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OCT. 45
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MINUTE SHEET.

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18/12/44

Folio 3A for signature please.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

26 October 1945

AC/14116/1/3

SUBJECT : Graves Registration

TO : Imperial War Graves Commission
46, Via delle Botteghe Oscure
Rome.

1. The attached letter with translation from Doctor Georgio CARELLA, respecting finding of bones and Identity Disc presumably of a British soldier, is forwarded for information. San Felice Circeo is in the Province of LITTORIA.
2. The particulars shown on the Identification Disc are C.E. JX 355 306. MOS L.G. HOTCHER.
3. No reply has been sent to writer in regard to his request for particulars as to identity of remains.
4. Disc, keys and part of belt are attached herewith.

for *to send him*
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

RCP/G

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TRANSLATION C.C.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM

After heavy storm, human bones were found on the cliffs of MONTE CIRCEO, along with the enclosed belt, keys and service number plate.

To the bones a temporary burial has been given near San Felice.

We should be grateful to know if the bones are those of an Allied or German person.

For any information, please, apply to:

Dr. Giorgio CAREGA - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Tel. 61460.

AC/14116/1/PS

1st Ind.

8 Oct. 45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION - Public Safety S/C APO 394

TO : Imperial War Graves Commission

1. Translation of a CC.RR report is forwarded for your information.

FFH/pl

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAED
. Director

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO ~~SITUAZIONE~~ E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 736/2

di prot. R.P.

Roma, li 27 settembre 1945

Risposta al

del

n.

Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Morte di ufficiale alleato - Ten. T.P. Cohajne.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

R O M A

Il comandante della compagnia CC.NR. di Orvieto comunica che la signora POMPILI Audonia, vedova Chiarapini, fu Luigi e fu Biscichini Fortunata, nata a Fabri il 4 aprile 1901, domiciliata in Orvieto, frazione S. Giovanni, vico Salto del Lido n. 103, madre della defunta signorina CHIARAPINI Chiara, ha dichiarato di aver trovato nascosto, il 6 ottobre 1943, sull'imbrunire, a breve distanza dalla sua abitazione, il capitano Lan Reid Blank Watch, sfuggito verso le ore 12 dello stesso giorno ai tedeschi che lo trasportavano verso il nord.

L'ufficiale fu assistito nel miglior modo possibile e fornito di abito civile.

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Pochi istanti dopo la fuga del predetto ufficiale, il tenente T.P. Cohajne, pure prigioniero, fu ucciso a colpi di pistola, da militari tedeschi che lo avevano in consegna, nei pressi di Porta Romana, in Orvieto.

Il cadavere di lui rimase per due o tre giorni sul luogo dell'uccisione piantonato da alcuni elementi della M.V.S.N. Successivamente fu trasportato e sepolto nel cimitero di Orvieto.

Nessuna scritta fu fatta sulla tomba.

Dopo alcuni mesi, in seguito alla morte di alcuni prigionieri alleati feriti nel bombardamento del ponte di Alleron, la salma del tenente Cohajne venne esumata e sepolta nuovamente nello stesso cimitero accanto a quelle degli altri prigionieri.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
- Brunetto Brunetti -

Brunetti

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

August 1945.

AG/14116/1/PS

SUBJECT : Lieut. T.P. COHAYNE, E/172443, R.A.

TO : AFMC G.I. (Br).

1. Reference your letters G-1 (Br)/3478/A2 of 30 July 45 and 6 August 45.
2. Signorina CHIARA PINI, referred to in your letter is now dead, and there is no trace of the explanatory letter left with her by Captain Reid. The mother of Signorina CHIARA PINI, stated that from conversation with her daughter, as far as she recalls, Lieut. Cohayne was shot in October, 43, whilst attempting to escape from his German escort in Orvieto. He was buried in the civilian cemetery in Orvieto, and the body was removed some months later to another part of the same cemetery, and the grave is now near the graves of several other British and Allied soldiers, who were killed by bombing at Allerona a place nearby, when travelling in a train as prisoners of war under German escort.
3. The Carabinieri have been asked for further enquiries and a report will be sent to you.

For the Chief Commissioner

[Signature]
M. GARR Brig.
VP CA Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14116/1/PS

Tel: 489081 - 365

11 August 1945

SUBJECT : Death of Allied Officer.

TO : Commanding General, CC.RR.

