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CONTAINS PAREN

FROM DIV 6 10/1/43

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CIVIL REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 512.

RL/525/1/CPS/BJH.
24/11/43.

SUBJECT : Transfer of Prisoners.
TO ; Chief - Public Safety Division, No. 1 Region.

1. I understand from Prison Section that the two Carabinieri were collected from the Civil Prison on 24th November, by Prisoner of War Department for transportation to Africa.

2. These papers were submitted in order that they could be attached to File ANGOT/1016/PS., forwarded you on 20th, November, 1943.


B. J. HEFFORD,
Major,
Supt., Civil Police Section.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 512.

RI/1016/CPS/BJH.
22/11/43.

SUBJECT : Transfers of Prisoners.
TO : Chief, Public Safety Division, No. 1 Region.

1. On 20th October the attached letter was handed to me and refers to two Carabinieri who were arrested and handed over to Prisoner of War Camp on 6th October, 1943, for transportation to Africa.

2. As far as I knew the two men were in Africa, but upon enquiry I found that by some mischance they had been transferred by P.O.W. authorities to the Civil Gaol and the transportation request returned to AMGOT H.Q., vide 49 on corres. AMGOT/1016/PS. The two men are still in the civilian gaol.

3. I have therefore extracted the necessary documents from the file and again forwarded them to P.O.W. stockade with a request that the prisoners be transferred to Africa as originally requested.

4. I understand that this will now be done.

B. J. Hefford
B. J. HEFFORD,
Major,
Supt., Civil Police Section.

1st Ind.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS APO 512
Nov. 22, 1943
File R.P.S. 014.5/220.8

5/12-6-43

To; Supt. Civil Police Section

Seen.

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Further report as to position in 14 days please.

BY ORDER of Lt. Col. Charles Poletti, RCAF.

Russell A. Snook
Russell A. Snook
for Chief Public Safety Division

525/1
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS APO 512
Nov. 22 1943
File S.P.D. 014.5/220.8

5/12/68

To: Supt. Civil Police Section

Seen.

Further report as to position in 14 days please.

BY ORDER of Lt. Col. Charles Poletti, RMO.

Russell A. Snook
Chief Public Safety Division

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 Roma
 11-11-43

Illmo Sig. Colonnello

Sono il 4. Brigadiere C. R. P.
 Mariano Carlo fu Giulio Cui,
 nominato al campo di concentramento di Linate il 1 Agosto 43
 mi fui dimesso il 7 Agosto con
 foglio di libere regolate - Perchè
 prima dell'occupazione ero stato
 destinato alla Vigilancia del 12.
 Parco Automobilistico di Casdammara
 e perchè i carabinieri erano rimasti
 al mio servizio, pur potendo avere
 la possibilità di tornare lo stesso
 perchè sono Romano, mi presentai
 al comando C. R. P. di Casdammara
 preferendo fare servizio di Civil Police
 per con l'allestimento della

Il 28 settembre fu accolto
guardo alla Prigione C.C.R. dove
appresi che venne gravata l'im-
putazione di mazzette da un
giudice di altro amma-
do e di come essere dal campo
di concentramento di Crete, e
senza subire alcun interoga-
torio, l'11 ottobre fu trasferito
in queste carceri giudiziarie,
dopo cinque giorni di fermo in
quelli militari.

Senza subire alcun interrogatorio, trovandosi
in carcere da un mese e mezzo
senza perdersi a pregare la
Signora Fortina Teresa Tassinari,
Ternare del mio lato e farne
notificare a giudizio di reato.

risultando a mio carico o
rimettermi in libertà immediata
dov'è il servizio e risultava
la mia innocenza
della Sig. Costa Ill.ma
Ritornando
Mariani Carlo

Carcere Giudiziario 9 Sezione
Palermo

The Vice-Brigadier of the R. Carabinieri,
Abramo Carlo, on August 31st 1943, was interned
in the concentration camp of Loreto, from
which he was regularly discharged on the
7th of the same month.

Before the occupation, he performed
watch-duty in the 12th Gariboldi of
Castametta, so that after his release from
imprisonment, he went to the R. Carabinieri
Command of Castametta, to be re-admitted
into the service.

Sept. 23rd, he was accompanied to the R.C.
Prison, and was informed to be implicated
either for ill-treatments against a prejudiced
man, by him arrested, or for breach from
the concentration camp.

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Without interrogations he was arrested and
imprisoned, first in the military prisons
and later he was transferred to the

judiciary jail.

After a month and on half of wait,
he asks your Board to take ~~him~~
into consideration and his readmission
into service, if, after interrogation, he will
remain innocent.

Region 1

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

BUCK SLIP

Date _____

Sus: _____

Date _____

FROM	TO
C.G. AMG	
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Exec Off	
Economic Director	
Industry & Commerce	
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Agriculture	
P. W. & Utilities	
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Personnel Office	
<i>H. Parilli</i>	

FOR:

- ☐ Signature and return
☐ Recommendation & Remark
☒ Information & Guidance
☐ Approval or Disapproval
☐ Necessary Action
☐ Investigation & Report
☐ To note and return
☐ File
☐ Dispatch

REMARKS:

To Public Safety

MODULARIO
G. G. - n. 6. - 515

Mod. 401 (Cancrini)



Palermo Add. I. II. 1943 19..... A.....

DIREZIONE

DEL

Carcere Giudiziario

N. 172 3 Fasc. I Let. P.

OGGETTO

Detenuto Palazzo
Giovanni di CataldoMi prego trasmettere ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
l'unita istanza del controdescritto dete-
nuto ~~per~~ relativa al suo stato
di detenzione.La prego di favorirmi un cortese cen-
no di risposta da comunicare all'interes-
sato ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~~~XXXXXXXX~~ AlComando della 7^a Armata

di

Palermo

IL DIRETTORE
(Columba Ferdinando)

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
A.P.O. 788
Translation Section

NOV 18 1943

DATA

SUBJECT : Letter from Judicial Prison

TO : Allied Military Government, Trans-
lation Section (attention Lt. Pinelli)

REMARKS : Please translate & refer to Provost
Marshal for proper action. The PM,
7th Army, has no authority in this
matter.

TRANSLATED BY: -----

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CAROL DUSEY
1st Lt., F.A.
Chief, Translation Section

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Palermo, 11/11/1943

Office of the Director
of the Prison

Subject: Prisoner Palazzo Giovanni di Cataldo.

TO : Seventh Army, Palermo

Req. to remit attached herewith letter of the above
mentioned prisoner, relative to his detention.

Kindly favor me with a reply to be forwarded
to the interested party.

The Director
(Columba Ferdinand)

Honorable Allied Command

Judicial Commission of Anzio.

The undersigned Carabinieri Palazzo Giovanni of
Catania, placed under arrest together with Brig. C.R.R.
Marino Carlo at Caltanissetta, begs to request again of
your Command to kindly decide ~~on~~ my case.

I point out that I have been kept in prison for
32 days and have not yet had any examinations.

Palermo, 20/10/1943

Giovanni Palazzo

4^a Sezione

relativa al suo stato di detenzione

Atto Carcano addit
Commissione Giudice dell' R.M. G.O.T.

Per quanto concerne Toleno, Carcano di
Celle, che in corso imminente al V. Brig. CC. R.R. ebbano
Carlo J. Giulio a Caltanissetta, si trova presso un'azienda
che Carcano afficce voglia compiersi via lura la propria
situazione.

Per quanto che hanno detto da per 2 giorni e non ha
avuto ancora nessun interrogatorio.

