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ALLEGED MURDER OF ALLIED NATIONAL, BENGTSSON,
CAMMARA MURDERER
AUG. 1944 - APR. 1945

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Alleged Murder of Abdul Latif
Bengtson - Commara Murderer

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CONTAINS PAPERS
FROM AUG 44 -
TO APR 45 -
CATALOGUE.

D.P.S.

Re 1a.

Political Section agree that it will be sufficient to send a brief report to the Norwegian representatives when the investigation is complete.

Enclosed 11/18

Noted PSH PPS 11 Aug 44

10th Aug. 1944

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14073/4/PS

10 April 1945

SUBJECT : Death of Gustaf BENGTSSON

TO : The Swedish Legation,
Rome

1. With reference to the attached translated copy of a letter from Swedish Vice Consul, Naples, addressed to AMG Naples.
2. Herewith are copies of Police Reports respecting the death of BENGTSSON.
3. Application for the files of the Italian investigating authority could be addressed to the REMIO PASTORE, Catanzaro.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO 394

PS/52

6 April 1945

SUBJECT: Gustaf BENGTTSSON - Swedish subject - Death of
TO : HQ ALCOM (Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. The enclosed correspondence dated 29/3/45 Ref: Jo N° 203 A/a (copy translation enclosed) has been received by this Department from Swedish Consulate, Naples.

2. A full report of the occurrence referred to therein was forwarded by R.P.S.O. Catanzaro Zone in July 1944 to HQ Public Safety Sub-Commission. It is not possible to quote reference of exact date of report as the complete files of Catanzaro Zone are in possession of A.C. HQ Archives, Rome.

3. It will be appreciated if

- (a) Copy of this report can be obtained and forwarded direct to Swedish Legation, Rome and
- (b) the Legation be informed that applications for the files of the Italian investigating authority should be made direct to Regio Pretore, Catanzaro.

For the Commissioner:

G. RICHARDSON
Major,
S.C.A.P.O.

RNE/tp.

Copy to: Swedish Consulate
Parco Grifeo 9 (Villa Elia)
Naples.

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TRANSLATION

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Naples, 29 March 1945
Parco Grifeo 9 (Villa Elia).

File n. Jo. N° 203 A/a

SUBJECT: Swedish subject Gustaf BENGTSSON.

As results from the following enclosed copies :-

1. Extract of exact copy from register book of deaths of year 1944, released by the Census office of the Commune of Crotone;
2. Letter dated 14 Feb 1945 from the Civil Hospital "San Giovanni di Dio" in Crotone.
3. Letter from the Regia Pretura, Crotone;

the Swedish subject Gustaf BENGTSSON, then embarked on merchant ship flying an Allied flag, was killed with a sidearm in Crotone on the 2 July 1944 by a certain Vincenzo Cammarà di Nicodemo, and against this person and Domenico Persiano there is a penal proceeding for murder, the enquiry being done by investigating magistrate of Catanzaro.

By request of the Swedish Legation in Rome, I beg you to ask the competent Allied authority in Catanzaro to send to the Swedish Consulate copies of all files of the Italian and Allied Police, which can give exact information about the details of the crime.

(sgd) (Elon Richter)
R. Vice Consul
of Sweden.

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Espresso
12/11/45

PS.

Napoli, 11 29 ~~11~~ 1945.

Parco S. Eufemia 9 (villa Elia).

Raccomandata.
N° 3 allegati.

Further information
about the Swedish
subject - Gustaf Bengtsson.

Jo. N° 233 A/2.

Spett.
Allied Commission
Prefettura
Napoli.



OGGETTO: Suddito svedese Gustaf BENGTSSON.

Come risulta dalle accluse copie seguenti:

- 1). Estratto per copia integrale del registro degli atti di morte dell'anno 1944, rilasciato dall'Ufficio dello Stato Civile in Comune di Crotone;
- 2). lettera in data 14 febbraio 1945 dell'Ospedale Civile "S. GIOVANNI DI DIO" in Crotone;
- 3). nota della Regia Pretura di Crotone;

Il suddito svedese Gustaf BENGTSSON, allora imbarcato su mercantile battente bandiera alleata, venne ucciso con arma bianca a Crotone il 2 luglio 1944 da tale Vincenzo CAMMARA' di Nicodemo e che a carico di tale individuo e di tal Domenico PERSIANO esiste procedimento penale per omicidio, in formale istruttoria presso il Signor Giudice Istruttore di Catanzaro.

