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SECURITY, CONFINEMENT OF ITALIAN & ALLIED
MILITARY PRISONERS
JAN. 1944 - OCT. 1945

PS

1. The VP wishes to know whether Poggio's Bureau is satisfied by your prisoners' work than its capacity. It is not stated in the position. In any event, he is of opinion that this paragraph is ambiguous and should be rewritten. Para 4 would also be clarified by the addition suggested.

2. Do PH aware of the facts in para 5.
3. Please submit your correspondence for signature by inmates.
4. Is it any use inserting a new para after the present 3. Is the effect that in view of this covering is in very definite that communication for the 400 military prisoners should be made to the Board of Prisoners and the strongly negative that this should be done. C.H.S.

15 NOV 1944

CBS redraft of letter in and over to 27A. is submitted for signature.

For #5 in first letter, on check with PH it is not T y plus but T y plus.

[Signature]
for P.S.

PHS. Letter to HQ AA1 for information asked in letter # 30 A. for signature

[Signature]
for P.S.

53.

CA S. Proposed draft reply to 52B attached 53A.

[Signature]
for P.S. 1612

19.4.45.

55.

H. Executive Commission
See Note 52A - draft submitted for approval and signature of Chief
[Signature]

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Pac 45 is first letter, on check with P.H. it is not Typewritten but Typed.

[Signature]
for D.P.S.

CAS. Letter to HQ AA1 for information asked in letter # 30 A. for signature

[Signature]
for D.P.S.

53.

CAS. Proposed draft reply to 52B studied 53A.

[Signature]
for D.P.S.

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19.4.45.

Executive Commission CS.

The Police D.A. - sample submitted for approval and signature of Chief Commission. *[Signature]* CSO CAS

20 April.

MINUTE SHEET

Army SC.

4

The VP. is proposing to sign the letter for 4-13, before doing so he would be glad to have any comment you may wish to make.

[Signature]
for CCO

Admin Sec

5.

Admin Sec

No comment. Will you kindly let us have a copy of the

letter when sent. *[Signature]* Capt. Army SC

6.

PS.

4A. signed and dispatched Army SC. have a copy

[Signature]
for CCO

Admin Sec

Army SC request to be kept advised 1 April 44 noted

3 April 44. *[Signature]* PS.

PS.

Please take action with 3A of 4A. if not already done

[Signature]

Admin

7 Apr.

Letter in terms of 3A sent to Army Sub C. & reply mounted. 2 April 44. *[Signature]*

CA. Sec

Letter in answer to 27-A. for Sig.

[Signature]

PS.

1st A. signed and dispatched Army SC. have a copy
for CAO.

Adm Sec
26 Nov

Army S/C request to be kept advised 1 April 44 noted
30 April 44. PPS.

PS.

Please take action with G-4 of 4A if not already done

Adm Sec
7 Apr

Letter in terms of 3A sent to Army Sub C. & reply
received. 2/10 April 44. PPS.

CA. Sec

Letter in answer to 27-17. for log. 11/12

15/11/44

EW Hardy Reg
for DPs

PS.

will not AFHQ submit the original correspondence
referred to them.

Are PH aware of para 5 of 2BA.

CAE

15 NOV. 1944

EW Hardy Reg
for DPs

AC-144-0443/145

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CONFINEMENT OF ITALIAN

~~RESTRICTED~~

EC 20 April 45

Exc. 21 April 45

PS 22 April

CAS 24 April 45 - Min 509

CONFINEMENT OF ITALIAN ~~SAVED~~ ~~MAINTAIN~~

~~PS 19/1/45~~

EC 20/1/45

EXC. 21/1/45
PS 26/1/45

CAS 24/5/45 - Main stop
PS 28/6

CX Comm 5/Jan
PS 11/Jan

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THIS IS IN

FROM JAN. 1945
OCT. 1945

CATALOGUE.

C.A.S.

Then to

Folio 58A submitted for signature

Walter Doherty
Civ

DDPS

P.S. s/c

b1

Executive Commission

Folio 58A submitted for approval and signature. VP considers that this is a matter for Ex. Commission. March 2 on enclosed file (AC/14043/PS) gives General Burnage view.

W.D. Burnage
C.A.S.

5 June

b2

CSO to VP C.A.S.

Confirming conversation Benham Carter - Talbot I suggest this matter is a lot coming down to the ceiling of the Sherman Arms.

Walter Doherty
CSO to C.A.S.

b16

b3

Public Safety

This is, I find, a bad moment to try this one.

I have recommended - VP agrees - to concentrate on release of persons now. We might return to this when Army ceiling is settled.

W.D. Burnage

File (AC/12043/PS) given by...

5 June

A. D. Bingham for L. G. 1
CAS

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CSO to VP CAS

Confusion in conversation Bingham Carter
- Teller I support it. handle -
a lot coming down to the
ceiling of the Johnson House.

W. H. R. L. H. D.
CSO to Carter

6/6 '63

ALLO

Public Safety

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of persons now. We might return to this when Army
activity is settled
7 June

W. H. R. L. H. D.
A. D. Bingham for L. G. 1
CAS

MINUTE 58(a)

To : MIA thru CAS Section.

1. ~~Received~~ Communications from Ministry of Grace and Justice and Ministry of War contain information reportedly already in your hands.
2. Reports from both 5th and 8th Army areas indicate that Italian Military prisoners are making a serious housing situation for civilian prisoners more and more critical. The military prisoner population of civilian prisons in Italian Government territory constitutes a significant percentage of the more turbulent elements.
3. Could this Sub-Commission be advised as to your reaction to the proposal that Italian military prisoners be returned to the jurisdiction of the Ministry of War, for custody personnel, housing, training and discipline etc?

24 April 1945
RUF/C.J.M. CHAPMAN Colonel,
Public Safety S/C

MINUTE 58(b)

Public Safety S/C.

1. As you know of course, the A.F.H.Q. (in fact the C.C.S.) policy in connection with Italian Military Prisoners was arrived at after considerable thought and discussion, and is contained in para. 14 of A.F.H.Q. letter A.C. 091.711/169 G.T. - O of 16 Nov. '44 entitled "Command and Administration of the Italian Army".
2. To change this policy would mean reference to C.C.S. and would ~~mean~~ undoubtedly take much time.
3. The new situation caused by the unconditional surrender of the German Armies in Italy must obviously cause a re-examination of previous policy and how the Italian Army is to be used in future.
4. Until we get a clearer picture of this future and because I do not want to have an added complication to the many new problems which will arise now, I consider that matters should be left as they are for the time being.

24 April 1945
RME/C.

MINUTE 58(4)

Public Safety S/C.

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R. Browning

Major-General,

4 May 45.
DGC

To: C.A.S.

58A-*letter for approval and signature please*

21 May 45

S.P.

See letter also MNIA's non-concurrence

-AC/Hand/PS

Would like to speak

56.

To: C.A. Section

1. I am directed to say that the letter at 54a is not satisfactory for the following reasons:

- (a) It refers to a basic document - an internal communication in this HQ - which had been copied to a Staff Section in RAAC.
- (b) Amplification of your para. 2 is required. It is not considered sufficient to use the phrasing "it is understood" and "for some other reason."

2. Please submit a revised draft in reply to 52b by 1200 hrs tomorrow, 21 April, as it is now eight days since the letter was received in this HQ.

20 April 1945.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

EC

EC

CA
21 APR 1945

Herewith letter for signature as per

[Signature]

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C A Sec (Ps)

Ref. Min. 57.

Letter is returned duly

signed by A/E for comment for dispatch

Office E.C.
25 APR 45.

[Signature]
H.A.S.

PS. Duly dispatched - 24/4-45

PUBLIC SAFETY
SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

AC/14302/11/PS

22 Oct. 1945

SUBJECT : Detention - Italian Military Personnel

TO : Land Forces Sub Com. AC. (AMIA) Rome

1. Reference your communication A/027 dated 30 Sept. 1945 in which attention is called to provisions of AFHQ letter & AMIA Administrative Instructions regarding detention of Italian Military personnel in civilian prisons.

2. Attention is invited to our letter to Procura Generale Militare del Regno, Roma and Procura Generale Militare of Tribunale, Torino, with copy to you. (Ref. AC/14043/PS dated 5 October 1945).

3. Attached herewith is copy of communication from RPSO, Piemonte Region reporting complete compliance with provisions of AFHQ & AMIA instructions referred to above.

For your information .

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

RMP/11

HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 391

15 OCT. 1945

File No: PR/PS/41/146
Subject: Military Prison

10 October 1945

To: HQ A.C. APO (Attn. Director Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

1. Ref your AC/14043/PS dated 5.10.45.

2. The procedure as outlined by you in paragraph ³⁽¹⁾ is exactly that prevailing in Piemonte and the CC.RR & the Italian Military authorities have been so informed repeatedly by this Hq and local M.M.I.A. officers.

For the Regional Commissioner.

D. M. M. Capt.

H. MIGHALL

Major

Regional Public Safety
Officer

TO	15/10
DIRECTOR	20/10
DEPUTY DIR	22/10
EXEC	
POLICE	
SEC. & ADM.	
PRISON	22/10
ADJ.	
STENOGR.	
CHIEF CLERK	

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

9 October 1945

AG/14043/PS

SUBJECT : GALANTE Luigi fu Diego.

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice
For Capo del Gabinetto - Sig. Spalensani

In connection with the case of Galante Luigi, ex prison guard at Regina Coeli, it is reported that our letter of 3 September 1945 (attached) has not been received by your office. This additional copy is forwarded for your information.


JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.S.D.
Director.

RMF/G

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

6 October 1945

AC/14043/PS

SUBJECT : Military Prisoners in Civil Prisons
TO : Regional Commissioner Piemonte Region
For RPSO.

1. Attached herewith is a copy of a communication addressed and distributed as indicated, which covers the subject matter of several communications which have been received by this headquarters. Copies of some of this correspondence is also attached for your information.
2. It is called to your attention that AFHQ has established the policy that Italian Military Prisoners are eligible for admission to civil jails after they have been held for trial for over 30 days or have been sentenced to more than 30 days imprisonment.
3. As stated in the letter from this Sub-Commission it is not clear whether all Italian Military personnel has been refused admission to civil prisons or, very properly, those who are not included in the two categories described.
4. This Sub Commission would appreciate your assurance that the matter is in hand and in line with the provisions of para.2.


JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

RMF/G

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AG/14043/PS

5 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Military Prisoners
Piemonte Region

TO : Procura Generale Militare del Regno - Rome -
Procura Generale Militare of Tribunale
Mile, Turin.-

1. Several communications have been received by this
Sub-Commission referring to

- a) the absence of a military Prison in Turin,
- b) the refusal of AMG Public Safety Officers
in Turin to accept Italian Military Prisoners
in civilian jails
- c) the present practice of either refusing to
arrest Italian military personnel caught in
an act of crime, or releasing them following
their arrest because of a lack of custodial
space. The following is submitted for your
information.

2. Information from the Regional Public Safety Officer,
Piemonte Region, is to the effect that there is, in fact, a
Military prison in Turin. It is located in the Via Ormea, was
repaired by communal authorities recently for use as an exten-
sion to the main civil prison and has been vacated and handed
over to the Tribunale Militare of Torino and the Gruppo Gre-
nova. There are accommodations for approximately 100 prisoners.

3. Under the provisions of AFHQ letter AG.091.711/169
GCT-C paragraph 14(B) dated 16 Nov. 44, and EMIA Administrative
Instructions n° 18 paragraph 14(B) dated 1st Dec. 44., Italian

copy to
14292/11
14292/03

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Military prisoners will not be received by civilian prisons unless :

- a) they have been absent from their unit awaiting trial for over 30 days, or
- b) have been tried and sentenced to a term of more than 30 days.

There is therefore no obligation on the part of civil prisons to receive such prisoners unless they are included in either of these two categories.

4. The reported failure of G.C.M. of Turin to arrest Italian soldiers observed in or suspected of an act of crime because civilian prison accommodations were not available, contravenes the provisions of the AFHQ letter and SMIA Administrative Instruction, referred to above. The responsibility for the custody of Italian military personnel for the first 30 days prior to trial, or until they have been duly sentenced to a term of more than 30 days, is the obligation of the Italian military authorities.

5. It is not clear to this Sub-Commission whether the Regional Public Safety Officer of Piemonte has refused admission to civil jails to all Italian military prisoners or only to those whose admission is mandatory under the 2 categories described in paragraph 4 above. To clarify this situation proper instructions are being forwarded to that Officer by this Headquarters.

John W. Chapman
 JOHN W. CHAPMAN
 Colonel, J.A.G.D.
 Director

1400

RMJ/sk

Copy to SMIA
 AFSC - Piemonte Region

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Subject : Detention - Military Personnel.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

A/027

30 Sep. '45.

To : Public Safety Sub Commission A.C.

1. We have been informed by the Ministry of War that the TURIN Regional Public Safety Officer refuses to allow the detention in civilian prisons of personnel awaiting trial for over 30 days.

2. This is a direct contravention of A.F.H.Q. letter AG.091.711/169. GCT - O para 14 (B) dated 16 Nov. 44. and M.M.I.A. Administrative Instruction No. 18 para 14 (B) dated 1 Dec. 44. which read : -

"Italian Army personnel who are absent from their unit awaiting trial for over 30 days, will be struck off the authorized strength of the Italian Army, and will be confined in Civil prisons. On release from the Civil prison, if they remain eligible for service in the Army, such personnel will be sent to a replacement center for reassignment. Such personnel will not be reincorporated in the old unit unless assigned thereto through the replacement center. During the period of confinement in civil prisons, such personnel will not be rationed from Army sources."

3. Will you please take this matter up with Regional Pub. Safety Officer TURIN and instruct him to comply with the A.F.H.Q. Policy on this matter.

TO	INIT	DATE
X DIRECTOR	WAG	5/10
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER	WAG	3-10
X POLICE	WAG	4/10
LIC. & REG.		
X PR	WAG	4-11
AD		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

W. E. Sullivan
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

REH/er

Copy to : 220601/11
Ministry of War (Your 216-12-2 dated 26 Sep. '45 refers.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14043/PS

Tel. 478709

20 Sept., 45

SUBJECT : VINCENZOTTO Alcide
TO : Nucleo Comando 3a Z.A.T. -
Roma -

1. Reference the attached communication.
2. Information from Allied Authorities at "A. GABELLI" institute is to the fact that they have no information concerning VINCENZOTTO, he never having been held at that prison.


JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

RMF/sk

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14043/PS

Tel.: 478709

20 Sept., 45

SUBJECT : Judicial position of prisoners
TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice

1. The attached communications from the Judicial prison of Campobasso and the Penal prison of Volterra are forwarded for your information.

2. This Headquarters is informed that the prisoners mentioned were all sentenced by an Italian Tribunale, and the judicial position for these individuals should be forwarded by Italian Authorities to the Prisons concerned.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

RMF/sk

1400

SECRET

ROME ARMA ALLIED COMMAND
Office of the AG of S, C-2
AFO No. 794 US Army.

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G/21321/BR

14 Sep 45

SUBJECT: Judicial Records of Security Prisoners.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.
(Attention of Capt FREEMAN)

Reference your letter AG/14225/1/45 dated 13 Sep 45, and telephone conversation Capt FREEMAN - Lt. Col., YOUNG of 14 Sep 45.

1. It is confirmed that the undermentioned persons were tried before the Italian Military Tribunal, and not before an AMG Court.

D'ALIANO Carlo
CAPPELLI Antonio
LEO Giorgio
RUBI DE KNEY Antonio
DE PACHIS Alvaro
TOMBUSI Agostino
VACCARO Mario
CERRI Antonio

2. It is considered therefore that all details concerning their cases should be forwarded by the Italian authorities, e.g. Ministry of Grace and Justice.

3. No information is held at this HQ concerning VINCENZO Alcide, and he has never been in the Aristide Cabelli prison.

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER	PMF	17/9
POLICE		
I.C. & P.I.		
ADJ. GEN.	PMF	19/9
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

Paul Young
(D.A.D. YOUNG)
Lt. Col., G.S.,
AG of S, C-2(CI).

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AGENTE A MARG
(Translation S.C.)

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MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE

Rome 11. Set 1945

Direction of Prisons

12 SET. 1945

Office VI

N° 143802/8

*and for**information**To: CCRK bond Rome.*TO ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION P.S. R O M E

SUBJECT: Transfer of prisoners

14208?

The Allied Commission -Sub-commission of P.S. request the urgent transfer, from judicial reformatory "A. Gabelli" (Porta Portese) in Rome to other penal establishments, of the following prisoners: MARINI Vincenzo, ROSA Marcello and BADIO Silena (female) and this to take place no later than Saturday the 15 th. inst.

MARINI Vincenzo and ROSA Marcello have been destined to Viterbo jail, and BADIO Silena to Women's Penal Establishment at Perugia.

Meanwhile we beg the General Command to give the necessary instructions for transfer to take place within the 15 inst, meaning that van for conveyance of aforesaid is furnished by the Allied Commission, to which timely notice should be given, viz: day on transfer for the necessary readiness of means of transport.

An urgent reply to matter in question will be appreciated.

1. Phoned Capt Corso, 9-2 RRAC 12/9/45

For the Minister

Said would try & arrange transport not later than Sat. 15/9/45 -will plan route.

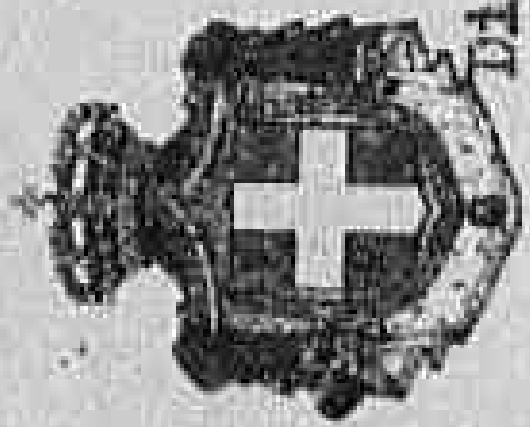
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2. Later arranged for transport: 0800 hrs Sunday 14/9/45. Phoned Ministry, who is making arrangements with CCRK.

