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SECURITY

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SUBJECT: Col DE STAFFANO Antonio

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Army Sub Commissioner A.C.C.
Main B.S. (M.T.V.)
L.M. U.I.L. (L.E.O.R.)
I/103
24 Feb 44

For Ministry (Gabinetto)

Ref your 311/C of 26 Jan 44.

Colonel DE STAFFANO has been handed over to H. Italian Armed Forces,
NAPLES, for their action as necessary.

APC

H.B. Lw
Prigadier
Army Sub Commissioner ACC

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
A.P.O. 782

BPGBI

17 February 1944

Subject: Di Stefano, Antonio.

To : Army Sub Commission, ACC, Salerno.

Reference your letter I/103/B, 21 Jan. 1944, and Hq. ACF, subject as above, Colonel Di Stefano has been turned over to the Italian Military authorities at Naples.

Henry H. Cushing
HENRY H. CUSHING
Lt. Colonel, GSC
A. C. of S., G-2

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SECURITY *Fols*

SUBJECT:- Arrests - Military

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MIA)
IF UNIT (LECCO)
1/103/A
24 Feb 44

H. 2 District

Ref your 2022/419 of 28 Jan 44. In order to clarify adm posn of Gen BELLOMO, the Italian War Ministry would be grateful to be kept informed of decisions taken concerning him by the Allied Military Authorities.

If there is anything further we may pass on to the Italians in this respect, will you please let us know.

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ABC

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate
N. *707/c* di prot. P.M.107 " 19 febbraio 1944
OGGETTO: Generale BELLOMO Nicola.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELL'A.C.C.
Comando Retrovie (MMIA)

- LEQUILE

Riferimento foglio I/103/A di codesta Sottocommissione in data 30 gennaio u.s., paragr.2.

L'Ufficio Generali di questo Ministero, dovendo stabilire la posizione di servizio del generale indicato in oggetto, ha chiesto a questo Ufficio di informarlo tempestivamente delle decisioni che saranno prese dalle Autorità britanniche nei riguardi dell'inquisito.

Questo Ufficio sarà pertanto molto grato a codesta Sottocommissione se vorrà compiacersi di tenerlo al corrente delle decisioni che sono state o saranno prese dalle autorità incaricate dell'inchiesta sull'operato del generale Bellomo.-

GENERALE ALIBERTI

Aliberti

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SUBJECT:- COLONNA VOLONTARI

SECRET

Chief of Staff
Stato Maggiore RM

Army Sub Commission A.C.C. *165*
Main H.Q. (MIA)
LEQUILE (LECCR)
I/103
2 Feb 44

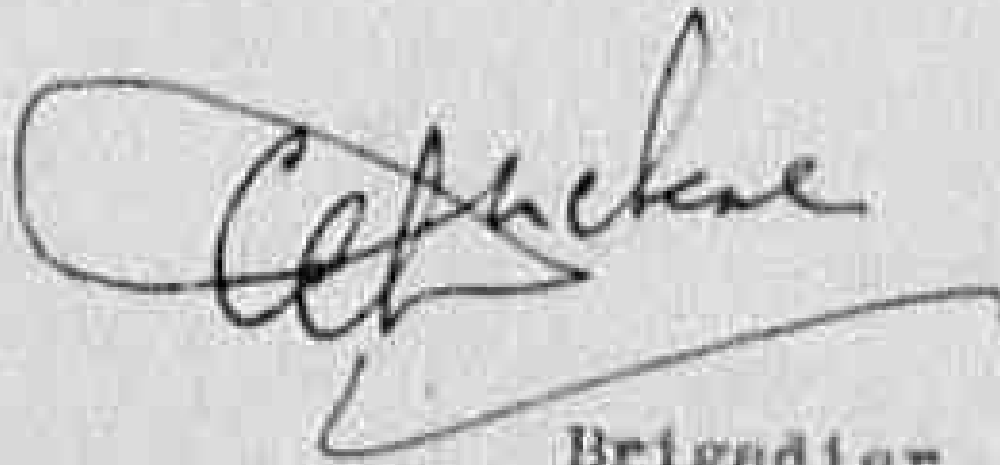
1. Ref conversation 19 Feb 44 Gen BERNARDI - Col MORIARTY regarding the arrest in BARI of 10 members of the COLONNA VOLONTARI.

These 10 members who were all enrolled members came to the notice of the British Field Security Police through circulating with documents stating that they were secret employees of the British Police. This is not the case.

2. HQ 2 District have asked us for information about the COLONNA VOLONTARI. Will you please enable us to reply.

3. You will be further informed about the position of the 10 persons arrested.

ABC


Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: CCLEONA VOLONTARI

HQ 2 District CEF
2022/12 G

Army Sub Commission ACC

19 Feb 44

10 members of the CCLEONA VOLONTARI have been arrested in No 2 District. They came to the notice of PSS through circulating with documents stating that they are secret employees of the British Police. This is not the case.

It now transpires that they are a regular band of hooligans.

Inquiries have been made by PSS of the IX Corpo d'Armata, who replied in a letter of 9 Feb 44 that the CCLEONA VOLONTARI is a private institution.

Investigations give rise to the suspicion that there has been some sort of connection between them, the IX Corpo d'Armata, and the Stato Maggiore at LEGGE.

This HQ will be grateful for information about the true position of these people.

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L. K. ...
Major-General
Commanding 2 District

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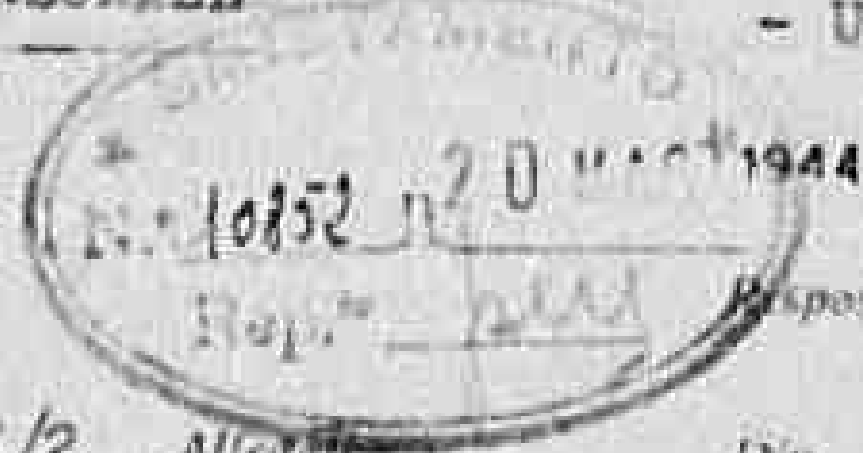
Comando IX Corpo d'Armata

UFFICIO PERSONALE

P.M. 67, 11 19 Maggio 1944

Al LO STATO MAGGIORE E. ESERCITO

- Ufficio Segret. e Personale -



P.M. 131

Prot. N. 9777/2

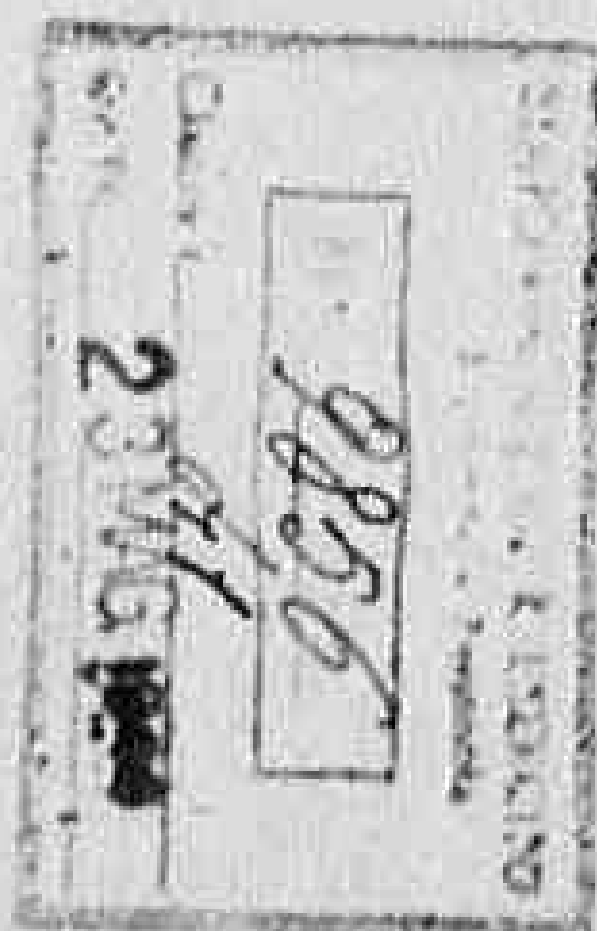
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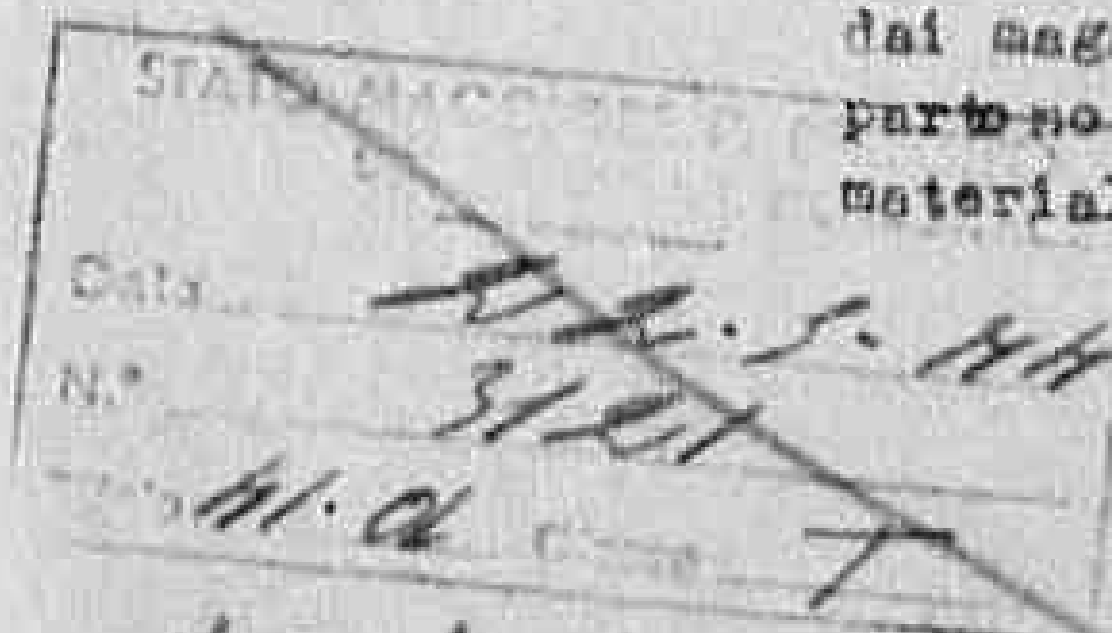
OGGETTO Soldato DEL CIELO ANGELO su ROSARIO - cl. 1917 -
distretto Campobasso - residente a Fesco Lanciano -
effettivo alla Dires. Commissariato IX C.A. -



Il militare in oggetto, sottoposto a visita medica dalla Direzione Sanità Militare del IX C.A. è stato giudicato bisognoso di licenza di convalescenza di gg. 180 per "isterismo convulsivo" art. 28 - S.I.A. -

Poichè il militare in questione, a causa dei frequenti attacchi di isterismo convulsivo cui va soggetto non è utilizzabile in alcun servizio, si prega codesto S.M. voler concedere nulla osta perchè il Del Cielo - in deroga eccezionale alle disposizioni in vigore - venga inviato in licenza.

Per il viaggio il militare potrebbe agevolmente fruire di uno dei tanti autocarri che dai magazzini della Direzione di Commissariato partono per Campobasso per trasporto derrate e materiali. -



d'ordine

IL TEN. COL. CAPO DI S.M. INTER
(Domenico Michelotti) 4192

Michelotti

Supremo

SUBJ: Italian Military Personnel

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

Main H.Q. (MMA)

LEQUILE (LECCE)

I/103/A

19 Feb 44

HQ 2 District

Copy to: O.C. 409 F.S.S.
LECCE

The incident referred to you in your 2022/41 G of 8 Feb had already been reported through Italian channels to the Ministry of War, and those guilty of assault were punished.

Enquiry shows that this was primarily an outburst of high spirits resulting from the prospect of early employment of these troops in the line, where they now are. The proceedings included the singing of the "Red Flag", as well as "Giovinezza", and three cheers for the King, and it is not considered that they had any genuine political significance.

ABC

ABC fu
Brigadier;
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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2022/41 G

8 Feb 44

ICIA ✓Copy to ACME

Reports have been received by this HQ that the Italian parachute troops stationed in the LECCE province are openly showing Fascist sympathies.

At STA MARIA DI LERCA on Jan 16 they gathered in the Square and sang Fascist songs including GIOVINEZZA. Incidents of a similar nature have taken place at SQUINZANO where supposed anti-fascists have been beaten up.

This HQ would be grateful for any information of what measures are being taken to curb this tendency.

JHC

10 Feb 44

L. Kennard Capt
Major-General
Commanding 2 District

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERC. IO
Ufficio Segreteria e Personale

N° 7471/41 SP di prot.

P.M.151 - 17 febbraio 1944.=

OGGETTO: soldato DALLO Armendo.=

Date 17 to 158
ITALIAN ARMY.
LEQUILE

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione per l'Esercito -

Riferimento foglio n° I/103 del 13 dicembre 1943.=

Sono state fatte accurate ricerche presso tutti i reparti, presso le tappe ed a mezzo dei CC.RR., ma non è stato possibile rintracciare il soldato DALLO Armendo, nè avere alcuna notizia di lui.=



IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
- A. Mariotti -

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SUBJECT: Arrests of Console ROSSI Riccardo,
1° Seniore SASSI Michele, Seniore
FIORCA Armando

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Rear H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
I/103
4 Feb 44

WAR MINISTRY Gabinetto

1. Ref your 138/C of 18 Dec 43, and 393/C of 31 Jan 44, we are informed that SASSI Michele, and FIORCA Armando were arrested for security reasons, and are therefore not prisoners of war.
2. No information regarding ROSSI Riccardo has yet been received. If any comes to hand, we will let you know at once.

ABC

ABC
Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Arrests

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HQ 2 District CMF
2022/41 G

MMIA

9 Feb 44

Copy to GSI ASMP

Ref I/103 of 2 Feb

1 The following information has been obtained from an arrest report received from Eighth Army ref SASSI Michele:-

"Reason for arrest:- Astante Maggiore della MVSN, dressed in Italian Army uniform but NOT mobilised. Strong Fascist. In MVSN since 1937. Recruited from M Bus. Since establishment of Badoglio government has derided his senior officers for turning their coats. In presence of witness has stated that the MVSN still remains THE power in the land and has quarrelled with other Army Officers over this. When the setting up of the Badoglio government was announced on radio, began a tirade against the King, ceasing abruptly when he realised that an OVRA Officer was present. Arrested 7 Oct 43 for internment as undesirable."

The above was therefore not arrested as a PW.

2 No arrest reports or documents relating to ROSSI Riccardo are held by this HQ.

3 Arrest report for FIOCCA Armando states "High official of Ufficio Politico Investigativo della MVSN. Also worked for OVRA. Arrested and interned. Case to be reconsidered after 6 months."

The above was therefore not arrested as a PW.

JHC

L. Kennard Capt
Major-General
Commanding 2 District

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Deserters from 346 Inf Regt

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Rear H.Q. (MIA)
LEBUELL (LSCC)
I/103
13 Feb 44

B.A.R.B. (for G Gns)

Copy to: 2 District (GSI)
MINISTERO GUERRA Gabinetto
COMANDO SUPREMO

1. Ref your 1398 OF of 12 Feb 44, and in confirmation of telephone conversation 13 Feb 44 (Col SANDO - Capt BUTENOW/TH) please send an officer, with vehicle, to report to GSI Branch, HQ 2 Dist, BA I at 1100 hrs Tuesday 13 Feb 44. 2 Dist are arranging to send a representative with him to MORGOLI FUGGIAV Camp for the purpose of withdrawing the 3 deserters, and obtaining particulars of the case.

2. Attached for 2 Dist only is a translation of ITALIAN Gen Staff's letter which gives explanatory details. Our phonogram 0.235 of 13 Feb handed by Capt BUTENOW/TH to Capt KENNARD also refers.

ABC

N.P.R. Lw
Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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TRANSLATION.

Ref: 1998 CP
15 Feb 64.

From: Italian General Staff.

To : Army Sub Commission,
A.S.C. rptd:
War Min. Supreme Command, and
51 Corps.

Subject: Deserters from 116 Inf Regt.

1. On 11 Feb 44 the under mentioned deserted from
336 Inf Regt to MONTEBELLO YUGOSLAV Camp:

- = Cap. MASS. GUADAGNO Jacopo " classe 1917
- = Caporale CHIESA Carlo " classe 1916
- = soldato RANTI BRILANTI Gian Carlo " 1921
- = soldato TREVISANI Giuseppe " classe 1916
- = soldato BRUATTI Antonio " classe 1921

2. Regtl. Comd. sent 2/Lieut LOMBARO to collect
above mentioned from the camp. The Yugo Slavs refused to
return the 5 men to him and he himself was detained in the
Camp, only being released on the intervention of the Garrison
Comd.

3. It would be opportune if an A.S.C. rep with
2/Lieut LOMBARO, COMR (or some police element) could go
to the camp and obtain the 5 deserters.

2/Lieut LOMBARO is at the 336 Inf Regt. PAVARO.

It is also necessary that the responsible
persons are found and punished.

Sgt. BRUATTI
Chief Italian General Staff.

336 Inf Regt to MONTEBELLO YUGO-SLAV Camp:

" Cap. MESS. GUADAGNO Jacopo " classe 1917
 " Caporale ONIATA Carlo " classe 1916
 " soldato SANTI BELLAZZI Gian Carlo " classe 1915
 " soldato TRIVIOZZI Giuseppe " classe 1916
 " soldato SERAFI Antonio " classe 1917

2. Hostl. Comd. sent 2/Lieut LOVANDO to collect above mentioned from the camp. The Yugo Slavs refused to return the 5 men to him and he himself was detained in the camp, only being released on the intervention of the Garrison Comd.

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2/Lieut LOVANDO is at HQ 236 Inf Regt, PAVIA.

It is also necessary that the responsible persons are found and punished.

SGA. BELLINI
 Chief Italian General Staff.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI
REPARTO UFFICIO TELECOMUNICAZIONI

P.M. 151, 14 12 febbraio 1944

N. 1598 prot. OP.

Risposta al foglio N.

Allegati del

OGGETTO: allontanamento militari 336° rgt. fanteria.

It. soldiers deserting to join Yugoslavians Campo.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

Sottocommissione per l'Esercito

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto

AL COMANDO SUPREMO

AL COMANDO LI CORPO D'ARMATA

Lequile

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P.M. 67

1°) - La notte sull'11 corr. si sono allontanati dal 336° rgt. fanteria i sottoportati militari per recarsi presso il campo con centramento jugoslavi in Monopoli:

- Cap. magg. GUADAGNO Jacopo - classe 1917 - Distr. Apuania
- caporale CHIESA Carlo - classe 1916 - Distr. Milano
- soldato SANTI BELLETTI Gian Carlo - cl. 1923 - Distr. Ferrara
- soldato PREVISANI Giuseppe - classe 1916 - Distr. Ferrara
- soldato SERAPINI Antonio - classe 1923 - Distr. Macerata

2°) - Il comandante del reggimento inviava subito a Monopoli il S. Tenente Lovarico del suo comando, affinché provvedesse all'immediato ritiro dei militari di che trattasi.

