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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/54/36

24 Oct '46

SUBJECT : Tracing of IPW in U.S.A.

TO : Questura di Rieti, Gabinetto RIETTI

Ref your 0809, dated 4 Set '46

1. United States Authorities have informed this Division reference IPW Nicola BALDASSARRE n° 811251653 that he was returned to Italy on the 18 of February '46 on board the J.W. McAndrew destined for Naples.
2. Since no trace of him is held by this Division after 18 Feb '46, will you now kindly contact the Ministry of Post War Assistance, Corso Vittorio Emanuele 110 Roma, who may have records of his whereabouts in Italy.

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J.E. REGIS
Lt. Col.

Chief IPW Div

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IPW 1821
M.M.I.A.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 965.11

21 October 1946

SUBJECT: Tracing of IPW in U.S.A.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
(Attn. Land Forces, M.M.I.A., IPW Division)
APO 794.

Reference IPW/54/32, 12 Sept. 1946, and G-5: 965.11, 18 Sept. 1946.

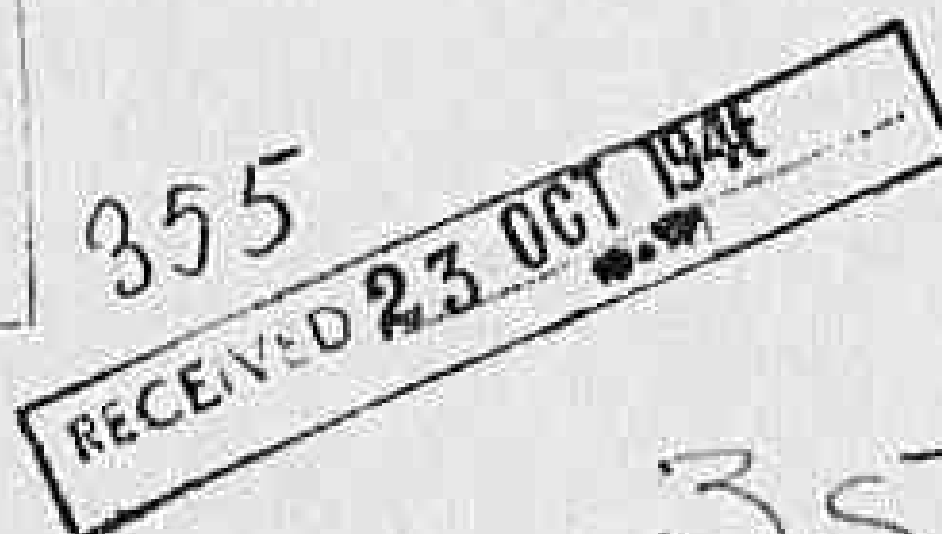
1. Information has been received that IPW NICOLA BALDASSARRE, 81 I-251653 was returned to Italy on Movement 9166 B, departing from New York Port of Embarkation on 18 Feb. 1946 aboard the J. W. McAndrew destined for Naples.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 965.11

18 September, 1946

Subject: Tracing of IPW in USA (Baldassarre, Nicola)

To : M. M. I. A.

Reference: IPW/54/32 dated 12 September, 1946

1. Your above letter received and inquiries are being made as to the location and status of the above named IPW.

2. You will be informed as quickly as we receive an answer to our inquiries.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/54/33

12 Sep 46

SUBJECT : Tracing of IPW in U.S.A.

TO : Questura di Rieti (Gabinetto)

Ref. your letter 0809 dtd 4/9/46 addressed
to Col. Millhouse.

1. Efforts are being made in conjunction with the appropriate Authorities to trace BALDASSARRE Nicola.
2. You will be informed as soon as the results of the investigation are known.


JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief,
IPW Division

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.O.
N.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/54/32

12 Sep 46

SUBJECT : Tracing of IPW in U.S.A.

TO : AFHQ (for G-5)

BALDASSARRE Nicola

1. This Division is informed by the Questura of Rieti that the Military Territorial Tribunal of Rome sentenced to death the above mentioned on 8 Apr. 46.

2. It has been found that Baldassarre is prisoner of war in U.S.A. and was last heard of at the Italian Postal Unit, PW Camp Fort-Mead, C.M.D., C.F.O. Box 20, New York, N.Y.; his number is 811251633.

3. Would you kindly cause enquiries to be made in this matter and forward the result to this Division in due course.


JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief,
IPW Division

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(Translation M.R.)

R. QUESTURA - RIETI
Cabinet

Rieti, 4/9/46

Nr. 0809

To : LIEUT. COL. MILLHOUSE
P.S. Liaison Officer
at the Questura of

R O M E

SUBJECT : BALDASSARRE Nicola son of Antonio and D'Attoma Angela,
born at Madugno (Bari) on the 28/9/1922.

