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TO MAR 44 -

CATALOGUE.

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COMANDO GENERALE A.M.C.O.T. PALERMO e P.C.

COMANDO A.M.C.O. MESSINA

Porto e conoscenza e Comando Superiore Comando che qui
in Capo d'Orlando ci sono 3 Militari Inglesi e Americani
che da molto tempo e non tengono un contegno onesto.
Tutte le sere sono ubriachi e strambellano per tutte le
vie molestano donne e tante volte succedono zuffe.
Possiedono due macchine e continuamente portano benzina
ed altro materiale Militare vendendoli ad elevati prezzi,
insomma incassano molto denaro e si credono i padroni del
paese.

Con tutti commerciano comprando molto materiale civile
spendendo elevate somme.

Convivono con donne che fa ribrezzo All'Esercito Alleato.
Quanto sopra per i provvedimenti urgenti, prima che
succeda qualche guaio grosso in qualche onesta famiglia.

Capo D'Orlando 11 24-I-1944

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SUBJECT: Deserter;

1D/PRC/70.

16 Mar 44.

A.P.M., 56 Area;	(5).	Camp Comdt. 1 District;	(15)
D.A.F.M., 40 Div.	(5)	S.N.O.E.S.Y.	(10)
D.A.P.M., 71 Garrison.	(5)	Town Major, CATANIA.	(3)
D.A.P.M., R.A.F.	(20)	" " MESSINA.	(3)
O.C. 200 Provost Coy.	(10)	" " TAORMINA	(3)
O.C. 103 Coy. C.M.P.(TC).	(10)	" " IONIA.	(3)
O.C. 64 S.I.S.	(5)	" " AUGUSTA.	(3)
O.C. 51 F.S. Section.	(5)	" " SYRACUSE.	(3)
" 310 "	(5)	" " ACIREALE.	(3)
" 314 "	(5)	" " REGGIO.	(5)
" 21 Port Security Sec.	(5);	Commandant, 3 Transit Camp	(5)
Provost Marshal (U.S.) I.B.S.(20)	"	" " "	(5)
" " 51st Troop Carrier Wing. (20)	"	" " "	(5)
Control Commissioner(Public Safety)	"	A.C.C. CATANIA.	(10)
" " "	"	" MESSINA.	(10)
" " "	"	" SYRACUSE.	(10)
" " "	"	" PALERMO.	(10)

5251570 PTE SAUNDERS F. HQ.CCY 9 D.L.I.

The following is the description of the a/n absentee whose re-arrest is urgently required.

Height 5' 9". Age 24. Weight 160 lbs.

Slim Build; Sallow complexion.

Eyes: Dark Brown. Hair: Dark Brown, needs cutting.

May have small dark moustache.

Wearing old British Army shirt and grey Italian type trousers; no hat.

Speaks Italian very well.

This man escaped from the Detention Ward, 66 General Hospital at 1445 hours 16 March 44.

5251570 PTE SAUNDERS F. HQ. CCY 9 D. L. I.

Height 5' 9". Age 24. Weight 160 lbs.
Slim Build; Sallow complexion.
Eyes: Dark Brown. Hair: Dark Brown, new
May have small dark moustache.

This man escaped from the Detention Ward, 66 General Hospital at 1445 hours 16 March 44.

In the Field.
GRGH/ASW.

U.S. Lt. Col.
Deputy Provost Marshal,
No. 1 District.

To	to	1/2	shes
"	"	Civil	"
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SUBJECT: Deserters.

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Mov. & Tn., No. 1 District.			
C.E.	"	Town Major,	CATANIA.
C.S.O.	"	"	MESSINA.
D.D.S.T.	"	"	TAORMINA.
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D.D.M.E.	"	"	AUGUSTA.
D.D.L.	"	"	SYRACUSE.
D.D.M.S.	"	"	ACIREALE.
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Comdr., 119 Inf. Bde.	"	"	314 do
" 120 Inf. Bde.	"	"	21 Port Security Sec.
" 121 Inf. Bde.	"	Commandant, No. 3 Transit Camp.	
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and 28 Feb 44.
 Reference this office letters 1D/PRO/37/148 dated 26 Feb 44

No. 2761939 Pte. GRAY, H., has now been recaptured.