Come per tutte avvenute

Palermo 20-10-1943

Carcano Toleno

Arrestato il 21.10.43 per
R. Carcano, figlio di R. Carcano, figlio di R. Carcano

la disposizione del 14.10.43

Condannato il 14.10.43

ad

appellato - ricorso - definito dal

Finisce per il

P. L.

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ADJUTANT MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Region No. 1, Sicily.

100/1016/30
11/10/43

Subject: Release of Prisoners.

To: S.S.A.O. Messina.
Thru R.C.A.O. Region I.

Reference to attached letter AMO/4091/1 which is
self explanatory.

It is asked that enquiry be made and the result
forwarded to this Office.

By order of Colonel Poletti.

S.J. Brown Capt.
Supt. Prisons
Region I, Sicily.

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Subject: Prisons

To: C.P.S.

AMG/4091/L

AMG.H.Q. Sicily

31 October 1943

It is understood that a number of prisoners awaiting trial for murder (accused of) before Italian Courts have been released from Milazzo Gaol by a series of errors and in complete disregard of directives and orders issued by Amgot from time to time.

Could an investigation be made as soon as possible into this matter?.

The names of the prisoners referred to are as follows:-

(a) Prisoners released unconditionally by

Major Bye:-

Armeli	Vincenzo
Siracusa	Nicolo
D'Angelo	Domenico
Formica	Giuseppe
Ballaro	Letterio
Prisa	Giovanni
Pettinato	Vito
Torre	Giuseppe
Calimeri	Francesco
De Pando	Angela

(b) Released conditionally through S.L.O. and
Procuratore:-

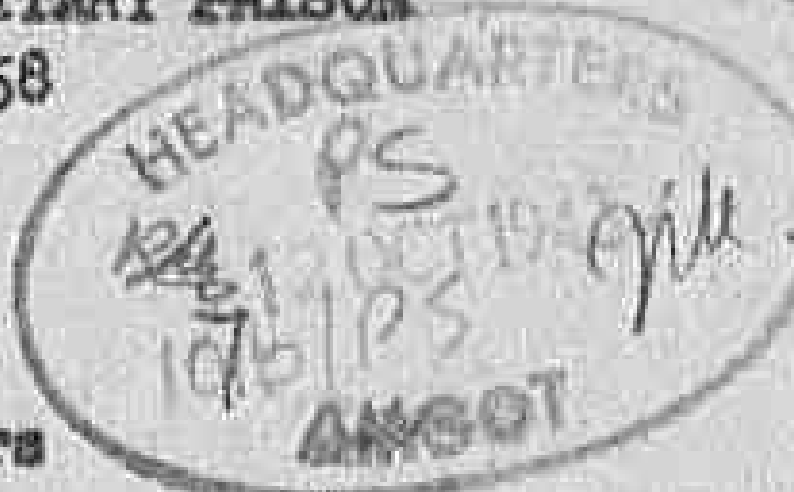
Schepis	Domenico
Salimitri	Giuseppe
Mazzeo	Santo
Schepis	Francesco

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Signed G.G. Hannaford Major
Officer i/c Italian Courts

GGH/HW

7th ARMY MILITARY PRISON
APO 758



11 October 1943

SUBJECT: Transfer of Prisoners

TO: Chief Civil Affairs Officer, A M G O T Hq., Palermo, Sicily.

1. This date two former members of the Carabinieri, Vice Brigadier CARLO MARIANI and Pvt. GIOVANNI PALAZZO, were transferred from the 7th Army Military Prison to the CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE PA LERMO, to await evacuation to Africa.

2. Original copies of papers accompanying the prisoners to 7th Army Military Prison and copy of Detention Request are inclosed herewith.

3. Request acknowledgment of this communication by indorsement hereon.

*Done
see below*

John A. Geyer

JOHN A. GEYER
2nd Lt CMP (AUS)
Operations Officer

Incl.-3

Copy to Lt. Louis V. Gee
ANGOT-Civil Police Section
ANGOT Hq
Palermo

Copy

1st IND.

TO:- 7th Army Military Prison,
A.P.O. 758.

13 Oct 43

Receipt is acknowledged of Copy of Detention Request and papers regarding Vice Brigadier Carlo Mariani and Pvt. Giovanni Palazzo, enclosed with your letter of 11 October 1943, above.

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And Martin
Lt Col
LEONEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

PA
14/10

ROUTING SLIP

☒ C.C.A.O. _____
☒ D.C.A.O. _____
☒ D.C.S.O. _____
 COL. CLOUGH _____
 MAJOR SMITH _____
 MAJOR McDOUGALL _____
 LT. VAN HEUKELON _____
 CAPT. GRAHAM _____
 P. R. O. _____
 ADVISOR F. A & M. _____
 CAPT. DAVIS _____
 CAPT. TALBOT _____
 LEGAL DIV. _____
 FINANCE DIV. _____
 CIVIL SUPPLY _____
 PUBLIC SAFETY _____
 PUBLIC HEALTH _____
 CONTROLLER PROPERTY _____
 REGISTRY _____

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REMARKS

*This Disposes of the
Public Safety angle.*

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8 Oct 43

DATE

C. B. S.

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Civil Police Section

file # 6/F

1016/PS.

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Refuge case of two carabinieri (43)
 arrested in Caltanissetta provinces by
 order of CCAO, herewith extract
 from CCAO's minute of 27 August
 on the subject, which should be sufficient
 authority for their reception by the
 O.C. P.W. Stockade.

Adjutant
 Lkol
 J.C.P.S.

3 Oct 43.

P.S. Please return this with note of action
 taken.

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Cof P.S. These two carabinieri were handed
 over to O.C. P.O.W. Camp today.

Boj. Hefford
 Major
 as Sept Civil Police

6¹⁰/43.

Noted
 9/2/43

6 October 43

Reed Iuso Carlini Palazzo ⁴⁴
Giananni and Maniani Carlo
for deputation to N. Africa

R. Flanbergard
1st Lt Inf.
C.F.O.

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MMT/1016/25

MMT R.C., SICRY.

3 October 1943.

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Extract from MMT dated 27 August 1943 from Chief Civil Affairs Officer to Chief Staff Officer.

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 Reference Doc. 3. I want action to be taken at once on the scandalous case referred by Civil Affairs Police Officer, CAMBANGSINA.

The action will be as follows :

The two Carabinieri in question are once more to be apprehended and are to be sent as Prisoners of War to North Africa forthwith. Arrangements are to be made to see that this is done. The only reason for not bringing these two Carabinieri to trial is that it will be difficult at this stage to secure evidence.

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 Initialed R

Certified True Copy.

PA 727030

PA J. BAXTER,
 Lt. Colonel,
 Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety.

COPY

AMGOT

Office of Chief Civil Affairs Police Officer

Province of Caltanissetta

August 20th, 1943

To: Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
Province of Caltanissetta.

Subject: Improper Release of Prisoners of War (Carabiniere).

1. On August 1st, 1943, a joint investigation made with Major B. E. Jahmwich, Civil Affairs Officer at Caricatti, disclosed that two Carabiniere from the City of Caltanissetta had participated with an Agent of Public Security and two farmers in the looting of a dump of U. S. military equipment and the brutal beating of a guard appointed by Major Jahmwich to watch the dump. The Carabiniere were apprehended and were identified by said guard, and under questioning admitted their guilt. One of them at the time of his arrest was wearing a pair of shoes which were a part of the loot.

2. The two Carabiniere, Vice Brigadier CARLO MARINI and Private Giovanni Palazzo, were turned over by me to the Provost Marshal at Caltanissetta as prisoners of war, to be forwarded to Africa for confinement for the duration, and, I am advised, were actually delivered by said Provost Marshal to the Prisoner of War cage at Licata.