On the 8th April last, the Military Territorial Tribunal
of ROME sentenced to death the a/m BALDASSARRE Nicola, who is at
large.

From researches carried out by the BARI Questura in order
to trace up and arrest the above, it was found out that he is a
P.O.W. in the U.S.A., at the following address :

BALDASSARRE Nicola - Reg. 8II25I653 - Italian-Posal Unit - P.O.W.
Camp Fort Mead C.MD. C.P.O. Box 20 - New York - N.Y. - USA.

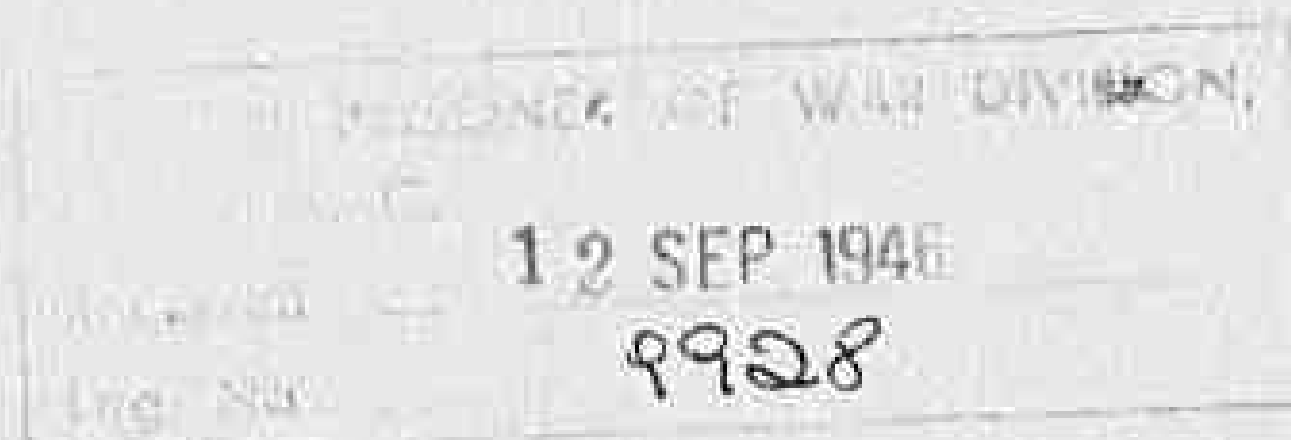
I beg your Command to kindly dispose, if possible,
for investigations to be carried out in order to ascertain if the
above is really detained at the a/m Camp.

An acknowledgement of receipt should be appreciated.

The QUESTORE

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HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.F.O. 324
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

1 PW

REF : SD/520.1-229

23 July 1946

SUBJECT : Transfer of IPW for Trial - CONTA Enrico

TO : Headquarters No. 3 District.

24 JUL 1946
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1. Reference GHQ letter 3659/A-2 dated 19 July 1946.
2. Copy of our letter SD/520.1-229 dated 20 July 1946 to DAG, GHQ, is forwarded herewith for information.

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E.J. BYE,
Colonel,
A/Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Commission (JBLA) ✓
for I.P.W. Division.

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U.S. DEPT. OF WAR DIVISION
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SUBJECT: Transfer of IPW for Trial.

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Headquarters,
No. 3 District.

19 Jul 46.

CONTA ENRICO.

1. The above-named IPW is at present held in 209 PW Camp, he is required by the Prosecutor General del Regno of the Special Court of Assize of Varese.
2. It is requested that Headquarters No. 3 District make the necessary arrangements, *for his handover to the Italian Authorities*
3. For Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, MHA, IPW Division; It is requested that the result of CONTA's trial by the Italian Authorities may be forwarded to A-3 of this CHQ.

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JLS NAPIER,
Brigadier,
DAG.

Copy to:- Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub Commission, - DD/520.1.-229 of 1 July 46 refers.
Security Division.
Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission,
MHA,
IPW Division.

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ALCOM, INFO: PENBASE - USFET

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1. Desire recapture Major AGOSTINO PURO last held prisoner war enclosure 339, GEROLAMO CHIODI released from prisoner war camp Laterina December 1945 and OSVALDO DELNATO released from prisoner war camp COITARO October 1945.
2. Individuals urgently required by USFET for war crimes.
3. If retaken transfer to prisoner war enclosure 339 PISA.
4. Related subject to PENBASE, upon arrival transfer immediately to prisoner war enclosure 20-9 DACHAU, GERMANY and advise war crimes group NWA APO 633X and this HQ.

