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		CCM/an <i>McCar Bryan</i> <i>VP CAS</i> <i>Aug 21</i> <i>A. 26</i>	
2 July 46		<i>1. P. C.A.S.</i> <i>By min 6. will you please draft a reply to folio 2 for signature by ex. Comm. Alexander</i> <i>VP CAS</i> <i>VP CAS</i> <i>A. 27</i>	
6-7-46		<i>Ex Comm</i> <i>A draft reply is enclosed at 3A.</i> <i>3/7/46</i> <i>McCar Bryan</i> <i>VP C.A.S.</i> <i>A. 28</i> <i>Esc Comm.</i> <i>Ref y and min 4 and reply at 23</i>	2086

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D. H. C.
VP CAS

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2 July 46
I.P.C.A.S.

Ref min 6. will you please
draft a reply to folio 2 for
signature by etc ex. Comm. Alaud Vucich
Capt.
officer of the Comm.

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Ex Comm.

A draft reply is enclosed

at 3A.

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Exc Comm.

Ref your min 4 and reply at
min 6. According folio 2. draft.
reply at folio 3. If your approval, please

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Thank you. Issa to

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" For the C "

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Alaud Vucich
Capt.
officer of the Comm.

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Please excuse a very sketchy memo
which I have typed against time in

Case you might wish to speak to

S.A.C. about it today. Ydub 2085

CSE Have we ever had anything
to do with this? If so I think we should look
it over. W/10/46

To Local Fed.

SP. 24

Please reply to min no 4. Auth 296

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1/7/46

To Executive Commissioner:

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1. This whole question is in full action between the Ministry of Post-War Assistance and the Italian Commission in Milan (see para 4 (c) of folio 2) on the Italian side and Local Government S/C through Salis on 16 April.
2. The situation briefly is:-
 - a. AMHQ directed this HQ to obtain from the Italian Government undertakings to assume very wide responsibilities for the care of German War Graves in Italy;
 - b. The Italian Govt. have given the undertakings desired and are beginning - slowly but genuinely - to carry them out;
 - c. At the same time the Italian Govt. have drawn attention to their very limited obligations under international law;
 - d. Legal S/C agree with the Italian Govt. that their obligation under the Geneva Convention are strictly limited;
 - e. This situation has been referred to AMHQ for further instructions.
3. The statement in para 2 of folio 2 is therefore not correct. As far as the Geneva Convention goes, responsibility rests with the Allies and not with the Italian Govt., as AMHQ have assumed. If it is desired to go beyond the terms of the Convention, that is a matter between the Italian Govt. and whatever authorities now represent the German State - presumably AG Germany. All this is before AMHQ for consideration.
4. Any interference in this matter by Advanced AMHQ will only complicate the issue and cause confusion.

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CSB Please we ever had any there
to do with this? If we 7 think as should have
it done W/18/6

SP. 24

To Local fed:

Please reply to min no 4. Auth 29%

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To Executive Commissioner:

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1. This whole question is in full action between the Ministry of Post-War Assistance and the Italian Commission in Milan (see para 4 (c) of folio 2) on the Italian side and Local Government S/C through this section to AFHQ. Much has happened since DAG wrote to Col. de Salis on 16 April.

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5. As to help from the Vatican (see para 2 folio 2) this is exclusively a matter for the Italian Govt.. Col. de Salis has drawn their attention to the possibility through the British and Italian Ministers to the Holy See. It is for the Italians to explore further possibility of such help - if they want to.

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CSC letter in signature, plus 1000
re folio 6.

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CSC c.p.k.

6 should be taken out of the file and
forward to C.A. Sec. for action. They deal
with war graves and have the name and
address of the Italian Organization (in
Milan) which deals with the question
and which is authorized to correspond direct
with governments concerned. You might send
C.A. Sec. copy of letter to P.M. which (marked
NOT sent) and ask them to take it up on
similar lines.

Mr. Sam Bury
in Ex. Comm.

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NOTE:-

Original of folio 6 & copy of 10 sent to C.A. Sec. for action
by Capt. Craghorne as instructed in Min 9.

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Ref: 689/69/10

24th January, 1947

SUBJECT: Remains of Partisan GECCHETTI Vincenzo
TO : National Association of the Partisans
of Italy,
Provincial Section of Terni.

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I am glad to inform you that your letter of 15th
January, 1947, addressed to this Commission, has been referred
to the American Graves Registration Service, Mediterranean
Zone, for appropriate action.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 689/68/M

24th January, 1947

SUBJECT: Remains of Partisan CROCHETTI Vincenzo

TO : American Graves Registration Service,
Mediterranean Zone.

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There is forwarded to you a letter dated 15th January, 1947, addressed to this Commission by the National Association of the Partisans of Italy, for any action you deem necessary.

The letter has been acknowledged.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

L. E. V. V.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PARTISANS OF ITALY.

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PROVINCIAL SECTION OF TERNI.

Prot. N. 10-P

15 January 1947

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SUBJECT :

Request for the remains of
Partisan Cecchetti Vincenzo,
erroneously exchanged.

The Allied Commission
Patriots Branch,
R o m e

On 12 April 1944, on the hills of Vassiano on Mt. S. Pancrazio there died in fighting against the German 4's 11 (eleven) partisans among whom the American citizen George Blackett from Philadelphia (Matr. No. 27519785-T-43-A. U.S.A.), and the partisan CECCHETTI Vincenzo from Terni.

Blackett, a prisoner in German hands, interned in Italy, escaped from captivity on 8 September 1943 becoming at once a member of the Brigade "A. Gramsci" in whose ranks he fought with honour, showing in each action courage and disregard for danger; on which account our Brigade intends to propose an Italian recompense for military valour.

His body interred on the spot of the fighting, was, after the liberation, carried with great honour together with other partisans to the cemetery of Narni.

Before that, some American soldiers charged with the transport of the bodies, erroneously exchanged his remains with those of Cecchetti and carried them to the Allied military cemetery of Tarquinia.

The commander of the Brigade has applied several times to the governor of Terni without getting any positive result.

This Committee hereby applies to your higher authority so that there may be eliminated a misunderstanding which is painful to both mothers, because Cecchetti's mother thinks that the remains of her son are lying in the local cemetery whereas in fact they are distant from it.

In the sure anticipation that this Allied authority will be in a position to take the necessary steps in the required sense, and thanking in advance, we remain

Yours faithfully

for THE COMMITTEE
THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
(A. FOSSATELLI)

/s/

A. Fossatelli 2080

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 926.25

27 December 1946

SUBJECT: War Graves-German

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794

Reference letters ATL/636/ Liaison 2 December
and COM 3250/12 9 December, Prot. No. 312 Secretaris 23
October (Attached).

1. Your attention is invited to the attached cor-
respondence. G-5 Section, AFHQ will furnish personnel re-
quested through Commanding General 216 (Auxiliary Troops
Command).

