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REPATRIATION OF COLONEL

Feb - May 1945

REPATRIATION OF COLONEL MANN, ANTONIO

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1 PW 234
(9)SUBJECT:- No. 3003 Col. MARINO Antonio.

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS.

G.1(Br)/5055/A2.14 May 45.Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
(IPW Sub-Commission).

1. Reference your EPW/47/E of 5 Mar 45.
2. In order to make sure that objections to the release of the above named officer are not due to mistaken identity GHQ IEF were asked by this Headquarters letter of even reference, dated 12 Mar 45 (copy to you) to confirm that Col. MARINO Antonio, is the same PW who was the subject of a S.I.M.B. GHQ, IEF report dated 10 Jul 44.
3. GHQ, IEF have now confirmed that Col. MARINO, Antonio is the same PW referred to in the above quoted S.I.M.B. report, and add that he is still interned in a Fascist Camp where his conduct remains far from satisfactory.
4. In view of the above, GHQ, IEF, have found it impossible to recommend the release to Italy of this PW.

RECEIVED

16 MAY 1945

TRC/ep


T.R. GORDON, Captain,
Staff Captain,
for Major General,
DAG, G.1(Br).

Copy to:- GHQ, IEF - Your 78721/AC5(c) of 1 May 45 refers.

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DATE 16-5-45
RECEIVED BY CARDS. <i>Monty</i>

SUBJECT: - Italian PW. - Col. RAIMO. Antonio

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3055/G1(Br).

25 Apr 45.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission.
(IPW Sub-Commission).

See 1.

Reference your IPW/47/7 of 21 Apr 45.

1. A reply is still awaited from GHQ., MEF to this Headquarters' letter of even reference dated 12 Mar 45.
2. As soon as a reply is received you will be informed.

TRC/MG

T.R. Condon
T.R. CONDRON, Captain,
Staff Captain.
for Major General,
DAG, G-1(Br).

Copy to: - ~~Commander-in-Chief~~, MIDDLE EAST FORCES.25/5/45
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IPW/47/7

21 April 1945

Subject: Italian PW - Col. MANNO, Antonio

To : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512,
(Att. G-1 (B))

see 6/8
May I please be informed if a reply has yet
been received to your CR/3055/G-1(B) dated 12 March
1945 addressed to MIDEAST.

For the Chief Commissioner:

clp

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WMD & IPOW Sub-Com.

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CR/3055/G1(Br).

12 May 45.

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- W.A. K. G. G. G.

WAC/JM

DATE 13/3/45
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION

44/5
~~IPW/5705~~

5 March 1945

SUBJECT: Colonel MAINO, Antonio.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.
(Att: G-1 (B))

See 641.

Reference your CR/3055/G-1 (Br) dated 8 February 1945.

1. General Gazzera has supplied the following information regarding Colonel Maino.

' Colonel of the General Staff MAINO, Antonio born in 1895 and is interned in Camp 308 in Egypt. There is only one Colonel of the General Staff whose name is MAINO. '

2. In my letter IPW/29/87 dated 13 February 1945 Colonel MAINO's initials were put as S.M. This in fact referred to SIATO MAGGIORE (General Staff). It is hoped that this error did not mislead your office.

3. Enclosed are copies of the reports you requested.

For the Chief Commissioner :

C. D. P. T. D. G. M. A. P.

J. A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
WDG & IOW Sub-Com.

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DATE, 13/8/45
ENTERED ON HANDS, <i>W. M. P.</i>
INITIALS.

C O P Y

Subject:- Repatriation of Colonel S.M. Manno

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ., ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

AAI/3074/22/A(O)

HQ., A.C.C.

Reference your CC 091.711 dated 10 June 44.

1. The application was submitted to SIME, GHQ, M.E.P. and a copy of their report, SIME/CC/300.048/A3 of 10 Jul 44 is forwarded for information.
2. In the light of the information contained in the report it is regretted that the release of Col. Manno cannot be granted on Security grounds.
3. Please treat the contents of this report as Confidential, and ensure that it is not disclosed to the Italian Military Authorities.

Brigadier,
DAG.

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C O P YCONFIDENTIAL

S.I.M.E.

