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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CENTRAL REGION HUNGARY/22100

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RL/575/024/377.
21/12/13.

FILE : R.F.G. 363.6.
SUBJECT : Carabiniers Prisoners of War
in Africa.
TO : Provost Marshal General, KAPOVAR.
THRU : A.L.O., Headquarters.

1. In view of the urgent necessity for maintaining the strength of the various policing agencies in Sicily at the present time, it is requested that, if possible, steps be taken to repatriate members of the Carabinieri as shown on the attached list who are now believed to be in R.F.G. Camps in Africa. The last known location of the individuals is shown. **4864**

2. As regards No. 1 - Captain Pili, Enrico - previous requests for release addressed to the C.O., A.O.G. Camp 151, and 763 have met with no response, and similarly prior application to A.O.G. Portofino in respect of Nos 2 - 16 on the list have been made without result.

3. It is requested that urgent consideration be given to this matter with a view to the release of the prisoners of war named, or, alternatively, that this Office be informed if the foregoing action is not possible.

CHARLES PAVONI,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Civil Affairs Officer.

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3. It is requested that urgent consideration be given to this matter with a view to the release of the prisoners of war named, or, alternatively, that this Office be informed if the foregoing action is not possible.

CHARLES POMEROY,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Civil Affairs Officer.

Enclosure : List of Carabinieri - 4884

LIST OF AMBASSADORS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Post</u>
1.	Captain	DEPL, Nicolo.	101 Camp, 100 103.
2.	Tenente	MASSIA, Francesco.	101 Camp, 100 103.
3.	Carabinieri	CARLINO, Antonio.	" " " "
4.	Brigandieri	LOSI, Dino.	" " " "
5.	"	ROSSINI, Rufino	" " " "
6.	"	BALLOTTI, Achino	" " " "
7.	Carabinieri	GIOLI, Livino.	" " " "
8.	"	TORTORA, Emilio.	" " " "
9.	"	SABINI, Giuseppe.	" " " "
10.	"	BARBERA, Ettore.	" " " "
11.	"	TOMASINI, Antonio.	" " " "
12.	"	VIGILANO, Vincenzo.	" " " "
13.	"	BRUNINI, Aurelio.	" " " "
14.	"	BARBERA, Italo.	" " " "
15.	"	CARLINO, Mario.	" " " "
16.	"	CARLINO, Domenico.	" " " "
17.	Appuntato	BARBERA, Francesco.	101 Camp, 100 103.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION 1
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

File Date 7. 11. 43

Tc- Major Hifford
Civil Police Section
Special Police Branch
Major Richardson
Fire Section
Prisons Section

FOR-

*To see the report necessary action
per.*

REMARKS-

Admiral
D. C. P. S. O. *17/11/43*

Done

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS.
APO 512.

RL/565/24/CPS/WH.
10/11/43.

TO : General Branca, Commander 5th Bde.,
Carabinieri Regt.
SUBJECT : Carabinieri Officers required for
Duty.

Information has been received that
Captains SALOMONE, TRIODI, and FELICE of the
CC.RR. whose release was sought in order that
they might return to PALERMO are now required for
other purposes and are therefore not available
for duty in the Carabinieri.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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SUB: _____
DATE: _____

FROM	TO
C.G. AMG	
C. of S.	
Exec Off	
Economic Director	
Industry & Commerce	
Fuel	
Agriculture	
P. W. & Rehabilitation	
Labor	
Interior	
Information	
Public Health	
Legal	
Public Safety	
Property Control	X
Educational	
Fine Arts	
Shipping	
Internal Transportation	
Telecommunications	
Hq. Commandant	
C of Secretariat	
✓ Message Center	
G-1	
G-2	
Displaced Persons	
Adjutant	AP

FOR:

- _____ Recommendation & Remark
- _____ Information & Guidance
- _____ Approval or Disapproval
- ✓ Necessary Action
- _____ Investigation & Report
- ✗ To note and return
- _____ File
- _____ Dispatch

REMARKS:

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031425A NR 6324 SECRET ROUTINE

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FROM: EISENHOWER

051230A

TO : FARGO

3 Italian CORB officers Captains Salomone, Tripodi, and Felice now required by CSBIC rpt SUBIC for other purposes and not available to AMG. Cancel all reference to these officers.

