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Ref Enclosure 3. Is action complete on the question of this missing Italian?

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FROM : MINISTRY OF DEFENCE -I.A.F.
DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND SCHOOLS

TO : BRITISH EMBASSY - ROME

and for information:
AIR FORCES BRANCH-A.F.H.Q.
(Ref. AFB/911/1/P4 dated 29 July 1947)

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DATE : 4/9/47

REF. : UA/906/DGPM/1283/Coll

Subject : Sub-Lieutenant Pilot Carlo Degli Angelis

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No.9 Division-Killed and Missing Personnel- (of this Directorate) could not confirm the statement of the mother of Sub-Lieutenant Degli Angelis regarding the news broadcast from the B.B.C.London in which her son was declared a prisoner. The official files have no trace of a Lieutenant,but a Sub-Lieut.Carlo Degli Angelis,who was declared missing in letter 3222 dated 14/1/44 sent to the Cesena Podestà together with letter 1/2370/3064 dated 30/5/44 for forwarding to the parents of the officer. not to us

Up to the present, no further news has reached us regarding Degli Angelis nor the rest of the crew.

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DIRECTOR GENERAL

Noted. No further action. Chubb. 11/9

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Ministero della Difesa - Aeronautica

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Prot. n. 4 - 9 - 47

Rif. N° UA/906/DGIT Allegati 283/coll

Risposta al f. N° del

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OGGETTO : S.Tenente Pilota Carlo DEGLI ANGELIS.

All'AMBASCIATA BRITANNICA

= R O M A =

e per conoscenza:

ALL'AIR FORCES BRANCH - A.F.H.Q. APO 794
(Rif.AFB/911/1/T4 del 29 Luglio 1947)
(Tramite Ufficio Collegamento)

= R O M A =

Si fa riferimento al foglio 75/68.47 in data 26 luglio 1947, inviato all'A.F.B.

Presso la 9^ Divisione -Caduti e Dispersi- di questa Direzione non risulta confermata quanto asserisce la mamma del S.Tenente Degli Angelis circa la notizia diffusa dalla B.B.C. di Londra sulla presunta prigionia del di lei figliolo, mentre dagli atti ufficiali risulta unicamente, invece, che il Sottotenente, e non Tenente, pilota

Carlo Degli Angelis,

è stato dato disperso in seguito ad azione bellica il 18 Luglio 1943 e non 16 Luglio 1943.-

L'Ufficiale in parola, in data 14 Gennaio 1944 con verbale n° 3222, trasmesso al Podestà di CESENA (Forlì) perchè [illegible]

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Prot. N° UA/906/DGPM Allegati 4283/60 Riposta al f. N° del

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OGGETTO : S.Tenente Pilota Carlo DEGLI ANGELIS.

e per conoscenza:

ALL'AIR FORCES BRANCH - A.F.H.Q. APO 794
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A tutt'oggi non sono pervenute ulteriori notizie circa la sorte toccata al Degli Angeli ed ai compagni di volo componenti l'equipaggio.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Generale D.A. - G. COPPI)

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FROM :- AIR FORCES BRANCH, A.F.H.Q. APO 794.

TO :- ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY, Directorate of Personnel.

DATE :- 9TH AUGUST, 1947.

REF. :- AFB/911/1/P.4.

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W/OP. PERSINO Giuseppe.

Reference your letter 4753 dated 5 December 1946 and 493 Coll dated 21 March 1947.

All enquiries regarding the a/m airman have proved futile.

It is regretted that no further action can be taken.

A.T. MPISS, LTC.LG.,
for AIR COMMODORE, DEPUTY,
AIR FORCES B ANCH,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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FROM: M.O. 1. (S.P.), The War Office,
Room 352, Southern Rotunda,
10/12, Monck Street, London, S.W.1.

TO: Air Forces Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters, APO 394, C.M.F.

Date: 23rd July, 1947.

Your ref: AFB/311/1/P.4.

Our ref: M2M/3784.

L.A.C. PIRISINO Giuseppe di Francesco.

The attached papers regarding the above-named Italian airman have, after passing through various War Office departments who have been unable to find any trace of this individual, reached this Department.

We regret, however, that we also are unable to find any record of Pirisino.

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J. A. Mott,
Major.

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FROM :- [illegible]

TO :- [illegible]

DATE :- [illegible]

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Reference your letter [illegible] dated the [illegible] 1946,

2. [illegible] enclosed [illegible] is forwarded for your information.

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Subject : [illegible]   CONFIDENTIAL

Intelligence Organisation
Allied Commission for Austria (BE),
[illegible] B.A.O.R.

[illegible]/29   [illegible] May 47.

To : [illegible]

Ref [illegible] letter [illegible] May 1947.

I am afraid I have no knowledge of the case of [illegible] as I only joined General [illegible]'s Intelligence Staff in December, 1945. I cannot imagine, however, that General [illegible] Intelligence Staff would have asked [illegible] on behalf of anyone without having been assured by the Allied Screening Commission, or some similarly responsible organisation, that the facts on which the letter was [illegible] were correct.

[illegible] letter to the War Office [illegible] dated [illegible] March 1947 [illegible] the Allied [illegible] I should be strongly inclined to assume that [illegible] deserted from the Italian Air Force and was recruited for some Allied organisation, [illegible].

The Allied Screening Commission could have helped you but I understand it has been disbanded. Their records should, however, be available at the War Office. It is [illegible] for the [illegible] and you [illegible] through their channels.

Signed [illegible]
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GENERAL C. A. [illegible]

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[illegible] March, 1947

It is requested that the following correspondence be forwarded to the War Office in London.

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FROM :- I.L.P. Directorate of Military Personnel and Schools.

TO :- The Official of the [illegible],
I.P.R.C. Liaison Office "[illegible]".

DATE : [illegible] December, 194[illegible]

REF. :- [illegible]

[illegible] Status/Of [illegible] of Personnel.

Herewith please find copies of letters without reference, dated the 6th of September, 194[illegible] from Lt. General [illegible] and the letter No. [illegible] dated 31st December, 194[illegible] from the General Staff of the I.L.P. Office [illegible] in regard to [illegible].

According to the letter of the Allied Military Command the [illegible] in military operations against the enemy while under the orders of this Command.

The letter from the General Staff [illegible] has to be regarded as a directive of the Commission for I.L.P. Personnel.

It is requested that you will clarify this matter with the Allied Office who were the originators of the above mentioned letter; this with a view to ascertain the facts and the actual form of [illegible].

Meanwhile we will have to [illegible] in the [illegible] of the [illegible] Government.

This change of status will bring about the [illegible] of the dependant's allowance currently paid to the family of personnel killed "On Active Service".

The Director General
for [illegible]

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FROM :- AIR FORCES BRANCH, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, APO 794.

TO :- ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY, Directorate of Personnel.

DATE :- 29th JULY, 1947.

REF. :- AFB/911/1/P.4.

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INFORMATION ON TENENTE (PILOTA) CARLO DEGLI ANGELI.

The enclosed correspondence is forwarded to you for action.

2. Please reply direct to the British Embassy, Rome with a copy to this Headquarters.

A.T. BEISS, 1ST.LT. A.C.,
for AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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The enclosed correspondence is forwarded to you for action.

2. Please reply direct to the British Embassy, Rome with a copy to this Headquarters.

A.V. REISS, 1ST.LT. A.C.,
for AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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BRITISH EMBASSY
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26th July, 1947.

To: Air Forces Branch, G 5, A.F.H.Q.
From: British Embassy, Rome.

We have received a letter from an Italian woman in Cesena enquiring about her son whom she believes to be a prisoner of war, but from whom she has had no news. It appears that the man in question, (Pilota) Lieutenant Carlo Degli Angeli, was shot down in an air battle between Syracuse and Cape Passero in Sicily during the night of 16th July, 1943. About the middle of August 1943 he was announced as a prisoner by B.B.C. London. Since then his mother has heard no more of him. He belonged to the 204th Squadron of the 41st (Bomber) Group which was at that time based on Lecce. The remainder of his crew were as follows. Second Pilot, Luigi Tabacco, Mechanic, Angelo Cerfu, Wireless Operator, Leopoldo Nobaldelli, Air Gunner, Mario Alliedo.

2. While there does not seem to be much hope that Degli Angeli is still alive after four years of silence, we feel that in view of the B.B.C. announcement giving hi as a prisoner of war, it may be worth making enquiries. We should be grateful therefore if you could send this letter on to the appropriate department of the Air Ministry, asking them, if it would be more convenient, that they should reply to us direct.

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FROM :- AIR FORCES BRANCH, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, APO 794.

TO :- ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY, Ministers Cabinet Liaison Office with the A.F.H.

DATE :- 28th JUNE, 1947.

REF. :- AFB/911/1/P.4.

