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Howell
for J.H.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Division
APO 734

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AG/14116/2/PS

26 November 1946

SUBJECT : Missing British Personnel -
Lieut. CROWNS & ORS.

TO : G.H.Q. C.M.F.

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Referring to your 3478/A2 of 28th January 46 and subsequent correspondence.

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1. A further letter has to-day been received from the Italian Ministry of War but it is regretted that it throws no further light on the matter.

2. The Ministry has made enquiries of the Ministries of Air and Marina, the Italian Red Cross and the Territorial Command of Palermo.

3. A statement was made to the Ministry of Marina by the ex-Commandante of the Information Centre of Siracusa from which it appears that at dawn on the 10th July twenty-three British soldiers were taken from the broken remains of a glider which had been brought down at Augusta but it has not been possible to find out their names.

4. As it was considered that the captured soldiers were taken to the camp at Capua, enquiries have also been made of the ex-commandante of the camp but he, owing to the lapse of time, has not been able to give any precise information and limits himself to saying that the prisoners were divided into two sections, one Italian and one German; this division being carried out by the Germans.

A last attempt is being made by the Ministry of Marine to find some trace of the missing personnel and the Ministry will communicate the result when available.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

FGG/ac

H. Green

W. G.

P E. J. BYE, Colonel
for Director.

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36^AMINISTRY OF WAR

N. 227238/11

20 November 1946.

SUBJECT : Missing British Military personnel.

TO : Public Safety 3/C A.C. - Rome.

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Reference is made to your letter AC/14116/2/PS of 5 Feb. 1946.

It is deemed necessary inform you of what has been accomplished by this Ministry in tracing the fate of the personnel in subject, though it is not possible to conclude anything according to the few elements of a general nature brought forward from the enquiries made.

The Ministries of Air and Marine, the Italian Red Cross and the Territorial Command of Palermo, have been approached.

The searches made have given negative results, as the statement given by the ex-commandant of the Information Centre of Syracuse, to the Ministry of Marine is to be considered too vague. From it, it only appears that with the dawn of the 10th July, 23 British soldiers were drawn out from pieces of gliders blown down at Augusta, but it has been impossible to find out their names.

As it is considered that the captured soldiers were taken to the Camp at Capua, the ex-commandant of said camp has been questioned, but who, owing to the long lapse of time, has not been able to give any precise information, limiting himself to affirming that the prisoners were divided into an Italian sector and a German one, and that such division was made by the Germans.

This Ministry takes reservations in communicating the result of a last attempt made through personnel of the Ministry of Marine.

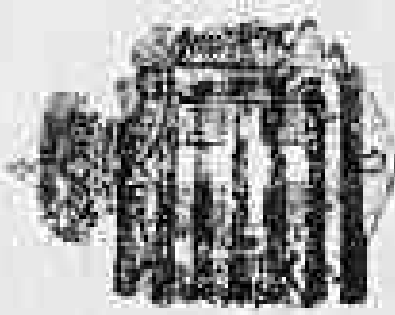
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Roma, 20 novembre 1943

Ministero della Guerra
- Gabinetto -

ALL HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
SION PUBLIC SAFETY SUB
COMMISSION - ROMA -

Divisione
Ind. 207238 II Delegati

Risposta al Seglio del
Gen.

OGGETTO Personale militare britannico disperso.-

Riferimento lettera 5 febbraio c.a.N.AC/141116/3/Pers.-

Si ritiene opportuno comunicare quanto è stato compiuto da questo Ministero per avere notizie sulla sorte del personale in oggetto, sebbene nulla sia possibile concludere in base ai pochi elementi di carattere generico, emersi dalle indagini compiute.-

Sono stati interessati il Ministero dell'Aeronautica, il Ministero della Marina, la Croce Rossa Italiana ed il Comando Territoriale di Palermo.-

Le ricerche effettuate hanno avuto esito negativo, dovendosi considerare troppo vaga la dichiarazione che l'ex Comandante del Centro Raccolta Notizie di Siracusa ha fatto al Ministero della Marina.- Da essa risulta solo che, all'alba del 10 luglio, 23 militari britannici furono tratti fuori da alcuni rottami di aerei abbattuti ad Augusta, ma nulla è stato possibile sapere sui loro nominativi.-

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Questo Ministero si riserva di comunicare l'esito di un ultimo tentativo fatto presso personale del Ministero Marina.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Perlanf.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14116/2/PS

2 July 46.

SUBJECT : Missing Personnel - Lt. Clowee and other ranks.

TO : DAG, GHQ, CMF.

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1. Reference is made to your 3478/A2 of 18 June 46 and our letter of even number dated 22 June 46, addressed to Ministry of Post War Assistance copy to you.

2. The attached copy letter received in reply from the Ministry is forwarded for your information. You will be kept advised of any further information received.

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Frank Wilson Lt Col.
E.J. EYE Colonel
Acting Director.

FJW/ac

MINISTERO DELL'ASSISTENZA POST BELLICAPrisoners of War Service

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N.46910

22 June 46.

SUBJECT : Missing British Military Personnel.

TO : Public Safety S/C A.C.

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With reference to your letter AC/14116/2/PS dated 14 January 46.

The Prefect of Siracusa and the CC.RR. Group Command of Siracusa, being asked to have enquiries made to trace the the British Military personnel mentioned in the a/m letter, have answered that the enquiries carried out have been in vain.

Today, this office has kindly asked the remaining ex-enemy P.O.W. Office of the Ministry of War to inform your S/C directly of the results of the enquiries made.

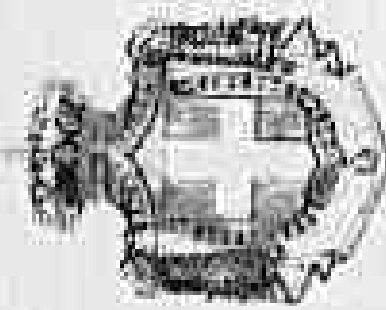
Head of the Office

/s/ Nitti F.

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Translation ac/

Roma 22 Giugno 1946



Ministro dell'Interno. *F. L. Bellini*
SERVIZIO PRIGIONIERI DI GUERRA

Per Divisione II^a

Uff. Coordinamento

Doc. N. 46910 *Allegati*

Risposta al Foglio N. 2

del

All HEADQUARTERS ALLIED
COMMISSION - Public Safety
Sub Commission - Commissione
Allestata -

R O M A

OGGETTO: Militari britannici dispersi.

Riferimento foglio AC/14116/2/PS del 14 Gennaio 1946.

Il Prefetto di Siracusa ed il Comando Carabinieri Gruppo di Siracusa all'uopo interessati hanno reso noto che le indagini esperite nella su citata giurisdizione per addivenire al rim traccio dei militari britannici indicati nella lettera sopra detta hanno dato esito negativo.

