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PRISONERS' PROPERTY, RETURN OF  
(JUN. 1944); APR. - SEPT. 1945



To Legal S/C.

Forwarded as suggested in S.A.

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3-7-45

Major E. H. Matthews

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To: Public Safety S/C

Major E. H. Matthews succeeded  
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A search of the case records has  
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There is no record of any property  
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it is believed that such property, if not  
turned in to the office.

*W. J. Matthews*

Col. MF

Chief Judicial Officer  
for Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

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To SCAPO Naples.

File returned as requested. Note # 2 - 2100

10 July 45

Major E. H. Matthews  
S.O. P.S. 45



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
NAPLES COMMUNE  
APO 394  
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

17 SET. 1945

Ref. PS. 8.13

Date 14 Sept. 45

SUBJECT:

Restitution of Stolen Property.

TO:

HQ Allied Commission,  
(Attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Attached are copies of complete file of correspondence concerning the disappearance of a watch, the property of P/O THORVALDSON.

2. Also attached is the original receipt for this watch, signed by Major VECCHIOLLA, which may now be returned to the proper Italian Authority.

3. Further investigation appears useless, and the watch must now be presumed to be lost.

For the Commissioner:

| TO              | INIT | DATE |
|-----------------|------|------|
| DIRECTOR        |      |      |
| DEPUTY DIRECTOR |      |      |
| EXEC. OFFICER   |      |      |
| POLICE          |      |      |
| I.C. & REG.     |      |      |
| PRISONS         |      |      |
| ADM. SERVICE    |      |      |
| SECURITY        |      |      |
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F.P. LUCKMAN  
Major, A.C.,  
S.C.A.F.O.

File closed  
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57158 = Reperto che si invia all'Ufficio Legale  
del Tribunale Militare Alleato, consistente in un  
orologio marca "Rover" tipo cronometro sequestrato  
a Bonanno Domenico di Luigi; un orologio marca "Rai-  
co" con cinghietta e L.200 sequestrati a Lombardo  
Federico e un portafogli contenente la somma di  
lire mille sequestrati a Rovetto Salvatore fu Giu-  
seppe, responsabile assieme ad altri di rapina ag-  
gravata in danno di un Ufficiale Inglese.

Palermo, li 14 Giugno 1944. =

IL RICEVENTE

*Frank P. Vechöller*  
*Frank P. Vechöller.*  
*Maggiore*  
*Ufficio Legale Regio*  
*14-6-44*

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
NAPLES COMMUNE  
APO 394  
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS 8.13

Date 14 September 1945

SUBJECT: Restitution of Stolen Property.

TO : Provost Marshal, R.A.F., M.A.A.F., C.M.F.  
(Attn F/Lt. WOOD).

1. Reference your PM/2008/1/15 dated 7 Dec 1945 concerning return of stolen property to F/O THORVALDSON, No. 221 Squadron.

2. Attached hereto are copies of correspondence and reports from exhaustive inquiries made in an effort to locate the watch in question, all of which failed to produce the watch or its present location.

3. Attention is particularly invited to para. 4 of letter of Major VECCHIOLLA dated 7 Sept. 1945, in which it is stated that a number of thefts occurred at the Legal Office, Palermo, during the months of July and August 1944. It is possible that the watch in question could have disappeared during that time.

4. All possible avenues have been checked without result and the watch must now be presumed to be lost.

For the Commissioner:

FPL/tp.

F.P. LUCKMAN  
Major, A.C.,  
S.C.A.P.C.

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
NAPLES COMMUNE  
LEGAL DIVISION  
APO 394

7 September 1945

SUBJECT: Prisoners Property - Return of.

TO : Public Safety (Attn: Major LUCKMAN).

1. The signature appearing on the receipt dated June 14, 1944 is apparently my signature.

2. At this date I do not have any personal recollection of this particular receipt, because of the course of my duties at the Palermo Legal Office many items of property were received daily. As these items of property came in they were usually in custody of my chief clerk who would from time to time turn them over to the prosecutor who would introduce them in evidence to the court.

3. I cannot recall whether the case involving this watch was ever tried before the Palermo Courts. I was transferred from the Palermo Legal Office on September 1, 1944 and my successor was a Major MATHEWS.