MAJOR PILOT ENEA SILVIO RECOGNO - DECEASED.

Reference your letter 144 Coll dated 23 January and further to our letter AFB/911/1/P.4 dated 5 May 1947.

Further information has now been received by A.F.A.L.S. H.Q. MED/ME, concerning the above mentioned, which is quoted for your information and necessary action.

"Information has been received from O.C. R.A.F. Station CASTEL BENITO that the memorial stone and medallion are intact and are still standing as part of the structure of the airport buildings."

for A.T. WEISS, 1ST.LT., A.C.
AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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AIR HEADQUARTERS, ITALY. C.M.F.

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REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL 01339 DATED 23 JUNE 1947. PILOT IDENTIFIED AS 2ND LT. CALVIN S. HAIN USAAF PD REVEREND VERCESI MUST CONTACT AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE DIRECTLY TO OBTAIN NAMES OF NEXT OF KIN AS HIS REQUEST MUST BE APPROVED OF WAR DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON D.C. SUGGEST HE WRITE TO :- AIR FORCE CASUALTY CLEARANCE DETACHMENT (OVHD) MTOUSA APO 794 U.S. ARMY PD

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From : Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy, C.M.F.

To : Air Forces Branch, A.F.H.Q. ROME.

Date : 23rd June, 1947.

Ref : AHQ1/3048/4/30/Crg.

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Major Pilot ENEA SILVIO RECOCNO - Deceased

Reference is made to this Headquarters letter of even reference dated 30th April, 1947.

2. Further information has now been received by A.F.A.L.S. H.Q. MEDME, concerning the above mentioned, which is quoted below for your information and necessary action.

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for Wing Commander,
Staff Officer i/c Administration,
Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.

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FROM AFO ITALY 2.1 2202
TO AIR FORCES BRANCH AFHQ ROME
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21333 25JUN44 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) REFERENCE MY NCRC/4211/ARGAS
DATED 31 MARCH (.) SUBJECT HAIR (.) INFORMATION REQUESTED WHETHER
AMERICANS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY TODAY HAIR THE PILOT OF THE
SINGLE ENGINED AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED AT S.PIETRO (... 331202
IN 2.1 2202 1/122.20) ON 22 JULY 1944 (.)

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FROM :- AIR FORCES BRANCH, A.F.H.Q. APO 794.

TO :- ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY General Directorate of Personnel.

DATE :- 23rd JUNE, 1947

REF. :- AFB/911/1/P.4.

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A/C W/OP GARRO ORTORIO

Reference your letter 9/5238/639 Coll dated 21 April 1947.

2. The following correspondence on the a/m airman has been received from A.H.Q. A.A.F. Italy.:-

3. "Reference is made to AFB/911/1/P.4. dated 28th April, 1947. It is regretted that no information regarding the location of the above mentioned can be given by this Headquarters.

This Headquarters has approached H.Q. M.E.E.S., Historical Records Section, A.H.Q. Malta, H.Q. R.A.F. MEDME (APALS) and H.Q. International Red Cross Geneva, none of whom have any information."

A.T. [illegible], Lgr.Off., A.C.
for Air Forces Branch,
Allied Forces Headquarters.

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Reference your letter 9/5238/639 Coll dated 24 April 1947.

2. The following correspondence on the a/m airman has been received from A.H.Q. R.A.F. Italy.:-

3. "Reference is made to AFS/911/1/P.4. dated 28th April, 1947. It is regretted that no information regarding the location of the above mentioned can be given by this Headquarters.

This Headquarters has approached H.Q. M.R.E.S., Historical Records Section, A.H.Q. Malta, H.Q. R.A.F. MEDME (APAIS) and H.Q. International Red Cross Geneva, none of whom have any information."

A.T. MEIER, 1ST.LT., A.C.
for Air Forces Branch,
Allied Forces Headquarters.

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From : Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy, C.M.F.

To : A.F.H.Q. Italian Military Affairs Section,
A.F.S.C. A.P.O. 794.
(Copy to : MAAC A.F.H.Q. (W/Cdr. S.J.B. Hamilton.))

Date : 16th June, 1947.

Ref : AHQI/3048/4/30/Org.

LOCATION OF A/C. W/OP. GARRO OTTORINO

Reference is made to AFB/911/1/P.4. dated 28th April, 1947. It is regretted that no information regarding the location of the above mentioned can be given by this Headquarters.

2. This Headquarters has approached H.Q. M.R.E.S., Historical Records Section, A.H.Q. Malta, H.Q. R.A.F. MEDME (AFALS) and H.Q. International Red Cross Geneva, none of whom have any information.

for Wing Commander,
Staff Officer i/c Administration,
Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.

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FROM :- AIR FORCES BRANCH, A.F.H.Q. APO 794.,

TO :- Mr. ROCCO BALBRINI, Crecchio, Provincia di RIETI.

DATE :- 10th JUNE, 1947.

REF. :- AFB/911/1/P.4.

Dear Sir,

A reply from the Italian Air Ministry states that they have no record of your son being in the Italian Air Force

It is suggested that you write directly to the Italian Air Ministry, General Directorate of Military Personnel, No. 9 Division, Rome.

It is regretted that this office cannot offer further aid in this matter.

for A.T. NEISS, 1ST.LT.,
AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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FROM :- AIR FORCES BRANCH, A.F.H.Q. APO 794.

TO :- AIR MINISTRY, LONDON.

DATE :- 10th JUNE, 1947.

REF. :- AFB/911/1/P.4.

MAJOR PILOT (REGULAR) GUERRAT GIORGIO.

The enclosed correspondence is forwarded for your information and action.

A.T. REISS, 1ST.LT.
for AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR
AIR FORCES BRANCH, AFHQ.

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From : Italian Air Ministry

To : A.F.H.Q. A.F.B.

Ref. / UA/849/DGPM/858 Coll

Date : 7th June 1947

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING NICOLA BALBRINI

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Reference is made to letter AFB/911/P4 dated 14/5/47.

After numerous enquiries made at various Offices, we have to report that there is no trace of this soldier; Indeed it is doubted if he ever belonged to the I.A.F.

In replying to Mr. ROCCO BALBRINI you can invite him to contact by letter the Italian Air Ministry-General Directorate of Military Personnel-No. 9 Division Rome.

The letter should give a detailed account of the military standing of his son (date of calling up for the I.A.F., his Unit and any further information that will be of help).

DIRECTOR GENERAL
(General COPPI)

Translated by L.A.C. COSTIGAN

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Roma 7 Giugno 1947

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 794
(Tramite Ufficio Collegamento)

L'AF
Direzione Generale
Ufficio Alleati

Rif. N. UA/ 849/DGPM

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Oggetto : Richiesta informazioni - Nicola BALBRINI

Si fa riferimento al foglio AFB/911/P.4, in data 14 Maggio 1947.

Dalle numerose ricerche effettuate presso gli uffici competenti non risulta alcuna traccia relativa al militare in oggetto, per cui può sorgere il dubbio che lo stesso non abbia mai appartenuto all'Aeronautica.

Comunque codesto Quartiere Generale rispondendo al Sign. Rocco Balbrini può invitarlo a far pervenire direttamente al Ministero della Difesa -Aeronautica- Direzione Generale Personale Militare -Divisione 9- -ROMA- un esposto in cui sia ben dettagliatamente specificato la posizione militare del proprio figlio (data di arruolamento in aeronautica, reparti di appartenenza e qualunque altra notizia che meglio possa illuminare la situazione.).-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Generale D.A. - G.Coppi)

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From : Italian Air Force Ministry
Directorate of Military Personnel and Schools.

To : A.F.B. A.F.H.Q. (Ref. letter 2MP/1/2980/741 dated 21/5/47 not to us.)

Ref. : UA/852/DGPM/837 Coll

Date : 3rd June 1947

MAJOR PILOT (REGULAR) CUMBAT GIORGIO

We hereby request you to forward to the British Air Ministry the attached (original in English, Italian translation) presented by CUMBAT Giorgio of the Italian Air Force who wishes to know the present address of the R.A.F. pilot who saved him after a flying incident.

DIRECTOR GENERAL

Translated by L.A.C. DSI

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Roma 30 - 5 - 1947

Ministero dell'Aeronautica
Direzione Generale Segretariato di Stato
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L' AIR FORCES BRANCH
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(Tramite Ufficio Collegamento)

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Rif. UA/ 852/DGPM/Segreto 837 Coll.