In data odierna questo Servizio ha pregato l'Ufficio Stralcio Prigionieri di Guerra ex nemici presso il Ministero della Guerra di voler comunicare direttamente a codesta Sub Commission il risultato delle indagini esperite.

IL CAPO SERVIZIO
(Dott. *Pausto Nitti*)

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Ministero dell'Interno - Post. e Tel.
SERVIZIO PRIGIONIERI DI GUERRA

Gen. Divisione II^a

Uff. Coordinamento

Dot. V. 46910 *Allegato*

Risposta al Foglio N. 1

del

ALL HEADQUARTERS ALLIED
COMMISSION - Public Safety
Sub Commission - Commissione
Allegata -

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IL CAPO SERVIZIO
(Dott. Fausto Nitti)

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[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14116/2/PS

22 June 46.

SUBJECT : Missing Personnel - Lt. Clowse and other ranks.
TO : Ministero Assistenza Post Bellica
110 Corso Vittorio Emanuele - Rome
(Attn. Dott. Ritti, Capo Servizio Prig. di Guerra)

1. With reference to our letter AC/14116/2/PS dated 14 January 1946 addressed to the Ministry of War and which was forwarded to you vide Ministry of War letter 214/G.A. of 5th February 46, asking for enquiries to be made as to there being any trace of above missing British Officer and men.

2. Will you please inform us urgently in writing as to whether any information can now be given.

K. J. Byrne 14630
K. J. BYRNE Colonel
Acting Director.

RCE/ac

Copy to : GHQ GMP (Your 1475/42 of 12 June refers)
(Copy of our reply to you dated 19 March 46 is also enclosed).

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GHQ CMF.

TO:- Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

3478/A 2.

21 June 46.

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 218 June 46.
 see 28A and 29A
 per

228619 Lt. CLOWES and OR of
S.Staffordshire Regt.

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Reference this CHQ letters of even number dated 28 Jan -
and 28 Feb. *Not received*

James G.
Hobbs, Esq. 5/6

1. Please forward any available information concerning this matter.

MG/DFS.

TO	INITIALS	DATE
DIRECTOR	<i>[Signature]</i>	21/2
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	<i>[Signature]</i>	27
CHIEF CLERK	<i>[Signature]</i>	

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10. JLC NAPIER,
Brigadier,
DAG.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489881-365

AC/14116/2/PG

20 May 1946

SUBJECT : Allied P.O. Enquiries
32627 Private U.S.W. LRA, Union Defense Forces.
TO : G.H. ., C.S.F.

1. Reference your 3489/1/A2 dated 23 January 46 and our letter of even reference dated 28 January 46 to Ministry of Interior (copy to you).

2. Herewith translation of letter received from Ministry of Interior in reply.

3. Enquiries show that Lea left San Geras about 25 October 43 with 3 other soldiers presumably for Rome, as the postcard referred to was posted in San Paolo, a suburb of Rome, on 6th November 43, by Lea who used the name of Antonietta. The families have not heard of them since. No other particulars known of the 3 friends.

4. Postcard is attached herewith, the name of Driver Vennese shown on card, has no connection with case, merely address of another soldier, who visited the family much later.

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Gond. name 4620

fu E. J. BYL, Colonel
Acting Director.

BCB/tm

TRANSLATION T.B.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
P.S. General Direction

Div. A.G.R. Sect.III
N.443/42473

Rome, 7/10/46

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety S/C.
R O M E

SUBJECT : Soldier G.E.W. LEA N.32627

Referring to the a/m/ note, we beg to communicate that from the investigation carried out, it seems that the soldier in subject left the families DI LANDOZZI Giovanni and FAUSTINI Pietro (and not Faustino Landozzi) about the 25th October 1943 seemingly bound to Rome.

He travelled together with 3 friends, one of whom left to the Faustini family the following address of his mother,

Mr. Peter p.o. Haenerstsburg n. Transvaal
South - Africa.

Attached herewith is a post-card written by LEA to the Faustini family.

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLICE		
LIC. & REG.		
PRISONS		
ADM. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

FOR THE MINISTER 62.
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TRANSLATION T.B.

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TO : Sig.ra FAUSTINI
Arceno
S. Gusmè,
SIENA

Dear Signora

We stopped here four days and are going to probably leave tomorrow or the day after tomorrow.

We all are very well, and we hope the same of you.

Remember me to your family.

6/11/43

Antonietta

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Pap/



Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma 7 Maggio 1946 -

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA
P.S. R O M A

Divisione A.G.R. Sez. III

Prot. 443/42473 Allegato

Risposta al f. del 28 gennaio u.s.
N.A.C./14116/2/PS

OGGETTO Soldato n. 32627 C.E.W Lea -

In relazione alla nota succitata, si comunica che dagli accertamenti fatti esperire, è risultato che il Militare in oggetto lasciò le famiglie di Landozzi Giovanni e Faustini Pietro (non Fustino Landozzi) verso il 25 ottobre 1943, ritenendosi diretto Roma. Egli era in compagnia di altri tre suoi compagni, uno dei quali lasciò alla famiglia Faustini l'indirizzo della propria madre che è il seguente :

Mister Peter p.o. Haenerstsburg n. Transvaal South - Africa.

Si unisce una cartolina scritta dal Lea alla famiglia Faustini.

PEL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489081-365

AC/14116/2/PS

18 March 1946

SUBJECT : 228619 Lt. CLOWES and O.R.3.
of S. Staffordshire Regt.
MISSING PERSONNEL.

TO : GHQ. CMF.

1. Reference your 3478/A2 of 28 February 1946
and our letter of even reference dated 5 February 1946
to Ministry of War (copy to you).

2. As no reply had been received from the Ministry
enquiry was made by phone on 16 March 1946, when it was
stated that enquiries had been made and records searched,
but no information could be obtained respecting above
personnel.

3. Written confirmation will be forwarded and
copy will be sent to you.

RCB/tm

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

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SUBJECT: Missing Personnel.Headquarters,
Allied Commission.

CHQ. JMF.

3178/A2.

28 Feb 46.

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S. Staffordshire Regt.