All'ufficiale non solo venne negata la restituzione del personale, ma venne egli stesso trattenuto al campo jugoslavi.

Solo dopo l'intervento del comandante del Presidio, l'ufficiale le in questione venne rimesso in libertà, ma non i 5 militari.

3°) - Sarebbe opportuno che presso il campo jugoslavi fosse subito operato un sopralluogo da un rappresentante di codesta Commissione Alleata di Controllo, unitamente al S. Tenente Lovarico e



ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

Sottocommissione per l'Esercito

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto

AL COMANDO SUPREMO

AL COMANDO IL CORPO D'ARMATA

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Devi essere molto che forse trovata e semplicemente pronta i responsabili.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

MILITARY MISSION.

Date

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

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SUBJECT:- Arrest of Brigadiere CO. BR VALACCA Guido

SAR MINISTRY
(Gabinetto)

Army Sub Commissioner A.C.O.
Rear H.Q. (LIMIA)
LEQUILL (LECOE)
I/103
18 Feb 44

Ref your 564/C of 8 Feb 44. HQ 2 Dist inform us
that a/m H.C.O. was arrested for security reasons.

It is regretted that we are unable to supply further
information.

ABC

ABC
Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm A.C.O.

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Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

N. 545/c

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P.M. 107

9 febbraio 1944.
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OGGETTO: Diserzioni.

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to

Alla ARMY SUB-COMMISSION A.C.C. ITALIAN ARMY.
Rear HQ (M.M.I.A.)

- LEQUITE

A titolo informativo e con riferimento alla corrispondenza già intercorsa relativa alla importante questione in oggetto, si trasmette copia di una lettera che il Comandante delle P.F.AA. della Campania ha diretto, in data 4 gennaio c.a., al Generale PENCE, Capo del P.B.S., e della risposta avuta.

Il ritardo della segnalazione è dipendente dalla lentezza e difficoltà delle comunicazioni tra questo Ministero e la Campania.-

Herewith copy of letter sent to GENERALE ALIBERTI
to Gen Pence by Gen BASSO and
reply re: Diserzioni of It. Sold.
delay in forwarding above letters is due to difficulties in
lines of Comm. between the War Min. & CAMPANIA.
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COMANDO PR. AA. DELLA CAMPANIA

Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Informazioni -

N°0898 di prot.

OGGETTO: Diserzioni.

P.M. 120 - 4 gennaio 1944

AL SIGNOR GENERALE A.W. PENCE - A.E.O. 782 - P.B.3.

Caro Generale,

il 23 dicembre un maggiore inglese, accompagnato dal Podestà di S. Genaro Vesuviano, recatosi al comune di Palma Campania, imponeva la liberazione di Mobile Antonio, arrestato in seguito a mandato di cattura del Tribunale Militare di Cosenza per diserzione.

Il 24 successivo il tenente della polizia americana Bisbix ha imposto la liberazione dal carcere di Pomigliano d'Arco (Napoli) dei detenuti Di Marzo Domenico e Andreotti Michele, colpiti da mandato di cattura del Tribunale Militare della 7^a Armata di Bari per diserzione.

Lo stesso ufficio ha invitato il comandante della stazione di Pomigliano d'Arco a non eseguire altri arresti di militari denunciati per diserzione, dovendosi ritenere tali reati commessi in favore degli alleati.

Ho voluto segnalarvi questi fatti per le conseguenze che, eretti a sistema potrebbero avere.

Anche amesso, invero, che questi reati possano considerarsi consumati in favore degli alleati (ma occorre tener presente, al riguardo, che chi diserta lo fa, nella stragrande maggioranza dei casi, per considerazioni strettamente egoistiche, e non per motivi ideologici) e pur riconoscendo che di fatto le truppe alleate hanno ritratto beneficio, sia pure esiguo, dalla diserzione, tuttavia il reato resta sempre tale e cioè offesa alla legge; ed è proprio nel campo pratico che la mancata restaurazione della legge, ove parastasse, condurrebbe alle più gravi conseguenze.

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Nel campo militare specifico poi tale sistema min alla base ogni possibilità di ricostruzione di un sano organismo militare e ogni possibilità di efficace organizzazione e rinsaldamento delle forze armate, con pregiudizio anche per quelle che già collaborano con le Vostre truppe. Dannosissime quindi sarebbero le conseguenze non solo per l'opera di ricostruzione del nostro Paese, che tanto le Nazioni alleate dimostrano di avere a cuore, ma anche per gli stessi alleati, che non potrebbero ricevere dall'attività civile e militare del nostro Paese quell'apporto di energie e quella somma di benefici che hanno diritto di atter-

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Caro Generale, penso che Voi condividiate questo punto di vista e Vi prego, pertanto, di voler esaminare la cosa con spirito di comprensione onde si possa giungere ad evitare che si rinnovino fatti del genere di quelli sopra esposti. Sempre con la massima stima e cordialità vostro.

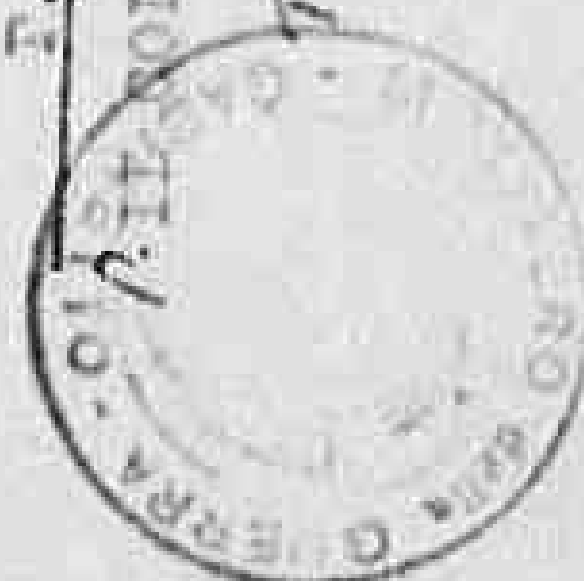
IL GENERALE DI C.A. COMANDANTE
F/to Antonio Basso

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COLONNELLO ADDETTO

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per Mula



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8. 1. 1944

Generale A. BASSO - Comandante NF.44. Campania

Caro Generale Basso,

Vi ringrazio per la Vostra lettera del 4 gennaio colla quale Voi avete intrattenuto sulla situazione degli arresti per diserzione di militari italiani.

Questa materia è trattata dalla Commissione di Controllo Alleate, in quanto concerne tutta l'Italia Meridionale, oltre che la zona del P.B.S.-

Mi risulta che il Generale Joyce sta trattando in merito col Comandante in Capo e non c'è dubbio che presto saranno presi suoi provvedimenti di polizia.

Vostro Generale A.W. Pence

SEGRETO

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IL COLONNELLO ADDETTO

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Subjects- DE STEFANO Antonio.

Headquarters.

Allied Central Mediterranean Force,

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G-2 (C.I.)... P.B.S.

8 Feb 44.

Reference the attached correspondence.

1. It is understood that DE STEFANO Antonio was arrested by C.I.C., P.B.S., and this matter is therefore passed to you for any action you may consider necessary.
2. Please reply direct to M.M.I.A.

Shumway Capt

for Brigadier.
B.G.S.(1).

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. (Capt. BUTTERWORTH -
1/103/B dated 31 Jan 44
refers.)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

N. di prot. 564/C.

P.M. 107 u, 8 febbraio 1944

OGGETTO: Arresto Brigadiere CC.RR. VALACCA Guido.

Arrest of "Brigadiere" CC.RR. Valacca Guido by the MP at GRUMO APPULA (Bari)

ALL'ARMY SUB COMM. A.C.C.
HEAD HQ (M.M.I.A.)

= LEQUILE =

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Anche per mettere in grado il Comando dell'Arma CC.RR. di adottare immediati provvedimenti a carico del sottufficiale in relazione alla gravità degli addebiti che gli vengono fatti dall'Autorità Alleate, si prega codesta Missione di voler cortesemente far conoscere le ragioni hanno condotto al di lui arresto. =

GENERALE ALIBERTI

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With ref. to our 1/103 of 5/10 we beg to inform you that this morning at 11.30 hrs 2/Lt STECCONI Giuseppe has been arrested. He is kept at the barracks "Bucca delle Puglie" of the 14 Arty Regt. BARI at your disposal for his interrogation.

Capt. SCHMAGLIA Antonio was not arrested because he cannot be found since August 43.

At that time we was attached to the 70 POW Camp near PESCARA; we have reasons to think that he must be now in the area controlled by Germans, where is his own family.

Investigations are carried on.

/s/

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OGGETTO: Arresto del Capitano SOMMAVILLA e del S. Ten. STECCONI.-

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
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Lecce, 6 Febbraio 1944

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M.M.I.A.

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Con riferimento al foglio No 1/103 del 5 corrente si comunica che questa mattina alle ore 11.30 è stato arrestato il S. Ten. STECCONI Giuseppe che si trova attualmente trattenuto nella caserma "Duca delle Puglie" del 14° Rgt. Artiglieria in Bari a disposizione di codesta Missione, per l'interrogatorio.-

Il Capitano SOMMAVILLA Antonio non ha potuto essere arrestato in quanto che dalla fine di Agosto del 1943 non si hanno più sue notizie.-

In tale epoca egli risultava in servizio presso il Campo Prigionieri No 70 situato nei pressi di Pescara; si ha motivo di ritenere che si trovi in territorio occupato dai tedeschi avendo nello stesso la propria famiglia.-

Le indagini continuano.-

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
(Col. R. Fiore - Vernarzo)

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REF TROT:- Arrest of ITALIAN Officers:
Capt SOMMAVILLA
2 Lieut STECCONI

immediately

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
1/103
5 Feb. 44

FOR PIASTRE

1. I am instructed to request you to trace and arrest the above two officers, and to notify this Mission where they are being held.
2. It is believed that both officers are in RAIL. Their christian names are not at present known but they will be forwarded as soon as received.
3. In the meantime will you please start your inquiries and arrest if there is no doubt as to identity.
4. Reasons for arrest will be communicated to you at a later date.

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SUBJECT:- Arrest of Italian Officers

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Military Mission to
Italian Army L.O.
C/o 2 District
Ref:- MP/101
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M.M.I.A.

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I am to request, on behalf GSI (b)
2 District, that you instruct the Italian Authorities
to trace and arrest :

Capt SOMMAVILLA;
2 Lieut STECCONI,

Officers both charged by the War Office with complicity in
the BELLOMO case, and inform 2 District of where
these/are being held.

It is most essential that the Italian
Authorities should NOT know the reason of this ar-
rest.

It is believed that both these officers
are in BARI at present.

[Signature]

Capt.
M.M.I.A. L.O.

MILITARY MISSION.

copy to : GSI (b) 2 District

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Subject: Correspondence - Lt Col, CAUDIOSO.

M.M.I.A. L.C.
att: AFHQ Adv Adm Sch.

To: M.M.I.A.

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1 Feb 44.

1. Italian War Ministry may be able to trace the addresses of the correspondence in att envelope.

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4 Open letters
1 Sealed letter
List of personal effects
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2. So far no personal effects from A.G.1.

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M.M.I.A. L.C.

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1 Feb 44

SUBJECT:- Refered Letters. MI.12(c), GH. REF.

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20 Jan 44. *137*
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Allied Liaison Mission to
the Italian Army,
c/o Advanced Admin. Echelon,
A.P.H.Q.

The attached letters were brought to MI.12 today by an officer arriving from No. 5 Camp Staff. He had been instructed to hand them to addressee - Lt. Col Nicolas Gandioso - but discovered on enquiry that he had been posted to your side. Will you please dispose of this correspondence.

One parcel of personal effects is also being sent separately by A.G.I. This for your, and his information.

C.B. Holton
(C.B. Holton.)
Major C.S.
for Col D.D.M.C.

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9 Feb 44

ARMED FORCES OF CAMPANIA
Informazioni

M. 0515 di prot.

P.M. 120, 3 February 1944

SUBJECT: Sub Lieut RIDI Rodolfo of the Automotive Corps.

To : A. M. S. - NAPLES
Thru : Liaison Officer Col. Marigliano
and for information:

To : Gen. A.W. PENCE - P.B.S. - NAPLES
Thru: Liaison Officer Ten.R.Preschi

To: A.F.H.Q. - NAPLES
Thru: Capt. Monaco

On 31st December 1943 the 10th Autieri Hqs Denounced to the Military Tribunal Sub-Lieut Ridi Rodolfo, charged with the use of military vehicles for personal profit and other crimes listed in the Military Penal Codes.

This officer was arrested and sent to the Foggiorale prisons, to wait trial.

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THE COMMANDING GENERAL
-Antonio Basco-

MS/EP.

COMANDO FORZE ARMATE DELLA CADANIA
Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Informazioni
SEGRETO
Doppia busta

N^o 0515 di prot.

P.M. 120, 3 Febbraio 1944

OGGETTO : S. Tenente del corpo automobilistico RIDI Rodolfo.

AL CAPO DEL GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
(Tramite Uff. di collegamento Col. Marigliano)

NAPOLI

e, per conoscenza :

AL GENERALE A.W. PENCE - Comandante della P.B.S.
(Tramite Tenente U.S.A. A.R. Freschi)

AP. 0.782

ALL'A.F.H.Q. - Palazzo Sirignano
(Tramite Cap. E.I. MONICO)

NAPOLI

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L'ufficiale fu arrestato e detenuto nelle locali carceri di Poggioreale, in attesa del procedimento penale.

A breve distanza dal suo arresto, però, l'ufficiale si ripresentava al proprio reggimento dove dichiarava di essere stato rimesso in libertà dagli Alleati, previo pagamento di una cauzione di L. 500. (cinquecento).

Nessun documento, peraltro, era in possesso dell'ufficiale, salvo il foglio originale che accludo in copia.

Il provvedimento di scarcerazione determina gravi inconvenienti sia nel campo morale che in quello materiale, in quanto
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- perchè dando a detto ufficiale piena libertà di azione, è facoltà di contatti con persone estranee, lo si mette in condizioni di potersi adoperare per intralciare l'attività investigativa del magistrato.

In considerazione, poi, delle facoltà concesse dal bando del Generale ALEXANDER del Novembre 1943, nel riconoscere la mia piena autorità su tutte le truppe italiane della Campania, mi investe della diretta responsabilità circa questioni disciplinari concernenti le truppe stesse. Vi rappresento la necessità di evitare l'intervento delle Autorità Alleate - sia pure in sede precezionale - nelle questioni penali a carico di militari italiani.

Con la massima cordialità.

IL GENERALE DI C.A. COMANDANTE
Antonio Basso

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SUMMARY COURT

Napoli 20 Gennaio 1944

Il nominato

REDI Rodolfo

ha versato la somma di L. 500,- (cinquecento) quale cauzione per la sua libertà provvisoria e tale vale sino al giorno SINE DIE nel quale si tratterà la sua causa.

Valga la presente ricevuta quale ordine di escarcerazione dal carcere di Poggioreale.

OFFICIAL ALLIED
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER
P/to AVOLIO

P. C. C.

Il Capo Ufficio Informazioni
Capit. P. di Lauro -

[Signature]

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SUBJ: Arrests

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Military Mission to
Italian Army. *128*

I/103

Feb 44 *131*

War Ministry Gabinetto

The matter outlined in your 138/C of 18 Dec 43 and 393/C of 31 Jan 44 is receiving attention, and you will be notified when any information comes to hand.

TVE.

415
Brig.
Comd.

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SUBJECT: Arrests

Military Mission to
Italian Army.

I/103

2 Feb 44

HQ 8 District (For GSI)

Copy, less all enclosures, to HQ, ACMF (for GSI (b) -
Our I/103 of 22 Dec 43 refers -)

1. At Appx 'A' is translation of a letter from the Italian War Ministry. Would you please enable us to reply to it.
2. At Appx 'B' is copy of the relevant War Ministry letter, 138/C of 18 Dec, and our covering letter I/103 of 22 Dec 43, which we originally forwarded to 15 Army Group when they held the records of arrests made by security personnel SOUTH of the Combat Zone rear boundary.

TVS.

ACK fu
Brig.
Cmd.

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TRANSLATION

APPENDIX 'A'

From / Italian War Min.
To N M I A

Ref: 393/C
31 Jan 44

129

Subject: Console ROSSI Riccardo and 1° Seniore SASSI Michele.
Disciplinary and Adm Posn.

1. Our 138/C of 18 Dec 43 asked MMIA to inform us of the position regarding the two above mentioned officers arrested in BOVINO (Foggia) on 6 Oct 43 by the British police, so that we could decide what allowances and pay should be given their families, who were in difficult financial circumstances.

2. From information which has reached us it appears that these two officers are interned respectively in 151 POW Camp, WASHINGTON and 13 POW Camp (probably in NORTH AFRICA). We would be grateful if MMIA could inform us whether they are interned :

- (a) as a result of denunciations (on account of their M.V.S.N. activities)
- (b) as POWs purely and simply.

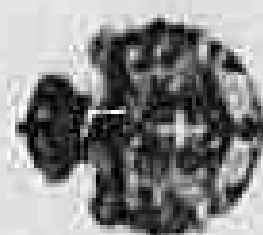
3. We would also be grateful if the position of Seniore FIOCCA Armando, formerly attached 151 Legione MVSN, BARI and arrested by the British police, could also be defined for the same reasons.

(Sgd) Gen. ALIBERTI.

trs;

4155

Date 1 Feb. 44

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

P.M. 107 h 31 gennaio 1944

N. di prot. 393/C

OGGETTO: Posizione disciplinare e amministrativa console ROSSI

Riccardo e 1° seniore SASSI Michele.

A L L A M. M. I. A.

CA A = LEQUILLÉ

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Con l'occasione, si segnala che esiste uguale necessità di definire la posizione del seniore in s.p.e. FIOCCA Armando, già addetto alla 151° Legione (Bari) pure fermato dalla Polizia Inglese.

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*Disciplinary & Adm. position of inmates
created by the Brit. Auth. at Foggia & Bari*

GENERALE ALIBERTI

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUBCOMMISSION

ACC/4319/L

2 February 1944

SUBJECT : War Crimes

TO : Commanding Officer, Military Mission to Italian Army

1. Reference your I/102 dated 18 January.
2. The file attached to your letter of 18 January 1944 relative to MARINO et al has been referred to the Senior Legal Officer, 8th Army.
3. Enclosed is a copy of our letter of transmittal.

Richard H. Wilmer
RICHARD H. WILMER,
Lt. Col.,
Deputy Chief Legal Officer

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUBCOMMISSION

2 February 1944

ACC/4117/L

SUBJECT : Arrest Reports, MARINO et al

TO : Senior Legal Officer, 8th Army

1. Enclosed is a file received from Military Mission to Italian Army and a copy of the letter of transmittal dated 15 January.
2. The men arrested should be turned over to the proper Italian military authorities, who should be given such opportunity as they wish for making strict investigation.
3. While certain of the prisoners are civilians, and it has been our view that generally civilians should not be tried by Italian military tribunals, the Legal Subcommittee offers no objection to these civilians in this particular case being tried by an Italian Military Tribunal if the Italian Military Authorities so desire.