Oggetto: Maggiore pilota in S.P.E. CUMBAT Giorgio

e per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO DELLA 2ª Z.T.T.
(Rif.f. 2MP/1/2980/741 del 21.5.47) = PADOVA =

Si prega codesto Headquarters di voler trasmettere al Ministero dell'Aria Britannico l'unita istanza (originale inglese e traduzione italiana) presentata dal Maggiore pilota CUMBAT Giorgio dell'Aeronautica Italiana tendente a conoscere l'attuale recapito di un pilota della R.A.F. che lo trasse in salvo in occasione di un incidente di volo.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Generale D.A. - G. Coppi)

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[illegible], 23rd [illegible] 1941

[illegible]
[illegible] Staff
[illegible] Ministry,
Admiralty House,
Whitehall,

L O N D O N

Sir,

The undersigned [illegible], resident at No. 1 [illegible], [illegible] Italian Air Force pilot, takes the liberty of asking your assistance in connection with the following:-

On the morning of [illegible] the undersigned, leading a patrol of five Mr.97s, was sent on a mission against part of a British convoy escorted from Gibraltar to Malta; at approximately 9.30 a.m. the convoy, consisting of ten vessels, amongst which two [illegible] vessels towed by a naval cutter, [illegible] minutes later the aircraft of the undersigned was fired upon and severely damaged by one of the two British aircraft (single engined engine, two seat [illegible] on leading edge of wing) circling over the convoy.

The undersigned tried to return to base flying low over the sea, but owing to fire developing on board his aircraft, was obliged to crash land in the sea. He had just sufficient time single to evacuate the rubber dinghy and save the pilot, who had sustained severe wounds.

The crash landing occurred approximately [illegible] N.E. of the island of [illegible] 20 km. away from [illegible] on the South East the coast of Sicilia. Owing to a strong current, the dinghy was drifting in a N.E. direction.

The dinghy was located the undersigned had to remain in the water to operate the pump so as to keep the dinghy, in which the pilot was lying, afloat; this went on until approximately 16.00 hrs. then the undersigned sighted two aircraft approaching from a northerly direction; one of the aeroplanes passed circling overhead; an hour later the undersigned [illegible] these aeroplanes which passed overhead for a short while; at approximately 17.00 hrs the undersigned sighted another circling overhead. [illegible] stripes ranging from the [illegible] colour to lighter, [illegible] and two parallel red stripes ranging from the [illegible] colour to the fuselage. Said aircraft remained overhead until approximately 17.30 hrs, when the undersigned sighted a [illegible] flying N.E. at a distance of approx. [illegible] miles. The undersigned [illegible] plane, overtook it and had it shooting the pilot. The [illegible] fired the undersigned approximately 100 metres from the dinghy [illegible] the undersigned repeated the previous manoeuvre and shot [illegible] the dinghy and [illegible] in the near [illegible] the undersigned [illegible] and the undersigned had been carried on to the [illegible], the [illegible] direction of [illegible].

The pilot of the second aeroplane [illegible] in the direction of the aeroplane said, "You can [illegible]

On the morning of August the 14th 1944 the undersigned, [illegible] from five [illegible], was sent out [illegible] the convoy, consisting of ten vessels, [illegible] to Malta, at approximately [illegible] the convoy, consisting of ten vessels, [illegible] which the [illegible] vessel was struck by a small craft, [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] vessel [illegible] by one of the two British [illegible] on [illegible] in leaving [illegible] circling over the convoy.

The undersigned tried to [illegible] to see fighting for over three [illegible] not [illegible] to [illegible] the Sardinian coast [illegible] the [illegible] and save the pilot, [illegible] just sufficient time [illegible] to parachute the pilot [illegible] and save the pilot, [illegible] was [illegible] and never [illegible].

The crash landing occurred [illegible] approximately [illegible] on the [illegible] of August, 1944, [illegible] the [illegible] of Sardinia. During the morning [illegible] the [illegible] was [illegible] the [illegible] of Sardinia. [illegible] circuit, [illegible] the [illegible] in the [illegible] direction.

The [illegible] was leaving, and the undersigned had to remain in the water to operate the pump so as to keep the dinghy, in which the pilot was [illegible], afloat; this went on until approximately 16.30 hrs. After the undersigned sighted two Spitfires overhead, the [illegible] circling; one of the Spitfires received signals [illegible] overhead; an hour later the undersigned sighted three [illegible] which circled overhead; an hour later the undersigned sighted two Spitfires which circled [illegible] head for a short while, at approximately 17.00 hrs the Spitfighter which had been circling previously was joined by another Spitfighter, which had the similar red stripes running from the nose aulong down the fuselage. This aircraft remained overhead until approximately 19.30 hrs, when the undersigned sighted a seaplane flying N.E. at a distance of approximately five [illegible]. The pilot of the seaplane, overtook it and led it towards the dinghy; the seaplane [illegible] from one [illegible] plane, [illegible] approximately 100 meters from the dinghy without spotting it; the pilot then repeated the previous manoeuver and this time the seaplane spotted the dinghy and landed; in the meantime the Spitfighter remained circling overhead, but the [illegible] and the undersigned had been assisted in to the seaplane, the Spitfighter flew in the direction of Malta.

The pilot of the German seaplane [illegible] the direction of the Spitfighter with: "You can thank God for saving your life", and is and only after, some [illegible] that the undersigned succeeded in convincing the pilot it was not a [illegible] Spitfighter.

The undersigned would be most grateful if the pilot of the Spitfighter could be traced and his address forwarded to the undersigned so as to enable him to [illegible] and his address forwarded to the undersigned so as to enable him to [illegible] personally forward his thanks to the person who undoubtedly saved his and his [illegible] life.

With compliments.

Your Obedient servant,

(signed) [illegible]

Ascanio Dunbar
No. 1 Via Cimarelli
TRIESTE
Venezia Giulia.

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FROM :- AIR FORCES BRANCH, A.F.H.Q. APO 794.

TO :- ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY, Directorate of Personnel.

DATE :- 4th June, 1947

REF. :- AFB/911/1/P.4.

LT. PILOT. GIORDANI ITALY.

The enclosed letter is forwarded to you for information.

A.T. MEISS, 1ST.LT., A.C.
for Air Forces Branch,
Air Commodore, Director,
Allied Forces Headquarters.

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FROM :- AIR FORCES BRANCH, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, APO 794.

TO :- WAR OFFICE LONDON.

DATE :- 4th June, 1947

REF. :- AFB/911/1/P.4.

L.A.C. PERSINO GIUSEPPE DI FRANCESCO

The enclosed correspondence is forwarded to you with a request for any information you may have on the a/m Italian airman.

A.T. MEIRS, LT.COL., A.C.
for Air Commodre, Director,
Air Forces Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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SUBJECT :- PIRISINO

Tel No : PADUA 22202

GHQ CMF
6002/1/A3
20 MAY 47

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AFHQ
Air Force Branch
APO 794

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Reference your AFB/911/1/P4 dated 25 Mar and further to this HQ 6002/1/A3 dated 13 May 47. 39

Attached herewith, copy of Lt Col ANGELO MONELLI's letter in reply to further enquiries made by this HQ.

/ad

Lieutenant General,
General Officer Commanding in Chief.

3rd Sqn
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911/1/P4.

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COPY

Subject :- FIRISINO

CONFIDENTIAL

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Intelligence Organisation
Allied Commission for Austria (BR)
APO 394 C.M.F.

ACA/BGS(I)/36/29

20 May 47.

To : GHQ.,
C.M.F.

Reference your letter 6002/1/A5 dated 14 May 47.

I am afraid I have no knowledge of the case of FIRISINO as I only joined General Heydeman's Intelligence Staff in December, 1945. I cannot imagine, however, that General Heydeman's Intelligence Staff would have asked him to sign a letter on behalf of anyone without having been assured by the Allied Screening Commission, or some similarly responsible organisation, that the facts on which the letter was based were correct.

S/Ldr. Salter in his letter to the War Office AFB/911/1/P4 dated 5 March 1947 appears to assume that the fact of FIRISINO being a deserter and the fact that he was killed while working for the Allied cause are mutually exclusive. This is not necessarily so; and from the evidence I should be strongly tempted to assume that FIRISINO deserted from the Italian Air Force and was recruited for some Allied organisation, which was running covert activities in enemy territory.

The Allied Screening Commission could have helped you but I understand it has now disbanded. Full records should, however, be available at the War Office. It is conceivable that FIRISINO was working for the Americans, and you may wish to initiate a parallel enquiry through their channels.

Signed C LEGG O'DONNELL

Lt. Col.
GS.

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From : Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy, C.M.F.

To : Air Forces Branch, A.F.H.Q.

Date : 28th May, 1947.

Ref : AHQI/3048/4/30/Org.

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Lt.Pilot GIORDANI ITALO of ALFREDO, Born in ROME 31st JULY, 1920

The Italian Air Ministry have approached Allied and Foreign Air Liaison Section (MEDME Detachment, ITALY) at the end of January or beginning of February, 1946 (reference cannot be traced at the present time), requesting confirmation of death and place of burial of the above mentioned officer.