In the Field.
 GRGH/BB.

Lone City, g. and M.
 Lt. Col.
 Deputy Provost Marshal,
 No. 1 District.

P E R S O N S W A N T E D
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The re-arrest of the following deserters, who are part of an organized gang, is urgently required.

A. Fred. Tully, alias Payne. (X.W.TOLMAN)

Age 38 years. Height 5'4" - 5'5". Fair hair
Fair moustache, thin face. Slim build.
Believed a Londoner of 9, Western Road, Belling, W.5.

Dress. Grey suit, brown pin stripe, grey trilby
Brown shoes and kid gloves.
Removable shoulder holster.

In possession of an Identity Card in the name of
PAYNE.

Believed deserter from the East Surrey's.

B. Bobby COVENE, alias ROGER.

Age 24 years, Height 5' Dark hair, close cropped all over.
Stocky build.

Believed Londoner of 152, Western Avenue, Rainham Road South,
Tegonham, Essex.

Dress. Grey suit, blue trilby, sometimes wears an American
"Winifammer jacket".

Last seen in TREFINE on 28th February, 1944
May be in company of women at TREFINE or CEPALU.

Believed to be a deserter from the East Surrey's.

C. Raymond CRATER.

American soldier - Parachutist.
Age 27 years. Height 5'11". Slim build. Fair hair,
brushed back.

Dress. American overalls and B.D. blouse (British)
American trousers.

Married Lora (MICO) on the 20th January, 1944 at Cape
d'Orlando and has gone to live with her at TREFINE.

Fair mustache, thin nose.
Believed a Londoner of 9, Western Road, Ealing, W.5.

Dress. Grey suit, brown pin stripe, grey trilby
Brown shoes and kid gloves.
Beywote shoulder holster.

In possession of an Identity Card in the name of
PAYNE.

Believed deserter from the East Surrey's.

B. BOBBY CONORR, alias ROGERS.

Age 20 years, Height 5' Dark hair, close cropped all over.
Stocky build.

Believed Londoner of 152, Western Avenue, Rainham Road South,
Ragunham, Essex.

Dress. Grey suit, blue trilby, sometimes wears an American
'Winjammer jacket'.

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Last seen in TRENTHAM on 28th February, 1944.
May be in company of women at TRENTHAM or CEFALU.

Believed to be a deserter from the East Surrey's.

C. RAYMOND MEAFER.

American soldier - Parachutist.
Age 27 years. Height 5'11". Slim build. Fair hair,
brushed back.

Dress. American worrells and B.D. blouse (British)
American trousers.

Married Lena GREGG on the 20th January, 1944 at Care
d'Orlando and has gone to live with her at TOTTENHAM,
which is on the Naso road.

If any of the above men should be seen, they are to be detained,
BY UNDER STRONG GUARD, and immediate communication to be made to the
nearest Provost Officer, D.P.M., No. 1 District (Tel: 14026), A.P.M., 56
Area (14040), D.A.P.M., 40 Div. (Yarmouth 10610), D.A.P.M., 71 Garrison
(Yofel 1528), whichever is the quickest means.

P. W. TOWMAN and B. COOPER have been approached.

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 D.D.L.
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 Camp Comdt.
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 Control Commissioner MESSINA.
 do SYRACUSE.
 do PALERMO.

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A.P.M., 56 Area.
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 D.A.P.M., 71 Garrison.
 D.A.P.M., R.A.P.
 O.C., 200 L of G Provost Coy.
 O.C., 103 Coy., C.M.P. (T.C.)
 O.C., 64 S.I.S.

1. Reference this office letter of even reference dated 4 Mar 44.

F.W. TOLLAN and B. COTOBED have been apprehended.

RAYMOND SHAFFER, the American soldier, is still at large and his arrest is urgently required.

In the Field.
LWMC/HB.

W.D. at
 Lt. Col.
 Deputy Provost Marshal,
 No. 1 District.

SUBJECT: Deserters.

1D/PRO/37/148.

