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TRACING OF WITNESS
FEB., MAR. 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 473708

26 March, 1945.

AC/1419/PS

SUBJECT : Lt. Layland Witness.

TO : Regional Commissioner Abruzzi-Marche Region
attn: R.P.S.O.

With reference to your letter R5/514/5 dated
7 March 1945, herewith is returned the statement referred
to, which has been verified by Lt. Layland before a magis-
trate at Pretoria.

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

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PF/G.

W/FH/12

30 (1W),
UDF ADM HQ (MAIN),
CMF.

9 March 45.

12 MAR 1945

TO: D.A.G. (TOW),

GRC,
PRETORIA.

CZE,

UDF ADM HQ (REAR)

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H.C.,

ALLIED COMMISSION,

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION,

APO 394, CMF.

(for info)

SUBJECT: TRACING OF WITNESS

1. A trial is proceeding against certain Italian Civilians charged with black-market and other offences in Teramo Province. One of the accused, AMAZZALORSO APOLDO, a well known partisan leader, is stated to have been known to No. 107119 Lt. E.W. LAYLAND, 2nd S.A. Lt. Regt. an ex POW of MODENA, Camp No. P.G. 47, who had made a statement setting forth the good work of Ammazalorso in his activities against the Germans.

This statement would be useful to the defence, and the Court of Appeal, Aquila. has asked that the signature of Lt. Layland to the statement be verified.

2. Enquiries have been made at the Allied Screening Commission, but without result.

3. It is assumed that Lt. LAYLAND is still in the Union, as at 15 Feb 45, and this being the case it would be appreciated if the attached statement, forwarded to this office by HQ Allied Commission, could be affirmed by him and the signature duly witnessed by a magistrate.

4. Could the matter please be treated as URGENT.

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W. J. Roberts
Lt. Col.
for Maj. Gen.
GOA

LT. ADMIRAL (MAIN) CMT.

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CHIEF OF STAFF		

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TO :- HQ. AC. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
 FROM :- HQ. AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region.
 SUBJECT :- Lt. LAYLAND - Witness.
 REF :- R5/514/5.
 DATE :- 7 March 1945.



Reference your AC/14159/PS dated 5 March 45.

It is desired that the statement be forwarded to the Union to be affirmed by a magistrate as suggested.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

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

TO	INT	DATE
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 478800

6 March 1945

AC/14159/PS

SUBJECT : Tracing of witness.

TO : E.C. (PS) UDF ADM HQ (Main) C.M.F.

1. With further reference to this Office letter AC/14159/PS dated 16 February, 1945 and your letter W/PS/12 dated 23 February, 1945.

2. Enquiries have been made at the Allied Screening Commission, but without result.

3. It would be appreciated if the attached statement could be forwarded so that it may be affirmed by Lt. LAYLAND as suggested.

For the Chief Commissioner :

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

TO : HQ. A.C. Public Safety Sub Commission
 FROM : HQ. AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region
 SUBJECT : Lt. Layland witness
 REF : R5/514/5
 DATE : 3 March 1945

Ref your AC/14159/PS dated 16 Feb 45.

The attached copy of letter received from FPSO Teramo is forwarded for your information. It is self explanatory.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

TO	
DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
EXEC. OFFICER	
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 Lt. Colonel
 R.P.S.O.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Teramo Province

TO : P.C. Chieti. Attention:P.P.S.O.

SUBJECT : Lt. Layland, statement

REF : TP/128

DATE : 24 February 1945

Ref R5/514/5 - 19.2.45

The request made to me originally was that either Lt. Layland be allowed to attend the Italian Assize Court to give evidence for the defence or that the statement be forwarded to him for authentication and signature. I advised the Italian authorities that it was not possible to get him back and they requested that the statement be confirmed by Layland and returned to them.

Could this be carried out please if Le. Laylands present whereabouts are known?

/s/ T. Bellamy
Captain,
Prov. Police Officer

TB/SD

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

5 March 1945.

AC/14159/PS

SUBJECT : Lt. Layland - Witness.

TO : Regional Commissioner Abruzzi-Marche Region.
attention R.P.S.O.

1. With reference to your letter R5/514/5 dated
12 February 45, and further to this office letter AC/14159/PS
dated 16 February 45. 1A 13A

2. It has now been suggested by UNF. ADM. HQ. CMF.
that the signature of Lt. Layland to the statement could be
affirmed by a magistrate in the Union of South Africa if
required.