2. It was believed that the officer took off on 19th December, 1942 and did not return to his base as he was brought down over the harbour of BONA.

3. All enquiries through Air Ministry, H.Q. R.A.F. MEDME, Historical Records and M.R.E.S. have proved fruitless. The only information received from Comité International de la Croix-Rouge Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre is as follows :-

"In accordance with information received from the Prisoners of War Information Bureau in LONDON, the grave location was never reported :

(I) Telegram No. 1711 Priswarinf London - 26.1.43.
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(2) Italian Dead List No. 14-3d July 1943 - Part I. Page I.

"Serial No	: TED 27.
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"Rank	: ST
"Place and date of Find	: North West Africa - 20.12.42.
"Remarks	: TED 26 and TED 27 were in the same aircraft. (TED 26 was TE.RAVOTTI Furio)."

4. It is regretted that no further information which may be of assistance can be obtained through this Headquarters but it is [illegible] of War Records it might be possible

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4. It is regretted that no further information which may be of assistance can be obtained through this Headquarters but it is hoped that through the Prisoner of War Records it might be possible to trace the burial position.

5. For onward transmission to the Italian Air Ministry.

W. Parlour F/L.
for Wing Commander,
Staff Officer i/c Administrtion,
Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.

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FROM :- AIR FORCES BRANCH, A.F.H.Q. APO 794.

TO :- ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY, DIRECTORATE OF PERSONNEL.

DATE :- 23rd MAY, 1947.,

REF. :- AFB/911/1/P.4.

LAC. PIRISINO GIUSEPPE di FRANCESCO.

Reference your letter 493 Coll dated the 21st March 1947.

2. The enclosed correspondence is forwarded for your information.

A.T. NEISS, 1ST.LT., A.C.
forAir Commodore, Director,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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SUBJECT :- Major General C.A. HEYDERMAN CB MC — CONFIDENTIAL

Tel No : PADUA 22202

GHQ GAF

6002/1/A3

12 May 47

AFHQ
Air Force Branch
APO 794
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Reference your AFB/911/1/P4 dated 25 Mar 47.

1. A copy of Major Gen C A HEYDERMAN's letter in answer to your above quoted communication is forwarded.

2. Col Eyres MANSELL is being contacted and any further information on this matter will be forwarded to you in due course.

Lieutenant-General,
General Officer Commanding in Chief.

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TO A3 GHQ GAF

Villa Daniela
Limonta
Prov Como

3 May 47

Ref (GHQ GAF
(No 6002/1/A3
(d 3 Apr 47

Ref : the above quoted letter. I regret not having replied before but I have been absent for 5 weeks in the UK. I am sorry but I can remember nothing about LAC PINESINOS death. It may appear stupid at first sight but my Intelligence Staff after having perused various documents and consulted the Allied Screening Commission brought me dozens and dozens of similar documents to sign and I had full confidence that they had examined all the facts. My last C.S.O. 1(1) was Colonel Eyres MAHEHL now I believe in AUSTRIA, he might possibly remember LAC PINESINO. I am sorry not be able to help more

(signed) C.A. HEYDERMAN Maj General.

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G.HQ - C.M.F.

AFE/911/1/P.4.

General C.A. HEIDERMAN.

26th March, 1947.

It is requested that the following correspondence be forwarded to the War Office in London.

A. C. SALTER, S/LDR.,
For AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
A.F.H.Q.

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AFB/911/1/P.4.

War Office - LONDON.

25th March, 1947.

General C.A. Heiderman.

A request has been received from the Intelligence Section, Italian Air Ministry in Rome asking us to help trace General C.A. Heiderman recently serving with the British Army in Italy.

2. It appears that an airman in the I.A.F., LAC PIRISINO Giuseppe di Francesco, a Wireless Operator was known to General Heiderman during the War.

3. A copy of a letter General Heiderman wrote to this family is enclosed.

4. The Italian Air Ministry in their records show LAC PIRISINO Giuseppe di Francesco, as a deserter, on the other hand according to General Heiderman's letter this airman died in combat operations in the common cause.

5. It would be appreciated if this correspondence could be forwarded to General Heiderman to confirm that his letter written on the 14th September, 1945 which is undated was in fact written by him.

6. The Italian Air Ministry would be very grateful if General Heiderman would confirm that this airman died in action, and in what circumstances so that his parents may be informed. If this airman died helping the Allied Cause and it is proved he was not a deserter his parents will benefit considerably from increased allowances paid to them by the Italian Government.

A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
For AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
A.F.H.Q.

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ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY, Directorate of Personnel. AFB/911/1/P.4.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - NICOLA BALBRINI. 14 May 1947.

A letter has been received from Mr. Rocco Balbrini, Crecchio Provincia di Rieti, requesting news of his son, Nicola Balbrini.

Nicola Balbrini was born in 1922 and joined the I.A.F. the last his his family heard from him was several months ago.

His address at that time was:- Nicola Balbrini
C/O. Deposito - R.A.
Military P.O. No. 3450.

It is requested that any information as to the present location if the a/m I.A.F. soldier be forwarded to this office.

A.T. NEISS, 1ST.LT., A.C.
for Air Commodor, Director,
Air Forces Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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A.T. Weiss

for A.T. WEISS, 1ST.LT., A.C.
Air Commodor, Director,
Air Forces Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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~~To Col Fiske~~
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Summary.

Letter addressed to the Chief of Ewas from

Mr. Rocco Balbrini -
Crecchio
Prov. di Rich-

requesting news on the whereabouts of his son Nicola Balbrini -

The latter was born in 1922 and joined the Italian Air Force. The last his family heard from him was several months ago, and his address, at the time, was the following:-

NICOLA BALBRINI -
C. O. DEPOSITO - R. A.
MILITARY P. O. No. 3450.

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Lagar Chief. Imas.

— Roma —

Mi permetto di fare ritorno a codesto Ufficio - Io sottoscritto Ballerini Rocco fu Armando - Padre del figlio Ballerini Nicola ed appartenuto nel Corpo dell'Aviazione, ed prestava servizio, nell'Isola Rodo D'Egeo, della classe 1922; Poiché, all'atto della cattura sono privo di notizie fin dall'anno 1943. Quindi la f. S. Altro voglia compiacersi di poter fare un tracio di mio figlio, e far risollevare una povera famiglia che attualmente abbattuta

Con ossequi ringraziamenti

Ballerini Rocco fu Armando

- 11.6.948 -

Segue al presente il recapito di mio figlio - Nome Ballerini Nicola C.O. Deposito - R.A. Pal. M. N. 5450 -

Con questo indirizzo potete meglio aiutare ciare ovvero tutto ciò si trova mio figlio. Fiducioso di essere esaudito a codesta richiesta -

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Air Forces Sub Section
APO 794

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To: COMMANDING GENERAL, MTOUSA

Ref: AFB/911/1/P.14.

Subject: RICCARDO VANZETTI (Alias Giacinto Giorno)

Date: 9th May, 1947.

Further to our correspondence on the a/m Civilian the following permanent address has been received:-

Corso Massimo D'Areglio 19
Presso Contessa Sambuy, Turin.

He is at present staying at:-

Viàla Chiesa San Vincenzo (Aosta).

A.T. Weiss

A.T. WEISS, 1ST. LT., A.C.
for Air Commodor, Director,
Air Forces Branch, A.F.H.Q.

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ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY, Liaison Office. AMB/911/1/P.4.

INFORMATION - Capt. Laylon. 9th May, 1947.

Reference your letter 4070 Coll dated 21st December 1946.

2. A reply has been received from the War Office/London stating that due to the few particulars furnished it is impossible to identify Capt. Laylon

3. Other enquiries are being made however and any information received will forwarded immediately.

A.T. MEISS, 1st.lt.,A.C.
for Air Commodor, Director,
Allied Force Headquarters,
Air Forces Branch, APO 794.

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Tel. No.—

Any [redacted]r communication on this [redacted]ject should be addressed to :—
The Under-Secretary of State,
The War Office
(as appropriate)
and the following number quoted

THE WAR OFF[redacted]E,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1.

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B.M. Enc. 3785C(C.2a)
Your Reference. TMA3/911/1/P4

22nd April, 1947.

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Memorandum for:-

Air Vice Marshal,
Allied Force H.Q.,
Italian Mil. Affairs Sec.,
Air Forces Sub Section,
A.P.O.794.

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With reference to your memo of 11th March 1947, you are informed that from the particulars furnished, it is regretted that the Department is unable to identify Captain Laylon.

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G/S.
for Director
h Shepard

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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION
DISPLACED PERSONS OPERATIONS
(ITALY)

Ref. No. TRR/IT

30th April 1947

TO : A.F.H.Q. I.M.A.S. SECTION
AIR FORCE SUB-SECTION
APO 794

FROM : D.P. OPERATIONS (ITALY)

SUBJECT : Riccardo VANZETTI (Alias GIACINTO Giorgio) born in Milan 1.5.1910.
Parents:- Bortolo and Nelly Ascoli.

