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DETAINEES AT TRANI
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UNITED STATES
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee
AFM 394

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SECRET

AFM/AFM/1/1

12 April 1944

SUBJECT: Detainees at Bari.

TO : District 2.

Re: your AFM/105, dated 27 Feb. 44.

1. It is understood that Del Greco, Agliardi, and Elsa Roger Brunner have been released to your Major Command by the Italian authorities on 22 March 44.
2. It is further understood that Martin Berta still detained in the goal at Bari, will be handed over to your representative at an early date.

G. C. ROBERTS, Major
Officer i/c Italian Section
for Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to: Public Safety Subcommission.

4016/1 (19)
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS

Your ref S-E-C-R-E-T OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

My ref P.S. 15.-

Subject Military Intelligence 6 April 1944

TO: - Chief Public Safety Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission
Rear Headquarters - A.P.O. 394

With reference to your communications 4016/1/L. dated 11th March 1944 and AGC/14075/PS. I have to inform you that the letter dated 11th March 1944 arrived at this HQ. on 4th April 1944.

Enquiry however was instituted by BARI office on receipt of your letter and it was found that on 22nd March 1944.

Del Greco Greca
Aglisardi Camilla
Brunner Elsa Roger

to gather with their dossiers were handed over to Major Leonard acting under orders of HQ. 2 District.

Sancin Berta is still detained in Trani Goal and arrangements have been made for this prisoner to be handed over against receipt from R° 2 District HQ.

Submitted for your information.

Copy for legal -

Roxhead 17
Captain
Regional Police Officers
Region 2

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

24 March 1944.

ACC/14075/PS.

SUBJECT : Detainees at TRANI.

TO : R.P.S.C. Region II.

1. Reference is made to letter dated 11th March 1944 from this Sub-Commission asking that the Italian authorities be instructed to release four detainees (DEL GRANCO, ASLIARDI, BRUNNER, and SANCIN) for transport to Algiers.

2. In order that the legal authorities may be informed of the result, please reply as to whether the necessary action has been taken.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

22 MAR 1944

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MESSAGE

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SVC/RELAY NO.

M/C NO :

CLASS: IN CLEAR

REF NO: 13097

PREC : NOT GIVEN

FILED : MAR 211830A

FROM : DISTWO

REC'D : MAR 220845A

TO : FATIMA FOR UNJOHN

via DRL

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Ref this HQ 2022/10 G of 27 Feb. Have Italian authorities received
instrs to release persons to the appropriate British authorities?

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 - AG
- 1 - DSC (info)
- 1 - DCC (info)
- 1 - Legal SC (action)

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

File 15

406/116

11 March 1944

SUBJECT: Detainees at Trani

TO : R.P.S.O., Region II

1) Attached here with copy of
communication received through Legal
Sub-Commission

2) Will you see the necessary contact
with 2 District be made, and that the re-
quirements of the order are met.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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SUBJECT: Detainees at TRAM

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HQ 2 District OLP
2022/10 G

ACC (Legal Subcommission)

27 Feb 44

Ref your ACC/L/130/2 of 20 Jan

1 AFHQ have instructed this HQ to despatch DME
GRECO, Greco; AGLIARDI, Camilla; BRUNER, Elsa Ogner;
SILVER; to ALGIER under escort at earliest. They
are at present detained in TRAM gaol.

2 By the necessary instructions therefore be given
to the Italian authorities to release the a/n to a
representative of this HQ who will collect these persons
as soon as transport to ALGIER can be arranged.

JHC

L. Kennard
Major-General
Commanding 2 District

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee

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20 January 1944.

In reply
refer to: ACC/1/130/2.

SUBJECT: Detainees at Treni.

TO : HQ 2 District CMF.

Ref your 2022/10 G dated 17 Jan 44.

In view of conversation Col. Upjohn - Major Mattei yesterday you will no doubt include this ~~case~~ case with those at Berletta in your letter to AFH. I enclose the documents attached to your letters.

G. R. UPJOHN, Colonel
Chief Legal Officer, ACC.

Enclosures:

1. Letter from Ministry of Justice.
2. Petition of Agliardi Camilla. (plus translation)

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Allied Control Commission

To: Col. Upcom,
From: S/Ldr Johnstone

17.1.44

Reference letter dated 6.1.44 from HQ 2 District CEF
No. 2022/10 G, and further to your letter CEF/gm of 6.1.44
addressed to Mr. Caocia.