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1. Lieutenant T.P. COKAYNE, A British Military Officer, is reported to have been killed near Orvieto, whilst attempting to escape from a German escort, on 6 October, 1943, and to be buried in the civilian cemetery at Orvieto.

2. It is stated that a Signorina CHIARA PINI, of Salto del Levio 103, Frazione San Giovanni, Orvieto, has some knowledge of the facts.

3. Will you please have enquiries made and a report submitted to me as to circumstances of death and place of burial. It is believed that the CC.RR. of Orvieto, did make a report of the circumstances about March or April of this year, 1945, to the AMG Officer in Terni at that time, and if so a copy of this report would suffice.

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

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COPY/DDKT.

SUBJECT:- Lieut. T.P. COKAYNE, P/172445, R.A.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission.

CR/3478/G1(Br).

13 Mar 45.

1. The above named officer has been reported as "killed on 6th Oct 1943, while attempting to escape from the Germans in ITALY", by Captain Ian REID, Black Watch, who is now a Prisoner of War in GERMANY.

2. Captain REID deposited an explanatory letter with Signorina Cesarine CHIAVAPINI, Salto del Livio, 103, Frazione San Giovanni, ORVIETO, and it would be appreciated if you would be good enough, if it is possible, to contact this Italian national, with a view to securing any further information regarding Lieut. COKAYNE's death and burial place.

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WRM/sfp.

W.R. MAY,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG. G.1(Br).

Tel. Ext. 292

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
G-1(B)

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1st August 1945

REFERENCE : G-1B/242/0

SUBJECT : Non-receipt of Correspondence

TO : A.F.H.Q. G1(B)

Lieut. T.P. COKAYNE (172445) - R.A.

Reference your letter G-1(B)/2.78/A2 dated 30 July 45.

Your letter of even reference dated 13 March 45 has not been received in this HQ.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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M.S. DEH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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SUBJECT:- Lieut. T.P. COKAYNE. P/172445. RA.

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Headquarters,
Allied Commission.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G1(Br)/3478/A2.

30th Jul 45.

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May a reply now be given please, to our enquiry of even
reference dated 13 March 45 ?

MFGF/DDKT.



M.F.G. Ferguson
M.F.G. FERGUSON, 562
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG. G.1(Br).



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RESTRICTEDHEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

AG 062/692 A-P

14/16/1
13 May 1945
re.

SUBJECT: Photographs of Graves

TO: All concerned

1. The next-of-kin of deceased personnel may be furnished with photographs of graves, regardless of the date of interment, as authorized below. No attempt will be made to furnish such photographs automatically with letters of condolence.

2. a. Except as shown in paragraph b, below, unit commanders receiving requests from next-of-kin of deceased personnel for such photographs will promptly make answer stating, "Steps have been taken to secure a photograph of (name) grave, and it will be forwarded to you as soon as possible," and at the same time make reply to all other inquiries.

b. Replies to requests for photographs of temporary graves (battlefield burials) will state that they cannot be furnished at this time, but will be furnished at a later date when it is possible to do so.

3. Unit commanders receiving requests from next-of-kin of deceased personnel for photographs of graves, whether it be in a temporary or permanent cemetery, will forward the following information to Hq MTOUSA, Attention: Quartermaster:

- a. The deceased's name, grade and ASN, and
- b. The name and full address of the deceased's next-of-kin who made inquiry.

4. The Quartermaster, MTOUSA, upon receipt of request for photographs will:

a. Obtain photographs from Signal, MTOUSA, and dispatch them direct to next-of-kin of deceased interred in permanent cemeteries.

b. Where appropriate, file request for photographs until such

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Ltr, Hq MTOUSA, AG 062/692 A-P
dated 13 May 1945 (Cont'd).

time as deceased are transferred from temporary graves to permanent cemeteries.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

C. W. Christenberry
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AG
Adjutant General

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TO	INITIALS	DATE
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 470700

23 Apr 11, 1945

AC/14116/1/PS

SUBJECT : Death of Lt. T.P. COOKAYNE

TO : Reg. Commissioner, Umbria Marche
att: CAO TERNI.

With reference to your letter HQ. AMG Terni Province, DFV/11/A dated 16 April, 1945, as the CC.RR. report referred to was not attached to your letter, it will be appreciated if a complete and revised report be forwarded to this office as soon as possible, as reply is awaited by AFHQ.