3. Today it was learned that the two Carabiniere in question were released at Licata. One, Palazzo, is said to have appeared here about a week ago with a pass signed by the Civil Affairs Officer at Licata authorizing him to return to Caltanissetta and be reemployed by the Carabiniere, and he is now so employed; the other, Marini, appeared at the same time bearing an approved parole application signed by 2nd Lt. Joseph R. Vicarini, C.M.P., under date of August 6th, 1943, was reemployed by the Carabiniere and has since been transferred to Palermo.

4. It is requested that there be obtained an immediate explanation of the release of the men, and that the authorities releasing them be made responsible for their reappréhension and incarceration as prisoners of war.

(Signed)

E. Russell Kennedy, Jr.
E. RUSSELL KENNEDY, JR.
Major, C. M. P.

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(Signed) E. Russell Kennedy, Jr.
E. RUSSELL KENNEDY, JR.
Major, C. M. P.

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Certified true copy.

Paul Martin
P. M. J. MARTIN,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety.

3 Oct 43

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.ROUTING SLIP.

TO SEE :-

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~~C.P.S.....~~~~D.C.P.S.....~~~~PRISON SECTION.....~~~~CIVIL POLICE SECTION.....~~~~FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE
SECTION.....~~~~LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
SECTION.....~~

REFERENCE: Vice-Brigadiere Mariani and Carabinieri Palazzo.
Unauthorized Releases.

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY
AMGOT/1016/IS
October 1, 1943

TO : C.S.O.

1. I desire to report that your instructions of 25/9/43 (Page 30) to arrest Carlo Mariani and Giovanni Palazzo CC. RR. have been complied with. The above individuals are now in the custody of the Supt. Civil Police. Attention is invited to memorandum 1/9/43 from the Inspector General, Seventh Army, together with subsequent endorsements.

2. Instructions as to the disposition of these two prisoners are requested.

*Approved & signed by P. L.
for evacuation to NA
10/1/43 C.S.O.*

Emmanuel Folies
EMMANUEL L. FOLIES
Colonel, Inf.
C.P.S.

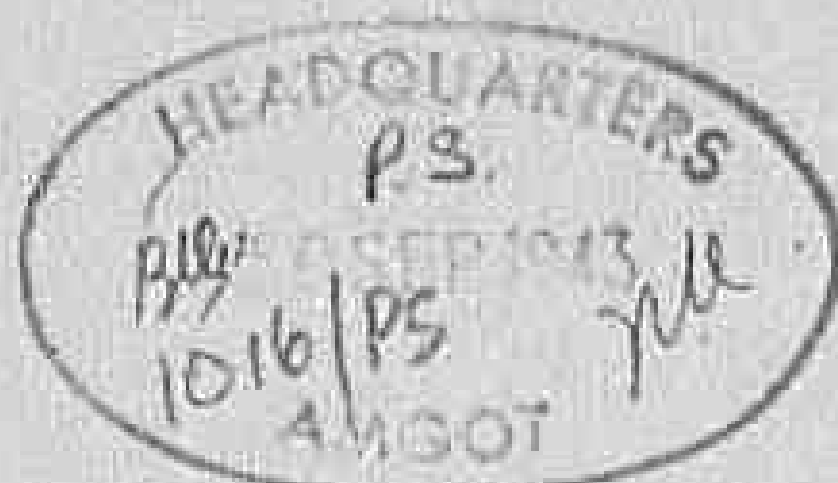
*I have CCARDs signed and
I also 16 still stands the same
I should therefore to send to North
Africa as per the CCARDs decision*

C. H. 2323

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

CP/nr

26 September 1943



MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief Staff Officer, AMGOT Headquarters

Referring your letter, AMGOT/1016/PS, AMGOT HQ Sicily, 25 September, 1943, Major Toscani was transferred from this Headquarters on orders from your Headquarters.

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

*Seen by DCPS
See Working Slip at 42*

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A. M. G. O. T. B/F 1016/PS

Office of Chief Civil Affairs Police Officer
PROVINCE OF CALTANISSETTA

29th Sept 1943

To L.M.

U.S. Army

Caltanissetta

Reference Vice Brigadiere Mariano
and Carabinieri Polaygo handak
you on the 28th by Lt. Baker.

These officers were returned at Licala
and P.O.W. They were returned to the
American office and by Major
Kerhart was submitted by Major
Kerhart. He then C.A.P.O. and directed
was received from Col. Shofford C.I.O. Palermo
for the arrest and internment of these
two carabinieri

/s/ Aust Major
Prot. CA 1016

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(ltr fr Amgot, 29 Aug 1943, sub: Unauthorized Releases-2 members of the Carabinieri supposedly having been convicted for looting)

AO 386 Misc 1st Ind.
 RE SEVENTH ARMY, APO 750, 29 September 1943.

OAR/wrv

TO: Commanding Officer, AMGOT, Palermo District.

Forwarded in compliance with basic communication.

For the Commanding General:

2 Incl:

- 1-Ltr fr Amgot, Prov of Caltanissetta
- 2-Ltr fr IG, Seventh Army.



Glenn J. Henry
 COLONEL A. HENRY,
 1st Lt. AGO,
 Asst Adjutant General. C
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AMGOT/1016/PS

AMGOT HQ SICILY

29 August 1943

Subject: Unauthorized Releases

To : Chief of Staff, Seventh Army

1. Your attention is directed to the attached report involving the arrest as prisoners of war, two members of the Carabinieri. In paragraph three of the attached report, it will be noted that Vice Brigadier Carlo Mariani had in his possession a parole application signed by 2nd Lieutenant Joseph R. Vicarini, C.M.P.

2. It is recommended that this case be investigated and appropriate action taken insofar as personnel of your command may be involved. Action is being taken in respect of AMGOT personnel involved.


CHARLES M. SPOTTFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

Encl.

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
Office of the Inspector General
A.P.O. 758

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GIL/jbg

1 September 1943

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief of Staff, Seventh Army

1. Pursuant to your check slip dated 31 August 1943 I have investigated the case of Vice Brigadier Carlo Mariani's parole signed by 2d Lieutenant Joseph R. Vicarini, C.M.P.

2. It develops that Carlo Mariani was paroled on or about 5 August 1943 by 2d Lieutenant Joseph R. Vicarini, C.M.P., Licata, as a Sicilian soldier. There is no record of any paper directing the confinement and shipment of this prisoner to Africa, and he was consequently treated as any other Sicilian soldier paroled according to directives issued by the Seventh Army.

3. There is no record at the prisoner of war stockade at Licata of the confinement of Giovanni Palazzo.

4. The Civil Affairs officer, Captain Phillips, who was interviewed at Licata, informs me that there is no record of any pass given to Giovanni Palazzo. In fact, there is no record of any transactions had by his predecessor.

5. Basic letter attached indicated that Carlo Mariani is again employed as a Carabinieri under the control of the Civil Affairs, and since the basic communication indicates that Giovanni Palazzo was given a pass by the Civil Affairs officer it is believed this is a matter for the Civil Affairs to iron out within their own organization.


C. R. MURPHY,
Colonel, I.G.D.,
Inspector General.

1 Incl - Ltr Augot Hq Sicily dtd 29 Aug 43
with incl

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AMGOT HQ. SICILY
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section
HQ. CC. RR. Palermo.

28 September 1943.

SUBJECT: Unauthorized releases.

TO: S.C.A.P.O. - Caltanissetta (26)
(Thru. S.C.A.O.)

217^a Referring to your memo. of 14th. September, notifying the fact that Carabinieri Palazzo cannot at present be traced and that Vice-Brigadiere Mariani was in Palermo - information has now been received to the effect that the last named left Palermo for Caltanissetta on 14th. September. (see 28)

The Carabinieri Reali have been directed to take all possible steps to apprehend these two men and to hand them over to you for evacuation to North Africa. The above information is forwarded to you in order that every endeavour might be made to secure the re-arrest of both these men as early as possible.