2. Vehicles requested however are not available.
Current policy dealing with German vehicles require that
such vehicles be turned over to ARK. Suppose the Italian
Government be informed of this matter and contents of para-
graph 1 above.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:

W. E. Tot.
For A. J. HADLEY
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Encls: as above

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*Get ✓ off the clock
RRDC in power
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Telephone 66 347

FROM LT. COLONEL THE COUNT DE SALIS

ADVANCED ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Liaison Section

Rome Area Allied Command

C.M.F.

Monday.
Rome, 2 December 1946.

Reference: AFL/636/Liaison.

Subject: Concentration of German War Graves.

To : Major SANDERS.
(Liaison.)
G.S.D., G.H.Q.
C. M. F.

Reference telephone conversation, Major Sanders-Sgt. Johnson, of 2nd Dec. '46, and further to this Office letter AFL/624/Liaison dated 24th October 1946.

1. It is assumed that your Office has not yet received the above mentioned letter. Attached, please find copies of the correspondence in question.
2. It would be greatly appreciated if consideration and expedition could please be given to this request, which, through the non-receipt of the original application has now become a matter of urgency.

/s/ D.R. Johnson, Sgt.

D.R. JOHNSON, SGT.
for: Count de Salis.
Lt. Colonel

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Subject: German War Graves

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9 Dec 46

Commanding General
MTO United States Army
(Attn. G-1)

1. Letter AFL/636/Liaison dated 2 Dec 46 from advanced AFHQ Liaison Section on the subject of concentration of German War Graves is attached together with relevant correspondence.
2. This GHQ has already provided for the Italian Authorities a German Graves Registration team under a German Officer, Captain HASS, and information is requested as to whether the personnel and vehicles now required can be provided from American sources.
3. If the PW/SEP and vehicles can be provided by you it is requested that arrangements be made direct through advanced AFHQ Liaison Section and this GHQ informed of the result.

/s/ 123456789

for Lt. General
C O C-in-C

RGHC/js.
Copy to: Advanced AFHQ Liaison Section
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COMMISSARIATO GENERALE STRAORDINARIO.
CADUTI GUERRA.
Via S. Giovanni sul Muro. No. 18.

Reference No. 312. Segretaria.

Milan. 23 October 1946.

SUBJECT: Concentration of German War Graves.

Count de Salis.
Allied Commission.
Rome.

1. The Allied Command decided some time ago, that it was the responsibility of the Italian Government to arrange for the Concentration of the German War Graves in Italy, and this Department, (Commissariato Generale), has been instructed to carry out the necessary work in question.

2. This work presents great difficulties, both on account of the very scanty resources at our disposal, and owing to the considerable number of German Dead, which still remain dispersed, and which have now been traced, (up to date about 14,000.)

3. This department is grateful to the Allied Authorities for the assistance hitherto given to their work by the transfer to Rome of the Group of Captain HASS. Inasmuch however, as this group lacks both personnel and facilities for carrying out the work, and can therefore undertake statistical work only, the Allied Commission, (i.e. A.F.H.Q.), is requested to examine the possibility of increasing the HASS Group by:

1 Interpreter. Italian and English languages.)	(All the personnel to be
2 Typists.	) selected among the Germans
3 Motor Drivers.	) at the disposal of the
10 Men for Exhumation work.	) British and American Forces.)

3 Motor Vehicles. (1 Heavy Motor Lorry, 1 Light Motor Lorry, and 1 Jeep).

4. This department is confident that the Allied Commission, (i.e. A.F.H.Q.), in accordance with the terms of the Geneva Convention, whereby the care of Enemy War Graves is the responsibility of the belligerents, will give effect to the present request.

(signed). The Chief of the Department.
Lt. Colonel, Antonio Chiapetti.

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COMMISSARIATO GENERALE STRAORDINARIO
CADUTI GUERRA
Via S. Giovanni sul Muro. No. 18

Prot. No. 312 Segreteria

Milano, 23 ottobre 1946.

OGGETTO : Sistemazione Salme Caduti Germanici.

Al Conte DE SALIS
Commissione Alleata
Roma.

1. Il Comando Alleato ha tempo addietro disposto che è compito del Governo Italiano di provvedere alla sistemazione dei Caduti tedeschi deceduti in Italia e questo Commissariato Generale è stato incaricato di compiere quanto necessario.
2. Il compito è gravosissimo per gli scarsi mezzi a nostra disposizione e per il gran numero delle salme tedesche ancora sparsamente sepolte che sono state rintracciate (a tutt'oggi circa 14.000)
3. Questo Commissariato è grato alle Autorità Alleate dell'appoggio sinora dato al nostro lavoro col trasferimento a Roma del gruppo germanico del capitano Hass; ma poiché però detto gruppo, scarso di personale e di mezzi, può solo compiere lavoro di statistica, si prega cotesta commissione voler esaminare la possibilità di rinforzare il gruppo Hass con
 - 1 Interprete per le lingue Italiano e Inglese) (Tutto il personale da
 - 2 Dattilografi) scegliersi fra i germanici
 - 3 Autisti) a disposizione delle Forze
 - 10 Operai per lavori, di esumazione) Inglese e Americane).

3 Automezzi (1 camion pesante, 1 camion leggero, 1 jeep)
4. Si confida che cotesta Commissione, tenendo conto della Convenzione di Ginevra per la quale la tutela delle Salme nemiche è affidata ai belligeranti, vorrà aderire alla presente richiesta.

IL CAPO UFFICIO
Ten. Colonnello Antonio Chiappetti.

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Ref: 689/GI/SE

2nd December, 1946.

Dear Sir,

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I have been directed by Admiral Stone to acknowledge with thanks your letter addressed to him on 16th November, 1946.

I am glad to inform you that copy of your letter has been sent to both American Graves Registration Service, Mediterranean Zone and Imperial War Graves Commission for any necessary action.

Yours very truly,

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Sig. Dario Perlini,
Castel S. Pietro,
Via Vittoria Emanuele Numero 29
(Isola).

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Ref: 689/60/XX

2nd December, 1946.

SUBJECT : Allied War Graves.

TO : ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
Attention: G-5 Section.

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There is forwarded to you copy of a letter addressed to the Chief Commissioner on 16th November, 1946 by a Dario Ferlini.

It is felt that the offer made by Dario Ferlini to photograph British and American Military Cemeteries and every individual tomb without any compensation, might be of interest to both Imperial War Graves Commission and to American Graves Registration Service, Mediterranean Zone.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copies to: Imperial War Graves Commission,
Southern European District,
46 Via Della Botteghe Oscure
Rome.

The American Graves Registration Service,
Mediterranean Zone.

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E.C. To handle 689 88
Probably U.K. or U.S. Grave
Reg. Sovs have a policy on this
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FOTO FERLINI

16 November, 1946.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

The Undersigned Dario di Imola, photographer and proprietor of the above firm, makes an urgent request of the following:-

In order to strengthen the ties of friendship with our Liberators, and to render the sacrifices of their, and our, heroes who lost their lives on Italian soil, more tangible, we wish to send every family a remembrance of their dear ones. We would like to photograph every individual tomb, as well as every cemetery.