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Lt. Col.,
Deputy Chief Legal Officer

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Subject:- Arrival Of General INFANTE

SECRET

Military Mission to
Italian Army

I/103

31 Jan 44

State Maggiore R Esercito

Copy to:- Ministero della Guerra

Reference our Signal O.198(SMRE only) of 27 Jan 44
regarding the impending arrival in ITALY of General INFANTE, formerly
Comd 24 PINEROLO Div, Italian Army.

It is requested that any schemes submitted by General
INFANTE for the repatriation or relief of ITALIAN nationals from
the BALKANS may not be allowed to reach an advanced stage without
first informing this HQ.

EJC/cc

Brig
Comd

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I/103.

MOST SECRET

SP/106/5

Subject: GENERAL INFANTE

ADV HQ FORCE 133,
C.M.F.

25th January, 1944.

M.M.I.A. ✓

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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country of General INFANTE, formerly Comd 24 PIERROLO
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File Shaw. Maj.
for Brig.
Comd.

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G.I.

I suggest I
pass on gist

of above to the Planners?

G.I. (I) 3/1-44

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SUBJECT: DEATH NO Antonio -- Colonel, Infantry

H. A. C. M. F. (For GSI)

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
1/103/E
3/ Jan 44

Herewith translation of a letter received by this Mission from the Italian War Ministry, for action as you consider necessary.

May we be informed if it is intended to comply with the War Ministry's request.

ABC

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B4149
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Subject: - Colonello NARDINI and Maggiore
Pilota MAZZOCCHI.

SECRET

Main H.Q.,
Eighth Army. CAP.

M 346 I(b)

30 Jan 44

a.m.l.a.

It has been reported from a fairly reliable source that Colonello NARDINI and Maggiore Pilota MAZZOCCHI officers in charge of TREVISO airport did everything possible to prevent their men deserting after the Armistice. These officers advised their men to ally themselves to the Germans to continue the war and ordered the immobilisation of tpt and planes to prevent any escape.

Field.
DL/WG.

Edward Capps.
Lt. Col.
G.S.I.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Arrest of General BELLOMO Nicola

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103/A
30 Jan 44

WAR MINISTRY (Gabinetto)

1. Reference your verbal note for WHIA dated 29 Jan 44 brought to this HQ by Colonel FICRE-VERNAZZA yesterday.

I have been notified that the arrest of General BELLOMO was ordered by Hq 2 District acting on instructions received from the War Office, LONDON. He is being held at the disposal of the Allied Military Authorities.

2. I will, if possible, endeavour to inform you further in this matter.

ABC

He shot two
British officers
in POW Camp.

[Signature]
Eric
Comd 4147

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Subject:- Arrests Military

MGIA /

Copy to:- GI(b) ACP
MGIA LO 2 District for information and action

SECURITY

HQ 2 District CDP
2022/41 G

28. Jan 44

On information from War Office London the immediate arrest has been ordered by this HQ of General BELLOMO, Nicola who will be held at the disposal of the Military authorities.

Kindly inform the Italian authorities to this effect.

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Major General,
Commanding 2 District.

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File ACF-44-1104

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TO	DISTWO (For RSI)			
(W) For Information (INFO)				
Originator's No.				
0204. Grateful to know confidentially reasons for arrest & internment at GRUMMO Camp General BELLOMO NICOLA on 2.8.44				
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS		IF PLAIN TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER		APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS INDEXED BY ROUTE
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SUBJECT: - Arrest of General BELLOMO Nicola

LA 2 District

Copy to: Allied Control Commission
LA 2 District

CONFIDENTIAL

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
29 Jan 44

Ref att translation of a pro-memoria from Italian War Ministry.
Could you please state reasons for the arrest of the a/m officer.

ABC

APB for 4143
Brig
Comd
(4. or d)

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TRANSLATION

SUBJECT:- Pro-memoria for M.M. I.A.

Italian War Ministry

29 Jan 44

Military Mission to Italian Army

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9 CORPS inform us that Div Gen BELLOMO NICOLA was arrested yesterday morning in BARI by an F.C.S. Capt and 4 N.C.Os.

Gen BELLOMO, accompanied by the above offr and an N.C.O. at about 1700 hrs returned to his own office and house for personal documents and clothing. The General asked to be allowed to communicate with 9 CORPS HQ and the English Capt stated that this was unnecessary because the War Ministry and CORPS HQ would be fully informed by the British authorities. The General was accompanied to the concentration camp at GRUMO (BARI).

9 CORPS asked Brig PALMER (6 B.E.A.) the reason for the arrest and he replied that he had no knowledge of the matter.

Gen BELLOMO (a recalled officer) is President of the Commission for the dissolution of the M.V.S.N. and it was intended to retain him until completion of this job (now nearly finished) and then demobilise him.

The General at the time of the Armistice distinguished himself in fights against the Germans and personally leading Italian soldiers: he was wounded 11 times and taken to BARI hospital.

Please inform us of reasons for the arrest.

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P. M. 107, 29 Gennaio 1944

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
GABINETTO

NOTA VERBALE PER M.M.I.A.

Il Comando del IX C.A. informa che ieri mattina a Bari un capitano inglese e quattro sottufficiali si sono presentati al Generale di divisione BELLOMO NICOLA, per accompagnarlo all'Ufficio Sicurezza Militare Inglese.

Alle ore 17 di ieri il Generale Bellomo accompagnato dal medesimo capitano e da un sottufficiale è ritornato pochi minuti al proprio ufficio ed alla sua abitazione per prendere carte personali e vestiario.

Il predetto Generale ha domandato al capitano inglese di poter comunicare con il Comando del Corpo d'Armata ed il capitano inglese ha risposto che non era necessario perché ogni comunicazione sarebbe stata fatta dal Comando inglese stesso al Ministero della Guerra ed al Comando del Corpo d'Armata.

Il Generale Bellomo è stato accompagnato al Campo di concentramento di Grumo (Bari).

.../... 4141

Il Comando del IX C.A. ha richiesto al Generale Palmer informazioni circa la causa dell'arresto ed il Generale Palmer ha risposto di non esserne a conoscenza.

Il Generale Bellomo è della riserva ed è Presidente della Commissione per lo scioglimento della Milizia ed è stato lasciato in servizio fino al termine dell'urgente lavoro predetto che è in corso di ultimazione; dopo di che era previsto l'invio in congedo dell'ufficiale.

Il Generale Bellomo alla data dell'armistizio si è distinto a Bari entrando in combattimento ^{08/11/45} ~~08/11/45~~ le forze tedesche e guidando personalmente all'attacco militari italiani; in quella circostanza egli ha riportato 11 ferite ed ha dovuto essere ricoverato in Ospedale a Bari.

Si prega comunicare notizie circa il motivo dell'arresto.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020SUBJECT: Arrest of 2 Lieut GRECO Ltore

Military Mission
 to ITALIAN ARMY
 I/103/B
28 Jan 44

WAR MINISTRY
 (Gabinetto)

1. Ref your ^{471/2}~~72-3-2~~ of 2 Dec 43 the a/m offr was arrested by British Field Security Police and ordered to be interned in ITALY (not AFRICA) for the duration of hostilities. His internment has been confirmed by HQ 2 District.
2. Concerning para 3 of your letter, it is pointed out that though TARANTO is "within the zone where military and civil powers are vested in the Italian authorities", overriding powers remain with the Allied Forces to arrest and intern when Military Security requires.

ABC

WAF
 Brig
 Comd

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SUBJECT: Arrest of 2/Lasv GRICO Ettore.

HQ 2 Distri CIG.
2022/41 G.

Div 3

ICMIA.

Copy to HQ, ACHP.

ACC - Col UPJOSE.

26 Jan 44.

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Ref your I/103 of 2 Jan 44. to 15 Army Group passed to this HQ on 6 Jan 44, the Italian War Ministry would appear to be misinformed in the matter.

- (1) GRICO was arrested for Security reasons by IM FSS. He was ordered to be interned for the duration of hostilities not sentenced to "2 years in a concentration camp in Africa". His internment was confirmed by this HQ, who hold the relevant documents.
- (2) It is pointed out that though TARANTO is "within the zone where military and civil powers are vested in the Italian authorities", overriding powers remain with the Allied Forces to arrest and intern when Military Security requires.

AB Maltby

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Major-General,
Commanding 2 District.

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ARMY FORM 100-10 (Rev. 1-64)

MESSAGE FORM

Message No.

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Transmittal Instructions

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FROM (A)

MMIA

Originator

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For Action

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SMRE

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

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SECRET

Further to me I/193 of 20 Jan Subject Arrival of General INFANTE it is now learned that he will arrive at either TARANTO or OTRANTO after 2P Jan. We will notify Office Operations when exact details are received.

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TRANSLATION

SUBJECT: DE STEFANO Antonio - Colonel inf

Italian War Ministry
Ref 311/C
26 Jan 44

Military Mission to Italian Army

HQ Italian Armed Forces, CAMPANIA inform us that in Dec 43 the American HQ of the C.I.C., interned the a/m officer, (ex-liaison officer with the German HQ) and demanded seizure and inspection of all his papers and documents.

The HQ of the C.I.C. has made it known that after their investigations the officer will be tried by an Anglo-American Tribunal.

Since, as is known, the behaviour of all officers after the events of 8 Sep 43 forms the subject of closest scrutiny on the part of the Italian authorities in order that action as necessary may be taken in respect of officers compromised, we would be grateful if WIA could ask the competent Allied authorities to place Col DE STEFANO at the disposition of the HQ Armed Forces, CAMPANIA, at the same time giving them the result of their investigations respecting his conduct and the documents mentioned above.

signed

Gen ALBERTI

Italian C.I.C.

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ARMY FORM 0210 (Rev. 11-59)

MESSAGE FORM

Call MMIA 542 QVR 5
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Camp informed
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71 Sub Area
26 lla off POLSOPPS
MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

ALL 100 CONTROL COMMISSION

(John the Refers)

Message Instructions

GP

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File No.

0323

CINCLAF direct that no member of the allied
forces shall attend Italian democratic party meeting at
BARI on 28 Jan O Comd 6 Base. Sub Area will ensure compliance
with this instruction. As a matter of general
principle members of allied forces must refrain from
any participation in Italian politics. (Refers)

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
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For Σ

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P.M. 107, 11 26 gennaio 1944.

A L I A M. H. I. A.

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GENERALE ALBERTI

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GENERALE ALIBERTI

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File
1/103
MILITARY MISSION.

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Rear H. Q.
EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/104

24 Jan 44.

TO
ITALIAN ARMY.

G.111 (1)
H.Q. M M I A
LEQUIL.

Reference your I/103 of 19 Jan 44.

The attached report from G.S.I.(b) may
be of interest.

N. Feldman

Major,
Liaison Officer.

4133

Subject:- Control of movement

main H.Q.,
Eighth Army, C.A.F.
M 312/2 I(b).

OSI(b)
HQ. A.F.I.

18 Jan 44.

The following extract of a report from 47 P.S. Sec is forwarded for information and any action considered necessary:-

" MILIC STANKO was intercepted in TERRACLI. He is JUGOSLAV, was dressed in American Uniform, had no identity documents and stated that he was on his way to VASTO to collect volunteers for JUGOSLAV Army. AS he had no documents to prove his identity or the validity of his mission he was sent to H.I.P. It is suggested that:-

(a) JUGOSLAV authorities be informed that the number of JUGOSLAWS who are not already usefully employed in this area is so small that the employment of recruiting agents is unnecessary.

(b) If the continuance of this method of recruiting is considered necessary, persons employed on this work should be provided with an authority by a competent British authority."

Field
CNO/mr

Lt. Col.
G.S.I. 4132

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Minutes of meeting held on the 20.10.43 by the Joint Army H.Q.

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

File 118-104

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI
REPARTO Ufficio Telecomunicazioni

1/103 2
I-106

P. 151, li 23 gennaio 1944

N. *192* prot. OP.

Risposta al foglio N. _____

Allegati _____

del _____

OGGETTO: verbali della riunione convocata dal Generale Lerici
comandante il IX C.A. il 20 ottobre 1943.-

AL COMANDO IX CORPO d'ARMATA

P. 67

e, p. c. : ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
presso l'Esercito Italiano
(Rif. 1/103 del 19 gennaio u.s.)

Leguile

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Si prega trasmettere con cortese sollecitudine al Comando 8^a Armata inglese elenco nominativo dei detenuti di cui si fa riferimento al paragrafo 9 lettera f ed al paragrafo 12 nella relazione sulla riunione tenuta a Bari il giorno 20 ottobre 1943 presso la sede di detto C.A.

A trasmissione avvenuta pregasi dare assicurazione

*Chiamato l'11.11.43
per la consegna di
dati per P. 118-104*

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. di Div. A. Mario) **4131**

p. o. c.
IL MAGGIORE in s.s.m.
- Capo Ufficio Operazioni -
(Piero Sampa)

Maggi Sampa

MILITARY MISSION

Date _____

ITALIAN ARMY

Subject: - Security

Military Mission to
Italian Army
I/103
1-1 Jan 44

MIA 10 REG ARMEE ALPINE (2 copies)

Ref your IS/104 of 18 Jan 44.

1. Measures governing entry into MIEH Army area of Italian military personnel are as under:-

(a) Personnel on duty. Italian General Staff, or War Ministry, apply to MIA or MIA 10, 2 District for passes. Not more than 20 such passes have been issued.

(b) Personnel on leave. Passes are given by MIA only in verified compassionate cases. Otherwise leave is inadmissible both in MIEH and MIEH Army areas, and the Italians have been instructed that all leave passes will carry an endorsement to that effect. Only one 'Compassionate leave' pass has so far been issued by us.

On receipt of your IS/104 of 9 Jan 44, MIEH were told of non-compliance with leave restrictions by certain Italian units and Gen BRUARD is taking disciplinary action.

2. M 2 District letter 2082/123 of 5 Dec 43, sent to you by IS/104 of 13 Dec gives all information about the MIEH Army Control Line to stop unauthorized persons entering MIEH Army area.

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Cmd

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M. M. I. A.
Rear H. Q.
EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/104

18 Jan 44.

G.111 (I)
H.Q. - M.M.I.A.
LEQUILS.

SUBJECT: - Security.

G.S.I.(b) Main EIGHTH ARMY wish to know what measures have been taken to prevent unauthorised influx into EIGHTH ARMY area of ITALIAN military personnel.

I have received from G.S.I.(b) a copy of an order from A.F.H.Q. allowing arrest of such ITALIAN military personnel who cross EIGHTH ARMY Rear Boundary.

Attached please find three documents on security.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date _____

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

M. Feldman
Major,
Liaison Officer.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject: - Personnel from GERMAN occupied territory

Military Mission to
Italian Army
I/103
21 Jan 46

Allied Control Commission

Ref attached correspondence on the above subject.

1. At present, as far as the Italians are concerned, no arrangements exist for vetting the bonafides of Italian military personnel coming from German controlled territory.

There is a Carabinieri post at POGGIA who direct such criminal back to the nearest Italian HQ but interrogation and extraction of information is not carried out.

2. Arrangements made by NINTH and FIFTH Armies in this respect are not known, but it is presumed that they have taken precautions.

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Brig
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: Arrival of General INFANTE

SECRET
Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
10 Jan 44

S M R E

Copy to: WAR MINISTRY (for information)

1. Further to our I/103 of 17 Jan 44, we have now learned that General INFANTE is not expected to arrive in BRINDISI before 26 Jan 44.
2. As soon as we know exact time and date of his arrival, we shall request you by telephone, to send a car to meet him at VIA DANTE ALIGHIERI 43, BRINDISI.

ABC

APG for
Brig
Comd

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ARMY FORM (2135 (Small))

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call: DDIA S/L No: NR Priority: OP Transmission Instructions: QVR 1

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM: ADY HQ FORCE 133 Originator: Date-Time of Origin: 19

Order Date Stamp: 3/03
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TO: DDIA

For Action

TO: 2 DISTRICT (DDIA) (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions: CP
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Transmitter's No.

SF/109 Much regret arrival GENERAL INFANTE delayed due engine failure. Have tried contact you by phone but line was inaudible. INFANTE not now expected till 26 unless engine repairs proceed unexpectedly quickly in which case he may arrive next two days. Will advise you at once further developments. Car not yet reported but will return it when it does.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting called by General
LEHICI, G.O.C. IX Italian Corps on 20 Dec 43

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
1/103
14 Jan 44

Stato Maggiore R Esercito

Reference the amended Minutes of the above Meeting,
forwarded to this Mission under IA CORPS letter 529/A.C of
17 Dec 43.

I am instructed to request that the two lists referred
to in paras 9 and 12 of the Minutes should be forwarded
without further delay to Main HQ NIGRAH ARMY.

ABC

C. J. [Signature]
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SECRET

Subject:- Minutes of Meeting called by Gen LERICI
GOC IX ITALIAN Corps, 20 Oct 43.

Main H.Q.,
Eighth Army, C.M.F.
M 319/1 I(b).

M.M.I.A.,
Rear HQ Eighth Army.

15 Jan 44.

Ref your 1/103 dated 30 Dec 43 on the above subject.
Delay in reply is regretted.

1. It is confirmed that the minutes incorporate the observations made by Major De Freitas.
2. It would be appreciated if submission by the Italian Authorities of the two lists to which you refer were to be hastened.

Field.
GDF/DB.

S. A. Spite
Lt. Col.
G.S.I.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: War Crimes

MOST SECRET

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
1/102
18 Jan 44

Allied Control Commission

1. Ref telephone conversation (Capt COLLINS, ACC - Capt BUTTERWORTH, MAIA) of 17 Jan 44. I forward herewith for your necessary action a copy of AFHQ (Military Government Section) No JCH/CF/jw. dated 8 Jan 44. concerning a case of four Italian subjects. Two are charged with "Suspected betrayal of the Italian Army" and two with "complicity in betrayal of the Italian Army". These four men have been detained on the orders of the Allied Military Government and at present are in confinement at CARUNCHIO (CHINTI).

All the available evidence is att.

2. The a/m documents were sent to us by AMG 15 Army up, with the request that the Italians take over the four men from CARUNCHIO as the case rested with the Italian Military authy for disposal.

ABC

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SUBJECT: Arrival of General INFANTE

SECRET
Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
17 Jan 44

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Copy to: ARMY MINISTRY (for information)

1. We are informed that General INFANTE, former Comd of the PINEROLO Div. is expected to arrive in BRINDISI very shortly, accompanied by two of his staff.

2. He will be at your disposal, and you will be informed of the exact time and place of arrival as soon as we receive the information.

Will you therefore please make arrangements to 4122
him.

ABC

11/10/44
Brig
Comd

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT:- Visit to Internment Camp Nr BARLETTA

Ministry of War (Gabinetto)
Ufficio Collegamento Missione Alleate

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103/A
/ 7 Jan 44

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Ref request contained in your 241/3 of 27 Dec 43.

The matter has been referred to higher authority who regret that it is not at present possible to grant permission for visits to interned persons.

4121
Brig.
Comd

ABC

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: Arrest of Lieut GRIMALDI Feudale

War Ministry
(Gabinetto)

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103/B
15 Jan 44

1. Ref your 35/C of 5 Jan 44. The a/m officer was arrested by British Field Security Police because he had been conducting active anti-allied propaganda and his being at large was considered to be a danger to security.
2. HQ EIGHTH ARMY have confirmed above, and have recommended his internment for the duration of the war.

ABC

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Bri
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: Lieut GRIMALDI Fedele.

HQ 2 District CEF.
2022/41 C.