28 Feb 44.

Mov. & Tn., No. 1 District.	Town Major, CATANIA.
C.E.	" MESSINA.
C.S.O.	" TAORMINA.
D.D.S.T.	" IONIA.
D.D.O.S.	" AUGUSTA.
D.D.M.E.	" SYRACUSE.
E.D.L.	" ACIREALE.
D.D.M.S.	" REGGIO.
Camp Comdt.	O.C., 54 F.S. Sec.
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Provost Marshal (US) 51st T.C. Wing.	
Control Commissioner (Public Safety), A.C.C., Catania.	
do.	Messina.
do.	Syracuse.
do.	Palermo.

A.F.M., 56 Area.
D.A.P.M., 40 Div.
D.A.P.M., 71 Garrison.
D.A.P.M., R.A.F.
O.C., 200 L of C Provost Coy.
O.C., 103 Coy., C.M.F. (T.C.)
O.C., 6th S.I.S.

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C.S.O.	"	LEONIA.
D.D.S.T.	"	IONIA.
D.E.O.S.	"	AUGUSTA.
D.D.M.E.	"	SYRACUSE.
D.D.L.	"	ACIREALE.
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D.A.P.M., R.A.F.		
O.C., 200 L of O Provost Coy.		
O.C., 105 Coy., G.M.P. (T.C.)		
O.C., 64 S.I.S.		

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Reference this office letter 1D/PRO/37/148 dated 26 Feb 44, and enclosures thereto.

No. 5347504 Pte. TODD, C., has now been recaptured.

In the Field.
GCHH/BB.

Long City - 10-500
Lt. Col.
Deputy Provost Marshal,
No. 1 District.

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SUBJECT : Discipline - Absentees & Defectors.

1D/11/2/A.

AMGOT HQ
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HEADQUARTERS
25 OCT 1943

28 OCT 1943

AMGOT

Reference AMGOT/4415/PS dated
18 Oct 43.

Please forward copy of AMGOT
Public Safety Bulletin No 8 to
this HQ.

Asbyen Har
Major General,
Commanding,
No 1 District.

C.M.F.
/GAW.

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Discipline - Absentees and Deserters.

SECRET.
NEGOT/1118/RS

G.O.C. No. 1 District.

31 October 3

12.
Ref. 10/11/2/A of 25 Oct. 43.

Herewith copy of Public Safety Bulletin No. 8, as requested.

Alvarado *Cap.*
Acting Chief of Secretariat 893

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R E S T R I C T E D
HEADQUARTERS
ISLAND BASE SECTION
A.P.O. #550

17 October 1943

AG 253.6 (IDSAG)

SUBJECT: Information Concerning Escaped Prisoner.

TO : All Organizations, Island Base Section.

1. During the night of October 12, 1943, Private Anthony F. Fiello, ASN 38100395, Company "C", 15th Infantry, a General Prisoner, escaped from the U. S. 7th Army Military Prison, APO #550.

2. Following is a description of this prisoner:

Name:	Anthony F. Fiello, 38100395
Age:	27 years 6 months.
Height:	5 feet 3 inches.
Weight:	113 pounds.
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Dark
Habits:	Soldier plays harmonica. Speaks Spanish and Italian in addition to English.

3. This prisoner was sentenced to two years at hard labor and dishonorable discharge from the service on October 7, 1943, at Palermo, Sicily.

4. Any person having information as to the whereabouts of the escaped prisoner should forward such information to the Provost Marshal, Island Base Section.

By order of Colonel SEARS:



E. G. Hoyt
E. G. HOYT
Lt. Col., A. G. D.
Asst. Adj. General
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Discipline: Absentees and Deserters.
G.O.C. No. 1 District.

ASCT/1112/PS

18 October 3

③
 with reference to your 10/11/2/A of 30 Sep and 12 Oct received on 17 Oct.

Action as requested in paragraph 1 has been taken as will be seen from ASCT Public Safety Bulletin No. 8, copy of which was sent to you on 13 Oct.

It is felt that to advertise the fact that soldiers are deserting or absents themselves without leave is not good publicity for the Allied Forces and it is not considered suitable for inclusion in proclamations which are administrative or legislative in character.

