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FEB. - SEPT. 1947

Directa.

I have spoken to the appropriate authorities at the Italian Air Ministry. They have already written to Naples confirming that Savinise should be released w.e.f. 31/5/47 and are now doing so again. If Savinise has any more difficulty, he should write directly to Col. Rizzo at the 5^a Legione Leva e Matricola.

29.8.47.

Indepot 30/10.

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S/O Sheila Defal

vide Tom please reply to
Wing Comdr Rivett Carnac as
above returning all correspondence
with Tom letter.

W. J. S.

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From : Air Forces Branch, Allied Force Headquarters, A.P.O. 754, C.M.F.
 To : Wing Commander Rivett - Curran, R.A.F. Liaison Officer, A.P.O. 754.
 Date : 2nd September, 1947.
 Ref : AFB/1101/3/222.

REF. MAJOR PIERRO TAVOLINO.

Reference is made to the attached correspondence.

2. The Italian Air Ministry have already instructed the Naples Headquarters to release Tavorino with effect from 31st May, 1947 and they will confirm this in writing to Naples once again.

1. If Tavorino has any further difficulty he should write directly to 5th, Central Ave. & Consulate, Italian Air Ministry, Rome. The Italian Air Force authorities at Rome are quite satisfied that his claims are justified and require no further Allied documents.

Imlegat 59/10.

S.M. LEGAT SO/OPS.
 SENIOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER,
 AIR FORCES BRANCH,
 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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From : Air Forces Branch, Allied Forces Headquarters, A.P.O. 714, C.M.F.
To : Wing Commander Riney - Curragh, R.A.F. Liaison Officer, A.P.H.Q.
Re: 1. Sub, September, 1947.
Ref : AFB/110/2/100.

REF. MAJOR PETERO ENGLISH.

Reference is made to the attached correspondence.

The Italian Air Ministry has already instructed the Naples Headquarters to suspend operations with effect from 31st May, 1947 and they will confirm this in writing to Naples soon again.

If however they further definitely be should write to the Naples HQ a statement, Italian Air Ministry, since the Italian Air Force authorities in Rome are quite satisfied that his claims are justified and require no further Allied action.

Indeg. 756/10
S.M. LEGAT 29/09/47
SENIOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER,
AIR FORCES BRANCH,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

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From : Air Force Branch, Allied Force Headquarters, A.P.O. 750, O.H.P.
To : Wing Commander Smith - Command, R.A.F. Liaison Officers, A.P.O. 750
Date : 2nd September, 1947.
Ref : AFB/1103/5410.

RE: JAPANESE DOCUMENTS

Reference is made to the attached correspondence.

The Liaison Air Squadron have already indicated the large quantities of Japanese documents which arrived from 31st May 1947 and they will continue to be working to develop new copies.

If documents have any further difficulty to be added with reference to the Japanese War in the Pacific, Liaison Air Squadron, please inform the Wing Commander of the R.A.F. Liaison Officers that the documents are available and require to further Allied documents.

Indegat 75410

1st Lt. 1200 20/00
Squadron Commander
R.A.F. Liaison Officers
A.P.O. 750, O.H.P.

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PERSONAL

Personal

From : Wing Commander S.J.B. HAMILTON, DFC.

*SA*RAF Liaison Officer
AFHQ, LEGHORN.

15 August 1947

Dear *Air Commodore Bishop.*

I am enclosing herewith a self explanatory letter with references regarding Petro Tavernise. My personal knowledge of this Sergeant Major has been of a years standing, and he has been of the greatest help to all RAF Officers in the Naples Area. If you can possibly approach some high ranking officer in the Italian Air Force to get this matter finally cleared up, I am sure that the RAF would be re-paying a debt of loyalty and genuine hard work, as I feel that it would be a tragedy for Petro Tavernise to suffer through his loyalty not only to the RAF, but to members of all three services. I am sorry that I have not had the opportunity of coming down and saying good bye personally before I go, but I would like to take this opportunity in thanking you for your sympathetic help and cooperation in assisting me in the job that I am about to leave.

Kind regards to Mrs Bishop.

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Yours *sincerely**S.J.B. Hamilton*Air Commodore A. G. BISHOP, CBE, AFC.,
Director Air Forces Branch,
AFHQ, ROME.*P.S. Could the enclosure be referred to MASOR M'HORTIE *dk.**

PERSONAL

Lt. Maj. Pietro Tavernise (Villa 4 Venti, 8B
Positano)

The above mentioned I.A.F. N.C.O. was employed by
94 sub area Naples from 1.10.43 - 31.5.44.

When his employment commenced he was informed
by 94 area that all necessary arrangements had
been made with the I.A.F. at Naples & his release
should eventually be obtained through them w.c.f.
the date he ceased to be employed by the British
Army.

The Naples I.A.F. however stated they had no record
of his having been authorised by the I.A.F. to serve
with the British army & gave his release date as 31.5.44. ³³⁷⁹

He saw Col. Rizzo - 5^a Legione Leva e matricola
who accepted his claim & wrote to Naples but
Naples still refused to pay.

(The above information was passed to us by
w/cdr. Hamilton).

29/8/47

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From: Senior Intelligence Officer,
Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.

To: Air Forces Branch, A.F.H.Q. ✓

Date: 9th April, 1947.

Ref: AHQI/S.2115/INT(SEC).

SERGEANTE MAJGIORE RICCOMINI ALESSANDRO.

Your letter reference AFB/1104/3/INT dated 21st March, 1947, has been passed to us by GSI(b), G.H.Q., C.M.F., as they have no trace of the mission in question and wondered if we could assist in discovering what happened to the unfortunate Italian.