(4A)

In answer to your enquiry ref IMAS/911/1/P.4/A.F. dated 19.2.47 concerning the above, we have pleasure in informing you that his address is Corso Massimo d'Azeglio No. 19 presso Contessa Sambuy, Turin. However at the present time he is at:- Villa Chiesa, San Vincenzo (Aosta).

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J.P. Bond,
DIRECTOR, DIVISION
REPATRIATION & RESETTLEMENT

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ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY, Ministers Cabinet
Liaison Office with the A.F.B.

AFM/911/1/P.4.

5th May, 1947

MAJOR PILOT Enea Silvio REGAGNO - Deceased.

Reference your letter 144 Coll dated 23 January 1947.

2. Information has been received from H.Q. R.A.F. MELTM, ASU Sucir through A.H.Q. Italy that the memorial stone and medallion are still standing as part of the structure of the Station Headquarters, Castel Benito.

3. No memorial stones or dedications in that territory have been interfered with and it would therefore appear that the airport continues to be dedicated to Major Pilot Enea Silvio Reagao.

4. His brother can be assured that the memorial stone and medallion remain intact.

A.T. NEISS, LGT.LT., A.C.
for Air Commodore, Director,
Air Forces Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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From : Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy, C.M.F.

To : Air Forces Branch, A.F. H.Q. ROME.

Date : 30th April, 1947.

Ref : AHQI/3048/4/30/Org.A.

Major Pilot ENEA SILVIO REGAGNO - Deceased

(31A) Old Pmr

Reference is made to Air Forces Sub-Commission Allied Commission letter AFSC/911/1/P.4. dated 30th January 1947 The following information has been received from H.Q. R.A.F. MEDME, ABU SUEIR (their letter MEDME/S.205641/22 dated 2nd April 1947).

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3. No memorial stones or dedications in that territory have been interfered with and it would therefore appear that the airport continues to be dedicated to Major Pilot Enea Silvio Regagno.

4. His brother can be assured that the memorial stone and medallion remain intact.

for Wing Commander,
Staff Officer i/c Administration,
Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.

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From : MAAC Allied Force Headquarters

To : AFALS c/o AHQ Italy

Subject: Request for Location - A/C W/Op Garro, Ottorino

Date : 30 April 1947

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Enclosed is a copy of a letter AFB/911/1/P.4. dated 28 April 1947 which is forwarded to you for necessary action.

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S.J.B. Hamilton
Wing Commander
Secretary to the
Mediterranean Allied Air Committee

Copy to :- Air Forces Branch AFHQ Rome

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Ref. Nr.

Geneva, (Date of postage) 28

The International Red Cross Committee begs to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 22.3.47 (14A)

concerning Certain LAYTON, we have immediately forwarded your demand to the War Office in London and they shall answer you direct.

The best attention is being given to your enquiry and whenever the desired information is available you will immediately be advised.

Yours faithfully,

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Comité International de la Croix-Rouge
International Red Cross Committee
AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE
GENÈVE (Suisse)
Prisoners of War Central Information Agency
GENEVA (Swizerland)

M ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section,
Air Forces Sub Section
APO 794
Italy

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M.A.A.C. SECRETARIAT c/o A.F.H.Q. LEGHORN — AWS/911/1/P.4.

REQUEST FOR LOCATION - A/C W/OP GARRO, Ottorino. — 28th April 1947

The following correspondence from the Italian Air Ministry is forwarded to you for necessary action:-

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A.T. NEISS, 1ST LT. A.C.
for AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR
AIR PERSONNEL BRANCH
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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From : Italian Air Ministry
General Directorate of Military personnel and schools
No. 9 Division

To : A.F.H.Q. A.F.B.

Ref. : 9/5238/639 Coll.

Date : 21st April 1947

REQUEST FOR PARTICULARS REGARDING THE A/C W/op
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THE GENERAL DIRECTOR

Translated by L.A.C. COSTIGAN

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~~Ministero Aeronautica~~

DIREZ. GENER. PERS. MILIT. SCUOLE

Divisione 9ª

Prot. N. 91 5238 Allegati 639 Cl.

Risposta al foglio N. del

Roma, 21 [illegible] 19 [illegible]

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Al L' A. F. B. = ROMA =
tramite Ufficio Collegamento
= SEDE =

OGGETTO Richiesta notizie del 1° Av. Marc. GARRO Ottorino.=

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Da tale data non si sono avute più notizie.

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

(Generale di D.A.=G. COPPI)

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Divisione 9ª

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Air Forces ~~Sub-Section~~ Branch
APO 794

To: AIR FORCE CASUALTY CLEARANCE DETACHMENT (OVID)
M.T.O. APO 794 - U.S. Army.

Ref: AFB/911/1/P.4.

Subject: Request for Information.

Date: 22nd April, 1947.

Reference our letter AFB/911/1/P.4., dated 14th April, 1947.

The enclosed additional correspondence is forwarded for information and necessary action.

A.T. WEISS, LT., A.C.
For AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
A.F.H.Q.

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From :- Allied and Foreign Air Liaison Section, MEMME Detachment, Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy, C.M.F.

To :- Air Forces Branch, A.F.H.Q., A.P.O. 794, ROME.

Date :- 10th April, 1947.

Ref :- MEMME/4010/AFALS.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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Please refer to this Section's letter of even number dated 31st March, 1947.

2. The attached copy letter received from the International Red Cross is forwarded for information.

(P.S.F. WALESBY)
Squadron Leader,
Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.

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COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX- ROUGE

AGENCE CENTRALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

Serv. R.S.A.
AC'C

21.3.47.

Squadron Leader F.G.F. Walmsley,

R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C.Med.,

A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to your letter Ref. MEMM/4010/AC4LS. dated February 7th, 1947 we beg to inform you that on consulting the files of the American Section, we find that we have an inquiry concerning one pilot Calvin Stuart Main, which would correspond somewhat with the details given.

We are enclosing all the details known to us also the enquirers address which we hope will be some use to you.

Yours faithfully,

signature.

Enclosure.

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MAIN Calvin Stuart Jr.

Pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt.
lieut.

66th Squadron, 57th Fighter Group A.P.O. 650

0- 817935

Missing since July 31, 1944. Plane last seen coming down 10 miles north of Parma.

War Relief Services, National Welfare Conference,
350 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK, U.S.A.

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From : Air Forces Branch, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 794.

To : Air Force Casualty Clearance Detachment (Ovhd), M.T.O. - APO 794 - U.S. Army.

Date : 14th April, 1947.

Ref. : AFB/911/1/P.4.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The enclosed correspondence is forwarded to you for information and necessary action.

A.T. REISS, LT., A.C.
For AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
A.F.H.Q.

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From :- R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. Med., C.M.F.
A.F.H.Q., Caserta,

To :- Air Forces Sub Section, A.F.H.Q., A.P.O. 794.

Date :- 31st March, 1947.

Ref :- MEDME/4010/AFALS.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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Please refer to this Section's letter of even number dated 18th March, 1947.

2. A further letter has now been received from the Missing Research and Enquiry Service and a copy of this is forwarded for your information and any action as considered necessary.

(P.S.F. WALMSLEY)
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. Med., C.M.F.
A.F.H.Q., Caserta,

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COPY

From :- Headquarters, Missing Research & Enquiry Service,
c/o A.P.O. 512, R.A.F. C.M.F.

To :- Allied & Foreign Air Liaison Section,
MED/MS Detachment,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C., MED.,
A.F.H.Q., CASERTA, C.M.F.

Date :- 24th March, 1947.

Ref :- 20/3/AIR.

IDENTIFICATION OF CASUALTIES.

1. Further to our letter of even reference dated the 11th March, 1947; your minutes MEDME/4010/AFLS of the 7th February and the 7th March, 1947 refer.

2. We have now received a report from our Searcher Party in respect of the casualty about whom the Reverend Luigi Vercesi is enquiring.

3. Apparently a single engined aircraft crashed at S. Pietro (M.E.331230, Sht 59, Italy 1/100,000) on the 30th July, 1944. The pilot baled out but his parachute did not open effectively and he died soon after impact; his machine burnt out.

4. The Germans removed the personal effects from the body and informed the Municipio that it was that of an American named TOMMY HEIN and that the aircraft was numbered 226672.

5. An American Graves Registration Unit exhumed the body on the 7th July 1945 for re-interment at MIRANDOLA, their receipt for the body refers to an 'Unknown American'.

6. In the opinion of our Searcher Party Officer there is no doubt that this casualty was a member of the United States Air Force, the exhumation N.C.O. was also quite satisfied on this point.