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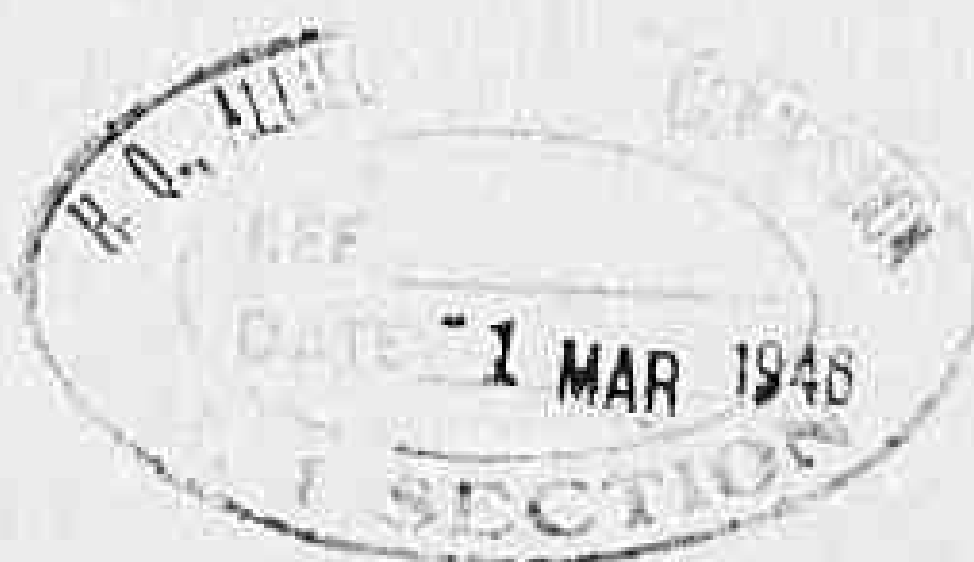
Reference this CHQ letter of even reference dated 28 Jan.

1. Please forward any available information concerning this matter.

EG/EC.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
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PERSONS		
ADM. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

h. Gombury Carr.

Major-General,
D.A.

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lpl. B.
Any trace?
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Passed to Public Safety S/C

TRANSLATION M.G.

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MINISTRY OF WAR
R. Esercito Staff
R. 14/G.A.

ROME - 8 Feb. 1946

TO/ ALLIED COMMAND
PUBLIC SAFETY S.C.
ROME

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SUBJECT: Missing British Subjects.

Follows letter AG/14116/PS of HQ Allied
Commission dated 14/1/46, transmitted with sheet
N. 17/9, translated on 17/1/46.

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We transmit, for our competency, the attached
herewith AG/14116/PS, dated 5 inst. (translation
N. 451/2 of 6 inst), begging you to re-forward the
requested information directly to: HQ. Allied Commission-
Public Safety S.C.

The General Addetto
Giorgio Linzani

TO	INIT	DATE
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR	EGRO	12/2
EXEC. OFFICER		
CHIEF		
CH. & REG.	KCS	12/2
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SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA



Public Safety

S/C.

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

UFFICIO DEL GENERALE ADDETTO

N. 214/C.A. di prot.

ROMA 6 - 21 FEB 1946

Risposta al foglio del

Al MINISTERO ASSISTENZA POST BELLICA

N.

Ufficio Prigionieri ex nemici.

Allegati

R O M A

Piazza Nicosia

OGGETTO:

Personale britannico disperso.

e, per conoscenza:

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION - Public Safety Sub Commission.

R O M A.

Seguito foglio AG/14116/2/RS dell'Headquarters Allied Commission
del 14/1/46 inviato con f° n. 217/C di traduzione del 17/1/46.

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sion - Public Safety Sub Commission,

e, per conoscenza:

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION - Public Safety Sub Commission.

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

Giulio

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489081-365

AC/14116/9/PS

7 February 1946

SUBJECT : Tracing Missing Personnel.

TO : CLO Venezia
(Attn PSLO)

1. The attached correspondence GHQ/2382/3/A-4 dated 22 January, 1946 refers to your area.
2. It is stated that enquiry has already been made of the Italian authorities. However, from local knowledge it is possible that some information can be given and accordingly the papers are forwarded for your information.

FJW/tm

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

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HEAD BARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
AIG 394

Tel: 489081-365

RG/14:16/2/FS

2 February 1946

SUBJECT : Missing British Military Personnel.

TO : The Ministry of War.

1. Reference our letter of even number dated 13 January, 1946, asking enquiry as to certain British Military Personnel missing from a glider during operations against Sicily on 9 July 1943.

2. May we please be informed as to whether you have any information as yet, or when a reply may be expected.

Handwritten: 25A
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

FDV/ta

Handwritten: 25A
Copy to:- OHQ. C. I. E.
(Your 3478/42 of 28 Jan. 46 refers).

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Public Safety 5/1

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SUBJECT:- Missing Personnel - 228619 Lieut. CLOWES and ORs. of
S. Staffordshire Regt.

TO:- Headquarters,
 Allied Commission.

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28 Jan 46

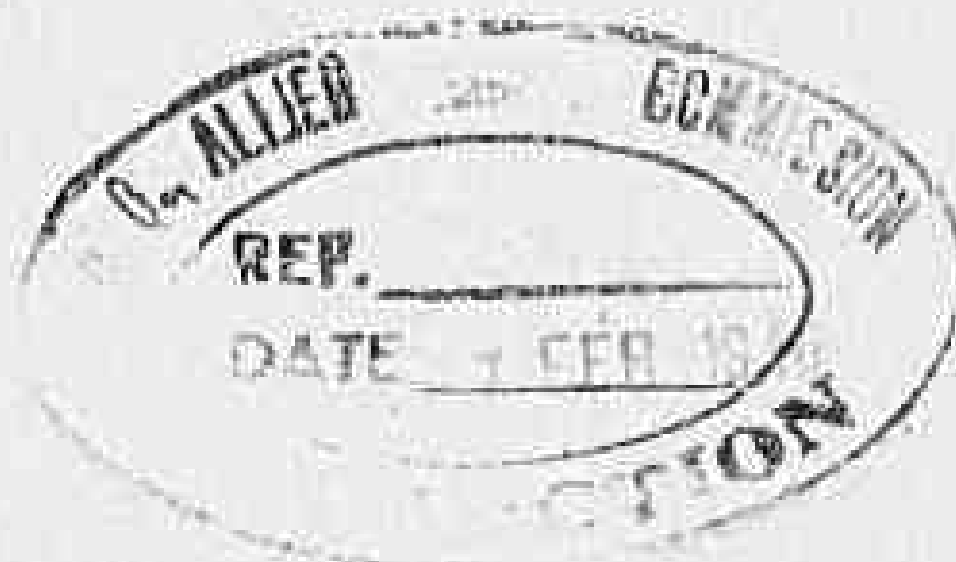
Reference this GHQ CR/3478/G-1(Br) dated 7 Mar 45 and 3478/A2 dated
 4 Jan 46.

Have you any information in this case, please?

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JD/ER.



see 21A for our action

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Major General,
 D.A.G.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

AC/14116/2/PB

Tel : 489081-365

28 January 1946

SUBJECT : 32627 Private C.E.W. LEA
TO : Ministry of Interior
Direction of P.S.

1. The above South African soldier is known to have stayed with 2 Italian families after effecting his escape from a German or Italian Prisoner of War Camp.