2. We regret that there are no records at this Headquarters dealing with such assignments and we are therefore unable to help in this matter.

D. G. Bailey

D. G. BAILEY,
Flight Lieutenant,
for Senior Intelligence Officer,
AIR HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F., ITALY.

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*Passed to Col. Santini
who is to send us
further particulars.
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From: Air Forces Branch A.F.H.Q.
To : S.C.I.Z. R.A.A.C. (att. Capt. Engleton)
Ref : AFB/1104/3/INT
Date: March 28th 1947

2nd Lt. IDI Pietro.

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With reference to our letter INAS/1104/3/INT/AF of 25th February 1947, and further to a telephone conversation between Flight Officer Legat and a member of your unit on March 27th 1947, it is requested that a reply may now be given regarding the activities of the above-mentioned officer.

2. As our work is expected to cease before long, it will be appreciated that we are anxious to clear this matter up as soon as possible.

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Paul
(S.M. LEGAT)
Flight Officer
for Air Commodore, Director
Air Forces Branch
A.F.H.Q.

From: Air Forces Branch A.F.H.Q.

To : A.F.H.Q. Office of Assistant Chief of Staff G-2
A.P.O. 512 U.S. Army.
S.C.I. ROME

Ref : AFB/1104/3/INT

Date: March 21st 1947.

Sergente Maggiore RICCOMINI Alessandro
Italian Air Force.

We have received a request from the Italian Air Ministry for information regarding the above-mentioned N.C.O.

2. They state that he reported to Major Sheridan Russell, of No. 1 B.C.I., at Centocelle airfield near Rome on 15th January 1945, for a special mission in occupied Italy; and that he was assigned to this duty following a verbal request made through the Air Forces Sub-Commission to the Italian Air Ministry.

3. Since that date no further news of him has been received by either the Italian Air Force authorities or his own family.

4. There is no trace of the assignment amongst ³³⁶⁶our records, and it is requested that if your Office, or the second addressee, has any information concerning Sgt. Major RICCOMINI, we may be notified.

Smith
(S.M. LEGAT)
Flight Officer
for Air Commodore, Director
Air Forces' Branch
A.F.H.Q.

STATO MAGGIORE DELL'AERONAUTICA
UFFICIO «I»

Prot. UI/700380/4

Roma, 1 febbraio 1947

Al 1' ALLIED FORCE H.Q.

I.M.A.S. - A.F.S.S. /1.S/

A.F.O. 794

OGGETTO: Sergente Marconista RICCOMINI Alessandro.-

In data 15 gennaio 1945 il Ministero dell'Aeronautica italiana, dietro richiesta del Maggiore Sheridan Russel, ha disposto la assegnazione all'A.C.-A.F.S.C. del sottufficiale in oggetto che doveva essere impiegato per una missione speciale nell'Italia occupata.

Poichè fino a tutt'oggi il sottufficiale stesso non ha dato più notizie di sé e poichè si rende necessario definire la sua posizione matricolare e comunicare la sua sorte alla famiglia, si prega di voler cortesemente svolgere ricerche presso gli Archivi di codesto Ufficio e di voler comunicare quanto risulta in merito al sottufficiale e alla missione da lui compiuta.-

IL CAPO UFFICIO "I"
(Ten. Col. Pilota - F. SANTINI)

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STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ARMATA NAUTICA
UFFICIO «I»

Prot. UI

750842/2

Roma, 19.3.47

Al A.T.S.S. - I.M.A.S.

A.F.H.Q.

A.F.O. 794

OGGETTO: S.Tenente r.sp.Marconista SPE IDI Pietro.

Si gradirà conoscere se sarà possibile avere le notizie richieste con il foglio UI/750460/2 del 20 febbraio c.a. necessarie a definire il comportamento seguito dall'Ufficiale in oggetto.

IL CAPO UFFICIO "I" -
(Ten.Colonn. Pilota - F.SANTINI)

B.F. White

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SECRET *2A*

S.C.I.Z., R.A.A.C.
(Attn. Capt. Engleton) (803014)

I MAS/1104/3/INT/AF

2nd Lt. IDI Pietro.

25th February, 1947.

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We are informed by the Italian Air Ministry that the above-named Officer is reported to have carried out sabotage activities in favour of the Allies at the O/L.A.P. Works in Milan during the Nazi-Fascist Occupation. A report on his activities with the ALFA 9.4.5. Mission should be held by O.S.S.

2. Detailed confirmation of the above-mentioned activities is requested in order to regularize the position of this Officer with the Italian authorities.

Smf
S.M.LEGAT FLT/O
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR
A.F.S.S., I.M.A.S.

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STATO MAGGIORE DE' AERONAUTICA

UFFICIO "I"

Prot. UI

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Roma,

21.2.49

Al A.F.S.S. - I.M.A.S. f.i.s.

A.F.H.Q. - A.P.O. 794 -

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OGGETTO: S.Ten.A.A.R.Spec. Marconista in S.P.E.:

I D.I. Pietro. -

Viene segnalato che l'ufficiale in oggetto ha svolto opera di sabotaggio a favore degli Alleati durante la di lui permanenza presso le Officine O.L.A.P. di Milano nel periodo dell'occupazione nazi-fascista e che relazione della di lui opera, svolta presso la missione ALFA 9.4.5., dovrebbe trovarsi anche presso l'O.S.S. -

Si gradirà pertanto avere ogni possibile utile notizia in merito. -

IL CAPO DELL'UFFICIO "I"
(Ten.Col.A.A.F.n.-F.SANTINI)

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