3. Col. Young & Lt. Sharp 9-2, RRAC notified by phone 1200 hrs 13/9 that CCRK escort will be at "A Gabelli" at 0800 hrs 14/9. 1200 hrs 14/9. 1200 hrs 14/9. 1200 hrs 14/9.

4. Movement completed as scheduled. No incidents. 15/9/45

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URGENTE A MEMO

Mod. 1348 M.G.

Ministero di Giustizia
Direzione Generale per gli Istituti di Prevenzione e di Pena

Ufficio VI

N. 143802/8

Roma, 11 SET. 1945

Al Comando Generale dell'Arma
dei RR. CC.

R O M A

e p.c.: Alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione P.S.
(rif. telefonata 10 corr. mese)

11 SET. 1945

R O M A

Tribunale Militare Territoriale

R O M A

OGGETTO: trasferimento detenuti.-

La Commissione Alleata - Sottocommissione per la P.S. -, ha chiesto a questo Ministero l'urgente trasferimento, da effettuarsi non più tardi di sabato prossimo 15 corrente mese, dei detenuti Merini Vincenzo, Rosa Marcello e Badio Silena (donna) del Riformatorio Giudiziario " A. Gabelli " (Porta Portese) ~~da~~ Roma in altri stabilimenti penali.-

Si è disposto, pertanto, l'assegnazione di Merini Vincenzo e Rosa Marcello alle carceri giudiziarie di Viterbo e di Badio Silena alla casa penale per donne di Perugia.-

Si prega codesto Comando Generale di voler impartire le opportune disposizioni affinché tali traduzioni siano effettuate entro la predetta data del 15 corrente mese, significando che il relativo mezzo di trasporto sarà fornito dalla Commissione Alleata alle una-

11 SET. 1946

e p.c.: Alle Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione P.S.
(rif. telefonata 10 corr. mese)

R O M A

Tribunale Militare Territoriale

R O M A

OCCORRENZA: trasferimento detenuti.-

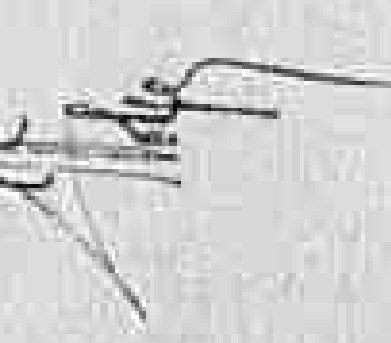
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Si gradirà un cortese urgente cenno di assicurazione.

Per il Ministro



SECRET

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Office of the AG of S, G-2
APO No. 794 US Army.

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ll 2/P3761/RR

6 Sep 45

SUBJECT: Security prisoners awaiting transfer

TO : HQ, Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
(Attention Capt FREEMAN)

1. It is requested that the undermentioned persons, who have received sentences as under, and are now confined in the Security prison, be transferred as soon as possible.

MERINI Vincenzo - 1 year 6 months imprisonment
ROSA-ROSA Marcello - 1 " 6 " "

2. May arrangements also be made for the transfer of BADIO Silene, of whom you have already been informed, at the same time as the above-mentioned.

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER	DRS	8-9
POLICE		
LIC. & REG.		
PRISONS	WAT	11-9
ADM. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

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D.A.D. YOUNG
Lt. Col., G.S.,
AG of S, G-2(CI)

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(Translation CC.)
-7 SET. 1945

MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE

18.8.1945

Prisons
70A

From : CANPOBASSO Judiciary Jail

To: Direction "Aristide Gabelli" Prisons Porta Portese
R O M A

N. 9905-Tit. 1-Pesc. 8

14013
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SUBJECT: Round up of political prisoners

On 14/8/45 the following political prisoners have arrived here ~~sent~~ sent from the Roman "Aristide Gabelli" prisons:

Leo Giorgio; Giubi De Kencj Antonio;
De Paolis Alvaro; Agostini Tommaso;
Vaccaro Mario; Cerini Antonio.

As the escort handed only one sheet of news with reference to a/m individuals, please send on personal file, or else the indispensable juridical documents in order to be acquainted with proceedings to be adopted, not knowing either by which authority each one has been condemned nor how long they've got to serve in punishment.

Awaiting an urgent and kind reply.

/s/ Dr. Vittorio Dente

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER	<i>DR</i>	<i>8-9</i>
POLICE		
UC. 1113		
<i>Prisons</i>	<i>DR</i>	<i>11-9</i>
<i>SECURITY</i>		
CHIEF CLERK		

to 9-2
KAC

(Translation CC.)

NUCLEO COMANDO 3 Z.A.T.
Disciplinary Office

Rome 8 Aug. 1945

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Nº 2018/D

To: DIRECTION OF PRISONS
"Aristide Gabelli"
ROMA

SUBJECT: First cl. wireless operator-VINCENZOTTO ALCIDE-

Results to writer that the soldier in object is still awaiting judgement imputed for being in touch with the enemy.

As this Command has no element on the matter, begs that Direction to transmit urgently a copy of denouncement issued by Judicial Authorities which has charged said VINCELOTTTO as well as other documents that may eventually specify his guiltiness.

The Commander
(Colonel A.A. r.m. - E. Moscone)

Leat 6 9-21 RAAC.
11-9-45

(Translation C.O.)

DIRECTION
PENAL INSTITUTE
VOLTERRA

Volterre 16/8/45

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To: MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE
Office VI- Rome

To: Dir. Reformatory "A Gabelli"
Porta Portese - Rome

To: Allied Mil Command C.I.C.
Rome

SUBJECT:

Under punishment D'ALANNO
Carlo etc. etc.

Under punishment CAPPELLI
Aut. etc. etc.

We inform that the s/m prisoners have arrived to this penitentiary to-day from Rome.

This direction is not in a position to remit biographical extracts of each prisoner because they are unprovided with the necessary items, specifying that escort handed to this direction merely one sheet filled up for each and written in English.

The Dir. jud. reformatory A. Gabelli is begged to deliver required juridical position of prisoners to Superior Ministry having that requested them.

The representing Director

/s/ Stefano Picicocchi

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RAAC
11-9/45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14043/P8

5 September 45

SUBJECT : Galante Luigi fu Diego

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice, *69B*

Ref. your 110638/2166, Office 2, dated
24 August 1945.

1. Galante Luigi fu Diego, while a prison guard at Regina Coeli was arrested 23 Aug 1944 by special agents of C.I.D. following an investigation into his reported carrying of letters and messages from security prisoners of that prison to outside sources.
2. The investigating agencies recommended his internment for the duration as a result of their findings that Galante had, in fact, carried communications and articles as reported, receiving money in compensation therefore.
3. It should be added that a sworn affidavit is on file at *g-2*, RAAC Headquarters, Rome, that Galante gave shelter to and provided transport for the escape of two British officers prior to the occupation of Rome by Allied troops.

RWJ
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

RMT/G

31 AGO. 1945 (Translation M.C.)

Rome 24 Aug. 1945

MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE

No II0638/2166
Office 2

To ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION P.S.
R O M E

SUBJECT: GALANTE Luigi of Diego

Referring to communication mentioned in e/m we beg
you to inform us the reason why the prison-agent Galante Luigi,
assigned to the Rome Jail, is being sent to Padula Concentration
Camp. This for eventual measures to be adopted against aforesaid.

*Hand for
phone call from
Capt
11/9/45*

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*See attached
statement for
EIC*

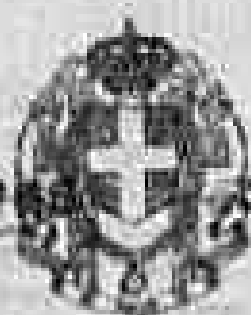
For the Minister
VOLPE

*Letter to
Ministry
5/9/46*

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28 AGO. 1945



Roma 24 AGO. 1945

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Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE

Per gli Istituti di Prevenzione e di Pena

Prot. N. 110638/2166

Ufficio 2°

Alla Commissione Allea
ta - Sottocommissione
per la P. S. ROMA

Deposita al f. del 14/8/1945

Per N. AG. 14051/PS.

Oggetto: Galante Luigi fu Diego.

In esito alla comunicazione fatta con la nota sopradistinta si prega far conoscere i motivi che determinarono l'invio dell'agente di custodia Galante Luigi, già addetto alle Carceri di Roma, al Campo di concentramento di Fadula, e ciò per gli eventuali provvedimenti disciplinari da adottarsi a carico del medesimo.

Per MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS
436th C.I.G. DETACHMENT
APO 704

30 August, 1944
Case No. 985

MEMORANDUM TO THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

SUBJECT: GALANTE LUIGI di Diego
Via Francesco Caracciolo 614, Rome.

RE : Guard at Regina Coeli carrying letters from political prisoners to outside sources.

This report is predicated upon the request of the Officer in Charge for the undersigned agents to investigate the carrying of letters from political prisoners to outside sources. Information was received from reliable informants that the guards at Regina Coeli were carrying on these activities and receiving money for each letter delivered.

On 26 August, 1944, these Agents received a report from Meloni Lella, wife of Meloni Luigi, an espionage and sabotage agent now prisoner at Regina Coeli, that a prison guard by name of Galante Luigi had gone to her home at Via dei Greci at noon time and delivered a letter written on blue paper by her husband at Regina Coeli. Said guard (Subject) collected a fee of 500 lire for delivering the letter. Mrs. Meloni stated that the guard was carrying about 25 or 30 more letters from political prisoners and he told her that he had to deliver these to families of the prisoners. According to Mrs. Meloni, the guard (Subject) told her that letters were gathered from prisoners by two other guards besides himself but that he delivered them after he got through working at the jail; upon Mrs. Meloni's assertion that "500 lire is a lot of money for one man to charge for delivering a letter", Subject replied, "Yes, but don't forget, we have to split that sum three ways!"

Mrs. Meloni further told these Agents that Subject also delivered a verbal message to her from her husband, saying "your husband told me to tell you that when you are interrogated by the American police to deny everything about me. Tell them that I am not a Fascist Republican and don't say anything about my activities."

Mrs. Meloni stated that Subject was to return on the morrow (31st Aug) to get cigarettes, etc., to take to her husband. When Subject went to the home to get the cigarettes, these Agents arrested him and brought him to the C.I.G. office for interrogation.

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Subject was interrogated at the C.I.G. office on the afternoon of 29th August, 1944, by these agents, Captain Mario E. Brod, Executive Officer, C.I.G., and Amidani Giordani, underground partisan agent.

Upon interrogation, Subject admitted delivering the letter written by Meloni Luigi, a prisoner at Regina Coeli and arrested by these Agents on charges of espionage, to Meloni's wife and collecting a fee of 500 lire for delivering said letter. Subject further admitted that he went to the home of Mrs. Meloni on 29 August, 1944, for purposes of obtaining cigarettes to deliver to her husband in jail. Subject would not reveal the names of the other guards involved in collecting letters from prisoners.

Among Subject's documents, studied by these Agents, was found a sheet of paper revealing the names of various prisoners at Regina Coeli that were arrested by this office on charges of espionage, sabotage, subversive activities, etc. Some of the names are:

- (a) ROMANO ALDO. Arrested 3 July, 1944, by SOI for being connected with an SD group.
- (b) DE AMICIS CESARE. Arrested by CIC 3rd July. Sabotage.
- (c) FACELLA EDUARDO. Arrested 19th July by CIC. Spotted Allied troops for the Germans.
- (d) BARTONE GIORGIO. Arrested 25th July by FCB. German Nationalist.
- (e) SCARFATO FEDERICO. Arrested 19th June by CIC. SD agent.
- (f) RONCAGGI GINERIO. Arrested 2nd July by GMP-RC. Sabotage.
- (g) ZIONATELLI VALERIO. Arrested 25th June by SOI. Espionage.
- (h) GEFRAZZI RENATO. Arrested 1st July by SOI. SD agent.
- (i) GRAMMAGIONE RICARDO. Arrested 3rd July by CIC. Sabotage.
- (j) ANGELISTY ROLANDO. Arrested 1st July by SOI. SD agent.

REMARKS: It is the opinion of these Agents that Subject, and possibly other guards at Regina Coeli, constitutes a serious threat to Allied security because he has been delivering letters written by political prisoners at Regina Coeli to outside sources. It is possible that many of these letters may contain information of a military nature that eventually gets into the hands of German Intelligence. This condition is considered dangerous by these agents from a security standpoint, therefore it is suggested that an intensive investigation be conducted at Regina Coeli by CIC agents on duty there to determine guards responsible for the gathering of these letters and delivering them to outside sources.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that Subject be interned for the duration.

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GEORGE V. TERRY
SPECIAL AGENT CIC

JOHN E. FRANCAZZI
SPECIAL AGENT CIC

c o n f i d e n t i a l

"A" Civilian Internee Camp recommendation for release report states that a sworn affidavit has been received through the Allied Screening Commission to the effect that subject gave shelter to two British Officers and obtained a car for them to make their escape from Rome.

TRANSLATION L.S.

URGENT PHONOGRAM

Minister of Grace and Justice
General direction of penal and
prevention Institute
Office VI Prot N.140183/8

30 July 1945

To the General Command of C.C.R.R.

P.C. Allied Commission
Sub Commission of P.S.
Rome.

SUBJECT : Remove of Political Prisoner

The Allied Commission Sub-Commission for P.S. with letter AC/14043/PS of the 19 instant, has requested to this Minister the urgent remove in a penal house of the political prisoners Leo Giorgio, Giabi De Keway Antonio, De Taolis Alvaro, Tomasso Agostino, Vaccaro Mario, and Cerino Antonio.

This Minister has disposed the remove of the a/m at the penal section in the Judicial Prison of Campobasso.

Will kindly this General Command give orders as quick as possible to have this carry into effect, as the ~~as the~~ case urgent need's, to signify that these prisoners are actually straitened in the Judicial Reformatory "A. Gabelli" in Rome (Porta Portese) under the custody of the Intelligent Corp.

In the meanwhile we let you note that the prisoners that are to be removed are now 13. (12 men and 1 woman), having till now, not moved the 6 prisoners of whom the previous ministerial note No. 139008 of the 13 July 1945, direct also to this General Command, that remained without a reply.

Waiting a kindly and urgent assurance

for the MINISTER

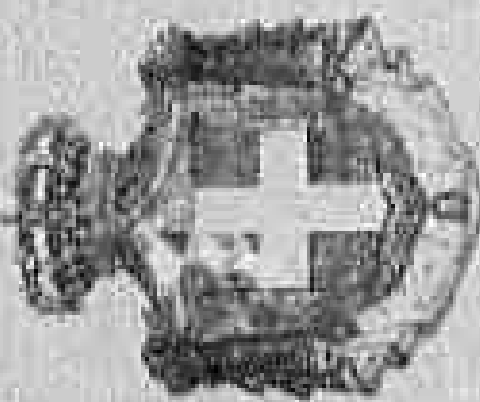
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SECURITY		
CHIEF OF STAFF		

Phoned Security Prison
All male sentenced prisoners
removed
One female (sentenced) remains
16/8/45 RMJ

Mod. 1342 M.G.

FONOGRAMMA URGENTE A MANO



Ministero di Giustizia

Direzione Generale per gli istituti di prevenzione e di pena

Ufficio VI

Prot. n. 140183/8

Roma, 30 LUG 1945

Al Comando Generale

dell'Arma dei RR. CC.

ROMA

e p.c.

Alla Commissione Alleata

sottocommissione per la P.S. ROMA

OGGETTO: Trasferimento detenuti politici.

La Commissione Alleata - Sottocommissione per la P.S. - con nota AC/14043/P.S. del 19 corrente mese, ha richiesto a questo Ministero la urgente assegnazione in una casa penale dei detenuti politici Leo Giorgio, Giubi De Keway Antonio, De Taolis Alvaro, Tommaso Agostino, Vaccaro Mario e Cerino Antonio.

Questo Ministero ha disposto l'assegnazione dei predetti detenuti alla sezione penale presso le carceri giudiziarie di Campobasso.

Si prega codesto Comando Generale di voler disporre, con la massima cortese sollecitudine, che tale traduzione sia effettuata con l'urgenza che il caso richiede, significando che tali detenuti trovansi attualmente ristretti nel Riformatorio giudiziario "A. Gabelli" di Roma (Porta Portese), sotto la custodia del Corpo d'Intelligenza.

Con l'occasione, si fa notare che i detenuti da trasferire dal predetto istituto sono ora 12 (11 uomini ed 1 donna), non essendo stati finora tradotti i 6 detenuti di cui alla precedente ministeriale n. 139008 del 13 luglio u.s., diretta pure a codesto Comando Generale e rimasta senza riscontro.

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sottocommissione per la P.S. ROMA

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Si resta in attesa di cortese urgente assicurazione.

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Pel Ministro

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MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE

N. 140084/92708

29 July 45

To CCRR + for information PS s/c

SUBJECT : Prisoner - CAMPELLI Antonio

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Referring to yours AC/14043/PS of the 20th inst. wherein you requested that a/m prisoner, serving 30 years imprisonment, be transferred to a Penal Establishment.

We have arranged to transfer CAMPELLI Antonio to the Volterra Penal Establishment. Meanwhile, we beg the Allied Commission to give the necessary orders for conveyance of aforesaid from A. Gabelli Prison in Rome (Porta Portese) to a/m Penal Establishment.