(TO FARGO SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE PHNGS) (REFERENCE OUR 7799 OF 15 OCTOBER)

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CARABINIERIC.O., CAMP No. 151,
A.P.C. /63

File 1115 25

NIGOT 115/P3

23 October

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— 19 —
With reference to your 383.6 of 2 Aug 63, subject as
above, it is desired to secure the release of Captain
Nicolo PERE of the Carabinieri and to have him return to
Sicily for duty with his unit.

It has not been possible to complete the necessary
enquiries on this side until now.

[Signature]
R.M.J. MARTIN,
Lt. Col.,
for Commissioner of Public Safety.

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SUBJECT : Captain PEPE, Nicola, Carabinieri.

570/16/cfs
AMGOT HQ., SICILY,
Public Safety Division,
Civil Police Section,
HQ., CC.PP. Palermo.

22 October 1943.

TO : Commissioner of Public Safety, *altd*

Reference memorandum dated 3rd. September, 1943,
concerning case of Captain PEPE, Nicolo, of the Carabinieri,
a prisoner of war in 151 POW Camp, A.P.O. 763.

The following information has been supplied by General
Sannino concerning this officer -

"The captain in standing service, PEPE, Nicolo,
commander of the company in the town Caltanissetta, who
arises from Infantry, was transferred to the Royal Carabin-
ieri Army in the month of April 1936 as a Lieutenant, and
he was promoted to the present rank in March 1942. He
displayed his service in the Horse Departments, and during
the same time in the mobilized units. He was designated
for the Legion in Palermo in the month of August 1942 and
so he governed shortly the command of the internal company
in Caltanissetta. 4357

During this time he has been showing his own will
and normal professional ability. He is able and intelligent
in the execution of his duties. His wife and children are
living in Caltanissetta.

He was arrested by the Allied Authorities in Caltan-
issetta, reason unknown, on the 22nd. July.

I recommend that he should be allowed to resume his
post as equitation instructor - in which he is very capable."

It is therefore recommended that unless there are
objections to the officer's release on grounds unknown to this
office, his return for duty with the Carabinieri should be

TO : Commissioner of Public Safety, *attd*

Reference memorandum dated 3rd. September, 1943, concerning case of Captain FEPE, Nicolo, of the Carabinieri, a prisoner of war in 151 POW Camp, A.P.O. 763.

The following information has been supplied by General Sannino concerning this officer -

"The captain in standing service, FEPE, Nicolo, commander of the company in the town Caltanissetta, who arises from Infantry, was transferred to the Royal Carabinieri Army in the month of April 1936 as a Lieutenant, and he was promoted to the present rank in March 1942. He displayed his service in the Horse Departments, and during the same time in the mobilized units. He was designated for the Legion in Palermo in the month of August 1942 and so he governed shortly the command of the internal company in Caltanissetta.

During this time he has been showing his own will and normal professional ability. He is able and intelligent in the execution of his duties. His wife and children are living in Caltanissetta.

He was arrested by the Allied Authorities in Caltanissetta, reason unknown, on the 22nd. July.

I recommend that he should be allowed to resume his post as equitation instructor - in which he is very capable."

It is therefore recommended that unless there are objections to the officer's release on grounds unknown to this office, his return for duty with the Carabinieri should be arranged.

B. J. Weyford Major
RUSSELL A. SNODGRASS,
Lt. Colonel, C.M.P.,
Supt. Civil Police.

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AMCOT HQ., Sicily
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section
Comando Legione CC. RR.

3, September, 1943.

TO : Commissioner of Public Safety.

Enquiry has been made of C.I.C. but they have no information respecting Capt. PEPE.