7. The Reverend Vercesi apparently removed a watch from the body which also bears the name HAIN; no doubt he wishes to return this to Hain's next of kin. It is therefore suggested that you contact the American authorities asking them if they can assist you in your enquiries.

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Wing Commander, Commanding.
H.Q., M.R.E.S., R.A.F., C.M.F.

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The American Authorities can be contacted at the address given below :-

Air Force Casualty Clearance Detachment,
O.V.H.D.,
Mediterranean Theatre of Operations,
A.P.O. 794
U.S. Army.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
~~Italian Military Affairs Section~~
Air Forces ~~Sub Section~~ Branch
APO 794

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To: Land Forces Branch - A.F.H.Q.

Ref: AFB/911/1/P.D.

Subject: Italian Cooperators.

Date: 11th April, 1947.

Reference your letter 221 A, dated 18th November, 1946.

Information has been received from the Italian Air Ministry that following enquiries by the various departments none of the military personnel named in the list of Italian Cooperators belong to units of the Italian Military Air Force.

A. T. NEISS, LT., A.C.
For AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
A. F. H. Q.

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From : Italian Air Ministry
General Directorate of Military personnel and Schools

To : A.C.A. . A.C.A.

Ref. : PA/305/DGM/547 Coll.

Date : 2nd April 1947

ITALIAN CO-OPERATION

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ADDRESS.

Reference is made to letter 4130/511/1/F dated 20th November 1946.

Following enquiries by the various departments we hereby inform you that none of the military personnel named in the list, which was sent to us with the above quoted letter, belong to units of the Italian Military Air Force.

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Translated by I.A.G. ICSI

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Roma, [illegible] 1945/XXI

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MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
Direzione Generale [illegible]
UFFICIO LEGGI E DECRETI

Ministero dell'Aeronautica

Al L' AIR FORCES BRANCH,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
A.P.O. 794
(Tramite UFI. Collegamento.)
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Rif. N. 2UA/ 805/DGS/ Allegati 547/Coll.

Risposta al foglio N. del

OGGETTO: Cooperatori Italiani.

Si fa riferimento al foglio AFSC/911/1/P.4 in data 26 Novembre 1946.

Dalle ricerche effettuate dai vari Comandi dipendenti si comunica che nessuno dei militari segnalati nell'elenco, inviato a questo Ministero col foglio cui si risponde, risulta abbiano appartenuto a Reparti dell'Aeronautica Militare.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Generale D.A. - G. COPPI)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Air Forces Sub Section BRANCH
APO 794

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To: Italian Air Ministry.

Ref: AFB/911/1/P.4.

Subject: LAC FERISINO Giuseppe di Francesco.

Date: 26th March, 1947.

Reference your letter 493 Coll., dated 21st March, 1947.

2. Enquiries are being made to all relevant Army Formations concerning the above-mentioned airman, we are now awaiting a reply from the War Office London and will let you know as soon as a reply is received.

A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
For AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
A.F.H.Q.

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From : Indian Air Ministry
Minister's Cabinet

To : AIR MARSHAL LAWRIE
Air Forces headquarters

Ref. : 102 Coll.

Date : 21st March 1947

I.A.C. FERRYING FLIGHTS TO BANGKOK

PART 2.

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I request you answer to letter 102 Coll, dated 4th December 1946.

A copy is enclosed herewith in the hope this matter is now dead.

END OF TB DIGEST

Recommended to I.A.C. MOSTLY

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From : Italian Air Ministry
Military Personnel and schools Directorate
Resistance Front Office

To : A.M.S.C. A.G.

Ref. : 4783

Date : 5th December 1944

L.A.C. FIRISINO GIUSEPPE DI SAN GIUSTO, STRENGTH OF RANCH

We forward with copy Maj. Gen. C.A. Lindemann's letter (without reference number) dated 14th September 1945 and letter 5/SOUT from "Ufficio I Stato Maggiore" Italian Air Force, dated 31st December 1945, relating to L.A.C. Firisino Giuseppe.

According to the Allied Command letter, it seems that the airman whilst under the Command died in combat operations against the Germans. In the letter from the General Staff, it seems that he was a deserter, according to the Commission dealing with Italian Air Force personnel.

We request this Office to carry out the necessary verifications in order to know the true facts and circumstances, and to enter his name in the "ad onorem" book of the Resistance Front which Office, as is seen, the partisan of the deceased.

THE STRENGTH COMMAND

Translated by I.A.C. [illegible]

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MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
Direzione Personale Militare e
Scuole

3ª Div.Ufficio Fronte della Resistenza — ROMA, 5 Dicembre 1946

AL GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
Ufficio Collegamento A.F.S.C.
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Prot.N°4753

OGGETTO: I° Aviere Mecc.PIRISINO Giuseppe di Francesco.-

Si trasmettono in copia la lettera senza numero in data 14 settembre 1945 del Maggior Generale C.A. REIDERMAN e la lettera n° C/30680 in data 31 dicembre 1945 dello Stato Maggiore R.A.-Ufficio "I"- relative al I° Aviere Mecc.Pirisino Giuseppe.

Mentre dalla lettera del Comando Alleato detto militare risulterebbe deceduto in operazioni di combattimento contro i tedeschi mentre era alle dipendenze del Comando stesso, dalla lettera dello Stato Maggiore risulterebbe invece denunciato per reato di diserzione dalla Commissione per il personale della R.Aeronautica.

Si prega la cortesia di codesto Ufficio di esperire opportune indagini presso l'Ufficio Alleato, mittente del foglio anzidetto, onde accertare la verità dei fatti e conoscere la vera sorte del Pirisino.

Tanto dovendo procedere alla iscrizione "ad honorem" al Fronte di Resistenza che importa, com'è noto, la liquidazione degli assegni di "Presenza alla Bandiera" ai famigliari del Caduto

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
p. (Gen.S.A.-A.Monti)

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Prot.n. 4753

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p. (Gen.S.A.-A.Monti)

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UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO A.F.S.C.
PROT.N° 3955 COLL.

ROMA, 6 Dicembre 1946

ALL'AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION. A.C.

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Via Veneto

.....con preghiera di voler far tenere notizie in merito alla vera posizione del sopranominato militare.-

IL CAPO UFFICIO
(Gen.Col.Dil.Walter Adrower)
f/to W.Adrower

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REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

Ministero dell'Aeronautica
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
Ufficio Collegamento A.M.B.-A.F.HQ.

Roma, 21 Marzo 1947 Anno

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Al l'AIR FORCES BRANCH
-Air Force Headquarters-
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Divisione

Prot. N° 073 /Coll. Allegati

Riferire al foglio del N°

OGGETTO I° Aviere Marc. PIRISINO Giuseppe di Francesco.-

Si prega voler dare riscontro al foglio n.3955 Coll. in data 6 dicembre 1946 che, per ogni buon fine, si allega in copia.

IL CAPO UFFICIO
(Tenente Colonnello Alberto Adreucci)

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Direzione

Prot. N.° 053 /Coll. Allegati — Risposta al f.° del — N.°

OGGETTO I° Aviere Mar. PIRICINO Giuseppe di Francesco.-

Si prega voler dare riscontro al foglio n.3955 Coll. in data 6 dicembre 1946 che, per ogni buon fine, si allega in copia.

IL CAPO UFFICIO
(Tar. Lt. X... - Italia Idrovoce)

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From :- RAF Liaison Section with S.A.C. MED,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Air Forces Sub-Section, A.F.H.Q., APO. 794.

Date :- 18th March, 1947.

Ref :- MEDME/4010/AFALS.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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PART 2.

Reference is made to your letter AFSC/911/1/P.4. dated 30th January, 1947.

2. Your request was forwarded to various Organisations who, it was felt, might have been able to help in this matter. So far negative replies have been received.

3. The following is an extract of the letter from the RAF Missing Research and Enquiry Service :-

" 2. It is regretted that we have been unable to link the
" name HAIN with any of the casualties known to us.

" 3. The details have been passed to our relevant Searcher
" Party who will contact the Reverend Luigi VERCESI to make
" further enquiries.

" 4. The result of our investigations will be passed to you
" in due course. "

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
ASCA 21/3/47
911/1/P.4
COMMISSION

(P.S.F. WALMSLEY)
Squadron Leader
RAF LIAISON SECTION.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Air Forces Branch

APO 794

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Ref: AFB/911/1/P.4

To: AIR HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F. GRECE.

Date: 21st March, 1947

Subject: MISSING PERSONNEL.

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A letter has been received from the Displaced Persons Branch U.N.R.R.A. requesting information on the present whereabouts of XANTHOS MERKURIOS, born at Symi, Dodecanese in 1914 a Greek.

