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EXPLOSION IN BARI HARBOUR
APR., MAY 1945

Minute Sheet.

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10 Apr 45

Noted (AB) D.B. Humphreys
10 Apr 45
Walter Doherty
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W.D. Doherty
Security Officer
10 Apr 45

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Thank you

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A. Executive Commission

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Thank you

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24 Apr 45

E. H. Soden



RISERVA PERSONALE

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 323/6 di prot. R.P.

Roma, li 12 aprile 1945

Risposta al

del

Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Esplosione di un piroscafo alleato nel Porto di Bari.-

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

R O M A

Ha seguito al foglio n° 323/4 R.P. in data 10 corrente.-

Il Comandante del Gruppo Interno CC.RR. di Bari comunica le seguenti precisazioni:

Il 9 corrente, alle ore 12 circa, nel porto di Bari (banchina n° 14), si verificò improvvisamente lo scoppio della nave americana "HENDERSON" di circa 8.000 tonnellate, carica di esplosivi e di nafta.

Lo scoppio investì altre due navi vicine appiccandovi il fuoco. Una di esse, l'italiana "LUCIA COSULI", con a bordo del carburante, fu rimorchiata al largo, dove continuò a bruciare. L'altra nave, la "KNOLL", con carico prevalente di vetriario, rimase solo in parte danneggiata.-

Sulle cause del sinistro si formulano parecchie ipotesi, ma non si ha modo ancora di fare delle precisazioni, per quan

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to si escluda generalmente la possibilità di sabotaggio. Secondo versione accreditata negli ambienti della polizia alleata si farebbe risalire la causa determinante all'imprudenza di qualche fumatore.

La nave esplosa aveva un equipaggio di circa 80 uomini, dei quali, finora, non si hanno notizie. La compagnia Nazzario Sauro aveva sul posto circa 200 operai ed impiegati dei quali solo una trentina hanno risposto all'appello. La banchina n°14 ha riportato gravi danni e una interruzione.

Tre gru sono scomparse ed altre tre rese inservibili. I vari capannoni in legno ed in muratura rasi al suolo; pressoché distrutta l'attrezzatura portuale della zona.

La formidabile esplosione colse di sorpresa e con effetti terrificanti il personale italiano ed alleato che per ragioni di lavoro o di servizio si trovava sul posto. Molte vittime si ebbero per la violenta proiezione di schegge e di nafta infiammata.

Particolarmente danneggiato il rione di Bari Vecchia dove si verificarono crolli di abitazioni. Numerosi stabili sono rimasti pericolanti e quindi inabitabili. Tutta la città ha risentito dello spostamento di aria causato dalla esplosione. Quasi tutti i vetri sono andati in frantumi; gli infissi divelti e danneggiati specie nella zona di Bari Vecchia e nelle vie del centro più vicine al porto. Anche alcune chiese della città vecchia hanno subito danni.

Il numero delle vittime ancora oggi non si può precisare, ma supera indubbiamente le cifre comunicate con le precedenti segnalazioni.-

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La caserma della Legione Carabinieri ha risentito sensibilmente degli effetti dello spostamento di aria. Molti vetri e delle vetrare sono andati in frantumi; sensibili danni agli infissi.

Molto apprezzata in pubblico l'opera di soccorso immediatamente spiegata dagli alleati e dalle autorità civili e militari, che si sono prodigate nel porgere aiuto agli infortunati e nel rimuovere le vittime.

Tutti gli ospedali civili ed alleati hanno accolto indistintamente i numerosi feriti che affluivano, procedendo al ricovero dei più gravi ed alle medicazioni di quelli più leggeri.

Parecchi degli infortunati sono stati trasferiti con mezzi occasionali anche negli ospedali dei comuni vicini.

Il Prefetto, che ha riportato leggera ferita alla testa, ha subito disposto per la requisizione di tutti gli immobili da poter adibire ad alloggio dei senza tetti, mettendo a disposizione dell'E.O.A. una prima somma di tre milioni per soccorsi assistenziali. Presso il Comune di Bari ha cominciato a funzionare l'ufficio assistenza sinistrati con personale apposito, eliminando ogni superflua burocrazia al fine di raggiungere sollecita, pratica ed efficace assistenza ai bisognosi. La popolazione, in un primo tempo terrorizzata, si è mantenuta disciplinata e rassegnata alla dura prova cui è stata sottoposta.