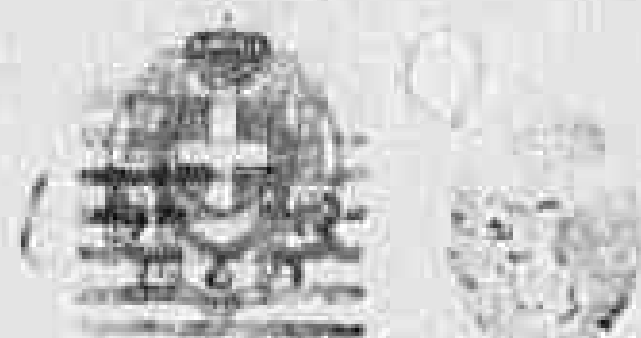
Awaiting an answer to matter in question.

The Volterra prison Direction is begged to inform the date of prisoners arrival, as also extract of relative biographical deed.

For the Minister
/s/ Illegible

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Roma 29 LUG 1943

Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENA

Comando Generale
Arma RR. CC.

ROMA

Ufficio VI 10084/92708
Sub. A

Risposta al f. N°

Oggetto detenuto Cappelli Antonio di Francesco

e p.c. alla Commissione Alleata -
Sottocommissione per la P.S. ROMA
" " " Alla direzione della casa penale VOLTERRA

La Commissione Alleata- Sottocommissione per la P.S. - con nota AC/14043.P.S. del 20 corrente mese ha chiesto che il detenuto in oggetto, condannato ad anni 30 di reclusione, fosse trasferito in una casa penale.

Questo Ministero ha assegnato il detenuto stesso alla casa penale di Volterra e prega, pertanto, codesto Comando Generale di voler dare, con la maggiore possibile sollecitudine, le opportune disposizioni affinché venga affettuata la traduzione del Cappelli dal riformatorio giudiziario di A. Gabelli in Roma (Porta Portese), ove agli attualmente trovasi ristretto, alla predetta casa penale.

Si resta in attesa di un cortese cenno di assicurazione.

La direzione del reclusorio di Volterra è pregata di voler comunicare la data di arrivo del detenuto stesso, trasmettendo, nel contempo, un estratto della relativa cartella biografica.

Per il MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

AC/14043/PS

30 July 1945

SUBJECT : Transfer of Sentenced Security Prisoners.

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

1. In compliance with your request, via phone, 28/7/45, herewith are copies of three communications from this Sub-Commission requesting the transfer of sentenced security prisoners from "A. Gabelli" Institute to an outlying penal prison. 13

2. Repeated requests from the Allied administrative personnel at "A. Gabelli" prompt this Sub-Commission to again urge that these transfers be made without further delay.

3. Please notify this Sub-Commission as to action taken.

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

RMF/ae

3 Encl.

SECRET

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Office of the AC of S, G-2
APO No. 794 U.S. Army

G/44/BR

11 Jul 45

SUBJECT: Security Prisoners awaiting
transfer to PROCIDA.

TO : HQ, Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
(Attention Capt. FREEMAN)

1. Further to our G/44/BR dated 2 Jul 45, the following
additional persons are now awaiting transfer from the Security
Prison, ROME to PROCIDA to serve sentences as under.

✓ LEO Giorgio	-	16 years imprisonment
✓ GIUBI DE KENAY Antonio	-	3 " "
✓ DE PAOLIS Alvaro	-	8 " "
✓ TOMASI Agostino	-	7 " 8 months "
✓ VACCARO Mario	-	20 " "
✓ GERINO Antonio	-	20 " "
✓ Capelli Antonio	-	See 63A (20 July)

2. We should be obliged if transfer could be carried out as
soon as possible.

TO	DATE
DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY	
EXEC.	
ADJ.	
SEC.	
ASST.	
CLERK	

(D.A.D. YOUNG)
Lt. Col., G.S.,
AC of S, G-2(CI).

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Copies to personal files concerned.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Office of the AC of S, G-2
APO No. 794 U.S. Army

G/P2530/BR

20 Jul 45

SUBJECT: CAPELLI Antonio

TO : HQ, Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
(Attention Capt. FREEMAN).

1. Subject was brought to trial on 20 Jul, found guilty and sentenced to 30 years imprisonment.
2. May arrangements please be made for Subject to be transferred to the custody of the Italian Authorities to serve sentence.
3. Telephone conversation Capt. FREEMAN - Lt.Col. YOUNG of 20 Jul refers.

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D.A.D. Young
(D.A.D. YOUNG)
Lt.Col., G.S.,
AC of S, G-2(CI).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APG 394

Tel : 478709 -

20 July 45

AG/14043/26

SUBJECT : Transfer of Sentenced Security Prisoner
TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

1. Information from A.C. of S. 9-2, Rome Area Allied Command, has been received by this Sub-Commission to the effect that

CABELLI ANTONIO di FRANCESCO

now in custody at "A. Cabelli" Institute has been sentenced to 30 years imprisonment and his removal to an outlying penal prison is desired.

2. It is therefore requested that your Ministry arrange for the transfer of this prisoner as outlined above.

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

RMF/G

see 67A
Total now 13

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709-580

AC/14043/PS

19 July 1945

SUBJECT : Transfer of Sentenced Security Prisoners
TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

1. Attention is called to our communication AC/14021/1/PS dated 5 July 1945 in which your Ministry was requested to arrange for the transfer of ~~the~~ sentenced security prisoners from "A. Gabelli" Institute, Rome to another prison establishment.

2. There are now ~~eleven~~ prisoners awaiting transfer thru arrangements to be made by your Ministry. The additional six prisoners are :

LEO GIORGIO
GIUSEPPE DE KENAY ANTONIO
DE PAOLIS ALVARO

TOMASO AGOSTINO
VACCARO MARIO
CERINO ANTONIO

3. It is requested that immediate steps be taken to transfer these eleven prisoners to an outlying prison of your selection and that this Sub-Commission be advised of the action taken.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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Transfer of
Security Prisoners*

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Office of the AC of S, C-2
APO No. 794 U.S. Army

JWF/PJC/pt

12 June 45

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Subject: Security prisoners awaiting transfer to PROCIDA.

To : Hq. Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission
(Attention Capt. FREEMAN).

The following persons are confined in the Security Jail, ROME,
awaiting transfer to PROCIDA by the Italian authorities, to serve
sentences as shown:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
CORNACCHIA Francesco (at present in Regina Coeli Infirmary).	30 years imprisonment
SCALONE Giovanni	16 " "
DI MASCO Rocco	12 " "
MELLA Domenico	14 " "
MEI Enzo	20 " "
CASTELLUCCI Salvatore	16 " "
MEI Ezio Guido	20 " "
IO VASTO Vincenzo	15 " "
FALCONI Mario	15 " "
SCAGLIONE Gaetano	3 years 1 Month imprisonment.

*Phoned to
Ministry*

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12/6/45*

JW Fischer
J.W. FISCHER,
Colonel, GSC,
AC of S, C-2

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

720 (60A)
Tel : 478709

5 June 1945.

AC/14043/PS

SUBJECT : Transfer of Security Prisoners.
TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

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1. Reference is made to our letter of even number dated
4th June.

2. The following security prisoners have to be transferred
to Procida in addition to those mentioned in the above letter :

Falconi Mario
Io Vasto Vincenzo
Moi Ugo

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

YFH/G.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 478709

AC/14043/PS

4 June 1945

SUBJECT : Transfer of Security Prisoners.

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

1. The following prisoners, whose transfer to Procida has already been requested:

Nei Ezio ✓
Mella Domenico ✓
De Mascio Rocco

Cornacchia Francesco ✓
Scalone Giovanni ✓

and

Scagliene Gaetano ✓
Castelacci Salvatore, ✓

who have been recently sentenced, are in custody at "A. Gabelli" institute awaiting transfer.

2. This Sub-Commission again requests the early transfer of ~~these~~ security prisoners to Procida.

These

RMF/ae

John W. Chapman, Capt.
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Ref: AC/6019/PS

June 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Military Prisoners in Civilian Jails.

TO: AFHQ, G-5 Section.

- 1 The present policy relating to the treatment of Italian Military prisoners is laid down in your letter AC 091.711/169 OCT-3 dated 16 Nov 44 under the heading "Command and Administration of the Italian Army".
- 2 The presence of Italian Military prisoners in civilian institutions is now the cause of very serious overcrowding and there is a real danger that the situation will get out of control. Civil institutions are ill-suited to deal with the custody and discipline of this type of prisoner, and very strong pressure is being brought, both by Regional Commissioners and the Italian Government, for the responsibility to be taken over by the Ministry of War so that the Military prisoners can be moved from the civilian prisons.
- 3 Agreement to the effect has been reached between the Ministry of Grace and Justice and the Ministry of War. No action can, however, be taken in the light of your instruction. I must add that any proposal to make a change is opposed by Major General Browning of Land Forces Sub-Commission on the grounds that he does not think this an opportune moment to do so. Despite his advice I adhere to my view and strongly recommend that the policy be reconsidered as the situation has become a dangerous and urgent problem.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

Brig.,
Executive Commissioner,

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MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE

No. 914.10.9.

Thessalon, 11th April, 1945.

SUBJECT: Penal establishments for soldiers.

TO : A.G., P.S.S/C.

In July last the Allied Commission asked that all the penal establishments for soldiers should be transformed into ordinary penal establishments and that they should therefore be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Grace and Justice.

It must now be pointed out that the transition as indicated above in its actual carrying out presents innumerable difficulties of various kinds.

First of all it should be noted that the Prison Civil Administration is now in a position to satisfy the needs of its own establishments, especially as regards the housing and clothing of prisoners and guard agents and that the number of these last is sensibly reduced, while the number of prisoners has greatly increased. Such conditions render it extremely difficult to provide for the organisation of new establishments for military prisoners, of which there are at the present time a relatively small number.

In the second place, it should be remembered that the military penal establishments to be transferred to this Ministry are few and of limited capacity, insufficient for the number of military prisoners at the moment under arrest; the ordinary prisons have not therefore the possibility of receiving them, being already overcrowded with ordinary criminals.

Finally it must be taken into consideration that the prisoners confined into the military penal establishments are military prisoners serving military sentences; they therefore will return to their units as soon as the sentence passed on them has expired; and in consequence procedure in their regard must necessarily be different to that in force for common criminals, so that their

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The difficulties outlined above lead this Ministry earnestly to beg the Allied Commission to reconsider the decision already taken with regard to the transfer of the military penal establishments.

The measure was dictated, so far as it is known, by the necessity of avoiding that military prisoners, not contributing to the national war effort, should continue to receive military rations.

Now, it is pointed out that this result could be achieved without transferring the establishments to this administration, since it would be sufficient to keep these institutes under the Ministry of War, causing that Ministry to organize its own military penal establishments according to the directions of the Commission: in this case it would suffice, in fact, to lay down that the Ministry of War must give to its military prisoners only those rations which are conceded to civil prisoners and that for supplies of clothing and for housing they must exclusively use lands, means and clothing that are in no way assigned, or belonging, to the active Army.

On these points the Ministry of War is in agreement, as will be seen from the attached letter, realising that the foregoing proposal is the only one which will help a situation of extreme difficulty: it is felt therefore that the decision of the Commission may be favourable.

In any case, The Commission is asked, should further explanations in this regard be necessary, to invite a representative of this Ministry to give all the details and indications which would appear useful in order to reach a definite solution.

THE MINISTER.

-Enclini-

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MINISTRY OF WAR

Cabinet

Prot. No. 207772/11
216-12-2

P.M. 3800 3 APR, 1945.

Ref. Letter 735 of the 21st March, 1945.

SUBJECT : Transfer of Military penal establishments.

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice - General Directorate
of Institutions for prevention and punishment of
crime.

I have nothing against the procedure which is proposed
by your Ministry with the letter under reference. I point
out however that any decision in the matter is to be taken
by the Allied Land Forces Sub-Commission (ALFSA), to whom I
have applied to-day for the necessary approval.

It is obvious that should the proposal be approved, the
soldiers at present held in civil prisons will gradually be
transferred to military prisons, that is to say, little by
little as this is rendered possible by the putting into
function of the new penal establishments which are being
prepared.

THE MINISTER

- A. Casati -

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23rd April 1945

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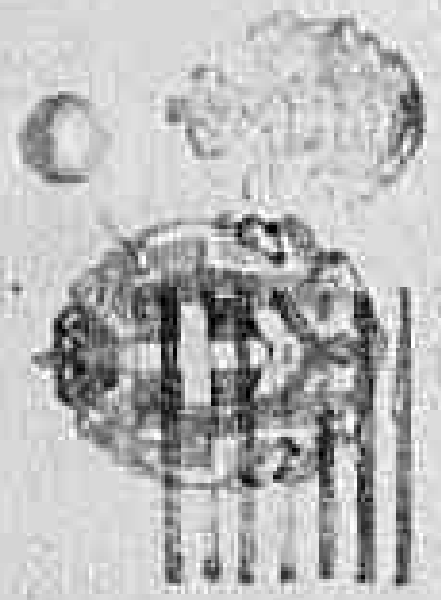
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Roma, 23 APR 1945 19 A



Ministero di Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENA

Al la Procura Militare del
Regno presso il Tribunale Militare
Territoriale ROMA

VI 133585/8

Procedura 12

Oggetto: Condannati Valseschi Franco, Orio Giovanni, Zotto-
la Alfredo e Volzone Camillo.

e per conoscenza:

Alla Commissione Alleata -Sottocommissione per la
P.S. -
ROMA

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Poichè i detti detenuti risultano condannati con sentenza del Tribunale Territoriale di Roma del 12 febbraio 1945, si prega codesto Ufficio di voler inviare i documenti giuridici relativi ai detti stessi per provvedere alla loro definitiva assegnazione alla casa penale di Procida.

Nel contempo si informa che, avendo la Commissione Alleata, con la nota sopra richiamata, espresso il desiderio che i detenuti in parole fossero inviati nell'isola di Procida in modo che essi non potessero fornire ed altri le informazioni in loro possesso, vennero date disposizioni alla Direzione della casa penale di Procida affinché i medesimi fossero sottoposti ad adeguata sorveglianza.

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Per il MINISTRO

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE

11 April, 1945.
N. 133223/8

Subject : Transfer of prisoners to Procida.

To : Commanding General, CC.RR.

and for information

To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

The Allied Commission - P.S. Sub-Commission - with letter AC/14043/PS dated 30 March, 1945, has requested the transfer of the prisoner Erra Giacomo from Porta Portese (Judicial Reformatory), Rome. to the penal institution of Procida.

As the General Command, with phonogram n. 327/1-3 dated 4th instant, has communicated, that the transfer of the known prisoners has been effected, but without details in regard to their number, it is requested to inform us whether besides the prisoners Valsecchi Franco, Orio Giovanni, Zottola Alfredo, Volzone Camillo and Di Lorenzo Salvatore, also the a/m Erra Giacomo has been transferred to the penal institution of Procida. If not, the General Command is requested kindly to issue the necessary instructions, so that even such transfer be effected, informing immediately this Ministry and the a/m Allied Commission of the date on which the transfer will take place.

For the Minister
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Ministero di Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENA

Al Comando Generale
dell'Arma dei RR.CC.

R O M A

Ufficio VI
133223/8

Proposta di P.M.

Oggetto : Trasferimento di detenuti a Procida.

e p.c. alla Commissione Alleata - Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A X

La Commissione Alleata - Sottocommissione per la P.S. - con nota AC/14043/P.S. del 30 marzo u.s., ha richiesto il trasferimento del detenuto Erra Giacomo da Porta Portese (Riformatorio Giudiziario) in Roma alla casa penale di Procida.

Poichè codesto Comando Generale ha comunicato, con fonogramma 327/1.3 del 4 corrente, di aver provveduto a mettere in traduzione per Procida i noti detenuti, senza, peraltro, specificarne il numero, si prega di far conoscere se, oltre ai detenuti Valsecchi Franco, Orio Giovanni, Zottola Alfredo, Volzone Camillo e Di Lorenzo Salvatore, sia stato tradotto in quella casa penale anche il predetto Erra Giacomo. In caso negativo, si prega codesto Comando Generale di voler dare le opportune disposizioni affinché anche tale traduzione venga effettuata, facendo conoscere tempestivamente a questo Ministero ed alla suddetta Commissione Alleata la data in cui la traduzione stessa sarà effettuata.

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Ingresso al P. S. del

OGGETTO : Trasferimento di detenuti a Procida.

e p.c. alla Commissione Allesta - Sottocommissione per la P.S.

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Translation

CC.RR. Gen. HQ.

14 April, 1945.
N. 327/9-2

Subject : Phonogram by hand.

To : Ministry of Grace & Justice
and for information

To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

Ref. the Ministry's letter n. 132816/58008, Office VI, it is reported that the prisoner DI LORENZO Salvatore - who forms the subject of the A.C. P.S. Sub-Commission's letter AC/14043/PS dated 23 March, 1945 - has been transferred to Naples on the 4th instant, awaiting to be brought to the penal institution of Procida.

TO	
DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
EXEC. OFFICER	
POLICE	
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AD. COUNCIL	
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CHIEF CLERK	

By Order
Colonel Chief of Staff
-Romano dalla Chiesa-

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Traslate

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 327/9 - 2 di prot.

Roma, li 14 aprile 1945

Risposta al

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Fonogramma a mano.

AL MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA-Dir.Gen.Ist.Prev.e di Pena-
R O M A

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA-Sottocommissione per la P.S.-
R O M A

Riferimento foglio cotesto Ministero n.132816/58008 ufficio VI, comunicasi che detenuto DI LORENZO Salvatore - di cui tratta nota Commissione Alleata-Sottocommissione P.S. AC/14043/PS. del 23 marzo u.s. - est. stato tradotto a Napoli il 4 corrente, in attesa di proseguire per casa penale Procida.

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- Romano dalla Chiesa -

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SD/149.01

24 April 1945

SUBJECT : Security Cases Pending before AMG Courts.