General Headquarters,
Middle East ForcesSIME/CC.300.C4B/A.3HQ. A.A.I.Subject: Colonel S.M. MANNO, Antonio

Reference your signal I(E) 429 of 18 Jun 1944

1. We have made enquiries concerning the above POW and are still of the opinion that it would be most inadvisable to release him. On two occasions recently, in February and March ISLD had to mark him as pro-Fascist and a scoundrel.
2. The Commander of No 4 Italian Administration HQ. MBF. reports that during his stay at his camp he received several adverse reports on him and was compelled to put him alone with his batman in a special enclosure. During the 5 or 6 weeks spent in this enclosure near the Italian POW QRS, he was found to be inciting them against signing a declaration of cooperation. The Commander formed the opinion that he was an "insincere and plausible Italian autocrat" who had no interest in his own men and whose greatest concern seemed to be to take his batman with him wherever he went.
3. A certain Major TAVAGNINI, formerly employed by M.O. 4, states that he collaborated with the Germans from the 8 - 30 September and was known among Italians as pro-German, being responsible, among others, for the surrender to the Germans of the 11th Army. He states that he is certainly Fascist and that he would certainly work for the Germans if the opportunity presented itself.
4. On the basis of the above statements, we find it difficult to believe that his release is advisable. 7601

/s/ A. Rosslyn)
Lieut.
for Brigadier, G.S.
Head of SIME

C O P Y

SUBJECT:- Col. S/M MANNO

HQ., ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

CONFIDENTIAL

AAI/1470/GSI(b)

15 Jul 44

"A" Branch

Ref your AAI/3074/22/A(0) dated 14 Jun 44

1. Herewith copies in duplicate of SIME report SIME/CC. 300,048/A.3 dated 10 Jul 44 concerning Colonel S/M MANNO.
2. In the light of the information contained therein it is felt that release of Col. MANNO from the Middle East is undesirable from the Security point of view.
3. A copy of the SIME report may be passed to A.C.C. if you so desire.

Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).

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Reference Major Campbell's request about Col. Manno.
Would Maj. Campbell get Main MIA to put it up officially
to CFD.AAI emphasizing that Marshal Nesse will stake
his honour against there being anything wrong with
Col. Manno.

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C O P Y

Translation No. 426 B. Romano

Supreme Command
Office of Operations
File No. 12954TO: A.C.C.SUBJECT: Application for Prisoners to re-enter the war.

We are taking action in accordance with your letter QS360 dated 2nd May regarding Col. RANNO. His repatriation was requested because, as known, he refused to remain in GREECE and collaborate with the Germanised Fascists after the armistice was signed. He later took refuge at CIPRUS among the English authorities and had written many letters requesting only to come back to ITALY and fight against the Germans for the liberation of the home country: doubtless there must be some new factor or a misunderstanding of which this Command is unaware.

Anyhow, it is as well to point out that the officers whose repatriation this Supreme Command is requesting are chosen according to their known past and the necessity of their employment; but we have no knowledge of any new circumstances concerning them which may have arisen during or after the conclusion of the armistice.

We would therefore be most grateful to the Allied authorities if they would inform us of any facts which come to their knowledge, so as we can take due account of them in formulating their requests for repatriation, and if necessary replace with others the officers in the first lists, already handed in and who perhaps are not being repatriated because not desirable or pleasing to the Allies.

General of Division
Adolfo Infante

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TRANSLATION No. 324 R. Romano

30 April 1944

Supreme Command
office of operations
File No. 12740

TO: A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Colonel MANNO.

I have received letter Q8319 of 26 April from the
Commission regarding Colonel MANNO.

I wish to inform you once again that Colonel MANNO
is not a prisoner of war having avoided capture by the Germans
and gone to CIPRUS at his own initiative - and that I cannot
therefore recognize as just his internment in a prisoners
camp.

Marshal of Italy
Chief of the General Staff
(Giovanni Messe)

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUIE (LECCO)
G/E/1/44
26 April 44

Lt.Col. QUINSMITH (2)
Adv HQ Army Sub Commission
SALERNO

Your signal No 2614 of April 3

1. In view of an adverse report from Mid East on Col S.M. MINNO, former DCOS 11 Army in GREECE, Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy have agreed that this officer should not be brought back from the Middle East.
2. Please inform the Italian Supreme Command of this decision.