2. The names and addresses of these families are :-

- (a) LANDOZZI, Giovanni Arceno
S.GUSME
SIENA
- (b) LANDOZZI, Faustini
S.GUSME
SIENA

3. Will you please have enquiries made of these 2 families in order to obtain any information that may help to trace the above mentioned soldier who is still unaccounted for, and forward particulars as soon as possible. 481~

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

RCB/p1

Copy to : G.H.Q. C.E.F.
your 1489/1/A2 of 23 Jan 46 refers

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Headquarters,
Allied Commission.

GHQ., GBT.

3462/1/42.

23 Jan 46.

14116/2

32627 Pte. C.E.W. LEA (Union Defence Forces).

1. The above mentioned unaccounted for South African PW, stayed with 2 Italian families after he had effected his escape from an enemy PW Camp.

2. The addresses of these families are :-

a) LANDOZZI GIOVANNI ARDENGO
S. GUSME
SIENA.

b) MONTESSE FAUSTINI
LANDOZZI SIENA
S. GUSME
SIENA.

TO	INIT	D
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	4/10	1/2
EXEC. OFFICER		
CHIEF CLERK		
LC & CG. 2	10/5	28/1
PRISON		
LEGAL OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CLERK		

3. Please arrange to have these 2 above mentioned families questioned with a view to finding out any information that may help in the tracing of the above mentioned PW.

MG/DDTT.

for Jambury Carl 4610
for Major General,
DAG.

To P.O.D.C.

Forwarded for your
attention to J. K. L. May
25 Jan CA Section



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14116/2/IN

Tel : 489021-365
14 January 1946

SUBJECT : Missing; British Military Personnel

TO : The Ministry of War

1. The following British officer and other ranks are reported as missing on the 9th July 1943 as the result of the loss of a glider in which they were travelling during the operations against Sicily.

288619	Lieutenant	CLOWES A.E.	26508	L/Cpl.	HOLFORD L.
4893339	Private	COX E.J.	4922841	Private	HAWKINS E.
4913839	L/Sgt.	CHEATLE F.	4913688	Sgt.	HOLLOWAY E.
4917107	Private	DEWINE J.	4209576	Private	HELAN A.
4923435	"	SWERTON E.	4926311	L/Sgt.	LEACH A.
4917074	"	DAVIES W.	4922944	Private	MILLBOURNE H.
4893387	"	IRVING F.	3910095	"	OVINGTON C.
492708	"	PLANT L.	4882276	Corporal	RODGE W.
4922433	L/Cpl.	ROSS A.L.	4713094	Private	SHOTWIN D.R.
5124931	Lt	ROCHSTER A.F.	5734284	"	WARD C.J.
4922611	"	WILLIAMSON R.F.	2451332	"	SIMPSON M.
4922897	Corporal	HINCH W.	3127879	"	WELSH F.
3519164	L/Cpl.	ERSON J.H.	4322100	"	HOFMANN J.
7374510	Private	COLLETT R.	4817688	"	WITTE A.
Glider Pilot	4126548	Sgt. WOOD D.S.	4809387	"	GRIFFITHS R.A.
"	"	5778071	"	"	WOODLAND H.J.

2. It is believed that the glider was shot down ⁴⁸³¹ the sea about 1 mile off Syracuse, and that Lieutenant Clowes and some of the other ranks were picked up from the water by Italians, and taken to an Italian Prisoner of War Camp at CAGUA by train.

3. Will you please have enquiries made as to whether you have any record or information respecting any of the soldiers or officer, particularly in regard to the possibility of their being transferred to German hands, and inform this Sub Commission as soon as possible.

for *W. J. Chapman*
JOHN V. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

TO:- Headquarters,
Allied Commission.

3478/Δ2

4 Jan 46

1. With reference to your AC/14116/2/PS dated 14 Dec 45.
2. Herewith a copy of our CM/3478/G1(Br) dated 7 Mar 45.
3. For your information the attached Micrograms from War Office Nos. 1572/4, 5, 6 are forwarded.
4. May this information please be supplied at the earliest opportunity?

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Major General,
D.A.G.

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SUBJECT:- Missing Personnel - 228619 Lieut. A.R. CLOWES.
and Other Ranks South Staffordshire Regt.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters,
Allied Commission.

CR/3478/G-1(Br)

7 Mar 45.

1. The above mentioned officer and Other Ranks shown on the attached list were reported missing 9 Jul 43 as the result of the loss of Glider No.131 in which they were travelling during the operation against SICILY.
2. According to a statement from a recovered ex PW Lieut. CLOWES and four Other Ranks were picked up by Italians one mile off SYRACUSE and subsequently sent to an Italian PW Camp at CAPUA.
3. Please ask the appropriate Italian authorities whether they have any record of these personnel being PW, particularly in regard to any possible transfer to German hands.

WRM/DDKT.

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

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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"We are married, however, that the bottles are all taken and there are apples with it. There were a few small round apples.

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Reply by Williamson, 11/2/06.

(See) ✓ Harvey

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

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AC/14116/2/PS

9 Oct. 45

SUBJECT : Enquiries P.W.

TO : HQ: Allied PW Repatriation Unit CME

Re: Included

Reference your 1014/R of 4 Aug. 45.

1. We attach copies of reports and translations which indicate that Donald Keth died 13 Sept. 43 and is buried in Cemetery Maggiore nel Campo Milen Italy.

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR		3/11/45
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		3/11/45
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John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGC
Director

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COMUNE DI MILANO

SILANZA URBANA - ZONA

CENTRALE

RAPPORTO DI SERVIZIO

Prot. N.

Milano, 8 settembre 1945

OGGETTO E GENERALITÀ

Informazioni a carico di:

KETH DONALD di William, nato a King il 14/2/1920.

Da informazioni assunte presso l'Ospedale Militare di Sargio e dai registri dei decessi, figura che Donald Keth è deceduto il giorno 18/9/1943 nel suddetto Ospedale, in seguito ad insufficienza renale e medio cardiaca, assistito dal Cappellano Don Gregorio Raimondo. La salma venne sepolta nel Cimitero Maggiore nel Campo n° 16/30.

Si allega la dichiarazione del Cappellano dell'Ospedale Militare di Milano (Sargio) Don Gregorio Raimondo.

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19 SEP 1945

HQ AMO LOMBARDIA REG.

Audreoli Bobanda

O. Zorzi

1. *Indorsement*: - To R.P.L.O. Reg 118. 17/9/45
 1. Report forwarded for information. I will see that subject of inquiry died on 18.9.43 and is buried in Cemetery Maggiore grave No 16/30. Headmaster Major P. S. Milan



COMUNE DI MILANO

COMANDO VIGILANZA URBANA

Milano, 2 Ottobre 1945.

Al

COMANDO DELLA POLIZIA ALLEATA

M I L A N O

OGETTO: Informazioni a carico del militare alleato KETH DONALD di Villian nato a King il 14.2.1920.