This charitable work is of a greatness without precedence, since I want to photograph every cemetery, including the British and American. When my work is completed I would like to pay homage to the American and English Governments respectively, in the sacred places where their heroes have fallen in the name of Liberty.

I do not wish to be compensated. I only desire to be given authorization to undertake this work. I am at your disposal for any moral or political references you may wish to have. If you deem it necessary, I will be honoured to come and see you.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

(s) Dario Ferlini.

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Capt V

FOTO FERLINI

NEGOZI DI VENDITA
MATERIALE FOTOGRAFICO

IMOLA

VIA EMILIA - ANGOLO COSIMO MORELLI - TELEFONO N. 199

CASTEL S. PIETRO

VIA VITTORIO EMANUELE NUMERO 29

A S. E.

IL MARESCIALLO STONE

CAPO MISSIONE ALLEATA ROMA.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO FERLINI DARIO. DI IMOLA FOTOGRAFO.

PROPRIETARIO DELLA SUDETTA DITTA. FA ISTANZA ALLA
A.S. V. I. QUANTO SEGUE.

PER RENDERE PIU PROFONDO I VINCOLI DI AMICIZIA VERSO I
NOSTRI LIBERATORI, E RENDERE PIU TANGIBILI AI POSTERI IL
SACRIFICIO DEI VOSTRI E NOSTRI EROI. CADUTI IN TERRA
D. ITALIA, VORREMMO INVIARE AD OGNI FAMIGLIA IL RICORDO
TANGIBILE DEL SACRIFICIO DEI SUOI CARI, CADUTI.
PERCIO, VORREMMO FOTOGRAFARE TUTTE LE TONDE D. OGNI SOLDATO
E L. INSIEME OGNI CIMITERO DA INVIARE ALLE RISPETTIVE FAMI-
GLIE, OVE RIPOSANO I LORO FIGLI.

L. OPERA UMANITARIA CHE STO PER SOTTOPORLA ALLA E.V. E
D. UNA GRANDIOSITA SENZA PRECEDENTI; VOLENDO FARE TUTTI
I CIMITERI D'ITALIA, COME INGLESIS E AMERICANI.
ALLA FINE DEL MIO LAVORO? DEI SUDETTI CIMITERI VORREI
FARE OMAGGIO AI RISPETTIVI GOVERNI TANTO INGLESE E
AMERICANO DEI LUOGHI SACRI DEI SUOI CADUTI, PER LA LIBERTA.
NON CHIEDO CORPESI DI SORTA SOLO AUTORIZZAZIONE DI POTER
INTRAPRENDERE QUESTA MIA OPERA CHE AVVICINA LO SPIRITO
E INALZA GLI EROI PER UN DOMANI.
VOGLIA ACCOGLIERE CON BENEVOLENZA LA MIA INIZIATIVA,
e sono a SUA DISPOSIZIONE PER NELLE REFERENZE MORALI
E POLITICHE, E SE CREDE POTREI PRESENTARMI ALLA DI LUI
ONOREVOLE PRESENZA.

CON REVERENZA E STIMA MI CREDA SUO.

DARIO FERLINI.

Dario Ferlini

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Ref: GUS/4121st November, 1946.

SUBJECT: German War Graves.

TO : General Staff Headquarters.
Attention: G-3 Section.

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Reference is made to your letter G-3: 926.23 of
19th October, 1946.

The head of the "Comitato per la Ricerca dei Caduti in Guerra" who has been requested by this Commission to co-ordinate the work of his Organization with that of the Central Organization for the Rescue and Care of German Soldier Graves in Italy presided by the German citizen Fritzschke Wolfgang, has replied that Fritzschke Wolfgang is not acting in any official capacity and that he has been told to discontinue his activity.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

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COMMISSARIO GENERALE STRAORDINARIO DEL GOVERNO
ORGANISMO CADUTI IN GUERRA IN ITALIA ED ALL'ESTERO
M I L A N O
Via S. Giovanni sul Maro, 18

Milano, 6th November 1946

Ref: 327 Secretary Office.

Your ref. : AG/609/54/EC

Headquarters Allied Commission
Apo 724
Office of the Executive Commissioner

SUBJECT : German War Graves.

1. From information obtained from the German Graves Registration Unit, it appears that the activity of the German citizen PRITZSCH Wolfgang who calls himself President of the Centre for the Registration and Care of German War Graves in Italy has not received official sanction ; and that said Pritzsch has been told to discontinue his activity.

2. More information on the subject can be given by the German captain HASS, Head of the German Graves Registration Unit, 56 Post and Transit Camp, Rome.

The OFFICE MANAGER
(Lt. Col. Antonio Ghisotti).

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COMMISSARIO GENERALE STRAORDINARIO DEL GOVERNO

ONORANZE CADUTI IN GUERRA IN ITALIA ED ALL'ESTERO

MILANO

Via S. Giovanni sul Muro, 18 - Telefono 17327

Milano, 6 Novembre 1946

Protocollo N. 327 Segreteria

Riferimento foglio AC/689/56/EC

Indirizzato al HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Oggetto: Tombe di Guerra Germaniche.

1. Da informazioni avute dal German Graves Registration Unit, risulta che l'attività del Cittadino Germanico FRITZSCHE Wolfgang che si qualifica Presidente del Centro per la Registrazione e Tutela delle Tombe Tedesche in Italia, non è ufficialmente riconosciuta; e che detto Fritzsche è stato affidato dal comitato la sua attività.

2. Maggiori informazioni in proposito potranno essere fornite dal Capitano Germanico HASS, Capo del German Graves Registration Unit, 56 Rest and Transit Camp, Roma.



IL CAPO UFFICIO
(Ten. Col. Antonio Chiapetti)

Chiapetti

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COMMISSARIO GENERALE STRAORDINARIO DEL GOVERNO

ONORANZE CADUTI IN GUERRA IN ITALIA ED ALL'ESTERO

MILANO

Via S. Giovanni sul Muro, 18 - Telefono 17-327

Milano, 6 Novembre 1945

Protocollo N. 327 Segreteria

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IL CAPO UFFICIO
(Ten. Col. Antonio Chiapetti)

Chiapetti

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Ref: ~~NY~~ 689/56/EC

25 October 1946

SUBJECT: German War Graves.

TO : La Comissaria Consule Generale
Comiti in Genova,
Via San Giovanni all'Arco, 18
Milano.

1. The attached letter sent through Italian mail
channels by one, Pritschen, Wolfgang, di Theo and di Hilde,
Salzburg, a German citizen, residing in Via Dante No. 8,
Florence, is forwarded to you for any action you deem necessary.

2. Copies of subject letter requesting financial
assistance were sent to German prisoners of war by Pritschen as
president of the Centralstelle für die Angelegenheiten und
Gedächtnis der Gefallenen (Central Organization for the Affairs and
Care of German Soldier Graves in Italy).