Dietro la richiesta della R. Legazione di Svezia in Roma, mi pregio chiederVi di voler pregare l'Autorità competente Alleata in Catanzaro di far pervenire a questo R. Consolato di Svezia copie di tutti i protocolli della polizia italiana come allenta ecc., che possono dare delle informazioni più precise ed esatte circa i dettagli sull'avvenuto delitto.

RingraziandoVi anticipatamente, colgo l'occasione per porgereVi di gradire i sensi della mia perfetta stima e considerazione.

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(ELON RICHTER)

Elon Richter
R. Vice Console
di Svezia.

Allegato n° 1.

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Provincia di Catanzaro

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Ufficio dello Stato Civile

Estratto per Copia integrale del Registro degli Atti di Morte.

Anno 1944 - Fascio II

Fascio II.

di Frosinone - Cognome: FROSTENSON - Nome: Gustavo.

L'anno mille novecento quarantaquattro nel Comune di Crotone
si è verificata alle ore ventitré (23) e minuti . . . dell'Ufficio
dello Stato Civile la morte di FROSTENSON Gustavo dell'età di anni 33, Svedese,
di razza . . . residente in Crotone, che era nato in Göteborg da
Autore residente in . . .

Lo Es. Ufficiale dello Stato Civile di Crotone ha ricevuto dal Signor
Gregorio di Crotone un avviso di morte con la data di oggi che mo-
nito del mio visto, inserisco nel volume de li allegati a questo
registro il atto che:

Il giorno undici del mese di luglio dell'anno mille novecento-
quarantaquattro alle ore ventitré (23) e minuti . . . dell'Ufficio
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Autore residente in . . .

L'UFFICIO DELLO STATO CIVILE

(Firma) GREGORIO CLAUDI.

La presente copia, che è conforme all'originale, si trasmette
al Ministero dell'Interno per uso d'Ufficio.

Dall'Ufficio dello Stato Civile di Crotone li sei luglio 1944.

L'UFFICIALE DELLO STATO CIVILE

(Firma dell'Ufficio)

(Firma) G. CLAUDI

VISTO per la legalizzazione della firma dell'Ufficiale dello
Stato Civile del Comune di Crotone, Sig. CLAUDI Gregorio.

Crotone, 31/5 -44.

Il Cancelliere:

(firma illeggibile)

IL PRETORE

(Firma)

G. Cizza

(Dr. 4287/10)

(Timbro della R. Procura di Crotone)

MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA.

VISTO per la legalizzazione della firma del Dr. Cizza, Vice-
pretore.

Roma, 6/11 - 944.

Allegato no. 2

Copia.

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OSPEDALE CIVILE "S. GIOVANNI DI DIO" - GROTONE.

Grotone, 11 14 Febbraio 1945.

Nº 98 di Prot.

Risposta a nota del 27 Gennaio 1945, di 63 A.

OGGETTO: Suddito svedese HENRIKSSON Gustaf di Antonio.

Al
Regio Consolato di Dvezia
Parco Grifeo 2
M. a. c. l. i.

In riferimento alla nota sopra indicata si comunica che, il suddito svedese HENRIKSSON Gustaf di Antonio viene ucciso in Grotone il 2 Luglio 1944 ad opera di tal CAMERARA' Vincenzo, contro il quale esiste denuncia di omicidio ed il cui processo trovasi presso il Giudice Istruttore di Catanzaro, il quale potrà fornire maggiori notizie in merito al suddito in oggetto.

Presso questo Ospedale venne deposto provvisoriamente il cadavere in attesa dei funerali.

IL COMISSARIO PREFETTURIZIO
(firma illeggibile)

*Already translated in
previous group of papers*

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Allegato no 3

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REGIA PREFETTURA DI CROTONE.

Al
R. Consolato di Svezia
M a g o l i .
Barco Trifco 3 (villa Elia)

In riscontro alla Vo. nota, che ci costituivasi, mi prego
comunicarle, che il suddito svedese PERSTEN GUSTAF, allora
imbarcato su mercantile battente bandiera alleata, è stato ucci-
so a Crotone il 2/7 1944 da tale CAMARA' Vincenzo di Nicodemo
con arma bianca.

A carico del suddito Camara' e di tal PERSTEN Domenico
esiste procedimento penale per omicidio, in formale istruttoria
presso il Signor Giudice Istruttore di Catanzaro, al quale potrà
rivolgere richiesta per ottenere altre notizie in merito.