TO : Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command.

The Chief Commissioner directs me to reply to your letter reference AG. 371(G-2) G-44 dated 11 April 1945.

1. This Commission, in a letter reference SD 149.01/LVC dated 16 April, recommended that COLLETTA and DE MONTIS be interned. Copy of the letter was sent to your G-2 Section.
2. It is understood that the GIG agent, who is the chief witness in the cases against the remaining accused, is in the United States but will be returning in the very near future.
3. There will be no difficulty in convening the Court when the GIG officer is available, but his evidence is essential to the prosecution.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.P.
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION.

16th April, 1945.

Ref: S.D. 149.01/190.

SUBJECT: Suspected Enemy Agents :-

SEI MONTIS Mario
COLLETTA, Vincenzo.

TO : ~~Civil Affairs Section.~~
~~to A.C. of S, C-2, RMAC).~~

1. With reference to correspondence 1008/21/PC (Civil Affairs Section) dated 13 April 1945, and A3371(8-2)6-45 (RMAC) of 11 April, 1945 regarding outstanding security cases in the Rome Area :-
2. Examination of all relevant documents and reports (SCI/712/1122, 19.9.44 - SCI/712/914 - AFHQ-3389-701-PP-366, 17.10.44) regarding the above-mentioned Italians, and full enquiries as to the circumstances of arrest by Italian S.I.M., have now been completed.

3. Although it is quite apparent from the statements made by the two men that they had been engaged by the Germans as "short-term" agents, there is no evidence to show that either of them had carried out a mission for the German authorities, or that they intended to do so.

4. In the case of SEI MONTIS Mario, it seems quite clear that he had intended of performing a mission. Shortly after crossing the lines he joined an Italian Parachute Unit, 8th Recce Squadron, under British Command (Captain GAY), made no attempt to re-cross the lines and served satisfactorily up to the time of his arrest. Further, he admitted voluntarily and freely to Captain GAY, the facts of his engagement by the Germans. It is recommended that no prosecution be undertaken against him.

5. His companion COLLETTA Vincenzo also served in 8th Recce Squadron, but deserted after several months and crossed back into German occupied territory, ostensibly to visit his family in Rome. This may, or may not, be the truth but, in any case, under the Hague Convention, Chapter 2, Article 29, having returned to the territory of the other belligerent, he cannot, on being arrested subsequently, be dealt with as a spy, in respect of that particular mission.

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6. With regard to his arrest in Rome, after Allied advance and occupation of that city, there is no evidence by way of any overt act or otherwise that he remained here to carry out a mission for the Germans.
7. Therefore it is recommended that in this case, no prosecution be undertaken against COLLETTA Vincenzo, but that in view of the grave doubts about him, he be interned indefinitely as a security danger.
8. With regard to his companion - DE MARIS Mario - in spite of his having served satisfactorily in "B" Recce Squadron and having freely admitted the general facts to the British Commanding Officer, it has to be borne in mind that he was aware of COLLETTA's intention to re-cross into German territory. He made no attempt to prevent this. Therefore, his indefinite internment as a security danger, also seems amply justified.

Thomas R. Lee
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Tel: 735

Ref: 1008/21/EC.

13 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Security Cases Pending before AME Courts.

13 APR 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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With reference to the attached letter dated 11 April 1945 from RAAC, reference AG 371 (G-2) G - 44, the Chief Commissioner directs that in this instance a reply is to be prepared for his signature.

E. Shorden
for Chief Staff Officer
Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ArmyJWF/TKB/waw
11 April 1945

AG 371 (G-2) G - 44

SUBJECT: Security Cases Pending before AMG Courts

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394, US Army.

1. This headquarters is making every effort to effect a rapid disposition of the cases of Allied security prisoners held in the Rome Area. With reference to those persons arrested during 1944, I wish to call to your attention the cases listed in paragraph 2. In the first two cases, AC personnel are making the necessary preparations for trial; in the last three cases, CIC have completed the preparations. All of the cases are to be tried by an AMG court under your general supervision.

2.	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF ARREST</u>
	COLLETTA, Vincenzo	13 July 44
	DE MONTIS, Mario	22 Aug. 44
	MARTINI - ZACCAGNI, Aris	11 Oct. 44
	BIANCHI, Armando	10 Nov. 44
	BADIO, Silene	10 Nov. 44

3. It is requested that every effort be made to expedite the trials of the persons named above. In the event that any case presents features such as insufficient evidence, it is requested that this headquarters be informed accordingly, so that we may make some other disposition of the persons concerned.

HEADQUARTERS

12 APR 1945

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Thoburn K. Brown
THOBURN K. BROWN
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 327/1-3 di prot.

Roma, li 4 aprile 1945

Risposta al

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Fonogramma a mano.-
Phonogramme by hand.

AL MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA - Direzione Generale
per gli Istituti di Prevenzione e di Pena - Ufficio VI - ROMA
(risposta al n. 131257/8 del 9-3-u.s.)

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la F.S. - ROMA
(risposta alla nota AC/14043/FS del 22-2-u.s.)

Il 3 corrente sono stati posti in traduzione per Procida
noti detenuti punto Castamaggiore Dalla Chiesa

Translation.

The known prisoners have been transferred to Procida
on the 3rd instant. Castamaggiore Dalla Chiesa.

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IL CAPO UFFICIO

-Magg. Ruggero Ruggieri-

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TO	
DIRECTOR	URGENT
MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE	
Subject	Prisoner Di Lorenzo Salvatore.
To	Commanding General, CC.RR.
To	A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

31st March, 1945.
N. 132816/58008

The A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - with letter n. AC/14043/PS dated 23rd instant - has requested the transfer of the prisoner Di Lorenzo Salvatore from the establishment A. Gabelli - Porta Portese - Rome to the penal establishment of Procida. The General Hqs. is requested to arrange with the utmost urgency the transfer of the prisoner to the a/m penal establishment, immediately reporting the date on which such transfer will be put into effect both to this Ministry and to the a/m Allied Commission.

For the Minister 136
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Roma 31 MAR 1945

Mod. 805 MG.

Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENA

Comando Generale
dell'Arma dei RR. CC.
ROMA

Ufficio VI
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Registrazione N°
del

Oggetto : detenuto Di Lorenzo Salvatore.

e p.c. alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

ROMA

La Commissione Alleata- Sottocommissione per la P.S. - con nota AC/14043/P.S. del 23 corrente mese, ha richiesto il trasferimento del detenuto Di Lorenzo Salvatore dallo stabilimento A. Gabelli - Porta Portese - Roma alla casa di reclusione di Procida.

Si prega codesto Comando Generale di voler disporre, con la massima urgenza, la traduzione del detenuto stesso nella predetta casa penale, facendo conoscere tempestivamente a questo Ministero ed alla suddetta Commissione Alleata la data in cui tale traduzione sarà effettuata.

Pel MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

30 March, 1945.

AC/14043/PS

SUBJECT : Transfer of Security Prisoners.

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

With reference to past correspondence AC/14043/PS
of 22 Feb. 1945 regarding prisoners -

Valsocchi	Franco
Orio	Giovanni
Zottola	Alfredo
Volzone	Camillo

and AC/14043/PS of 29 March 1945 regarding prisoner -

Di Lorenzo	Salvatore
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and this communication regarding prisoner -

Ferra	Giacomo
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You are urgently requested to provide for their
transfer from A. Cabelli Institute to Naples, for further
transfer to Procida.

It has been reported that an escort party of CC.RR
reported to "A. Cabelli" a few days ago, without being equipped
with orders by their own command, and did not accept the prisoners
because they had received no instructions.

Will you please notify this Sub-Commission when
arrangements have been made. If necessary or desirable, this
Sub-Commission will issue necessary instructions and credentials
to the escort party.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

AC/14043/PS

23 March 1945

SUBJECT : Transfer of Security Prisoner
DI LORENZO Salvatore

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice

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1. A request for the early transfer of above subject from the A.Gabelli establishment, Rome, to the prison at Procida has been received from the Office of the AC of S, G-2, Rome Area, Allied Command. Subject has been sentenced to twenty four years imprisonment on security grounds and his custody at Procida is urgent.

2. There are now five prisoners at A.Gabelli whose transfer to Procida has been requested on grounds of Security. Will you please take early steps to effect their movement, and acquaint this Sub-Commission with any plans made.



JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Office of the AG of S, G-2
APO No. 794 U.S. Army

G/12,56/ER

20 Mar 45

SUBJECT: DI LORENZO Salvatore 

TO : HQ, Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
(attention Capt FREEMAN)

Mr. Greer

Further to this office letter G/1679/ER dated 18 Feb.

1. Subject has now been sentenced to 24 years imprisonment.
2. It would be appreciated if similar arrangements could be made for him to be transferred to PROCEA.

D.A.D. Young
(D.A.D. YOUNG)
Lt. Col.,
G.S.

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File - Transfers of Security Prisoners.

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Translation.

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MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE

9th March, 1945.
131257/8

Subject : Transfer of prisoners from Rome to Procida.
To : CC.FR. Gen. Hq. - Rome
and for information
To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

The Allied Commission - P.S. Sub-Commission -
with letter AC/14043/PS dated 22nd Feb., 1945, has requested
the transfer of the prisoners Valsecchi Franco, Orio Giovanni,
Zottola Alfredo and Volzone Camillo from Porta Portese
(Judicial Reformatory) in Rome to the penal institution
of Procida (Naples).

The Gen.Hq. is requested kindly to issue the
necessary instructions for the immediate transfer of the
a/m prisoners to the penal institution, informing at the
same time this Ministry and the a/m Allied Commission of the
date on which such transfer will be effected.

For the Minister 13 J

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Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE
CERCHI E ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E CORREZIONE

Comando Generale
dell'Arma dei R.I.CC.

ROMA

Office VI
Ref. 131257/8

Pezomachus Alf. N.
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OGGETTO: Traduzione di decreti da Roma e Pre-
cisa.

e p.c. alla Commissione Alleata
Settecommissione per la P.S.

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La Commissione Alleata - Sottocommissione per la F.S. - con nota A C/14043/P.S. del 22 febbraio u.s., ha richiesto il trasferimento dei detenuti Valsecchi Franco, Grio Giovanni, Zottola Alfredo e Valzani Camillo da Forte Fertenc (Riformatorio Giudiziario) in Roma alla casa penale di Precida (Napoli).

Si prega cedente Comando Generale di voler dare le opportune disposizioni per la sollecita traduzione dei detenuti stessi nella predetta casa penale, facendo conoscere tempestivamente a questo Ministero ed alla suddetta Commissione di giustizia le date in cui tale traduzione sarà effettuata.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

13 March 1945

AC/11043/PS

SUBJECT : Italian Military Prisoners

TO : Regional Commissioner Abruzzi-Marche Region
Attention R.F.E.O.

1. In reply to your letter R5/514/13 reference the above subject I wish to inform you that a special meeting has been arranged for Thursday March 15th 1945 with the Minister of Grace & Justice and the Minister of War with a hope that this situation can be given the consideration it deserves and an understanding reached.

2. As soon as the results are known we will communicate them to you.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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TO : HQ. A.C. Public Safety Sub Commission
FROM : HQ. AMC/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region
SUBJECT : Italian Military Prisoners
REF : R5/514/13
DATE : 9 March 1945

The attached copy of letter received from P.C. Ancona ref. AMC/A/77 dated 1 Mar 45 and copy of letter of PPSO ref. PU/P/8 dated 5 Mar 45. on. The above subject are forwarded for your information.

Could be Ministry of Grace and Justice please be approached and requested to issue instructions for the disposal of the ~~Prisoners~~ ^{Prisoners}.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT : Prisons
TO : HQ. AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region (attention R.P.S.O.)
FROM : PPSO Pesaro Prov.
REF : FU/P/B
DATE : 5 Mar 45.

1. Ref. attached report from Director of Civil Prison, Pesaro, it will be seen that these deserters are awaiting trial by Italian Military Courts and in two cases have been in the Pesaro Prison for several months.
2. Communications have been addressed to the authorities concerned but this seems to have little effect.
3. Can you please assist in expediting the removal of these deserters as our prisons here are full enough without housing military personnel for long periods without a trial.

/s/ W. GREENHOUGH, Major
PPSO Pesaro Prov.

C O P Y

AMG
ANCONA PROVINCE
ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION
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SUBJECT : Prisons

TO : HQ Abruzzi Marche Region

REF.: ANC/A/77

FROM : D.P.C. Ancona Province

DATE: 1 March 45

1. The P.O. JESI informed this H.Q. that 24 Italian Military personnel were in the local gaol awaiting trial for Italian Military offences.
2. Further investigation brought to light the fact that instructions were apparently in force to the effect that such personnel were to be lodged in civil gaols, but the source of such instructions has not been ascertained.
3. In this province the civil gaols are already full with persons convicted of offences against the Allied Armies & the accommodation is so limited that military offenders cannot possibly be housed.
4. Orders have therefore been given to the local Italian Military authorities, that in spite of any instructions they may have received, they must make their own arrangements for the guarding of their prisoners as the civil authorities are not in a position to do so.
5. If you have any further information in this matter we shall be glad to receive it.

/s/

M.E. MARSHALL
Major,
Deputy, Provincial Commissioner
ANCONA Province

MEM/AG

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COPY TO: S.P.P.S.O. Ancona
S.P.P.S.O. Pesaro

(The following Deserters from the Italian ARmy are kept in this Prison :

FAMILY and CHRISTIAN NAME	At the disposal of the Milit.Court of	Arrested on;
1) PATERNO' Cono	BARI	20.II.1944
2) MARSIGLIA Giuseppe	BARI	14.I2.1944
3) ANGELINI Walter	MACERATA	14. 2.1945 (X)
4) GERMIGNONI Amedeo	MACERATA	14.2. 1945

In regard to Paterno and Marsiglia this Direction has informed the Military Court of Bari, as per letter 198 of the 31.12.1944 and the HQ of the 228 Div.I.F.A.H.Q. Posta Militare 16 . This latter let *me* know that the HQ had already written to the Mil.Court of Bari.

In regard to Angelini and Germignoni I ~~xxxx~~ informed the Mil.Court of Macerata as per letter 2050/205 of the 15.2.1945 but I have not yet received any reply.

You are asked to take an interest in this matter , as these soldiers always urge to come to an end .

Q

N° 121 di prot.

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Oppello - Gerardi militari Fabernò Cono,
e Marsiglia Giuseppe, Angelini Walter
e Gimignani Amadeo. -

Il m. Leg. e Maggiore di Polizia
del Comando Militare e Mare
Fesaro

Dalla data a farsi di ciascuno segnato sono resistiti in
queste carceri i seguenti militari italiani imputati di diserzione
in tempo di guerra:

- 1° Fabernò Cono - dal 20. 11. 1944 a disposizione Tribunale Militare
Censuriale di Guerra di Bari. -
- 2° Marsiglia Giuseppe. - dal 14. 12. 1944 a disposizione Tribunale
Militare di Guerra Bari. -
- 3° Angelini Walter - dal 14. 8. 1944 a disposizione del Tribunale
Militare di Macerata. -
- 4° Cermignani Amadeo - dal 14. 2. 1944 a disposizione del Tribunale
Militare di Macerata. -

Per il e Marsiglia ed il Fabernò questa Diserzione con nota n° 198
del 31-12-1944 ebbe ad intervenire il Tribunale Militare di Bari, e
successivamente con nota n° 35 del 21-1-1945 anche il Comando della
228ª Divisione I. F. H. L. C. Posta e Tribunale n° 16 - il quale con
nota n° 227/3 H. del 27. 1. 1945 faceva conoscere di avere anche
una imputazione in merito al Tribunale Militare di Bari.

Fesaro 4 e Mare 1945

Fesara

Dalla data a fianco di ciascuno segnata sono risultati in queste carceri i seguenti militari italiani imputati di diserzione in tempo di guerra:

- 1° Fabernò Lino - dal 20. 11. 1944 a disposizione Tribunale Militare Penitenziario di Guerra di Bari. -
- 2° Marsiglia Giuseppe - dal 14. 12. 1944 a disposizione Tribunale Militare di Guerra Bari. -
- 3° Angelini Walter - dal 14. 2. 1944 a disposizione del Tribunale Militare di Macerata. -
- 4° Germignani Emedeo - dal 14. 2. 1944 a disposizione del Tribunale Militare di Macerata. -

Per il Penitenziario ed il Tribunale di Guerra con nota n° 198 del 31-12-1944 ebbe ad interessare il Tribunale Militare di Bari, e successivamente con nota n° 35 del 21-1-1945 anche il Comando della 228ª Divisione I. F. A. H. Co. Costa e Militare n° 16 - il quale, con nota n° 227/3 H. del 27. 1. 1945 Fesara concorse di avere anche esso interesse in merito al Tribunale Militare di Bari.

Per l'Angelini ed il Penitenziario con nota del 15. 2. 1945 n° 2050/2051 questo ufficio ha interessato il Tribunale Militare di Macerata. -

A tutti questi due Tribunali Militari suddetti non hanno fatto conoscere le proprie decisioni. -

È stato si comunicato a I. F. per le ragioni, ove si creda, interessarsi della cosa per un più sollecito disbrigo della pratica relativa ai militari imputati, i quali assistono continuamente al P. M. di Guerra, lamentando la lentezza del procedimento a loro carico. -

Il Direttore

L. L. L.

Call
he will provide
transportation
that is both
fast and secure
about 1000

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Ministry of Grace and Justice.

translation M.C.

n:1812578/8

Reply to/ A.C./I4043/ P.S. of the 22-2-45

Rome 22-2-45

Subject: Prisoners transfer.

To the Allied Commission- Public Safety Subcom.

