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MISSING PERSONNEL
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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

FD-1/5/257

23 August 1947

Subject: SEAMAN MARTINO VELLOVICH - MISSING.
To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. 5891/2 dated 26
March 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), Headquarters, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia, have confirmed that the family of the above mentioned rating have been officially notified that he is reported as missing by the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy.

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
VENEZIA GIULIA

REFERENCE : VG/AMG 72/1/1458. 12th Aug 47.
SUBJECT : Missing Italian Naval Personnel.
TO : A.F.H.Q. ROME.
(Italian Naval Branch). ✓

Reference your PI-2/W/190 dated 27 June 47.
Given below for your information is a copy of letter
E/BC/12 of 11 August 47, from the Area Commissioner, POLA.

"SEAMAN MARTINO VENLOVICH."

Reference your letter VG/AMG 72/1/0 of 6th July 47.

In accordance with para 2 of your above quoted letter
it is confirmed that the family of the above mentioned
rating have today been officially notified that he is
reported as missing by the Italian Ministry of Defence
(Navy). "

FOR THE SECTION CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER :

Howard Foster

N.J. LISTER,
Capt. R.A.
Planning Officer.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

PD-1/R/40

2 April 1947

Subject: SEAMAN MARTINO VELLOVICH - MISSING.
To: ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
VENEZIA GIULIA.

1. It is requested that the attached letter officially informing next of kin that subject rating is missing, may be forwarded to them in Pola at 18 Via Premuda.
2. It would be appreciated if confirmation that this has been done could be forwarded so that the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy may be informed.

L. S. ROGERS
Lieutenant, USN
For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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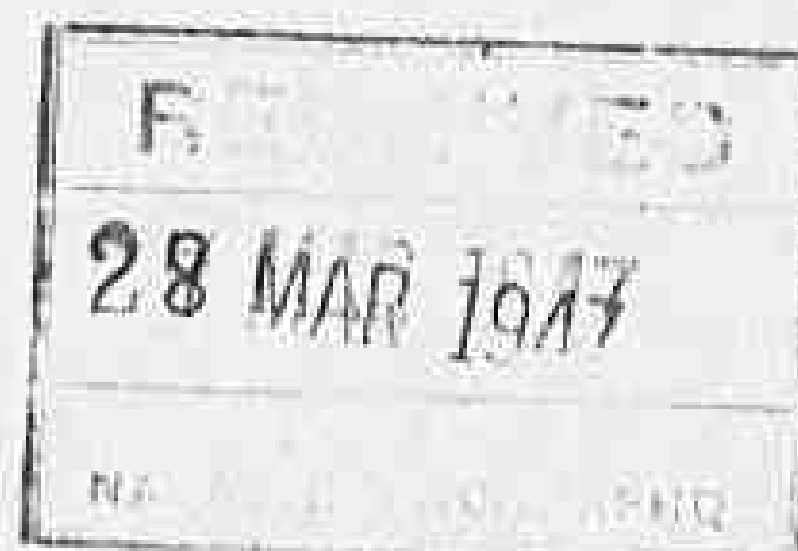
From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) (Cabinet)
To : Italian Naval Branch - A.F.H.Q. - Rome
Date: 26th March 1947
Ref.: 5891/2

Subject: Seaman Martino VELLOVICH - born at Dignano d'Istria, 14th
April 1921 - Missing on 9th September 1943 following war
action when stationed at Maridist Buffoluto - Taranto .
Family living at Pola - 18 Via Premuda

Forwarded, enclosed, is an official communication that the rating in question is missing and you are requested to forward it to the Pola Town Authorities for presentation to Vellovich's family.

An acknowledgement would be appreciated.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET



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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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FD-1/N/ 155

3 June 1947

Subject: STOKER LINO CRISTOFIC.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 5113747 of 7 February 1947.
Enclosure: (A) Mrs. Rosa Cristofic's ltr. dated 19 May 1947.

1. The Ministry of Defence, Navy, is informed that the official communication forwarded to this branch under cover of reference (a) has been forwarded to Stoker Cristofic's next-of-kin.

2. Enclosure (A), which is a letter from Cristofic's mother acknowledging receipt of the aforementioned communication, is forwarded herewith for information. It will be observed that it raises the question of the subject rating having been sighted in 1945.

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H. W. ZIROLL,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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4 JUN 1947

TRANSLATION

TO : Allied Military Government
Trieste

The undersigned is in receipt of your 2 communications (N.511347 of 7.2.47 and N.48380 of 17.3.47) regarding her missing son, Stoker Lino Cristofich.