A letter has been sent to General Sannino but the reply has not been received.

Suggest this file be retained by ^{AED}Registry, Hq. until completion of enquiry, when a further report will be submitted.

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

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AMCOT HQ., Sicily
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section
Comando Legione CC. RR.

3, September, 1943.

TO : Il Generale Ernesto Sammino,
Comando Superiore dei
Carabinieri Reali della Sicilia.

Will you please let me have as soon as possible any
information you may have in your possession concerning
Captain NICOLO PEPE of the Carabinieri who is stated to
have been arrested at or near Palermo on 20th July, 1943.

I should also like to know whether you consider the
officer efficient in the performance of his duties, and
whether, if his release can be secured, you desire his
return to duty.

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

RAS/cc.

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HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
(U. S. Contingent)
15 Army Group
APO 777

3 August 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel L. L. Bolles, Commissioner of Public Safety.

1. Captain Williamson of the 151 PW Camp called this date with reference to your letter sent to them earlier this month on the disposition of captured carabinieri. He stated that they now have a Captain Nicolo Pepe, of the carabinieri, who was captured 20 July 1943 at Palermo, Sicily.

2. I am not taking any action on this matter because I haven't a copy of the letter you sent to them. However, if you desire us to advise Captain Williamson as to the disposition to be made on Captain Pepe, I will be glad to do so.

John R. McDougall
JOHN R. McDOUGALL
Captain, AMG
Adjutant

cc to G-2 15 Army Group

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To Asst C + S Police
For advice

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To Public Safety
Colbrook

P/W CAMP # 151
A.P.O. 763

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2 Aug. 1943

383.6

SUBJECT : Carabiniere.

TO : C.O. AMGUT 15th Army Group A.P.O. 777

1: Reference letter your Hq. dated 24 July 1943 subject as above, the following officer is now a prisoner in this camp: Pepe, Nicolo, Capt. ex Carabiniere, captured 20 July at Palermo.

2: This information has been furnished Capt. Mac Dougall (Bagpipe 73) this date who stated that he would inform G-2 IB Branch 15th Army Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

A. D. Williamson

A. D. WILLIAMSON

Capt. AGO

Pers. Adjt.

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23 OCTOBER 1943

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FOR MGS CITE AMOZ 476

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SUBJECT : Carabinieri Officers required for duty.

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

TO : Commissioner of Public Safety. 16

With reference to the attached, the three officers of the Carabinieri are required for Special Duties connected with the Brigade and it is requested that arrangements be made for their return to Palermo for duty.

18 October 1943.

M. J. Stefford Major
for Lt Colonel, CMP.
Supt. Civil Police.

Draft call for 4650

Just Civil Police
For comment.

Bolles
CPS

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17/10/43

18 OCT 1943

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151900A NR 7799 RESTRICTED ROUTINE

IBS 1858

FROM: NISENHOWER

161300A

TO : IBS FOR ANGOT

Informed that 3 Italian CCRR officers at present held by CSDIC requested to be returned Sicily to work with ANGOT. Names are Capt Alfredo Salomone, Capt Eugenio Tripodi, Capt Felice Scafa. G-2 recommended please cable whether required.

(TO IBS FOR BEARS FOR ANGOT REPEATED FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP SIGNED NISENHOWER CITE PHNGS)

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Subject: Release of Carabinieri P.O.W.