B/C 8/10/43

CPS Bureau
XPS [unclear]

[Signature]
RUSSELL A. SNOOK
LT./COL.
SUPERINTENDENT
CIVIL POLICE SECTION.

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AGOT H. . SICILY
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION
Civil Police Section
HQ. CC. RR. PPalermo

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27 September 1943.

General Sannino
Carabinieri Reali

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With reference to my memo. dated 2nd. September, 1943, regarding Vice Brigadiere Carlo Mariani and Private Giovanni Palazzo - up to the present time it has not been possible to apprehend these Carabinieri, and every effort is therefore to be made to effect their arrest, immediately and to hand them over to the Senior Civil Affairs Officer at Caltanissetta.

Please let me know in due course that the two Carabinieri have been arrested.

B. J. Hefford Major
for RUSSELL A. SNOOK

LT/COL.

SUPERINTENDENT

CIVIL POLICE SECTION

CPS
DCPS

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SUBJECT: Improper Release of Prisoners of War

TO: Major Frank E. Toscani, Saragat S.C.A.G.,
Palermo Province

2. You will render within 48 hours a full report on the subject of the following named Communist sympathizers of the

7501 Brigadier Carlo Mariani
Private Giovanni Polacco

at Idarda some time during the month of August, 1943. You will also state your reasons for leaving a pass to Garabindri Palasuo, and the reasons for the release of said Garabindri from prison.

CHARLES H. HARRISON,
Colonel, U.S.A.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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See reply at 41

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AMCOT/1016/PS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
25 September 1943

SUBJECT: Apprehension of Prisoners of War (Carabinieri)
TO: Director Public Safety Division

1. You are directed to arrest immediately the following members of the Carabinieri: Vice Brigadier Carlo Mariani, and Private Giovanni Palazzo as Prisoners of War, and arrange through the appropriate channels for their evacuation to North Africa.

*OK
Palazzo*
Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

Civil Police Section

*For necessary action through
CCRR*

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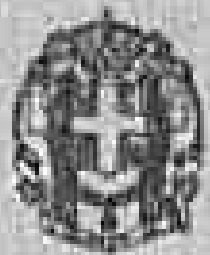
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No.	DATE 23 Sept 43	
TO	CSD-AMGOT-Hdqs Att. Col BOLLEST Com. Pub. Safety This refers to your AMGOT/1016/P.S AMGOT Hdqs- Sicily- 19 Sept 43. - 7X Attached is report from CCRP (Maj. Spampinato) indicating that MARIANO CARLO left Palermo for Callanissetta on 17 Sept 43	
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OGGETTO Pro-memoria.

Il vicebrigadiere Mariani Carlo il 17 settembre
1943 ha fatto rientro a Caltanissetta.

*Left Palermo
for Caltanissetta
on Sept 17-43.*

Il maggiore comandante
(Onofrio Spampinato)

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
A. P. O. #758, U. S. Army

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LEP/lhw
19 September 1949

SUBJECT: Unwarranted Gaol Delivery.

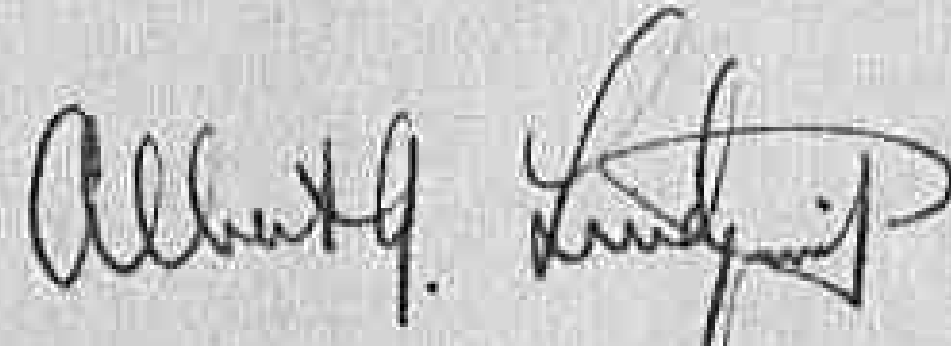
TO : Commanding Officer, Headquarters AMGOT, Sicily.
ATTN: Lt. Col. Spoffard.

1. Attention is invited to the detailed report by the Commanding Officer, CIC Detachment, HQ 7th Army, of his investigation of reported misconduct on the part of American personnel in the subject case.

2. The evidence shows that the alleged misconduct took place in the midst of the Sicilian campaign, when the atmosphere of the situation tended to emphasize the prompt accomplishments of results, more than the niceties of procedure. The action taken, when viewed in the light of less strenuous times, now appears to be extraordinary and perhaps even unauthorized. There is no evidence, however, that it was taken in other than good faith and with sincerity of purpose.

3. It is believed that the experience gained from such mistakes will make for more effective coordination between such related activities in the future. This rather than disciplinary action for its own sake is believed to be the purpose anticipated by the requested investigation.

For the Commanding General:

Incl:
Rep't fr HQ 7th Army CIC
Section.
ALBERT A. LINDQUIST
Major A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH ARMY
CIC SECTION 397
APO 758

10 September 1943

SUBJECT: Unwarranted Gaol Delivery

TO : Ass't AC of S, G-2 (CI), Hq's 7th Army

1. Reference is made to the attached correspondence which has been called to the attention of this office for investigation and explanation.

2. On August 2nd and 4th, 1943, while at the Municipal Jail, Agrigento, Agent Richards was approached and requested by the Direttore Capo and Sotto Capo of the jail to release certain prisoners; stating that they were imprisoned for slight reasons, had already served sufficient time for punishment on the charges that were against them, had had no hearing because the necessary Allied Tribunal had not been established, and that some of them had been imprisoned because of anti-fascist prejudices.

3. Agent Richards then instructed the Direttore to carefully check and prepare a list of those prisoners, whom in the unanimous opinion of all of the officials of the jail, should properly and safely be released until such time as their respective cases could be reviewed or tried by a properly established Allied Tribunal. Accordingly Agent Richards, in writing, authorized and directed the Direttore of the Jail to release the following named prisoners:

MAMO, Gerlando - *Arrested 24 July 1943 for having an argument with the Carabinieri
GIARDINO, Francesco *All three arrested 18 July 1943
GIARDINA, Gerlando *because they had recovered and were
ALLETTO, Giuseppe *holding two cases of clothing belonging to a Captain of the Red Cross.
Alleged that material was stolen.
SINDACI, Sorbara *Arrested 27 Feb. 1943 for stealing from his married mother's paramour. The Questura reports that this man is now free by proper court action. Over one-half of sentence had been served and under Italian law was dischargeable.
NOBILE, Rosina * Arrested 26 July 1943 for petty theft.
LO-IACONO, Leonida * Arrested 19 July 1943 for possessing a bicycle recovered from debris. Bike returned to original owner.
SFERLAZZA, Calogero * Arrested 19 July 1943 for taking a chair

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ROCCO, Francesco* Arrested 19 July 1943 for taking some coal from open premises

INGLIMA, Gerlando* Arrested 19 July 1943 for taking a bottle of oil

PROETTO, Salvatore* Arrested 8 July 1943 for stealing benzine from the Italian Army

MONTALEANO, Rosalia* Arrested 29 July 1943 for stealing some clothing

NOBILE, Vincenzo* Arrested 27 July 1943 for petty thievery

NOBILE, Giuseppe* Arrested 28 July 1943 for having sexual relationships with a young girl, but all the parties, including the parents of the girl and the priest agree and desire marriage if the charge will be dropped.