Da nuove informazioni assunte a carico dell'emarginato si é provveduto ad interpellare in proposito il dott. Vitali Corrado con ufficio in Via Anicari 15, il quale dichiarò di ricordarsi bene d'aver prestato assistenza e favorito la fuga a prigionieri Alleati e di averli personalmente trasportati colla propria macchina verso la frontiera svizzera nei giorni precedenti all'armistizio dell'8 Settembre 1943, anzi siccome in tale giorno si trovava a letto febbricitante, incaricò suo nipote di trasportare all'Ospedale di Baggio un militare Alleato, il quale si trovava in condizioni disperate ed in stato comatoso causa di un'ulcera perforante, per cui non c'era più alcuna speranza di salvezza epperanto, esso é convinto che trattasi della stessa persona, malgrado la differente diagnosi tra la sua e quella risultante dalla causa del decesso. Esclude nel modo più assoluto di aver prestato assistenza a militari alleati dopo l'occupazione di Milano da parte dei tedeschi epperanto é pienamente convinto che devesi trattare di un errore di trascrizione di data (24.9.1943 , anziché 18.9.1943) in cui il medesimo risulterebbe ancora nel numero dei viventi.

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In quanto alla mancanza delle relative trascrizioni, ha proseguito il dottor Vitali Corrado, nel registro dei ricoverati all'Ospedale di Baggio, devesi imputare la causa al caos che in quei giorni esisteva presso

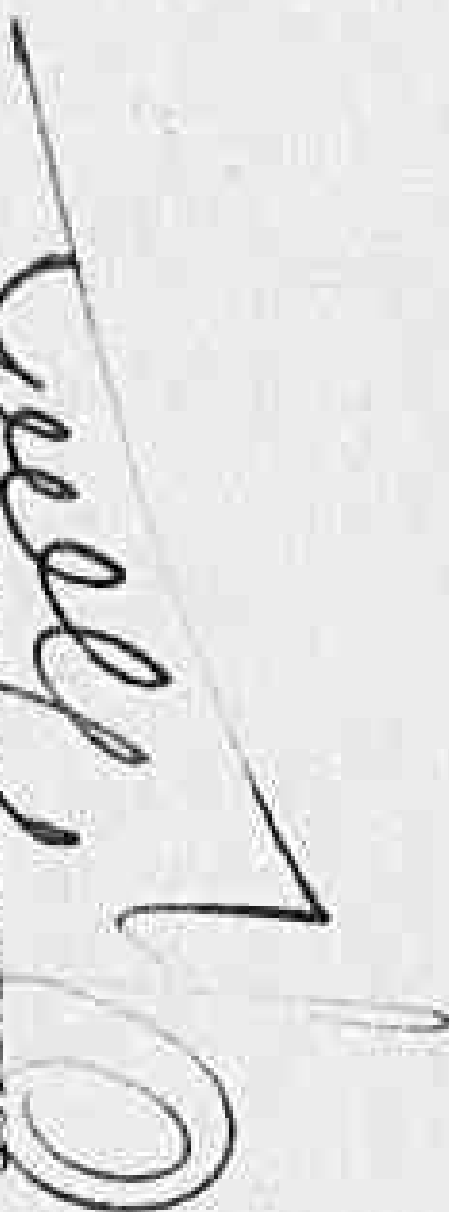
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Questo Comando, ha provveduto inoltre a rinovare le indagini presso l'Ospedale Militare stesso e presso gli uffici del Cimitero Maggiore i cui risultati lasciano confermare il precedente riferimento.

IL COMMISSARIO CAPO F.



Translation

Subject: Information about the soldier KEATH DONALD of William
born at King Genuary 14th 1920

Some more information of the above named soldier we had from Dott. VITALI Corrado with office Via Andegari N.15, who declared to remember very well the assistance he gave to Allied soldiers exaaping, using his own car to take them to the Swiss border during the days following the armistice; he remembers also that on September 8th being in bed feverish he ordered his nephew to transport to the Military Hospital of Baggio one Allied soldier, who was in desperate condition and in a comatose state for a perforing ulcer: it was an hopeless case; Dottor Vitali states: Keath Donald and the Allied Soldier may be the same person; although the diagnosis were different.

He absolutely exludes of having given assistance to any Allied soldier after the german occupation of Milan, so he is quite convinced that there is a mistake in the date.

So far as the mistake of the date is concerned, Doctor Vitali says that it is due to the chaos tha existed in those days in all the Military commands.

This Command has also renewed the enquires at the military hospital and at the offices of the Cemetary Maggiore which confirmed the previous onces.

IL COMMISSARIO CAPO ff.

Translation of C.V.U. Milano

Reps dated 2-10-65

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IL COMMISSARIO CAPO ff.

Translation of C.V.U. Milano
Rept dated 2-10-45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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file
Tel. 489081-365

AC/14116/2/PS

14 December 1945

SUBJECT : Missing Personnel - 228169 Lieut. A.R. CLOWES
and other Ranks South Staffordshire Regiment.

TO : Central Headquarters, D.A.F., C.M.F.

1. Reference is made to your 3478/A2 dated 4th
December 1945.

2. The letter referred to, CR/3478/GI (Br) dated
7th March, 1945, deals with the case of the repatriated
prisoner of war Trooper Purdy and this was answered by this
HQ letter AC/14116/2/PS, dated 21st April, 1945.

3. There is no record of a letter being received
from you on the subject referred to and it is requested that
the necessary details be supplied in order that inquiries
may be instituted.

WLW/tm

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

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SUBJECT:- Missing Personnel - 228169 Lieut. A.R. CLOWES
and other Ranks South Staffordshire Regt.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

HQ
Allied Commission.

14116/2

3478/A2
4 Dec 45

C.C.
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Reference this HQ CR/3478/G1(Br) dated 7 Mar 1945. Can you now please state what information was available from the Italian authorities regarding the personnel of Glider No 131 lost off SICILY on 9 Jul 1943.

JD/AP

[Signature]
Major General,
D.A.G.

TO		
DIRECTOR		13/14
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

AC/14116/2/PS

9 Oct. 45

SUBJECT : Enquiries P.W.

TO : HQ. Allied PW Repatriation Unit CMF

Reference your 1014/R of 4 Aug. 45.

1. We attach copies of reports and translations which indicate that Donald Keth died 18 Sept. 43 and is buried in Cemetery Maggiore nel Campo Milan Italy.

FPH/pl

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

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PS/15.28 OTT. 1945

5 October 1945.

SUBJECT : Gnr. D.R. KETH

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission
HQ. Allied Commission.

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1. Reference your AC/14116/2/PS dated 9 Aug 45, attached hereto is correspondence which reveals that Gnr Keth died on 18 Sept. 45 and is buried in Cemetery Maggiore - grave 16/30.