Sono in corso altre iniziative.

Le autorità civili e militari, ed oggi anche S.E. GASPAROTTO, in rappresentanza del Governo, hanno visitato tutti i

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degenti presso gli ospedali recando loro parole di conforto e di solidarietà.-

p. IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
-Brunetto Brunetti-
- Il Gen. di Div. Alfredo Ferrari -

Ferrari

Commanding General C.E. R.R. 247

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No 323/2

Rome 9 April 1945

Subject: Explosion of an Allied ship, in the Port of Bari.

To: Allied Commission, Public Safety S/E, Rome

At about twelve o'clock today, 9th April, there has been an outbreak of fire, on a Allied Ship in this Port of Bari, the cause of it, is not known.

(Unknown if it was loaded of ammunition, or if it was a Tanker)

The explosion, for its violent displacement of air, has had repercussion on all the Buildings of the City. It is now in course, to ascertain the number of victims, and the entity of damages.

In just the one C.E. R.R. Barracks, situated on the seafront, there has been twenty Carabinieri injured, 51 of them seriously.

Reserved for further news. Commanding General
Brunetto Brunetti.



Trandate
RISERVATO PERSONALE

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 323/2 di prot. R.F.

Roma, li 9 aprile 1945

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Esplosione di un piroscafo alleato nel porto di Bari.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA -

- Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

R O M A

Verso le ore 12 di oggi, 9 aprile, nel porto di Bari é scoppiata, per cause non ancora precisate, una nave alleata (ignorasi se trattasi di piroscafo carico di munizioni o di una petroliera).

Lo scoppio, per il violento spostamento d'aria, ha avuto ripercussione sugli stabili della città.

E' in corso di accertamento il numero delle vittime e l'entità dei danni.

Nella sola caserma della Legione CC.RR., sita lungomare, vi sono 20 militari dell'Arma feriti, di cui uno in modo grave.

Riserva di ulteriori notizie.-

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
-Brunetto Brunetti-

Brunetti

TRANSLATION. no.

CARAPINISRI HEADQUARTERS COMMAND

Rome 10th April, 1945.

Ref. No. 323/2 R.P. dated 9th April 1945.

No. 323/4.

SUBJECT : Explosion of an Allied ship in the Port of Bari.

TO : A.C., Public Safety Sub-Commission.

With reference to letter No. 323/2, dated 9th instant, I transcribe the following cable No. 332/7 sent on the 10th instant by the CO.RR Bari Command:-

"On the 9th instant at about 12 hours, in the port of Bari a ship loaded with petrol and bombs exploded for unknown reasons just a few minutes after the unloading was started.

In consequence of the explosion another ship loaded with petrol took fire.

As a result of the explosion many buildings have been damaged and windows broken.

The dead so far ascertained are 6 soldiers and 267 civilians; 103 soldiers and 1,724 civilians have been wounded, among whom also H.E. the Prefect."

For COMMANDING GENERAL

- Brunetti Brunetti -

DIVISIONAL GENERAL

- Alfredo Ferrari -

San Giovanni 5.20

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CCRR.HQ.

Rome 10th April 1945

Reply....: n:323/2 R.P. dated 9th April. n: 323/4

Subject: EXplosion of an Allied steamer in the Port of Bari.
To: A.C. Public Safety subCommission.

With reference to ~~your~~ letter n:323/2 dated 9th instant, I transcribe the following cable n:382/7 sent on the 10th instant by the CC.RR. Bari Command:

"On the 9th, at about 12 hrs., in the port of Bari, for unknown reasons exploded a ship loaded with petrol and bombs, just few minutes after the unloading was started.

In consequence of the explosion an other ship took fire, loaded this too with petrol.

As a result of this explosion also many buildings have been damaged and windows broken.

The death of six soldiers has been ascertained; 267 civilians are dead; 103 soldiers and 1.724 civilians have been wounded, among whom also H.E. the Prefect."

Commanding General

-Brunetto Brunetti-

Division General: Alfredo Ferrari.