She greatly appreciated your deep and constant interest.

A comrade of the "missing" gave to the undersigned the following address : Cristofich Lino son of Giovanni - Neubrandenburg Lager - Burg 45 Germany - stating that he saw him for the last time on 26.6.1945.

The undersigned begs you to take an interest in her case also for the future and thanking you heartily she remains

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT~~DO NOT WRITE~~
VENEZIA GIULIAC. M. F.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF WELFARE OFFICERVIA MAZZINI 30, II^a
TRIESTE

TELEPHONE N. : 3974
REFERENCE : AMG/VG/DE/12
SUBJECT : Stoker Lino CRISTOFIO
TO : A.F.H.Q.
I.M.A.S.
Naval Sub-Section
APO 794

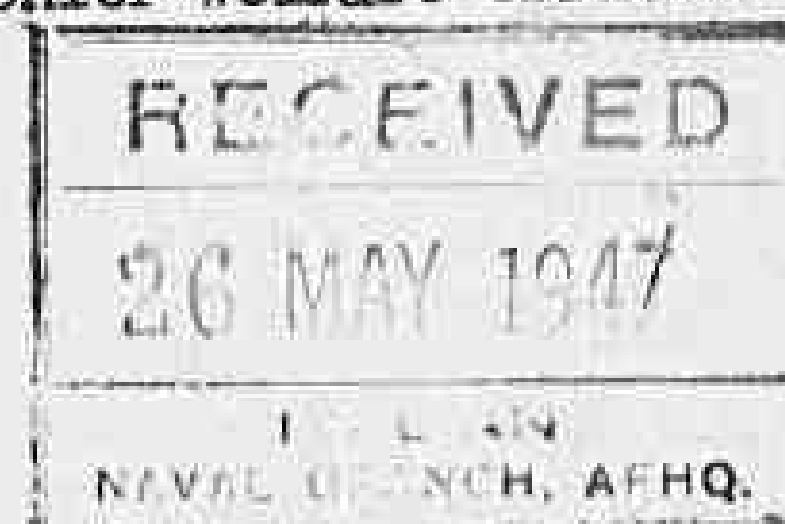
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Your PD - 1/N/75 of 1.3.47 refers.

The information contained in your letter was duly forwarded to the relatives and they have sent another letter in confirmation which is attached.

This letter apparently raises further information - no doubt the Ministry of Marine would be interested.

J.A. Kellett
J.A. Kellett
Major
Chief Welfare Officer



PD-1/N/ 75

1 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.
To: Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia.
Subject: Stoker Line CRESTOPIC.

1. Please deliver to the next of kin of above rating, the official notice that he is missing.
2. It would be appreciated if confirmation of its delivery could be sent to me for the Italian Ministry of Marine.

H. W. ZEROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Directorate General of Rating Personnel).
To : I.M.A.S. - A.F.H.Q. - Rome.
Date : 7th February, 1947.
Ref. : 5113747.

Subject: Stoker Lino CRISTOFIC, Off.No.48320 - missing since the
24th September, 1943, following the disaster of the Torpedo-
boat STOCERO. Family living at Chersano (Pola), Via
Boscarola.

Forwarded enclosed, is an official communication that the rating in question is missing, and you are requested to forward it to the Town Council of Chersano (Pola), for presentation to Cristofic's next-of-kin.

It would be appreciated if an acknowledgement could be given.

(Sgd). for the Director General,

(Doc. E. Carotenuto).



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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Director General of Rating Personnel).
To : The next-of-kin of Stoker Lino Cristofic, Via Boscarola,
Chersano (Pola).
Date: 7th February, 1947.
Ref.: 5413347/D.

Despite intensive investigations, the Ministry of Marine has not discovered the fate of your relative, Stoker Lino Cristofic of Giovanni, serving on the Torpedoboot STOCOO until the 23rd September, 1943.

The above rating must therefore be considered lost since the 24th September, 1943. The Ministry of Marine will continue its search, and if further news is received, you will immediately be informed.

(Sgd.) for the MINISTER

Gino FAVESI, Senior Rear Admiral.

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PD-1/N/ 62

11 April 1947

Subject: FORWARDING OF OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF DECEASE.
To: POLA MUNICIPAL OFFICES.
Enclosure: (A) Subject certificate and ltr. of transmittal in the
case of Gunner Mario AIESCI, 2 Vicolo San Marco,
Pola.