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PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION

22 JUL 1945

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.O.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/54/27

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SUBJECT : War Criminals : Cosci Furio Athos as war Criminal and
CRISTIANINI Nello as witness.

TO : GHQ, CMF - G1 (Br) -

Ref your 3180/A2, dtd 9 Mar 46

The following information has been received from the Ministry of Justice :-

" The Chief of Mil. Attorney's office at the Special Section of the Rovigo Assise Court, forwards the following information: This office is taking proceedings against Cristianini N. accused of cellaberation. The trial documents regarding Cosci F.A. were forwarded to the records office due to lack of evidence on the 5/3/46 accused was released. Further to formal request received Cristianini has been put at the disposal of the Allied Authorities, asking that after justice has been administered by them he be handed over to this office"

It is pointed out that Cosci F.A., arrested again at Pisa, is already at the disposal of the P.S. Commission.


J.E. REGIS
Lt.Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

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FROM: Min. of Grace and Justice.
TO : M.M.I.A.

REF: 291.16/985/46
DATE: 18/5/46

SUBJECT: War Criminals: COSCI Furio Athos wanted
as War Criminal and CRISTIANINI Nello
wanted as witness.

18/3/46 file 761.

A216' 1/1234 file:

Further to the a/m letter the contents of which were made known to this Ministry by the War Department, we quote the complete letter N° 4966 dated 26 inst. from the Attorney Gen. of the Kingdom at the Venice Court of Appeal concerning the a/m.

"The chief of the Mil. Attorney's office at the Special Section of the Rovigo Assise Court, forwards the following information:

"Further to the a/m letter I would inform you that this office is taking proceedings against CRISTIANINI Nello son of the late Pietro accused of collaboration. The trial documents regarding COSCI Furio Athos were forwarded to the records office due to lack of evidence on the 5/3/1946 and on the same date accused was released."

"This office further to formal request received has put CRISTIANINI at the disposal of the Allied Authorities asking that after justice has been administered by the a/m authority he be again put at the disposal of this office.

We point out that COSCI Furio Athos, arrested again at Pisa, is already at the disposal of the P.S. Commission.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IFW/54/25

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SUBJECT: Investigation of War Crimes.

TO : Ministry of Post War Assistance, PW Bureau Sec II, Div. II

Lt. ANSELMI, Antonio

Ref. your letter of 18/Feb 46: 46254

According to PWIB, MW Records, Di Stefano Luigi was transferred to Italy for repatriation on 28 Jan 46, in consequence no details could be obtained on Lt. Anselmi.

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J.E. REGIS
Lt. Col.
Chief
IPW Div.

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SUBJECT:- Enquiry Italian

GRD. 102E. REF.

02311/2/103

TEL. ADD. MID EAST (PRISWARINF)

IPW Division
HQ Allied Commission
APO 594
US ARMY

20 March '46

DOZE 10884 Sgt. DI STEFANO Luigi

Reference memorandum IPW/54/20 dated 25 Feb '46 requesting information from Sgt. DI STEFANO Luigi concerning Lt ROSELLI Antonio.

According to PWIB., RE Records DI STEFANO Luigi was transferred to Italy for repatriation on 28 Jan '46. 456

Major,
D.A.A.G.
Controller,
Prisoners of War Information Bureau, A.S.

(Sgd.) R. V. JONES

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Italian Prisoners of War Division

IPW/54/2312 Mar 1946

SUBJECT : War Crimes.

TO : Ministry of War.

COSCI, Furio Ates, required as war criminal,
CRISTIANINI, Nello " " witness.

1. The above named are at present held by the Italian authorities in the Questura gaol, Rovigo.
2. They are required in connection with the killing of a R.A.F. pilot at Frosinelle, Rovigo, and it is feared by the RAF investigator that the Italian authorities may deal with them without Allied permission.
3. Will you kindly notify this Division as soon as possible of your approval for their transfer to British custody.

J.E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel, C.A.C.,
Chief
IPW Division.

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SUBJECT: War Crimes.RECEIVED
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Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission,
MIA,
IPW Division.

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COSCI Mario Aton required as war Criminal
CHRISTIANINI Nello required as War Crimes witness.