3. It is felt that the work of this organization might
possibly be co-ordinated with that of your Comissariato per la
Cura dei Caduti in Guerra, in the recording and concentrating
of German War Graves and for this purpose it would be desirable
if you could get in touch with them.

For the Chief Comissariato:

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Intelligence
Executive Comissariato.

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CENTER FOR REGISTRATION AND MAINTAINANCE OF GERMAN DEAD GRAVES IN ITALY

Fiesole-Firenze, Via Dupre No.8

September 1946.

Germans in Italy,

This month the above Center was opened with the knowledge of all competent authorities. At the present moment our Center is able to carry out its activity only with voluntary offers of money from Germans living here.

There are thousands of shattered graves which are already hard to recognize, to be registrated, dislocated and turned into good and appropriate graves. We have to start this work of human charity right now without being reminded of it again through the foreign press with articles like " Graves without names". Give us the means in order to give the mothers and wives of the dead soldiers the certainty that their beloved found a worthy place for their eternal rest.

I hope that my request will be heard by everybody and in the name of all the dead I thank the donors.

Will you please return the enclosed check filled in to this Center.

That our grand campaign of charity be successful.

The President:

Fritzsche.

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Translation

CENTRO PER LA REGISTRAZIONE E TUTELA DELLE TOMBE DEI Tedeschi Morti in Italia.

Misole-Firane, Via Dupre 8,
Settembre 1946

Tedeschi in Italia,

In questo mese fu inaugurato il Centro sopraindicato a
conoscenza di tutte le autorità competenti. Attualmente il nostro Centro
è in grado di perseguire la sua attività soltanto con i contributi volontari
di denaro da parte di Tedeschi qui residenti.

Ci sono migliaia di tombe dilapidate che sono già difficilmente
riconoscibili che devono essere registrate, ricorrendo per trovare altrove una
ubicazione più appropriata e decente. Dobbiamo iniziare questo lavoro
di carità: umana immediatamente senza esservi di nuovo richiamati dalla
stampa estera con articoli come "Tutela senza nome". Determi i mezzi affinché
le madri e le mogli dei soldati morti abbiano la certezza che i loro cari
hanno trovato un posto decente per il loro riposo eterno.

Io spero che la mia richiesta non rimarrà senza esito e ringrazio
tutti i donatori in nome di tutti i congiunti di questi morti.

Prego di restituire l'accluso assegno postale, debitamente
riempito, a questo Centro.

Speriamo che questa grande opera di carità avrà successo!

Il Presidente

It. Fritzsch

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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G-5: 926.23

19 October 1946

SUBJECT: GERMAN WAR DEAD-GRAVES

OCT 23 1946

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

1. The attached correspondence relative to a letter sent through Italian mail channels by one FRITZSCHE, Wolfgang di Thee and di Hilde Kallenbach, a German citizen, residing in VIA Dupre' #8, FIESOLE, is forwarded for appropriate action.

2. Copies of subject letter requesting financial assistance were sent to German POWs by FRITZSCHE as president of the ZENTRALSTELLE für die ERFASSUNG und PFLEGE deutscher KRIEGSGRÄBER in ITALIEN (Central Organization for the Tenure and Care of German Soldier Graves in Italy).

3. It is felt that the work of this organization might possibly be coordinated with that of the COMMISSARIATO per li ONORANZA di CADUTI di GUERRA in the recording and concentrating of German War Graves.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

Incl:
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ZENTRALSTELLE FÜR DIE ERFASSUNG UND PFLEGE DEUTSCHER
KRIEGSGRÄBER IN ITALIEN

FIESOLE - Firenze,
VIA DUPIRE N. 4

Im September 1946

DEUTSCHE IN ITALIEN !

In diesem Monat wurde oben genannte Zentralstelle mit
Kenntnisnahme aller zuständigen Behörden, eröffnet.

Unsere Zentralstelle kann sich zur Zeit nur durch freiwillige
Spenden aller hier lebenden Deutschen erhalten und die
gestellten Aufgaben durchführen.

Unzählige Tausende von zerfallenen und schon unkenntlich ge-
wordene Einzelgrabstätten müssen erfasst, umgebettet und in
eine würdige Ruhestätte umgewandelt werden.

Wir müssen nun endlich dieses menschliche Fürsorgewerk be-
ginnen, ohne das wir nochmals von der ausländischen Presse
mit einem Artikel wie "Gräber ohne Namen" gemahnt werden !
Gebt uns die Mittel zur Hand, damit die Mütter und Frauen
aller dieser Toten eines Tages die Gewissheit haben, dass ihr
Liebsten in fremder Erde auf einem würdigen Platz die letzte
Ruhe gefunden hat.

Ich hoffe, dass meine Bitte nicht ungehört verhallt und danke
allen Spendern im Namen aller Angehörigen dieser Toten !
Ich bitte beiliegende Postanweisung ausgefüllt an die Zen-
tralstelle zu senden.

Möge dieses grosse Fürsorgewerk gelingen !



Der Präsident

lvj. Fritzsch 2069

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CENTRAL ORGANIZATION FOR SEIZURE AND CARE OF GERMAN
SOLDIER-GRAVES IN ITALY

Fiesole-Florence
Via Duprè Nr 8

Germans in Italy,

With the concurrence of all competent authorities this month
the above named organization has been opened. To fulfil the
tasks of this organization up-to-date volunt. aims of all
here living Germans are to be wanted.

Unnumerable thousands of shattered and not to identify individual
graves are to be seized, changed into a deserving rest - place.
Finally we have to start this human social-relief without to be
reminded again by the foreign press within an article 'graves
without names'.

We need the means that mothers and women of all these deeds one
day have the certainty that their beloved have found within
strange earth a deserving place of rest.

I am hoping that my request will not be without an echo and
I am thanking all those who will support in the names of the
dependants of these deeds.

You will send the encl certificate executed to the Central-Organ-
ization.

May this great social-relief succeed.

The president

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COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS
LEGHORN DETACHMENT
ZONE FOUR
(FLORENCE OFFICE)
APO 512

24 September 1946

SUBJECT: Requests For Money To Be Used In Maintenance of German Graves
In Italy.

TO : Provost Marshal, Peninsular Base Section,
APO 782, U.S. Army.
ATTN: Prisoner of War Division.

1. The attached documents are forwarded as a matter pertaining to
your command.

2. Subject documents were sent through Italian mail channels to
German PW's and subsequently turned over to this office by the War Crimes
Investigation Branch.

3. Information obtained by this office revealed the fact that the
letters were sent by one FRITZSCHE, Wolfgang di Thee and di Hilde Kallem-
bach, a German citizen, residing in Via Dupre' #8, FIESOLE.

Harry M. Pellegrino
HARRY M. PELLEGRINO
Special Agent in Charge
Florence Office

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COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS, AFHQ, ZONE FOUR, APO 512, U.S. ARMY,
25 September 1946.