4. I can personally certify that I have no knowledge as to the whereabouts of this watch. It is a fact that we had a number of thefts at the Legal Office in Palermo during the months of July and August 1944 and said thefts were reported to Col. JORDAN the Executive Officer of Region I. It is therefore very likely that this watch may have been the object of a theft.

FLY/ka  
tp.

(sgd) Frank L. Vecchiolla

FRANK L. VECCHIOLLA  
Major, J.A.G.D.,  
Senior Legal Officer.

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C O P Y2nd Ind

25.8.1945

FROM: Hq Naples Commune A.M.C.

(S.C.A.P.C.)

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission

(Attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission).

Your 9A and 9B attached received without enclosure referred as 8B. May this latter please be forwarded for identification.

For the Commissioner:

(sgd) F.P. Luckman

F.P. LUCKMAN

Major, A.C.,

S.C.A.P.O.

AC/14241/PS

3rd Ind

29 August 1945

TO : Hq. Naples Commune AMG (SCAPO)

1. "8B" was an erroneous entry. The total transmission was 9A and 9B.

FFH/pl  
tp.

(sgd) ??? Major

for JOHN W. CHAPMAN

Colonel, J.A.G.D.

Director

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C O P Y

TRANSLATION M.C.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

500/74514

13 August 1945

SUBJECT: The case of the English officer - THEORVALDSON.

Referring to AC/14241/PS of the 19-7 ult. We transmit original receipt signed by Major Frank Vecchiolla, dated 14-6-1944. The first is original signature. The second is repetition of signature written by Major Vecchiolla's interpreter.

For the Minister  
Ferrari

1st IND

21 August 1945

AC/14241/PS

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION Public Safety S/C

TO : S.C.A.P.O. AMG Naples

Forwarded as requested.

(sgd) ? ? ? Major

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

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C O P Y

TRANSLATION M.C.

Palermo, 14 JUNE 1944

N° 57158 - Objects recuperated and forwarded to Legal Office of Allied Military Tribunal: a "Rovet" watch, chronometer type, taken from Bonanno Domenico; a "Rallo" wristlet watch and L.200 (lire) taken from Lombardo Federico; a pocket book containing one thousand lire taken from Rovetto Salvatore, responsible together with others of robbery to the damage of an English officer.

The received

Frank L. Vecchiolla (Major)  
Regional Legal Officer

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C O P Y

Roma, 13 Agosto 1945

Ministero dell'Interno  
Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza

ALL'ON. COMANDO COMMISSIONE  
ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

APO 394

ROMA

Divisione A.G.R. Sez. IV

Prot. N. 100/74514 - Allegati 1

OGGETTO: Caso dell'Ufficiale Inglese Thorvaldson.

In relazione alla nota 19.7.p.p. AC/14241/PS, si  
trasmette la ricevuta originale firmata dal Maggiore Franck  
Vecchiolla, datata 14.6.1944.

La prima è la firma originale.

La seconda è la ripetizione della firma fatta dal-  
l'interprete del Maggiore Vecchiolla.

PEL MINISTRO

(sgd) Ferrari



COPY

N°57158 - Reperto che si invia all'Ufficio Legale del Tribunale Militare Alleato, consistente in un orologio marca "Rovet" tipo cronometro sequestrato a Bonanno Domenico di Luigi; un orologio marca "Ralco" con cinghietta e L.200 sequestrati a Lombardo Federico e un portafogli contenente la somma di lire mille sequestrati a Rovetto Salvatore fu Giuseppe, responsabile assieme ad altri di rapina aggravata in danno di un Ufficiale Inglese.

Palermo, li 12 Giugno 1944.-

IL RICEVENTE

Frank Vecchiolla

Frank L. Vecchiolla

Maggiore

Ufficiale Legale Regionale

14-6-44

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
NAPLES COMMUNE  
APO 394  
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref PS: 8.13

Date 16 Jul 45

SUBJECT: Prisoners Property - Return of

To: Hq Allied Commission  
(Attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Minute 2 noted.

2. In accordance with Par 5 our PS/8.13 dated 26 June 1945, may the Ministry of the Interior be requested to forward through the Sub-Commission to this office, the original receipt alleged to have been signed by Major VECCHICLLA, as stated in Report of the Ministry, 11 May 1945, Paragraph marked X in red; copy of translation attached.

For the Commissioner:

(sgd) F.P. Luckman  
F.P. LUCKMAN  
Major, A.C.,  
S.C.A.P.O.