FRANK J. NOBLE,
 Brig-General U.S.A.,
 Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

h/b

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SUBJECT:- Discipline : Absentees & Deserters. 8

1D/11/2/A

12 Oct 43.

HQ, AMGOT, Sicily.

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I refer to my 1D/11/2/A dated 30 Sep 43, and shall be glad to know that you have taken the action desired.

J Clark

Major-General,
Commanding,
No. 1 District.

CMF.
AL /AW/



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7EXTRACT FROM PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN NO. 8 OF 13 OCTOBER 1943.

18. Deserters or Absentees from British Forces. The G.O.C. No. 1 District has asked for the assistance of AMGOT in the apprehension of soldiers who are absent without leave or have deserted their units by urging the civil population to refuse refuge to such men and to notify their presence if discovered to the nearest Civil Affairs Officer or police station. This request should be passed verbally and tactfully to Carabinieri officers for dissemination in the same way.

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ROUTING SLIP

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 COL. CLOUGH
 MAJOR SMITH
 MAJOR McDONALD
 LT. VAN HEMSTEDT
 CAPT. GRIMM
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 PUBLIC AFFAIRS
 PUBLIC RELATIONS
 CONTROLLER PROPERTY
 REGISTER

REMARKS

I agree with CLO

Disagree with Comptroller
Don't like -

8 Oct 43

DATE

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L. M. D. Jones
 C.F.S.

HEADQUARTERS AMGOT

BUCK SLIP7 Oct. 43
(date)Sus: _____
(date)

FROM	TO
C. C. A. O.	
D. C. C. A. O.	
C. S. O.	
D. C. S. O.	
C. of S.	
Adjutant	
Personnel Officer	
Civ. Supply Div.	
✓ Legal Div.	
Contr. of Prop. Div.	
Public Safety Div.	✓ (2)
Finance Div.	
Public Health Div.	
Civil Affairs Div.	
P.R.O.	✓ (1)

FOR:

- _____ Recommendation and Remark
 _____ Information and guidance
 _____ Approval or disapproval
 _____ Necessary action
 _____ Action taken
 _____ Investigation and Report
 _____ To note and return
 _____ File
 _____ Dispatch

REMARKS: *I think a serious question of policy is involved, which should be submitted to the C.C.A.O. Should we advertise to the Italians, & so to the world, that there are any deserters from the Allied Forces? Anyone sheltering a deserter can be punished under Voc. 2, § 22. W.C.C. 48 C. 70*

Re folio 3

1. Action is being taken as to
advising police.

2. Ch.D. as to inclusion in
proclamation, it is doubtful
whether this is a suitable
subject for a proclamation

3. P.R.O. perhaps a suitable paragraph
could be issued to the press.

7 Oct 43.

Lumen T. Galloway
C.S.

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Absentees & Deserters

1D/11/2/A

30 Sep 45.

Hq AMGOT, Sicily.

1. It is requested that you will assist in the apprehension of soldiers who are absent without leave or who have deserted their units by impressing on the civil population that they should refuse refuge to such men and should notify their presence if discovered to the nearest civil or military police.

2. It is suggested that a suitable warning might be inserted in the local press and included in any future proclamation which it may be intended to publish.

CIF
PAC/RL



Major General,
Commanding,
No 1 District.

MEMORANDUM: British Deserter in U.S. Custody.

AMCOT/1118/PS

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

15 September 1943.

TO : AMCOT Liaison, 15 Army Group.

No. 6400175, Pte. South F.J., Royal West Kent Regiment, 78 Div., was arrested by Military Police (U.S.) in Palermo on 30 Aug. The Eighth Army was informed by W/T the same day but no reply has been received nor has any escort arrived to take over the prisoner. The man has now been in custody for 16 days and the Military Police (U.S.) would like to get rid of him.

Will you please take up urgently?

R.M.J. Martin

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

Col Michell:

Pvt Peter Jim South, #6400175, Royal West Kents,
78th Div, British 8th Army, turned in here from desertion
on 30 Aug. He was detained at Military Prison at Palermo,
pending orders for disposition from CG 8th Army, to whom
we radioed the same day. South is still held at the
prison.

R. J. Neumann

Capt, AFM 7th Army

9-14-43

C. MARTIN:

wanted.

This is the info you
wanted.

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