1. The subjects are at present held by the Italian authorities in the Questura Jail, ROVIGO.
2. They are required by DQAG in connection with the killing of an RAF pilot at Frasinelle, ROVIGO.
3. It is feared by the RAF investigator that the Italian authorities may deal with them without Allied permission.
4. May permission for their transfer to British custody be obtained from the Italian authorities please

HHW/BC.

y *[Signature]*
Brigadier,
A/DAG.Copy to:- Rear Headquarters,
13 Corps.
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DQAG.Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
HQ AC APO 384
Received 11 MAR 1946
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Cap.to GABASCO and warrant Officer Luigi MERO both of
the Italian Navy accused of spying and the soldiers BRESOLANI
and VILAGO condemned for thievery are ~~not~~ at the civilian
prison of Tunisi and will be freed in 1948. We beg to have
the trial re examined by the Military Authorities and in any
case that they will be transferred to the Military prisons.

4 March 1946

*Taken care of by
Capt. [unclear] to
for [unclear] on
with [unclear]
Capt. [unclear]*

[Signature]

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission
HQ AC APO 394
Received 8 MAR 1946
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The prisoner of war FONTANA Martino is in the Military prison of the Kasbah at Tunis and he will be freed likely in two or three months. But he has not been interrogated by any Authorities and his detention lasts more than 18 months.

4 March 1946

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MIDDLE EAST FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/ 54/20

25 February 1946

SUBJECT : Investigation of War Crimes.

TO : O2E General Headquarters
Middle East Forces

10884 Sgt. DI STEFANO, L. - O2E GHQ MEF.

1. Information regarding Lt. ANSELMI Antonio is required by the Italian Ministry of Post War Assistance.

2. This Division is informed that the a/n NCO has knowledge of this officer, details of whom are shown below:-

Birth : - Marsala - 1 Jan 1912.

Parents:- Enrico and Nicolina Anselmi.

Unit : - 36th Regt. Coast Arty. (30 Gp- COS).

He was captured by the Germans on 30 Oct 43.

3. Would you kindly arrange for a statement by Sgt. Stefano, giving all details he can, to be forwarded to this division in due course.

W. A. Phillips
Capr
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

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18 February 1946

MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE
PW BUREAUSECT. II DIV. II
INFORMATION BUREAU
REF. 46254TO ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION
IPW DIVISION
R C M E

SUBJECT : Lt. ANSELMI Antonio.

Please ask Sgt. DI STEFANO Luigi No. 10684 G.H.Q. 623. M.E.F. to make a written declaration regarding all he remembers about Lt. ANSELMI Antonio son of Enrico and Grima Nicolina, born at Marsala on the 1-1-1912 who belonged to the 36th Regiment of Coast Artillery, 30th Group on the island of GoG, who was captured by the Germans on the 3/10/43 and who it seems was seen on the 12-11-1943 a month after the massacre of GoG.

Thank you

Sgt. Dr. Fausto Mitti

Italian Prisoner of War Sub Commission

HQ AC APO 33 FEB 1946

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SUBJECT:- Release of Insecure Italians.Commander in Chief,
INDIA.ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.G1(Br)/316/42.20 Aug 45.

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No. 50308 Carab. LUSUARDI, Adorus.

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1. Reference your 9026/DM1/GSI(J) of 17 July 45.
2. A copy of the extract from the diary of the above-mentioned PW was forwarded to Headquarters, Allied Commission in order that they may notify the Italian authorities for appropriate action.
3. Headquarters, Allied Commission, have now informed this Headquarters, that LUSUARDI will be turned over to the G.O.R.R., upon repatriation and that the Italian authorities have requested that his diary, in the original form, may be forwarded to them to help their investigations. If this request is agreed by you will you please forward the said diary to this Headquarters.
4. Please advise this Headquarters of the ETA, ITALY of this PW copy to Headquarters, Allied Commission, IPW Sub Commission, ROME.

21 AUG 1945

T.R. Condon

T.R. CONDON,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE

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Copy to :- Headquarters, Allied Commission, IPW Sub Commission.
(Your IPW/54/45 of 11 Aug 45).

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11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Carabinieri LUISARDI ADORUS, POW No. 30308.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(attn: G-1 Br.)

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1. Reference your letter G-1 (Br) 3164/A-2 dated 25 July 1945.

2. The Italian Authorities notified as is suggested and they informed us that the Carabinieri in question would be turned over to the G.C.R.R. upon repatriation.

3. They request that LUISARDI's diary in the original form may be turned over to them to help their investigations.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

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MINISTRY OF WAR
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TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
WMD & IPOW S/C Rome

SUBJECT : War Criminals

Reference your letter IPOW 54/5 Dated 17 May 1945.
Relative to your request, we forward to your S/C the following information which we received from the Arezzo Prefecture: Izzo, lieut. of the S.S. Group of death, and Baldassarri, born in Rassina the 9 12 1922 Lt. Izzo of the S.S. Death Battalion and Sergeant Baldassarri of Zama battaglion are identified respectively as follows: Mario Izzo, son of the late Antonio and Zana Carmela, born at Calvi Risorta (Naples) on the 13/6/1909, and Baldassarri Omero, son of Giuseppe Emilia Crespi born at Rassina on the 9th of November 1922: we have received information from the competent authorities that both were killed.