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stated therein.

Enclosure (A) is forwarded for appropriate action as

R. W. ZIROLL
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
REAR ADMIRAL,
FOR
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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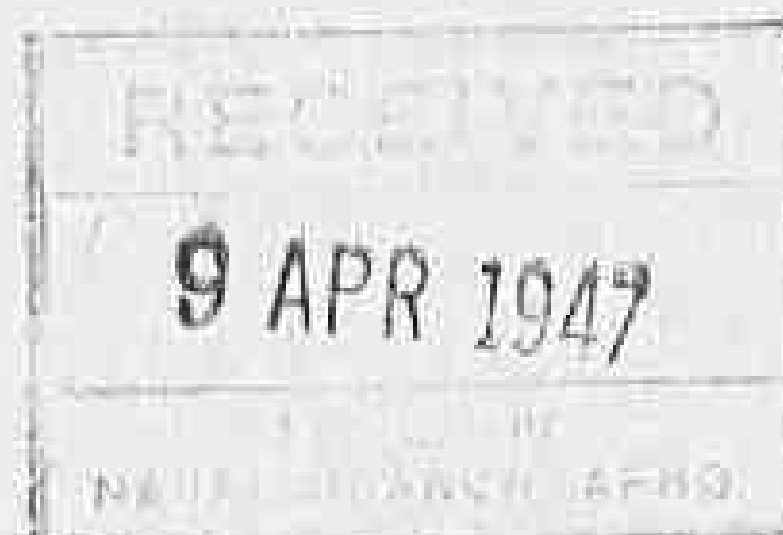
From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) (Directorate General of Rating Personnel)
To : Pola Municipal Offices.
through A.F.H.Q. - Rome
Date: 1st April 1947
Ref.: 5120327/D - Encl. No.1

Subject: Forwarding of official certificate of decease of Gunner Mario
ALESSI, 2 Vicolo San Marco, Pola

Forwarded, for entry into the civil registers, is the enclosed official communication of decease of the rating in question.

Please acknowledge receipt and ensure that the next-of-kin is informed.

By direction
for The Director General
(Sgd.) Doc. Ettore Carotenuto



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PD-1/H/ 61

11 April 1947

Subject: FORWARDING OF OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF DECEASE.
To: TRIESTE MUNICIPAL OFFICES.
Enclosure: (A) Subject certificate and ltr. of transmittal in the case
of Motor-Mechanic Giordano GRAVA', 1 Via del Solitario,
Trieste.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for appropriate action as stated
therein.

H. W. ZIROLL,
COMMODORE, U.S. NAVY.
FOR: REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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16 APR 1947

From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) (Directorate General of Rating Personnel)
To : Trieste Municipal Offices
through A.F.H.Q.
Date: 1st April 1947
Ref.: 15120332/D - Encl. No.1

Subject: Forwarding of official certificate of decease of Motor-Mechanic
Giordano GRAVA', 1 Via del Solitario, Trieste

Forwarded, for entry into the civil registers, is the
enclosed official communication of decease of the rating in question.

Please acknowledge receipt and ensure that the next-of-kin
is informed.

By Direction
for The Director General
(Sgn.) Doc. Ettore Carotenuto

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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8 April 1947

PD-1/N/49

Subject: LIEUTENANT (S) EGIL GHERSI.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 993/2 of 22 January 1947.

1. The following communication was received by Prisoners of War Information Bureau from Staff Officer (L) Port Said on 26 August 1942.

"The bodies of the following two Italian personnel were recently washed up:-

Capitano Commissario GHERSI, Egil.
Secondo Capo I.E.F. DAL BEN, Eugenio No.33347 G.

These Italians were buried in graves Nos. B 13 and B 2 respectively, at Haifa New War Cemetery on 16 August 1942."

2. The above information would appear to be fairly conclusive.

L. S. ROGERS.
Lieutenant, USNR.
For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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Telegraphic Address:
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PRISONERS OF WAR INFORMATION BUREAU
MIDDLE EAST

Bureau Ref. PWIB/2/60

Subject:- Enquiries - Italian Personnel. 22 Mar'47

Allied Force Headquarters,
Italian Military Affairs Section,
Naval Sub Section,
A.F.O. 794,
ITALY.

