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NAVAL PRISONERS
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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

14 DEC 1944

NSC/1311
11 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Chief, Civil Affairs Section, Hq. A.C.

Subject: Security Arrests.

Reference: (a) Navy S/C ltr NSC/1026B dated 20 October 1944.

1. Reference (a) requested the Ministry of Marine to furnish particulars in regard to persons detained in Regina Coeli Prison on security grounds and on orders emanating from that Ministry. In addition, the Navy Sub-Commission recommended that steps be taken to effect the release of any such persons against whom no charges are forthcoming.

2. For information, the following is quoted from the Ministry of Marine's answer to reference (a): "you are informed that the following two Servicemen (as civilians) are detained in the Regina Coeli Prison at the disposal of M.P. Section of S.I.S. (Italian Intelligence):

L/Lt. 10th M.A.S. Flotilla (Assault Craft) MICHIEZZI, Pasquale - As an Officer in the Republican Navy he took part in the sacking of Admiral MAUGERI's apartment, plus operations with the intention of capturing him. Confessed guilty. His dossier is being compiled for his denunciation to A.G.

Writer: CIGONE, Giovanni, accused in collaboration with German S.S. Inquiries are being made to establish his activities.

It is therefore impossible to request the release of these two men."

TO	INITIALS	DATE
COL CHAPMAN		
COL YOUNG		
LT COL WILCOX		
LT COL KILBY		
LT COL FINE		
LT COL HARRIS		
LT COL JONES		
LT COL LEE		
LT COL SMITH		
LT COL TAYLOR		
LT COL WHITE		

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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Public Safety SC. AC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

MSC/1015B

19 October 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, ACC.
To : Public Safety Sub-Commission, Hq, ACC.

Subject: S. Domino (Tremiti) Military Prison.

With reference to paragraph 2 of FOTALI's letter T.A. 1112/18 of 9 July 1944, the following information from the Ministry of Marine in connection with the subject prison is forwarded herewith for information:

"Some 500 condemned servicemen awaiting destination and prison inmates will be employed in clearing buildings on S. Domino Island (Tremiti) which are about to be repaired.

The isolated pavilions to be used by the prisoners will be enclosed by a double barbed-wire fencing.

The Command and personnel will be housed in the building formerly used by the Town Council."

for H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

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Regional Commissioner,
ABRUZZI-MARCHE (Region V).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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ACC/14043/1/PS

Tel: 478709

SUBJECT : Prisons - Naval.

2 August 44.

TO : R.P.S.C., Region 2 (Thru R.C.)

1. A camp for Italian Naval prisoners will be established at S. Domino (Tremeti). Authority was given by F.O.I.I. Taranto on 9th July 44.
2. The work will be put in hand at once by the Italian Minister of Marine.
3. When completed the removal of all Italian Naval prisoners to this camp, should materially help the overcrowding problem in Puglie.


PAUL G. KIRK.
Colonel Inf.
Director Public Safety.

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File No.
S16/NSC

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto, Italy

Serial: 0028.

1204311- May Nelson
13 June 1944.

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S-E-C-R-E-T:

From: Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.
To : Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Subject: Italian Prison Camp at S. Domino. (TREMITI).

1. Copies of the Italian Minister of Marine's secret letters
Nos. 10401/S and 21811/S of 24 March 1944 and 27 May 1944, respectively,
are forwarded herewith.

2. Advice is requested as to whether the Public Safety Sub-
Commission, A.C.C. has any information with regard to the possibility of
authorizing the Minister of Marine to organize a concentration camp at
S. Domino (TREMITI).

H. St. John Butler
H. ST. JOHN BUTLER,
Commander, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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From: Ministry of Marine . Cabinet .
 Date: 24th March 1944. No: 10401/S
 To : F.O.L.I.

MILITARY PRISONS

1. In your letter T. A. 1112/18 dated 11th March 1944, you asked that the 100 Naval Ratings detained at the Civil Prison of Brindisi, be transferred elsewhere as you have to use the building for your own needs.

2. Your request has been given due consideration and with it, the situation of the Royal Italian Naval prisons has been examined with the conclusion that the prison accommodation for Royal Italian Naval personnel is not sufficient to meet the requirements.

To remedy this deficiency, the Italian Navy has begun to prepare prison camps on the Tremiti Is., (San Domino) and at Spinazzola. But, the Allied Control Commission has forbidden the transfer of detained persons to San Domino, while the other camp at Spinazzola has been requisitioned.

3. In addition to this, Captain H. W. ALDEN, Prisons Superintendent, ACC Region II - Matera, recently asked the Military Maritime Command of Brindisi to transfer elsewhere 107 sailors under detention in the prisons of Lecce.

4. In view of the absolute lack of either suitable places, and as it is not possible to free the servicemen detained in the prisons of Brindisi and Lecce awaiting trial for serious crimes, it is requested that you may re-consider the possibility of sending prisoners to San Domino, which would be particularly suitable as a prison camp. Only in this manner would it be possible to adhere to your request and to leave at your complete disposal the prisons of Brindisi and Lecce.

for THE MINISTER
 SANSONETTI.

J.A.R.B.

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C O P Y

From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
To: F O L I
Date: 27.5.44
Ref.: 21811/S

Subject: MILITARY PRISONS.

We shall be glad if you will kindly reply to letter No. 10401/S dated 24th March last in regard to the possibility of organizing a concentration camp for imprisonment of offenders at S. Domino (TREMITI).

for THE MINISTER.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
AREA COMBINED HEADQUARTERS,
TARANTO.

9th July, 1944.

No. T.A. 1112/18.

MINISTER OF MARINE,
MARISTAT, PALAZZO RESTA,
TARANTO.

MILITARY PRISONS.

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In reply to your letter reference 21811/8 of 27th May, 1944, you are authorised to establish a concentration camp for Italian Naval prisoners at S. Domino (Trenti).

2. When plans for the establishment of the prison are completed, this office should be informed so that any arrangements necessary can be made with Allied authorities.

(Signed) C. E. MORGAN

(Copies to:

Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
Regional Commissioner, Region V.
Naval Sub-Commission.)

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SECRET

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

ACC/14043/1/PS

21st June, 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Prison Camp at S. DOMINO (Transit).

TO: Chief, Naval Sub-Commission ACC.

See 3A

1. Reference your S16/SCG Serial 0028 dated 13th, June 1944.
2. This Sub-Commission is strongly in favor of a camp at S. Domino (TRANSMITI) to house Italian Naval Prisoners.
3. On 12th May, 1944 it became urgently necessary to evacuate all civil and naval prisoners from Brindisi jail, as the building was to be taken over by British Military. It was found that there were 50 Italian naval prisoners in the jail, and Admiral DANETTI, Italian Naval officer in charge, Brindisi, was seen regarding their removal.
4. The Admiral stated that the imprisonment of naval prisoners in jails was a matter of concern to him, and that he had endeavored to organize a camp at S. DOMINO (TRANSMITI). He produced correspondence from Naval Commander, Adriatic Theatre and F.O.I.I. at Taranto, which refused his application for S. Domino on the grounds that this island was of operational importance.
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6. Finally, the prisoners were moved to Lecce Frison, by arrangement with Captain DESINI, Secretary to Italian Naval Chief of Staff, Maritime Dept. Taranto. It was understood that accommodation would be available in the near future for some Italian naval prisoners at OTRANTO.
7. In view of the progress of the Italian front in the past month, it is possible that S. DOMINO is not now of operational importance, and the Naval Authorities may be prepared to authorize use for prison camps.

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Handwritten: Paul Kirk NAT.

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