Lt.Col.G.S.
Army Sub-Comm. A.C.C.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

QS/mms

QS319

26 April 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Colonello MANNO

TO : His Excellency Marshal of Italy Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

Your Excellency:

Reference your letter No. 12047/QP dated 27 March.

I am directed to inform you that it has been decided that Colonello MANNO is to be retained at his present location and will not be repatriated to ITALY at the present.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(G. V. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

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C O P Y

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AAI SD 1349 of 19th April refers colonel MANRO former D.C.O.S.
11 the Italian Army in Greece reliably reported pro german fascist,
anti british, Detained since december 43 POW Camp with undesirables
whom you decline to accept reference you F 28904 of 6th April.
Consider transfer Italy most undesirable.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

QS/nms

QS266

18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Colonello MANNOTO : His Excellency Marshal of Italy Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

Your Excellency:

I am directed to acknowledge your letter Sp. 12647/31
dated 27 March 1944 on the above subject.

The request for the return of Colonello MANNO has
been passed to Army Headquarters.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(G. F. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

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Army Sub-Commission A.O.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
ANCONA (Lecce)
6/6/1/38
15 Apr 44

HQ ANI (for G(SD))

Copy to: HQ ACC NAPLES
Adv H. Army Sub-Comm. (ACC) ANCONA

Further to our 6/6/1/37 of 12 Apr 44

1/.

Italian Supreme Command request that Colonel
S M MAENO, formerly DCOS of 11 Army in GREECE,
be included in the surplus offers of the CHWBO Div
being returned to ITALY.

2/.

May this request please be passed to the proper
authority for action.

Maj Gen.
Army Sub Comm. A.O.C.

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COMANDO SUPREMO REQUEST THAT PAREN TO MMIA FROM FATIMA REAR
FROM QUINSMITH SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN COLONNELLO S M LANNO
FORMERLY DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF ELEVENTH ARMY IN GREECE CMA
BE INCLUDED IN SURPLUS OFFICERS CUNEO DIVISION BEING
RETURNED TO ITALY

AUTHENTICATED

E.J. CHICCA
CWO, USA
Asst Adj Gen.

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COMANDO SUPREMO

TO: A.C.C.

No. 12047 Op. di prot.

OGGETTO: Rimpatrio Colonnello MANNO

I should be grateful if Col. (Gen.Staff) MANNO Antonio, formerly Deputy Chief of Staff 11 Army in Greece, and at present interned in Camp 308, I.E.F. could be included with surplus officer of Cuneo Div. who are being repatriated.

Maresciallo d'Italia
Capo di Stato Maggiore Generale
(G.Messe)

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C O P YTRANSLATION

COPY of a letter by Colonel Antonio MAMMO of Italian General Staff 305 POW
Camp - To Maresciallo d'Italia G. MESSI

May 11th '44

Your Excellency,

I wrote you in December and now I am renewing my passionate
ardent prayer for your assistance.

I was in command of the 9th Artillery Regiment - "Brennero" Division -
during the Albania Campaign and Y.E. reviewed the Division at Delvino. I am
a nephew of H.E. Di Bernengo 1st ADG General of H.M. the King.

This day of the Annistice I was at Athens, Deputy Chief of G.S. in the 11th
Army.

Answering to H.M.'s appeal I managed to escape in mufti, with my faithful
batman; after dangerous adventures, risking to be immediately shot if taken by
Germans, I arrived to Cyprus in mid-October. Since then I am "detainee" and I
was in the P.O.W. Camps in Egypt. I would never have believed to end such.

I presented 5 demands asking to be sent to fight on any front, with any
Italian or Allied Unit, with any task.

By now I have been 7 months actually a POW and yet my decision, apart all
personal danger I have run, has exposed my wife and children, living in Bolzano,
to probable reprisals and to internment.

Since 8 months I have been without any news of my family; I don't know my
wife can manage to live now that I have been sending her no more money.....
and I have been 7 months in POW Camps.

I beg Y.E. to take a lively interest in my situation.

I have also been writing to Gen. Berardi, my former Commander in the "Bren-
nero" Division. I have no more hope and I am in despair.

And yet I am a soldier who has acted his duty faithfully during 30 years
and who is asking only to fight again to liberate his country.

Help me, Your Excellency.

Col. Antonio MAMMO
N.3003 - 305 POW Camp H.E.M.

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C O P Y

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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2 May 1944

SUBJECT: Colonel MANNO.