Izzo on the 15 May 1945 in the district of Sograte (Milano) and Baldassarri on the 9th of November 1944 in the line at Forlì.

Anyhow researches are still being made and I will forward to your S/C any details which Y shall receive as soon as possible.

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Rome 7th August 1945
To ALLIED COMMISSION S/C WMD & IPOW

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MINISTRY OF WAR
Autonomous office for
repatriated prisoners
of War.

File No. 4I4073 / RPGR

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SUBJECT : CARABINIERE LUISARDI ADORUS POW No. 30308

We have given disposal^s that the Carabinieri in question will be put at the disposal when repatriated of the C.C.R.R. to ascertain if the facts as he stated are correct or not: if correct he will be deferred to a military tribunal.

Will you please forward us Luisardi's diary in the original form, to aid us in our investigation.

Chief of The General
the autonomous office

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1 August 1945

Subject : POW LUISARDI Adorus, No. 50308 R.F.C.C.

To : Commanding General of the Autonomous Office for War Veterans and repatriated PWs.

- 1/. Herewith attached is translation copy of diary of the PW in question.
- 2/. We are informed by General Headquarters, INDIA, that the above mentioned POW is shortly due for repatriation.
- 3/. Allied Force Headquarters feels that you should be notified so that appropriate action may be taken by you.
- 4/. Please inform us of any action taken by you in this matter.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WHD & IPW Sub-Com.

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SUBJECT:- Italian PW for Repatriation from INDIA
50308 Carab. LUSUARDI Adorus,

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters,
Allied Commission.

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G-1(Br)/3164/A-2.

25 Jul 45.

1. Notification has been received from G.H.Q., INDIA that the above mentioned Italian PW is shortly due for repatriation.
2. GHQ, INDIA have forwarded the attached copy of an extract from the diary of this man which it is considered should be brought to the notice of the Italian Authorities for appropriate action.
3. You will no doubt advise this Headquarters, if any special action is desired by the Italian Government as to the delivery of this man into custody on disembarkation in ITALY.

HDH/ER.

26 JUL 1945

H.D. Harper Capt
H.D. HARPER, Captain,
Staff Captain,
for Major General,
DAG, G-1(Br).

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SUBJECT - FRE - CENSORSHIP

PW No. 50308 Carab. LUSUARDI Adorus.

The following extract from a diary of the above PW is reported for information.

"The place where I was, was the last police out-post on the Anglo-Egyptian Sudanese frontier. It was a nice village with a healthy climate, where things were quite well and calm.

On the 15th December 1938, we took up our position at the defence post, at the entrance to the village which is at a distance of over one kilometre from the barracks, because, in Africa, all the more or less important villages always extend to more than a kilometre in length. The night it was my turn to guard the defence post when at about midnight I was attacked by a discharge of rifle fire on the part of the rebels from which I miraculously escaped death. Two days later, I was attached to a reconnaissance battalion and a few days afterwards I got the opportunity of venting my hatred for the blacks, because we immediately began hanging and shooting them 'en masse', burning entire villages, about which I could write a novel.

On Christmas Eve, finding ourselves in the heart of a wood, at dawn we were attacked by rebels and in the skirmish, a bullet pierced the water-bottle full of water which I was carrying slung across my shoulder. At dawn of the next day during another attack made by these rebels, my helmet was pierced by a lance hurled by them, and, even this time, I was unhurt. After two hours of fierce shooting, we succeeded in taking about 20 rebels prisoners while 73 others were killed. I was given charge of the said prisoners and ordered to take them immediately to Dembidolls - the prisoners were not bound - with orders to shoot if they attempted to escape. On my arrival at the village, about 13 hours of the Holy Christmas Day, there were only 7 prisoners because I had shot the others in order to have less trouble from them.

After a brief interrogation the 7 prisoners were given to me to be shot, but seeing that 7 bullets were of greater value, I killed them with my own hands, with a solid pick-axe.

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13 July 1945

Subject : Italian Officers in Sieldes Camp.

To : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War.

- 1/. Reference your letter No. 2154/Pol/0-74 di prot. dated 2 July 45 subject as above.
- 2/. We have been notified by Higher Authority that no information is available regarding this affair.
- 3/. It is suggested that the Italian Government seek information through diplomatic channels.

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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11 July 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Officers in Siedlce Camp.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Your reference is JFW/54/9 of 8/9 July 45.