H.M.I.A.

13 Jan 44.

Ref your I/103 of 9 Jan 44.

1. The following information as to reasons for the arrest of the a/n were submitted by 263 PS Section. "Ex Segretario Politico, member of the Direttorio Federale, Epettore di Zona. In Tenente Commissariato in RSI. Has been conducting active anti-allied propaganda. Pro-German."
2. The above is confirmed by G.S.I.(b) Eighth Army who recommended his internment for duration.
3. GRIMALDI was sent to 209 P/W Camp, BOGGIA.

MILITARY MEMORANDUM

TOS 1130 A

Date _____
to
ITALIAN ARMY

J. Kennedy Paych
/s/ Major-General,
Commanding 2 District.

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TOP SECRET.

Subj: War Crimes.

AMG HQ.,
15 Army Group,
G.M.P.

Ref. AMG/412/-
14 January 44.

H.Q.
M.M.I.A.,
LEGNILE, LEGNILE Province.

For attention of G.S.I.

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All the available evidence is attached.]

As the case now rests with the Italian Military Authority for disposal will you please arrange for the Italian Army to receive the four men who will be handed over at CARUNCHIO.

Paul Martin
for
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: Italian Military Prisoners

Military Mission
o ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
13 Jan 44

Chief of Staff SMRE

1. We are informed that a number of Italian military prisoners have been detained for periods up to three months without trial in the civil prisons of VIBO VALENTIA and NICASTRO.

2. Could you therefore please take the necessary measures to investigate this matter.

ABC

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Brig
Comd

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/HND No. 785020Cond.

Sir

I recommend this be put up in
 police form to SMRE for them
 to instruct 31 Corps to investigate
 Joe LENTZ's information
 appears to be second-hand only.

D PB 11/44

Lt Col MORRISYes much more polite11/11 col

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Subject: - Military Prisoners in VIBO VALENTIA and
MIGASERO Civil Prisons.

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MILITARY MISSION.

Date _____
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Military Mission to
the Italian Army.

L.O. 51st Italian Corps,
CATANZARO.

7 Jan. 44.

Ref: -G.

From:
51st Italian Corps.

Ref. your letter 04/10 of 6 Jan. 44.

I understood that some of the prisoners captured
have been in prison for a period up to 3 months without any
trial whatsoever. If this is the case it seems to me that
Fascist ideas are still at work in your Corps.

I want a detailed report of these prisoners as tabulated
hereunder:-

- (a). Crimes committed.
- (b). Length of imprisonment without trial.
- (c). Reasons for (b) and names of officers responsible
if not in accordance with your Military Code.

4115

Hechtger
Major

Copies to:-

M.M.I.A.
ANGOT Chief Police Officer, CALABRIA.

(This is the result of a complaint by ANGOT Police
officers, that Italian soldiers were languishing
in civil prisons without a trial).

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: Visit to Internment Camp,
BAHLETTA.

M.M.I.A.

5/103
HQ 2 District GPF.
2022/12 G.

13 Jan 44.

Ref your I/103 of 29 Dec 43.

Visits to persons interned are NOT at present permitted, and
it is not considered an exception should be made in this case.

TCS 1500 A

Enforce War Plan
accordingly under ref
164-144

L. Kern and Capt 4114
Major-General,
Commanding 2 District.

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F. L. P. ...
11/8 2/40
SECRET

Subject:- FOLIFRONI Domenico di Francesco.

Main H.Q.,
Eighth Army, C.M.F.

M 316/58 I(b)

F.S.O.,
412 F.S. Section.

13 Jan 44.

Reference Q/412/1 dated 6 Jan 43.

1. In view of the suspicious character of the story told by the a/w and the circumstances of his life, it is considered that he should be evacuated to Rear Areas.
2. Since he appears to be an Italian soldier, however, he must be dealt with by the Italian Military Authorities.
3. Please arrange to send him through refugee channels to R.I.P., where he will be interrogated and passed on to the Italian Military Authorities.

Field.
EWI/DB.

Copy to: Capt. Beckingham, Eighth Army R.I.P.
M.M.I.A., Rear HQ Eighth Army.

D. J. ...
Lt. Col.
C.S.I.

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COPY

INTERROGATION SHEET

Name: POLIPRONI Domenico di Francesco.
Address: Believed in ANTONEMINA (Prov REGGIO CALABRIA).
Born: ANTONEMINA (Prov REGGIO CALABRIA). 9.6.06.
Prof: Contadino. Italian of Italian parents.

The above person was picked up by an Italian peasant in the vicinity of the Sangro River. He had stayed the night at the house of the peasant and acted in a suspicious manner.

The next day, seeing prison hanging around some army vehicles he reported matter to British troops in the district. These brought POLIPRONI with the peasant to PSS in ALESSA on 24.12.43.

Prisoner was searched, and the following articles found in his possession:

- 24 rounds .38 Pistol Ammunition (German).
- 2 satchels German low explosive, with high lifting power (used for blowing bridges without detonator).
- 1 large pocket knife.
- 1 pocket wallet containing:
 - 1 Identity Card in name of ZUCCO Antonio, Via Giordano Bruno, CIVITA.
- 1. Tessera di Riconoscimento of 5 Regt. Panteria, in name of POLIPRONI, la. Company, Batman of Tenente Tavelli Giuseppe.
- 1. postcard addressed to Signor, POLIPRONI.
- 1 loose photograph of woman stripped from Identity Card.
- 1. piece of comb, 1 pair of socks.
- 1. length of string, 1 stub of pencil.
- 1. letter addressed to FIDELIBUS Levine of SAN LUCA. 1108 Lire, 2/6d English note.

On first interrogation, prisoner questioned regarding identity gave name and particulars exactly as per Identity Card in name of ZUCCO Antonio, and claimed to be from CIVITA. Close examination of identity card showed that photo of POLIPRONI has been affixed to card of ZUCCO. Under interrogation, prisoner finally admitted that it was not his card. He had found it somewhere and affixed his photograph. Ammo and powder, he had found near Sangro on ground. (At that time it had rained heavily and all articles were dry). He could give no explanation of letters or postcard. The identity card of 5 Regt. Panteria in name of POLIPRONI he claimed to have found.

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Subsequently, prisoner gave his name as POLIPRONI Domenico di Francesco, e di Reale, living ANTONEMINA, (2/3000 inhabs) in Prov REGGIO CALABRIA. He claims to have left ANTONEMINA in 1940 to serve in army. Went to 3 Reg Fanteria to Reggio, stayed one week, and thence went to CREMONA. He was in CREMONA about 2 weeks, when Reg went to Greece, at some place, (name unknown) by sea. He had no idea of locality. Stayed 18 months in same place with 2nd Coastal Battery. (I.E. His Regt 3rd Pant were in same place). A revolution occurred between fascists and German troops and 15 Italians (under Tenente, incl prisoner) took a Greek boat and escaped from Greece. Claims boat touched at an island one day, and then they went to TREVISO (?) and prisoner went with another Italian CROCCO to Ancona district. Worked for about one month with farmer named PRASE Francesco (locality unknown) and then went with CROCCO to latter's home town of PISA, in October 1943. From then to CIVINA (Prov

PISA) on sea, and thence to VOLTERRA near PISA. Keeping to villages he made his way to the Adriatic side and finally landed across Canagro having passed near Cima Maiale. Across Sangro slept in peasants house. Letter subsequently handing over suspect to British troops. Was brought to PSS in WESSA on 24.12.43.

Prisoner gave following names of his Company Commanders. (Note, gives Regg. as 3rd and Identity card shows 5 Regg).

Waggon: POLITRONI Domenico di Francesco,
Matriculo 126, 1909 class, 3 Regg. Panteria, I Coy.
Rank: Private.

3 Regg. Colonel: COPOLA Giuseppe Cav.
Fant. Maggiore: AGROI Giuseppe.
Captain: NAVONI Giuseppe.
Lieut: ROSSI Giuseppe.
Sgt Wagg: POLARA Francesco.
Sgt. CARACIOZZO Giuseppe.
Capor. OLANDA Giuseppe.

Interrogators Opinion.

On first interrogation prisoner gave accurately all particulars from false identity card. Subsequently went "loopy". Later gave parties of Regg. etc without hesitation. Cannot remember where he landed in Italy or any places he subsequently visited. Often gives absurd stories of his movements. Singularly has clear grasp of Regg. commander's names down to Corporal. Appears at times mental; at other times is fairly normal. Story of finding ammo and powder is "phoney" as materials were bone dry during a period of incessant rain. Refuses to admit ownership of postcard addressed to him. Believes parents are still living in ANTONIUMINA (Reggio Calabria). Claims to have no idea where he found civil identity card in name of ZUCCO Antonio of CIVINA (Reggio Calabria). Definitely suspect.

Sgd. E.L. Broad. Sgt.
5.1.44.

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Probably mental case. Interrogation and interrogator investigation highly unsatisfactory, should NOT be left at large. Check with ANTONIUMINA (REGGIO CALABRIA) recommended: Placed in Cat "C"

Lieut. : ROSSI, Giuseppe.
Sgt. Maggiore: POLARA Francesco.
Sgt. : CARATOZZO-Giuseppe.
Capor. : OLANDA Giuseppe.

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g:ln

Sgd. R.L. Broad. Sgt.
5.1.44.

Probably mental case. Interrogation and interrogator investigation highly unsatisfactory, should NOT be left at large. Check with ANTONEMINA (REGGIO CALABRIA) recommended: Placed in Cat "C" arrest on 3 Jan 44. Had been held for suggested case for psychiatrist

6 Jan 44.

Srd. Y. Hornby,
Capt.
412 F.S. Section.

SA/dr



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot.

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Lecce, " 12 gennaio 1944

OGGETTO: Arresto del S.Ten. Ftr. Cpl. GRECO ETTORE.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
PRESSO ESERCITO ITALIANO

= LEQUILE =

Riferimento richiesta verbele Capitano Butterworth.

A causa dell'assoluto riserbo mantenuto dalle autorità di polizia britanniche, non è stato possibile raccogliere informazioni positive circa la sorte toccata al S.Ten. Greco, dopo il suo arresto.

Questo Ministero non è pertanto in grado di fornire i dati richiesti da codesta missione.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col.R.Fiore-Vernazza) **4111**

Fiori Vernazza

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: Arrest of Lieut GRIMALDI Fedale

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/1
9 Jan 44

District (for GGI)

1. Italian War Ministry report that the a/m officer, (unit
199 Italian Corps Commissariat) was arrested on 4 Dec 43 in
S. PAULO CIVITATE J. 0548, by the English police, and placed in
S. SEVERO prison. They request information as to reasons for
his arrest.

2. Could you please enable us to answer this request.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. 35/C di prot.

P.M. 107 " 6 gennaio 1944

OGGETTO: Arresto del Ten. Commisario GRIMALDI Fedele

→ ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA - LONDRA

Il giorno 4 dicembre u.s., il tenente di complemento GRIMALDI Fedele, in servizio presso la Direzione di Commissariato del IX Corpo d'Armata, mentre si trovava in licenza a S. Paolo Civitate (Foggia), veniva arrestato dalla polizia inglese e tradotto alle carceri di S. Severo.

Si prega l'interessamento di codesta Missione per conoscere i motivi che hanno dato luogo al provvedimento a carico dell'ufficiale.--

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On 4 Dec, Lt GRIMALDI F. - GENERALE ALIBERTI -
att Ord IX Army Corps was
arrested by British police while
on leave at S. PAOLO CIVITATE
(Foggia), and taken to the prison at S. SEVERO

We would appreciate if the Mission could find out
why this action was taken.

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SUBJECT: Release of Officers

Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103/A
7 Jan 44

Ref 7 ARMY (OSI) letter 1/744 of 26 Oct 43.

1. Investigations have been made but nothing has come to light on this subject. Neither Military Police, nor Field Security Police are holding any Italian Officers.
2. Further details are required before any more can be done to trace the officers concerned.

ABC

ACB 4108
Brig
Comd

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Subject:- Release of Italian Officers.

British Military Mission to
7 Italian Army.

H.Q. No.2 District, CMF.

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3 Jan 44.

Refence your 1/103 dated 30 Oct 43.

1. Investigation have been made but nothing has come to light on this subject.
2. The M.Ps are not holding any Italian Officers, and the FS and SS deny all knowledge of such.
3. Further details are required before any more can be done to trace the officers concerned.

T.O.O. 1440A.

B. Ramayappan
Colonel 4107
Col i/c Admin.

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SUBJECT: Mail for Italian PWe outside ITALY

Allied Censorship Control
T A R A N T O

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
7 Jan 44

1. Will you please inform us if any postal arrangements exist for transmission of mail from Italians in ITALY to their relatives in PW Camps outside ITALY.
2. If you are unable to answer this question, please state where we should apply for the information.

ABC

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Subject:- Security Arrests.

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

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15AG/1479/1A/G(D).

M.M.I.S.
(Attention Capt. BUTTERWORTH).

6 Jan 44.

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Reference I/103 dated 2 Jan 44.

1. All records of arrests made by security personnel in the territory south of the Army rear boundary are now held by G.S.I. H.Q. No.2 District. Enquiries regarding such arrests should therefore be addressed in the first instance to 2 District.
2. The above-quoted letter has accordingly been passed to 2 District for their consideration.

Noted:
100 7/44.

I have no copy
for Brigadier,
H.Q. S. (I),
15 Army Group.

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2 Jan. 44.

- R. H. Anderson
Capt.
1st Regiment,
B. S. S. (I).
5 ARMY GROUP.

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SUBJECT: Arrest of 2 Lieut GREGO Etore
in Gerolamo - born 1899

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
2 Jan 44

13 Army GP (for GSI(b))

1. Herewith, for any action you consider necessary,
translation of a letter received from the Italian War
Ministry.

2. To facilitate investigation the War Ministry were
requested to give details of the authy who made the arrest,
of the Court, date and place of trial, and of GREGO'S present
posn. They now state that they are unable to supply this
inim and the matter has therefore to be passed to you
without it.

ABC

Brig
Comd

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TRANSLATION

W M I A

Italian War Ministry
(Gabinetto)
Ref No: 271/1
2 Dec 45

SUBJECT:- Arrest of 2 Lieut (Inf) GRECO Attore
fu Gerolamo - born 1899

1. We have been informed that the a/m officer was arrested on 27 Oct 45 in TARANTO by an English NCO, and subsequently sentenced to 2 years in a concentration camp in AFRICA.

His unit is the 'Comitato Provinciale di Protezione Anti-aerea'. TARANTO.

2. It appears that he was arrested for his previous political activities, and was a Squadrista.

3. Since TARANTO is within the zone where military and civil powers are vested in the Italian authorities, and since this Ministry is carefully scrutinizing the cases of all officers who have taken part in political activity, we would ask the WMA to intervene in this matter so that GRECO is handed over to the Italian military authorities, his case examined by them, and the necessary steps taken.

signed

Gen ORLANDO

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Subject: - Visit to Internment Camp
HOAR BARUAITA.

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

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Br. CONFIDENTIAL = U.S. CONFIDENTIAL.

M.M.I.A. (Attention Capt. BUTTERWORTH.)

15AG/1479/1a/C (Ib).
11 Dec 43.

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Reference I/103 dated 29 Dec 43.

The above quoted letter has been passed to H.Q. No. 2
District for their consideration and decision. This
Headquarters has no security responsibility in the area
south of the rear Army boundaries.

asking permission for
H.Q. office to visit
an interned relative.

Shunee Capt
Brigadier 4102
B.G.S. (I),
15 Army Group.

11 Dec 44.

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SECRET

SUBJECT: - Minutes of Meeting called by Gen LEMICI
GOC 1A ITALIAN CORPS, 20 October 45

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
30 Dec 45

Main EIGHTH ARMY (for GSI(b))

Copy to: 15 ARMY GP (for GSI(b))

1. Ref 1340/1401/7/GI(b) of 22 Nov 45.

The minutes of the a/m meeting, amended in accordance with Maj DE FRMITAS' remarks (EIGHTH ARMY M. 319/1 I(b) of 16 Nov 45 refers) were fwd on 17 Dec 45 to 15 Army Gp. copy to you and LEMIA.

Sd.

2. The minutes appear to incorporate fairly accurately Maj DE FRMITAS' observations. However there appears to be undue dilatoriness on the part of the Italians in producing the two lists, as agreed at the meeting, of

- (a) political prisoners of foreign nationality held in Italian prisons.
- (b) civil criminals wrongly released by Allied personnel.

3. May we please have your views in this respect?

Will you also please notify us if you wish us to hasten submission of these lists.

ABC

[Signature]
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Brig
Comd

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Minutes of Meeting called by
Comd. 9 Italian Corps 20 Oct 44
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1. Copies of the amended minutes have been sent to 15 Army Gp, P Army & MMIA.
2. The amendments incorporate all Maj. DE FREITAS' suggestions made in his M. 319/1 I(6) of 16 Nov.
3. One grievance that P Army may raise is dilatoriness by the Italians in producing two lists, as agreed at the Conference, of

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- (a) List of persons released by allies.
- (b) List of all political prisoners of foreign 4800

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nationality in Cuban
persons.

The Conference was held
Oct. No lists have yet
reached D army, & the letter
forwarding amended minutes,
states that they will be
forwarded later.

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FROM: HQ IX Corps.

TO: 15th Army Group.

INFO: WMLA, & P ARMY H.Q.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting held at BARI
20 Oct. at HQ IX Corps.

Since HQ IX Corps (HQ IX Corps) a copy of the letter 15/AS/1401/3/21 (B) dated 22 Nov. of HQ 8th Army, addressed to WMLA, about the meeting held on 20 Oct. to discuss the question of the indiscriminate release by Allied Military of people detained for criminal offences.

On the basis of the observations made in the appendix A att. to the letter, this HQ has straightened out and completed the headings of the 7th minute, and is sending herewith an up to date copy of them.

A copy has also been sent to the Italian authorities who took part in the meeting. The lists mentioned in paras 7(f) + 12 of the Minutes will be sent at a later date to H.Q. P Army 089

Robert Lewis Commanding Gen.

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The Prosecutor General pointed out the legal arguments, the impropriety of this method of behavior, & quoted amongst others the cases of English officers who replied to the threats of the legal officers present by threats carried to the extent of armed threats.

Para 4.

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COMANDO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA

UFFICIO AFFARI CIVILI

P.M. 67, 11 17 dicembre 1943 XXX

Al COMANDO XV GRUPPO DI ARMATE
BRITANNICHE

SUA SEDE

Allegati: 1 copia di relazione. - Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 829/ore Allegati N.

OGGETTO: Relazione sulla riunione tenuta il 20 ottobre c.a. in

Bari presso il Comandante del IX Corpo d'Armata Italiano.-

e, per conoscenza:

→ ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA presso il R. ESERCITO ITALIANO

P.M. 151

AL COMANDO DELL'8^a ARMATA BRITANNICA

SUA SEDE

Lo Stato Maggiore del R. Esercito Italiano ha rimesso a questo Comando copia del foglio n. 15/AG/1401/7/GI (B) di codesto Comando in data 22 novembre c.a., diretto alla Missione Militare Alleata presso l'Esercito Italiano e riguardante la riunione tenuta qui il 20 ottobre u.s. per discutere la questione del rilascio in discriminato, da parte di militari alleati, di detenuti per reati comuni.

Sulla base delle osservazioni riportate nell'allegato F annesso al foglio suddetto, questo Comando ha provveduto a rettificare e completare il testo della relazione sulla riunione di cui trattasi, e ne invia, qui unita, una copia aggiornata.