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RISERVATO PERSONALE

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 323/4 di prot. R.F.

Roma, li 10 aprile 1945

Risposta al

del

Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Esplosione di un piroscalo alleato nel Porto di Bari.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

- Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza -

R O M A

A seguito del foglio n.323/2 R.F. del 9 corrente, trascrive il seguente telegramma n.382/7 spedito in data 10 corrente dal comando della compagnia CC.RR. di Bari Internat:

""Ore 12 circa 9 corrente Porto Bari cause finora imprecise verificavasi improvviso scoppio piroscalo carico carburanti et bombe poco dopo iniziate operazioni scarico. Seguito esplosione incendiavasi altro vicino piroscalo carico carburante. Esplosione ha avuto ripercussioni stabili lesionando notevolmente diverse abitazioni et altri edifici quartiere vecchio et danneggiando infissi nonché vetri numerosi altri stabili. Sinora accertati sei militari morti et 267 civili nonché 103 militari et 1.724 civili feriti tra cui leggermente anche Eccellenza Prefetto.""

P. IL GENERALE COMANDANTE

- Brunetto Brunetti -

Il Generale di Divisione Alfredo Ferrari

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE

14173 14th May 1945.

N. 348 P.

Subject : Explosion in the Bari Port.

To : A.C. Finance Sub-Commission
To : A.C. P.S. S/C.

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For your information we transcribe the following letter, dated 13th April 1945, which Major Beattie, Commander of the English Military Police at the Bari Port, has sent to the Commander of the Bari G.G.P.F. Legion:

"I am very glad that you have accepted my gratitude and my great satisfaction for the excellent work and spirit shown by the men of the Finance Guard at the Bari Port during the disaster which has occurred on Monday 9th April 1945. No one has spared himself in the service and I firmly hold that this is in accordance with the traditions of the Finance Guard."

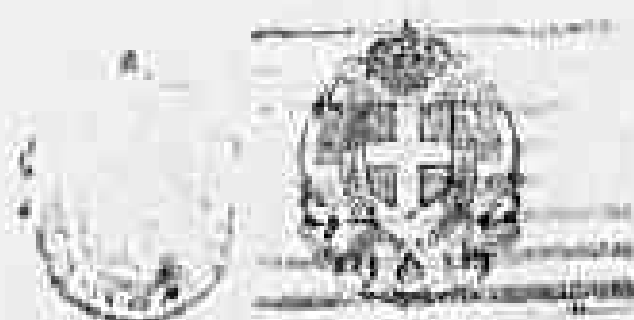
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Commanding General
(G.B.Oxilia)

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COMANDO GENERALE R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

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Divisione

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OGGETTO Esplosione nel porto di Bari.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

-Sottocommissione Finanza-

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

-Safety Police-

~~ROMA~~

Per notizia si comunica, qui di seguito, la lettera del 13 aprile u.s. che il maggiore Beattie, Comandante della polizia militare inglese del porto di Bari, ha inviato al Comandante della Legione R. Guardia di Finanza di quella città:

" Mi è cosa molto gradita che accettiate il mio ringraziamento ed il mio vivo compiacimento per l'eccellente opera prestata e lo spirito dimostrato dai militari della Guardia di Finanza al Porto di Bari durante il disastro di lunedì 9 aprile 1945.

Tutti si sono prodigati nel servizio in modo esemplare e ritengo fermamente che ciò è conforme

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alle tradizioni della Guardia di Finanza."

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE f.g.s.
COMANDANTE GENERALE
(G.B.Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

18 APR 1945

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

April 14, 1945

Subject: Explosion in an ammunition ship in Bari.

Ref.: IB/71

18 APR 1945

To: Allied Commission H.Q. C.M.F.

(For attention Brig. J. Uggiate)

1) I have to report that after a hurried take over from Lt. Col. Turner-Coles on Friday 6th April 1945, I assumed duty as Allied Commission Liaison Officer South-Eastern Italy with H.Q. in Bari at 11.30 hrs. on Thursday 12th April '45.

2) As is now well known a severe explosion had occurred in an ammunition ship at about 12.00 hrs. on Monday, 9 April '45.