TRUPIA, Salvatore* Arrested 19 June 1943 for illegal entry into private homes.

POSANTI, Angelo* Arrested 11 June 1943 for refusing to work during the Fascist regime

MILANA, Alfio* Arrested 1 August 1942 for having sexual relations with an unmarried girl. Had served one year. It is claimed that the parents of the girl were strong fascists with a grudge against Subject who was anti-fascist.

4. The prisoners were released by Agent Richards for the following reasons:

- a) Either they had been arrested on charges of slight nature or because of anti-fascist prejudice
- b) Because each prisoner released was needed desperately by his family
- c) For the reason that each of the prisoners released would be available when the proper Tribunal was established to try or review their respective cases. Not one of the released individuals has since sought to leave town and are presently available.
- d) For the reason that each person released would be friendly to the Americans and would supply valuable information. This has proven to be the case.

5. Agent Richards, in civilian life, was an outstanding attorney, investigating his own cases and trying several of them before the U.S. Supreme Court. His entire service in the CIC has been outstanding in every respect. An Agent for the CIC is selected, after careful and most thorough investigation, for his character, loyalty, integrity and discretion. Agent Richards' action, in good faith, was aimed at the "Gestapo-like" tendencies of the Agrigento Carabinieri which has long needed "cleaning-out." Alfredo De Bellis, former head of the Carabinieri, and a proven member of the OVRA was, on 30 July 1943, arrested by the CIC over the strong protest of Lt. Col. George H. McCaffrey, SCAO, who is making the allegations in the instant case. Now, the Carabinieri successor

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to De Bellis is a Captain Di Dio who, in 1942, was head of the Italian counter-intelligence in Libya and Tunisia. The CIC has been charged with the responsibility and ordered to arrest leading Fascists in order to rid the island of Fascism. Collective Fascist action which permits people to "rot" in jail without trial is as much to be fought as individual action.

6. Agent Richards' action in this case was directed, not against Allied Military Government but against the Carabinieri who had made these arrests, not under specific orders of AMGOT but on their own initiative. The action taken was directed against the Carabinieri, who, if left unsupervised, would and have hid behind broad Allied Laws continuing the Carabinieri in power. This power, however, was delegated in the interest of democracy, not to permit the carrying out of their functions with democratic spirit and Fascist practice.

7. Recommend that Agent Richards' case be considered one, perhaps, of the exercise of bad judgment. It certainly does not come under the classification of dereliction of duty.

Paul A. H. Jensen
PAUL A. HEEGAARD-JENSEN
Capt., MI
Commanding

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TO

: Commanding General, Seventh Army

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1. I forward herewith a copy of a report from Lt. Colonel McCaffrey, Senior Civil Affairs Officer for the Province of Agrigento.

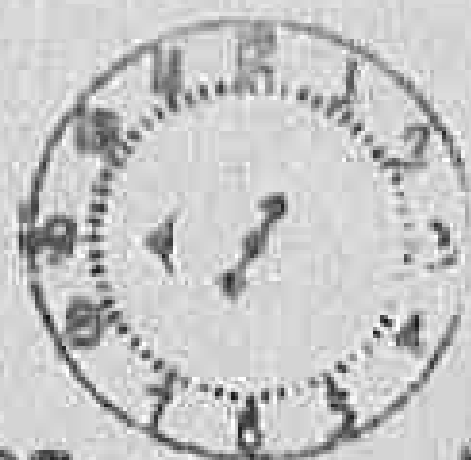
2. It appears that a number of criminals were released by American personnel and from a report of the S.C.A.O. the releases were unjustifiable and the action taken was an unnecessary interference with civil police duties.

3. It is requested that the misconduct on the part of the American personnel be investigated and if substantiated, such action taken as may be considered desirable.

For the Commanding General:

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CHARLES A. SPOMARD 2307
 Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.
 CHIEF GRAVE OFFICER

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Office of Chief Civil Affairs Police Officer
PROVINCE OF CALTANISSETTA

HEADQUARTERS
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22 SEP 1943

1016/PS
AMGOT

September 14, 1943

SUBJECT: With reference to attached.

TO : Chief Staff Officer AMGOT Hqrs., Palermo.

THRU : S.C.A.O., Agrigento

1. The Carabinieri Pallazzo is "on the run" and cannot, at present, be traced. Every effort is being made to locate his whereabouts. The matter will be kept in mind and should he be arrested the necessary arrangements will be made for incarceration as Prisoner of War.

2. I would draw attention to Para. 3 of original report dated 20th of August, 1943 with regard to Vice Brigadiere Maraini whose now in the Palermo Province.

W. R. Lish
Lt. Col., 99th
Senior Civil Affairs Officer;
Province of Caltanissetta.

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1st. Ind.

Civil Affairs Office, Agrigento. **TO:** Chief Staff Officer, AMGOT, Palermo.
15 Sept. 1943.

1. This incident occurred before the present CAC at Licata was assigned there. His predecessor was Maj. Frank E. Toscani who is now believed to be assigned to the Staff of the SCAC, Palermo Province.

G. W. Mc Caffrey

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W. R. Lish
 Lt. Col., 2nd
 Senior Civil Affairs Officer;
 Province of Caltanissetta.

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Civil Affairs Office, Agrigento. TO: Chief Staff Officer, AMGOT, Palermo.
 16 Sept. 1945.

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G. H. McCaffrey
 Lt. Col., Inf.
 SCAO

See p. 17 - attached
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SUBJECT: Unauthorized Releases

SECRET/1016/P.S.
SECRET HQ., SICILY
28. AUGUST 1943

TO : SOAO's Agrigento and Caltanissetta Provinces

With reference to the case referred to us under date of August 20, 1943, you are directed to take the following action:

a.) Arrest immediately the following members of the Carabinieri--Vice Brigadier, Carlo Mariani, and Private Giovanni Palazzo as prisoners of war, and arrange through the appropriate channels for their evacuation to North Africa.

b.) SOAO Agrigento Province to secure from the CAO at Licata, a full report on the case referred to, with an explanation of the reason for issuing a pass to Carabinieri Palazzo, and the reasons for the release of said Carabinieri from prison.

Charles H. Spafford
CHARLES H. SPAFFORD
Lt. Colonel G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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25/29 passed
to Civil Police
23 Sep 43
Ref AG-333.5 B
dated 19 Sep

SUBJECT : Unauthorized Releases.

ANGOT HQ SICILY
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section
HQ, CC. RR. Palermo

17 September 1943

TO : The Deputy Commissioner,
Public Safety Division

With reference to your Minute 3 on 21 -
draft memorandum to Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
Palermo Province, is submitted herewith for signature
by Chief Staff Officer.

*Draft as amended
for typewriting
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See 24*

J. A. Snook
RUSSELL A SNOOK
Lt Colonel
Public Safety Division
Supt Civil Police.

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SUBJECT : Unauthorized Releases.

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AMCOT H.Q., Sicily.

19 September, 1943.

TO : S.G.A.P.O.
Palermo Province (through S.G.A.O.)

On the 1st August, 1943, an investigation disclosed that two Carabinieri from the City of Caltanissetta - Vice-Brigadier Carlo MARIANI and Private Giovanni PALAZZO - had participated in looting a dump of U.S. military equipment, and brutally beating the guard appointed to watch the property.

The Carabinieri were apprehended, admitted their guilt and were turned over to the Military as prisoners of war, to be forwarded to Africa.

On 20th August, it was learned that these men had been improperly released, and re-admitted to the Carabinieri, and on 27th August the S.G.A.O. gave directions that they were to be re-arrested, and sent as prisoners of war to North Africa forthwith.