Questo Ufficio non è in grado di fornire altri particolari.

Con osservanza.

IL PREFETTO

(firma illeggibile)

(Timbro della Prefettura di Crotone)

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VII

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Public Safety 1A
8466
applied in
connection
with all parties

File Ref: RVII/PS/431.

Date: 1st August 1944.

SUBJECT: ALLIED NATIONALS - ALLEGED MURDER OF

TO: CHIEF, PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION, ✓
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394.

1.

Attached hereto are copy translations of three reports from the Carabinieri Reali of the Port of CROTONE, Province of CATANZARO, relative to their investigations into the death of one BENGTSSON Gustav, age 24 years, a Norwegian subject, at CROTONE on the evening of 2nd July 1944. Deceased who died as a result of knife stab wounds, was a merchant seaman serving on the Norwegian merchantman, S.S. Atle Jarl, which at that time was berthed at the port.

2.

In brief the facts of the case are that at about 5 pm on 2nd July 1944, BENGTSSON with two other merchant seamen visited and remained in the wine bar of a certain TRICOLI Albino at Via 1st February No.30, CROTONE, and there they consumed a substantial quantity of vermouth wine.

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At about 8 pm one of the seamen left the premises alone and at 8.30 pm BENGTSSON and his remaining companion - both under the influence of drink - also left. However, a few minutes later deceased returned to the bar alone and asked the proprietor to let him have a bottle of vermouth, adding that he would pay for it the following morning. This was refused so BENGTSSON left the shop and rejoined his companion who was waiting in the roadway.

4.

Both seamen then walked, or to give a more accurate description 'staggered', in the direction of the docks, but, apparently still desirous of obtaining liquor, they entered the wine bar of one PERSIANO, Francesco of Via Verdogna No.6, who refused their demands for liquor and requested them to leave the premises.

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5. A quarrel arose between PERSIANO and deceased - incidentally, it appears that on a previous occasion these two quarrelled over the non-payment of wine. It is said the proprietor called upon another customer in the bar, viz., CAMMARA Vincenzo of Via Ucciardini No.3, CROTONA, to assist him in ejecting the seamen and it was during the ensuing struggle that BENGTSSON received the fatal wounds allegedly from a knife used by CAMMARA.
6. In consequence of the evidence collated by the CC.RR in this case CAMMARA is indicated as being directly responsible for the death of BENGTSSON. PERSIANO has been arrested for complicity, but CAMMARA has so far evaded arrest.
7. The wanted man is a local petty thief but of the violent type. Since the murder he has disappeared from his home address and usual haunts, but it is felt by reason of the intensive enquiries and searches now being conducted by the CC.RR, that his apprehension will not be long delayed. Needless to say, the wanted man's description etc has been circulated to all police agencies.
8. The Master of the SS Atle Jarl who is aware of the facts of the case, is in possession of all property and personal effects of deceased and it is understood that he is notifying the next-of-kin, BENGTSSON Anton (father), Serikatan No.2, Goteborg, Sweden.
9. This H.Q. is keeping a watch on the progress of this case and further developments will be reported to you forthwith.
10. *an.* An additional copy of this report and enclosures ~~is~~ attached hereto for transmission to the accredited Norwegian representative in this theatre should such a course be deemed necessary by HQ ACC.

G. Richardson
G. Richardson, Major,
Reg. Public Safety Officer,
For Regional Commissioner. 4286

Copy to Reg. Commr., Hq Region VII ACC.
" " Reg. Legal Officer " " "

LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEL CARABINIERI REALI DI ANCONA
STAZIONE DI GIRORE

Doc 3rd July 1944

No. 144

Last night at about 10 o'clock the CC.RR. were informed through a telephone call, by the Port authorities at Orotone that near the mole a Norwegian sailor had been wounded and killed and the CC.RR. were asked to investigate.

A Maresciallo, two carabinieri and a Lieutenant went immediately to that place but the body had been transported to the Hospital. After quick enquiries they found that the sailor a few minutes before he was killed, had been with some friends in the wine shop of one RICCHI Albino, at Via 10 February No. 30, where they drank heavily of vermouth until they were drunk.