Copia della stessa relazione aggiornata è stata inviata alle Autorità Italiane che intervennero alla riunione.

Si fa riserva di trasmettere al Comando dell'8^a Armata gli elenchi di cui ai n. 9 f) e 12 della relazione.-

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Roberto Lerici)

[Signature]

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1. DENZA CHAGSA; MAY DE FREITAS, 88 years old, Greek, born in Athens, 1924; Capt. KENNARD - is a young man, 1940, responsible for security in Greece.

3) Each of the representatives, according to his position, sphere was involved, gave an answer and the circumstances of the district. In order of British officers, 9 prisoners with their own legal proceedings and, in many cases, without asking the advice of, or consulting with the responsible authorities.

4) From the legal stand point, the facts presented exposed the abnormality of such proceedings and cited, among them, the case of some British officers who, when the boat was virtually attacked and dismantled, had recourse to armed threats, the same for the examples of several women, of Greek, Albanian, Portuguese and British nationality, who were 4096 and 10

in prison at Thessaloniki, and the release of 3 of them, women who were being of British nationality. This caused a great deal of unrest among the other prisoners, with regard to their own situation. It would be necessary to take a similar action in order to ultimately stop the circumstances which would be fatal for the disappearance of the prisoners. The superior mentioned on that British Prison, had not decided to return to the situation of political prisoners only, but included also the quality of civilian, the young, experienced, for the purpose of the prisoners.

5) The Commander of the Military Security Police (SIC), with regard to who had been said by the other representative, made a formal declaration with them that the liberation of these prisoners by British officers was to be deprecated because it was illegal.

6) The meeting was informing that, in order to give in the Mediterranean, the prisoners of the British Military, including, among others, soldiers who acted against them, should be handed over to the war, the British Military Police, SIC, or Amsoi - which even was an authorized consent, it being remembered that only British authorities were in a position to deal with armed soldiers who continued in carrying operations in the region between Greece and St. Ambrose.

8) For the sake of the Italian representation at the time being the difference between the functions of the Military Police and those of the Field Security Personnel was studied. The difference was that, while the Military Police, stationed in the VIA CAPORE - DISTRICT, or TERRITORIO CEMETARIO, dealt with crimes committed by Allied military personnel, the Office of Military Security in VIA DANTE 42, dealt with crimes against the security of the Allied forces. It was pointed out however that this Security Office did not have authority in the territory occupied by enemy as a whole, but dealt exclusively with security in the city of SARL.

9. after lengthy discussion it was agreed:-

(a) Detainees in Italian civil prisons would on no account be released by allied officers or A.R., except those belonging to Field Security, C.M.P. or AMBROT in the event of no F.S.O. being available.

(b) If necessary to release persons detained in Italian civil prisons the competent allied officer will make a written demand on the Quattro (Head of Civil Police) of the town or district concerned & will produce this Quattro's authority for release to the prison Director.

(c) A receipt for all prisoners released will be left with the prison concerned, this receipt will show name, rank & unit of the officer effecting the release.

(d) The Director of Italian prisons will be instructed to refuse demands for releases with

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(c) A receipt for all prisoners released will be left with the prison concerned; this receipt will show name, rank, & unit of the officer effecting the release.

(d) The Director of Italian prisons will be instructed to refuse demands for releases not made in accordance with the procedure outlined above.

(e) The above arrangements apply equally for persons imprisoned for civil & political crimes.

(f) The Italian authorities will furnish H.Q. Army with a list of prisoners released by Allied Troops. This list will be circulated to the competent authorities, & so ~~minimized~~ the persons wrongly ~~arrested~~ released will be re-arrested & handed over to the Italian authorities.

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8. The following was also agreed:

- (a) Italians guilty of security offences against the Allies will be handed to the Italian authorities, with the proviso that the Allies have the right to deal with such delinquents as they deem most expeditious.
- (b) In event of political crimes against the Italian Govt, the Italian authorities have the right to take action against guilty parties without notifying the Allied authorities. The Allies have the right to examine Italians arrested for political reasons, if such arrests in any way harm Allied interests.

11. The reps of the English police were informed of the existence of a Commission dealing with release of Italians arrested for political reasons. Members of the Commission - 9 Corps Comd, the Prefect of BARI, the Questor of BARI & the Comd^t of BARI Carabinieri.

12. On request of Maj. DE FREITAS, it was agreed that 9 Corps H 4095 would forward to H.Q. 8 Army

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a list of all political prisoners of
foreign nationality detained in
Chaban prison.

13. Maj. DE FREITAS agreed that
decisions reached in the Conference
would be communicated to the various
H.Q.'s in PUGLIA Province.
14. The Conference ended at 1930 hrs.

JARI, 20 Oct. 43.

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1°)- Relazione sulla riunione tenuta in Bari alle ore 17 del 20 ottobre 1943. Presso il Comandante del IX Corpo d'Armata Italiano, S.E. Lerici, allo scopo di prendere contatto con i competenti organi militari inglesi e concordare opportune norme che, regolando la scarcerazione dei detenuti per reati comuni, evitino gli inconvenienti fin qui verificatisi, e cioè la liberazione, da parte di militari inglesi, di condannati comuni, senza discriminazione e senza richiedere l'intervento delle competenti autorità italiane.--

2°)- Sono presenti alla riunione, oltre alla prefata Ecc. Gen. Lerici, il Prefetto di Bari, S.E. Di Voti, il Procuratore Generale del Re Imperatore S.E. De Santis, il Generale Primicerj dell'Ufficio Affari Civili, il Questore di Bari Com. Di Salvia, il Comandante della Legione CC.RR. Colonnello Della Chiesa, il Maggiore De Freitas, ufficiale di Stato Maggiore dell'8^a Armata responsabile della sicurezza nell'Italia Meridionale, il Capitano Kennard della Polizia Militare di Guerra del 15° Gruppo Armato responsabile del servizio di sicurezza della città di Bari.--

3°)- I convenuti espongono, ciascuno per la parte di propria competenza, episodi e circostanze circa la diretta liberazione di detenuti in seguito ad ordini di ufficiali inglesi, senza alcuna procedura legale ed in molti casi senza neppure interpellare e consultare gli organi responsabili.--

4°)- S.E. il Procuratore Generale ribadisce con argomentazioni giuridiche l'anormalità di siffatti sistemi e cita fra gli altri il caso di ufficiali inglesi che, alla riacquiescenza dei magistrati intervenuti sul posto, passano addirittura alle minacce, anche a mano armata.-- Cita altresì il caso di una quindicina di donne di nazionalità greca, albanese, montenegrina ed inglese, detenute nelle carceri di Trani e della liberazione di tre di queste ultime.-- Ciò ha determinato vivo fermento fra le rimanenti detenute, nei riguardi delle quali occorrerà quanto prima provvedere in senso favorevole, eliminando così perturbamenti esiziali per la disciplina del carcere.--

5°)- S.E. il Prefetto osserva che l'intervento di militari inglesi non si è soltanto limitato alla liberazione di detenuti politici, sibbene alla scarcerazione di persone responsabili di reati comuni, specie ammazzatori.--

6°)- Il Comandante della Polizia Sicurezza Militare, prende atto di quanto è stato esposto dai singoli convenuti e dichiara formalmente che, per la liberazione di detenuti da parte di ufficiali inglesi è da deprecare perché illegale.--

7°)- La Conferenza viene informata che, per evitare infrazioni agli ordini emanati dalle autorità militari britanniche, come militare

store di Bari Coma. Di Selvia, il Comandante della Legione CC.MM. Colonnello Della Chiesa, il Maggiore De Freitas, ufficiale di Stato Maggiore dell'8^a Armata responsabile della sicurezza nell'Italia Meridionale, il Capitano Kennard della Polizia Militare di Guerra del 15^o Gruppo Armato responsabile del servizio di sicurezza della città di Bari.

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7°)- La Conferenza viene informata che, per evitare infrazioni agli ordini emanati dalle autorità militari britanniche, ogni militare alleato che agisca contrariamente agli ordini citati, deve venire deferito alla più prossima sessione di Polizia Militare, P.S. Section, od A.M.C.C.F., il che è la cosa più conveniente, tenuto conto del fatto che solo autorità inglesi si sono in grado di prendere provvedimenti a carico di militari alleati che contravvengano ad un accordo esistente su questo oggetto tra le autorità alleate e quelle italiane.

8°)- Ai rappresentanti italiani, come spiegazione, viene fatta rilevare la differente funzione della Polizia Militare Inglese e della Field Security, e cioè che la Polizia Militare s'ita in Corso Cavour - Istituto Tecnico Giulio Cesare - si occupa dei reati commessi da militari alleati, mentre l'Ufficio Sicurezza Militare, sito in Via Dante 42, si occupa dei delitti contro la sicurezza delle Forze Alleate. Si precisa però che l'uff

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ficio non ha autorità su tutto il territorio occupato dalla 7^a Armata Italiana, ma ha la responsabilità esclusivamente del servizio di sicurezza per la città di Bari.

9°)- Dopo ampia discussione viene stabilito:

a) i prigionieri detenuti nelle carceri civili italiane non devono essere liberati in nessun caso da ufficiali o militari alleati, ma soltanto da ufficiali del servizio di Sicurezza e della Polizia Militare Inglese, o dall'A.M.G.O.T., ove non vi siano ufficiali del servizio di sicurezza;

b) nel caso in cui si renda necessario, per qualsiasi motivo, scarcerare detenuti in carceri civili italiane, l'ufficiale alleato competente ne indirizzerà domanda scritta al Questore (Capo della Polizia Civile) della città o del Distretto competente, e produrrà alla Direzione delle carceri l'ordine di scarcerazione del Questore;

c) alla Direzione delle carceri dovrà essere rilasciata una ricevuta per i detenuti scarcerati, con l'indicazione del nome, grado e reparto dell'ufficiale che richiede la scarcerazione;

d) le Direzioni delle carceri italiane riceveranno istruzioni di non accettare domande di scarcerazione di detenuti non inoltrate secondo le istruzioni di cui sopra;

e) le disposizioni suddette si applicano per detenuti incarcerati per qualsiasi genere di delitto civile o politico;

f) le autorità italiane presenteranno al Comando dell'8^a Armata un elenco di criminali rilasciati da militari alleati. Detto elenco verrà trasmesso alle autorità competenti ed i criminali saranno di nuovo arrestati e consegnati alle autorità italiane.

10°)- Viene inoltre stabilito quanto segue:

a) gli italiani colpevoli di delitti contro la sicurezza delle Forze Alleate debbono essere messi a disposizione delle autorità italiane, con riserva del diritto degli alleati di trattare tali delinquenti nel modo creduto più sbrigativo dagli alleati;

b) nel caso di reati politici contro il Governo Italiano, le autorità italiane hanno la facoltà di procedere contro i colpevoli senza informare le autorità alleate. Gli alleati si sono riservati il diritto di esaminare gli arresti di italiani per motivi politici, qualora ~~essi~~ arresti ledano in qualche modo gli interessi degli alleati.

11°)- I rappresentanti dei militari inglesi vengono informati che per l'escorte di detenuti politici di nazionalità italiana esiste apposita organizzazione della quale fanno parte l'Acc. il Comandante del IX Corpo d'Armata.

Indirizzerà domanda scritta al Questore (copie della richiesta pervenute) alla città o del Distretto competente, e produrrà alla Direzione delle carceri l'ordine di scarcerazione del Questore;

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missione della quale fanno parte l'Ecc. il Comandante del IX Corpo d'A-
mata, l'Ecc. il Prefetto di Bari, il R. Questore di Bari ed il Comanda-
te la Legione Territoriale CC.RR. di Bari. -

12°)- A richiesta del Maggiore de Freitas viene stabilito che il Comando del IX Corpo d'Armata trasmetta al più presto al Comando dell'8^a Armata Bri-
tannica l'elenco di tutti i prigionieri politici di nazionalità straniera detenuti in carceri italiane.-

1307- Queste disposizioni, come anche il Maggiore de Freitas, saranno impartite ai singoli comandi con sede nelle altre provincie delle Fuglie.-

(40)- la riunione ha avuto termine alle ore 19,30.-

Parl. 11 20 ottobre 1943. -



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P.M. 151 li 30 Dicembre 1943

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Risposta al foglio N.

Allegati

del

**OGGETTO: Minuta di riunioni richieste
dal Generale Lerici.-**

**ADLA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
presso l'Armata Italiana**

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Riferimento I/103 del 24 dicembre 1943.-

1. - Il Gen. Lerici ha già provveduto in data 24 c.m.
ad inviare a codesta Missione quanto richiesto.-
2. - Questo S.M. ha provveduto a sollecitare l'invio
della copia al G.S.I. (b) 15 Gruppo Armate ed al
G.S.I.(b) Main 8^a Armata.-

**From: SMRE. G. G. P.
To: MMIA
NR: 3633/OP.V.**

**IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. di Div. A. Mariotti)**

Minutes of meeting requested from Gen. LERICI

Ref: I/103 of 24.12.43

1. - Gen. LERICI as requested has already sent to MMIA on the 24.12.43 above
minutes.
2. - SMRE. arranged to *have a copy sent to the following:* GSI (1) - *4092* *Gen.*
and GSI (4) Main 8 Army.

(sgl) A. MARIOTTI

(sgl) A. MARIOTTI

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: Visit to Internment Camp Nr BARIETTA

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13 Army Gp (for OSI(b))

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
27 Dec 43

1. The Italian War Ministry request permission for Doctor TIROME Giovanni, 1st Secretary of the Gabinetto, War Ministry, to visit his brother, TIROME Luigi di COLAFISTRO Virginia, who is interned in a/m camp.

It appears that he was arrested for his former Fascist activities; he was political Secretary of AGIONE, (Campobasso)

2. May we please be informed if this visit is permitted.

ABC

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DA/27/11/1945/10

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

Prot. 241/c

P.M. 107, 11 27 Dicembre 1943

ALLA MISSIONE ALLIATA RSI-ANICA-

- presso E.I.

OGGETTO: Salvacondotto.

Il dottor TIRONE Giovanni, lo Segretario presso questo Ministero - Gabinetto -, desidererebbe essere autorizzato a visitare il fratello: dottor TIRONE Luigi, fu Ulisse e di COLAPIRENO Virginia, che è stato arrestato dalla Polizia Britannica ed internato in un campo di concentramento in Puglia. (sembra nei pressi di Barletta).-

Non si conoscono i motivi dell'arresto che il fratello ritiene conseguente a colunniase accuse da parte di nemici personali, per cause politiche e rivalità professionali.-

Il TIRONE Luigi fino al Maggio 1940 aveva rivestito la carica di Segretario politico del Partito di Agnone (Campobasso) ma da detta epoca si disinteressava di politica ed era anzi fatto segno a rappresentanze da parte delle autorità fasciste locali e provinciali tanto da non essere riconfermato, alla fine del '41, nella carica di vice pretore onorario del mandamento di Agnone, per divieto del Segretario Federale di Campobasso dell'epoca.

Si interessa codesta M.M.I.A. perché, qualora nulla otti,

OGGETTO: Salvicombate.

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Si interessa codesta M.M.I.A. perchè, qualora nulla osti, venga concessa al funzionario di questo Ministero l'autorizzazione a compiere la visita in questione.-



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SECRET: Correspondence

13 Army Gp (for GSI)

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103

17 Dec 43

Herewith, for action as necessary, a letter (unopened)
fwd to us by Italian Ministry of War with the request that
it be handed to the MADMID diplomatic courier.

ABC

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SUBJECT:- Political Arrests - TARANTO

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File 103
SECRET

HQ 2 DISTRICT CMF
2022/16 G

Dec 43

Chief Liaison Officer,
Allied Control Commission

Copy to:- GSI(b) 15 Army Gp *MMIA*

Ref your ACC/2/35 of 11 Dec 43.

1. The minutes of the meeting held at HQ IX Italian Army Corps present an entirely false impression of the decisions arrived at between the British and Italian authorities present.
2. When these minutes became known to the British Authorities, the matter was immediately taken up by 15 Army Group. Their letter 15AG/1401/7/GI(b) of 22 Nov 43 to the MMIA refers.
3. No reply has yet been received to 15 Army Group's letter, but it can be stated that directions issued on the policy of arrests by the British Authorities conflict with directives on the same subject issued by the Italian Authorities as a result of the meeting held at HQ IX Italian Army Corps.
4. Pending therefore, MMIA's reply to 15 Army Group letter referred to in para 2, it is considered advisable to delay a reply to the memorandum of the Italian Civil Affairs office dated 17 Nov 43.

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Go
What is all this about?
12/12
Folia 43
refers 4082
Major-General
Commanding No 2 District.

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SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting called by Gen LE DI

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Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
14 Dec 43

Chief of Staff SARK

Copy to: Chief Liaison Officer,
Allied Control Commission.
GSI(b) 15 Army Gp
GSI(b) MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

Ref my G/12/5 of 25 Nov and I/103 of 17 Dec.

1. I am instructed to request that this matter should be adjusted without further delay. It has now been referred to the Allied Control Commission, who are also concerned.

2. Copies of the revised minutes are required for GSI(b) 15 Army Gp and GSI(b) Main Eighth Army as well as this mission, and should be forwarded direct.

ABC

[Signature]
Brig
Comd

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SUBJECT: Report

15 Army Gp (for G (Tr))

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
1/103
24 Dec 42

Herewith, for any action you consider necessary,
translation of a report received from Italian General
Staff.

ABC

Frank R.
Brig
Comd

TRANSLATION

From SMRE
To SMIA
Copy to LI Corps Hq

3316 OF/V
21 Dec 42

Subject: Firing Practice - Anglo/American Planes

IX Corps informs that near the fly sta of GINOSA
MARINA (WEST of TARANTO) British and American planes on
firing exercises have sometimes fired along the shore
where there are inhabited places, or near GINOSA MARINA
fly sta, which is frequented by passengers, or on the
nearby wood where labourers are working. On the 19 Nov
a MG burst wounded a sailor on duty in the leg. in the
lighthouse area of "TORRE LATO". On the 29 Nov in the
same area, MG bursts were fired, fortunately without
consequences.

As these MG exercises are still carried out we ask
you to intervene with a view to avoiding further similar
occurrences.

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signed

Gen A. MARIOTTI

/Ma.



STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

1° REPARTO - Ufficio Operazioni

P.M. 151 li 21 dicembre 1943

N. 3316 prot. OP.V.

Risposta al foglio N.

Allegati

del

OGGETTO: esercitazioni da parte di apparecchi anglo-americani..

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
presso l'Esercito Italiano

LEQUILE

e, per conoscenza :

AL COMANDO del LI CORPO d'ARMATA

Il Comando del IX Corpo d'Armata ha segnalato che nei pressi della stazione ferroviaria di Ginosa Marina (a ovest di Taranto) aerei inglesi ed americani, effettuando esercitazioni di tiro con mitragliatrici di bordo, hanno sparato talvolta sulla spiaggia, ove vi sono gruppi di abitazioni, o nelle immediate vicinanze della stazione ferroviaria stessa, frequentata da viaggiatori, oppure nel vicino bosco ove vi sono operai che lavorano. Così, in data 19 novembre u.s., una raffica nella zona della torre del fanale di "Torre Lato" feriva ad una gamba un marinaio ivi in servizio, ed il 29 novembre, nella stessa zona, venivano sparate altre raffiche di mitraglia, per fortuna senza conseguenze.