We have no objection to the release of the internees.

We recommend however that immediately on their release
they be taken over by HQ 2 District CEF and arrangements be
made for their transfer to Algiers. G-2 Army to be advised
of the arrival of these internees with full particulars, thus
enabling them to take charge of the bodies and after
interrogation dispose of them accordingly.

G. A. Johnstone
G. A. Johnstone
Squadron Leader

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SUBJECT: Detainees in Prison at TRANI.

20 Jan 1944

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ACC for attention Col BRUCH.

17 Jan 44.

Ref this R. 2022/10 G of 22 Dec 43 and 8 Jan 44.

Attached is a further appeal received by this HQ from AGUSTINI Camillo, held in the civil jail at TRANI, for your information.

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L. Kennard Coyne
Major-General,
Commanding 2 District.

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SUBJECT:- Detainees in
Prison at TRANI.

HQ 2 District CEF.
2022/10 G.

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130/2
8 Jan. 44.

ACC for attention Col Upjohn.

Ref this HQ 2022/10 G of 22 Dec 43. — NR

1. Attached are copies of reports received from the Ministry of Pardon and Justice, TRANI, and forwarded for information.
2. On 26 Dec 43 this HQ received a request from AFHQ asking for the release of ROGER Misa. This HQ replied to the effect that as TRANI was in the "Kingdom" of Italy ACC had been approached with a view to obtaining ROGER Misa's release.

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Commanding 2 District.

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MINISTRY OF PARDON AND JUSTICE. Trani, 24/12/43. 8

No.	DESCRIPTION	OBSERVATIONS
4	Claims from the w/m political prisoners, detained in this prison: SANCIN Alberta, DEL GRUCCO Greca, ROGER, Elsa, AGLIARDI Camilla.	Requesting you to let us know your decision.

IL DIRETTORE SUPERIORE
(Alessandro Miccoli)

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To: British HQ Bari

First of all I want to thank you for the interest you have taken in us political internees by forwarding to hand the facts relevant to our trial. This has given me proof of your good will towards us and has roused within me great hopes of being set at liberty, hopes which were further encouraged by news that reached me yesterday, according to which His Excellency the Public Prosecutor of Bari was still awaiting orders as to my release from prison. His goodness and courtesy moreover in telling me of the amnesty for those sentenced for espionage by the Tribunale Speciale, has at length set our minds at rest.

You can imagine the anxiety with which we have waited and still wait your coming knowing that our liberation depended on you. May I ask you to give proof of your good will towards us as soon as possible.

I am sure that nothing can prevent our liberation since even if our action took place before the war it has nevertheless contributed directly or indirectly to it, and with the same ending. Since there can be no doubt left as to Italy's co-participation in this war, by the same token the present adhesion of Italy to the Allied cause has also modified our legal position rendering our conviction null and void.

I appeal to you therefore in the name of France (seeing that we are so powerfully represented and that France herself would not abandon us in these circumstances), to apply this amnesty to us and to procure our liberation from the Public Prosecutor of Bari, who is himself so well disposed towards us, in this way cutting short our detention here and putting an end to all our woes.

In the sure knowledge that we have not waited in vain for your assistance and expressing a fervent wish for the complete victory of the Allies I offer you my most heartfelt gratitude.

(Signed) Greca del Graco

Trani, 7 December 43.

The Director in Chief,
Female Prison,
Trani.

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To British HQ, Bari.

I thank you for the interest you have shown in sending your representatives to make notes concerning my sentence; this confirms my belief in your kindness, and revives in my heart the hope of obtaining my freedom soon, in accordance with the declaration relating to all political prisoners.

I thank you too for the authorization obtained for me from the Public Prosecutor of Bari to appoint a trustworthy person to apply for my release. Unfortunately up to now nothing has come to comfort me - for this reason I venture to solicit your kind interest in my case.

It seems to me that there is no obstacle in the way of my release, because the crime with which I was charged, although not taking place during this war, was treated in the same way, and the adherence of Italy to the Allied cause has changed my judicial position, cancelling the crime.

I beg you therefore to afford me all possible assistance so as to shorten my stay between these walls. Confident that my prayer will not be in vain, I send wishes for the most complete victory of the Allies.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) Sarcin Alberta in Della Santina.

Political prisoner at TRIESTE.

9 Dec. 45.

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To British H.Q. Paris.