The CC.RR. went to the wine shop and interrogated the owner, who stated that at about 5 p.m. yesterday the sailor Bengtsson with two other Norwegian sailors of the SS. ANNE JARL went to that wine shop. One of the sailors was Velein Parviainen, the other one is unknown. They drank four bottles of vermouth and the sailors paid regularly for them one after another. At about 8 p.m. the third sailor left his friends and went back to the ship, while the others remained in the wine shop. There were three more Norwegians at another table and three or four civilians. During this time there was no quarrel between the Italians and Norwegians. There is only one detail: Bengtsson, having only 170 lire asked the third sailor to pay for him; in fact the latter paid with a 500 lire note and had his change from the waiter.

At about 8.30 the two sailors went out together, but after a while Bengtsson went back to the wine shop asking for another bottle of vermouth to take to the ship and saying he would pay the next morning, but the proprietor refused to give him the bottle, so he went away with the other sailor who was waiting for him in the street. They started for the port and nobody of the neighbourhood heard them quarrel. When they reached the 'Ranieri' Warehouse they stopped for some minutes as results from the traces of blood, which, from there on became larger, that shows that the wounded man accelerated his steps as soon as he was struck. At 20 steps from the place where the traces begin there were an Appuntato of the Pignone Guards, D'ISNORI Guido and the Guard RICCARDELLI Felice, who at that moment were sitting on the bench outside their barrack, and from where the place where the blood traces begin, could be seen. The two militaries, who were with their backs to the sailors, couldn't see them at first and didn't hear any noise or cry but at once they noticed that Parviainen was staggering to the ship, while Bengtsson was following him at the distance ./. 4286

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of few steps, holding his wounded side, probably with the intention to retain the blood, and he followed his friend running and saying some words that the Finance guards could not understand.

After about fifty meters the wounded man fell down and Farvainen went back and bent down to say some words to his friend. Meanwhile, the Finance guards thinking they were two drunk men, reached them to help them and only when they noticed that one of them was wounded. They tried to put the wounded man on Farvainen's shoulders as the latter asked them to do so, because he wanted to carry him to the Ship, but they both fell down. After few minutes Bengtsson died. The Commander of the Ship was informed and went to that place where Farvainen was and the body of Norwegian sailor was transported to the Civil Hospital at Grotone.

The eight persons named on the attached report have been interrogated and they all stated that no quarrel had taken place in the wine shop of Tricoli.

The few civilians that were in the wine shop when the sailors were there, remained in the shop even after the Norwegians left and after the sailor was dead.

It is excluded that the sailor has been attacked with the intent to be robbed because it was 20.30 and it wasn't dark and also because it was known that he had no money with him. The place was not favourable for attacks because it is visible from everywhere and it is near the Finance Guards' Post.

This morning the undersigned went to the Ship and interrogated the sailor Farvainen before the Commander. While he confirms the facts above mentioned, it is strange that he says he cannot remember having spoken to the wounded man, and having tried to carry him to the Ship.

Some traces of blood have been found on his trousers and on his blouse. He cannot explain this, but he remembers very well the bottles of vermouth they drank, how much they cost, at what time they went to the wine shop, at what time they went out and that he was left by his friend for few minutes, who went back to the shop to ask for some more vermouth, etc. There are serious circumstantial proofs against him. When they left the wine shop they went back to the ship, while some other friends went to dance in a private house, as another sailor stated. 4281

There is another witness, GIUDICE Francesco, who was with the Finance guards.

The medical report from Doctor Cavallieri Giuseppe says that Bengtsson has a wound on the little finger of his left hand, one on his left axillary pilaster, and one on his left thigh. ./.

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This last wound has caused a mortal hemorrhage.

Enquiries have been made to find the weapon but with negative results.

The Norwegian sailor and the others of the S.S. ARIZ JAXI have been interrogated through the interpreter of Lt. Sutton. (A.O.C. Supply Officer)

The clothes dirty with blood have been left in the owner's possession, who must keep them at the authority's disposal.

Maresciallo Maggiore
(Francesco Preticò)

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI CATANZARO
STATION OF CRIME

Subject:- Arrest of PERSIANO Domenico and denunciation of
CAMMARA' Vincenzo, both suspected of the homicide
of the Norwegian sailor Gustav Bengtsson.