With reference to the a/m letter, this Ministry has no objections to make for the removal to the prison of Procida of the prisoners Valsecchi Franco, Orio Giovanni, Zottolo Alfredo, Velzone Camillo. The Commission can, therefore, provide for the transfer to that prison of the a/m prisoners. The direction of the prison has been informed beforehand, by this Ministry of the arrival of the prisoners, by ticket, date, and number, of which copy is attached.

TO	
DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
EXEC. OFFICER	
POURCE	
LC. & REG.	
PRISON	
ADJ. OFFICER	
SECRETARY	
CHIEF CLERK	

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Aurina.

question raised via phone as to why Ministry is not supplying transport. In Return, phoned that and letter was misinterpreted and that Ministry will transport prisoners. *1371*
7 7-3-45

translation M.G.

Ministry of Grace and Justice.

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n:131257/8

Rome 28-2-1945

Subject: Transfer of prisoners.

To the Direction of the prison of Procida.

It is reported that by request of the Allied Commission, the transfer of the prisoners Valsecchi Franco, Orio Giovanni, Zottola Alfredo and Volzone Camillo, has been arranged.

Will you please take charge of the a/m prisoners and subject them to an adequate surveillance, so that they cannot communicate to other prisoners the information in their possession.

We would like to know the date of arrival of the prisoners.

For the Minister
Caldarera.

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Roma 28 FEB 1945 196 A

Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E CARCEREAlta Commissione Alleata
Settecommissari per
la I.S. ROMAUfficio VI
Prot. N. 131257/6Risposta al f. 1/AC/14043/P.S.
del 23/2OGGETTO: trasferimento di detenuti per sicures-
za.Al. 1

Con riferimento alla nota sopra indicata, nulla osta a questo Ministero a che i detenuti Valsoocchi Franco, Orio Giovanni, Zettola Alfredo e Valzone Camille siano trasferiti alla casa penale di Precide.

Codesta Commissione, pertanto, potrà disporre che i detenuti stessi siano fatti trasferire in quella casa penale, la cui direzione è stata preavvertita da questo Ministero del prossimo arrivo della del medesimo, con nota pari data e numero. Di cui si allega copia.

IL MINISTRO

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Roma 28 FEB 1945 1945

Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

 DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENA

 alla Direzione della
casa penale di
Preci

 Ufficio VI
Aut. N. 131257/8

Rep. N. 1

Oggetto: Trasferimento detenuti.

Si comunica che, su richiesta della Commissione Alleata, è stato disposto il trasferimento cestà, dei detenuti Valacchi Franco, Orio Giovanni, Zettola Alfredo e Velzene Camille.

Si prega di voler sottoporre i medesimi ad adeguata sorveglianza, in modo che essi non possano fornire ad altri le informazioni in loro possesso.

Si gradirà conoscere la data di arrivo cestà dei medesimi.

 D'ordine del Ministro
F. de Calabrese

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TO : HQ. A.C. Public Safety Sub Commission
 FROM : HQ. AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region
 SUBJECT : Italian Military Prisoners
 REF : R5/514/13
 DATE : 2 March 1945

cc.
 HE. QUARTE
 13 MAR 1945
 A. C.

39A

1. Ref your AC/14043/PS dated 16 Feb 45.
2. The attached copy of letter received from P.P.S.O. Macerata is forwarded for your information.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

TO		
DIRECTOR		
DEPT. SECRETARY		
EXEC. ADJUTANT		
CLERK		
RECORDS		
CHIEF CLERK		
CHIEF CLERK		

S. Pickering
 S. PICKERING
 Lt. Colonel
 R.P.S.O.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
MACERATA PROVINCE

TO : H.Q. AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region
FROM : AMG Macerata
SUBJECT : Italian Military Prisoners
REF : M 14/13
DATE : 23 February 1945

RS

Reference your memo AC/14043/RS of the 16 Feb 45.
The prison at Macerata would be a suitable place to house prisoners awaiting trial by the Italian Military Tribunal, but unfortunately there are no alternative means of accomodating the prisoners already there.

Thoroughout this Province all other likely suitable places have been taken over by the troops of the Allied Forces and until they move there is no place available.

With the scarcity of space in the prisons I would suggest that when the Allied troops vacate a camp, now being used as a rest camp at Castelraimondo which is near Camerino in this Province, it be taken over for use by the Italian Military Authority.

For the Provincial Commissioner

/s/ A.G. Hills
Major
ETSO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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See 46

Tel : 478709

22 February 1945

AG/14043/PS

SUBJECT : Security Prisoners

TO : Minister of Grace & Justice

see 40A

1. The Italian Courts have passed sentence on the following:

VALSECHI	Franco	30	Years
ORIO	Giovanni	30	"
ZOTTOLA	Alfredo	24	"
VOLZONE	Camillo	16	"

and it is desired that these prisoners be sent to the island of Procida so that they cannot pass information they possess to others.

2. Will you please arrange for their transfer as they are now in Forte Portese, Rome, and inform this Office when it has been accomplished.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to:
Col. Fischer G-3, RAAC.

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BWH/wg.

BF. 20/3/45
see 43A

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division, Lazio - Umbria Region
Headquarters, Prison Officer

C O N F I D E N T I A L

B/1-81

20 February 1945

TO: Major HANBURY
P.S. Sub-Commission

SUBJECT: Transfer of Prisoners

VALSECCHI Franco	30 Yrs imprisonment
CRIO Giovanni	30 Yrs imprisonment
ZOTTOLA Alfredo	24 Yrs imprisonment
VOLZONE Camillo	16 Yrs imprisonment

1. A classified communication has been received by the undersigned from Lt.Col., D.A.D. Young, Office of the AC of S, G-2, RAC, requesting that the above-mentioned subjects, who were tried for espionage by Italian Tribunal and sentenced as indicated, be removed to a prison which is acceptable from the standpoint of Allied security, preferably Procida. Said prisoners are at present in the Security Prison, Porta Portese, Rome.

2. Forwarded for any contact with the Ministry of Grace and Justice that you believe necessary.



R.M. Freeman, Capt. CMP.

Prison Officer, Lazio-Umbria Region

Capt 1364

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel : 478709

AG/14043/PS

16 February 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Military Prisoners

TO : Regional Commissioner, Abruzzi-Marche Region
(Attn: R.P.S.O.)

1. The Italian Military Tribunal is prepared to start functioning in Macerata at a very early date and they have requested prison space as a clearing house to handle prisoners sent there for trial.

2. As Macerata Judicial Prison has a capacity of 138 and a present population 119, can you make any suggestion as to how we can make provisions as requested by the Italian Military Tribunal.

3. What are the possibilities of constructing a Military Prison Camp or are there any other places or buildings that could be converted into a detention place for these type of Prisoners.

4. Kindly forward a reply to this as soon as possible as we have to answer the request as put out by the Legal Sub-Commission.

EWH
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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EWH/wg.

*B.F.
3/7/45*

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Letter to

Minute 3 of file

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B.M.

File Military Prisons

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Ministry of Grace and Justice

No. 32913.8

27-11-44

answ. to No. 204148.11 of 23-10-44

Sub. Military prisoners waiting to be judged.

The Ministry of War has informed that on account of the actual deficient availability of military prisons, the regular working of the judicial administration, especially in the offices of Bari, Catanzaro, Cagliari, and Catania is greatly hindered by the prohibition to assign military prisoners in civil prisons. Therefore they ask ~~to~~ to examine the possibility to derogate from the orders given by the circular August 31st. u.s. No. 201667, which establishes the prohibition, informing that the derogation would be limited to a certain maximum number for each prison and that the prisoners would be put in a particular military section waiting the constitution of a new establishments for which the research has already been ordered.

As the desire shown by the Ministry of War contrasts with the judgement suggested by this Commission, we beg you to give instructions soon about this, keeping in mind that also many judicial military offices especially the Procura Generale have pointed out the impossibility to devote the necessary care and speed to the normal functioning of justice on account of the distance of prisoners held on charge from the competent judicial office.

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Mod. 805 MS.

Roma, 27 NOV. 1944 19 A

Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI PREVENZIONE E DI PENAAla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

ROMA

e per conoscenza:

Al Ministero della Guerra

ROMA

Ufficio 8°
Prot. N° 132913.8Risposta al N° 204148.II
del 23.10.1944

OGGETTO: Detenuti militari in attesa di giudizio

Il Ministero della Guerra ha informato che, per l'attuale deficiente disponibilità di carceri militari, il corso regolare dell'Amministrazione giudiziaria specie nelle sedi di Bari, Catanzaro, Cagliari e Catania è fortemente compromesso dal divieto di assegnare detenuti militari in carceri civili. Perciò chiede di esaminare la possibilità di derogare alle disposizioni impartite con circolare 31 agosto u.s. n. 201687.11 che stabilisce tale divieto avvertendo che la deroga sarebbe limitata ad un certo numero massimo per ciascun carcere e che i detenuti sarebbero inquadrati in una particolare sezione militare in attesa della costituzione di nuovi stabilimenti di cui è stata già disposta la ricerca.

Poiché il desiderio manifestato dal Ministero della Guerra contrasta con i criteri suggeriti da codesta Commissione, si prega dare al più presto istruzioni in merito, tenendo presente che anche molti uffici giudiziari militari, specie la Procura Generale, hanno segnalato l'impossibilità di attendere, con la dovuta cura e sollecitudine, al normale funzionamento della giustizia a causa della lontananza degli imputati detenuti dalla sede dell'ufficio giudiziario competente.

pel Ministro

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 473709

9 December, 1944.

AC/1404/TS

SUBJECT : Italian Military Prisoners.

TO : Regional Commissioner Abruzzi-Marche
(Attention R.P.S.C.).

1. In reference your letter 25/514/13 on the above subject we regret the delay in answering but the Italian Government had not decided where these prisoners were to go.
2. The Minister of Grace & Justice has now decided they will go to Naples Military Prison and he is issuing the necessary orders.
3. If you are approached to help in the transportation any assistance you can give will be appreciated by this office.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

ESR/C.

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14043/PS

TO : HQ. AC. Public Safety Sub Commission
 FROM : HQ. AMG/AC., Abruzzi-Marche Region.
 SUBJECT : Italian Military Prisoners.
 REF : R5/514/13.
 DATE : 6 December 1944.

36A

R.P.S.O. Ascoli has enquired again about the disposal of long term Italian Military Prisoners.

May we please have a reply to our R5/514/13, dated 14 Nov, 44 on the a/m subject.

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FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

S. Fickling
 S. FICKLING
 Lt. Colonel,
 R.P.S.O.

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TO	
COL. CH. PM-N	
COL. YOUNG	
LT. COL. W. R. X	
MAJ. G. A. L. T. H.	
MAJ. W. R. X	
MAJ. H. R. X	
MAJ. G. A. L. T. H.	
CAP. R. X	
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

28 November, 1944.

AC/14043/PS

SUBJECT : Ten. Colonnello Emilio Borsetti.

TO : Monsignor Joseph F. Mc Gough
Vatican Office - Vatican City.

30 A.

1. In reply to your letter No. 85933/SA reference above named, I enclose a copy of the letter received from Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy.
2. If you can furnish this office with additional information we will continue to search for the location of the above named.

SWR/S.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

COPY

SUBJECT : Lt. Col. Brosetti Emilio.

Hq. Allied Armies in Italy
1477/3/PSI (b)

Civil Affairs Section
HQ - AFHQ.

23 November, 1944.

Reference AC/14043/PS of 17 Nov.

1. No trace is held either at this HQ or at AFHQ of the above person being held as an internee, and a further search will be necessary to discover his whereabouts.

2. It would be appreciated therefore if details of the date, place and if possible arresting agency in his case could be furnished in order to assist these enquiries.

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Brigadier,
H.C.S. (I).

25 NOV 1944

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25 NOV 1944

SUBJECT: Lt. Col. BORSETTI Emilio

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPOT ADV 65

1479/3/GSI(b)

25 Nov. 44

Civil Affairs Section,
Hq - ALCOM.

Reference AC/14043/PS of 17 Nov.

1. No trace is held either at this HQ or at AFHQ of the above person being held as an Internee, and a further search will be necessary to discover his whereabouts.
2. It would be appreciated therefore if details of the date, place and if possible arresting agency in his case could be furnished in order to assist these enquiries.

TO	INITIALS
MR CHAPMAN	
MR YOUNG	
MR WILSON	
MR LUCKYMAN	
MR WILSON	
MR HANBURY	
MR BALLANCE	
CAPT POWEL	
CHIEF CLERK	

Brigadier

Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

FJS/ahs

21 November 1944

G-5: 680.3

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodations (French)

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Information requested as to when a reply may be expected to our 680.3 of 10 November on the above subject.
2. It is further requested that action be expedited with the return of all correspondence to this Headquarters.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F.J. Slaughter
F.J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, AGD.

Action Item
See 31A



DATE	INITIALS	DATE

20/11

X See 31 A. Sent 11/17/44 - DWT

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

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See 34

17 November, 1944.

AC/14043/PS

SUBJECT : Ten. Colonnello Emilio BORSETTI.

TO : G. S. I. (b) Hq. A.A.I.

1. This Sub-Commission is in receipt of a letter from the office of the Secretary of State of the Vatican State asking if we can give the actual whereabouts of the above named Ten. Colonnello Emilio BORSETTI fu Lorenzo of the II Regimento Granatiere arrested at Viterbo.

2. Any information which you can give to this office will be forwarded to the office of the inquiries.

For Chief Commissioner.

G.R. UPJOHN
VP, CA Sec.
DCOS, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

17 November, 1944.

AC/14043/PS

SUBJECT : Prison Accommodations.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

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1. In reply to your letter G-5.680.3 - 10 November 1944 reference above subject. This prison is under Italian Government control and at the present time has an Italian Civilian prison population of 901 in excess of its rated capacity and in addition the 20th Courts Martial and Holding Center have at its disposition space for 400 prisoners.
2. It is respectfully requested that the demand of the Commanding General of the French Forces be denied for the reasons as stated above and the additional fact that all Civilian Prisons in liberated Italy have populations in excess of their rated capacity due to war damage and requisition.
3. If space for 300 prisoners is given to the French Command we have no place to send the displaced prisoners except to Institutions already overcrowded.

For Chief Commissioner,

R. R. Clipp
J. G. R. UPJOHN 244
VP, CA Sec.
DCOS, AC.

EMH/G.

No. 85933/SA

15 November 1944

Dear Major Hanbury:

May I again ask your kind offices in obtaining information as to the actual whereabouts of

Ten. Colonello Emilio Borsetti
fu Lorenzo e fu Clotilde Davoli
II Reggimento Granatieri

who was arrested by the Allied Police at Viterbo ~~at Viterbo~~ after their arrival at that city and was sent to a concentration camp. It is suggested by the person inquiring about his address that Borsetti may be in the Afragola Camp.

With an expression of appreciation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph F. McGeough
Monsignor Joseph F. McGeough.

Major Hanbury
Public Safety
A.C. Headquarters
Palazzo delle Corporazioni
Via Veneto, Rome.

See 32A

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TO :- Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ. AC.

FROM :- HQ. AMG/AC., Abruzzi-Marche Region.

SUBJECT:- Italian Military Prisoners.

REF :- R5/514/13.

DATE :- 14 November 1944.

1. The prisons at Ascoli and Fermo are at present housing a number of "long term" Italian Military Prisoners.
2. At the request of the Director of Prisons they were removed to Pescara and then to Chieti, where at both places they were refused admittance, and were returned to Ascoli and Fermo.
3. Could this HQ. please be informed to which place the Italian Authorities desire these Military prisoners to be sent.
4. This problem was being taken up by AC. (your AMG/14043/PS, 14 July refers) but no further direction can be found here.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

Handwritten: 75 Base map

Stamp: RECEIVED 15 NOV 1944
A. C.

Signature: S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel,
R.F.S.C.

TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT COL. WILSON		
MAJ. MASON		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBURY		
MAJ. HARVEY		
MAJ. BALLANCE		
CAPT. POWELL		

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Public Safety
PJS/jjr 2931

~~14043~~ 14043 24A
10 November 1944

G-5: 680.3

SUBJECT: Prison Accommodations (French).

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. The attached correspondence is forwarded for information upon which to base a reply.

2. Please expedite.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. J. Slaughter
F. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.G.D.

Incls:
as above.

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Translation RV.

Very Urgent.

MINISTRY OF GRACE & JUSTICE
Prisona Gen. Hq.

9 October 1944.

N. 488.10.9

Subject : Military prisoners - Forte Boccea in Rome.
To : Ministry of War - Cabinet P.M. 107
To : General Staff - P.M. 135
To : A.C.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

and for information

We inform, that the A.C.C. P.S. S/C has given peremptory order, so as to immediately transfer all military prisoners from the Regina Coeli judicial prisons to the Forte Boccea.

As about 40 prisoners would find accomodation in said Forte, besides the officers there destined by that Ministry - especially if double beds will be used - this Administration is obliged to give provisions so that the transfer of a/m prisoners be effected from Regina Coeli to the Forte Boccea.

For the Minister

Copied
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MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE

n. 486.10.9

SUBJECT: Military prisoners.

TO : The Directions of the Prisons of the kingdom.

Circular n. 2902/1539

Referring to preceding circular n. 2891/1534 dated 8 August 44, it is communicated that the Ministry of War, under the new agreements, will no longer transfer military prisoners to civil jails, but will put them at the disposal of this Ministry for successive internment in military establishments passed to this prison administration.

For eventual requests for means of transportation, this direction will be obliged to turn to the P.S. Sub-Commission.

Translation 14/9/44
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Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio for action information

	FILE	DATE
<u>D. P. S.</u>		
<u>D. D. P. S.</u>		
<u>Ex Officer</u>		
<u>POLICE</u>		
<u>Prisons</u>	<i>[Signature]</i>	15/9
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<u>Regn & Licensing</u>	<i>[Signature]</i>	15/9
<u>Adm Officer</u>		
<u>REMARKS</u>		

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

24A
Tel : 478707

30 August, 1944.

ACC/14043/PS

SUBJECT : Italian Military Prisoners.

