the Re req. Sect. Notes on
Crafter Smith & Kincaid are dealing

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185 L Patriots Browne 8056
SUBJECT:- Payment of Rewards to Italians
on behalf of "A" Force.

5 AUG Recd
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AMC Rear Eighth Army

CA/141

3 Aug 44

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S BRANCH

8 AUG Recd

Copy to : Adv Hq, ACC, FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

1. It has been the policy of this Hq to make payment of rewards to Italians who have assisted or offered shelter to Allied soldiers in escaping from POW Camps. These payments are made in accordance with AFA letter, ref FAH/279 dated 10 Mar 44 relative to letter subject.

2. I have been advised by Col. E.O. Howell, RFO, Region IV, that AAI has set up an office dealing with these payments, said office being called "Allied Screening Commission," c/o RAAC, CMP. ROME address of this Commission is 21 Largo dei Lombardi.

3. Would you please advise if there has been a change of policy and procedure regarding these payments and if so, send this Hq copy of new directive concerning same.

4. Pending receipt of this advice we will continue to make payment, upon presentation of "chits" or other evidence, in accordance with directive mentioned in para 1.

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T.M. WHELEN, Capt, AUS,
Senior Finance Officer,
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMC EIGHTH ARMY.
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 735017PERMANENTHEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394Regional Control and Military Government Section

Ref: 735/12/CA ✓

5th August 1944.

My dear General,

Please forgive me for approaching you on a minor matter but I want your help. The Blue Nuns of St. Stephen's, Rotunda, Rome, were extremely helpful, both to British and Allied POW, and had General Gambier-Parry as one of their patients for some time.

I have been trying to find how we can help the Nuns and show them a gesture of gratitude. I have discovered that a gift of tea, sugar, soap and flour would be most acceptable. Would it be possible for you to direct that such a gift be approved from Army rations. I may tell you that there are a number of officers who would be only too willing to subscribe to the payment for these rations if we cannot get over the issue in any other way.

I feel sure that General Alexander would want to help these Nuns and I can assure you that the story is genuine.

*Yours sincerely,**(Sgd) Maurice Lush*

Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson, St.,
C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief Administrative Officer,
Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
G. M. P.

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Executive Commissioner.

2 August 1944.

1. I have spoken to Major Friend James concerning a gift to the Blue Nuns of St. Stephens, Rotunda, in appreciation of their help to POW, especially General Cambier-Parry.
2. Col. Logan Gray has been approached on this matter and stated that it would not be possible to issue the Nuns with any foodstuffs from Army sources but suggested two alternatives :
 - (i) That the matter be referred to Sir Noel Charles.
 - (ii) That the goods could probably be purchased from the NAACP.
3. I informed Major Friend James that it was only intended to make one gift to the Nuns and that I did not think that any large sums would be involved. I suggested that a gift of tea, sugar, soap and flour would be more than acceptable. If the sum envisaged was about £15, or even less, Major Friend James offered to subscribe a fiver. I am quite willing to do the same.

AJS/RAC.

A.J. STEWART,
Major.

*This is quite absurd. I will dictate
a letter to Gen. Robertson.*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Phone:
484034

Ref/785/11/GA.

7 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Aid to Allied PW.

TO : R.C. Region V.

Reference your letter R5/514/29 of 19 July 1944, attached
hereto is copy of letter received from Rq. AAI for your information.

SL
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Incl
AAI/3071/7/A(0) dtd
1 August 1944.

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NO. 1007- ITALIAN PWs in ALGERIA

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RECEIVED AFHQ 10 JUL 75

AFHQ/3071/7/1(2)

1 Aug 75

2 AUG Recd

Ref your 785/5/24 dated 21 Jul 74.

1. The question of acknowledging assistance rendered to escaped PWs by ITALIAN PWs is at present under consideration. //
2. Reciprocity relationships is already made in certain cases which are brought to notice, and the question of giving publicity through the press or occasional stories of exchange help rendered by these ITALIAN PWs is also under consideration.
3. Except for certain personnel required for special employment, and sick and wounded ITALIAN PWs who are repatriated from time to time, it is not possible to make any further gesture in the way of releasing ITALIAN PWs in PW camps in ENGLAND. It is an important contribution to the war-power effort which is being exploited to the full at present, as it is the policy to retain this source of labour until it is no longer required in furtherance of the war effort.

2 AUG 1975

C. H. Talbot, Brig
Major-General,
GSO.

*On file
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to answer to Selman's letter of 5*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

1 August 1944.

Ref/785/9/CA.

SUBJECT: Italian Aid to Allied PW.

TO : R.C. Region V.

Reference your R5/514/29 of 19 July 1944, from
attached letter you will see the action so far taken by
this Hq. You will be kept informed of developments.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Incl.
785/5/CA dated
24 July 44.

*See
any further action
w/ 785017/8*

TO: Deputy Executive Commissioner.