3) In the course of my passage through the town and later in the course of a general tour I was very greatly impressed with the rapidity with which disoused people had been accommodated and fed and law and order apparently restored and maintained. I have myself noticed no signs of panic amongst the population and these observations are confirmed by the Prefect of Bari whom I interviewed yesterday morning. The Prefect further assures me that there is no apparent tendency even towards "jitteriness" amongst the civilian population.

4) When regard is had to the dimensions of the explosion and to the extensiveness of the damage which has been done it is a tribute to the manner in which the Allied Armed Services and the civilian Authorities faced up to the numerous problems which invariably follow in the wake of such a disaster that even outward normality has been so rapidly restored.

5) Capt. Jones who was acting during my absence on duty in Rome ascertained within a few minutes of the explosion that all A.C. personnel had escaped injuries although the A.C. Offices were badly damaged, all windows and many doors having been wrecked. He thereafter immediately telephoned a short report to A.C. H.Q. and then proceeded to the docks area and gave all the assistance he could. Within a very short period ferry services and ambulances

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6) Immediate steps were taken in conjunction with Town Major 50 to re-house families who had lost their homes and the distribution of food supplies was got under way. Air raid shelters were visited by Capt. Jones who had no difficulty in calming people who had taken refuge there under the impression that a great air raid was taking place. The excellent work done and the coolness and efficiency displayed by the Allied Forces as a whole did much to restore order in a situation which might easily have become dangerously chaotic.

7) The Prefect has expressed to me his appreciation of the assistance and cooperation he has had from the Military

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Authorities in rapidly re-housing, feeding and attending to the many hundreds of people rendered injured or rendered homeless by the explosion. I myself saw an example of this assistance and cooperation yesterday (13 April '45) when, thanks to the efforts of 54 Area, the Prefect was able to re-house a further hundred families. One of the problems now calling for resolution is the re-housing of some 150 prostitutes who at the time were, I understand, undergoing treatment in one of the hospitals damaged by the explosion.

8) According to the latest figures obtainable from the British portion of No. 98 General Hospital, Allied Forces casualties are as under:

KILLED	41
INJURED	132
MISSING	not yet known

9) The Prefect has supplied me with the following figures in respect of Italian civilian casualties:

KILLED	360
INJURED	1730
MISSING	not yet known
HOMELESS but accommodated	217 families
HOMELESS non accommodated	30 families

It is possible that accommodation will still have to be found for a further 300 families at present living in houses which are considered unsafe.

Lt. Col. Dawson
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 Allied Commission
 Liaison Officer

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No. 323/6 R.P.

SUBJECT: Explosion

12th April, 1945.

the Port of Bari.

TO : A.A.O. P.E. S/C.

In continuation of letter No. 323/4 R.P., dated 10th instant:-

The Commander of the Bari Internal 20.HR Group communicates the following details:-

On the 9th instant at about 1200 hours, in the Port of Bari, slipway No. 14, there suddenly exploded the American ship "Henderson" of about 3,000 tons, carrying a cargo of explosives and petrol.

The explosion hit two nearby ships causing them to take fire. One of them the Italian "Lucia Coculi", carrying fuel, was towed out to sea, where she continued to burn. The other ship, the "Mucoli", carrying clothing, was only partly damaged.

As to the cause of the disaster there are many hypotheses but it has not yet been possible to arrive at accurate details, although the possibility of sabotage is generally excluded. According to accredited versions among the Allied Police the cause would appear to be the imprudence of a smoker.

The exploded ship had a crew of about 30 men of whom, up to now there is no news. The Nazario Sauro Company had on the spot about 200 workmen and employees of whom only 30 have replied to the roll-call. The wharf No. 14 has suffered serious damage and interruption.

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The exploded ship had a crew of about 80 men of whom, up to now there is no news. The Maxerio Mauro Company had on the spot about 200 workmen and employees of whom only 20 have replied to the roll-call. The wharf No. 14 has suffered serious damage and interruption.

Three cranes have disappeared and another three have been rendered useless. The various storehouses in wood and in brick have been raised to the ground; port installations 52, the zone are practically destroyed.

The formidable explosion caught by surprise and with terrifying effects the Italian and Allied Personnel who for work or service reasons were on the spot. There were many victims from the violent hurling of splinters and burning petrol.