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

BP/G.

BF 2/11/45

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Public Safety

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF TERNI

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SUBJECT: Enquiries. (Lt. T. F. COCKANE P/172445 R. A. - Deceased.
TO : H.Q. AG (Public Safety Sub-Commission)
FROM : H.Q. AMG Terni Province
REF. : Orv/11/4
DATE : 13 Apr 1945

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MILITARY GOVERNMENT
N°
DATE 18 APR 1945
103 REGION

1. Reference your AG/14118/L/PS, dated 13 APR 1945, following is information elicited to date regarding the circumstances in which the a/m Officer was killed. Further details will be forwarded when confirmed.

2. As stated in the attached report from C.C.R.A., Lt. Cockane was shot by his German escort when attempting to escape.

3. The body was left unburied but guarded by personnel of one of the local fascist organizations for two or three days, before being interred in the local civilian cemetery in Orvieto.

4. Some months later, following the bombing at Allerona of a railway train which was conveying Allied prisoners, the body of Lt. Cockane was removed to another part of the cemetery where those who were killed in the disaster are buried.

5. Unfortunately, Signorina Chiara Pini, to whom Capt. Ian Reid gave the letter, is now dead, and the C.C.R.A. report is based on what is known by her mother of the incident.

6. There is, however, in Orvieto acting as interpreter for Works Section N.I. there, a Signorina Carla Ceccarelli, who states that there are some minor discrepancies.

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6. There is, however, in Orvieto acting as interpreter for **2355** Works Section R.E. there, a Signorina Carla Seccarelli, who states that there are some minor discrepancies between the C.C.R.R. report and the facts of the case as she knows them. The details regarding the burial are, however, correct and it is intended to visit the grave next week.

7. A report as to its exact location and condition etc. will be forwarded to you thereafter together with a revised report - should there be any material differences from the C.C.R.R.'s version.

TO	1300	1300	1300
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RESEARCH			
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ADMIN OFFICE 23/4

G. S.
(Major G. Stevenson R.A.) C.A.C. Termi
Major R.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

AC/14116/1/PS

Tel : 489031-365

6 March 1946

SUBJECT : Capt. Roger Lawrence

TO : c/o War Crimes Section
Office of DPA, HQ, CIB

1. Reference is made to your JAG/VS/16471/118 dated 22 Feb. 46.

2. Nothing is known of subject at this Headquarters, but Major L.R. Ashton can be communicated with through Public Safety, Allied Commission, Austria.

FHW/pl

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

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Office of the :

Deputy Judge Advocate General
GHQ Central Mediterranean Forces

JAG/VN/16171/118

22 Feb 46

H.Q.,
A.C.,
R O M E.

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SUBJECT:- Death of 117500 Capt. Roger Lawrence
at GORIANO VALLI (MR G.7398 1:200,000
Sheet 16).

1. I am investigating the death of the a/n British officer who is alleged to have been shot by Germans in Jan 1944.
2. Information has been received that Capt. L.K. ASHTON, one time P.S.O. AMGOT at AQUILA has full particulars of this case.
3. Will you please inform me if you have any information on this matter, and the present location of Capt. ASHTON.

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for *W.B. Hinckley, Capt.*
Major,
Officer IC War Crimes Section.

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Subject: - Graves Registration.G.R.A.E. (Records) C.M.F.
Tel: - Naples 11463.
GRG/1000/272.Deputy Controller,
Imperial War Graves Commission.,
Southern European District.,
46 Via Delle Botteghe Oscure.,
Rome.Copy to: - Col. J. W. Chapman,
J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety S/C,
H.Q. A.C., A.F.C. 394.Receipt is acknowledged of letter AG/14116/1/P3 dated 26 Oct 45,
received under cover of 12/EN of the 2 Nov 45 forwarded by the first
addressee.

CS/WIV.

Major.
D. A. D. G. R. A. E. (Records) C. M. F.

TEL: 66049 - 66050

Reference 12/EN.

Subject: Graves Registration.

IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DISTRICT

46, VIA DELLE BOTTEGHE OSCURE

ROME.

2nd November 1945

D.A.D. G.R. & E.,
 'Records',
 Naples., C. M. F.
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1. Attached correspondence under cover of H.Q.
 A.C. (Public Safety S/C) letter No. AC/14116/1/PS of 26 Oct
 45 together with the personal effect referred to are forwarded
 to you for necessary action.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

A. L. Barfall
 Lt Colonel,
DEPUTY CONTROLLER.

DI/abf.