27 July 1944.

1. Please see 6. I have spoken to Lt.Col.French and told him that the question of issuing certificates to those who have helped POWs has been stopped, at the moment, on a level higher than A.A.I. I am not sure of the present position.
2. Once the certificates are authorized and given out, it should not be too difficult to act as suggested in para.4 of folio 6.

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Prior action taken as 5, Please reply *G.W.I. Shipp*
accordingly *G*

G.W.I. SHIPP,
Lieut.Col.

to be done by 1st Aug 45 in reply to 6
with a copy to the
for action to be taken by 1st Aug 45
taken by the time you will be kept informed
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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.C. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref: RE/7/CA

26 July 64

Subject: Orthodox Bishop IGHAY GHERGHEVICH

To: Major Darry H.C.
13 Via Medalsia
Rome

The enclosed correspondence from H. A.L. is forwarded for whatever action you consider necessary.

Sw
Norman E. Platts
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Copy to A.A.L. H.C. Ref: AAL/5006/A(18) of 23 July.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/785/5/CA.

24 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Aid to Allied PW.

TO : HQ. Allied Armies in Italy.

1. Requests have been received by officers of this Commission from Italians who have helped Allied PW in this country whether there might be any quid pro quo in the shape of the release of their relatives who are held in PW Camps in England. Failing this there might be some other special privilege which could be granted.

2. I would be grateful if you could inform me what the policy on this matter is so that I can give them an answer.

Executive Commissioner

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Acting Chief
Commissioner.

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13 JUL 1944

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
Allied Control Commission
APO 344

TO : R.C. and M.O. Section 12 July 1944
Adv. Hq. ACC. (Attn. Dep. Exco. Com.)
APO 394
SUBJECT : P.O.W. Helpers "A" Force Payments.
FILE NO. : RA/FI/ECO 3

1. In reference to your letter adv. /173/CA of 6 July, please be advised that the Finance Officer of Frosinone Province is fully aware of instructions and has already settled some 150 cases.

2. He did not send any claimants to A.C.C. Hq. and has no knowledge who may have done so.

Edmund C. Howell, Jr.
EDMUND C. HOWELL, JR.
Col. Inf.
Regional Finance Officer

Copy to:

Finance Sub-Commission (Joint Director) H.Q., ACC.

The point of 34 to be noted here.
Spoke with Col. Wright for the explanation
will be sent to Long Beach by
A.C.C. Hq. N.F.A.

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13 JUL 1944

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ADVANCED HQ.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section.
APO 394.

6 JUL 1944

Ref/ADV/173/CA.

6 July 1944.

SUBJECT:- P.O.W. Helpers.

TO : R.C. Region IV.

1. I enclose a copy of a letter regarding rewards to Italians who have helped P.O.Ws.
2. As you will see from para 2 an officer at FIORENTI told them to come to Rome.
3. This matter has been dealt with by this Headquarters since these Italians have performed an outstanding service to the Allies and I wanted to save them trouble. The matter is however one that should be dealt with on a Regional level and I shall be obliged if you will contact the Allied Major referred to and so instruct him. In this case the AMG Provincial Finance Officer at Grosinone who has the necessary powers to give the required rewards, should have been approached.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel.

Deputy Executive Commissioner.

Copy to Civil Affairs Branch, Naples.

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ADVANCED HQ
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

5 July 1944.

Ref/adv/173/CA

SUBJECT: P.S.S. Helpers.

TO : Lt. Col. Pollock,
Police HQ,
Rome.

1. This man, Leon Frederico and his companion came in from Grosinone Province to obtain reward for their work in harbouring and feeding British P.S.S. I am arranging the reward side of the question but in due course they will be returning to their homes. Can you please arrange the necessary passes.

2. They asked me whether it will be possible to obtain a lift home or an endorsement on their passes similar to that on the back of the enclosed pass. They have performed outstanding service to the Allies and I recommend their case be favourably considered.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy.

5 JUL 1944

ADVANCED HQ.,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section.
APO 394.

Ref/Adv/173/QA.

5 July 1944.

SUBJECT:- P.O.W. Helpers.

TO : Major Derry,
Officer i/c P.O.W. Helpers,
Castro Pretorio Barracks,
ROME, (Nr Railway Station).

1. These Italians have helped British P.O.Ws in Frosinone Province.
2. They tell me they saw an Allied Major in Fuggi who told them to come into Rome.
3. This indicates that there may be some delay in payment of reward in Frosinone Province.
4. Since they are now in Rome I am sending them to you. Perhaps you will see fit to give them their reward here. I have told them, however, that they may be told by you to return to Frosinone and report to the AMG Provincial Finance Officer there.
5. Their testimonials from the P.O.Ws are enclosed.
6. One of them Fiavi Chiarina would also like news of her brother in Russia. Perhaps you can help.

NORMAN E. FISKE.
Colonel.
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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