FPL/jag.  
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C C P Y

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

AC/14241/PS

12 July 1945

SUBJECT: Prisoners Property - Return of

TO : SCMO Naples

1. Attached returned as requested, note minute 2.

(sgd) ? ? ? Major

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

JL/pl  
tp.



COPY

Copy of Minutes

1.

TO Legal S/C

Forwarded as suggested in 5 A.

F.F. Hoelscher, Major

5 A.

2.

TO : Public Safety S/C

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A search of the case records has not revealed the cases.

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Col. INF

Chief Judicial Officer  
for Chief Commissioner, Allied  
Commission

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
NAPLES COMMUNE  
APO 394  
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS8.13

Date 26 June 1945

SUBJECT: Prisoners Property - Return of

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission  
(Attn: Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Reference your AC/14241/PS of 19 May 1945, above subject, and particularly paragraph 3 thereof.

2. Major Vecchiolla has been interviewed and states that he has no recollection or records of this case, that many items of evidence, in numerous cases, were received at the Legal Office, Palermo, and that on his being relieved from assignment there, all evidence and information in all cases remained there in possession of the relieving Officer. Major Vecchiolla states further that thefts have occurred at Palermo Legal Office which resulted in the theft of items of evidence. Whether or not this watch disappeared in that manner probably will not at this date be ascertained.

3. In view of the fact that the last known location of the watch in question was with the Legal Division, and as this Office has no means of making an on-the-scene check, by reason of distance therefrom and the fact that Sicily Region has long since closed, it is suggested that the attached correspondence be sent to Legal Sub-Commission for a check of their records and personnel previously at Palermo.

4. In the meantime, the information contained in the attached report of Ministry of the Interior has been forwarded to P.M. RAF MAAF, C.M.F. from whom the original complaint was received.

5. In fairness to Major Vecchiolla, it is requested that the original of the receipt purported to have been signed by the Major, be obtained and forwarded to this Office for identification of signature.

6. When they have served their purpose, it is requested all correspondence, attached hereto, be returned to this Office. 2094

For the Commissioned:  
(sgd) F.P. Luckman

F.P. LUCKMAN  
Major, A.C.,  
S.C.A.P.O

FPL/tp\*



C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

AC/14241/PS

TEL: 478708  
19 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Restitution of Stolen Property.

TO : Ministry of Interior D.P.S.

1. On the 5 June, 1944, Flying Officer THORVALDSON, of No. 221 Squadron, RAF, while at Palermo, Sicily, had stolen from him, one ROVAT make wrist watch value L 20 Sterling.  
One pocket book,  
One wallet containing Identity Card, Pay Book,  
personal papers and about 2000 Lire.
2. The matter was reported to the Police, and between date of offence and 14 June 44, one Gerolamo Osvaldo of the R. Questura, Palermo, arrested four civilians in connection with the crime, named as follows:-  
ROVETTO Salvatore  
LOMBARDO Federico  
LO BIANCO Giuseppe  
VENTURA Vincenza, all of Palermo.

3. It was then stated that only the wrist watch and the pocket book were recovered from the possession of these thieves. It was stated that these articles would be retained as Court exhibits and would be returned to F/O THORVALDSON at the conclusion of the trial of the offenders.

4. In December 1944, application was made for the return to F/O THORVALDSON of the wrist watch and pocket book, but in February 1945, a reply was received to the effect that no trace could be found of any of the stolen property, except 1200 lire. This was the first intimation that any money had been recovered. Restitution of this sum has been made.

5. On the facts stated there would appear to have been some irregularities in the custody and disposition of the property which was stolen and subsequently recovered in this case. First it is stated that a valuable watch and a pocket book were recovered by the Police. When the return of these articles was requested, they could not be traced, and no explanation as to their disposal was forthcoming. Secondly, a sum of money (1200 lire) which was not mentioned as being recovered at the time of the arrest of the offenders is subsequently



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6. It would be appreciated if you would direct a thorough investigation to be made into this case, with a view to the property being traced and restored to its rightful owner, and for such disciplinary action that you may deem advisable. Would you please inform that HQ the result of the investigation as soon as possible.

(sgd) B. Powell, Major,  
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN,  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Copy to AMG Naples Commune

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Division

Ref: PS/9.1

Date 8 Dec 1944

SUBJECT: Prisoners Property - request for return of.