Copy to:

Col. J. W. Chapman,
 J.A.G.D.,
 Director Public Safety S/C,
 H.Q. A.C., A.P.O. 394.

Dr. Giorgio CAREGA,
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, (It.),
 Palazzo Chigi, ROME.
 (Your memo to Public Safety S/C refers)

TO	
Y CORRESPONDENT	
DEPUTY CONTROLLER	
SAFETY OFFICER	
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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ACV/14116/1/PS.

SUBJECT :

Enquiries - Lt. T. P. LOCKAYNE.

TO :

Provincial

Commissioner

TERNI

~~Region~~

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Attention P.P.S.D.

Reference our letter
please expedite reply.

AC/14116/1/PS of 15/3/45.

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 324
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel : 478703

Ref AC/14116/1/ES

29 Mar 45 15a

SUBJECT : Death of Ex POW

TO : AFHQ G-1 (Br)

- 1 With reference to your letter CR/3478/G1 (Br) dated 1st February 45.
- 2 Herewith are copies of reports respecting the death of a British Sergeant in Lecce. There is no trace of any other POW having died in Lecce at about the time stated.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. UNJOHN
G.R. UNJOHN Brig
VP CA Section

Enclosures : as above

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TO :- HQ. AC. Public Safety Sub-Commission. ✓
 FROM :- HQ. AMG/AC., Abruzzi-Marche Region.
 SUBJECT :- Death of ex P.O.W.
 REF :- R5/514/29.
 DATE :- 27 March 1945.

1. Reference your AC/14116/PS dated 4 Feb. and 5 March 1945.
2. Enclosed herewith reports received from P.C. Aquila on the subject.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

S. Pickering
 S. PICKERING
 Lt. Colonel,
 R.P.S.C.

/al.



TO	INIT	DATE
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Report on death of Allied Prisoner of War - LINDA ANN HARRIS.

On arrival at LIMULU ANN HARRIS, I first contacted the Sindaco and explained the nature of my visit, namely in connection with the death of a prisoner of war by name of Sgt SWAN. The Sindaco said that he had no knowledge of any prisoner of that name but there was one prisoner of war who had died in the village after an illness of seven or eight days having caught a chill while hiding in the mountains from the Germans which had latter developed into pneumonia and had taken shelter in the house of a certain Signora MARILYN Victoria. I then interviewed the woman concerned who said that she did not know his surname but that he was known to her by the name of 'Lindie', she had no documents at all in her possession to verify the name or his home address as at the time of his death there was also a Sgt. Major also an Allied Prisoner of War and being taken charge of all the deceased man's papers and identity discs and had made all the necessary arrangements for his burial. This Sgt. Major had been sheltering at the house of a Signora CONNIE Maria who informed me that she had no documents at all which might give a clue to the name of the Sgt Major or of his unit, but that the nurse who had attended the deceased, Sig. VALERIA ALVIRA had a photograph which had been given to her and, had his name and home address on the back, unfortunately the nurse in question was in LQER at present and could not be interviewed.

I then accompanied by the Sindaco and a Forest Guard visited the local cemetery where the deceased was buried. The cemetery is situated just outside of the village in the valley of two large hills and the graves is very well kept, the villagers had attended to it themselves and it was marked by a cross, painted white,

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I then accompanied by the Sindaco and a Priest (I had visited the local cemetery where the deceased was buried. The cemetery is situated just outside of the village in the valley of two large hills and the grave is very well kept, the villagers had attended to it themselves and it was marked by a cross, painted white, with the following painted in black letters - 7027577 Sgt. MAJOR L. - A. R. M. R.

The Sindaco was completely unable to state whether the name was VALERIANO or VALERIO but two Allied officers had visited the grave previously and had taken the necessary particulars. The Doctor SAIZ Antonio was also unable, when interviewed to throw any light on the identity of the deceased.

Also attached is a report from the C.M.R. of AVIGNANO.

T.D. Keay

T.D. KEAY, R.N.
3/10/54/2 R.A.S.C.