TO : His Excellency Marshal of Italy Messe,
Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

Your Excellency:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 30 April, No. 12740.

I am directed to inform you that the reason why Colonel MANNO is not to be brought back from the MIDDLE EAST is that he is reliably reported to be pro-German, a Fascist and anti-British.

In view of the above report from a high authority, the General Officer Commanding this Sub-Commission has directed me to point out that all applications to the Allies for the return of prisoners of war should first be submitted to a careful check in order to ensure their suitability for repatriation in the present circumstances.

It will be appreciated if you would cause this point to be brought to notice of all concerned with the framing of applications for repatriation.

I have today informed the Comando Supremo that 228 Italian officers who are serving with the GUNEO Division will be at the disposal of the Italian authorities on their arrival in ITALY.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Copy to: D.C.C. for info.

(The emphasis on suitable checks of applications for repatriation is the result of the attached letter from Army Sub-Comm. Main Hq. LEOCR.)
"Copy to not on original."

Lt. Col.
(G.W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

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C O P YCONFIDENTIALSubject: Transfer of Italian Military to ItalyArmy Sub Commission, AGC
Main HQ (ISMA)
LEQUILLE (LEOCH)
C/6/1
28 APR 44Lt Col QUINLAN (2)
Adv HQ, Army Sub Comm.
SALENO

Further to our C/6/1/44 dated 26 Apr 44.

1. Please ask the Comando Supremo to ensure that they do not apply for the return of unsuitable PW to ITALY, pointing out that they must carefully check all requests before passing them on to the Allies.
2. Col MANNO was described by MIDEAST as "Pro-German, Fascist and Anti-British".

Lt. Col.
C.S.
Army Sub Comm, AGC

FRJ/cc

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C O P Y

CG 091.741

10 June 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Colonel S.M. Manno

TO : Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy

1/. It is requested that the case on the release of Colonel S.M. Manno be considered for the following reasons:

a. Colonel Manno evaded capture by the Germans, and, with the help of the Intelligence Service succeeded in reaching Cyprus, was transferred to Egypt with General Carta and Colonel Negrone were transferred to Italy while Colonel Manno was interned in a PW Camp and treated as such, although not a PW. It is possible that being treated as a PW and not transferred to Italy as were his companions caused Colonel Manno to protest angrily against such treatment, and thus give rise to the impression that he was a Fascist and anti-British.

b. The Comando Supremo has made special application to again examine the case stating that Colonel Manno is of a noble Piedmontese family, an officer of great valor, deeply devoted to the House of Savoy and to the old military institutions. He is temperamentally against meddling in politics and is extremely devoted to duty and Military Honor.

c. General Dapino, Deputy High Commissioner for Prisoners of War, stated that he would stake his honor on Colonel Manno's integrity.

2/. I appreciate that in certain cases it may be undesirable to convey to the Italian Government facts concerning PW which show cause for non-repatriation.

In this case, a confidential report to me would be of great help.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

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C O P Y

TRANSMISSION

Supreme Command

I Section - Operation Office

P. M. 135 30 May 1944

File No. 13363/OP

Subject: Repatriation of Col. Manno

Dear Maj. Campbell,

Following the conversation held by us yesterday, May 29, I wish to submit to you the case of Col. Manno, who is now interned in Camp 308 M.M.F. in Alexandria.

I do not know this officer personally; however, according to what has been told me by superior officers, colleagues and inferior officers, who know him very well, Col. Manno is a member of a noble Piedmontese family, he is an officer of great valor, deeply devoted to the House of Savoy and to old military institutions. He is temperamentally against meddling in politics, and is extremely devoted to his duty and to military honor.

At the time of the Armistice Col. Manno was Deputy Chief of the General Staff of the 11th Army in Greece.

In order to evade capture by the Germans and to be faithful to his oath, he succeeded, with the help of the Intelligence Service, in reaching Cyprus, and from there he was transferred to Egypt. General Carta and Col. Negroni who succeeded in leaving Athens, and in reaching Egypt by the same means were transferred to Italy, while Col. Manno was detained, to be later repatriated; although he was not a POW he was interned in a POW camp and treated as such.

We believe this treatment must have caused great sorrow to Col. Manno, who probably has made a protest against it.