TO: Provost Marshal, PBS, APO 782, U.S. Army.
ATTN: Prisoner of War Division.

Forwarded.

Walter Giaccone
WALTER GIACONE
Capt., Inf.
Supervising Agent
CIC, Zone Four

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

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3 OCT 1946

SUBJECT: Maintenance of German Graves in Italy

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army
Attn: G - 5

1. The attached correspondence is forwarded for your information and possible action.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

R. M. Tyndall
R. M. TYNDALL
Capt., AGD.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

File 47

Ref. : 689/47/20

27 September 1946

SUBJECT: Graves Registration.

TO : DAD, GR & E (Records)
APO S 482, CMF.

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With further reference to your letter no. GRCME/394, dated
11 July 46 I now enclose copies of the Italian Ministry of Foreign
Affairs Memoranda nos. 6/3026/1187 and 6/3163/1234 for your information.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

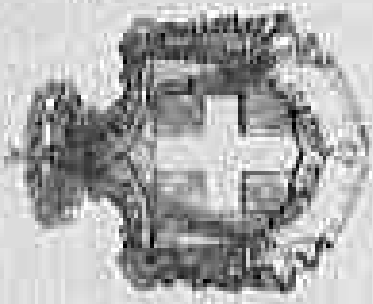
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B. W. Kinsley.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encls. as above.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: graves registration.

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1. Further to this Ministry's memorandum n. 6/3026/1187 dated September 3rd, 1946.
2. The director of the Penitentiary of Pianosa has advised the Prefettura of Leghorn that on April 1944 the body of an unidentified allied soldier was washed ashore in locality "Lavanderia Vecchia". The body was buried in the civilian cemetery of the island. No other allied soldier appears to be buried in the civilian and in the prisoners' cemeteries of the island.

Rome, September 26th, 1946.



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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: graves registration.

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Rome, September 26th, 1946.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. : 689/4/30

4 September 1946

SUBJECT: Graves Registration.

TO : DAD, GR & E (Records)
APO E 432, UMF.

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With reference your letter no. GROIF/394 dated 11 July 1946
I enclose a copy of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs memorandum
no. 6/3612/1179 dated 2 September 46 and trust that this information
will prove satisfactory.

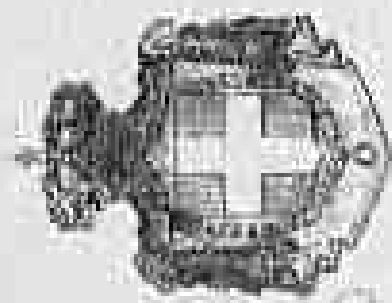
FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

A. W. Knisely.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incls. as above.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Graves registration.

1. Further to this Ministry's note n. 8/3012/1179 dated September 2nd, 1946.

2. The "Prefettura di Livorno" with a successive note, has apprised the Ministry for Foreign Affairs that the chaplain of Pianosa has declared that the grave of an unidentified allied soldier is present in the island. 4

Rome, September 3rd, 1946.



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SEP 3 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Graves registration.

1. Further to this Ministry's note n. 5/3042/1179 dated September 2nd, 1946.
2. The "Prefettura di Livorno" with a successive note, has apprised the Ministry for Foreign Affairs that the chaplain of Pianosa has declared that the grave of an unidentified allied soldier is present in the island. 4



Rome, September 3rd, 1946.

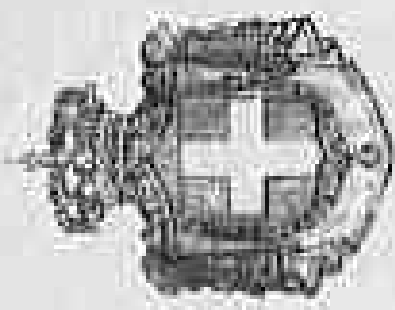
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Graves Registration.

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1. Reference is made to the Allied Commission's notes n.6889/32/EC dated July 15th, 1946, n.6889/35/EC dated July 29th, 1946, and n.6889/42/EC dated August 1946.
2. The "Prefettura di Livorno", with note n.16358/Ser., of August 28th, 1946, has brought to the knowledge of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs that the "Comune di Campo nell'Elba" duly approached on the subject above stated, has communicated that five allied airmen, who deceased following air accidents, had temporarily been buried in the grounds of Campo dell'Elba cemetery. Subsequently the airmen's bodies had been exhumed and then removed to the continent.
3. At the present time no allied soldier appears to be buried at Campo dell'Elba. A



Rome, September 2, 1946

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Graves Registration.

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- 1. Reference is made to the Allied Commission's notes n.689/32/LC dated July 15th, 1946, n.689/35/LC dated July 29th, 1946, and n.689/42/LC dated August 1946.
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- 3. At the present time no allied soldier 2051 appears to be buried at Campo dell'Elba. A



Rome, September 28th, 1946

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HQ QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. : 689/42/EC

29 August 1946

SUBJECT: Graves Registration.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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No reply has yet been received to this Commission letter
no. 689/32/EC of 15 July 1946 and subsequent letter 689/35/EC dated
29 July 1946.

An early reply in this case would be appreciated.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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A. W. Kinsley.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 669/14/50

31 July 1946

SUBJECT: Alleged Death
132/6189 M.R. Salah Hammad.

TO : Headquarters British Military Administration Cyrenaica M.S.F.

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reference your 30/1/1/2 of 7th May 46.

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs have informed this office that both the Ministry of War and the Ministry of Africa have both replied that no information that can substantiate the case of Salah Hammad are available in their files.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

P. H. TUNNARD

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: LAF/8189 NFR. Saleh Ramadan.

JUL 29 1946

1. Reference is made to Allied Commission's note 689/16/EC of June 3rd, 1946.

2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to inform the Allied Commission that the Ministry of War and the Ministry of Africa have both replied that no informations that can substantiate the case of Saleh Ramadan are available in their files.

Rome, June 27th, 1946.



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Ref: 689/32/20

29 July 1946

SUBJECT: Grave Registration.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Reference 689/32/20 of 15 July 1946.

No answer has been received to the a/m letter.

Please may this case be treated as urgent and a reply be forwarded to this office.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

D. H. TUNNARD

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Encl:
Letter 689/32/20, of July 15th, 1946.

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Ref: 689/34/23

26 July 1946

SUBJECT: LAY/3139. Mr. Salah Ramadan.

TO: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Reference our letters 689/15/23 of 16 May 46 and 689/16/23 of 3 June 1946.

No reply has been received to the above referred letters.

This office would appreciate early action in this case.

FOR THE CHIEF COMIS LONON:

P. H. TUNNARD

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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The War Office, (A.13),
Curzon Street House,
Curzon Street,
LONDON, W. 1

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4 July, 1946

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Memorandum:-

The Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394,
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

D.132172, Private R. E. MacINTYRE,
K.I.A. 2.9.1944. Canadian Army.