On 6th July 1944 at the C.C.R.R. Station at Cratone, at 12, the
Maresciallo Maggiore Pratico Francesco and the Vice Brigadiere
Perrotta Vincenzo made the following verbatim:-

After the report No. 144 made on 3rd July, re the homicide of the
Norwegian sailor Gustav Bengtsson and sent to the Police Officer
at Catanzaro in which the results of the enquiries were all
against the sailor Wilhelm Pervainen, with whom the dead man
spent the afternoon before he was killed, the C.C.R.R. continued
their enquiries and on 4th July, being near the wine shop of
Tricoli, entered, in order to have some more details about the
murder. He stated that a neighbour of his, one Angotti Maddale-
na, aged 41 and residing at Via 5° Bravara Verdogni, laundress,
told him that, the cook of the ship "Atle Jari", Ragnar
Ingvald, after the murder of the sailor, went to her house,
where he used to send his clothes to be washed, and all upset
told the woman he was afraid to go back to the ship all alone.
So the woman called some sailors of the near Command who went
with him to the ship. The maresciallo went to the woman's
house to interrogate her and he had the statement of the above
facts. They went back to the wine shop and there they heard
the owner talk about a lame person and saying: "You know that
one is provoking.....". The C.C.R.R. know very well who the
"lame" is, because he has committed many offences before and without
saying anything to Tricoli they left the shop and went to the
ship, where they interrogated the cook through the interpreter
of ACC and he stated that at about 22,30 he was sitting at a
bar when Doctor Morace Vincenzo arrived and informed that a
Norwegian sailor had been killed a short time before. So, as
he was afraid that someone could attempt to him while he went
back to the ship, he went to that woman's house with a coach
and told her what he thought so she called some sailors who saw
him to the ship. He also said that he knew PERSIANO (who is
the father of the "lame" and who has a wine shop near Tricoli)
and on 15th June he quarrelled with him for the following
reasons. On that date he went to that shop with some friends
and drank three glasses of wine while the others had three litri.
As no one of them had money to pay they promised they would have
gone back the next day and pay for the wine. So the day after,
the cook went to the shop to pay for his three glasses of wine

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but the owner asked him to go for the time being and his friends had. The cook said he was not responsible for his friends and they started quarrelling until a boy advised the cook to go away and avoid troubles; the boy was the nephew of the same woman that used to do the washing for the cook. In this circumstance, the Norwegian noticed that in the shop there was a fellow of medium stature, slim, short brown hair, light brown eyes, pale complexion and many tattooings on his forearms: on his left arm he had a heart with two daggers and on the right arm he had another design. When the owner of the shop started quarrelling with the cook, this fellow came forward and showing the dagger he had on his arm, tried to tell the cook that he wanted to use that against him, but the cook made him understand that he didn't like to talk about such things, so the fellow picked up a chair and tried to throw it on the Norwegian. This individual is CAMARÀ Vincenzo of Nicotano and Olive Maria, born at Bivongi on 4th July 1919 and residing at Via Ubaldo N.3, Crotone. At the end of these enquiries they stopped the "lame" who is PERSIANO Francesco of Domenico and of Bismagno Vincenzo, born at Crotone on 15th November 1924, who made a statement from which they could find out that responsible of the homicide is Camarà Vincenzo, helped by the "lame"'s father, PERSIANO Domenico of the late Giuseppe and of Alessandrini Lontini, born at Crotone on 10 May 1902 and residing at Via Verdogna N.6, and is the owner of the wine shop mentioned above. Persiano's son, thinking he was suspected of having committed the homicide, said that it wasn't him they had to shop, but Vincenzo, because he knew from a boy, Palucci, that Vincenzo had quarrelled with some Americans that evening while they were going out from his father's shop.

This was a good information for the O.S. (So, the two Norwegians left Tricoli's shop and went to Persiano's). They found the boy Palucci Vincenzo of Antonio and of Russo Rosa, aged 12, and he stated that while he was passing by the wine shop of Persiano that night at about 22, with two other boys, Grillo Francesco, aged 10, and Alfi Pino, 13, he heard the owner shouting: "Vincenzo, throw them out!" Vincenzo threw one out of the shop and then went towards the mole with the other one, while the first followed them and then and they were all excited and angry. The boys didn't see them any more and didn't mind any longer. After few minutes Palucci knew that one of the Norwegians was killed and seeing the "lame" he told him: "The English have quarrelled and one of them has been killed". Then the three boys went to the port to see the dead man. The boy also stated that before this, he saw the two sailors asking for 500 lire from other sailors of Molfetta, who were drinking outside of Tricoli's shop, and