2. There is no information at this Headquarters regarding this affair. It is suggested that the Italian Government seek information through diplomatic channels.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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C. J. MACNAMARA
Major, P.C.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW

2 July 1945

No. 2154/Pol/C-34 di prot.

To: IPOW S/C, Allied Commission
ROME

SUBJECT: Italian officers in Siedlce Camp.

News received from Polish Liberation Committee, through our Embassy in Moscow, informs us that various Italian officers, who were PW in Poland, were murdered by the Germans in the woods near the town of Siedlce.

Will your Sub-Commission let us have further details about the matter, if information is available, or otherwise possibly, ask for news from the Authorities who might eventually be acquainted with the facts.

With thanks.

for Gen. Davino
s/ Col. Montasoro

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16 June 1945

SUBJECT: War Crimes.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(Att: G-1 (Br) Section)

1. Reference your letter G-1 Br.15150/A-3
dated 11th May 1945.

2. Your request was forwarded to the High Commissioner for Prisoners of War and we have today received their assurance that this Sub-Commission will be informed regarding the individuals concerned.

Any information regarding the above subject will be forwarded to your office upon receipt.

For the Chief Commissioner:

JAS
J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
WMD & IPOW Sub-Comm.

IP ITALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PW
Political Section

(6)
Rome, 7th June 1945

No.1934/Pol.F.30 di Prot.

SUBJECT: War criminals.

Reference your letter IPW/54/5 dated the 17th of
May 1945

This High Commissariat has forwarded to the Ministry
of War for their attention and competence, the list of It.S.S.
officers who were implicated in the war crimes committed at
Quota.

The High Commissariat requested said Ministry to
forward directly to your Sub-Commission any information re-
garding above mentioned individuals.

For the High Commissioner
Gen.V.Dapino

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IPW/64/6

17 May 1946

Subject: War Crime

To : Italian High Commissioner for Prisoners of War

see 4. -16

1. The attached list sets out a number of Italian SS. officers and soldiers who are needed in connection with a war crime committed at QUOTA.

2. Any information regarding these men should be forwarded to this office.

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

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SUBJECT : War Crimes.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G1/Br/15150/A-3.11 May 45.

HQ, Allied Commission (5)
HQ, 15 Army Group (5)
HQ, Eighth Army (5)
HQ, Fifth Army Br Incr (5)

See 5.

1. The attached particulars of personalities and Units which have been identified during the course of investigation into a War Crime at QUOTA are forwarded.
2. It is requested that any information concerning the personalities listed or units exhibiting the signs in question may be forwarded to this HQ.
3. If any persons identified from the list are found among the German or Fascist forces they should be held in custody and this HQ notified by signal.

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for Major General,
LAG, G-1 (Br).CA SEC DIST :-

RC Toscana Region
WM & POW S/C
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SIB.HQ/X/44/101.

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H.Q., Special Investigation Branch,
C/o Provost Marshal's (Br) Office,
Allied Force Headquarters, CEF.

SUBJECT :- War Crimes.
Personalities and Units.

G1 (Br) - 50 copies.
G2 (PW) - 25 copies.

The following personalities and Units have been identified during the course of investigation into a War Crime (atrocities) at QUOTA (BR Q. 1758 1:200,000), which occurred on 9/11 July 44, and are "Wanted" by this Branch.

X 1. PERSONALITIES.

Captain or Lieutenant.	LENGAUER Franz. (Phonetical spelling)	Alpine Police Unit. Age 30 - 32 years, height 5' 7" or 8", well built, complexion very fresh, blond wavy hair, light blue eyes, high forehead, round face, regular nose, square shoulders, good white teeth, short neck. Spoke fluent English and some Spanish. Believed educated in England. Wore distinctive gold ring with large greenish - yellow stone, on left hand.
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UNIT.

Consisted of 5 Officers and approximately 60 NCOs of various grades. All wore EIDELWEISS flower on headgear.

Wore the following sign outside their HQ.

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Exhibited the following sign outside their HQ.

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LOCATION.

ITALIA. FRATEGLIA (IR Q. 2969 1:200,000 Sh at 13 ITALY) at Bella Vista Hotel on 11 July 44.

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2. PERSONALITIES.

(a) (?) Sgt Major

1/a Unit of 'AIRLINE ENGINEERS'.
Age 40 years, height 5' 8", very
robust build, complexion fresh,
brown hair, bald on crown, blue
gray eyes, low forehead, long
fat face, short flat nose, large
ears, close to head, good teeth,
can gold upper tooth, overhanging
blond eyebrows, thick lips,
wound left of head and left arm.