Capitano Commissario KERSI, Egil

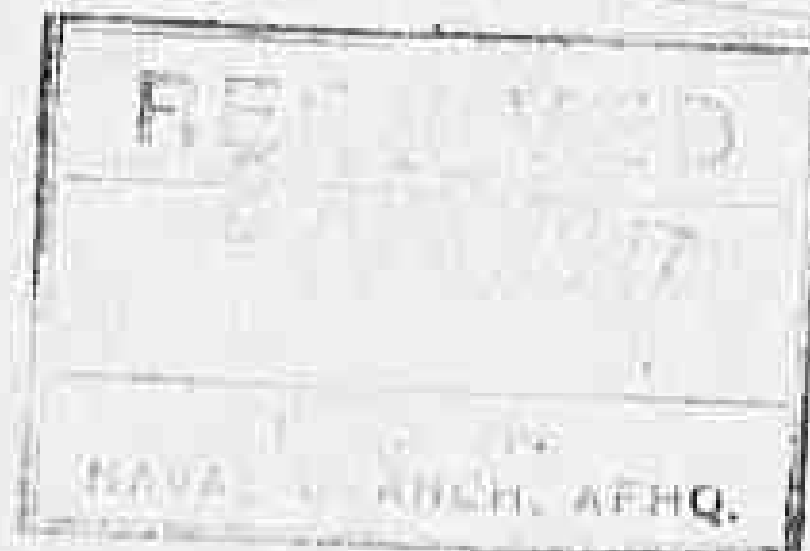
Reference memorandum PD - I/N/68 dated 28 Feb'47
requesting information concerning the above named Italian.

Hereunder extract of a communication received from
the Staff Officer (L) Port Said on 26 August 42.

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were recently washed up:-

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These Italians were buried in grave Nos. "B 13" and
"B 2" respectively at Haifa New War Cemetery on 16 August 42.



(Sgd) E.M. OVEREND

Major.
D.A.A.G.
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NAVAL MESSAGE

DINB AFHQ

TO M.A.C.F.

FROM ~~AFHQ~~ (4).

Unclassified.

In early reply to my letter ID-1/1/68 of 28th February reference
identical (3) HQAF, CHIEF addressed to Discharge of War Informa-
tion Bureau would be appreciated.

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EXCEL 0-6, 10, 100.

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A.M. 25th.

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28 February 1947

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From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.
To: Prisoners of War Information Bureau, Middle East Land Forces.
Subject: Lieutenant (S) Egil GHERSI.

1. With reference to copy of letter from Italian Ministry of Marine attached. Will you please endeavour to obtain additional information concerning the circumstances in which subject officer was found?

H. W. ZIBOLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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From : MINISTRY OF MARINE, (Cabinet).

To : N.S.C., A.C. - Rome.

Date : 22nd January, 1947.

Ref. : 993/2.

Subject : Lieutenant (S) Egil Gherzi.

On the 6th September, 1942, the Ministry of Marine officially informed the Gherzi family that their relative, Lieut.(S) Egil Gherzi, was to be considered "Missing" through war action. Subsequently, on the 5th October, 1942, the above information was altered, specifying that Lieut. Egil Gherzi was a prisoner of war and not "Missing". The second communication was based on the following telegram from the International Red Cross:

""nit-intercroixrouge-GeneveRCID 5790.
p/o/w - p.133 - 23/9/42 details of two Italian prisoners of war following washed from sea approximately 14/8/42 capitano commissario Kersi Egil second capo ief Danben Eugenio service No.33347c no further particulars available-priswarinf haliopolis cairo.""

The telegram was evidently misinterpreted, for, in the opinion of the Ministry of Marine, it would seem that the officer in question was not made prisoner, but that only his body was recovered.

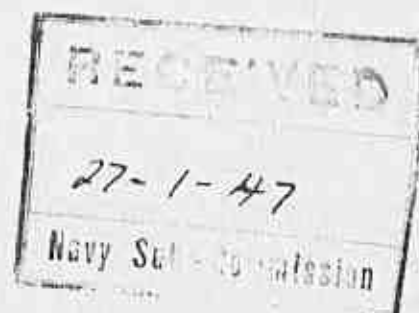
It is considered, however, that the meaning of the telegram is not clear, as the mention of prisoners leads to a wrong interpretation, as did in fact happen.

As the Gherzi family must now be officially informed, it would be appreciated if you could approach the competent Allied Authorities to determine whether the above communication means that a "body was picked up at sea" or that a man was picked up at sea and made prisoner". In the first case, it is requested that we should be informed of the place where the body was buried, if possible.

THE CHIEF OF CABINET.