CC.RR. Report

SUBJECT: Death of an Allied Prisoner of War in LECCE DEI MARSI

TO: Captain DAWSON - TAGLIACCOZZO

COPY TO: CC.RR. - L'AQUILA
The Allied Command

Investigations made, reference the above mentioned subject, show that about the end of the month of January 1944, an English Sargent, who was suffering from stomach trouble and could no longer remain in the mountains, showed himself to the inhabitants of the town to be assisted. He was made to hide in a barn belonging to one, SANTRILLI, living in the hamlet of Castelluccio (also Comune of LECCE DEI MARSI). After a few days, however, this Sargent developed pneumonia and meningitis and one, VALLETTA Elvira fu Biagio, a nurse, from Lecce dei Marsi, was called to assist him. She, however, seeing that the illness was serious and persistent, called on the Communist Doctor of Lecce, FAZI Antonio, who immediately ordered the patient to be removed from that barn, which was not very suitable and also rather cold, to another one which was at least larger, more airy and warmer.

On the night of January 31st, the patient was moved to the other barn which was not far off. However, as the weather, at the time, was very cold, undoubtedly the patient suffered by it to some extent.

For the whole period of the illness, the nurse Valletta cured the patient with medicines which she obtained from the Germans claiming that they were for her own family use.

On Feb. 2nd, in spite of all that nurse Valletti and Dr. Fazi tried to do, the English Sargent died. It is to be kept in mind that the a/n Valletta assisted him for 5 days and 3 nights consecutively.

The same Valletta and Dr. Fazi plus about 30 other persons of Lecce dei Marsi, also accused of having assisted allied prisoners, were arrested by the Germans and taken to the prison at Aquila where they remained until a few days before the arrival of the Allied.

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The nurse Valletta Elvira, declares that all the documents found on the English Sargent were handed over to an English Maresciallo who was present at the funeral. The Sargent's family address was also given to two other English Majors who came down from the mountains to assist the funeral.

According to nurse Valletta, the Sargent's name was WRIGHT SWAN No. 7887557 The address of his family is: MRS. WRIGHT - SALHOUSE EXRO Rackeatn Norwich-Norfolk - England.

The nurse Valletta is also in possession of a photograph given to her by the Sargent himself before his death.

Sargent WRIGHT is buried in the cemetery of LECCE DEI MARS.

Il Capitano comandante la
Compagnia CERARE GIANCOLA

Mr. Hetty

LEGIONIERI E CARABINIERI R. I. DEGLI ABRUZZI

Compagnia di Avezano
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N. 74/2-I di prot. div. III<sup>a</sup> Avezano li 13/3/1945  
OGGETTO: Morte di un sergente prigioniero di guerra inglese, in Lecce del Marec

AL SIG. CAPITANO DAWINSON POLIZIA MILITARE DI ..... TALLACCOZZO  
S.P.C.  
AL COMANDO DEL GRUPPO DEI CARABINIERI R. DI ..... AQUILA  
AL COMANDO ALLEATO ..... SEDE  
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Da indagini praticate in merito all'oggetto è risultato che verso la fine del mese di gennaio 1944, siccome sofferente di mal di stomaco e non potendo più rimanere nelle montagne di Lecce del Marec per le continue sofferenze ed il gran freddo, un sergente inglese si presentava agli abitanti di quel paese per essere assistito. Veniva fatto nascondere in una stalla di ~~certi~~ gentili vittori di Ginseppe, abitante nella frazione di Castelluccio di detto comune. Dopo qualche giorno però il sergente veniva colto da bronco polmonare e principio anche di meningite, per cui venne chiesta e curato tale Valletta Elvire fu Blagio, da Lecce, infermiera, ma questa, vedendo che la malattia era sempre all'ormante, ricorse all'opera del medico condotto di Lecce, Pardi M. tonio il quale ordinava subito il trasporto dell'ammalato dalla predetta stalla, non tanto adatta ed anche un po' fredda, ed una seconda più riscaldata ed anche più alta. Di notte, quindi il 31 gennaio l'ammalato veniva portato in una stalla vicinissima dove, con l'interessamento anche di altre persone, fu trovata una stufa per il riscaldamento. Durante il trasporto, il prigioniero naturalmente dovette prendere anche freddo dato la temperatura rigida di quel giorno.

Durante la malattia, la succennata infermiera Valletta, curò l'ammalato con medicinali presi all'infermeria del comando tedesco di Lecce ~~del 4° reg.~~ al ~~4° reg.~~ riservando che la medicina

quasi giranti. =

Durante la malattia, la succennata infermiera Valletta, curò l'amalato con medicinali presi all'infermeria del comando tedesco di Lecce del 1944.