(b) SCHITTNER Soldier
Geffredo. (interpreter)

Age 25 years, height 5' 7" or 8",
very fresh complexion, straight
blond hair, brushed back, receding
at temples, fat round face,
straight mouth, thin lips, high
forehead, short neck, speaks
GERMAN and ITALIAN.
Native of BOZING.

(c) (?) Sergeant.

Age 28 - 30 years, height
6' 1" or 2", slim build, fresh
complexion, blond straight hair,
blue eyes, high forehead, long
face, long nose, large ears, good
large teeth, lantern jawed,
mouth large, pulls to left when
speaking, lower lip protrudes.
Fast singer, loud base voice.
Knock kneed, toes turned out and
shoulders inclined forward.
Native of BERLIN.

(d) PICKERT Soldier
Enrico. (interpreter)

Age 22 years, height 5' 7",
tubby build, ruddy complexion,
low forehead, blond straight
hair, light blue eyes, good
teeth, thin lips.

UNIT.

(b) SCHMITTER Soldier
Gefredo. (interpreter)
Age 25 years, height 5' 7" or 8",
very fresh complexion, straight
blond hair, brushed back, receding
at temples, fat round face,
straight mouth, thin lips, high
forehead, short neck, speaks
GERMAN and ITALIAN.
Native of BOLZANO.

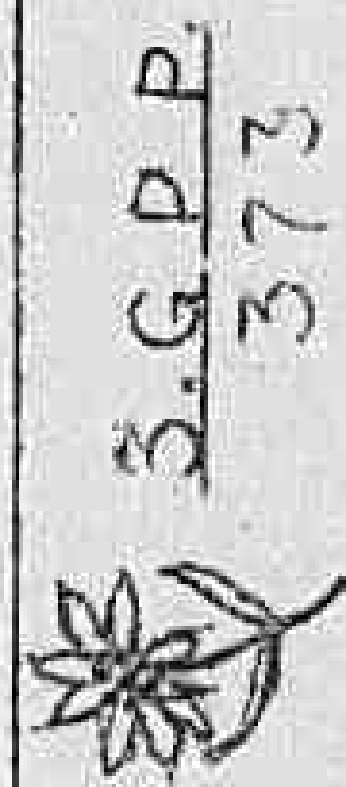
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Good singer, loud base voice.
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shoulders inclined forward.
Native of BERLIN.

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Enrico. (interpreter)
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tubby build, ruddy complexion,
low forehead, blond straight
hair, light blue eyes, good
teeth, thin lips.

UNIT.

"ALPINE ENGINEERS"

Exhibited sign



LOCATION.

BELLOSUARDO DI SOTTO (IR 9. 2264 1:200,000 Sheet 13 ITALY)
on 11 July 44.

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3. PERSONALITIES.

(a) IZZO

Lieutenant.

Italian SS BATTALION DELLA

MORTE.

Age 33 years, height 5' 9" or 10", pale complexion, dark wavy hair, dark eyes, high forehead, prominent cheek bones, large mouth, thick lips, good white teeth, large shoulders.
Native of ROME.

(b) BAIJO

Lieutenant.

Italian SS BATTALION DELLA

MORTE.

Age 25 - 30 years, height 5' 8", slim build, dark complexion, high forehead, dark chestnut hair, long face, large mouth, fleshy lips, good teeth.

(c) GRASSI

Lieutenant.

Italian SS BATTALION DELLA

MORTE.

Age 30 - 35 years, height 5' 7" or 8", slim build, pale pink complexion, thin face, brown hair.
Believed to have been a Staff Officer at CREZZO in August 43.
Native of SARDINIA.

(d) BALDISSARRI
Omara.

Sergeant.

Italian SS BATTALION DELLA

MORTE.

Age 23 years, height 5' 5" or 6", dark hair, black wavy hair, grey eyes, high forehead, oval face, dark eyebrows.
Native of RISSANO.

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(c) BAJO

Lieutenant.

Italian SS BATTALION DELLA MORTE.

ROME.

Age 25 - 30 years, height 5' 8", slim build, dark complexion, high forehead, dark chestnut hair, long face, large mouth, fleshy lips, good teeth.

(c) GRASSI

Lieutenant.

Italian SS BATTALION DELLA MORTE.

ROME.

Age 30 - 35 years, height 5' 7" or 8", slim build, pale pink complexion, thin face, brown hair.

Believed to have been a Staff Officer at AREZZO in August 43. Native of SARDEGNA.

(a) BALDASSARRI
Omern.

Sergeant.

Italian SS BATTALION DELLA MORTE.

ROME.

Age 23 years, height 5' 5" or 6", dark hair, black wavy hair, grey eyes, high forehead, oval face, dark eyebrows.

Native of RISSINA.