AL/23/75

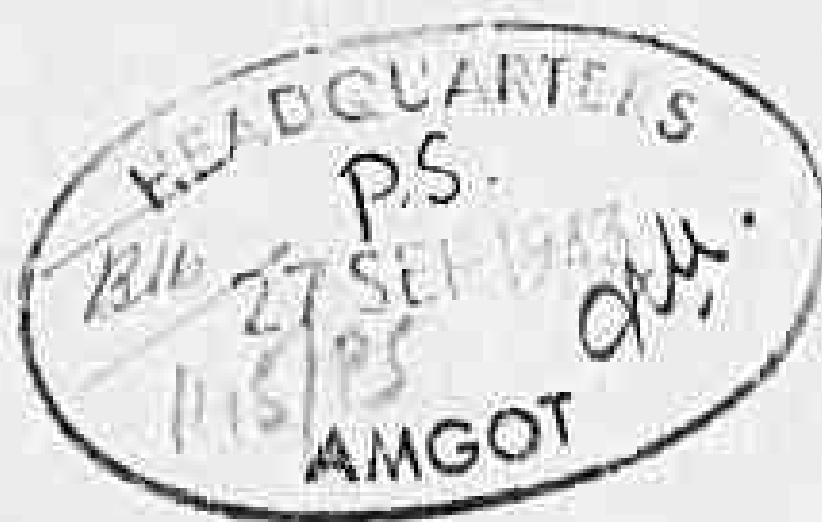
26. Sep. 43.

"A" Branch,
Headquarters,
FORLASE.

Reference this Branch letter AL/23/50 dated 22.Sep
enclosing copy of AMOT HQ's letter AMOT/1115/PS dated 19.Sep.

1. G.S.I(b), 15 Army Group state they have no objection
to the release of the Carabinieri who were taken prisoner in
SICILY. May their release be ordered please.

2. With regard to the Carabinieri taken prisoner in
TUNIS and PANTELLERIA, G.S.I(b) state that they are referring
this matter to A.F.H.Q. for whatever action they deem necessary.



H. PAURER,
Captain,
Staff Captain,
AMGOT Liaison.

AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group Main,
C. M. F.
JG.

Copy to: AMGOT HQ., PALERMO. ✓

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Carabinieri P.M. in Africa.

RMG02/1115/PB

AMOT Liaison, 15 Army Group.

25 September

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Reference your AI/23/51 of 22 Sep. no further particulars are available but C.G. P.M. Camp at TUNIS will, it is thought, be able to trace them.

R. M. J. Martin

R.M.J. MARTIN,
Lt. Col.
for Commissioner of Public Safety.

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SUBJECT:- Carabinieri P. in Africa.

AI/23/51 013
22 Sep 43.

ANGOT H.Q.
PALESTINA.

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Reference your ANGOT/1115/PS dated 19 Sep. para 2.

Please forward particulars of the 4 Carabinieri in the
P.O.W. Camp, Tunis.

ANGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group.

HEADQUARTERS
P.S.
77 SEP 1943
1115/PS 9th
ANGOT

H. Pinner.
Captain,
Staff Captain,

Copy to:- H.Q. FORTBASE.

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SUBJECT: - Carabinieri P. in Africa.

A French,
HQ. FOOTAGE.

Reference ARJOT/1115/PS dated 19 Sep and JV/79 of 20 Aug
copies attached.

Will you please take the necessary action for the return
of these P.O.s to Sicily.

ARJOT Liaison,
15 Army Group.

Captain,
Staff Captain,

Copy to: - ARJOT HQ. Palermo.

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COPY.

SUBJECT:-- Carabinieri P.W. in Africa.

AMOT/111/PS.

AMOT H.Q. SICILY.

AMOT Liaison,
15 Army Group Main.

19 Sep 43.

With reference to the attached copy of memorandum from the
O.C. P.O.W. Camp at KESAR SATI, we should be glad if you could arrange
for these P.O.Ws. to be returned to Sicily, subject to the
completion of the necessary security enquiries either in Sicily or in
Africa.

There were at the end of July 4 Carabinieri in the P.O.W.
Camp, Tunis, who were interviewed on 25 July by the Commissioner and
Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety. We should be glad if these
four carabinieri also be re-patriated.

LESTER L. RUISEN.
Colonel, Inf.
Commissioner of Public
Safety.

Copy to G.S.I.(b), 15 Army Group.

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COPY.

SUMMARY: Carabinieri.P.O.W. Logo,
Cassir Said.
Ref: IR/79.
20 Aug 43.Comm. of Public Safety,
MEGOT.Copy to: C-2 IB Branch,
15 Army Group,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer
MEGOT.