3. Will you please state if you desire the statement
to be forwarded to the Union for that purpose.

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

RP/G.

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SUBJECT: Tracing of Witness.

W/PW/12

SO (PW).
UDF ADM HQ (MAIN)
CMF.

23 Feb. 45

TO: The Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
Civil Affairs Section,
APO 394.

- 1) Your AC/14159/PS ad 16 Feb 45 refers.
- 2) No. 107119 Lt. E.W. Layland, 2nd SAA Regt.,
returned to the Union of S.A. on 28th. July 44.
- 3) If the statement be passed to this office the
signature of the a/a Officer could be affirmed
either by the A.I.S. or by a magistrate in the
Union.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

16 February, 1945

AC/14159/FS

SUBJECT : Lt. Layland - Witness.

TO : Regional Commissioner Abruzzi-Marche Region
Attention RPSO.

With reference to your letter R5/514/5 dated
12 February, 1945.

It has been ascertained that Lt. E.W. Layland
returned to the Union of South Africa in July, 1944.

Would you please state if any further action
is desired.

His statement will be held at this office
pending your reply.

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

BP/O.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

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AC/14159/PS

Tel : 478800

SUBJECT : Tracing of Witness.

16 February, 1945.

TO : S.O. (PW) UDE. ADM. HQ (Main) CMF.

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A trial is proceeding against certain Italian Civilians charged with black-market and other offences in Teramo Province.

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This statement would be useful to the defence, and the Court of Appeal, Aquila, has asked that the signature of Lt. Layland to the statement be verified, and if possible, that Lt. Layland be called as a witness for the defence.

The statement is now held at this office, and before any further action is taken, it would be appreciated if the present location of Lt. Layland could be given.

For the Chief Commissioner :

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G. R. UPJOHN Brig.
VP, CA Sec.
ECOE, AC.

Copy to R.P.S.O.
Abruzzi Marche Region.

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TO : HQ. AC. Public Safety Sub Commission

FROM : HQ. AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region

SUBJECT : Statement by Lt. E.W. LAYLAND 107119
2nd S.A. AA Regt.

REF : R5/514/5

DATE : 12 February 1945

The attached copy of letter received from P.P.S.O. Chieti ref. PS/TER 1./CPT dated 9 February 1945 is forwarded together with the report referred to.

If there is any possibility of Lt. Layland being traced, could his signature be verified.

Please return the report when it has served your purpose.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

TO	INT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN	W	13/4
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILCOX		
MAJ. LUCKMAN		
MAJ. WILSON		
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S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel
R.P.S.O.

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Subject : Statement by Lt. 107119 E.W. LAYLAND
2nd S.A. AA Regt.

PS/TER.1/CPT

To : HQ AMG/AC Abruzzi Marche Region (for RPSO) 9 Feb 45

From : HQ AC Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces

Attache correspondence refers to a trial in consequence of 15 arrests for blackmarket and other activities in TERAMO Provinces in August 1944, while a Capt BOWD was acting as PPSO.

The subject of the correspondence, AMMAZZALORSO Armando, a well known partisan leader was alleged to be implicated and also arrested, later while being transferred from Chieti Prison to Teramo Prison, a demonstration took place outside Teramo Prison and in the confusion AMMAXXALORSO and two of his henchmen escaped. They are still at large.

The trial is to proceed, however and the Court of Appeal Aquila, has asked for proof of authenticity of the signature to the attached document.

Forwarded for whatever assistance can afford in the matter.

/s/ ?????

Major,
Provincial Commissioner,
AC Chieti, Pescara & Teramo
Provinces.

TPC/CP
Chieti.

TO : Provincial Commissioner, HQ. A.C., Chieti, Pescara & Teramo.
FROM : HQ. Allied Commission, TERAMO PROVINCE.
SUBJECT : Lieut. C.M. Layland - witness.
REF : TI/205.
DATE : 5th February, 1945.

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2. They have duly forwarded the statement, which, you will agree, is valuable to the defence. Ammazzalorso is one of the escapees still at large, but the trial will proceed I understand - and efforts should be made as requested.

3. Will you therefore please forward the statement through channels to Lt. Layland for signature and return.

Thos. Bellamy
Capt.
Provincial Police Officer.
TERAMO PROVINCE.

TB/JH.

TO : Provincial Commissioner, HQ. A.C. Chieti
Pescara & Teramo
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REF : TP/205
DATE : 5th February 1945

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TERAMO PROVINCE

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