Poichè le esercitazioni di che trattasi continuano, si prega cotesta Missione volersi interessare affinché i suddetti inconvenienti vengano il più possibile evitati.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. di Div. A. Mariotti)

IL COLONNELLO in S.S.M.

Capo Ufficio Operazioni

(Francesco Tella)

A.P.S

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SUBJECT: Arrests

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Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY 65
I/105
22 Dec 43

15 Army Gr (for OSI)b.

Att is translation of a letter from Gen ALIBERTI, Italian QMG at the War Ministry.

would you please enable us to reply to the questions asked in its last para.

ABC

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Brig
Comd

P.M. 107, LA 18 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: - Console ROSSI e I° Seniore SASSI

ALLA M.M.I.A.

LEQUILE

Nel pomeriggio del 6 ottobre u.s., in Bovino, la Polizia Inglese procedette al fermo del Console ROSSI Riccardo, già comandante della 148ª Legione della Milizia, e del I° Seniore SASSI, per motivi che non vennero fatti conoscere né alla Commissione Militare incaricata dello scioglimento delle unità della Milizia, né al Ministero dello Interno e della Guerra Italiani.

Le Autorità Italiane si trovano pertanto nella impossibilità di definire la loro posizione amministrativa in rapporto alle eventuali responsabilità emerse a loro carico.

Essendo necessario stabilire se ed in quale misura dovranno essere corrisposti gli arretrati, o parte di essi, alle famiglie dei suddetti che versano in tristi condizioni finanziarie, si sarebbe 4084 grati a codesta Missione se facesse conoscere dove si trovano il Console ROSSI e il I° Seniore SASSI e quali specifiche responsabilità siano state accertate nei loro riguardi.

- GENERALE ALBERTI -



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- GENERALE ALBERTI -

Alberti

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ARMY FORM (7-58) (Rev. 7-58)

MESSAGE FORM

Security 639

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FROM
(AT)

MMIA

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

22 1530

For Action

TO

MINISTRY OF WAR - Gabinetto

(For Information (LFO))

Message Instructions

GP

Originator's No.

*0138 FOR SALVIONI FROM BUTTERWORTH ©
REFERENCE YOUR 44/1 Y2-2-2 OF
2 DECEMBER © HAVE YOU OBTAINED
FURTHER INFORMATION YET?*

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS

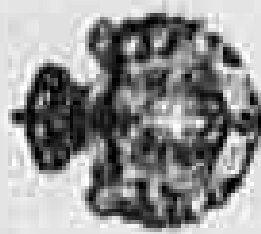
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FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
ORDER OF PRIORITY

NCR Butterworth
Signed

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA



GABINETTO

P.M. 151, 12 dicembre 1943

N. di prod. 471/1
72-2-2

OGGETTO: Arresto del S. Ten. P. tr. compl. Ettore GRECO fu Gerolamo
- classe 1899.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
presso L'ESERCITO ITALIANO

LEQUILE

Viene segnalato che, il giorno 27 ottobre u.s. in Taranto, sarebbe stato arrestato da un sottufficiale inglese e successivamente condannato a due anni di campo di concentramento in Africa l'Ufficiale in oggetto, in servizio presso la Segreteria permanente del Comitato Provinciale di Protezione A **4082** della predetta città.

Il provvedimento sembra attribuirsi ai precedenti politici dell'Ufficiale, avendo egli rivestito la qualifica di squadrista. Poichè Taranto è fra le provincie nelle quali tanto i poteri civili quanto quelli militari sono affidati alle autorità italiane e poichè questo Ministero sta provvedendo con rigore a carico di tutti gli Ufficiali che hanno esercitato attività politica, chiedo l'interessamento di codesta Missione perchè il Greco venga rilasciato e consegnato all'autorità militare italiana, per l'a-

OGGETTO: Arresto nel ...

- classe 1899.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
presso L'ESERCITO ITALIANO

LEQUELLE

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO ALLA GUERRA

Teodoro Blum

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~~SECRET~~ Blackout in CALABRIA

SECRET
Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY

SECRET

L/103
21 Dec 43

Copy to: MMIA LO att
XXXI Italian Corps

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1. We are informed by HQ 2 District that there is no objection to abolition of the blackout in CALABRIA, so long as it is maintained in REGGIO C and the area of the TIRRENA Straits.

2. Senior Civil Affairs Officer CALABRIA has been notified.

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Subject:- Blackout in CALABRIA

SECRET

HQ 2 District GPF
2037/1 G

MMIA

19 Dec 43

Copy to:- AM: 2 Region
SCAO CALABRIA
(ref your 1180/11/101 of 26 Nov 43)

1 This HQ has been asked by AM: 2 to approve the abolition of the blackout in CALABRIA. There is no objection on the part of this HQ provided the blackout is maintained in REGGIO and the area of the MESSINA Straits.

2 Would you therefore please communicate the above to GOC 31 Italian Corps through your IO.

3 AM: please inform the civil authorities in CALABRIA that the above authority is given.

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Major General,
Commanding.

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SECRET

SUBJECT: - Minutes of Meeting called by General LERICI.
G.O.C. IX Italian Corps.

S M R E

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
17 Dec 43

Ref our G/12/6 of 26 Nov 43.

No copy of the revised minutes requested in a/m
letter has so far been received.

Would you please expedite.

ABC

for Brief
Code **4079**

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Subject:- Minut(of Meeting
Called by General
LERICI, GOC Br. CONFIDENTIAL - U.S. CONFIDENTIAL.
9 Italian Corps.
British Military Mission to
the Italian Army.

H.Q., 15 Army Group,
U.M.P.

Br. CONFIDENTIAL - U.S. CONFIDENTIAL.

15AG/1401/7/G(I).

15 Dec 43.

Reference letter of even reference dated 22 Nov 43.

No copy of the revised minutes requested in para 7 of the
above mentioned letter has so far been received by this
Headquarters. Would you please expedite.

L. H. ...
for Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I),
15 ARMY GROUP.

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SUBJECT: Sabotage of Communications

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/10
17 Dec 43

Chief of Staff
S M R E

Copy to: A.C.C. (ref 2 District 3022/2 G of 16 Dec)

Our I/10⁵³ of 12 Dec 43 and the instruction forwarded therewith, are cancelled.

An amended instruction will be forwarded shortly.

ABC

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Recd 16/11
SUBJECT:- Sabotage of Communications

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HQ 2 District CMF.
2022/2 G

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16 Dec 43.

MBIA
AOC

Copy to:- 8 AA Bde
71 Sub Area

1. Reference this HQ letter 2022/2 G of 9 Dec 43 and enclosed instructions to units in 6 Base Sub Area.
2. It is now requested that the widest publicity should NOT be given to this instruction among Italian Military and Civil Authority.
3. Allied Control Commission are to inform the Italian Military and Civil Authorities of the danger of tampering with Military telephone lines, and that such action renders the offender liable to a death sentence.
4. It is suggested that notices posted up in places where such acts of sabotage are likely to occur, drawing attention to the sentence which the offender renders himself liable to, may help to act as a deterrent.

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L. K. ...
Major General,
Comd 2 District.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: DALLO A and ando

S M C E

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
15 Dec 43

1. He would be interested to know the whereabouts of the m/m soldier. He is a native of BOLZANO. His class is 1923. He was known to be serving in the Infantry in TIRANA about June-July 1943 and was granted extension of leave for convalescence.

2. If you have any information would you please let us know.

ABC

Brig
Comd

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SUBJECT: DALLO A ando

S M E

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
12 Dec 43

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ABC

Brig
Comd

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Subject:- Security of Information.

COPY.

H.Q. 2 District. CWP.
2022/6 0
11 Dec 43.

71 Sub Area.

1. It has been noticed that newspaper correspondents have recently written articles concerning counter-espionage in ITALY.
2. No information concerning espionage, counter espionage, sabotage or counter-sabotage will be disclosed to correspondents or released for publication without prior approval of this H.Q.
3. All counter-intelligence and security personnel in your area will be so informed.

407.

(sgd) 7 7 7 7 Lt.col.
O.S.

Subject:- Security of Information.

H.Q. 71 Sub Area.
71/105/0
Dec 43.

Allied Control Commission.
M.M.I.A.
G.2 Adv. Intelligence.
G.2. 91 Port Security Sec.

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Reference above.

Forwarded for information and action as may be necessary.

Col. Capt Colonel.
Commanding 71 Sub Area.

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SUBJECT: Security Personnel

HQ 71 Sub Area

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
2 Dec 45

There is a dump of Italian mines about 2,000 in number, the majority in anti-mine detector cases just outside BRINDISI on the ~~XXXX~~ rd. A petrol company (1157 RASC) is sited nearby, some of the tents and vehicles being within 30 yds of the dump. Should an enemy bomb fall on the dump casualties among the personnel and vehicles would undoubtedly occur.

For information and such action as may be deemed necessary.

ABC

X BARI.

[Signature] May
Brig Comd.

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SUBJECT: Sabotage of Communications

Chief of Staff
S. M. R. E.

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
12 Dec 53

Copy to: Allied Control Commission
(2 District 2022/2 20 of 9 Nov referu)

It is requested that the contents of the attached instruction to British AA Units in EAST ITALY be given widest circulation among the formations and units under your Command.

ABC

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Brig
Comm

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SUBJECT:- Sabotage of Communications.

SECRET.

Hq 2 District GMP.
2022/2 2G

9 Dec. 43.

MMIA.
AOC.

Copy to:- 8 AA Bds.

Enclosed is an Instruction to Units in No. 6 Sub Area etc. ?

Kindly see that the widest publicity is given to this
Instruction among Italian Military and Civil Authority.

TGS 1300 A.

W. H. H. H.

Lt. Col.
GS.

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SUBJECT:- Sabotage of Communications.

SECRET.

To:- 69 H.A.A. Regt.
78 H.A.A. Regt.
69 H.A.A. Regt.
22 L.A.A. Regt.
75 L.A.A. Regt.
323 SL. Bty.
565 SL. Bty.

B.A.A. Brigade,
C.M.F.

G/4/G

1 Dec '43.

1. There has recently been a marked increase in the number of Bde. Operational telephone lines cut and removed, particularly in the LEXON Area. Such repeated acts of wilful sabotage cannot be considered as the pranks of irresponsible elements but as a part of a deliberate plan on the part of Axis sympathisers to hinder the prosecution of the war.
2. Units will take all practicable steps to prevent sabotage including the provision of armed patrols at night along operational lines. Personnel will be instructed to shoot to kill any person seen tampering with any telephone lines.
3. Any person captured when engaged in such acts of sabotage will not be handed over to the civilian authorities but will be brought to this HQ for disposal.
4. The contents of this letter will be brought to the notice of all ranks.
5. Local Italian A.A. personnel will also be made aware of these contents and advised in their own interests, not to approach telephone lines especially at night, except by authorised routes.

(Signed) ??????????
Major R.A.,
Brigade Major, B.A.A. Brigade.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: - Release of Officers

2 District

Military Mission ⁵⁰⁻⁵⁴
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
cc Dec 43

May an answer please be given to our I/103 of 30 Oct 43.

ABC

¹⁶ *WAB*
Brig
Comd

SUBJECT:- Transmission of Correspondence

15 Army Group (for GSI)

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Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
I/103
9 Dec 43

1. Att letter has been fwd to this Mission by the Italian General Staff (SMRE), BRINDISI, with a request for its onward transmission to Colonel ZAVATTI, Italian Military Attaché at the Italian Embassy in TURKEY, through General AMOLD, Military attaché, British Embassy, ANKARA, who has offered to fwd correspondence for them.

2. The original letter, which was opened inadvertently by a clerk, and a translation, are enclosed herewith, for action as necessary.

ABC

Brig
Comd

TRANSLATION

SUBJECT:- Intelligence Reports

Military Attaché
Italian Embassy in TURKEY
ANKARA

"G" Ops
STATO NAZIONALE
REGIO ESEMPIO
2870 OP.V.
7 December 43

Reference letter 5536/SM dated 13 Nov 43.

This HQ would be grateful to receive a copy of the Intelligence Reports on the W.E. and use of Soviet motorised and armoured units according to the data in possession of the S.I.M.(q)

signed

Gen A. MARIOTTI

(q) Servizio Informazioni Militare - Italian Military Intelligence.

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File in Security File

Subject: Security of Information.

SECRET.

Main H.Q.
Eighth Army, C.M.F.
M 301 1(b).

G Branch,
B.M.M.,
31 (Italian) Corps.

14 Oct 43. *48*

F.S. report from a source believed reliable that Generale MORRICA, of the Intendenza, Settima Armata is an Anti Fascist, but there may be many ex-political Secretaries amongst the officers of the Intendenza.

Field.
EWL/RM.

Agreed
[Signature]

EW Long
Lt. Col.
G.S.I.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SECRET

SUBJECT: 9 NEMBO Bn (185 Inf Bde)

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY

5/103
2 Dec 43

15 Army Gp (for GSI)
Allied Control Commission

1. Capt E. O'DONNELL, MM LO to XXXI Italian Corps at CATANZARO, has given the following information about the NEMBO Bn, at present located at S. BERNARDO, Calabria. Its strength is 560 officers and men.
2. (a) MORALE Appears to be high. The Bn do not like having to remain inactive, and want to do some fighting.
- (b) FASCISM There appear to be certain fascist elements. On about 20 Oct 43, men of the NEMBO Bn tried to induce the orchestra of the Cafè COLASINO, CATANZARO, to play "Giovinezza", the banned fascist anthem. The orchestra refused, several persons in the Cafè took their side, and there was a slight scuffle, which ended with the NEMBO men disappearing.

The CATANZARO office of the Anti-Fascist paper 'LA NUOVA CALABRIA' was entered recently and threats to destroy the printing press were made.

Personnel of the NEMBO Bn sometimes enter CATANZARO carrying Carbines, and with grenades in their pockets, and walk around as if they 'own the town'. They do not salute British officers, while it is remarkably noticeable that all other Italian troops do.

- (c) ANTI-COMMUNISM NEMBO personnel have caused disturbances, showing their disapproval of Communist meetings, and of the Communist weekly paper "VOCE DEL POPOLO" which is published in CATANZARO.

3. The above information is very vague, and none of it is first hand. It was obtained by Capt O'DONNELL in talks with the local population. It is his opinion that the NEMBO Bn are restive because they want to fight. The information is, however, passed on to you, because it may be of interest.

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SUBJECT: Col. Francesco GABRILO

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Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,
A.P.H.Q.

Ref your MEMO 4880 of 8 Oct and further to our Security Report No. 1 herewith copy translations of documents which were in the possession of Col. GABRILO today received from S.C.A.O. MESSINA. They appear to clear up this matter in spite of obvious errors in translation.

It is regretted that S.C.A.O., MESSINA Province did not inform either the local F.S. Section or this H.Q. of the existence of these documents when enquiries were first instituted.

C.M.F.

L. Clement
Major General, *Wd*
for Commanding,
No. 1 District.

Copy to: Hq. Allied HQ, Italy ✓

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Staff

First Party.

20th September 1943

No. 182/ Op. V. di Prot.

SUBJECT :- Insurrection.

To all commanders up to those of the Battaglione-Gruppo (included).

(1) As it has been already known by the Badoglio Proclamation Italy, concluding the Armistice; had determined (fixed) intention of keeping the pacific and friendly attitude towards Germany. The proofs are :-

The displacing of our troops.

The facilitation and help given to those German Parties (Groups), who, at first, abstained themselves from assaulting us; the delay and indecision of our first reactions.

(2) To this Germany answered, in Italy and all the other common fronts, with the simultaneous and violent attack against our troops. This attack, as you who are one of this trade, well understand, could not be an extemporized one, but represented the execution of a long prepared plan, which would have been carried out at the right moment, independently to the Armistice.

(3) The aim of this attack was, to reduce Italy into a slave nation of the Reich, and to utilize her as a battle-front to keep the war away from her homeland way of leading such attack:-

Treachery, broadcasting false news about surrender and falling back (withdrawal), unheard of ill-treatment to military and civilians, the most complete non-observance of the most elementary laws and customs of war.

(4) By so doing the Reich:-

Has spontaneously changed from Ally to a ferocious enemy.
Has lead Italy into a new war.
Has spontaneously allied Italy to her enemies of yesterday, mainly the Anglo-Americans.

Therefore our conscience is clear, and not a doubt can trouble our mind. With head upright we can, and shall, continue the war against Germany, which war was wanted by them only, till the enemy will be cleared out from the sacred ground of Italy.

(5) Changing our place with the Germans, as mentioned above, we have also changed our situation with the Anglo-Americans. Therefore the Armistice and its effects have been virtually exceeded and the Italian troops, corrupted by Germany had to take up arms again and take part in the battle that the Allied Anglo-American Forces are leading and are without official Proclamations, their Allies. By this way after a momentary forced deviation, we have gone back to the century Italian tradition of friendship with the Anglo-Americans.

(6) In the meantime while the majority of the troops, helped strenuously by the populace, continue fighting in the peninsula, the islands and elsewhere against prevailing German forces. You and your units have the fortune of being in a clear position from the Germans. You have, and shall have the honour to constitute the nucleus of the "Army of Insurrection" of the future.

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(7) The mission which is committed to you is very noble, and of vital importance to our country, because, according to the way and the force by which it is going to be fulfilled depends, not only on the more or less rapid reconquest of Central and Northern Italy, but also our situation at the moment of peace declaration.

(8) At the present time, only a few of the Superior Commands of the Italian Army can be at your disposal. It is therefore utterly necessary that these Commands be united and combative, so at present right from the start, a solid weapon for the fighting and to be ready later on an ideal and brilliant group of Commanders already reconstituted. Speak, then, to your dependents, explain to them what has happened, what is happening and what shall happen, and try to make them clear in mind how very high their mission is.

(9) Any kind of submission to German oppression shall be made to disappear. That was during the first hours of uncertainty and bewilderment - in certain measure -

agitated, shall not be any longer, now that things are clear to our minds and we know the way to follow. If the Commanders of the Sections refuse resistance in all ways possible against German troops, if they allow Germans to disarm them, or if they come to treaties with them, they are to be shot. There will have to be, at any cost, the strictest military discipline. Soldiers that commit crimes of insubordination, or mutiny or rebellion, and refuse to obey in presence of the enemy, or that manifest to the public, or by speeches or written papers etc, feelings contrary to the war or institutions are to be shot. In the same their superiors shall be shot if they refuse to put an immediate stop to such manifestations. Public order is to be taken care of in a very serious way :-
Those civilians who try to interfere with the present war affairs and who try in any way to help the Germans are to be shot. Soldiers that have been scattered everywhere during the previous period of disorder, are, after publication of an Order concerning them, to present themselves to their military authorities, if they fail to do so they will be shot.
Soldiers or civilians who happen to be mixed up in such crimes, but who were not caught in the act, are to be taken as quickly as possible to extraordinary Courts. The extraordinary Courts are to be constituted by "Irevi Manu" according to need, of the various commands, starting from that of the Army - going down to that of the Regiment, included. It could also be constituted by the Command of the Garrison, directed either by the General Officer or by the Colonel.
Till further orders, the ordinary Courts of war will not take care of crimes similar to those mentioned in the previous number.

