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TREATMENT OF SICK PRISONERS
MAY 1944

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY (FLAD)
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

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26th May 1944.
203/7

SUBJECT: Death of D'Arpino, Luigi, in
SESSA AURUNCA Prison.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Rear H.Q., A.C.C.

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Reference this office 203/7 dated 19 May 1944, attached please
find report by Major SUPPENE who was S.C.A.P.O., C.E.F. Corps.

For the Commanding General:

E.B. Mayne

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Lt.Col., U.D.F.,
Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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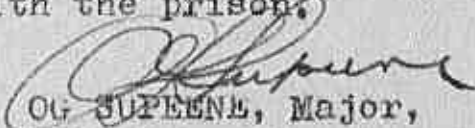
23rd May 1944
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SUBJECT: Death of Prisoner at Sessa Aurunca Prison.

TO : S.C.A.O., A.M.G. 5th Army (field) through
S.C.A.O., C.E.F.

1. Reference the above subject matter I have to report that I have no recollection of the prison governor reporting any urgent case but I have some recollection of a report that a prisoner reported sick and that I gave instructions to the prison governor to have a doctor called.
2. While I am not in a position to contradict the statement made by the prison governor it appears to me that had I been apprised of the seriousness of the case that I would have taken immediate steps to have the sick man removed to a hospital, in accordance with the doctor's report. The shortness of the time the prisoner still had to serve would not have entered into the question.
3. I have been a policeman since 1920 and I fully appreciate the seriousness of a sick prisoner and the responsibility there is involved.
4. May 7th fell on a Sunday. May 8th was the day on which the biweekly meeting of all C.A.O.'s with the CEF was held. On the afternoon of that day I was warned for duty with the Free French Division effective at once. accordingly I handed over my duties as C.A.P.O. - CEF to Lt. Scalfie forthwith and departed on the A.M. of 9th May. I had no further contact with the prison.


OG SUPPENE, Major,
CAO. 1st DIM - CEF.

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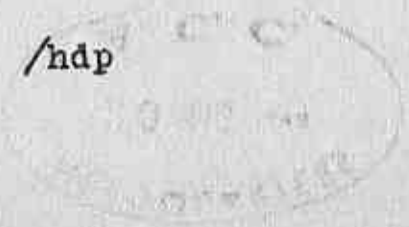
1. It was reported to me by Lt. Scatife, C.A.P.O., that the above named prisoner died while in custody and an enquiry was made at the request of Lt. Col. Doherty, Chief of Public Safety.
2. Lt. Dunstan made the enquiry and his report is attached.
3. Major Supeene, C.E.F., was S.C.A.O. at the time and it has not been found possible to interview him as he is well forward in the line with a French Division. An early opportunity will be taken to get his report.
4. The examining doctor states that the man would have died in any event and that his removal to hospital would have perhaps extended life by 2 or 3 days.
5. It is not expected there will be any repercussions in the nature of a claim by relatives - parents being dead.
6. The necessary action has been taken that if any similar cases occur, prisoners must be removed to hospital.

For the Commanding General:

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TO : S.C.A.O., A.M.G. 5th Army (Field).

1. On the 18th May 1944, I proceeded to Sessa Aurunca to enquire into the death of Luigi D'Arpino, who died in the prison on 11th May 1944.
2. D'Arpino was arrested at 10 P.M. on the 21st April at Corigliano by French Military Police, attached to 64 eme. R.A.A. 3. Groupe for travelling more than 10 kilometers from his residence without a permit. On the 24th April he was transported to Sessa Aurunca prison, and on the 28th April he appeared before the summary court and was sentenced to 20 days imprisonment to date from the 24th April, on which date he first entered the prison, this made the date for release the 14th May 1944.
3. On 7th May D'Arpino reported that he was ill, and the prison governor called in Dr. Di Gennaro to examine him. After examination and treatment the doctor wrote a certificate (copy in file) stating the complaints and the necessity for urgent hospital treatment.
4. This certificate was then taken by the prison governor to Major Supeene for authorisation to transport the prisoner to the civilian hospital. This authorisation was not given, and as far as I could ascertain from the prison governor, the reason being that D'Arpino had only a few days of his sentence to serve, and it was not thought necessary by Major Supeene to arrange for his transfer to hospital.
5. I interviewed Dr. Di Gennaro who stated that the prisoner was suffering from heart trouble and intestinal colic, and that he gave him medicine for both complaints.

He further stated that D'Arpino had probably been suffering from heart trouble for some months, which may have been caused by a previous attack of rheumatism. Further that his being in prison did not in anyway cause the death, also that if the prisoner had been taken to hospital on the 7th it would not have saved his life, the only thing it may have done was to prolong life for perhaps 2 - 3 days.

6. D'Arpino was arrested with his brother Giulio D'Arpino and his cousin Mario D'Arpino, and as far as is known these are the only relatives, his father and mother being dead. These two men were released from Sessa prison on the 14th May 1944, their present whereabouts are unknown.

7. It appears that no one was aware that D'Arpino was ill until the 7th May, he had not complained to anyone previously, and at his trial no mention was made of this fact.

8. I would suggest that if it is thought necessary for further enquiries to be made, that Major Supeene is the only person who could throw more light on the matter.

Dunstan. Lieut.

J.E.H. DUNSTAN,
Lt., C.A.P.O.,
Public Safety,
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