It is stated that he was arrested by the Italians on 14 September 1942, at Villanova, Rhodes, because he was accused of helping Allied secret agents by lodging them in his own house. He was then condemned to 12 years imprisonment and transported to the prisons of Taranto, Catanzaro and Aquila. His wife received news from him until the Armistice, but she has ever heard from him since then.

Any information you may have concerning this man would be greatly appreciated.

for A.T. NEISS, 1ST.LT., A.C.
AIR COMMODORE, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION
DISPLACED PERSONS OPERATIONS
(ITALY)

(15)

Ref. No. TRR/GR

17th March 1947

TO : I.M.A.S.
A.F.H.Q. A.F. SUB-SECTION
APO 794

FROM : D.P. OPERATIONS (ITALY)

SUBJECT : XANTHOS MERKURIOS, Born at Symi, Dodecanese, in 1914, Greek.

1. We have been asked to trace the above man's present whereabouts on behalf of his wife, Vassilia Kalfa.

2. It is stated that he was arrested by the Italians on 14.9.42, at Villanova, Rhodes, because he was accused of helping Allied secret agents by lodging them in his own house. He was then condemned to 12 years imprisonment and transported to the prisons of Taranto, Catanzaro and Aquila. The wife received news from her husband until the Armistice, but she has never heard from him since them.

3. We shall be grateful for any available information concerning this man.

J.P. Bond,
DIRECTOR, DIVISION
REPATRIATION & RESETTLEMENT.

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British Mission in Albania -
International Red Cross Geneva,
U.N.R.R.A.
Information: Capt. Laylon.

BMM/911/1/P.4.

11th March, 1947.

This Headquarters would like to know the present address of Captain LAYLON.

2. Captain Laylon was a member of the British Sub-Commission in Albania.

3. It would be appreciated if any information regarding this officer be forwarded to us at your earliest convenience.

A. G. SAUTER, S/LDR.,
For AIR VICE MARSHAL, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION,
I.M.A.S. - A.F.H.Q.

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A. G. SALTER, A/LDR.,
For AIR VICE MARSHAL, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION,
I.M.A.C. - A.F.H.Q.

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For AIR VICE MARSHAL, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION,
I.M.A.C. - A.F.H.Q.

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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. MED,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Air Forces Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section, APO. 794.

Date :- 7th March, 1947.

Ref :- MAAC/4018/AFALS.

INFORMATION - CAPT. LAYLON.

Reference is made to your letter AFSC/911/1/P.4. dated 6th January, 1947.

2. This matter was put up to G.H.Q. C.M.F. and G.H.Q., M.E.L.F. The reply from G.H.Q., C.M.F. is quoted for your information :-

" 1. Every effort has been made to trace "Capt LAYLON" but without
" success. The only firm clue is the fact that he was with the
" Sub-Commission to Albania, the records for which would be held by
" MELF. "

" 2. There is no Captain LAYLON recorded in the Army List. ".

3. Since the reply from G.H.Q., C.M.F. came in, G.H.Q., M.E.L.F. have replied that they have no record of Captain LAYLON.

4. It is regretted that this Secretariat has been unable to help in tracing Captain LAYLON. It is, however, suggested that perhaps any of the following might be able to help.

UNNRA; INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, GENEVA; and perhaps the BRITISH MISSION in ALBANIA, might have some news of this Officer.

(S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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UNRRA Regional Director - MILAN. IMAS/911/1/P.4.

Request for Location - Mr. Riccardo VANZETTI. 4th March, 1947.

It would be appreciated if any information concerning the present location of Mr. Riccardo VANZETTI, alias Giacinto Giorgio, Italian civilian be forwarded to this Headquarters.

The American Military Authorities desire to present Mr. VANZETTI with the award of the Bronze Star Medal.

His last known address was at: -

PIAZZA DEL PERDONO No. 1 - MILAN.

A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
For AIR VICE MARSHAL, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION,
I.M.A.S. - A.F.H.Q.

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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION
DISPLACED PERSONS OPERATIONS
(ITALY)

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Ref. No. IT

26th February 1947

TO : A.F.H.Q.
ITALIAN MILITARY AFFAIRS SECTION,
AIR FORCES SUBSECTION A.P.O. 794.

FROM : D.P. OPERATIONS (ITALY)

SUBJECT : MR. RICCARDO VANZETTI.

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Reference your letter IMAS/911/1/P.4/A.F. dated 19.2.47, we are making enquiries for the above and will let you know as soon as we have a reply.

J.P.Bond,
DIRECTOR,
DIVISION OF REPATRIATION AND RESETTLEMENT.

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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION

Ref. No. 1241/Pers. Div.

25 February 1947

TO: A.T. NEISS, LT., A.C.
For AIR VICE MARSHAL, DIRECTOR
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION,
I.M.A.S. - A.F.H.Q.

FROM: Personnel Division

SUBJECT: Mr. Riccardo VANZETTI, alias Giacinto Giorgio

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1. Reference your letter IMAS/911/1/P.4/A.F. dated 19 February 1947.

2. Person in subject does not appear in our records as having been employed at any time with this Organisation.

3. It is suggested however that you send analogous request to UNRRA Regional Director - Milan, in case such person might have been employed occasionally by UNRRA Milan.

Gordon D. Hutchings
GORDON D. HUTCHINGS
Director of Personnel

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Send to other

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Giovanni VASCI, Campo di Concentramento, Isola di LIPARI - Sicilia, ITALY - Gruppo IV.

IMAS/911/1/P.4./A.F.

REQUEST FOR LOCATION - SIMUNICH.

25th February, 1947.

Reference is made to your letter dated 15th January, 1947 and it is desired to inform you that your request was forwarded to the Air Advisory Section, MTOUSA, through Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat at Caserta. Their reply is as follows: -

" 1. Concerning the whereabouts of an American Officer named SIMUNICH (John or George), EATS Capodichino has no Air Force record of such an officer.

2. A.G. Records and A.G. Postal, this Headquarters, has no record of him either, so it is evident that he is no longer with U.S. Forces in this theater. "

2. It is regretted that no information appears to be available on the above-named Officer.

A. T. WEISS, LT., A.C.
For AIR VICE MARSHAL, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION,
I.M.A.S. - A.F.H.Q.

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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. MED,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Air Forces Sub-Section, IMAS, APO. 794.

Date :- 19th February, 1947.

Ref :- MAAC/4010/AFAIS.

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REQUEST FOR LOCATION

Reference is made to your letter IMAS/911/1/P.4/A.F. dated 7th February, 1947, and it is desired to inform you that your request was forwarded to the Air Advisory Section, MTOUSA. Their reply is as follows :-

" 1. Concerning the whereabouts of an American Officer named SIMUNICH (John or George), EATS Capodichino has no air force record of such an officer.

2. AG Records and AG Postal, this headquarters, has no record of him either, as it is evident that he is no longer with U.S. Forces in this theater. "

2. It is regretted that no information appears to be available on the above named Officer.

(for S.J.B. HAMILTON)
Wing Commander
Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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U.N.R.R.A. - Italian Mission. IMAS/911/1/P.4/A.F.

Request for Location - Mr. Riccardo VANZETTI. 19th February, 1947.

It would be appreciated if any information concerning the present location of Mr. Riccardo VANZETTI, alias Giacinto Giorgio, Italian civilian be forwarded to this Headquarters.

The American Military authorities desire to present Mr. VANZETTI with the award of the Bronze Star Medal.

His last known address was at: -

PIAZZA DEL PERDONO No. 1 - MILANO

A. T. NEISS, LT., A.C.
For AIR VICE MARSHAL, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION,
I.M.A.S. - A.F.H.Q.

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1st Ind to Ltr, HQ ASSC, Allied Commission, dtd 8 Jan 47, subj: Request for location.

AG 383.7/006 L-O 1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 12 February 1947

TO: Chief, Italian Military Affairs Section, AFHQ, APO 794
ATTENTION: Air Forces Sub-Commission

1. This headquarters and DP Division of LACAB have no record of subject person on files.

2. In view of the more recent address of subject person specified in basic communication, it is suggested that you approach UNRRA, Italy Mission directly in a final effort to locate VALENTTI Riccardo.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

Thomas M. Tagley Jr.
THOMAS M. TAGLEY Jr
Lt. Colonel, AGD G.
Asst Adjutant General

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SECURITY ROOM
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1st Ind to Ltr, Hq AFSC, Allied Commission, dtd 8 Jan 47, subj: Request for location.

AG 383.7/008 E-O 1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 12 February 1947

TO: Chief, Italian Military Affairs Section, AFHQ, APO 794
ATTENTION: Air Forces Sub-Commission

1. This headquarters and DP Division of LACAB have no record of subject person on files.

2. In view of the more recent address of subject person specified in basic communication, it is suggested that you approach UNRRA, Italy Mission directly in a final effort to locate VANZETTI Riccardo.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

THOMAS M. TARPLEY Jr
Lt. Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794 U.S. ARMY

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In reply refer to:
AFSC/751/2.1.