Quale la Valletta stessa andava a ricorrere spesso asserendo che la medicina doveva servire per i suoi penitenti. =

Il tenente dell'infermiera Valletta, dal

esecutivamente) =

Le Vallette stessa assieme al dottor. Pagi ed a oltre 30 persone di Lecce dai quali che avevano dato ricovero al prigioniero e lo avevano assistito ven-
rà informare i tedeschi, venivano arrestati dagli stessi tedeschi e tradotti

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al carcere di quella che chiameremmo una qualche specie di "arrivo degli alleati".

L'interrogatorio Valtetta vivente ha dichiarato che tutti i documenti trovati addosso al sergente inglese vennero presi da un "Maresciallo" pure inglese venuto ad assistere ai funerali, e l'indirizzo della famiglia del morto venne preso pure da due "Marescialli" inglesi venuti a vedere, e questi pure delle montagne, per assistere ai funerali e per dare al sergente morto, l'ultima parola.

A questo ha dichiarato sempre la Valtetta, il sergente dovrebbe chiamarsi Valtetta, matricola 7887587, l'indirizzo della famiglia della madre la Valtetta stessa ha scritto la data e l'indirizzo corretto, dovrebbe essere: HIGHT - FALLOUSE XX H O. Maresciallo. Matricola 7887587.

Le informazioni sono state suggerite all'interrogatorio da un capitano inglese a Roma, addetto all'ufficio dei prigionieri, al quale la Valtetta era andata a chiedere informazioni e consigli nel riguardo sempre del prigioniero morto. La stessa interviene Valtetta vivente in possesso di una fotografia del sergente morto, l'addetta come ricordo di lui.

Il sergente Valtetta, come è noto è sepolto al cimitero di Lecce del Mare.

[In questo momento, conosciute le conseguenze]
(Maresciallo d'Arcole)

[Handwritten signature]

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

15 March 1945

AC/14116/1/PS

SUBJECT : Enquiries

TO : Provincial Commissioner, Terni
(Attn: P.P.S.O.)

The attached copy of letter received from AFHQ respecting Lt T.P. COKAYNE, P/172445, R.A., is forwarded for necessary action.

Will you please forward result of enquiries to this office as soon as possible.

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

See expedite at 16A

Enclosure: as above

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SUBJECT:- Lieut. T.P. COKANE, P/172445, R.A.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

OR/3178/21(Br)

13. Mar 45

Headquarters
Allied Commission

1. The above named officer has been reported as "Killed on 6th Oct., 1943, while attempting to escape from the Germans in ITALY", by Captain Ian REID, Black Watch, who is now a Prisoner of War in GERMANY.

2. Captain REID deposited an explanatory letter with Signorina Ossoline CHIAVITTI, Salto del Livio, 103, Frazione San Giovanni, CREMONA, and it would be appreciated if you would be good enough, if it is possible, to contact this Italian national, with a view to securing any further information regarding Lieut. COKANE's death and burial place.

TO	INIT	DATE
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXECUTIVE		
18 MAR 1945		
INFO. & LEG.		
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ADJ. GEN.		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

WRC/afp.

W.R. MAY

Major, D.A.A. 34541
for Major General,
DAG. C.1(Br).

Sub-Commission

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

11A

5 March 45.

ACN/14116/PS.

SUBJECT :

Death of an Ex. PW.

TO :

Regional Commissioner *Abuzzi-Macche* Region
(Attention R.P.S.O.)

Reference our letter AC/14116/PS of 4 Feb 45.
please expedite reply. This was an endorsement on AFHQ letter
CR/3478/G1/Pr. of 1 Feb 45 re the death of Sgt. Swan (RTR)

JOHN W. CHILMER
Colonel, J.A.S.D.
Director Public Safety

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

AC/14116/1/PS

Tel: 478708

19 February 1945

SUBJECT : Enquiries re death of Tpr S. HORTON.

TO : GHQ, 2nd Echelon, CMF.

1. With reference to your letter O2R/51079/GAS, dated
12 December, 1944.

2. Herewith is a copy of report by Regional Public
Safety Officer, Lazio-Umbria Region, respecting death of the
above named.

For the Chief Commissioner:

G.R. URJOHN, Brig
VP CA Sec.

