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Minute sheet.

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For signature please - See 1A and attached instructions.
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M. J. Wilson Major RS 3/6. April 30/7.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

AC/14057/PS

30 July 1945

SUBJECT : Colonel Benedetto de Giorgio

To : Sig. Vincent de Giorgio
Scurcola Marsicana (Aquila)

1. Your letter of 18 July addressed to Admiral Stone, has been received.
2. Every attempt will be made to elicit information concerning your nephew, but it will be quite difficult because of the many thousands who were so hastily interned and because the camp rosters were not too accurately maintained.
3. I have instructed the Public Safety Sub-Commission to pursue this search and, if they are able to find some news for you, it will be transmitted to you immediately.

For the Chief Commissioner

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G.H. HERRICK, Brig.
VA CA Sec

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

27 July 45

AC/14057/PS

SUBJECT : Colonel Benedetto de Giorgio.
TO : Ministry of Interior, the Chief of Police.

1. The above mentioned Italian Army officer has been reported missing since immediately after the liberation of Northern Italy.

When that area fell, he presented himself to the Allied Military Authorities for disposal and was told he could return to his home at Riva del Garda. After a few days a group of Partisans called at his home and took him away. No trace of him has been found since.

2. Any information you can obtain from files or enquiries will be appreciated by this office.

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

FFH/G.

Public Safety ✓

This one defeats me.
I would like to help
the old man but cannot
see how we can do it.
Perhaps you have ideas.
Anyway a polite letter
to him will be kind.

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To the Admiral Stone - Chief Commander
of the Allies - Rome -

Dear Sir,

I here undersigned, Vincent de Giorgio, resident in Scurolo Maricana, five miles from Avizzano, beg respectfully of you to take notice of the following most important facts:

I emigrated in Australia in the year 1890 and lived there all the time being one of the very first in the musical profession.

I was naturalised. I resided in Sydney and during the previous great war (1914-1918) I worked very hard for recruiting funds for Red Cross, Soldiers Homes and other funds. Besides I subscribed all my money to the "Loan for the Honor of the Flag" for which thing they gave me a certificate. In the 1938 I came to

Italy to see my relations, and, because of my health, I was compelled to stay more time than I expected, and when I was ready to go back to Sydney the war unfortunately broke out and there were no steamers to go. It would be useless to relate here all the sad experiences I went through during the war time. The scope of this letter is to relate you that a nephew of mine Col. Benedetto de Giorgio (son of my dead brother) who was

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just before the arrival of the German troops, secretly gave orders to let free about five thousand British prisoners who were in the concentration camp of Arezzo. I am the only person besides my nephew himself to know of this because we planned it together and we kept it a secret because of the many spies -

In northern Italy, about six months before the surrender, he resigned his position as an officer. When the Allied troops arrived he presented himself to the Commanding Officers (I suppose in Verona) who told him that he could go home at Priva del Garda and stay with his family, but to be at their disposal. After some days a group of partisans went to his home and took him away with them. We have not heard of him since, and we have not been able to get to know in what concentration camp he is. His poor wife has been to Modena and other concentration camps in northern Italy but has not been able to trace him. Therefore we entreat you to help us to find him and, for the good that he has done, have him released at once -

Respectfully I remain

Your faithful

Vincent de Giorgio

Scurocola Marsicana (Prov. Aquila)

18th of July 1945 -

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