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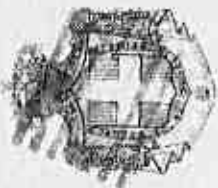
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NAVY SUB COMMISSION



Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 993/2 11/10/42

ARGOMENTO: Capitano Commissario Egil-GHERSI.

Il 6 Settembre 1942 questo Ministero comunicava ufficialmente alla famiglia Gheresi che il congiunto, Capitano Commissario Egil GHERSI era da considerarsi "disperso" nel corso di una azione di guerra. Successivamente, il 5 Ottobre 1942, venne rettificata la predetta comunicazione precisando che il Capitano Commissario Egil GHERSI era prigioniero e non disperso. Tale seconda comunicazione fu provata dal telegramma della C.R.I., che si trascrive:

"nlt-intercroixcuge-Genève-RICD 5790.
p/o/w - p.133 - 23/9/42 details of two Italian prisoner of war following washed from sea approximately 14/8/42 captain no commissario Kersi Egil secondo capo ief Dalben Eugenio service no 33347c no further particulars available-priswarinf haliopolis cairo."

Il telegramma fu evidentemente male interpretato perchè a parere di questo Ministero sembrerebbe che l'Ufficiale in parola non fu fatto prigioniero, bensì recuperato cadavere.

Si ritiene comunque che il testo del telegramma non sia molto chiaro perchè parlando di prigionieri si presta a falsa interpretazione come effettivamente avvenne.

Dovendosi ora procedere alla partecipazione ufficiale del decesso alla famiglia del Gheresi, si prega volentieri cortesemente interessare le competenti Autorità Alleate a precisare se la predetta comunicazione significa, in effetti "salma restituita dal mare" oppure "uomo preso in mare e fatto

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d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

C. di V. G. MARINI

[Handwritten signature]

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1 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.
To: Signora Margherita Freccieri.
Subject: Search for Lorenzo Viglietti of Angelo, Torpedoman
on Board the Submarine GRANITO.

1. In reply to your letter I have to inform you that you should communicate direct with the Italian Red Cross, Via Puglia 6, Roma.

2. They have a department especially devoted to tracing missing persons and are the most competent organization at present engaged in this work.

H. W. ZIEGLER,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB SECTION, IMAS.

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From: Freccieri Margherita, Via Lavagnola No.5/1, Savona.

Date: 11th February, 1947.

Sir,

Please excuse my disturbing you on this matter regarding my son Lorenzo Viglietti of Angelo, 1922 class, born and living at Savona, Via Lavagnola No.5/1 - and who was a seaman/torpedoman on board the submarine "GRANITO", which he had joined at Civitavecchia in October or November 1942. The Submarine was subsequently torpedoed off the French African coast and the crew was taken off and made prisoner by the British forces.

The La Spezia Naval Command has declared him missing, presumed lost.

I therefore strongly request you to make a search in the British Prisoners of War camps to discover any possible news regarding the fate of my beloved son, whose memory is constantly by me.

Trusting in your help in the matter, I thank you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd). Margherita Freccieri.



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NAVY DEPARTMENT

AFHQ

Italian Military Affairs Section
NAVAL SUB-SECTION

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300
(PMGC)

OT 11/11/47

~~*Signora Augusta Fraccini,
Via S. Spirito No. 51,
Livorno.*~~

*Mr. readdressed
and mailed 20/3/47*

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Raccomanda

Eccellenza.

Innanzi tutto faccio affidanza nella Vostra ben nota bontà e indulgenza per il disturbo che arreco con questa mia.

Si tratta dell'unico mio figlio marinaio elettricista, a nome Lorenzo Viglietti d'Angelo, classe 1922, nato e domiciliato a Savona-Lasagna, n° 1, - imbarcato a Civitavecchia (Italia) nel 1° ottobre 1942 sul sommergibile "Granito", che fu silurato presso le coste dell'Africa francese, il cui equipaggio, salvato, fatto prigioniero e internato da forze inglesi.

Il Comando Superiore Marittimo di La Spezia, che ho dato irreperibile.

Ciò stante, prego vivamente e caldamente V. E. a voler disporre ricerche presso i campi di concentramento inglesi per potere avere, possibilmente, ^{molto} circa la sorte del mio amato e indimenticabile figlio, il cui pensiero strazia e tortura il cervello.

Sicura dell'interessamento di V. E. al riguardo, fin d'ora ne anticipo i più sentiti ringraziamenti.

A Savona 11 febbraio 1947.

Di V. E.
Devot.

Freccieri Margherita

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