For the Regional Commissioner,

encls. as above

RMC/ns

N.W.F. Fowler
N.W.F. FOWLER, Major
RPSO, LOMBARDIA REGION.

TO	DATE	INITIALS
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Presente con bravissimi e effettivamente
 buona da' rapporti dell' ospedale M. L. toro ed.
 Peggio da' suoi. Sociali 17.10 e deceduto
 nel momento esecrabile il giorno 18.10.1942 e
 di che malattia. La prima venne colpita
 nel Primo Chapping Camp #16/20
 prima il 24.10.1942 era
 ancora nel momento dei "buchi" e non era
 trasformato.

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2nd Endorsement. to K.P.O.
Y. R. by Commando
Vigilanza Urbana. dated
2.10.45 attached wherein.
It is confirmed that their report
of the 8th Sept 1945 is correct.
(See Translation brief attached).

3.10.45 K. P. O. Mayor

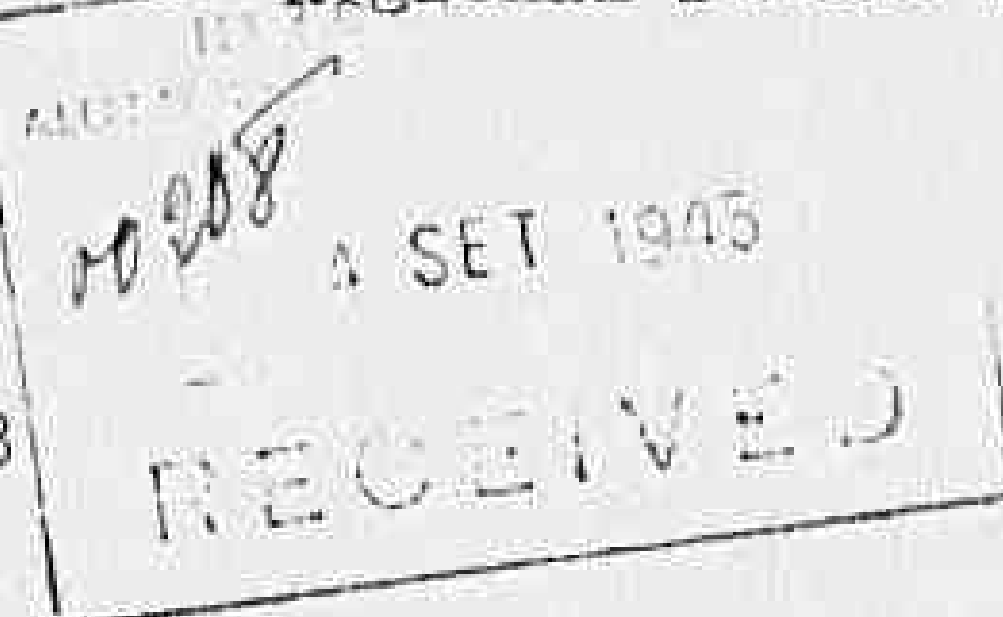


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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

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PS/15.8



3 September 1945.

SUBJECT : P.O.W. 114497 Gunner
D.R. Keth - U.D.F.

TO : P.S.O. Milan City.

1. A letter has been received from the Public Safety Sub-Commission asking for enquiries to be made to try and ascertain what has happened to the above named P.O.W.

2. Enquiries have already been made in Pavia and it has been ascertained that on 24th September 1943 Keth was taken to the Baggio Hospital in Milan by Dott. Vitali Corrado, of Via Andegari 15, Milan.

3. Attached herewith are copies of a letter from Keth's mother and a copy of a Carabinieri report from Pavia.

4. Will you please have all possible enquiries made into this matter.

By order of Colonel POLETTI,

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Enclos. as above


N.W.F. FOWLER, Major
RPSO, LOMBARDIA REGION.

RF/ns

COPY

"Delville"

BLANEY

20.6.45

General Secretary
P.O. Box 8726
JOHANNESBURG

Dear Madam,

I have just interviewed an ex P.O.W. who was in Camp 146, P.M. 3100 with my son, who is still missing, Gunner D.K.Keth, NO 114497. He gave me the following information.

Six days after Italy capitulated my son took ill; they were hiding on or near the farm of their employment. Growing worse, the P.O.W. took him to the Italian farmhouse. They did all they could for Donald. Seeing no improvement, and gradually getting worse (passing blood and vomiting blood), the P.O.W. asked the Italians please to get a doctor, which they did. P.O.W. left Donald at 11 p.m. and the doctor arrived at 1.30 AM and took him away to hospital. P.O.W. asked Italians which hospital, and they did not know. Since then he has not been heard of.

The following are addresses given me by the P.O.W. of the farmers with whom Donald was left:

Signora Giuseppe MANGONE
Saint Antonio
Carbonara
PAVIA PROVINCE ITALY

and Signor Giovanni RE (Above address)

To the Italians, Donald was known as Don.

Yours faithfully
sgd. Mrs: W/Keth

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Translation

Subject : Result of an enquiry

On verification it appears that the prisoner "Don" was hidden from Sept.8 1943 to Sept.23 in the home of Mr.Maggi Domenico son of late Luigi born at Cura Carpignano Aug.11, 1899 residing Carbonara Ticino Cascina Menocchi - a farmer.

The prisoner had an ulcer and Dr.Alberto Molina, town-doctor, had this prisoner under treatment.

On Sept.24 "Don" was taken to the Baggio (Milan) Hospital by Dr.Vitali Corrado, residing in Milan Via Andegari N.15. Dr. Vitali is the only person who can give any information in reference to this matter as the Maggi family has not heard from the prisoner since then.

sgd. Capt. Spandò

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

File No: PR/PS/18/24
Subject: Welfare Enquiry = P.O.W.
To: HQ A.C. APO 394 (Attn. Director Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

10 August 1945

Reference AC/14116/2/PS. 13 A

1. Reference our letter PR/PS/18/65 dated 7 August 1945, for a report on Pte. C. EVANS.

For the Regional Commissioner.

H. Mighall

H. MIGHALL
Major
Regional Public Safety
Officer.

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SUBJECT : Enquiries -EX PW

HQ Allied PW Repatriation Unit
C.M.F.

1014/B

HQ Allied Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394 US Army

25 June 1945

5436197 Pte C. EVANS - Duke of Cornwall's
Light Infantry

1. Micro has been received from War Officer, requesting that enquiries be made regarding the location of the above-named.