The S.G.A.O. Caltanissetta was instructed accordingly, and the direction is being carried out so far as PALAZZO is concerned. In the case of MARIANI, however, it has been pointed out that this man has since been transferred to Palermo Province, and you should therefore order his immediate arrest and arrange through the appropriate channels for his evacuation to North Africa.

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JULI L. BOLLES
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

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SUBJECT: Unauthorized
Releases.

ANGOT HQ SICILY
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section
HQ C.C. R.R. Palermo

REF : ANGOT/1016/PS

16 September 1943.

TO : The Senior Civil Affairs Officer
Palermo Province. *(Police through Vento)*

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD.
Lt. Colonel G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

A. M. G. O. C.

Office of Chief Civil Affairs Police Officer
PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF CALTANISSETTA

September 6, 1943

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Release of Carabinieri

TO : Chief Staff Officer AMGOT

THRU : S.C.A.O., Caltanissetta Province

1. Reference is made to your letter of August 28, 1943, authorizing the re-arrest of Vice Brigadiere Carlo Mariani and Private Giovanni Polazzo, and their deportation to North Africa.

2. With respect to Polazzo, who is on duty in this Province, the instructions will be carried out. With respect to Mariani, reference is made to paragraph 3 of my letter of Aug. 20th, 1943, which shows that Mariani had been transferred to Palermo. It is suggested that Palermo Province be instructed to affect his apprehension.

E. Russell Kennedy, Jr.
E. RUSSELL KENNEDY, JR.,
Major, C. M. P.

II HQRS AMGOT

Forwarded.

Caltanissetta
Sept 43

W. R. Higgins
Lt. Col.,
S.C.A.O. Caltanissetta Province

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C. M. P. Caltanissetta

September 6, 1943/194

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Release of Carabinieri

TO : Chief Staff Officer AMGOT

THRU : S.C.A.O., Galtanissetta Province

1. Reference is made to your letter of August 23, 1943, authorizing the re-arrest of Vice Brigadiere Carlo Mariani and Private Giovanni Polazzo, and their deportation to North Africa.

2. With respect to Polazzo, who is on duty in this Province, the instructions will be carried out. With respect to Mariani, reference is made to paragraph 3 of my letter of Aug. 20th, 1943, which shows that Mariani had been transferred to Palermo. It is suggested that Palermo Province be instructed to affect his apprehension.

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Major, C. N. P.

II HQRS AMGOT

Forwarded.

Galtanissetta
Sept 43

W. R. Lingg
Lt. Col.,
S.C.A.O. Galtanissetta Province

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Please report when action is accordance with your letter of 2 Sept, para 3 has been taken

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AMGOT/1016/TS.
AMGOT HQ., Sicily
Public Safety Division
Comando Le Ione C.C. R.R.

2, September, 1943.

MEMORANDUM TO : Generale Ernesto Sannino
Comando Superiore dei
Carabinieri Reali della Sicilia.

On 1st. August 1943, an investigation disclosed that Vice Brigadier CARLO MARIANI and Private GIOVANNI PALAZZO had participated with an agent of Public Security and others in looting a store of American Military equipment and brutally beating the guard appointed to watch the dump.

At the time of arrest one of the Carabinieri was wearing a pair of shoes, part of the loot and both admitted their guilt.

In consequence of the seriousness of the case the Chief Civil Affairs Officer has directed that the two Carabinieri concerned should be arrested immediately and transferred to Prisoner of War Camp in Africa instead of being dealt with in the usual disciplinary manner.

DCPS

RAS/cc.

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RUSSELL A. SMOCK
Lt. Colonel
Public Safety Division
Supt. Civil Police.

Supt. Civil Police

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Vide para noted A/
on p. 816 of File 1016/AS
re arrest, release of
2 Carabinieri in Callanissetta
Province. Please inform
Sen. Sammis accordingly

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AMGOT HQ SICILY

29 August 1943

Subject: Unauthorized Releases

To : Chief of Staff, Seventh Army

1. Your attention is directed to the attached report involving the arrest as prisoners of war, two members of the Carabinieri. In paragraph three of the attached report, it will be noted that Vice Brigadier Carlo Mariani had in his possession a parole application signed by 2nd Lieutenant Joseph R. Vicarini, C.M.P.

2. It is recommended that this case be investigated and appropriate action taken insofar as personnel of your command may be involved. Action is being taken in respect of AMGOT personnel involved.

Encl.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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Reference Doc. 3 I want action to be taken at once on the scandalous case referred by G.A.P.O. Caltanissetta.

The action will be as follows:

1. The two Carabinieri in question are once more to be apprehended and are to be sent as Prisoners of War to North Africa forthwith. Arrangements are to be made to see that this is done. My only reason for not bringing these two Carabinieri to trial, is that it will be difficult at this stage to secure evidence.

2. The Civil Affairs Officer at Biasta who was responsible for the release of Falasco is to be asked through G.C.A.O. Agrigento Province for his reasons in writing for the action taken. On receipt of the report from this officer appropriate action will be taken in his regard.

3. With reference to the release of the Carabinieri Mariani, a report on the case is to be made to the S-1 Seventh Army in regard to the action taken by 2/Lieut Joseph P. Vicarini, G.M.P. with a request that this officer be reprimanded.

4. The Major-General Commanding the Carabinieri is to be informed of the reason why this action has been taken instead of following the usual disciplinary channel. Agreed for dealing with Carabinieri. When action is complete on this case, a full report is to be referred to you.

5. G.C.A.O. Caltanissetta and Agrigento are to be informed of the action taken.

6. Reference Docs 5 and 2. I consider, unless there are good reasons to the contrary that the Fascist Luigi Maggi should be re-arrested and interned overseas as an undesirable. My information is that he should not be at large and that he is engaged in political activities. Action on this case is to be reported to me on completion.

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SUBJECT: Unauthorized releases of Carabinieri.
(Reference your letter Zist. of Agg.)

FILE (15)
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ASST/1016/P.
ASST Hq., Sicily
August 26, 1943

TO : AGO, Caltanissetta Province.

1. It is not the policy established to retain numbers of the Carabinieri as P. of P., therefore, the release as such does not appear improper. However, since in this case violations of regulations were involved, it is within the power of officers of ASST to arrest the subjects and prosecute the case.

2. AGO has authority to invalidate the passes.

For the Commissioner of Public Safety

FRANCIS A. BAKER
Lt. Colonel
Public Safety Division
Capt. of Civil Police

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Special Report
of C. A. P. O.

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AMCOT HEADQUARTERS,
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION,
CIVIL POLICE SECTION,
PALERMO.

28th August 1943.

To Superintendent.

With further reference to the attached correspondence and, in particular, to my report marked 2 relating to the release of one Luigi MAGGI, a prominent Fascist and a resident of Vicari, Province of Palermo.

I have been informed by Captain Howes, C. I. C. Detachment, 7th Army H. Q., that MAGGI has been re-arrested and is now detained at the Civil Jail, Palermo, awaiting interrogation and complete investigation of his case by C. I. C. I will keep in contact with Captain Howes and will report any subsequent development in this case.

(G. Richardson)

Major,
Special Police Branch.

Richardson
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Special Police Branch.

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AMCOT HQ

23rd August 1943

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Subject:- Report of H.Q. Combat Command "A" on VIGARE.
To:- S.O.A.C., Province of Palermo.

see 9-10

1. AMCOT H.Q. have received a report that the Fascist Deputy, Luigi Maggi, who has recently returned from confinement, has given no trouble but there is some question of his status in the community.
2. The team is reported to need a generator for its mill. (Report dated 15th August 1943).
3. This is for your information and your comments are awaited.

*AMCOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.*

*CHARLES H. SPOTFORD
Lieut Colonel G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.*

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Improper Release of Prisoners of War. 12/4

To: HQRS AMGOT

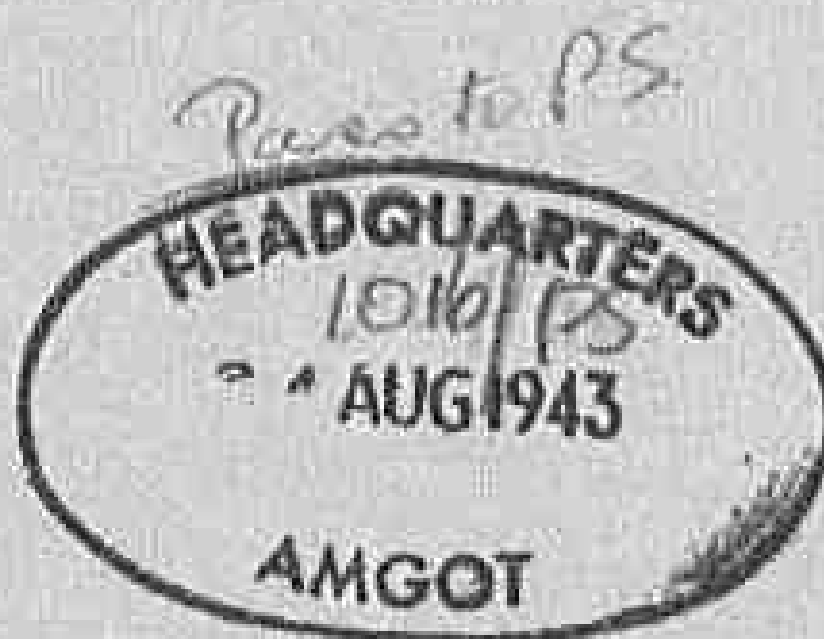
Police & Public Safety Div.

Reference the attached report of P.C.A.P.O. this Province. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that such a gross miscarriage of justice as that described is likely to have most serious repercussions on the authority of C.A.P.O.'s.

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May the informed please, whether the offenders should now be dealt with by a Military Court.

Caltanissetta
24 Aug 43

At Caltanissetta
for Lt. Col.,
S.C.A.O. Caltanissetta
Province
absent on duty.



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A. M. G. O. 1.

Office of Chief Civil Affairs Police Officer
PROVINCE OF CALTANISSETTA

HEADQUARTERS

AUG 1943

AMGOT

August 20th 1943.

TO: Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
Province of Caltanissetta.

SUBJECT: Improper Release of Prisoners of War (Carabienieri).

1. On August 1st, 1943, a joint investigation made with Major B. E. Jahnwich, Civil Affairs Officer at Canicatti, disclosed that two Carabienieri from the City of Caltanissetta had participated with a n Agent of Public Security and two farmers in the looting of a dump of U. S. military equipment and the brutal beating of a guard appointed by Major Jahnwich to watch the dump. The Carabienieri were apprehended and were identified by said guard, and under questioning admitted their guilt. One of them at the time of his arrest was wearing a pair of shoes which were a part of the loot.

2; The two Carabienieri, Vice Brigadier CARLO MARIANI and Private Giovanni Palazzo, were turned over by me to the Provost Marshal at Caltanissetta as prisoners of war, to be forwarded to Africa for confinement for the duration, and, I am advised, were actually delivered by said Provost Marshal to the Prisoner of War cage at Licata.

3. Today it was learned that the two Carabienieri in question were released at Licata. One, Palazzo, is said to have appeared here about a week ago with a pass signed by the Civil Affairs Officer at Licata authorizing him to return to Caltanissetta and be reemployed by the Carabienieri, and he is now so employed; the other, Mariani, appeared at the same time bearing an approved parole application signed by 2nd Lt. Joseph R. Vicarini, C.M.P., under date of August 6th, 1943, was reemployed by the Carabienieri and has since been transferred to Palermo.

4. It is requested that there be obtained an immediate explanation of the release of the men, and that the authorities releasing them be made responsible for their reapprehension and incarceration as prisoners of war.

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See (16) (17) (18)
E. Russell Kennedy, Jr.
Major, C. M. P.

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Special Report
of C. A. P. C.

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AMGOT HEADQUARTERS,
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION,
CIVIL POLICE SECTION,
PALERMO.

20th August.....1943.

To Superintendent.

With reference to attached memorandum from Major General The Lord Rennell of Rodd, Officer Commanding AMGOT, in which he asks for certain information concerning a Fascist official named MAGGIO of the township of Vicari.

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Unfortunately, Captain Howes is unable at present to supply the dates of the dates of the initial arrest and release or any other details concerning this individual. However, owing to the urgency of the matter this report is being submitted in its incomplete form, but when this further information comes to hand a further report will be submitted.

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To CCAO (Other Dep Comptroller) 12/8
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To CCAO (thru Dep Comptroller)
Forwarded for attention of
CCAO as requested

Richardson
Super Civil Police

Please report on his re-arrest. Send
memo. to 7th Army with suggestion that
circumstances of MAGGI's release
should be investigated.

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It appears that a former Secretario
Federal de Gname MAGGIO of
the township of VICARI was
arrested by C.C. and then
released.

Why was he released? I
want detail's please, about.

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Report - Escape of Prisoners

File 8
AMX/1016/15

15 August, 43.

Commissioner Public Safety.

On 2nd August, 43, six prisoners escaped from the prison PLAMA DEBIA ADEBIA.

The circumstances are as given in attached report.

One SALAH NUSSE has since surrendered himself and is again in custody.

The prisoners were all awaiting trial.

[Signature]
for
Lieut-Colonel,
Superintendent of Prisons.

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File 7
ANGOT/1016/PS.
15 August, 43.

Particulars of Prisoners escaped from Prison Piana
Degli Albanesi.

✓ Mangano Andrea - father's name: Philip - Mother's
name: Maria Salamone - born at San O'pirrellis on the
8th. September 1898 - Address: Piana degli Albanesi.
Charged of illtreating his family.

✓ Albanese Parquale - father's name: Filippo - Mother's
name: Giuseppa Barone - born in Palermo on the 3rd.
January 1927 and resident at Mourale. Charged of
robbery - arrested on the 8th of June 1943.

✓ Ippolito Giusto - father's name: Michele - Mother's
name: Celora Maddalena - Born at Misihneri on the 8th
of December 1905 - charged of robbery - arrested on
the 15th. of June 1943.

Irlando Vittoris - Father's name: Giuseppe - Mother's
name: Anna Vetrano - born at Partinico in 1906, resident
at Piana degli Albanesi - Contrada Costa Mammara -
charged of murder - arrested on the 17th. of July 1943.

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Grazia Baccarella - Born at San Cipinelli on the 31st
of March 1906 - Resident at San Cipinelli - charged of
Black Market.

W. J. Wynn 2289
Lieut-Colonel,
Superintendent of Prison

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15 ARMY GROUP.