TO : R.P.S.O. Southern Region
(Attention Capt. Daley)

- 23A
1. Reference your PS/9.1 dated 10 August 1944.
 2. Attached is a copy letter forwarded to the Minister of Grace & Justice which sets out the present position regarding Italian Military Prisoners. 24B
 3. Also attached are two lists showing the prisons of old Regions 2 and 7, with July populations : Special mention is made of Italian Military Prisoners. 24D
 4. It can be seen that when the Italian Military are removed from Civil prisons, there will be very little overcrowding.


PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Inf.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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FTW/O.

Enclosures : Prisons list Region 2
" " Region 7.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 475709

29 August, 1944.

ACD/14043/PS

SUBJECT : P r i s o n s .

TO : His Excellency, Minister of
Grace and Justice.

1. It is understood that your Ministry will become responsible for Italian Military Prisoners who are serving sentences in excess of 30 days, or who are awaiting trial over 30 days. Further, that these prisoners will be fed on the civilian scale and not on Army scale rations.

2. It is not proposed to transfer military prisoners to civil jails, as no accommodation is available. In fact, civil jails are already overcrowded.

3. Arrangements are being made to transfer certain military jails to the civil authority. The accommodation thus made available will be sufficient to house all military prisoners, including those at present in civil jails.

4. The effect of this arrangement should be, that more accommodation will be available in civil jails for civil prisoners. For example, it will enable 459 Military prisoners to be moved from BARI prison, and 285 from LEGGE prison.

5. The question of staffing the military prisons handed over, is one of some difficulty, but it is hoped that some arrangement can be made with the Minister of War.

6. Pending the completion of the above scheme, it is suggested that Prison Directors be informed that no further Military Prisoners should be accepted into civil jails.

7. The Military Mission to the Italian Army is formulating this scheme in conjunction with the Minister of War, and it is anticipated that concrete proposals will be put forward to you in the very near future.

Copy to : R.C. & M.C. Section
Admin. Section.

FJW/G.
M.M.I.A.
Encl 8/8.

Wanda Wilson NAT.
for PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Infantry
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

REGION II

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	Capacity	Population	+ or -	Military Prisoners (in totals)	Remarks
AVIGLIANO	60	60	---	---	Inmates in local crybenage.
BARI	805	1676	+871	159	
BARI					Under construction will hold 400 to 500.
BRINDISI	250	129	-121	---	Requisitioned by Military. Inmates in Agricultural Colonies & improvised Prison.
GALLIPOLI	43	34	- 14	---	
LACONEIRO	120	93	- 27	1	
LECCE	200	305	+105	10	
LECCE	410	688	+278	285	
MATERA	76	88	+ 12	2	
MELFI	139	113	- 26	1	
POTENZA	184	147	- 37	---	
TARANTO	180	273	+ 93	---	1 Requisitioned
TRANI	283	310	+ 57	3	
TRANI	140	106	- 34	---	Situated in grounds of Judicial Prison. Will be used for adult prisoners from Judicial prison. This, together with removal of Military prisoners will clear up the overcrowding.
TURRI	295	253	- 42	---	
	3120	4386	+1116	761	

REGION VII

24D

	Capacity	Population	+ or -	Military Prisoners (in totals)	Remarks
CASTROVILLARI	94	87	- 7	5	
CATANZARO	340	393	+53	29	
CATANZARO	---	not in	---	use	
CINQUEFRONDI	58	68	+10	---	
COSENZA	285	286	+ 1	43	
LOCRI	161	88	-73	4	
NICASTRO	190	194	- 4	35	
PALMI	75	147	+72	6	
REGGIO	258	319	+61	1	
ROSSANO	45	53	+ 8	1	
TARANNOVA	75	24	-51	---	
VIBO VALENTIA	200	224	+24	7	
VIBO VALENTIA	---	not in	---	use	
	1781	1883	+102	131	

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

PS/9.1

10 August 1944

SUBJECT: Military Prisoners.

TO : ACC. Public Safety Sub-Commission*
(Attention Major F.J. Wilson).

1. The Procuratore Militare del Re has informed this office that all Military prisoners who have been in custody for a period of over thirty days are to be transferred to Civil prisons, immediately. Copies of instructions received by him from the Minister of War are attached for your perusal.

2. I have informed the Procuratore that the civil prisons are still over crowded and that hundreds of military prisoners cannot be accommodated at this stage.

3. I suggested to the Procuratore that as all Military prisoners, (less those serving sentences of under thirty days and these could be kept in unit guard rooms) are the responsibility of the civil authorities, the need for Military prisons does not now exist. Therefore the problem in this area could be solved by the civil authorities taking over the Military prison of S. Elmo. This, however, he could not agree to and stated that S. Elmo is required for use as offices and to house troops.

4. The present situation then is:

- (a) That the civil prisons cannot accommodate a large influx of military prisoners without seriously over crowding the prisons again.
- (b) The problem can be solved by the civil authorities taking over S. Elmo.

5. May this be brought to the attention of the Italian Minister of War, and may a ruling be given please.

J. G. Francis
J. T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, G.L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

GRD/jag.

23B

TERRITORIAL MILITARY WAR TRIBUNAL + NAPLES.

N° 5323

Naples, 7 August 1944

SUBJECT: Abolition of the Military Judiciary Prison (S. Elmo)
and transfer of military inmates to civil prisons.

TO : Central Director of the Judiciary Prisons of Campania.

For information, I enclose copy of telegram sent by the Ministry of War to the local Military HQ. of the Campania concerning the dispositions given by the said Ministry for the immediate abolition of the Military Judiciary Prison in this city and the transfer of the inmates to the civil prisons.

I wish to personally contact your Office to execute these orders given by the superior Ministry, in order to quickly transfer the sentenced prisoners and those awaiting trial.

I wish to mention the necessity to choose, in a prison in Naples or from one of the vicinity some rooms apart from those of the other inmates, to accommodate inmates with officers rank of the various Armed Forces.

IL PROCURATORE MILITARE DEL RE
(Col. della G.M. B. Pacella)

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

Roma, 7 August 1944

From the Ministry of War.

To Military HQs of the Campania - Naples.

With immediate effect all military prisons must be evacuated of its inmates. All soldiers awaiting trial must be kept in their Units even if they are mobilized, and transferred to civil prisons after the 30th day of detention, giving them civilian rations. All other soldiers with sentences above 30 days must be immediately transferred to civil prisons and receive civilian rations.

The a/m HQs are asked in the quickest possible manner to execute the present orders, communicating the name of Military Prisons freed and number of inmates transferred to civil prisons.

MINISTRO GUERRA
Casati.

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

D NFE ROMA 143 - 45 - 4/8 11,30

TO : Military HQs Campania - P.M. 120
Guerra Truppa N. 0/1103.

I wish to inform the Judiciary Military
Prison HQ Naples that the mentioned transfer was
ordered by the Allied HQ. They wish to dissolve
our Military Penal organisation.
Letter following concerning the settlement of
Government Personnel.

FROM MINISTRO GENERALE.
Butta

ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission.
APO 394.

22A

Sec. 29

14th July, 1944.

AMG/14043/RS

SUBJECT : Prisons - Italian Military Prisoners.

TO : R.P.S.O. V

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1. Reference your R.5/514/13 dated 7th July 1944.
2. The problem of Italian Military Prisoners in the Civil Prisons of Italy is well understood at this Headquarters. In fact, there are 1700 military prisoners in civil jails.
3. The presence of these prisoners is the main cause of civil jail overcrowding, and the problem is being taken up by the Chief Commissioner with M.M.I.A.


PAUL G. KIRK
Col. Inf.
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

FCW/G.

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TO: Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC H., Rear. (thru channels)
 FROM: Public Safety Office, Hq. Region V., Campobasso.
 SUBJECT: Military prisoners in prisons and jails for the housing
 of civilian prisoners awaiting transfer. *see 22A*
 REF: RS/514/13.
 DATE: 7 July, 1944.

1. A great number of Italian military prisoners are confined in the prisons and jails of the region that I have visited. I assume the same holds true of the eight provinces that I have not visited. These prisoners are held at these institutions while awaiting transfer to points farther south for the disposition of their cases. Due to the lack of transportation facilities, these prisoners are held a long time, thus using space that is badly needed for civilian prisoners.

2. At Campobasso Prison there are forty military prisoners who have been held from two to three months. In this province there are about twenty-five other military prisoners who have been held from 12 days to three months.

3. Some plan should be worked out with the Italian military authorities for the immediate transfer and disposition of these cases. Many of them now state that they desire to join the Italian Army or the Allied armies. Many of them have been sent to this province and Foggia Province from the advance zones in Italy, but we have been unable to receive them for lack of adequate housing.

H. Gellin
 H. Gellin,
 Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

Forward.
W. H. G. H. Col.
R.P.S.O.

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THE UNITED STATES
ARMY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL
Administrative Section
APO 194

14043.

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AGC/14213/VS

2nd July, 1944

SUBJECT: Prisoners overcrowding (Italian Military)

TO: Executive Commissioner.

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1. Reference provided report on this subject dated 28th June, 1944.

2. The decision that "Italian Military Prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days, or awaiting trial over 30 days are a civil responsibility, and must be confined in civil jails," tends to cause extreme difficulty in prison administration.

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3. When the above policy is fully implemented by the Italian Military authorities, it will result in the transfer from Military prisons to Civil prisons, of all soldiers serving sentences of over 30 days. This point is raised in HMA letter Ref. G/11/1 dated 20th June, 1944, addressed to the Italian Army General Staff. (Copy attached). At the present time, no space accommodation exists in civil jails. In fact, the latest figures show that the jails are overcrowded by 2,488; of this number 1,784 are Italian military prisoners.

4. Attention is called to a cable dated 27 June, 1944 from HMA to Minister of War and Public Safety Sub-Commission (Copy attached). This states that Italian Army personnel picked up as a result of the advance of the Allied Armies, will not be considered members of the Active Italian Army until captured and returned to an active unit of the Italian Army. Those not returned to full duty become civilians, and if they are to be confined for trial, they must be confined in Civil prisons.

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5. The advice of the Chief Legal Officer Colonel F.R. Osborn has been taken, and the following opinion expressed by him:-

"A soldier does not cease to be a soldier merely because he is serving a sentence in excess of 30 days."

The Ministry of War may have issued some ministerial decree which affects their position, but this sub-commission has no knowledge of such.

A soldier serving a sentence even in excess of 30 days should be so in a military establishment see Art. 26. Military Penal Code of France."

6. The new policy regarding Italian Military prisoners was brought into being without any prior reference to the Ministry of Grace and Justice, Legal Sub-Commission, or Public Safety Sub-Commission. If this had been done, the Legal position would have been made clear, and the effect on civil prison overcrowding explained.

7. It is thought that the policy came into being by a misunderstanding. It arose as a result of the necessity of reducing the quantity of food being imported for Italian Military prisoners. It has been agreed that the effective strength of the Italian Army must be kept to a minimum, and only a limited number of prisoners be allowed to draw army rations. Accordingly, military prisoners (if over 30 days) were made non-effective and thus fed on the civilian scale. This reduction was disapproved by the interested parties, but the point at issue was the supply of food. The policy as at present stated and understood by WHA, changes the actual status of the soldier and makes him a civilian. This is not in law.

8. Arrangements were in hand by the Minister of War to ferry two later Detachments of Italian Army prisoners. On 1st June 44, WHA, gave assent to the establishment of an Italian Military Prison in the WHA Islands. These arrangements have been cancelled by the present policy regarding Military prisoners.

9. It is strongly urged that the question of the civil responsibility for Italian Military prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days be taken up with the Chief Commissioner, with a view to these prisoners being dealt with by their own Military authorities.

Copy of WHA letter
dated 28th June, 44
WHA cable dated
22 June, 44.

GENERAL 4317H, Col.
Acting Head, M. O.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Breight and Ration State.

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Army Sub-Commission, AGC.
Main HQ (MILA)
INQUIRY (LDDCE)
0/11/1
28th June 1944.

S.M.R.L.

1. A new method of rendering the strength state of the Italian Army has become necessary and with effect from 25 July it will be rendered in revised form.
2. A new proforma, specimen at Appendix 'A' will be used which will incorporate both the strength state and the ration state.
3. The state will be forwarded to this HQ on the 5th, 15th, 25th of each month showing the position as at the preceding 25th, 15th, 5th.
4. The following points are noted for emphasis and clarification:
 - a) Every Italian officer and man of the Italian Army must be assigned to a formed unit.
 - b) Personnel in process of being assigned to a formed unit will be carried under the heading "unassigned attached" in the depot or transit camp in which they are situated. Strengths of Depot and Camp staffs must not include these "unassigned attached" which will be shown on a separate line immediately below the entry showing the strength of the depot or transit camp.
 - c) The columns for vehicles and animals shown on the old state, are no longer required.
 - d) The order of units and the subdivision into 5 parts, will be the same as in the old state.
 - e) The total of the Italian Army is obtained from Columns 1 and 2.
 - f) The total of Columns 3 to 14 inclusive will equal the total of columns 1 and 2.
 - g) Personnel sick in hospital will not be included in the strength of the hospital staff but shown on a separate line, headed "patients" immediately below the entry showing the strength of the hospital staff and entered only in Columns 15 and 16. The total should agree with Columns 3 and 4. (Refer to our M/2 of 23 June).
 - h) Personnel temporarily in transit camps and authorized rations will not be included in the strength of the transit camp staff or in the strength of the "unassigned attached" since they are already accounted for under the unit to which they are assigned. These personnel will be shown on a separate line, headed "Attached for rations" below the entry "unassigned attached" and only in columns 15 and 16. Personnel on leave are not entitled to rations until they rejoin their assigned unit and will therefore only appear in the state under the heading of their own unit. They will not be included in any transit camp figures.
 - i) Personnel absent without leave for more than 90 days are struck off the strength of the Army. They will not be shown as entitled to rations during such absence.
 - j) Personnel in military prisons, either serving a sentence, or awaiting trial, for more than 90 days, are struck off the strength and will not appear in any column. Such personnel will be shown on a separate line, headed "In military prisons" and entered only in columns 15 and 16.

- a) Every Italian Officer and man of the Italian Army must be assigned to a unit.
- b) Personnel in process of being assigned to a formed unit will be carried under the heading "Unassigned Attached" in the depot or transit camp in which they are situated. Strengths of Depot and Camp staffs must not include these "Unassigned Attached" which will be shown on a separate line immediately below the entry showing the strength of the Depot or transit camp.
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- g) Personnel sick in hospital will not be included in the strength of the hospital staff but shown on a separate line, headed "Patient" immediately below the entry showing the strength of the hospital staff and entered only in Columns 15 and 16. The total should agree with Columns 3 and 4. (Refer to our M/2 of 23 June).
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- i) Personnel absent without leave for more than 30 days are struck off the strength of the army. They will not be shown as entitled to rations during such absence.
- j) Personnel in military prisons, either serving a sentence, or awaiting trial, for more than 30 days, are struck off the strength and will NOT appear in any column. Such personnel will be transferred to civil prisons and draw civil rations. (Ref. our M/6 of 23 May and 27 May)
- k) Personnel in military prisons less than 30 days will not be included in the strength of the prison staff but shown on a separate line under heading, "Prisoners" immediately below the entry showing the strength of the prison staff and only entered in columns 15 and 16.
- l) Part 5 of the State will only contain units which are available to the Allies for the Allied programme, including those formed and awaiting movement, and those in course of formation including those units in Sardinia elevated from depot to the Mainland.
- m) Columns 13 and 15 and 14 and 16 will contain the same figures, except in the case of patients in hospital, prisoners and "Attached for rations" in transit camp and where personnel are granted a money allowance in lieu of rations, as in the case with the CONS and CCFF and others.

If any further points in the new program require clarification, it is requested that the State Maggiore bring this to the notice of this office at the earliest moment.

Major General,
Army Subsector, A.O.G.

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Note by V.P.

Italian Military Prisoners

I spoke to Ex. Comm. who will
secure a ruling from the General
on Gen. Brownings point i.e. whether
Italian Army can take custody of
military prisoners (over 30 days)
thus relieving civil jails.

12/6/44.

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

10th June 1944

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT : Overcrowding of Prisons (Italian Military)

TO : D.C.P.S.

1. On the 9th of June '44 at Hq ACC I saw Brigadier M.E. Iash and discussed with him the question of prison overcrowding caused by Italian Military Prisoners. The position at BARI was instanced, where 1410 prisoners are confined in a Jail with a normal capacity of 405.
2. The main issue was the new policy regarding Italian Military Prisoners arising from a letter Reg. HQ/PS dated 23 May '44 from HQ (MCA) to the Minister of War. This policy is, that all such prisoners, sent in over 30 days
3. Brigadier Iash did not agree with the new policy, and suggested that the matter be discussed with Col. Pidsley MCA who was present at Hq ACC.
4. I saw Col. Pidsley, who pointed out that the new policy was approved by the Chief Commissioner. Further, that the letter of 23 May '44 was submitted to the Chief Commissioner before being forwarded to the Minister of War. He went on to say that the necessity had arisen, as a result of the necessity of reducing the quantity of food being imported for Italian Military Rations. It had been agreed that the effective strength of the Italian Army, must be kept to a minimum, and only effective personnel would draw army rations. Italian Army Prisoners were non-effective and would now be fed on a civilian scale, and become a civilian responsibility. Col. Pidsley explained that for the period of imprisonment (if over 30 days) the soldiers became civilians, but that after imprisonment they would be soldiers again.
5. On the question of providing guards for these prisoners if placed in stockade camps (such as TURANO) it was stated that any personnel guarding non-effectives would itself become non-effective. For that reason, no military guard could be supplied.
6. Col. Pidsley did not oppose the moving of these prisoners from civil prisons. In accordance with the new policy, they were civilians, and could be dealt with in any way the civilian authorities wished.
7. I pointed out that no information concerning the new policy had been forwarded to this Sub-Commission and that the Ministry of Grace and Justice were quite unaware of it. In reply it was stated that 2 copies of the letter of 23rd May '44 had been sent to Hq ACC.
8. Col. Pidsley then saw Brigadier Iash who supported the view of this Sub-Commission. The Brigadier then stated that the new policy

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appeared to have come into being by a misunderstanding, and that the whole question was to be re-opened and discussed by him in the next few days.