BP/JWF.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

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Public Safety Division,
15 February 1945.

FILE N° :- LUR/4/PS

SUBJECT :- 7904149 Tpr. S. HORTON.

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TO :- The Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission,
HQ., AC., APO 394.

- 1.- Reference your letter AC/14116/1/PS dated 18 Dec.44.
- 2.- Enquiry has been made and the following information obtained regarding the death of Tpr. Horton.

It appears that he had been a prisoner of war at Fara Sabina Concentration Camp, Province of Rieti, and escaped to Moricone, Province of Rome, a distance of about 10 miles, where he found sanctuary in the home of Mrs. Adele MORELLI (née Gianchelli) until his death from natural causes on 8 Nov 43. During the illness he was nursed by Mrs. Morelli and attended to by the Municipal Doctor Giuseppe CERINO. The German Commander at Moricone was aware of Tpr. Horton's presence in the town but refrained from moving him on account of his grave illness.

The body was laid to rest in the local churchyard with due ceremony in spite of the Commander's order that the funeral was to be of a private nature. Credit for this is given to Doctor Cerino who was able to persuade the Commander to visit Rome at the time the ceremony was due to take place. The grave can be identified, as a photograph of the deceased has been mounted on the tombstone and this has been done in such a way as to be protected from the weather.

It follows that Tpr. Horton's death occurred whilst he was an escaped prisoner of war in hiding in enemy occupied territory.

I suggest that a copy of this report be sent to DGR & E. 4
For the Regional Commissioner:

C.T. Francis
C.T. FRANCIS.
Lt. Colonel,

RPSO., LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION.

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COPY 4/2/45

SUBJECT :- Death of an ex-PW

Headquarters,
Allied Commission.ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/3478/G1 (Br)
1 Feb 45See 11A
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1. The following extract of a report from the War Office is forwarded for your attention:-

"..... Sgt SWAN, (RTR) died in the village of IECCE (SH. 29 (R) G.7471). He was turned out into the snow in Jan 44 due to the Germans entering the stable in which he was hiding. He caught a chill which later developed into pneumonia, and although treated by the villagers, he died. He was buried in the cemetery at IECCE....."

2. There is no trace of any other report relating to an occurrence at IECCE about the time in question and, further, as it has not been possible to definitely identify Sgt SWAN, it would be appreciated if arrangements could be made for local enquiries to be instituted with a view to establishing the facts of the report and also the identity of the deceased soldier.

/s/ W.R. May
/t/ W.R. MAY
Major D.A.A.G.,
for Major General
DAG, G-1 (Br)

WRM/wel

Copy to: G-2 (PW)

1st Ind.

4 February 1945

AC/14116/PS

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, Public Safety Sub-Commission, APO 394

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

The above letter received from AFHQ is forwarded for necessary action and report.

According to map reference the place referred to is probably the village of Iecce Nei Marsi, Province of Aquila.

It is requested that all possible details be obtained and forwarded to this Headquarters as soon as possible.

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

BP/jwf

Copy to:

AFHQ (DAG- G1B)

BF 4/3/45

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SUBJECT:- Death of an ex-PW.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/3478/G1 (Br).

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Copy to : G-2(P)

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LT COL WILKIN		
MAJ LUCKING		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALANCE		
CAPT POWELL		
CHIEF CLERK		

W.R. MAY,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG, G.1 (Br).

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APR 1945

Tel : 178900

26 January, 1945.

AG/1411/1/6

SUBJECT : Trooper G. HORTON - Enquiries.

TO : HQ 2nd Echelon C.A.S.

With reference to your letter 029/51079/CAS dated
13 January 1945, respecting the above-named.

Difficulty is being experienced in this enquiry,
but it is anticipated that a complete report will be ready for
transmission to you at an early date.

For the Chief Commissioner:

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP, CA Sec
RCSG, JC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

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Public Safety Division.
22nd January, 1945.

File No. :- LUR/4/PS.

Subject :- Trooper S. HORTON.
Enquiry.

To :- The Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission,
HQ., AC., APO 394.

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1. With reference to your letters No. AC/14116/1/PS on the subject referred to above.
2. Difficulty is being experienced in making enquiries in this case but it is anticipated that a complete report will be ready soon for transmission to you.

C.T. Francis

C.T. FRANCIS.
Lt. Colonel.
RPSO., LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION.