6 January, 1947.

SUBJECT : Request for Location.

TO : C.C. S.S. ITCHSA, APO 512.

1. Reference is made to your request for location of VANETTI, Riccardo (Italian Officer), dated the 5 September, 1946 and our subsequent reply dated 21 September, 1946.

2. A more recent address has been received and the above-mentioned officer may be located at: -

Piazza del Sardono No. 1 - Milano.

R. E. REIS, Lt.Col.
For AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
A.F.S.C.

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I.A.M. Minister's Cabinet - Liaison Office with
A.F.S.S. - ROME.

IMAS/911/1/F.4./A.F.

News of W.O.(Pilot) STAMBIE, Sergio.

18th February, 1947.

Reference is made to your letter 3779 Coll, dated 16th November, 1946.

It is regretted that this Headquarters through Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat at Caserta are unable to find any information on the a/m officer.

The Missing Research and Enquiry Service of the R.A.F. and American authorities also state there is no trace of his ever being reported missing as a result of air operations.

H. M. HAUSGARDNER, CAPT.A.C.
For AIR VICE MARSHAL, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION,
I.M.A.S. - A.F.H.Q.

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Tel. No.:- FREEDOM 446 & 447

From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
R.A.F. Liaison Section with S.A.C. MED,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.

Date :- 16th January, 1947.

Ref :- MAAC/4230/AFAIS.

W/O (PILOT) STAMBIE, SERGIO

Reference is made to your letter AFSC/911/1/P.4. dated 16th December, 1946.

2. It is desired to inform you that the Missing Research and Enquiry Service of the R.A.F. and the American Authorities have been contacted in respect of your enquiry and it is regretted that no information on this man is forthcoming from either.

3. M.R.E.S. go on to state that there is no trace of him ever having been reported missing as a result of air operations.

4. It is regretted that this Secretariat is unable to suggest any other organisation which might help as it is not likely that W/O. Stambie has become a Displaced Person.

S.J.D. HAMILTON
Wing Commander
Secretary to The
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

23 January 1947

AG 201-P-Vanzotti, Riccardo (It Off)

SUBJECT: Request for Location

TO : Chief Commissioner, Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, APO 794, U. S. Army.

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Information is requested as to when a reply to the communication indicated may be expected: Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 23 December 1946, requesting this headquarters be informed of the present location of Mr. Riccardo Vanzetti, Alias Giacinto Georgia, Italian civilian.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

A.F. HUBBARD
Lt.Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General.

1st Ind.

H.Q. Air Forces Sub-Commission, AACC, APO 794, U.S.ARMY - 27January,1947.

TO : C.G. HEADQUARTERS, MTOUSA - APO 512 U.S. ARMY.

1. Reference basic communication enclosures No. 1 and No. 2 are forwarded and it is requested that an acknowledgment of receipt be sent to this Headquarters.

A. T. Weish
A. T. WEISH, LT.A.C.
For AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
A.F.S.C.

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AG 201-P-Vanzetti, Riccardo (It Off) 2d Ind GH/mjk
(23 Jan. 47)
Hq MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army, 7 February 1947

TO: Chief Commissioner, Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, APO 794, U. S. Army.

Acknowledged.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

A. F. Hubbard
A. F. HUBBARD
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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AG 201-P-Vanzetti, Riccardo (It Off) 2d Ind CH/mjk
(28 Jan. 47)
Hq MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army, 7 February 1947

TO: Chief Commissioner, Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, APO 794, U. S. Army.

Acknowledged.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

A. F. HUBBARD
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst Adjutant General

2 Incls: w/d

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From : Allied Force Headquarters - Italian Military Affairs Section, Air Forces Sub-Section - APO 794.

To : M.A.A.C. Secretariat, A.HQ (Rear) Caserta - Italy.

Date : 7th February, 1947.

Ref. : IMAS/911/1/P.4/A.F.

REQUEST FOR LOCATION

Information is requested as to the present location of an American Army Officer believed to be assigned as a pilot to an American Air Force Unit located in Italy. His surname is SIMMICH with a first name of John or George and is the son of Mary SIMMICH Detroit 5 Michigan Lappis 14495.

It would be appreciated if this correspondence could be forwarded to the proper American Authorities for action.

A. T. NEISS, Lt.A.C.
For AIR VICE MARSHAL, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION,
I.M.A.S. - A.F.H.Q.

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From : Allied Force Headquarters - Italian Military Affairs Section, Air Forces Sub Section, APO 794.

To : Italian Air Ministry - Liaison Section.

Date : 7th February, 1947.

Ref. : IMAS/911/1/P.4./A.F.

INFORMATION - CAPT. LAYLON.

The enclosed correspondence is forwarded to you for information, and as soon as any further report is received you will be notified.

A. T. NEISS, LT.A.C.
For AIR VICE MARSHAL, DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION,
I.M.A.S. - A.F.H.Q.

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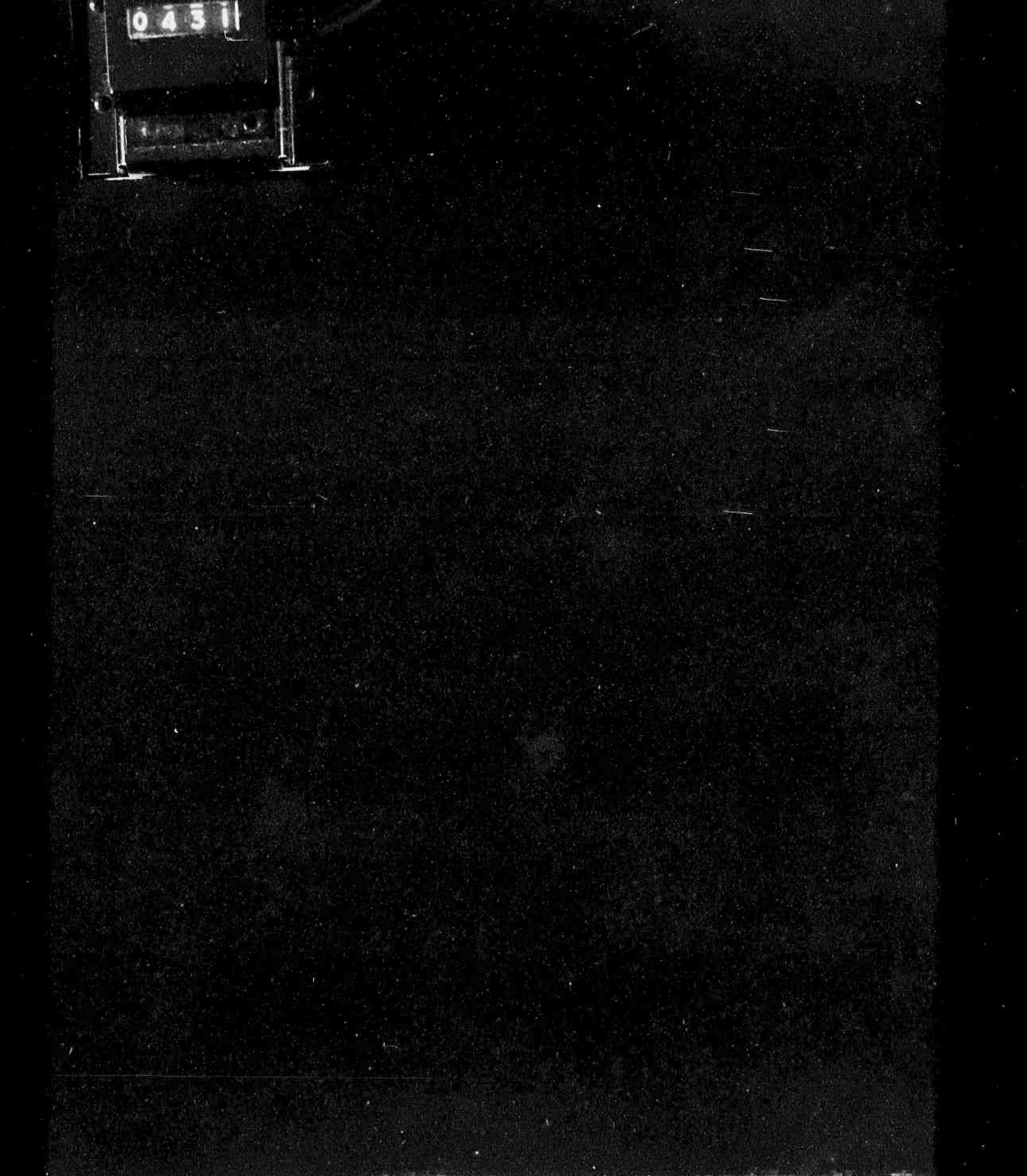
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