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and promising they would give him back the money the next day. Evidently they wanted to buy some more vermouth, but they didn't have money to pay for it, as results from the first report. The money was refused and they entered the same Persiano's shop, where they must have asked for vermouth without paying, of course they got angry with the shop-keeper and they have been thrown out by Cammarà. The boys Palucci and Grillo made the same statement, Alfi Eino said he joined the two friends when they were before Persiano's shop and heard the shop-keeper telling Vincenzo to throw them out and he also saw the two sailors leaving the shop with Vincenzo and go towards the port. Persiano Francesco, interrogated for the second time, stated that at the moment of the murder he was with the sailor Principe Giovanni of the Port Command and the two Corporals Murano Amadeo and Farace Giuseppe, and they were walking along Via Cristoforo Colombo. They were near the House of Ciliberti, when he saw Cammarà Vincenzo, running from the port to the castle. He was alone and upset, dishevelled and pale. In the same moment the boy Palucci approached Persiano and informed him that Vincenzo had troubles with the sailors and he struck one of them with a knife, so they went all together to see the body that was already covered with a blanket. He stated that he was not present in the shop when they quarrelled. Principe Giovanni and the two Corporals state that they have been informed of the murder when Palucci told every thing about it to Persiano, the "lame". After these enquiries the C.C.R.R. arrested Persiano who must have machinated the murder with Vincenzo, and it is a barbarious crime as the two sailors were drunk and couldn't react or understand the menace and the danger there were in. Persiano stated that at about 2015 the two sailors entered his shop asking for some wine, but as he had been informed by some boys that they had no money to pay for it because they had been drinking in Tricoll's shop, he refused to give them the wine. He says that Cammarà Vincenzo was in the shop when he spoke to the sailors and he asked him to send them away because he had to close the shop. He said he knows nothing about what happened after the sailors left the shop. Several active enquiries have been made to find Cammarà Vincenzo, in his house and in town, but he cannot be found; and the fact that he ran away confirms the C.C.R.R.'s suspects on him. All the other stations have been informed about it and they must arrest him if they find him and send him to Grosone. 7277
The same report has been sent to the Regia Procura at Catanzaro and to the C.C.R.R. Command at Grosone.

Vicebrigadiere PERRONEA Vincenzo
Maresciallo Mag. PRATICO Francesco.

LEZIONE VERBALE NOME DEL CARABINIERE REATO CAMMARÀ
STATION OF CRISTONE

No. 718

VERBALE re further enquiries regarding the homicide of the Norwegian sailor Gustav Bangtson.

On 14th July 1944, at Cristone in the CC.RR. Station Office, at 16 hrs, the Maresciallo and the vicebrigadiere made the following report:

Enquiries made after the verbale No. 679 of 6th July 1944 have given the results that CAMMARÀ Vincenzo has really committed the homicide. In the evening on 6th July 1944, Cammarà's mother stated that her son went to her on 4th July at 1 p.m., all frightened and told her that he was leaving. It must be noticed that at that time Persiano was arrested. Therefore Cammarà, informed of this arrest, knew he was in danger. And as he was seen by Persiano Francesco, running from the port to the castle, he thought that the latter would speak about this fact to someone, so he decided to go away. From enquiries made it is known that Cammarà went to his house and, as his mother informed him that they were looking for him he kissed his mother and sisters and went away without saying anything. The fact that he didn't ask who was looking for him, shows that he knew of the menace and the suspects on him. From informations from the neighbours, the CC.RR. knew that Cammarà's mother used to say: "Everybody says that I will be rich!" With that the woman meant that his son killed the sailor with the purpose of robbing him, and after her son's arrest she would be in possession of the money he had. Cammarà's mother told someone that she wanted to present her son to Caten-zaro and she asked the Sindaco's cooperation to do so. One evening she exclaimed: "My son, I wonder how much they will make you suffer!" And she undoubtedly referred to the sentence her son would get for the homicide. The CC.RR. know also that the man has run away because he fears that he will be very much ill-treated by the Carabinieri. They are still making enquiries to find Cammarà, but as he goes to one place to another, it is very difficult to trace him. On 5th July a brother of his has been arrested for theft and in his house have been found sheets and military blankets. As to Persiano Domenico, he keeps on saying that he had Cammarà in his shop only once, and this is suspicious enough, because Persiano's son said that he knew Cammarà very well, as he used to go the wine shop very often.

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The CC.RR. think that there is no doubt on the responsibility
Cannarà Vincenzo and Persiano Domenico for the homicide.
Special services are made to find Cannarà.
Persiano Domenico is under arrest.
The same report has been sent to the Regia Procura at Catanzaro
and to the CC.RR. Company at Crotona.

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