UNIT.

Italian SS BATTALION DELLA MORTE.

LOCATION.

BARTON (AR 9.2565 1:200,000 Sheet 13 ITALY)
on 11 July 44.

May have gone to the vicinity of FORTI.

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It is requested that should any information on the above personalities and Units come to light that this H.Q. be informed at once.

2 Apr 45.

W. H. REDDEN. Lt.-Col.,
Deputy Provost Marshal.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 000.5-1

4 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Nationals held by the Germans.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

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1. Reference is to your IPW/54/1 of 22 April 45 inclosing correspondence from the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs requesting that the Allied Governments give a new warning to the German Authorities, against the mal-treatment of Italian Nationals held by the Germans.

2. The matter was referred to the British Resident Minister who called attention to the fact that a warning had just been issued to Germany on behalf of all Allied Nations at war with Germany from London, Washington, and Moscow, which, although not technically applicable to Italians, would, it was thought, afford them some protection. The matter was at the same time referred to the U.S. Political Adviser who expressed the view that the request should receive urgent sympathetic consideration.

3. In the meantime, the surrender in Italy and West Austria has taken place. For your information, it is understood that the German Command has undertaken to afford proper treatment to all P/W and civilian internees while held under its control. In the circumstances indicated it is not believed that further action at this time is practicable.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:



F. T. Hammond, Jr.
F. T. HAMMOND, JR.,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Legal Adviser.

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ISW/34/223 April 1945

SUBJECT: Investigation of War Crimes.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

See 1/3

Reference your Memorandum 6/973/424 dated 9 April 1945.

The matter has been referred to Higher Authority for consideration.

I shall notify you of any action taken in due course.

For the Chief Commissioner :

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

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IP/24/122 April 1945

SUBJECT: Investigation of War Crimes.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.
(att: G-5 Section).*See 2/3:*

1. The attached copies of letters received from the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs are forwarded.

2. Strong representation has been made requesting us to ask that action be taken to warn the Germans against committing any acts of violence against Italian Nationals interned or held prisoner by them.

3. I shall be pleased if you will inform me in due course if any action can be taken in this matter, so that I may be in a position to reply to the Italian Government.

For the Chief Commissioner :

JCB
J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director,
IAAF & IAFW Sub-Com.

*Copy to Exec. Comm.**See 6514/cos encls.**25, 29, 30. & Minute 31.*

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERIMEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Italian Military Internees in Germany.

1. With reference to the letter N.0367/10 of March 16th directed by Minister Franasco to Admiral Stone, and independently of any corroboration of the information contained in it, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in view of the impending German defeat, felt bound to acquaint the Allied Commission with their anxiety for the fate which, at the last hour, may be held in store for the Italian Military internees by the German Authorities.
2. As the Allied Commission is aware, in the latter category are including the members of the Italian Armed Forces who, dating from September 8th. and up till now, have refused to collaborate in any way with the Germans and, owing to their refusal, have been placed in a very distressing material and moral situation.
As these men do not enjoy juridical protection and are therefore exposed to any arbitrary action by the Nazi Authorities to an even greater extent than the other prisoners of War, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs believe that a warning to the German people against possible acts of violence and revenge might render their situation less precarious and would be amply warranted on humanitarian grounds.
3. In the above consideration, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg the Allied Commission to interest the competent Authorities in issuing through the most appropriate channels a warning to the German Authorities to consider the Italian military internees in Germany in the same way as the P.O.W. of other nationalities, with all the guarantees accorded the latter by International Conventions.
The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be very grateful for those steps that the Allied Commission will see fit to take in the matter.

Rome, 9th April 1945.

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Translation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
The Secretary General
03676/10

Rome 16 March 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

in the last few days, some newspapers of the Capital published the news that Hitler ordered all interned foreigners to be shot before the Allied liberating armies reached their concentration camps.

This Ministry had informations which confirmed that the Italian officials who refused to co-operate with the Germans, and the interned Jews had been killed in mass by the retreating German troops.

These news greatly allarmed the Italian families which have relatives in Germany.

I want to give you these news at once so that you will kindly see whether it is possible to ask the Allied Governments to give a new and public warning to the German authorities, through whatever channel they will deem most advisable, against committing again such crimes, and threatening reprisal from the Allies and the punishment of those who are responsible.

On its side, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has already asked for the intervention of the Central Committee of the International Red Cross in Geneva, asking it to do what it can to prevent such atrocities from happening again.

With many thanks, I beg you, my dear Admiral, to let me know the result of your intervention with the Allied Government.

I remain,

Yours truly,

S.R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Italian military internees in Germany.

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12 April 1945
Rome, 8th. April 1945

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