In reference to the above mentioned question I should very grateful if you would examine again this officer's position, especially because what has been attributed to him in letter Q.S. 360 of May 2, if confirmed by facts, might have the most serious consequences on the officer's future.

Cordially yours,

/s/ A. Infante.

TRANS/ No. 609-Lt. Gerardo/ajp.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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QS375

4 MAY 1944:

SUBJECT: CUNEO Division (PALESTINE).

To: Chief Commissioner, Main H.Q.A.C.C., NAPLES.

For your information:-

228 Italian officers from the CUNEO Division are due to disembark at TARANTO on 4 May. A.A.I. have confirmed that these officers will be at the disposal of the Italian military authorities. Both the Comando Supremo and the General Staff at LEGGE have accordingly been informed.

You will recall that this was the Division that was broken up in PALESTINE and used for service and labour purposes and to which General SODARULLI returned in order to acquaint them with their fate.

It is also the Division from which MIDEAST excluded the return of Col. MANNO on the grounds that he was anti-Allies, a Fascist and pro-German.

On instructions from the Director this Sub-Commission, I informed Comando Supremo of the latter fact as they had especially asked for his return. It was also pointed out that careful supervision should be given by all concerned to the records of officers before their return was requested;

Lt. Col.

G.W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW.

N.590/POL/3.1 in prot.

Rome, February 27th 1945

TO: THE ALLIED COMMISSION. IPW SUB-COMMISSION. ROME.

SUBJECT: Colonel of the General Staff, MANNO Antonio.

Reference your letter N.IPW 29/37, dated the 13th of February 1945.

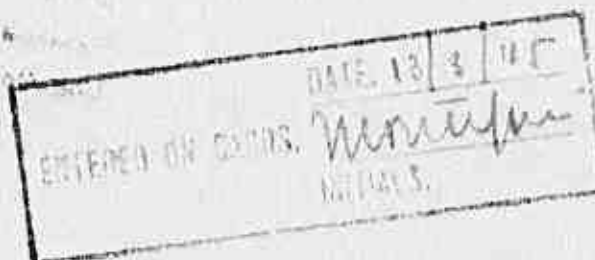
The Colonel of the General Staff, Manno Antonio, born in 1895 is interned at Camp 308 in Egypt.

There is only one Colonel of the General Staff, whose name is MANNO.

Signed:

for the High Commissioner
The General Secretary
General V. CARINO.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 504
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

IPW/29/91

25 February 1945

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Colonel E.M. LARSO.

Reference your 95/Pol/2.1 dated 13 January 1945 and my IPW/29/57 dated 13 February 1945.

May a reply please now be given?

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WMD & IPW Sub-Comm.

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DATE. 4/3/45
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

IPW/29/87

13 February 1945

To: Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

Subject: Colonel S.M. MANNO.

With further reference to your letter 95/Pol/G.1 dated
13 January 1945.

- 1/. Higher authority now state that there is a possibility that there are two Italian Colonels with the name of MANNO in the Middle East.
- 2/. Would you therefore please supply full personal particulars of the Colonel MANNO, whose repatriation you are requesting.
- 3/. I will then again take this matter up with higher authority.

alt.
J. A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WED & IPOW Sub-Com.

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DATE. 15/3/45
ENTERED ON CARDS. <i>Manno</i>
INITIALS.

B/F 2/2/45
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SUBJECT:- Col. S.M. MANNO.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3055/G1(Br).

8 Feb 45.

Reference your IPW/29/84 dated 22 Jan.

1. There is a possibility that there are two Italian Colonels with the name of MANNO in MIDEAST.

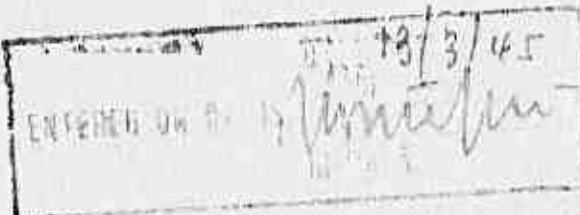
2. Would you therefore please supply :-

(a) full personal particulars of the officer whose repatriation is requested by General GAZZERA and

(b) full details of the "various reports" held by you which do not agree with General GAZZERA's description; and in particular of that report from S.I.M.E. containing the statement quoted in your Para 5.

PT/JM

P. THORP,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG, G.1(Br).



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