(10) The expediting of the duties which have been committed to you, require also the constant application of the logic and tactical proceedings which have been taught you, and which some of you have unfortunately forgotten, or, still worse, do not take care to enforce.
I will recall the principle ones :-
March rationally, so that the troops tire less quickly, keep them above all compact, in order that they can quickly make use of their weapons;
Take care immediately and kindly of the troops needs;
Whether moving or stationary always take measures of precaution.
Keep in the front line cannons and not small patrols.
Hide or camouflage yourselves from the aeroplane.
Counteract the aeroplane ground strafing, with organized firing, even from rifles.
When stopped bar the streets by rifle fire, placing anti-tank obstacles and mounting gun pieces within a short range.
When stopped arrange yourselves so that, even having troops ahead you can manage to make front on all 360 degrees.
Make very much use of the defensive advantages of the villages, mounting weapons in the outside buildings and not outside of them.
Last but not least even the manners; must be taken care of, much more than they actually are. One can be without jacket, for example, but that does not mean he must not take care of equipment and property, which must be in order. The commander of the party with equipment and property in disorder like Gypsies, shall be in assembly dismissed.
Understanding the holiness and highness of our cause, all occupied to reach the goal which awaits us, you shall lead with energy and decision your parties.
A day, probably much nearer than at first expected, you and your soldiers shall be spoken of, as vanguard of the Army of New Italy, with the same name.



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"Sursum vexilla, sursum corda" for the victorious march to the Alps.

The Commander in Chief of the Staff.

Rosetta.

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S. Agata D'Isola 15 Sept 1943

To: Col Gargano Francesco
Comdr 1st Legion Group Maritime Artillery
Armistice Zone

Voluntary refusal of demobilisation for unfit for war service, to continue to serve in army, country and King.

The new act of faith patriotism and attachment to the House of Savoy made by you in refusing to be discharged for unfitness for war, according to my sheet of the 13th inst, in desiring to continue to serve in the army, in the ranks of the Royal Navy, specialty Militant the Nation and King at S.M. Reggione orders, to the sacrifice of life, confirms that, as Calabria Marine Commander, had already written in your regard a critique of activities of Militant in war to Supermarina - Maristat - Marina Naples and Militant Rome the 5th of Aug '43 - File N. 738 with proposal of silver medal to be given you at camp.

Nothing remains but to renew my feeling of pride at having had you in my command and in special circumstances occasion to admire your sentiments of absolute faith to the monarchy. I assure you that I will not fail to send your desire to 31st Command C.A. (Not being able to do so thru Marine Minister, as radio is interrupted) and I will propose that, notwithstanding your being in the best of health, that you be reinstated in the Army at the service of our loved King.

Captain Vascello, Commanding

(Sgd) Augusto Tesi

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S. Agata D'Isaro 13 Sept 1943

From: Calabria Naval Command to Col Gargano, Francesco
Comdr Maritime Artly Group

SUBJECT: Demobilization for Unfit for War Service.

Following the recognition of your unfitness for unconditional war service and your assignment to 4th class war pension, as per attached note, arrived to this Marine Command today, very sorry notwithstanding your enthusiasm and patriotic faith which distinguished you, to be unable to further use your precious services, and therefore disposes:

- (a) From today you can consider yourself demobilized, and from the present you can prepare for your return to your private life.
- (b) You will have permission to terminate the office work of your 1st Group Maritime Artly per the laws and conditions of the Armistice.

I admire your constant sense of military discipline and give you in the name of the Marine Command particular Eulogy.

The Naval Captain, Commanding

(Sgd) Augusto Tesi

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URGENT DISPATCH

01) 96/13215/ In regards to this commands proposals, approved by the English Command in Catanzaro (3rd Control, Italian Armed Corps) His Excellency the Commanding General says :

Personnel and Equipment of Calabrian Marine Command must go to Taranto.

Personnel and Equipment of Milmar Group must go to Messina.

The Commanders of these units will present themselves to the English Command of the place.

By order of Castanagione 31 Carr Col Piero Vornazza

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Capt Arrigo Tarabusi (Sgd)

S'Agata D'Isaro

28 Sept 43

To: Command Group Legions Milmar
Zone of Operations

For Execution of above orders
Capt of Vascello - Commanding.
Augusto Tesi

Armistice Zone Sept 28, 1943
to Consul Gargano Francesco
Commander 1st Legion Maritime Artillery
Messina

I authorize the commander of 1st Legion Militia Maritime Artillery to muster and form for a useful work, all military of the Regia Marina in Sicily & Calabria.

Capt D. Vascello
Commandant
(A. Tesi)

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G.O.C. I ITALIAN CORPS.Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY9/12/5 2/103
26 Nov 42

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1. We forward herewith copy of a letter (less Appx "E") from 15 Army Gp. for action in accordance with the final paragraph.
2. Copies of the revised minutes should be sent to this Hq. to GSI 15 Army Group, and to GSI Main Hq EIGHTH ARMY.

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Comd
(absent on duty)

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting Called by
General LERICI, GOC 9 Italian Corps

HQ, 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

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15 OCT 1943

22 Nov 43

TO: Military Mission to the Italian Armies

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W.D. G. Khan Lt-Col

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16 F.S. Section)

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SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting called by
General IERICI GOC 9 Italian Corps

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C.M.V.

REF SECRET - US SECRET

15AG/1401/7/GI(b)

22 NOV 43

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signed M.D. GIBSON Lt Col
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pieces of appendix A to 15 Army Gp 11401/Y/G.I.D. 38 55
 of 22 Nov 45

Cop. Only Indiscriminate Release of Prisoners from Italian Civil Prisons by Allied Personnel

To: G.S.I. 15 Army Gp
 From: G.S.I. Main P Army (Ref No. M 317 I.D.) of 26 Oct 45

1. Att. is proposed ARO on above subj. Please pass to Allied Military Mission for info. of Italian Govt.

2. Please inform Italians that in any cases where unauthorized Allied personnel apply for release of prisoners contrary to the ARO, the requests should be referred to C.M.P. or F.S.S./C.I.C.

Sd. DE FREITAS

Cop. Only Release from Italian Civil Prisons

To: A.M.M.
 From: 15 Army Gp. (Ref 15 A.G. 11401/Y/G.I.D.) 730 Oct
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Sd. W.D. ELLISON

Appendix B to 15 Army Gp 1401/Y/G.I.D. 722 Nov
 Cop. of ARO. 295 (held in our Files)

C O P YAPPENDIX "C"SUBJECT: Release from Civil PrisonsHQ 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.BR CONFIDENTIAL EQUALS US CONFIDENTIAL15AG/1401/7/G(Ib)30 October 43TO: EIGHTH ARMY
FIFTH ARMY

It has sometimes happened that in the course of our advance, civil prisons have been opened by unauthorized Allied personnel and that all prisoners found therein have been set free.

Although Italian civil prisons may, and usually do, contain a number of political prisoners whose release is desirable, they also normally contain many who are guilty of common criminal offenses, and the release of such elements constitutes a menace to public order and safety.

The indiscriminate and unauthorized release of civil prisoners will therefore cease. Such releases as may be desirable will only be effected by A.M.G. officers and/or Military Security Officers, in consultation with each other, and in co-ordination with the local Italian authorities.

(sgd) S.D. VIBSON, Lt. Col
for Major General,
Chief of General Staff,
15 Army Group.

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Copy to: AFHQ G-2 (your 339.455/4 dated 22 Oct refers)
Allied Military Mission, BRINDISI
16 P.S. Section
AMG Hq 15 Army Group.

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Minutes of Conference Held in BARI on 20 Oct 43

1. The minutes of a conference held in BARI at 1700 hrs on 20 Oct 43, at the HQ of H. S. LERICI, the officer commanding the 9th Italian Corps, in order to confer with the relative English Military Authorities in formulating suitable regulations, stabilising the release of political prisoners and to avoid the contretemps that has so far taken place, that is to say, the releasing by English Soldiers of political offenders without discrimination and without calling on the assistance of the competent Italian authorities.
2. Present at the meeting, other than Gen. LERICI, was H. S. the Prefect of BARI, LI VOTI, His Majesty the King Emperor's Procurator General, DE SANTOIS, Gen. PRINICERI of the Bureau of Civil Affairs, the Questore of BARI, Comm. DI SALVIA The C.O. of the CC.BB. Legion, Col. della Chiesa and G.S.I. (b) was represented by a Major and a Captain respectively of the British forces.
3. The members of the meeting, each one according to his personal experience, gave details of the events and circumstances of direct liberation of prisoners on the orders of English officers without any legal procedure and in many cases, without even consulting the responsible and relative organisations.
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5. His Excellency the Prefect observed, that the intervention of English troops did not limit itself solely to the freeing of political internees, but also to ordinary criminals especially of the food racketeer type.
6. The C.O. Military Security formally declared that any cases of illegal liberation were to be deprecated.
7. In the meantime the fact is that officers who commit such arbitrary acts, as are herein complained of, will be immediately reported to G.S.P.
8. The said C.O. Military Security specified that the office of the Military Police (Corso Gavour, Istituto Tecnico) will occupy itself solely with crimes committed by the English Military, while all other matters will be delegated for action by the office of Military Security, situated in V. MARX 42, which has authority over all territory occupied by the 7th Army.
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10. These rulings will be imparted, as the Security officer assures me, to each command, situated in the other provinces of ALBANIA.

11. The conference ended at 1930 hrs.

13 Nov 43.

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APPENDIX "F"

SECRET

SUBJECT:- Minutes of Meeting

Mdn HQ

EIGHTH ARMY CMF

M 319/1 I(b)

16 Nov 43

G.S.I. (b),
HQ 15 Army Group

1. Attached is copy of Minutes of a conference held in BA.I on 20 Oct 43, at the HQ of 9th Italian Corps Commander, at which the British representatives were Major de Freitas, GSI(b), Eighth Army, Capt Kemard, and A.P.M. for BA.I.

2. The minutes of the conference in question contain certain gross inaccuracies and omissions to which the attention of the Italian authorities must be drawn.

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(e) Para 9. The conclusion referred to in this paragraph are misrepresented. What was said was as follows:

(1) It was pointed out that Field Security was concerned with crimes connected with the security of Allied forces.

(11) It was agreed that Italians involved in such crimes might be handed over to the Italian authorities for disposal, but the right was specifically reserved to the Allies for dealing with such delinquents in any manner considered expedient by the Allies.

(111) It was agreed that in cases of political crimes against the Italian Government, the Italian authorities would have the right to deal with such delinquents without reference to British authorities. The right was again reserved for the Allies to query any Italian political arrest impinged in any way on Allied interests.

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5. The omissions were as follows:

- a) No reference is made to the fact that we were informed that the Italian Army have a commission functioning for the release of political prisoners of Italian nationality.
- b) No reference is made to the fact that the conference agreed to forward to Eighth Army HQ a list of all political prisoners of foreign nationality held in Italian prisons.
- c) This list has not yet been forwarded.
- d) No reference is made to the fact that Major de Freitas agreed that if the Italian authorities submitted a list of civil criminals released by Allied personnel, such a list would be circulated to the competent authorities and the civil criminals would be re-arrested and handed over to the Italians.
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6. May this matter please be taken up with utmost urgency, as if these discrepancies are not pointed out forthwith to the Italians, serious misunderstandings may arise.

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Copy to: AEGOF, HQ Eighth Army
F80, 16 P.S. Section.

signed

Major de Freitas
for Lt Col.
G.S.I.

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R30, 16 P.S. Section.

signed

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Major de Freitas
for Lt Col.
G.S.I.

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SUBJECT: Anti-Allied Propaganda

CSI 2 District

The attached translation of a report received from CSI 7 Italian Army is forwarded for your action as necessary.

AMC

○ Allied Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY

I/103

● 17 Nov 43

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GSI 7 ITALIAN
ARMY
14 Nov 45

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Unconfirmed source states that at CARBONARA (BARI) YUGO-SLAV
Communist elements are carrying out propagandist activity, with a
view to provoking incidents between the Italian and Anglo-U.S.
governments by attacks against Italian and English officers (or officials).

signed

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COMANDO 7^a ARMATA

Ufficio Informazioni

Al Sig. GENERALE G.C. DUCHESNE

Capo della Missione Militare
Inglese presso la 7^a Armata

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Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 1/1165 Allegati Dirc. Sec. N.

Oggetto Segnalazione.

Fonte non controllata riferisce che
a CARONARA (Veri) elementi comunisti
jugoslavi svolgono una intensa attività
propagandistica e si propongono, fra l'al-
tro, attentati contro ufficiali italiani
ed inglesi, allo scopo di provocare inci-
denti fra i governi italiano e anglo-am-
ericano.

Si trasmette quanto sopra per Vostra in-
formazione.

d'ordine

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
CAPO DI BATTAGLIONE
(Raffaele Pelligrà)

Pelligrà

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OGGETTO Segnalazione di persone sospette.

Trasferire per ogni lettera un solo rigo e non ad indicare nella risposta il numero di pagine (1)

Indicare l'indirizzo

Per notizia si segnala che i Carabinieri Reali di Avellino comunicano che a Serino (N 7451), verso le ore 19 del 30/10 u.s. quattro individui dall'accento tedesco si sono presentati al guardiano dell'acquedotto e, con le pistole puntate, gli hanno chiesto del pane.

Perchè non furono accontentati, si allontanarono per destinazione ignota.

Si dubita che possa trattarsi di elementi nemici travestiti.

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Aaffaele Pelligra)

Pelligra

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SUBJECT:- Lt Col CANAS-A

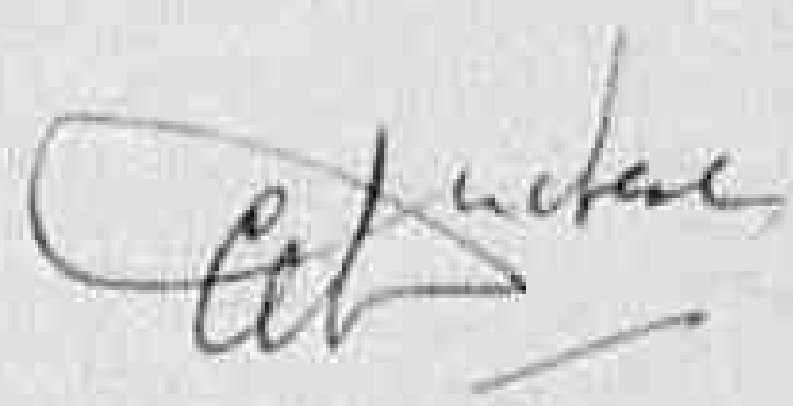
Allied Military Mission

FSO Royal Marine Pd Security TARANTO (for info)

Confidential
British Military Mission
to 7 ITALIAN ARMY
L/73
8 NOV 43

Attached letter PS/271/43 from FSO Royal Marine Pd Security TARANTO is forwarded in original for action by Air Commodore FOSTER as it concerns an officer of the Italian Air Force.

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SUBJECT: Arrest of Italian Generals.

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15 Army Group, *22*
C.E.F.

15AL/8653/DCS *2/102*

28 Oct 43

FIFTH ARMY

It is understood that General DEL TETTO has been arrested and that the arrest of other Italian officers is contemplated. These officers should be handed over to General BASSO for onward transmission to the Italian High Command at BRINDISI, who will conduct the necessary investigation or trials and will keep this HQ fully informed of action taken.

W. H. K. B. n. g.
Jan Maj.-Gen.,
C.E.F.

Copy to:-

Allied Military Mission - With request that this HQ may be kept fully informed of action taken in this matter.

Military Mission to Italian Seventh Army.

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SUBJECT: Report.

E.S.S.
C/O Hq C.M.P.
INVEST.

British Military Mission to 721
7 ITALIAN ARMY.
Ref No. 1/103 — (originally I/102)
of Oct. 4.

Herewith, for any action you consider necessary, a
report from an Anti-Fascist Committee in LAKEVIEW (L.O. 100).

H. B. F. Brigadier,
Comm. British Military Mission.

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SUBJECT: Security of Personnel

British Military Mission

Originally 1/102 now 1/101
27 Oct 45

H: 7 ITALIAN ARMY

1. Herewith for information, and any action considered necessary, copy of an extract from a Field Security report.
2. No further details are known by us concerning the disposal of the three Italians.

A. F. B. for British
Comd. British Military Mission.

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Subject: Security of Personnel.

Main H.Q.
Eighth Army, C.M.F.
M 302 I(b).

B.M.M. 7 (Italian) Army.
A.M.G.O.T. Eighth Army.

25 Oct 43.

Following extracts from F.S. Report are passed to you for information and any action considered necessary:-

"At about 1500 hrs on 2 Oct 43 at a camp site on the rd TOLVE - POTENZA (188/6932) SIMONA Francesco di Paolo of TOLVE (Potenza 188/7034) was found by a Gnr TREE of 52 A/Tk Regt RA lurking behind some bushes in possession of a rifle. Gnr TREE gave chase and apprehended SIMONA, who, before he was caught, had shouted to another civilian who was also armed with a rifle. This second man escaped.

There was NO actual evidence of sniping against SIMONA and he was therefore placed in the CC.RR. Gaol POTENZA and a full report of the matter sent to A.M.G.O.T. POTENZA recommending that he be charged with being in unauthorised possession of a rifle."

"On 2 Oct 43 two ITALIANS in Italian military uniform were apprehended by Capt A M YOUNG of 52 A/Tk Regt RA in the act of sniping on to the road by the unit camp site on the rd POTENZA - VAGLIO DI BASILICATA at pt 199/582307. They were immediately evacuated to P.W. Cage together with a statement of evidence by Capt YOUNG. They gave their names as TAMBORINO Antonio di Giuseppe and LACAPRA Faustino di Giuseppe, both of VAGLIO DI BASILICATA (Potenza 199/6130)."

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CNO/KM.

for Lt. Col.
G.S.I.

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SUBJECT: Italian Parachute Troops.

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G.S.I.
7 ITALIAN ARMY.

British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.
Originally Ref No. 1/102. N.W.L/674
26 Oct 45.

Herewith copy of an extract from a Field Security
(Servizio di Sicurezza) report, for investigation and
action.

A.C.D. for
Brigadier.
Comd. British Military Mission.

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Main H.Q.,
Eighth Army, C.M.F.,
W 316 I(b).

13 Oct 43.

Subject:- ITALIAN Parachute Troops.

W Branch,
B.M.M. to Italian 31 Corps.

The following extract from a F.S. report is passed to you for information and any action considered necessary.

"It is reported that a Capt. COMATI of the Italian Parachutists accompanied by eight or ten Italian O.Rs arrived at SAN LORENZO (Ref Map Italy Sheet 52 D6136) at 1800 hrs. 30 Sep 43, and demanded from CC.RR. all automatic arms. They were given two machine guns both of which had two essential parts missing. COMATI later showed to the Maresciallo a typewritten stamped authority, written in English and Italian, to collect arms. It is believed that this authority was valid only for SOVERIA MANERII, PIATI and CATAPAZARO.

After collecting these arms COMATI demanded the names of men who had assisted the Allies at the time of the Allied landing. COMATI also stated that all Calabresi were traitors for not resisting the British.

COMATI, accompanied by several O.Rs, then proceeded to the house of LAGANNA Giuseppe who is said to have been one of those who revealed Italian positions to British Forces. At LAGANNA's house they found an Italian parachutist who had been wounded in action and who had remained in SAN LORENZO when the Allies took the village.

COMATI and his men threatened the women in the house with pistols, beat up the wounded parachutist and then took him away by force.

Before leaving, COMATI again accused all within hearing of being traitors for not resisting the Allies, and several times shouted "Ritorneremo!"

After consultation with Comd. V.M. Sub-area, 3.5.43, interviewed Col. DESANTIS, commanding the mobilisation centre at REGGIO. The only information that the colonel was able to give about COMATI was that he should have reported to 211 Div at DECCIAMARA. It may be of interest to add that the colonel freely promised every assistance by reporting any incidents or personalities of Security interest."