9. The papers in the case were left with Maj. TALBOT, who is preparing the facts for discussion with Col. Pidsley.

FRANK J. WILSON
PRISONS SECTION
Public Security Sub-Commission

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

8 June 1944.

ACC/14215/PS

SUBJECT: Overcrowding of Prisons (Italian Military).

TO : Executive Commissioner, (Through V.P. Admin. Section).

1. A serious overcrowding problem has arisen at BARI PRISON. The capacity of the prison is 705: present population 1710, of whom 467 are Italian Military Prisoners.

2. Arrangements were being made to move these military prisoners to Tufurano Camp, where accommodation had been offered for 500 prisoners by Col. Findlay of Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. It then became known that an instruction had been issued by Army Sub-Commission, Main HQ (MHA), LEQUILL, directing that all Italian prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days, or awaiting trial over 30 days, would be confined in civil prisons and become a civil responsibility. As a result, any military prisoner serving a term of more than 30 days could not be removed from Bari Prison and placed in Tufurano Camp. All the prisoners concerned are in the "over 30 days" category. It was also stated that TUFURANO Camp is at the disposal of the Italian Army in exchange for TAPPA, Brindisi.

3. This new policy arose from a letter Ref. AQ/S dated 23 May 44 from Main HQ (MHA) to the Minister of War, (Copy attached). Particulars of this letter were obtained, and as the subject matter appeared to be concerned with the feeding of Italian Military Prisoners, it was thought by this Sub-Commission that a misunderstanding had arisen. It was agreed that after 30 days imprisonment, Italian Military Prisoners would be fed on the civilian scale, but this in itself did not make military prisoners a civil responsibility.

4. Accordingly, on 2 June 44, a cable was sent to HQ MHA (copy attached) explaining the position at BARI, asking for agreement to the transfer of the prisoners to TUFURANO, and the provision there of an Italian Army Guard. On 3 June 44 a reply was received (copy attached) pointing out that these prisoners were now a civil responsibility.

5. On 4 June 44, a further cable was sent to HQ MHA (copy attached) in which it was stated that the new policy was contrary to the declared policy of the Commission, as agreed with the Italian War Minister. It was also mentioned that if the new policy was put into effect, it would prevent the removal of about 2000 military prisoners from civil prisons. 1310

6. On 6 June a reply was received (copy attached) stating that the new policy had been approved by Chief Commissioner and remains effective. Further, that Penal Battalions are not being, or to be formed.

7. This new statement of policy regarding Italian Military Prisoners is absolutely contrary to the views expressed by all authorities concerned in the amelioration of the present Civil Jail overcrowding problem. The presence of

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TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

1. The above is forwarded in the absence on a duty of V.P. Adm. Sec. in order that there should be no delay.
2. I feel it is a matter that, in consultation with you, the V.P. could raise with CC.
3. You will see there is a very wide difference of opinion on how these Military Prisoners should be handled.
4. On return, later in the day, of V.P. I will show him copies of this correspondence.

R.R. CRIPPS,
C.S.O.
Lt.Col.
Adm. Sec.

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over 2000 Italian Military prisoners in the civil jails of Italy, raises an extremely urgent problem. The coming summer weather will make conditions in these prisons unbearable. It is known that sanitation is not up to Allied standards, and in addition, there is no bedding. Prisoners are lying on straw in passages and corridors.

8. I consider it absolutely essential that all Italian Military prisoners be moved from Civil prisons. The occupation of Italian prisons by British military must be expected in cases of operational necessity. There is no excuse for Italian military prisoners being kept in civil prisons, when they could be housed in stockade camps, or moved to an island settlement.

9. I ask that this question of the civil responsibility for all Italian Military Prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days, be taken up with the Chief Commissioner.

A. E. YOUNG, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

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Enclosures:

- Copy letter Army Sub-Com., to Minister of War.
- Cable ACC Rear to MMIA on 2/6/44.
- Reply MMIA ACC Rear.
- Cable ACC Rear MMIA 4/6/44.
- Reply MMIA ACC Rear 6/6/44.

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SUBJECT : Maintenance of the ITALIAN Armed Forces
when serving sentences or awaiting trial in jail

Army Sub-Commission, AGC
 Main HQ (MIA)
 LEQUIN (LEOCE)
 AG/D 23⁵⁰ May 44.

TO: H.E. General ORLANDO,
 Minister of War,

Your Excellency,

1. In continuation of the policy that the Allied Governments will maintain on Army Scale only the Italian Armed Forces who are in fact effective, it is necessary to examine the position of the Italian Armed Forces who become NON-effective through serving sentences of imprisonment in jail or through awaiting trial in jail.
2. I am directed, therefore, to inform you that no member of the Italian Armed Forces may be absent from duty, either through awaiting trial or through serving a sentence of imprisonment, for a period longer than 30 days and remain on the effective strength of those Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.
3. Any member of the Italian Armed Forces will, after absence from duty awaiting trial for 30 days or on being sentenced to a term of imprisonment for a period exceeding 30 days, be:-
 either (A) Struck off the effective strength of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale and no Army rations will thereafter be issued to them until they again become effective members of the Italian Armed Forces. These prisoners will then be eligible only for the Civilian Scale of rations. On completion of their sentence or release from custody, they may be re-instated as effective members of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.
4. (A) I am further directed to say that Civil prisons will be used only for non-effective Italian Armed Forces prisoners serving sentence of over 30 days or awaiting trial over 30 days.
 (B) The remainder of Italian Armed Forces prisoners will be retained in Italian Armed Forces prisons or punishment camps to be established by you.

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5. It is requested, therefore, that you inform me at an early date of:

- (A) The orders you issue to ensure effective compliance with this instruction.
- (B) The date by which personnel of the Italian Armed Forces as in para 4 (b) will have been removed from civil prisons.

Major General,
Army Sub Com. ACC

tva. PBN.

Copy to HQ AAI (2)
HQ ACC (2)

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APPROXIMATELY FOUR SEVEN ZERO MILITARY PRISONERS IN BARI JAILS CAUSING SUCH
 OVERCROWDING THAT AUTHORITIES FEAR AOUTBREAK OF SMALLPOX PD COL FINDLAY DUFFER
 BARI HAS OFFERED ACCOMMODATION AT TUTURANO CAMP WHERE ITALIAN ARMY GUARDS WILL
 BE NECESSARY PD IF YOU AGREE: TRANSFER PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER REGION TWO CAN
 CONTACT YOUR HQ AND GIVE EVERY ASSISTANCE IN SUCH ACTION AS IS NECESSARY FOR
 THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF PRISONERS FROM BARI JAILS TO TUTURANO PD TO MILIA FOR
BECOMING FROM ACC REAR FROM C. CAMPBELL SIGNED MECFARIANT PD PLEASE SAY IF YOU
 AGREE PD PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER WILL BE INSTRUCTED VISIT YOUR HQ IMMEDIATELY

AUTHENTICATED:

ROGER E BAREY
 Capt., AGD
 Adjutant.

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Your 2843 of 02 June Subject Prisoners in Civil Jails.

Our AQ/S of 23 May to Minister of War with copy of HQ ACC covers situation. Members of Italian Armed Forces absent from Army for 30 days on account of being in jail are struck off the rolls of army and therefore become a civil responsibility Army authorized to establish Army prisons to confine prisoners not to exceed 30 days. This has been fully explained to prison officer of Region 2. Army guards on civil prisons not authorized.

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REF TWO EIGHT FOUR THREE OF TWO JUNE SUBJECT PRISONERS IN CIVIL
 CMA AND YOUR REPLY AQ ONE TWO SEVEN ZERO TO COL CAMPBELL OF THREE
 JUNE PD TO EMIA FOR MAJOR GENERAL BROWNING PAREN PERSONAL PAREN
 FROM ACC REAR FROM PUBLIC SAFETY BUREAU FROM YOUNG SIGNED MACFARLANE
 PD THE STATEMENT THAT MEMBERS OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES ARRESTED FROM
 ARMY AND THEREFORE BECOME A CIVIL RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT UNDERSTOOD
 PD THIS IS CONTRARY TO DECLARED POLICY OF THE COMMISSION AS AGREED
 WITH ITALIAN WAR MINISTER PD IN FACT CMA ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN HAND
 BY WAR MINISTER TO FORM TWO PENAL BATTALIONS FROM ITALIAN MILITARY
 PRISONERS IN CIVIL JAILS PD IT IS AGREED THAT AFTER THREE ZERO
 DAYS CONFINEMENT THESE PRISONERS WILL BE FREE ON THE CIVILIAN
 SCALE CMA BUT THIS DOES NOT MAKE MILITARY PRISONERS A CIVIL
 RESPONSIBILITY PD THE MOVEMENT OF THE FOUR SEVEN ZERO MILITARY
 PRISONERS FROM BARI TO TUTURANO AND THE PROVISION OF AN ITALIAN
 MILITARY GUARD THERE IS MOST URGENT PD THE EFFECT OF THE POLICY
 WHICH I UNDERSTAND YOUR SUBCOMMISSION TO REPRESENT WILL EFFECTIVELY
 PREVENT THE AMELIORATION OF THE PRESENT JAIL CONGESTION BY REMOVING
 THE ITALIAN MILITARY OFFENDERS WHO NUMBER APPROXIMATELY TWO SEVEN
 ZERO ZERO

AUTHENTICATED:

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 E. J. GROSSA
 CWO USA
 ASST ADJ.

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SVC/RELAY NO.

W/C NO :

CLASS : CONFIDENTIAL

REF NO : A91290

PRIO : PRIORITY

FILED : JUNE 061230B

FROM : MIA FROM BROWING

REC'D : JUNE 070645B

TO : AGO REAR FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOM

Your 2851 of 4 June.

1. You have been misinformed.
2. My AGO of 23 May has been approved by Chief Commissioner and remains effective.
3. Italian Army penal battalions are not being or to be formed.
4. Italian Army feeds and guards its own prisoners sentenced to 30 days or less but will neither feed or guard longer term.
5. War Ministry (with which MIA is the recognized channel) understands this policy completely and is putting it into effect.

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Subject :- Military Prisons - Italian Army.

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/5065/22/A(PB)

1 JUNE 44.

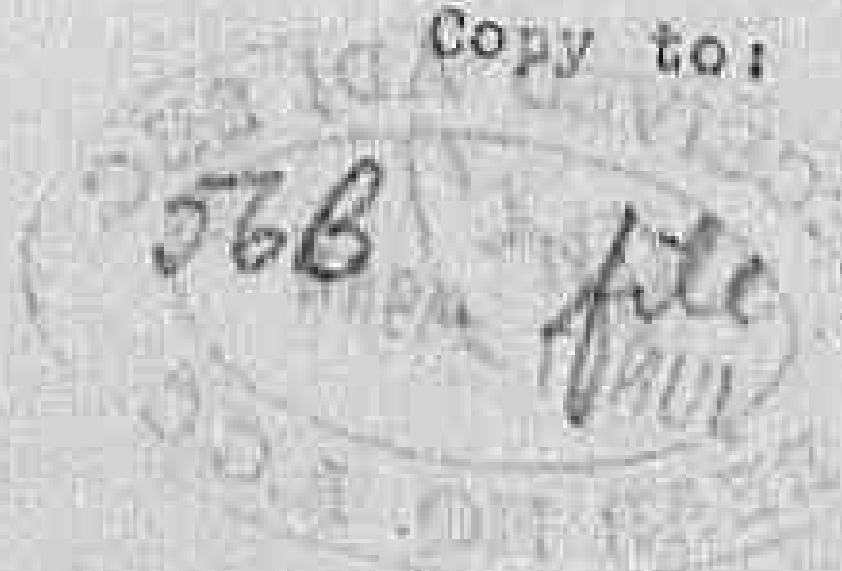
Reference your LB/2701/1/Q dated 24 May 44.

1. This HQ has no objections to the Italian Army establishing a military prison in the LIPARI Islands, provided that they can supply their own transport and maintenance. In this connection it is believed that there is an acute shortage of water in the Islands.

JDP/RAF.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner ACC.

Brigadier,
DAG



file 14215 refers.

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MESSAGE /MST

SVC/RELAY NO.

M/C NO :

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

REF NO: AQ1290

PREC : PRIORITY

FILED : JUNE 061230B

FROM : MMIA FROM BROWNING

REC'D : JUNE 070845B

TO : ACC REAR FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOM

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ACC REAR

MMIA

13A
 REY TWO EIGHT FOUR THREE OF TWO JUNE SUBJECT PRISONERS IN CIVIL JAILS GMA AND YOUR
 REPLY AT ONE TWO SEVEN ZERO TO COL CAMPBELL OF THREE JUNE PD TO MMIA FOR MAJOR GENERAL
 BROOKING PARIN PERSONAL PARIN FROM ACC REAR FROM PUBLIN SAFETY SUBCOM FROM ~~MMIA~~ YOUNG
 SIGNED MCKEYLAN PD THE STATEMENT THAT MEMBERS OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES ABSENT FROM ARMY
 FOR THREE ZERO DAYS ON ACCOUNT OF BEING IN JAIL ARE STRUCK OFF THE ACTIVE ROLLS OF ARMY
 AND THEREFORE BECOME A CIVIL RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT UNDERSTOOD PD THIS IS CONTRARY TO
 DECLARED POLICY OF THE COMMISSION AS AGREED WITH ITALIAN WAR MINISTER IS IN FACT GMA
 AGREEMENTS ARE IN HAND BY WAR MINISTER TO FORM TWO PENAL BATTALIONS FROM ITALIAN
 MILITARY PRISONERS IN CIVIL JAILS PD IT IS AGREED THAT AFTER THREE ZERO DAYS CONFINEMENT
 THREE PRISONERS WILL BE FED ON THE CIVILIAN SCALE GMA BUT THIS DOES NOT MAKE MILITARY
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AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. Whicker
 E. J. WHICKER
 CTO USA
 ASST ADJ

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ACC REAR FOR CAMPBELL



AG1270

JUNE NPT

JUNE 031430B
Teletype

Year 2643 of 02 June Subject Prisoners in Civil Jails.

Our AG/8 of 23 May to Minister of War with copy of Hq ACC covers situation. Members of Italian Armed Forces absent from Army for 30 days on account of being in jail are struck off the active rolls of army and therefore become a civil responsibility Army authorized to establish Army prisons to confine prisoners not to exceed 90 days. This has been fully explained to prison officer of Region 2. Army guards on civil prisons not authorized.

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APPROXIMATELY FOUR SEVEN ZERO MILITARY PRISONERS IN BARI JAILS CAUSING SUCH
 OVERCROWDING THAT AUTHORITIES FEAR OUTBREAK OF SMALLPOX. COL FINELAY
 DEEMER BARI HAS OFFERED ACCOMMODATION AT TUTORANO CAMP WHERE ITALIAN ARMY
 GUARDS WILL BE NECESSARY. IF YOU AGREE TRANSFER PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER
 HIGHES TOO CAN CONTACT YOUR HQ AND GIVE EVERY ASSISTANCE IN SUCH ACTION
 AS IS NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF PRISONERS FROM BARI JAILS TO
 TUTORANO. TO HQA FOR DEBRIEFING FROM ACC REAR FROM CAMPBELL SIGNED HANFORD ARE
 IF PLEASE SAY IF YOU AGREE ^{then} ~~then~~ PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER WILL BE INSTRUCTED
~~ARR~~
 VISIT YOUR HQ IMMEDIATELY

AUTHENTICATED:

R B W

 ROGER E DUNN
 Capt. A G D
 Adjutant
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SUBJECT: Maintenance of the Italian Armed Forces
when serving sentences or awaiting trial in jail. 11B

Army Sub Commission, A.O.C.
 Main HQ (MIA)
 LEROUX (LBOU)
 AO/B

23 May 44.

TO : H.E. General OGLANDT,
 Minister of War,

Your Excellency,

1. In continuation of the policy that the Allied Governments will maintain on Army Scale only the Italian Armed Forces who are in fact effective, it is necessary to examine the position of the Italian Armed Forces who become non-effective through serving sentences of imprisonment in jail or through awaiting trial in jail.

2. I am directed, therefore, to inform you that no member of the Italian Armed Forces may be absent from duty, either through awaiting trial or through serving a sentence of imprisonment, for a period longer than 30 days and remain on the effective strength of those Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.

3. Any member of the Italian Armed Forces will, after absence from duty awaiting trial for 30 days or on being sentenced to a term of imprisonment for a period exceeding 30 days, be:

either (a) struck off the effective strength of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale and no Army ration will thereafter be issued to them until they again become effective members of the Italian Armed Forces. These prisoners will then be eligible only for the Civilian Scale of rations. On completion of their sentence or release from custody, they may be re-instated as effective members of the Italian Armed Forces for maintenance on Army Scale.

(a) I am further directed to say that Civil prisoners will be used only for non-effective Italian Armed Forces prisoners serving sentences of over 30 days awaiting trial over 30 days.

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4. (a) I am further directed to say that Civil prisoners will be used only for MIA-effective Italian Armed Forces prisoners serving sentence of over 30 days awaiting trial over 30 days.

(b) The remainder of Italian Armed Forces prisoners will be retained in Italian Armed Forces prisons or punishment camps to be established by you.