Ref. your 15 AG/7982/CA dated 24 July 43.

There are in this camp, fifteen P.O.Ws. of the Carabinieri.

Particulars are attached.

(Signed) ?????
(J.E. ROLLO) Major,
Camp Commandant.ELenco DEI CARABINIERI REALI.

Grade	Cognome	Nome	Localita' ove fatto prigioniero
Tenente	Monsina	Francesco	Gela (Caltanissetta).
Maresciallo	Capparo	Antonio	Pantelleria
Brigadiere	Ieri	Dino	Tunisi.
"	Monsini	Raffino	Pantelleria.
"	Paroncelli	Adalmo	Tunisi.
Carabiniere	Gioli	Elvino	Comiso (Ragusa)
"	Torrella	Manlio	"
"	Sanelli	Giuseppe	"
"	Berardo	Ettore	Tunisi
"	Torsello	Antonio	Pantelleria
"	Violano	Vincenzo	"
"	Bellini	Aurelio	Grobbaglia (Tunisia)
"	Marena	Italo	"
"	Calochiolo	Mario	Pantelleria
"	Masaro	Domenico	Comiso (Ragusa)

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SUBJECT: Germanic P.W. in Africa.

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ARMY LIAISON.
15 Army Group Main.

ARMY H.Q. BODLEY.

19. Sept. 43.

With reference to the attached copy of memorandum from the C.C. P.O.W. Camp at KASSEL BARR, we should be glad if you could arrange for these P.O.Ws. to be returned to Sicily, subject to the completion of the necessary security enquiries either in Sicily or in Africa.

There were at the end of July 4 Germanic in the P.O.W. Camp, Tunis, who were interviewed on 25 July by the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety. We should be glad if these four Germanic also be re-patriated.

Dr. J. J. J.
for **LIEUT. I. BODLEY.**
Colonel, Inf.
Commissioner of Public
Safety.

Copy to: C.S.I. (b), 15 Army Group.

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SUBJECT: Carabinieri.

ANGOT HQ., Sicily
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section
Comando Legione CC. RR.

8, September, 1943.

TO : Commissioner of Public Safety.

With reference to letter from Major J.E. Rolo dated 20th. August, 1943, number 18 in file, Generale Sannino has been contacted on the matter and suggests that the 15 Carabinieri prisoners of war might be returned to his command for duty provided that such action will not conflict with any views the Allied Military Government may have on the matter.

If, therefore, the Military Authorities are satisfied as to the conduct and loyalty of the individuals concerned, it is requested that arrangements be made for their release and return to the Carabinieri of this Command.

B. J. Stefford Major

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

RAS/ce.

CPS

I think we should try
to get him more back. Besides
you do not know a better way
I would suggest a letter to
Angot asking him to give all
the information we have so far to take it up.

C.L.O.

There is also on file 204/42 copy of a
Signal to 140 zones 1546 following p1 on
this file. Can we now get these men back
subject to I(b) vetting the other side?

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17/9

2948A
Subject:- Carabinieri.



Comm. of Public Safety,
Amgot.

Copy to:-G-2 IB Branch,
15th. Army Group.
Chief Civil Affairs Officer,
Amgot.

folio 71-7982/CA
see 3

Ref. your 15 AG/7982/CA dated 24th. July, 43.
There are in this camp, fifteen P.O.Ws. of the
Carabinieri.

Particulars are attached.

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(J.E.ROLO.) MAJOR,
CAMP COMMANDANT.

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ELENCO DEI CARABINIERI REALI.