In reply to a copy of your memorandum, reference 689/E.C.
12th June, 1946, forwarded to this Directorate by D.A.D., G.R. &
E., (Records), C.M.F., I am to say that according to records
held in the Directorate the abovenamed is buried in GRADARA
British Cemetery, ITALY. Plot 1, Row H, Grave No. 9.

It is the policy of this Directorate to forward all burial
particulars and photographs of the graves of all Canadian
personnel to the Canadian Military Authorities who notify and
forward the photographs to the Next-of-Kin as soon as they are
received.

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2. Director,
Graves Registration & Enquiries

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Ref: 659/32/03

15 July 1946

SUBJECT: Graves Registration.

TO : ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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This office would much appreciate if you could contact the local Italian authorities on the islands of Pianosa, and Monte Cristo, to confirm the following information:

"We have information that a British airman was killed and buried in the cemetery, in the grounds of the Penal Cemetery on Pianosa.

Date is not known. During registration of Marino di Campo cemetery, Elba, it was discovered that 4 casualties had been brought from Pianosa, by persons unknown.

Can you please investigate and inform this office whether the body buried in the prison cemetery was included in the 4 removed to Elba, or whether it is still there on Pianosa.

Please advise if any known British graves are still present on either islands as soon as possible, this information is urgently required."

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

AID. H. TUNNARD

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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G. R. & E. (Records), C. M. F.
APO S. 482,
Tel:- Florence 67230,
GRCMF/394.

11 July '46

HQ. Allied Commission,
Rome

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1. It is requested by this office that your directorate contact the appropriate Italian authorities on the islands of Pianosa and Monte Cristo to confirm the following information.

2. We have information that a British airman was killed and buried in the cemetery, in the grounds of the Penal Cemetery on Pianosa. Date is not known. During registration of MARINO di CAMPO Cemetery, Elba, it was discovered that 4 casualties had been brought from Pianosa, by persons unknown. Can you please investigate and inform this office whether the body buried in the prison cemetery was included in the 4 removed to Elba, or whether it is still there on Pianosa.

3. Please advise if any known British graves are still present on either islands as soon as possible, this information is urgently required.

4. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

DC/AV

D. A. D. G. R. & E. (Records), C. M. F.

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Quinn-Smith Capt
for
Major,

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Ref: 689/EC.

10 July 1946.

SUBJECT: German Dead in Italy.

TO : Lt. Col. J. de Salis,
Liaison Section,
Advanced AFHQ,
c/o Rome Area Allied Command.

1. In reply to your letter APL 511 of 27 June 46, this matter is being handled by Local Government Sub-Commission in the Civil Affairs Section of this HQ.
2. The situation briefly is that G-5 AFHQ directed us to obtain from the Italian Government undertakings to assume very wide responsibilities for the care of German war graves in Italy. The Italian Govt. have given the undertakings desired but have at the same time drawn attention to their very limited obligation under international law. Legal opinion has been taken and it is agreed that the obligations of Italy in this matter according to the Geneva Convention are strictly limited.
3. The Italian responsibilities, therefore, are less wide than you state in your second paragraph. As far as the Geneva Convention goes, the responsibilities rest with the Allies and not with the Italian Government. The original directions of AFHQ to us, however, went considerably beyond the terms of the Convention; and any such extra responsibilities would have to be regulated by an agreement between the Italian Government and whatever authority now represents the German State. All this has been referred to AFHQ for consideration.
4. You will see that full action has already been taken by us to induce the Italian Government to undertake the very wide responsibilities that AFHQ desire and that Italy has not only given the desired undertakings but is making an effort to carry them out. The Conference of 11 July which you mention is evidently a step towards perfecting Italy's organisation to carry out the undertakings they have given to this HQ. I do not think that either of us should intervene in this Conference in any way.
5. As to the possibility of help from the Vatican, I observe that you have already drawn the attention of the Italian Government to this through the British and Italian Ministers to the Holy See. I think this point should now be left to the Italians to pursue. They have undertaken the responsibilities and how and with what help they carry them out is their affair.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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M. G. LUSH

Copy to: Civil Affairs
Section.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ADVANCED ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

LIAISON SECTION

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND.

C. M. F.

ROME, 27th June, 1946

Reference. AFL. 5 1 1.Subject. German Dead in ITALY.

To Brigadier H. Lush,
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

1. With reference to our telephone conversation this morning.
2. Brigadier J. L. C. Napier, DAG. AFHQ. wrote to me on the 16th April asking whether there was a possibility of the Vatican helping us in the matter of German dead in Italy.

I accordingly communicated with Sir D'Arcy Osborne, who brought the matter to the attention of the Italian Ambassador to the Holy See. Finally the result was that I had a conversation with Marchese CHIAVARI of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. The position is, that the responsibility for German dead and graves is that of the Italian Government, under the Geneva Convention. We have, since March 1945, been trying to get the Italian Government to take action generally, and especially in connection with German dead in the Polish Military Cemetery at CASSINO, and with the German Cemetery at PONTECAGNANO.
3. There are between eight hundred and one thousand German graves in the NAPLES-SALERNO area, which have never been concentrated, and the International Red Cross have recently made representations that these graves are being dug up by dogs. It is essential to get these graves dealt with at once, since I understand that the Italian Government will not allow exhumations during the summer. Brigadier Napier adds that the neglect of this business has been nothing less than a scandal, and is reacting most unfavourably on the International Red Cross and also upon the German Prisoners of War.
4. It has now been proposed that there shall be a Conference at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Palazzo Chigi, at ten a.m. on Thursday 11th July, at which representatives of the following will be present.

- (a) Presidency of the Council of Ministers.
- (b) Ministry of Assistenza Post-Bellica.
- (c) Italian Commission at MILAN. (Principal Branch

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AFL 511.

Reference.

Subject. German Dead in ITALY.

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- (b) Ministry of Assistenza Post-Bellica.
- (c) Italian Commission at MILAN. (Principal Branch interested)
- (d) No 9 Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- (e) Ministry of Public Works.
- (f) International Red Cross.

5. (a) No. 9 Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs deals with;

- (a) Prisoners of War.
- (b) Civil Internees.
- (c) Protection of Italian~~as~~ abroad.
- (d) Military War Criminals.
- (e) War Crimes, prosecutions, collaboration.
- (f) WAR GRAVES AND CEMETERIES.

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6. The Head of No. 9 Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
As the Marchese CHIAVARI.

7. Brigadier Napier would be most grateful for any action which
would induce the Italian Government to carry out their responsibilities
and it would be very much appreciated if you would very kindly
also take action to that end; i.e. that they should prepare a
programme of action to be put into effect as soon as the Conference
has given formal approval, and discussed ways and means.

Henri de Salas

Lt. Colonel.

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G.R. & E. (Records), G.M.F.
APO S. 482
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The Under Secretary of State,
The War Office, (A.G.13).

19 June '46

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Copy to:- Executive Commissioner,
HQ. Allied Commission,
APO 394, G.M.F.

(Your 689/EC, dated 12 June '46 refers).