TO	RE	DATE
COL. CHURCHMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILKINSON		
MAJ. LUCKY		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBURY		
MAJ. BALLANCE		
CAPT. POWELL		
CHIEF CLERK		

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

19 January, 1945

AC/14116/1/PS

SUBJECT : Tpr. S. HORTON, Enquiry
TO : R.P.S.O. Lazio-Umbria Region

With reference to this office letter with enclosure
respecting enquiries regarding the death of the above-named.

CHQ 2nd Echelon is pressing for a reply.

Will you please expedite your report.

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

BF 4 days

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Tel. No. VALJEAN 42A.D.L.S.OZE/51079/CAS

Allied Commission,
Civil Affairs Section,
Rome Area.

17 JAN 1945

13 Jan 45.

Civ. Aff. Sec.

14116

Subject: 7904149 Tpr. S. Horton - 7 R.T.R.

Reference this H.Q.'s. letters OZE/51079/CAS dated
9 Nov 44 and 12 Dec 44 and your reply AC/14116/1/PS dated 18
Dec 44.

May the result of your enquiries now be forwarded
please.

HEADQUARTERS

16 JAN 1945

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TO	A.	G.
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILKINSON		
MAJ. LUCKY		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBURY		
MAJ. BALANCE		
CAPT. POWELL		
CHIEF CLERK		

Brigadier,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q. 2nd. Echelon.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY COMMISSION
 CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
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AC/14116/1/PS

18 Dec. 1944

SUBJECT: Death of Tpr S. HORTON

TO : G.H.C. 2nd Echelon

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1. With reference to your letter OAR/51079/CAS dated 12 Dec. 1944 enclosing copy of your letter same number, dated 9 Nov. 1944.
2. There is no record of the letter dated 9 Nov. 1944 having been previously received at this Headquarters.
3. Enquiries will be instituted and the results forwarded to you as soon as possible.

For the Chief Commissioner,

G.S. PARKINGTON, Brig.
 A/VE, CA Sec.
 A/DCOS, AC

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3. Enquiries will be instituted and the results forwarded to you as soon as possible.

For the Chief Commissioner,

U.S. PARVINSON, Brig.
A/VE, GA Sec.
A/ECOS, AG

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel. 473708

18 Dec. 1944

AC/14116/1/PS

SUBJECT: Tpr. S. HORTON, enquiry

TO: Regional Commissioner Lazio Umbria
(Attention R.P.S.O.)

1. Attached is a copy of a letter received from G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon respecting the death of the above-named.
2. Will you please have enquiries made on the lines suggested and inform this office of the result as soon as possible.

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

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Tel. No. VALJEAN 42

A.D.L.S. 02E/51079/CAS

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12 Dec. 44.

H.Q.,
Allied Commission,
Rome Area.

Subject: 7904149 For S. Horton - 7 R.T.R.

May a reply now be forwarded please
to this H.Q. letter 02E/51079/CAS dated 9 Nov 44.

Copy is attached for easy reference.



C.M.P.

[Signature]
Brigadier,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q. 2nd. Echelon.

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Tel. No. VALJEAN 42A.D.L.S.024/51079/CAS

H.Q.
Allied Commission,
Rome Area.

9 Nov 44.

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Subject: 7904142 Tpr S. Horton - 7 R.T.R.

Following is an extract of a letter received from the War Office :

" The above named soldier is recorded in this Department as "Died of Meningitis on 8.11.43., whilst a P.W. at Moricone, Rome", and buried in the Cemetery there.

The next of kin is in receipt of a letter from an Italian woman who gives her name and address as Adele Granchelli in Moralli, Moricone, Prov. Di. Roma, in which she states that Tpr Horton came from camp Fori Sabine No.54 on 11.9.43., and was apparently in hiding until he became ill, when the doctor who was called to attend him ordered his removal to the village of Moricone, which was under German Control, for treatment. The Italian woman states she cared for him during his illness, and was present at his death.

Will you please be good enough to institute enquiries in an endeavour to ascertain whether Tpr Horton should be regarded as "Died whilst P.W.", or whilst in hiding in enemy occupied territory."

It is requested that the necessary enquiries be instituted by you and this H.Q. advised of the result.

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C.M.P.

Brigadier,
D.I.G.,
G.H.Q. 2nd. Echelon.

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