Grado	Cognome	Nome	Localita ove fatto prigioniero.
Tenente	Messina	Francesco	Gela (Caltanissetta)
Maresciallo	Capuano	Antonio	Pantelleria
Brigadieri	Lori	Dino	Tunisi
"	Nossini	Rufino	Pantelleria
"	Barcaroli	Adelmo	Tunisi
Carabiniere	Gioli	Elvino	Comiso (Ragusa)
"	Torella	Manlio	"
"	Sannelli	Giuseppe	"
"	Berardo	Ettore	Tunisi
"	Torsello	Antonio	Pantelleria
"	Vielano	Vincenzo	"
"	Bellini	Aurelio	Grombaglia (Tunisia)
"	Merenda	Italo	"
"	Caicchiolo	Mario	Pantelleria
"	Massaro	Domenico	Comiso (Ragusa)



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Subject: Prisoners of War.15AG/7952/CA.29. Jul. 43.Commander,
~~Tunis~~ Area.
TUNISIA District.

It is understood that six provincial or municipal veterinary officers and twenty-six customs guards are amongst the prisoners from Sicily in the P.O.W. Camp, Tunis. These men could be usefully employed in the Island if released on parole and sent back to Sicily in the same way as is intended in the case of Carabinieri.

G.I(b), 15 Army Group, state that they have no objection to this being done. Providing that you have no objection, may the necessary action be taken.

SEE 32

P.B.

COLONEL,
S. S. O.H.Q. AMGOT,
15 ARMY GROUP,
FIELD.11/4638
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Subject:- Prisoners of War

15AC/7972/CA

2 Jul 43

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Minute to:- Senior Staff Officer

Officers of this Division visited this morning the Prisoner of War Camp TUNIS, in order to interview four Carabinieri who are amongst the prisoners of war there. In the course of the visit, it was found that six provincial or municipal veterinary officers from various parts of Sicily are amongst the prisoners. There are also thirty-six customs guards (Guardie Finanze).

It is possible that these prisoners could be usefully employed if released on parole and sent back to Sicily in the same way as is intended in the case of Carabinieri. In the absence of a representative of the Finance or Public Health Divisions, the matter is reported for such action as you may consider desirable.

Meanwhile, the Officer Commanding, Prisoners of War Camp is retaining the prisoners in case it is desired to act as suggested above.

ACTION
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Rudimentary

Lieut-Colonel,
for Commissioner of Public Safety.

7 p.m. 6/6/43 Lt. Gibson - Ref 837
have no objection & suggest we
apply to General Ben Hurst to
release & send to Island.
Pl. ad. 28/7

File
Quip

7972

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From Adjutant
POW Camp
TUNIS.

We have located 4 carabinieri who served before 1939(.)
These men are not on your list but we have then enumerated and located
for your investigation.

Please inform P O W Tunis when you intend to visit above.

Quip
24/7/43
1400-
Col Martin - advised G2-IB of this
and asked them to arrange direct with
POW Tunis advising us.

Baker

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SUBJECT: Prisoners of War.

G.I.

7th Army Rear H.Q.

1509/1972/CA.

23.Jul.43.

1. The following Carabinieri are understood to be prisoners of war in North Africa, having been taken on the first day of the assault :-

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| 2. | PANCUCCI, Carmelo |
| 3. | EMMA, Antonino |
| 4. Carab. | MERLINI, Antonio |
| 5. | ITALIANO, Giovanni |
| 6. | PIROVANO, Roberto |
| 7. | CACCIONE, Filippo |
| 8. | COSENTINO, Calogere |
| 9. | TOSCANO, Salvatore |
| 10. | RIETTA, Michele |
| 11. | BALDO, Giuseppe |
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24 July 1943

Frank G. McSherry
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1. Information has been received from Sicily that most of the Carabinieri are prepared to continue in office and to give the required undertakings to abstain from acts prejudicial to the Allied Military Government.

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3. Where Carabinieri have already reached North Africa, it is suggested that the men concerned should be interviewed by I(B)-G.2, whereafter they should be returned to Sicily and ordered to report to the Senior Civil Affairs Officer of the Army concerned. If conditions are such that it will not be possible for the men to be interrogated on this side, no further action would appear to be possible.

F. J. McSHERRY,
Brigadier-General,
D. C. C. A. O.

H.Q. AMGOT,
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