Old Bari was particularly damaged where many houses crumbled. Many buildings have remained in a dangerous condition and are therefore uninhabitable. All the city felt the air displacement caused by the explosion. Nearly all windows were broken and fixtures bent and damaged especially

in Old Bari and the central streets nearest to the Port. Also some churches in the old city sustained damage.

The number of victims cannot even to-day be established but it undoubtedly exceeds the figures given in previous reports.

The barracks of the Gariboldi Legion felt strongly the effects of the air displacement. Many windows and much other glass were smashed and there was much damage to fixtures.

The public have much appreciated the first-aid work and rescue work immediately undertaken by the Allies and the Civil and Military Authorities, who extended themselves in giving help to the injured and removing the victims.

All civil and Allied Hospitals received indiscriminately the numerous wounded who were flowing in, giving beds to the more dangerously, and medications to the more lightly wounded.

Many wounded have been transferred by any means available to hospitals in the nearby communes.

The Prefect, who suffered a light wound on the head, immediately ordered the requisition of all buildings capable of housing the refugees, placing at the disposition of the EOA a first sum of 3 millions for rescue and welfare work. It the Commune of Bari Office the Bureau for assistance to refugees is already functioning with the appropriate personnel. All superfluous bureaucracy being eliminated, with the aim of arriving at speedy, practical and efficient assistance for the needy. The population, at first terrified, has remained disciplined and resigned to the hard trial to which it has been submitted.

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The civil and military authorities, and to-day also M.B. Garparotto, representing the Government, have visited all those in hospital, giving them words of comfort and solidarity.

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FOR THE GENERAL COMMANDING

- Brunetto Brunetti -
THE DIVISIONAL GENERAL
- Alfredo Ferranti -

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/600

10 April 1945 *JA*

SUBJECT : Explosion in Bari Harbour

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission ✓

1. At 1200 hours, 9 April 1945 a British ammunition ship exploded in Bari harbour. Many neighboring ships were set on fire and damages were done to the city. The Headquarters suffered damages and many were wounded. Col. DE LUCA of S.I.M., Lt. Col. DELL'AGLIO and another 7 or 8 others were sent to a hospital. Lt. Col. GISMONDI of Finance Guards was wounded.

2. There is no information available as to how the explosion occurred, or the name of the vessel.

S.J. Harvey
S.J. HARVEY
Major,
Security Division.

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIORRome 9-4-45
n: 1697

Subject: Accident.
To.....: A.C. Public Safety sub Commission.
Cabinet of the under Secretary of the Interior.

Phonogram arrived at 14,45 hrs from the Bari Prefecture.

This morning at about 12 o'clock, for unknown reasons, the oil-tanker anchored in this port, exploded.

Serious damages, investigations are being made in regard to the number of the victims.

Several hundred of wounded among whom the under-signed, in consequence of chips of glass blown out, by the explosion.

All the windows of the Prefecture, Questura, public offices, and private houses, are broken.

The population is very excited but disciplined.

Further news will be furnished.

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Signed: Antonucci

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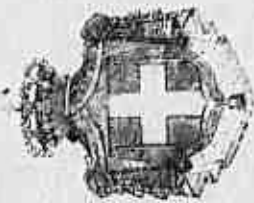
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Signed: Antonucci

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*Ministero dell'Interno*

9 Aprile 1945

FONOGRAMMA IN ARRIVO

Ore 14.45 Dalla R. Prefettura di Bari

Al Gabinetto del Sottosegretario all'Interno
Alla Direzione Generale della P.S.

no 1697 - Gab.

Circa ore 12 stamane per cause non ancora precisate saltava in aria petroliera ancorata questo porto. Danni rilevanti et in corso accertamenti numero vittime.

Diverse centinaia feriti tra cui leggermente sottoscritto in dipendenza scheglie vetri protettati dallo scoppio.

Infissi et vetri uffici pubblici specialmente R. Prefettura et R. Questura et abitazioni private divelti et infranti e carteggio devastato.

Popolazione allarmatissima mantiensì disciplinata.

Riservomi ulteriori notizie.

firmato ANTONUCCI

Trasmette Dr Dultio

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