D/132172 - Pte. R.E. MALVIRE - 1/Cdn LAA Regt. RMA.
Date of Death - 2 Sept 1946.

Attached copy of correspondence is forwarded to you for necessary action.

1. The grave of the above named has been registered in GRADARA British Empire Cemetery, Plot 1, Row H, Grave 9, Italy 1/100,000, Sheet 109, Map Reference 024843 as reported to you in our AG.13 reports set 5/10, Sheet 2, despatched on 8 Aug '44.

2. When this grave is photographed two copies of the print will be forwarded to you for onward transmission to the Next of Kin.

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D.A.D.C.R. & E. (Records), G.M.F.
Major,

ENCL:-

Letter under Ref. 689/EC, dated 12 June 1946.

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Ref. : 689/10.

12 June 1946.

TO : H.Q.
Graves Registration and Enquiries Unit,
G.R.C.
G.M.F.

GUNNER RALPH E. MCINTYRE
No. D 12172 - "D" Troop.
30 Bty - 1st L.A.A. Bde.

Enquiries have been forwarded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs from the relatives of the a/n soldier who is buried in PRIARO.

They wish any information that you can give them including if possible, the date, place and cause of this man's death and a photograph of the country.

This Commission will be happy to forward any reply that you may be in a position to make.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Knisely

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to:- Dett. Bombasie.

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THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Rome, 3 June 1946.

Dear General,

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I refer to your letter AC/37/12 of 9 April 1946 and am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Postwar Assistance has already given instructions to the General Commissariat for Honoring the Fallen to provide to the collection and systematization of the German dead.

Until now said Commissariat has already undertaken the research and registration of the graves of German soldiers buried in civilian cemeteries or in isolated sepultures, and will soon begin to work at the concentration of the latter ones in order to insure that the bodies can be easily found again.

Instead, no steps have yet been taken for the concentration of the bodies buried by the Germans in military cemeteries, inasmuch as such cemeteries have not been handed over to the abovesaid Commissariat General until now. It would be therefore necessary that the Allied Commission let know the Commissariat General for Honoring the Fallen which are the German organizations or authorities with whom said Commissariat could agree upon the necessary measures.

In relation to the above the Commissariat General for Honoring the Fallen will not fail to take the necessary steps in order to determine also the systematization of the bodies buried by the Germans in military cemeteries.

/s/ De Gasperi

Brig. E.S. LUSH
Allied Commission
Rome.

EC DIST. 5 June

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Local found this up
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Ref: 689/16/83

3 June 1946

SUBJECT: LAM/3189 Mr. Salah Ramadan.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Reference our letter 689/15/83 of 16 May 1946.

No answer has been received by this office on the a/m subject. An early reply would be appreciated.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

P. H. TUNNARD

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref.689/15/EX

16 May 1946

SUBJECT: LAF/8189 Mfr. Saleh Ramadan.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The following letter has been received from Headquarters British Military Administration Cyrenaica M.E.P.

" I am directed to ask you to search any Italian records which may be available for verification of the death of the above mentioned who was serving with 5 Coy. 4 Bn. LAF in 1942 and was left behind in Derna during the retreat.

His relatives allege that he was captured by Italian Carabinieri who accused him of striking an Italian officer and robbing him of his revolver and he was sentenced to death by a court which sat at Derna under the presidency of Gen. Piatti in June 1942, and his grave is in Derna.

I am to ask you for any information which will substantiate this story as the question of a pension for his relatives is involved.

/s/ P.M. STILES
Captain
for Chief Secretary "

Please could you forward any information to this office in the above case.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

P. H. TUNNARD

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Subject:- Alleged Death.

Ref:- 30/K/1/2.

Headquarters,
British Military Administration,
CYRENAICA, M.E.F.

7th May, 1946.

Allied Control Commission,
Rome.

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Headquarters,
British Military Administration,
Tripolitania.

LAF/ 8189 Nfr. Saleh Ramadan.

I am directed to ask you to search any Italian records which may be available, for verification of the death of the above mentioned who was serving with 3 Coy. 4 Bn. LAF in 1942 and was left behind in Derna during the retreat.

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PFH.

for

P.M. Syngé
(P.M. SYNGE)
Captain,
CHIEF SECRETARY.

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IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

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Rome, 24 April 1946.

APR 29 1946

Dear General,

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In reply to yours dated 9 a.m. I communicate that the
Commissariato Generale for honouring the fallen in war, ac-
cording to information received from the Ministry of Post-War
Assistance, has up to now had organized research and registra-
tion of the graves of the fallen Germans which are in civil
cemeteries or separately buried.

The question of the final settlement of the above is
being studied in every aspect, and I shall eventually give
you further information.

My most cordial salutations

/s/ De Gasperi

To : Brig. Gen. M. S. LUSH
Allied Commission

R O M E

E.C.DIST - 29 Apr.

Action : 282/40 (2)

Info : C.C.

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Ref : AC/37/IG

9th April 1946

APR 29 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The attention of the A.C. is being frequently drawn to the fact that there are in Italy a large number of German graves to be registered and bodies to be concentrated. The responsibility for this matter rests with your Government, but little or no action appears to have been taken to deal with this problem. The Supreme Allied Commander and the British Embassy have drawn attention to the urgent need for action.

On 26th February 1946, the Local Government Sub-Commission wrote to the Ministry of Post War Assistance on this subject (reference AC/37.IG) copy of which is enclosed for perusal. In this letter the Local Government Sub-Commission asked that an assurance be given that a comprehensive plan would be prepared and put into effect. No such assurance has yet been given.

I understand that the Commissariato Generale per le Onoranze ai Caduti in Guerra, Via S. Giovanni sul Mare, 18, Milano is the organisation responsible.

I think you will agree that the matter is a very urgent one and that a scheme for the handling of German War Graves should be put into effect forthwith. The subject matter was originally raised in March 1945 with the Ministry of the Interior.

I should be glad to be informed at an early date of your views on this matter and I would ask you to give me an assurance that immediate consideration is being given to this matter and that a comprehensive scheme will be put into effect shortly.

Perhaps in due course you would be good enough to let me have an outline of the scheme decided upon.

Yours very truly

Dr. Alcide DE GAULIERE
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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MS LUSH
Brig 2498
Acting Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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Ref. : 689/9/EG ✓

March 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

It has been brought to my notice that all the German dead in the neighbourhood of Gervia have been concentrated into a central cemetery at Gervia. The question has now arisen as to who will take care of this cemetery when all the Germans are repatriated.

General Polack, the Senior German officer in the D. of W. Camp, Rimini, has been in communication with the Senior Roman Catholic priest of Gervia, the Bishop of Rimini and the Archbishop of Ravenna. These are willing that the cemetery should be put under protection of the Senior Roman Catholic Priest, Gervia.

General Polack, however, does not consider this sufficient and would like to leave behind three German caretakers and suggests three volunteers from the Russian zone. He suggests they could be housed in a German wooden hut. As regards the pay and maintenance of these men he is unable at present to make a concrete suggestion but thinks that he might receive Papal assistance.