2. He was reported by a repatriated ex PW to be at the following address in Sep 44 :

Giacomo CHELLO
DOMINICO SAB
CASTILANUOVA NIGRA ✓
Provincia AOSTA. ✓

3. May enquiries please be made through the appropriate AMG Region, and any information obtained forwarded to this HQ.

Sgd

Colonel
Commander

allied PW Repatriation Unit

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T.O.O. 1700 hrs

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489081-257

AC/14116/2/PS

9 August 45

SUBJECT : Inquiries - P.W.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Piemonte Region (Attn: RPSO)

1. Further information is requested by HQ
Allied P.W.R. Unit as to the fate of the following
O.R. :-

5436197 Pte. C. Evans - Duke of Cornwall's
Light Infantry

2. He was reported by an ex P.W. to be at
the following address in September 1944 :-

Giacomo Ghello
Domenico Sab
Castilanova Nigra
Provincia Aosta.

3. An early reply would be appreciated.

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

WJD/G

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081-257

9 August 1945

AC/14116/2/PS

SUBJECT : Inquiries - P.W.

TO : Regional Commissioner Lombardia
(att: R.P.S.O.)

1. HQ Allied P.W.R. Unit requests further information re :
114497 Ganner D.R. Keth - U.D.F. *9A*
2. Copy of letter from his mother is attached with pertinent directive to determine possible fate.
3. Please reply with any information obtained to this office.

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

FFH/G

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SUBJECT: Enquiries - Ex PW.

14/11/62/35 WML/CA

HQ, Allied PW Repatriation Unit,
C. M. F.

1014/R

6 Aug 45

HQ Allied Commission
(Public Safety Sub Commission),
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army.

5436137 Pte G. EVANS - D.C.L.I.

GA

Reference is made to this HQ letter 1014/R dated
25 Jun 45.

May it please be stated whether any information has
been received concerning the above-named.

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[Signature]
Colonel,
Commander,
Allied PW Repatriation Unit.

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SUBJECT: Enquiries - PW.

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HQ, Allied PW Repatriation Unit,
G. M. F.

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Recd. 070930.

HQ Allied Commission
(Public Safety Sub Commission),
A.P.C. 391, U.S. ARMY.

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141697 Turner D.K. KETH - U.D.F.

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1. Attached copy of letter written by the mother of the abovernamed has been received via UDF Admin.HQ.(Rear).

2. As this unit has no Detachment in the vicinity of PAVIA, it is requested that investigation as to the fate of KETH be made through Public Safety Officer in that region, and that any information received be forwarded to this HQ.

TO	INFO
DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
EXEC. ADJ.	
PLANS	
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CHIEF CLERK	

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T.O.C. 1730 hrs.

Encl.


 Colonel,
 Commander,
 Allied PW Repatriation Unit.

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Copy to: UDF Admin.HQ (Rear),
G. M. F.

Your 2100/CAS/4658 dated 30 Jul 45 refers.

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"Delville",
HEANEY.

20.6.45.

General Secretary,
P.O. Box 8726,
JOHANNESBURG.

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FARVIA PROVINCIA, ITALY.

and Signor Giovanni Re (above address).

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Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Mrs W. KETH.

SUBJECT: Casualties - PW.

HQ, Allied PW Repatriation Unit,
C. M. F.

1036/R

18 Jul 45

HQ Allied Commission
(Public Safety Sub Commission),
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army.

12230 Pte A.G. MUNDELL - Union Defence Force

Further to this HQ+ letter 1036/R dated 25 Jun 45.

1. Information has now been received from UDF Admin. HQ that the above-named died on 26 Sep 43 and that his grave, since concentrated at AREZZO Emp. Cemetery, Plot 4, Row A, Grave 5, was found at AREZZO Civil Cemetery.

2. In view of the information giving grave location, G.R. & E. (Records) are now being asked whether they can supply the name of the hospital in which MUNDELL died.

TO	TO
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DEPUTY PROSECUTOR	
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T.O.O. _____ hrs.

W. J. O'Connell
Colonel,
Commander

Allied PW Repatriation Unit

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

27 June 1945

AC/14116/2/ES

SUBJECT : Ex POW Enquiry Pte C.E. Evans.

TO : Regional Commissioner Piemonte AF R.P.S.O.

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1. Attached copy of enquiry forwarded for appropriate action.
 2. Please report findings to this office.

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

Copy as above.

EPH/G.

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SUBJECT: Enquiries - Ex PW.

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HQ, Allied PW Repatriation Unit,
C. H. F.

1014/R

25 Jun 45

HQ Allied Commission
(Public Safety Sub Commission),
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army.

5436197 Pte C. EVANS - Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

1. Micro has been received from War Office, requesting that enquiries be made regarding the location of the above-named.

2. He was reported by a repatriated ex-PW to be at the following address in Sep 44:

Cincomio CIELLO,
DELLINCO SAB,
CASTILIANUOVA NIGRA,
Provincia AOSTA.

3. May enquiries please be made through the appropriate AHC Region, and any information obtained forwarded to this HQ.

NCEI/EL

T.O.O. 1700 hrs.

Handwritten signature
Colonel,
Commander,
Allied PW Repatriation Unit.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
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CHIEF CLERK		

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 473708

AC/14116/2/PS

21 April 1945

SUBJECT : Trooper PURDY

TO : AFHQ, DAG. G.1 (Br.)

1. With reference to letter CR/3478/11(Br.) dated 7 March 1945, respecting the above named.

2. Enquiries have been made and Signora BILLI Livia, of Viale Umberto N°1, Borgo S. Lorenzo, Province of Florence, interviewed. Four photographs and a book given to her by a soldier known to her as Trooper PURDIE, were recovered from Signora BILLI's servant.

3. Signora Billi states that the soldier was a POW in a camp at Borgo S. Lorenzo, and escaped shortly after the armistice made with the Badoglio Government.

4. He was however recaptured by German troops in December, 1943, and moved North. During the time he was at liberty he was fed and sheltered with other POW by Signora Billi, and it was at this time that he handed the photos and book to her servant.

5. The photos and book referred to are attached herewith.

For the Chief Commissioner :

AB
G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Sec

Enc: 4 photos, one book.

BP/wg.

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106/5

HQ, AMG 5 Army, APO 464, US Army, 17 Mar 45.
TO: SCAO, Florence City. (Attn: SCAPO)

1st Ind.

EJB/JD/ewp

Cpt Secret

1. Forwarded for enquiries on lines as suggested in basic communication and reply thru this office.

By Command of Brigadier General HUME:

E. J. Bye
E. J. BYE,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

2nd Ind.

City Police Office, Florence
To : H.Q. 5th Army, APO 464, US Army.
(Att. Chief Public Safety Office Lt. Col. Bye).

16 April 1945.

1. The enquiries in this case have been completed as directed and are attached.

WAM/ec

W. A. Moody Major
WILLIAM A. MOODY Major,
SCAPO, Florence City.

106/5

HQ, AMG 5 Army, APO 464, US Army, 17 Apr 45.
TO: HQ, AC. (Pub Sfty S/C)

3rd Ind.