Signature

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Field.
C/O/TB.

Copy to: AMSCOT, HQ Eighth Army.

Carver

for Lt. Col.
G.S.I.

- ① Commander Royal Marine Sub-Area
- ② Field Security Office

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SECRET Equals US SMORE

Subject:-- Case of 1. M. MAPOLEONI and Major LU-MANI.

Allied Military Mission,
HQ Italian Air Force, BRINDISI.
For Air Commodore Foster.

Main H.Q.,

Eighth Army, C.M.F.

N 302/1 I(b).

28 Oct 43.

Ref 6 Base Sub-Area letter, 683A/28/C of 24 Oct 43, to Allied Military Mission, and attached summary of the a/m case.

1. From the letter in question it appears that there is some misapprehension as to the action which has been taken on the case by the various parties concerned. It is desired to clear up any such misapprehension immediately, particularly in view of the fact that an accusation of mishandling the case has been levelled at the staff of 6 Base Sub-Area, who have in point of fact acted merely as intermediaries between the various parties concerned.
2. It is clear that any misunderstanding which has arisen between 6 Base Sub-Area and Allied Military Mission in this matter, is due to the fact that the parties were not aware of the fact that the case had been referred for action to B.M.M. to 7th Italian Army.
3. Copies of the correspondence with B.M.M. are attached hereto, and are self-explanatory.
4. On receipt of Brig. Duchesne's final letter of 14 Oct, it was decided that it would be simpler to intern these officers as P.O.W. for the duration, as it appeared an Italian Court Martial presented various complications.
5. A request to effect this was transmitted to 6 Base Sub-Area, and it reached on the 24 Oct 43.
6. Meanwhile, on 19 Oct, without this HQ being informed, the order was given by Allied Military Mission to hand these two officers over to Gen. GRANDE. The fact that this was done has been learnt at this HQ only today, 28 Oct 43.
7. It is felt that as this HQ had been handling this case from the beginning, we should have been advised of Allied Military order of the 19 Oct. All parties concerned would then have been in the picture.
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CO. 47.20 of Oct 18. (3)) (for A.M.M. only).
CO. 47.20 of Oct 14.)
CO. 47.20 of Oct 13.)

Other relative evidence had been passed on 15 Oct MONIX, B.M.M. to 7th Italian Army. By signal I.1612 of B.M.M. were requested to forward all relative documents Air Commodore Foster.

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9. The evidence in question contains several statements of evidence of Italian Air Force personnel. Attention is drawn to the fact that names of such informants and witnesses should not be revealed to the Italian authorities, as reprisals would certainly result against them. This would have a deterrent effect on potential informers among Italian military personnel.

10. Attention is also drawn to the fact that on 15 Oct 43, a report was received at this HQ stating that Gen. RANZA had issued orders for the release and reinstatement of Col. NAPOLIONI. No information has since been received to explain on what authority Gen. RANZA took such a step.

Field.
GDF/DB.

L. A. Freitas
Lt. Col.
G.S.I.

Copies to: GSI(b), HQ 15 Army Group.
B.M.M. to 7th Italian Army.
HQ No.2 District.
HQ 6 Base Sub-Area.
R.M. F.S. Section, TARANTO.

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(COPY)

British Military Mission to
7th. Italian Army.
Ref. No. G/6
14 Oct 43.

H.Q. No. 2 District.
(FORTRAN)

Copy to Main H.Q. Eighth Army
(Ref. I 1580 of 13 Oct.)

SUBJECT: ARREST OF COL. NAPOLEON AND MAJOR LUCIAN.

1. On 4th. Oct. Main Eighth Army sent me their signal No. 11565 stating that the above two officers of the Italian Forces were under arrest, and asking me to contact your H.Q. as there might be a question of trying them by Italian Court Martial.
2. Since then visits by my Liaison Officer to your P.S.O. have disclosed that the case is being held up pending further decision. I am therefore taking no further action in the matter.
3. The point arises as to whether an Italian Court Martial if held, should be carried out by the Italian Air Force or the Italian Army. The terms of reference of this Mission are at present restricted to dealing with the 7th. Italian Army.

A Duchesne.
Brigadier,
Commander, British Military Mission. 4041

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SUBJECT: Passes for Carabinieri on special Duty British Military Mission
I/103

HQ 7 ITALIAN ARMY

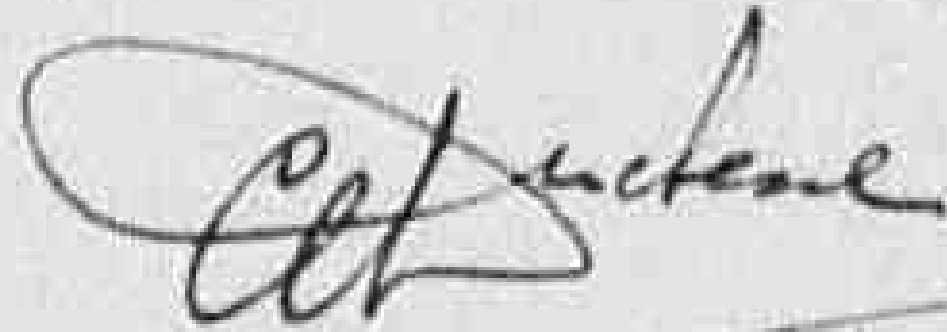
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Ref your 1/182 of 1 Oct.

1. An answer has now been received that it is NOT possible for the passes to be granted at present.
2. If it is desired to pursue the matter further it can be taken up again in a month's time.
3. Will you please let us know at the beginning of December if the passes are still required.

JFH/ABC


Brigadier.
Comd. British Military Mission.

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Subject :- Passes for Carabinieri for special Duty

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HQ 2 District CMF
200/2 G ¹⁷~~20~~

25 Oct 43

BME to 7 Italian Army

Ref your G/1/7 dated 4 Oct 43.

This is NOT possible at present. If it is desired to pursue the matter further, please raise the matter again on approx 1 Dec 43.

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Ad J. [Signature]
Lt Col
GS

SUBJECT: Release of Officers

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British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.
Ref. No. I/103
3rd Oct. 45.

H.Q., No. 2 District

1. Attached is a translation of a letter received from
7 Italian Army.

2. May we please be given the necessary information to
enable us to reply to it.

GSH

W. H. H. H.
Brigadier;
Commanding.
British Military Mission.

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TRANSLATION

Subject:- Release of Officers.

To: Gen. C.C. LUCHESNE
D.M.V.

FROM: G Cds.
H.Q. 7th. Army.

The British M.Ps. are holding the following ~~the~~ officers
at their disposal, at the isolation (?) camp at BARI.

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| a) Capt. GALBILI Arturo | from SERRACAPRIOLA. |
| b) Capt. LAMEDICA Ettore | " TORREMAGGIORE. |
| c) Lieut. DE MEO Gustavo | " SERRACAPRIOLA. |
| d) 2/Lt. GARNIELE Mercurio | " " |
| e) 2/Lt. SILVESERI Mario | " " |
| f) 2/Lt. DE LUCA Alfredo | " " |
| g) Five other officers | from the province of POGGIA. |

It has been established, ~~that~~ on examination, that their
documents are in order and their release would be appreciated.

26th. Oct. 43.

sd. Gen. R. PELLIGRA.
C. of S.

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P.M. 107 D., 26 Ottobre

1943 Anno

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Comando della 7^a Armata

Ufficio Informazioni

N. di Prot. 1/744

Risposto al

Carte annesse

Al Sig. Generale C.O. Duchesne
Capo della Delegazione Militare Inglese
presso la 7^a Armata

S E D E

OGGETTO Rilascio ufficiali.-

La polizia inglese ha trattenuto a sua disposizione, presso il campo contumaciale di Bari, i seguenti ufficiali:

- | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
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| 2- " | Lamedica | Ettore | da Torremaggiore; |
| 3- Tenente | De Meo | Gustavo | da Serracapriola; |
| 4- S.Tenente | Gabriele | Mercurio | " " |
| 5- " | Silvestri | Mario | " " |
| 6- " | De Luca | Alfredo | " " |

7) altri cinque ufficiali di vari paesi della provincia di Foggia.

Poichè, dall'esame dei loro documenti è risultato che la loro

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SUBJECT: Arrest of Col. CAPOLEONI
and Major LUCIANI

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Air Commodore FOSTER
Att. HQ ITALIAN AIR FORCE
BRINDISI

British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY
Ref No I/103
29 Oct 43

Ref EIGHTH Army Cipher Message I.1512 dated 26 Oct 43,
herewith all papers in our possession regarding the
two a/m Officers.

ACB for Brigadier,
Comd. British Military Mission.

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P. M. 1071, 26 ottobre

1943 Anno ¹⁴ ~~17~~

Comando della 7.^a Armata

Ufficio Informazioni

N. di Prot. 1/744

Risposta al

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posizione è regolare, si gradirebbe che Voi Vi interessaste cortesemente per ottenere il rilascio degli ufficiali menzionati.

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Raffaele Pelligrè)

R. Pelligrè

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SUBJECT: Arrest of Col. NAPOLEONI
and Major LUCIANI

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Air Commodore FOSTER
Att. HQ ITALIAN AIR FORCE
BRINDISI

British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY
Ref No I/105
29 Oct 43

Ref EIGHTH Army Cipher Message I.1612 dated 26 Oct 43.
herewith all papers in our possession regarding the
two a/s Officers.

ACB for Brigadier.
Comd. British Military Mission.

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Ref your 616 of 17th 4036
re Napoleon and CECILIA A kindly
forward all papers on same to
the Commodore Posters HQ Italian
Army Force BANDS!

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Ref. your Ltr. of 14th. 4034

re. MORGONI and LUCIANI & kindly

forward all papers on cases to

the Commodore ROBERT HQ Station

the Force BRINDISI

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to Col. NAPOLEONI case.

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MESSAGE FORM 1371/4

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TO B O O 31 ITALIAN CORPS

FROM MAIN 8th ARMY Operator's Number 11565 C. # 4 In Reply to Number —

for G3 INT from G2
INT BO colonel NAPOLEONI MA IOR
LUCIANI of GROTTAGDE imprisoned &
deserted & try them italian court martial
contact CG FSS TARANTO for details
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British Military Mission to
7th. Italian Army,
Ref. No. G/6
13th. Oct. 43.

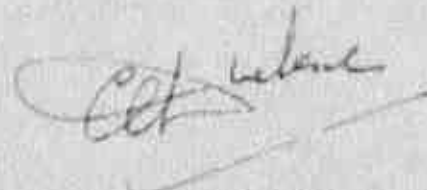
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H.Q. No. 2 District.
(PORTBASE)

Copy to Main H.Q. Eighth Army (Ref. I 1580
of 13 Oct.)

SUBJECT: ARREST OF COL. NAPOLEON AND MAJOR LUCIAN.

1. On 4th. Oct. Main Eighth Army sent me their signal No. 11565 stating that the above two officers of the Italian Forces were under arrest, and asking me to contact your H.Q. as there might be a question of trying them by Italian Court Martial.
2. Since then visits by my Liaison Officer to your F.S.O. have disclosed that the case is being held up pending further decision. I am therefore taking no further action in the matter.
3. The point arises as to whether an Italian Court Martial if held, should be carried out by the Italian Air Force or the Italian Army. The terms of reference of this Mission are at present restricted to dealing with the 7th. Italian Army.



Brigadier,
Commander, British Military Mission

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FROM BMT 7 10000 Army

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or to fall into enemy hands

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Originator's Instructions
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SUBJECT:- CARBONI, MICHELE LUCIE
DI MARIE, VIA NAZIONALE
280, SALA CONSILINA.

British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.
Ref No. I/100.

22 Oct 43.

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Security

"I" Branch
H.Q. No. 2 District
(FORTBASE)

1. Reference attached F.S. report on a/m, who previously held a commission as Lieutenant in the ITALIAN Army.
2. If it is wished to make use of his services by recall to the ITALIAN Army, or in some branch of Intelligence, may the information in the attached report please be passed to the correct authority?

Frank H. [unclear]
Brigadier,
Comd. British Military Mission.

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Subject:- CARSONI, Michele Lucie di Marie,
Via Nazionale 280, SALA CONSILIARE.

SECRET

17 OCT 1943
Main H.Q.,
Eighth Army, C.M.F.
M 316 I(b).

IG Branch,
B.M.M. to Italian 31 Corps.

13 Oct 43.

1. The attached F.S. report on the a/m is passed to you for information and any action considered necessary.
2. He previously held a commission in the Italian Army with the rank of Lieut., and you may wish to make use of his services by recalling him to the Italian Army.

Field.
CNC/DB.

C. Gordon
Capt
for Lt Col E.S.
G.S.I.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT:- Release of Civilian Prisoners by C.M.P.

British Mil. Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.

Ref No. 1/100.
23 Oct 43.

'I' ~~Armed~~.
Headquarters,
No. 2 District.

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1. Herewith translation of report from 7 Italian Army, for any action you may consider necessary.
2. In view of the fact that C.M.P. are not empowered to release civilian prisoners without reference to the local government, it is suggested that there was some misunderstanding through language difficulties.

N.P.B. for Brigadier,
Comd. British Military Mission.

Copy to:- HQ 7 ITALIAN ARMY.
ref ~~your~~ I/521 of
21 Oct 43.

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TRANSLATION

SUBJECT - Information.

Chief General Staff,
7 ITALIAN ARMY.

British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.

1. On the 8 Oct 43, English C.M.P. at CANOSA DI PUGLIA (BARI) went to the Carabinieri Station, looked at the crime sheets of prisoners detained there, and ordered the release of :-
 - (1. Di Giacomo Gerardo di Hunzio = imprisoned for robbery and infringement against rations regulations.
 - (2. Reiboldi Saverio di Savino = " " " " " "
 - (3. Santarelli Domenico di Giuseppe = imprisoned for ill-treating his family.
 - (4. Baldaro Michele di Giuseppe = Infringement of the ration regulations.
 - (5. Trisorio Cosimo di Innocenzo = " " " " " "
 - (6. Dipierro Tommaso fu Savino = Imprisoned for looting.
 - (7. Diaferia Nicola fu Sabino = " " " "
 - (8. Dagrezio Sabino fu Donato = " " " "
 - (9? Loberto Leonardo fu Tobia = Imprisoned for curfew offence.
 - (10. Di Biasi Giuseppe fu Francesco = obstructivism against Italian R.A.F.
2. We should be grateful to know the reasons for these releases, which, in view of the crimes committed, might have a negative influence on the discipline of the community.

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21 Oct 43

(signed) PELLICIA,
C. G. S.,
7 ITALIAN ARMY



Comando della 7^a Armata

Ufficio Informazioni

AL SIG. GENERALE C.O. DUCHESNE
Capo della Delegazione Militare Inglese
presso la 7^a Armata

S E D E

N. 1/581

Requisito al

Requisito al

Oggetto: Segnalazione.

L'8 corr. 1 funzionari della polizia inglese di Canosa di Puglia (Bari), si presentarono alla quella stazione dei CC.RR. e, pressa visione dei resti commessi dai sottoportati detenuti, ne ordinavano la scarcerazione. Si tratta di:

- 1) - Di Giacomo Gerardo di Nunzio - detenuto per rapina ed infrazione annoverie
- 2) - Reiboldi Saverio di Savino - come sopra
- 3) - Santarelli Domenico di Giuseppe - detenuto per maltrattamenti in famiglia
- 4) - Baldero Michele di Giuseppe - detenuto per infrazioni annoverie
- 5) - Trisorio Cosimo di Innocenzo - come sopra
- 6) - Dipierro Tommaso fu Savino - detenuto per saccheggio
- 7) - Disferia Nicola fu Sabino - come sopra
- 8) - Degrezio Sabino fu Donato - come sopra
- 9) - Loberto Leonardo fu Tobia - detenuto per infrazione di coprifuoco
- 10) - Di Biasi Giuseppe fu Francesco - detenuto per ostruzionismo a danno dei militari delle FF.AA. italiane.

Coppola: Segnalazione.-

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- 5) - Trisorio Cosimo di Innocenzo - come sopra
- 6) - Di pierro Tommaso fu Savino - detenuto per saccheaggio
- 7) - Diaferia Nicola fu Sabino - come sopra
- 8) - Degrezo Sabino fu Donato - come sopra
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Si gradirebbero conoscere le ragioni che hanno originato il provvedimento il quale, considerata soprattutto la particolar gravità dei reati commessi, potrebbe avere influenza negativa sulla disciplina della collettività.-

d'ordine

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Raffaele Pelligrà)

Raffaele Pelligrà

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COMANDO 7^a ARMATA

Ufficio Informazioni

→ Gen. Brigadiere C.C. LUCESNE
Capo della Deleg. Inglese presso il
Comando 7^a Armata SEDE

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 1/182 Allegati Div. N. Sez.

OCCETTO : Lasciapassare per i carabinieri in servizio in abito
civile.-

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO CC.RR. ITALIA MERIDIONALE B A R I

Si prega di esaminare la possibilità di fornire il
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le linee occupate dalle truppe alleate per recarsi al di
là di quelle tedesche.-

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Raffaele Pelligra)

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Trasmettere per ogni lettera un solo esemplare ed indicare nella risposta il numero di protocollo e l'ufficio ad cui risponde.
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SECRET

SUBJECT: Passes for Italian
Spies.

British Military Mission to
7th Italian Army.

4 Oct 43.

H. Q. No. 2 District
(FORBES)

I forward herewith, at Appendix A, a translation of a request by 7th Italian Army for passes through the Allied lines for their Carabinieri spies in civilian clothes.

As this is a question of Allied as opposed to British lines, it would seem to be a matter for reference to 15 Army Group. If you wish for further details I shall be happy to arrange for an Italian Intelligence Officer to visit your H.Q.

*I understand that the Italian object is largely to get details of
officers favorable to the Germans.*

Ed. Duchesne

Brigadier,
Comdr. British Military Mission.

APPENDIX "A"

To: Brig. Gen. Duchesne.

Copy to: H.Q. CC.HR. Southern Italy
BARRY.

"I" Office;
H.Q. 7th Army.

1 Oct 43.

SUBJECT: Passes for Carabinieri on duty in civilian clothes.

Could you consider the possibility of furnishing the H.Q. Carabinieri with a requisite number of passes for those Carabinieri, whose special duty necessitates them passing through the Allied lines, dressed as civilians, in order to penetrate beyond the German lines.

Signed,
Gen. Fellera.

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Comdr. British Military Mission.

APPENDIX "A"

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Copy to: H.Q. CC.HR. Southern Italy
BARRY.

"I" Office;
H.A. 7th Army.

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Signed,
Gen. Pelligrà.

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USAFOT:- Security Policy

15 Army Group

Copy to:- ARM to 7 ITALIAN ARMY

HQ 2 DISTRICT
(PORTBANE) CMB
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6 Oct 43

1. This HQ has received application, through the British Military Mission, from HQ 7 Italian Army as follows:-
2. They wish to have passes for CARABINIERI dressed as civilians to pass through the Allied lines into German occupied ITALY.
3. It is understood that the object would be to secure information as to officials favourable to the Germans.
4. As this appears to be a matter of policy, which would have aspects NOT known to this HQ, could a decision please be given?
5. It would be appreciated if general instructions on Security and relations with the Italian Army could be issued at an early date.

[Signature] 21.10.43
Haj-Gen
Comd

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