5. It is requested, therefore, that you inform me at an early date of:

(a) The orders you issue to ensure effective compliance with this instruction.

(b) The date by which personnel of the Italian Armed Forces as in para 4 (b) will have been removed from Civil prisons.

Major General,
Army Sub Comd, A.C.J.

ova.FIN.

Copy to: H.Q. AMI (2)
H.Q. AGC (2)

ACTION SLIP.

This slip will NOT be removed.

To :

As understood here the TUTTURANO Camp is at the disposal of the Italian Army, in exchange for the TAPPA Brindisi. No information to the contrary has been officially received here.

(50) J. J. Bond
S/Cash
in hand
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MEAV V LRAR NR 7575 QQT
FROM MJCS 29/1750 B

TO MEAV

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FOR FIVE ZERO ZERO ITALIAN MILITARY

PRISONERS

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RPTN NR

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Subject: Rations Period 3-12 June

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Army Sub Commission A.O.O.
Main HQ (MIA)
LEQUILLIS (MECCS)
AQ 2/7

30 May 44

Ministry of War

1. Authority is given for the daily issue of rations to the Italian Armed Forces, for the period 3-12 June 44, up to, but NOT exceeding the totals shown below :-

DAIY STRENGTHS

LOCATION	Army		Navy		Air Force	
	WAF	WBA	WAF	WBA	WAF	WBA
Mainland:						
Combat Zone.	34,868					
Rear of Combat Zone.	501	178,824	25941	31620	8200	14222
Sicily	-	23,724	161	539	-	500
Sardinia	-	135,417	1432	8096	149	6840
TOTALS	35,369	337,992	27264	40255	8349	31562

2. The following personnel will NOT be issued with Army Rations, and the necessary deductions will be made :-

- Personnel on leave
- Personnel absent with out leave
- Red Cross personnel, SICILY or elsewhere
- Personnel confined in civil jails
- Personnel remaining in No 2 Reorganisation Camp after 5 June 44 (our SS/25 of 28 May refers).
- Royal Forestry Guards.

3. The following Naval personnel will be issued with Scale 'B' rations only :-

- R.N.A. Cadets, and all Naval personnel employed at R.N.A.
- S.Marco Regt. (less battalion with CUL)
- Personnel in Hospitals.

exceeding the totals shown below :-

NAVY PERSONNEL

LOCATION	Army		Navy		Air Force	
	"A"	"B"	"A"	"B"	"A"	"B"
Mainland:						
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Near of						
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- Personnel in Hospitals.

4. The 2,549 Naval personnel at MARIIGNI, Naples on Scale 'B' 2,990 rations, have sufficient supplies in Naval depots for this period, and will not be issued with Army rations.

5. The only Italian unit authorised to draw rations from Allied (British) Depot in SALERNO is COMANDO SUPREMO. Rations drawn by COMANDO SUPREMO from this depot will be repaid from Italian Stocks on demand of depot to NMIA.

- 2 -

6. No repayment to Allied depots for rations issued to Italian Units will be made by Italian depots, except as authorized in each specific case by MMIA. Italian Units are authorized to draw rations from Allied depots only as approved by this HQ or in emergency.

(sa) Clayton P. Kerr Col.
for Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

Copies to:

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- HQ No 2 District
- HQ No 3 District
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- FOUNT
- Navy Sub Commission ACC
- Air Force Sub Commission ACC
- Col Simmons thr Allied Garrison Comd, SARDINIA
- Col Albert, MMIA 10 thru C.O. IBS
- MMIA 10 at HQ ACC
- MMIA 10 with 31 Italian Corps
- MMIA 10 with HQ Rear Eighth Army
- MMIA 10 with No 2 District
- MMIA 10 with 60 Sub Area
- Adv HQ, Army Sub Commission, SALERNO
- SS. MMIA
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HALF FUTURENO CAMP CAN BE USED PAREN TO TESTNO FOR ACC REGION T-9
FROM ACC HEAR FROM PUBLIC SAFETY BUREAU MACFARLANE PAREN FOR FIVE
ZERO ZERO ITALIAN MILITARY PRISONERS

AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. CHICOLA
CWO USA
Asst Adj.

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SVC/RELAY NO.

CLASS: NOT GIVEN

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FROM : ACC REGION 2 HQS

TO : PRISONS REAR HQ ACC SALERNO



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REF NO: RT/44

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Inform me of decision Tutturano.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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QS214

6 April 1944

SUBJECT: Soldiers of Italian Army in Jail.

TO : Secretary General, Main HQ, A.C.C., Naples.

Herewith copy of G/6/1/32 of 24 Mar. which you stated today had not been received in your office.

1. I had a signal yesterday from Army Sub/Comm., Main HQ, asking me to find out if there are any special reasons why they had not received an answer.

2. With regard to questions put to C.C., my own opinion is:-

a. Soldiers who are in prison but who have not been convicted must be considered a part of the Army for all purposes including rations.

b. Soldiers who have been sentenced:
This involves questions of status. Legally they are soldiers till their classes have been demobilised. On the other hand, we say they must be "effective" in order to qualify for rations. I do not consider a long-term prisoner is effective even though he still remains on Army rolls. It seems that we should set a period at which a prisoner is contractually considered ineffective for rations and, recommend six months as the dividing line.

3. In the British Service a man given imprisonment or penal servitude is usually discharged with ignominy and this automatically takes him off the Army books. On the other hand, for purely military offences, he is given detention (not in civil jail) which can be up to maximum of two years. In practice, however, more than six months detention is seldom given, imprisonment then being awarded.

4. If the C.C. agrees, I will inform Army Sub/Comm., Main HQ, or I can obtain an opinion from the Legal Sub/Comm. on the question of status.

5. I believe the C.C. is aware of the extreme congestion of civil jails by military personnel. It has been proposed that stockade camps be set up to take all short-term military prisoners and others awaiting trial. If this is adopted it will mean that, at most, only military prisoners sentenced to periods above six months will remain in civil prisons and will, in fact, be on civil rations.

1 Incl. as above.

Specially copied 7 April
for info.

TO: Army Sub/Comm. Main HQ.

Legal Sub/Comm., ref. para 4.

Public Safety Sub/Comm. —✓

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

Lt. Col.

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(COPY (Amended by signal 8D446 of 28 Mar) attached.

SUBJECT: Members of Italian Army in Jail.

Army Sub-Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (MRIA) LECCE
0/6/1/32 24 Mar 44

Chief Commissioner A.C.C.

Copy to: HQ. A.A.I.
A.A.I. (Adm Ech)

1. Information having reached this HQ. that large numbers of Italian soldiers were held in jails, an investigation was initiated, and facts regarding three groups have been verified as follows:

a. In LECCE Jail

(1) Men tried and sentenced, penalties ranging from a few months to death 212

(2) Men awaiting trial for

Desertion	114	
Insubordination	20	
Theft	11	
Murder	3	
Misc	2	
Total	150	369

b. In NICASTRO Jail

(1) Men tried and sentenced 41
(2) Men awaiting trial 17
58

c. In CATANZARO Jail

(1) Men tried and sentenced 6
(2) Men awaiting trial 44
50

d. In BARI Jail

Total held (unconfirmed) 608

e. In TARANTO Jail

176

f. In MARTINA FRANCA Jail

43

NOTE: Of a.e.f. 256 have been convicted

2. The investigation so far developed the following facts:

a. In addition to the numbers shown in para 1, above, an unknown number of Italian soldiers are held in other jails. The Ministry of War is attempting to secure the exact figures, and until the investigation was started by this HQ had no apparent knowledge of the situation.

b. Italian soldiers who have been convicted and sentenced are of various ranks on the active rolls of the Army until their classes are demobilized, at which time they are transferred to civil authority. All of the

Desertion	114	
Insubordination	20	
Theft	11	
Murder	3	
Misc	2	
Total		150
		189

b. In NICASTRO Jail

(1) Men tried and sentenced	41
(2) Men awaiting trial	17
	<u>58</u>

c. In CATANZARO Jail

(1) Men tried and sentenced	0
(2) Men awaiting trial	44
	<u>50</u>

d. In BARI Jail

Total held (unconfirmed) 608

e. In TARANTO Jail 125
f. In MARTINA FRANCA Jail 43

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b. Italian soldiers who have been convicted and sentenced are charged on the active rolls of the Army until their classes are demobilized, at which time they are transferred to civil authority. All of the Italian soldiers listed in para 1a, b, & c, above, are carried on the active rolls of the Army.

c. Italian soldiers in jail are included in the ration strength submitted to the Ministry of War to this HQ. Rations are issued to the jails by Italian Army Depots from stocks made available to the Italian Army by the Allies.

3. Decision is requested as to the policy to be adopted:

- Are condemned soldiers to be considered as active soldiers of the Italian Army for the purpose of drawing Allied rations?
- Are Italian soldiers held in jail awaiting trial to be considered as active soldiers of the Italian Army for the purpose of drawing Allied rations?

Brigadier,
Army Sub-Comm ACC.

COL- 526/28

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FROM: MMIA 271200A
TO : FATIMA FOR MACFARLANE
BD446 27

28 March

ADDITIONAL TO OUR 0/6/1/32 of 24 March. TOTAL IN BARI
JAIL IS 608. IN TARANTO JAIL IS 125 IN MARTINA FRANCA
JAIL IS 43. OF THESE 256 HAVE BEEN TRIED AND ARE
SERVING SENTENCES. OTHER FIGURES TO FOLLOW WHEN AVAIL
ABLE

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QS181

1 April 1944

SUBJECT: Military Prisoners in Civil Prisons.

TO : Administrative Section.

Reference your ACC/14043/PS of 24 Mar. to
the Ministry of Grace and Justice.

As the subject referred to concerns the
Italian Army, we should be grateful if you would keep
us informed of any further action or correspondence
resulting in this matter.

G. W. Quinsmith
Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

PA 3/4

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

24 March 1944.

AGC/14413/ES

SUBJECT: Military Prisoners in Civil Prisons.

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

1. Reports received indicate that prisons on the mainland in territory under the administration of the Italian Government are seriously over-crowded.

2. The reports indicate further that a major factor in this situation is the imprisonment of soldiers of the Italian army in the civil prisons. If the soldier prisoners were removed from the prisons, the congestion would be substantially relieved.

3. It is understood that it has never previously been the custom to confine soldiers in civilian prisons.

4. A request has been addressed to the Ministry of War to remove soldier prisoners from civil prisons, and to find some other accommodation for them.

5. It is therefore suggested and requested that the Ministry of Grace and Justice take such steps as may be appropriate with the Ministry of War in order to effectuate the removal of soldiers from the civil prisons.

R. J. E.
The Rt. Hon. Viscount Stansgate
Vice-President Administrative Section
Allied Control Commission.

Copy to Army J.E.

PH 27/3

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

24 March 1944.

ACC/14243/PS

SUBJECT: Military Prisoners in Civil Prisons.

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

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A. J. E.
The Rt. Hon. Viscount Stansgate
Vice-President Administrative Section
Allied Control Commission.

Copy to Army I.C.

PA 27/3

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P. H. H. A
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Will be seeing Reg. 5
Nixon Director on the
question of accommodation
there & hope also to see
R. Navy re the use of the
prison at AUGUSTA

Draft

Letter drafted to ^{20/3}
Army Sub-Comm;
copy to Lush.

PSK

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

12 March 1944

Ref: A/PS/47

Subject: Italian Military Prisoners in
Civil Prisons - Withdrawal of -

To : Chief of Public Safety Sub-Com-
mission Rear Headquarters, A.C.C.

Ref attached report it is urged that this matter be
taken up with the Italian Military Authorities with the
greatest expedition.

G. H. McCaffrey
G. H. McCAFFEY
Lt. Col., Inf.
R. C. Region II

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

6 March 1944

Ref: A/FS/45

Subject: Report on PUGLIA Prisons

To : Regional Commissioner

I made a round of Prisons in PUGLIA commencing on the 29th February and returning on the 5th March.

BARI This prison is overcrowded.

Its capacity is .

Its population is

+Italian Military Prisoners

<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>MINORS</u>
570	85	50
490	93	94
<u>724</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>94</u>
1214		

I would point out here that at Lecce there are 320 Italian Military Prisoners. This gives a total of 1044 (Known) Italian Military Prisoners in the Province.

The Capacity of the Prisons in PUGLIA are:

<u>PRISONS</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>MINORS</u>
BARI	570	85	50
LECCE (Judicial)	600	50	10
TARANTO	130	-	-
	<u>1300</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>60</u>

The Prison population is:

BARI	1214	93	94
LECCE	697	30	10
TARANTO	159	13	19
	<u>2060</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>123</u>

It is anticipated that there will be a considerable advent of prisoners in the PUGLIA Provinces and the accommodation is shown above.

(Two prisons at TRANI are not included in above as they have not yet been surveyed.)

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PRISONS	MEN	WOMEN	MINORS
BARI	570	85	50
LECCE (Judicial)	600	50	10
TARANTO	130	-	-
	1300	135	60

The Prison population is:

BARI	1214	93	94
LECCE	687	30	10
TARANTO	152	13	19
	2060	136	123

It is anticipated that there will be a considerable advent of prisoners in the PUGLIA Provinces and the accommodation is shown above.

(Two prisons at TARANTO are not included in above as they have not yet been surveyed.) 1284

It will appear therefore that if the Italian Military Prisoners are withdrawn from Civil Prisons an influx can be accommodated, but if they are not withdrawn the situation is that the prisons in this Province will remain or exceed (and the latter is anticipated) the male capacity of 1360 by 823 male prisoners.

A large proportion of these prisoners are merely incarcerated awaiting trial.

I urge this method in preference to others which follow as being the most practical.

The Italian Military Authorities have power to requisition suitable accommodation, labour and material to adapt it to their needs and guards to guard the prisoners.

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Other methods to relieve congestion may be taken are:

- (a) Remission of sentences being served (say by 1/4)
- (b) Formation of Labour Colonies for work on land and Public works.
- (c) Greater use of "Liberta Provvisoria".
- (d) Collaboration with No. 1 Region (and the return to Civil Authorities of the Prisons at AUGUSTA and the reopening of the Prison at FAVAROSA.)

- (e) The speeding up of trials by Special Courts.

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The Judicial Prison at LECCE is overcrowded.

Detailed inspection of this and other prisons have not yet been completed, but it is known that no accommodation is available nor suitable in the country gaols.

The problem is serious and I ask urgent consideration.

The sanitation is good (by Italian Standards) but medicines and disinfectants are in urgent demand.

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20 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Military Prisoners in Italian Civil Prisons.

TO: Brig. C. G. Duchene, Army Sub-Commission.

1. The overcrowding of Italian prisons has reached such proportions as to make immediate corrective measures imperative.

2. There are several factors which contribute to the existing conditions, among which are the following:-

(a) The requisitioning of Italian prisons by Allied forces for military purposes, including the confinement of Allied military prisoners.

(b) The delays in the trial of arrested Italian civilians by Italian courts.

(c) The increase in the number of criminal offences by Italian civilians.

(d) The use of Italian civil prisons for Italian military prisoners.

As to (a), the Chief Commissioner has by letter dated March 13, 1944 taken the matter up with Hq. AAI, which, while it will undoubtedly curb further requisitioning, will probably not result in the release of sufficient prisons to Italian control to alleviate the present overcrowding.

As to (b), the Chief, Legal Sub-Commission is endeavoring to bring about the more expeditious trial of cases by the Italian courts. This action will relieve the congestion only insofar as sentence to imprisonment is not imposed at the trial.

No marked diminution in (c) is foreseeable particularly in view of the concerted steps being taken in Black Market and prostitution prosecutions.

This brings me to (d). The acuteness of the overcrowded condition would be considerably relieved if Italian Military Prisoners were confined in

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a stockade or military prison camp. This proposal was earlier made in a letter sent to HQ AGC, then at Brindisi, on 20 Jan. 1944, a copy of which is attached hereto, and to which no reply was received. It would be greatly appreciated if this matter could be brought again to the attention of the Italian Military authorities, for their consideration and action.

The advantage of having military prisoners under military control and discipline is obvious and needs no comment. *The danger to health is likewise apparent.*

Specifically, the BARI prison, designed to accommodate 705 prisoners, now has a population of 1401 of which 724 are Italian Military prisoners. The LEOCKE prison with a capacity of 670 inmates actually is accommodating 727, of whom 320 are Italian Military Prisoners.

I realize the incongruity of the position in which we are placed:- we ask the Italian Military to remove their prisoners from civil prisons on the one hand, whereas our military has requisitioned Italian civil prisons for the confinement of Allied military prisoners on the other. Nevertheless the need for prompt action to remedy the congestion is obvious; and the adoption of the suggestion made would place military prisoners under military jurisdiction where they properly belong.

I should be grateful if you would indicate to me the view which you and the Italian Army Staff take of the proposal.

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

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division.

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20 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Place of Confinement of Italian Military Prisoners.

TO: Hq. AMG, Brindisi.

1. A report from the A.M.A.O. of Region II discloses that there are a number of soldiers of the Italian Army who are confined in Civil prisons following conviction for offenses against Italian Military Law.
2. The immediate effect of the continuation of the reception of such prisoners will be over-crowding of the institutions.
3. Other questions also arise:-
 - a. Custodial responsibility.
 - b. Rations.
4. It is assumed that the Italian Army normally would follow the practice observed in other armies, namely that military prisoners be segregated and placed in the custody of the military authorities and be rationed by them.
5. It is requested that the matter be discussed with the Italian Military authorities with the object of having them establish a military prison camp, preferably in King's Italy, to which all military prisoners now or hereafter to be confined could be transferred, placed under military guard, and fed from Italian military food stores.

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ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division.

20 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Place of Confinement of Italian Military Prisoners.

TO : Hq. AGO, Brindisi.

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