I would appreciate it if you would let me have your views on this matter, please.

Yours very truly

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR 2027
Chief Commissioner

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

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 812

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 45)

16 March 1946
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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE - MEDITERRANEAN
THEATER SEPARATE ZONE COMMAND

1. Effective 1 April 1946 the American Graves Registration Service - Mediterranean Theater Separate Zone Command (short title AGRS-MTZ-) is established as a major command.
2. Direct communication between AGRS-MTZ and the office of the Quartermaster General is authorized for all matters pertaining to the technical supervision of graves registration activities.
3. Concurrent with the activation of AGRS-MTZ the 2621 Graves Registration Unit (Ovhd) is relieved from assignment to the Rome Area Command and is assigned to AGRS-MTZ.
4. Personnel necessary for Headquarters, AGRS-MTZ, and such Sector, Port Quartermaster and other headquarters as it may be necessary to activate will be furnished from the 2621 Graves Registration Unit (Ovhd).
5. The Commanding Officer of the 2621 Graves Registration Unit (Ovhd) is designated as the Commanding Officer of AGRS-MTZ, effective 1 April 1946.
6. The boundaries of the AGRS-MTZ are the same as the boundaries of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.
7. The Commanding Officer of the AGRS-MTZ will establish such sector and port office subdivision as may be required. These subdivisions will, so far as practicable, be in conformity with the War Department "Plan for Repatriation of the Dead of World War II and Establishment United States Military Cemeteries at Home and Abroad".
8. The actions directed in the preceding paragraphs are necessary to implement War Department General Order Number 125, dated 29 December 1945.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE

OFFICIAL:
Signed: Ralph C. TILNEY
Colonel, AGD
Acting Adjutant General

L.C. JAYNES
Major General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

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Tel: Freedom 101

SUBJECT: German Cemetery, CERVIA

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13 March 1946

HQ ALLIED COMMISSION

1. The attached copy letter 1861/A dated 7 Feb. 46 from No. 1 SEP Rft & Holding Centre is forwarded herewith.
2. As the supervision and control of German Graves and cemeteries is a responsibility of the Italian Government, it is requested that you will take up the question of the German cemetery at CERVIA with them.
3. It is suggested that they might be asked to consider retaining three German volunteers as PW until all German PW have been evacuated from Italy, and that they should then be relieved of PW status and allowed to remain in Italy as civilians with an Italian visa.

The question of payment is one for the Italian Government to decide, but they might care to approach the Vatican on this subject.

CJM/DM

S/
J.L.C. NAPIER
Brigadier
DAG.

Copies to: HQ 2 District
No. 1 SEP Rft & Holding Centre
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Copy/dm

Subject: German Cemetery, CERVIA

TO : DISTWO (2 copies)

No. 1 SEP Rft & Holding
Centre,

C.M.F.
1861/A

7 February 1946

Copy to: 217 Area

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4. Could this matter be taken up with higher authority and with the Italian Government so that a reply may be given to General Polack.

Signed *see MB 29* ? ? ? ?
Colonel
Commander.

Original passed to C.A. Sec

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Ref: 609/5/10

8 March 1946

SUBJECT: Charlie Martin - 35446688-T-42. O.P.

TO : Commanding Officer
2621 Graves Registration Unit
APO 794, U.S. Army

1. Attached is a report from the Italian Ministry of Interior
H. 442/2490 Div. A.G.R. II Sect. of 18 February 1946 that on 27
January 1946 the body of a pilot believed to be French was brought to
Port S. Benedetto del Tronto (Ancoli Piceno) by the fishing boat
"Luciana" of Ancona.

2. Upon examination here of the identification tag's symbols it
is believed that the cadaver is that of an American soldier. Hence, as
agreed by phone the a/m letter is pass to you for any action you may
deem necessary.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Encl: ltr H. 442/2490 Div.AGR - Sec. II fr Minist. Interno of 18 Feb. '46

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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

18 Febbraio 1946

N. 442/2490

Div. A.G.R. II Sezione

Alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione per la P.S.
RomaAl Ministero degli Affari Esteri
- Gabinetto - RomaOGGETTO: Rinvvenimento in mare di resti di un cadavere di militare
della truppa alleata.

Per conoscenza, si trascrive la seguente lettera in data 7
corrente N. 1934 della Prefettura di Ancoli Piceno.

" Il 27 u.s. il motopeschereccio "Luciana" di Ancona attaccava
al porto di S. Benedetto del Tronto e portava a terra 1 resti di un ca-
davere avvolti in un paracadute.

Da sopralluogo effettuato dai Carabinieri sembra che tali resti
umani debbano appartenere ad un pilota di nazionalità francese, poiché
fra gli indumenti è stato rinvenuto un piastrino di metallo con la se-
guente leggenda: Charlie Martin - 33446688 - T.42.O.P. -

E' stato trasportato nella camera mortuaria di S. Benedetto,
mentre il piastrino è stato consegnato alla locale Autorità Giudiziaria
informata del rinvenimento."

Per il Ministro

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TEL. 66049 - 66050

Re. 12/EN.

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DJM/RGH.

IMPERIAL WAR GR. ES COMMISSION

SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DISTRICT

46, VIA DELLE BOTTEGHE OSCURE

ROME

Subject: Inquiries.

1st. Feb. 19 46.

To: ~~Major~~ Assist. Director,
Graves Registrations Inquiries,
Records,
Florence, U.S.A.

The attached letter together with translation, and seven photographs, from the order mentioned:-

Executive Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission.
is passed to you please.

Would you please answer direct, and it would be appreciated if a copy could be sent to this office.

Lt. Col. for
Colonel.
Deputy Controller.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner,
Head Quarters, Allied Commission.

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Ref: 600/2/32

4 February 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Deceased

TO : Brazilian Embassy
Palazzo Italia Ruffilli,
Piazza Navona 14, Rome

1. The attached matter from the Office of the Chief Graves Registration Officer, MTO, APO - 724 U.S. Army is referred to you for action.
2. On forwarding the requested information please correspond direct.

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Encl: Ltr of 23 Jan. 46 fr MTO

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COPY

Office of the Chief Graves Registration Officer,
Mediterranean Theater of Operations
APO 794, U.S. Army

23 January 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Deceased
TO : Liaison Section (Brazilian)
USSR Delegation HQ Allied Comm
APO 394 U.S. Army

1. Attention is invited to attached report of burial for Unidentified American X-51, American Military Cemetery, Nettuno, Plot r, Row 22, Grave 1406.

2. It is requested that Brazilian units known to have been operating in the vicinity where remains were recovered, be contacted in an effort to establish identity of subject deceased.

3. It is further requested that this headquarters be informed whether remains can be identified as Brazilian.

/s/ E.B. WADSWORTH
Colonel GIC
Theater GRO

1 Incl. a/s

*The original was sent
to Provost Marshal's Office 2-2019*

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