Piana degli Albani

5th August 1943

From Prefecture -

To The Civil Affairs office

Object - Evacuation prisoners -

With reference to your verbal demand, I inform you that the popular manifestations which took place on the occasion of the end of the war, a multitude of persons, accompanied by a group of armed American soldiers, took possession of the Keys and let free all the prisoners and are their respective generalities and juridical positions:

- 1st Mangano Andrea - father's name: Philip - mother's name: Maria - on the 18th September 1898 - Address: Piana degli Albani - Charged of ill-treatment
- 2nd Albano Parziale - father's name: Filippo - mother's name: Giuseppa Barone - 1904 and resident at Monreale - Charged of robbery - arrested on the 8th of June 1943
- 3rd Ippolito Giusè - father's name: Michele - mother's name: Gelosa Mandolena - December 1905 - Charged of robbery - arrested on the 16th of June 1943
- 4th Orlando Vittorio - father's name: Giuseppe - mother's name: Anna Vitano - at Piana degli Albani - Contrada Santa Maria - Charged of murder - arrested on the 16th of June 1943
- 5th Galanti Niccolò - father's name: Gaspare - mother's name: Cecilia Galante - The 13th of April 1904, resident at Castelluzzo - ~~Charged of~~ charged of robbery - arrested on the 16th of June 1943
- 6th Croce Antonio - father's name: Vito - mother's name: Grazia Baccarelli - 31st of March 1906 - Resident at San Cipriello - Charged of Black U

Piana degli Albani

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To the Civil agent officer of Piana degli Albani.

in verbal demand, I inform you that on the 22nd of July last, during
place on the occasion of the entry of the American Troops, a
by a group of armed American soldiers, occupied these mandamental
and let free all the prisoners, of which the following
and juridical positions:

: Philip - Mother's name: Maria Salamone - born at San Cipriello
: Piana degli Albani. Charged of illtreating his family -

: Filippo - Mother's name: Giuseppe Barone - born in Salerno on the 3rd January
charged of robbery - arrested on the 8th of June 1943.

: Michele - Mother's name: Gelina Maria Elena - Born at Misilmeri on the 8th of
July - arrested on the 15th of June 1943

: Giuseppe - Mother's name: Anna Vitano, born at Castina in 1906, resident
Cast. Mammola - charged of murder - arrested on the 17th of July 1943

: Giuseppe - Mother's name: Cecilia Calascubetta, born in Punguero (Argentina) on
Cast. Mammola. Charged of robbery

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We inform you that ⁶ this same report has been transmitted on
of the ~~Att~~ King's attorney, from whom this Prefecture depends.

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on which this Prefecture depends

• The Monumental Craton

Piana degli Albanesi 2 Agosto 1943

R. PREFETTURA

N. 84

Ill.mo Signor Commissario Civile

Piana degli Albanesi

Evasione detenuti.

In riferimento alla Vostra richiesta verbale, Vi informo che il giorno 22 U.s., durante le manifestazioni popolari avvenute allo ingresso delle truppe Americane, una moltitudine di persone, accompagnata da un gruppo di militari Americani armati, riversatasi in queste Carceri Mandamentali, impossessavasi delle chiavi delle carcerate, facendo evadere tutti i detenuti dei quali si trascrivono le generalità e le rispettive posizioni giuridiche:

- 1°) Mangano Andrea fu Filippo e di Maria Salanone, nato a San Cipirello l'8 Settembre 1898, ivi Domiciliato. Imputato (giudicabile) di maltrattamenti in famiglia. Arrestato il 10 Maggio 1943.
- 2°) Albanese Pasquale di Filippo e di Giuseppa Barone, nato a Palermo il 3/1/1927, domiciliato a Monreale. Imputato (giudicabile) di furto aggravato. Arrestato l'8 Giugno 1943.
- 3°) Ippolito Giusto fu Michele e fu Gelosa Maddalena, nato l'8/12/1905 a Misilmeri, ivi domiciliato, Imputato (giudicabile) di furto aggravato. Arrestato il 16 Giugno 1943.
- 4°) Orlando Vittorio fu Giuseppe e di Anna Vetrone, nato a Partinico il 1906, domiciliato in Corleone, residente in Contrada Costa Mammara di Piana degli Albanesi. Imputato (giudicabile) di omicidio. Arrestato il 17 Luglio 1943.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI PALERMO
STAZIONE DI PIANA DEGLI ALBANESI

PROCESSO VERBALE di costituzione del detenuto SALAMI Nicolò di
Gaspere e di Calascibetta Cecilia, nato a Porgentino
(Argentina) il 23.4.1904, domiciliato a Castelvetro
e sfollato a Piana degli Albanesi.

L'anno millenovecentotrentatre addì 5 agosto in Piana degli Albanesi
nell'ufficio di stazione alle ore 21,30,=====
Noi sottoscritti ufficiali ed agenti di polizia giudiziaria riferiamo
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Gennaro Cattero Ep.
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Ferraro *Adatto* Ep.
 Piana degli Albanesi, 22.8.44

Report from Panabini: that since over 20.5.44
 Piana degli Albanesi has been small
 of and is confined again in the prison.

Civil Affairs Office

Agrigento, 9 August 1943

HEADQUARTERS
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TO : CC40, AMGOT, 15th Army Group

SUBJECT: Unwarranted Gaol Delivery.

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2. Further inquiry developed the fact that the order for the release of some of them had been signed by a soldier from the local provost marshal's detachment. The PM, Lt. Keith Miller, 40th Engineers, came to my office and stated he knew nothing about the matter. When the name of the soldier was mentioned by the police, he recognized him as one of his men who is acting as an interpreter and called him over at once.

This soldier, Private Salvatore D'Ambrosia, Co. "H", 40th Engineers stated that earlier in the week he had gone to the local prison to make inquiry about an alleged unjustified arrest and had been informed by one of the jail staff that there were a number of good people there who ought to be released. He also learned that another American soldier was there, whom he states he believed to be in charge of the jail, and who informed him that it was proper to release prisoners if he wanted to do so on the ground that they were improperly arrested. At the suggestion of this other soldier whom he said was a member of the local CIC detachment, he signed a release for four persons, including two women.

I called the CIC office and asked the agent in charge to come to my office. When this Agent, Ford, accompanied by Agent Richards arrived, Pvt. D'Ambrosia identified Richards as the man who informed him that he had power to release prisoners and advised him to sign the release.

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Further discussion developed the fact that other prisoners had been released on orders of the CIC men since the first of August. Agent Richards admitted he had given some such orders. When asked by what authority he had done so, he replied upon the basis of his general orders and powers as a CIC agent. I informed him that I doubted he had any such powers with respect to any prisoners except those arrested by CIC and ordered him to give me a written report by noon of the next day, August 7th, quoting his alleged orders and stating just what he had done and why.

The report had not been received at 1400 hours on August 8th.

3. I then gave orders to both the IM and the CIC agents not to release any prisoners, except those who had been arrested on their own authority, and specifically directed them not to interfere with persons arrested by the civil police.

4. I directed the Carabinieri Captain to give me a full written report on the matter. This report was handed to me about 1300 hours, August 8th. It shows that between August 2 and 4th, twenty-two persons, arrested by the Questura's men, and nine, arrested by Carabinieri, had been released on American orders. The release orders for four persons are signed:

"Provost Sgt. D'Ambrosia
1st. Lt. Miller
Provost Marshall"

The release orders for eighteen others have been signed with the name of "Robert R. Richards, Agent, CIC, U.S. Army. The release order for another person was apparently countersigned by "Ford, CIC." The responsibility for the release of the remaining persons is not clear from the Carabinieri report.

5. Seven of the persons released were prisoners who escaped in the general jail delivery on the morning after the town was captured. One of these was also charged with "carnal violence". Twenty were charged with "saccheggio aggravato" (understood to mean "found in possession of Italian military property"); three with "saccheggio continuato" (understood to mean "continued looting") and one with assault on a police officer, another with carnal violence and one with abandoning work.

6. The report of the Carabinieri Captain indicates considerable looseness in the administration of the prison. Steps are being taken to remove these incompetent civilians.

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PARTITO NAZIONALE FASCISTA

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7. It is requested that this gross misconduct upon the part of Agent Richards CIC be thoroughly investigated and if the charges are substantiated that appropriate disciplinary action be taken.

George H. McCaffrey
GEORGE H. McCAFFEY
Lt. Col., Inf.
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