I, the undersigned Elsa Heger in Bruner, an Austrian emigrant, was condemned by the Special Tribunal of Rome in 1940 to 15 years imprisonment for espionage in favour of France in this war.

With this letter I am venturing once again to beg you to be good enough to apply for my release, knowing that as far as the authorities over me are concerned there is no obstacle and that in the Amnesty terms of 5 Sep an amnesty was granted to us political prisoners.

My letter written to you on 9 Nov has so far remained unanswered. On 11 Nov two English gentlemen came to call on me, and I in my confusion forgot to say anything of importance, but I have been hoping every day to see these two gentlemen again, so far in vain.

Knowing the British to be always gentlemen, I am hourly expecting a visit from you, as I have suffered especially for the British. I am not difficult to please - I am so hungry but out of prison I would be satisfied in a field with bread and water and a little straw to sleep on. If I could be free for Christmas I should be repaid for all my unimaginable sufferings. I appeal to your kind hearts not to forget the poor (?) Viennese woman. I implore you with all my heart to be kind enough to ask for my release, applying the Amnesty to my case.

With confidence and infinite thanks,

(Signed) Elsa Heger in Bruner.

TRAMI 7 December 1945.

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To British HQ, RARI.

First of all I must thank you for the interest you have shown in us political prisoners, sending someone to enquire about our cares; this has made us certain of your benevolence towards us, and has lighted in our hearts the great hope of soon being at liberty, a hope increased too by the news, which I received yesterday that the Public Prosecutor of Bari was still expecting orders for my release. Your attitude on this, as also in telling us about the amnesty granted to political prisoners sentenced by the Special Tribunal for espionage has relieved our minds.

I cannot tell you how anxiously we are awaiting a visit from you, knowing that our freedom depends on you; I venture to solicit your kind interest in my favour. I am sure there can be no obstacle to our release, because even though our action did not take place during this war, it was concerned directly or indirectly with the war, and has been treated thus; so there can be no doubt that the matter is a part of this war. Similarly the adherence of Italy to the Allied cause has changed our juridical position, supposing we admit the charge.

I ask you therefore in the name of France, whom you represent with such authority, and who would certainly not forsake us in such a position, to be good enough to apply the said amnesty to us, by asking the Procureur-General of Bari, so kindly disposed to us, for our release, thus cutting short our stay in this prison and putting an end to our sufferings.

Certain that I have not awaited your help in vain, and formulating wishes for the greater Victory of the Allies, I salute you respectfully,

Political prisoner.

(Signed) Camilla Agliardi.

Trani prison, 7 Dec. 1943.

HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee

CCF/gmf

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6 January 1944.

In reply
refer to: ACC/1/130.

SUBJECT: Persons Interned by Italians.

TO : Mr. Caccia.

In connection with the reported internment of persons who have displayed pro-Allied sentiments which is alleged to have taken place at Trani or Barietta, your attention is drawn to Clause 32 of the Armistice, the terms of which make it a direct obligation for the Italian Government to release such persons, whatever their nationality may be, under the direction of the Commander in Chief.

G. R. TRAVIS, Colonel
Chief Legal Officer, ACC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee

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19 December 1943.

In reply
refer to: ACC/1/130

SUBJECT: Detainees near Barletta.

TO : H.Q. No. 2 District. (For Major Mattei, Officer in charge of P.S.P.).

Further to yesterday's interview (Col. Upjohn -- Major Mattei) on the subject of the persons of Italian and other nationalities said to be imprisoned by the Italian authorities near Barletta for alleged espionage, if you will please furnish this office with more detailed information, such as exact location, classes of nationals, circumstances of detention, etc., the matter can then be referred to the appropriate quarter.

G. R. UNGER, Colonel
Chief Legal Officer, ACC.

SUBJECT: Detainees near Reuletta.

TO : H.Q. No. 2 District. (For Major Mattel, Officer in charge of P.S.P.).

Further to yesterday's interview (Col. Upjohn - Major Mattel) on the subject of the persons of Italian and other nationalities said to be imprisoned by the Italian authorities near Reuletta for alleged espionage, if you will please furnish this office with more detailed information, such as exact location, classes of nationals, circumstances of detention, etc., the matter can then be referred to the appropriate quarter.

G. P. USJAIN, Colonel
Chief Legal Officer, AOC.

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Documents on Pro Allied
Mies held at Barletta
~~are filed in~~ have been handed
over to S/L Johnson on 15 Jan.

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