EJB/ewp

1. Forwarded.

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Lt. Colonel,
Chief of Public Safety,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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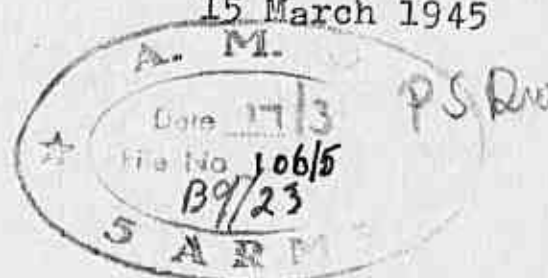
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

AC/14116/2/PS

15 March 1945

SUBJECT : Enquiries

TO : AMG 5th Army
(Attn: C.P.S.).

The attached copy of a letter received at this Office from AFHQ respecting Trooper PURDY, Durham Light Infantry, is forwarded for necessary action.

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

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

Enclosure: as above.

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BP/wg

COPY

SUBJECT: PW Identification

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/3478/G1(Br)

7 March 1945

Headquarters
Allied Commission

1. A report has been received from a repatriated Prisoner of War regarding a Trooper PURDY. The report reads as follows :-

"Trooper PURDY was in the Durham Light Infantry was captured on 18th October, 1943 at SAN ANZO";

2. The source knows nothing more about the man, but says he left Trooper PURDY's photograph and note book containing all his particulars and home address with the servant at the following address :-

Senorita LIVA BILLI,
Borgo San Lorenzo
FLORENCE.

3. As it has not been possible to identify definitely Trooper PURDY, it would be appreciated if local enquiries could be made for information which would assist in identification and recovery of the property.

sgd W.R. MAY
Major, D.A.A.G.,
For Major General,
DAG, G-1(Br).

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WRM/sfp

Copy to: G-2 (PW)

HEADQUARTERS
FLORENCE PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref. No. Enquiries Trooper PURDIE or PURDIE.
Subject Enquiries Trooper PURDIE or PURDIE.
To P.F.S.O.
From Capt. T. Marsh, P.S.O.

OFFICE OF PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

Public Safety Division
14. April 45

1. I have made enquiries of Signa. Billi Livio, of Viale Umberto, BORGO S. LORENZO, and recovered from her servant four photographs and a pocket book, which was given to her by a trooper PURDIE in November 43, as referred to in attached correspondence.
2. The above named informed me that PURDIE was a P.O.W. in a Camp in BORGO S. LORENZO, and escaped shortly after the armistice had been made with the Badoglio Government.
3. He was however re-captured by German troops in December 43 and moved north. During the period he was at liberty he was fed and sheltered by Signa. Billi with other P.O.W.'s, and it was during this time, that he handed the photos and book over to her servant.
4. Attached herewith are the photographs and pocket book referred to.

T. Marsh.
Capt. P.S.O.

(2nd No)

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City Police Officer

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Capt. P.S.O.

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(2nd No)

City Police Office.

was result of enquiries together with pocket book and photographs



*Wearing Major
Colo. Rocco Dros.*

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CITY OF FLORENCE

Police Office, Florence City.
Piazza della Signoria, No. 4.

10th April, 1945.

Ref. F/PS/6.
Subject. Enquiries.
To. P.P.S.O. Florence
(Attn. Major HARRIS).

1. Enquiry has been made at the City Address of Via Borgo S. Lorenzo with a nil result.
2. Further enquiry was made of a Mrs. BILLI Livia at a nearby address also with little success.
3. It has been ascertained however that a BILLI Livia, age 22, resides at Viale Umberto No. 1 at Borgo S. Lorenzo (Province of Florence) and I suggest you make further enquiries there.
4. From the letter of A.F.H.Q. the address is obviously the one referred to in Par. 3.
5. May I have the Corres. back as soon as the enquiry is completed please.

WAM/ec.

W.A. Moody Major.
WILLIAM A. MOODY Major,
SCAPO, Florence City.

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Capt March.

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SCAPO, Florence City.

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Capt. Marsh.
See when meeting.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

CITY OF FLORENCE

Florence 7-IV-1945

TRANSLATION.

INVESTIGATIONS.

In this city, at n. 7 Via S. Reparata, (and not at Via Borgo S. Lorenzo) lives Mrs. BILLI Livie, by unknown father and by BILLI Peressa, born in Florence, on 2-7-1913, living here, married to PIEROTTI Emilio, with three children.

In Via Vincenzo Gioberti n. 64 lives Mrs BILLI Maria Livie, of the late Vincenzo, and of the late Barzagli Agata, born at Tredozio, on 10-1-1886, married.

While BILLI Live by Guido and by Cessigali Tonina, age 22, lives at Viale Umberto n. 1. at Borgo S. Lorenzo (Florence) spinster.

In the building of Via S. Reparata n. 7, from June 1944 to the day of the liberation of Florence, Mrs. Nocenti Rosa of the late Angelo, age 65, kept as a guest in her house an Allied prisoner of Egyptian origin.

The prisoner has never said with precision where he was born. He asked to be called NINO. His complexion was very dark, dark curly hair, regular height. He wore a civilian suit very worn out.

The prisoner was introduced to Nocenti by a certain DOMININI Mafalda, age 20, who lived with Nocenti. DOMININI is not in Florence, it seems she is in the neighborhood of the line with a Italian parachute sold.

The prisoner has left no traces. Two days after the liberation he went to Via Macchiavelli 22, Villa Macchiavelli, from where he was sent home. At the presentation centre, he was recognized under the name of MAFED. Mrs. Nocenti, has had only Lire 200 for the keeping of the prisoner from the Swiss Consul, to whom she delivered a letter written by the prisoner.

BILLI who lives at n. 7 Via S. Reparata, knows the above mentioned prisoner, but she has never had any Allied prisoner in her house. It would be better to investigate at Borgo S. Lorenzo.

Il sottotenente

RENZO, 15.5

PS/ He hasn't left photographs or other records to Mrs. Nocenti.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 294

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ACV/14116/2/PS

SUBJECT: *Enquiries - Lpr. PURDY. DLI's.*TO: *SCAO* *Amg 5 ARMY* *2A.*
Attention ~~S.S.S.~~ CPS

Reference our letter AC/14116/2/PS of 15/3/45.
please expedite reply.

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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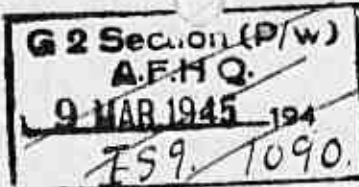
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Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Enclosure: as above.

BP/wg

BF 1 month
Expedite at 3A

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P. Safety

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SUBJECT:- PW Identification

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CR/3478/G1(Br)

4 Mar 45

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for Major General,
DAG, G.1(Br).

WRM/sfp.

Copy to:- G 2(PW).

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