TO : HQ. Sicilia Region, Allied Commission  
(Attention of the Regional Public Safety Officer).

1. Reference the attached self-explanatory correspondence from the Provost Marshal, R.A.F., M.A.A.F., C.M.F.
2. It would be appreciated if the necessary enquiries could be made in Palermo and if the property in question can be 'released' that it be forwarded to this HQ. for handing to the Provost Marshal R.A.F.

For the Commissioner:

(sgt) G. Richardson  
G. RICHARDSON  
Major,  
Regional Public  
Safety Officer.

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Enclos - 1 rpt and attachment.



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From :- Provost Marshal, R.A.F., M.A.A.F., C.M.F.

To :- Major RICHARDSON, Public Safety Officer,  
Allied Commission, NAPLES.

Date :- 7th December 1944.

Ref :- PM/2003/1/15

F/O THORVALDSON - NO. 221 SQUADRON  
RECOVERY OF WRISTLET WATCH AND POCKET  
BOOK - PALERMO

1. On 5.6.44 the above-named was the subject of a robbery by civilians in Palermo, when he lost, inter alia, a wristlet watch and a pocket book.
2. From a brief report in my possession, it appears that between 5th and 14th June 1944, three Palermo civilians, ROVERTO Salvatore, of 144 Via Tanisette, LOBIANCO Giuseppe of 79, Via Matteo Bonello, and VENTURA Vincenzo of 4 Via Cortile Secco, were arrested and the wristlet watch and pocket book recovered. It does not appear from the report by whom the arrest was made.
3. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter written by one of my N.C.Os to F/O THORVALDSON, wherein it is stated that the above-mentioned property was being retained by the Allied Military Tribunal, Palermo. The flight of R.A.F. Police at Palermo was dispersed within a day or two of this letter being written, and it is believed that the N.C.O. concerned is in Greece.
4. F/O THORVALDSON is now in England pending repatriation to Canada, and has enquired about the return of his property.
5. It would be much appreciated if you could assist in having enquiries made in Palermo, with a view to recovering the property, if possible, or obtaining information as to its disposal.

(sgd) WOOD P/lt.  
for Provost Marshal  
R.A.F., MAAF.

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C O P Y

COPY

From: The Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal,  
Provost & Security Unit,  
ROYAL AIR FORCE.

To : F/O THEORVALDSON,  
221 Squadron,  
ROYAL AIR FORCE  
C.M.F.

Date: 14.6.44.

Ref : 507/211/P.1.

RECOVERY OF WRISTLET WATCH AND POCKET BOOK

The above articles - part of the property stolen from you on 5.6.44 - are being retained as evidence by the Legal Office of the Allied Military Tribunal, Palermp, pending Court Proceedings.

At the conclusion of the trial the above articles will be forwarded to you by the Allied Military Tribunal, from whom any further information can be obtained.

An exhaustive search failed to disclose the Wallet, Pay-book, Form 125C, Personal Papers and approximately 2,000 lire.

Sgd E/Sgt  
for D.A.P.M.  
Provost & Security Unit,  
ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Certified true copy:  
(Sgd) H.M. Butler  
(H.M. Butler) F/L  
for O/C., No.4 DHQ.RASF.



C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION  
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/9.1

Date 14 February 45.

SUBJECT: Prisoners' Property - F/O THORVALDSON.

TO : HQ. Sicily Region,  
(Attention Regional Legal Officer).

1. Reference your RLE 013.35/EKM dated 5 February 1945 and our PS/9.1 dated 8 December 1944.

2. The receipt of the "vaglia" for L. 1.200 is hereby acknowledged and is being to the PH. RAF. KAAF. CMF.

3. Since the submission of our report referred to in 1 above further information has come into our possession which may enable you to trace the wrist watch and pocket book of F/O THORVALDSON.

4. The property stolen on 5 June 1944 from a/m consists of the following :-

- One "Rovat" make wristlet watch value £ 20.
- One Pocket Book.
- One wallet containing :-
  - Form 1250 (Identity Card)
  - Pay Book
  - Personal papers and about L. 2.000.

5. Between 5 and 14 June 1944 CAROLLO Osvaldo of the Questura of Palermo arrested the following persons in connection with the theft :

ROVETTO Salvatore, Via Castanisetta No. 144, Palermo  
LOMBARDO Fredenso, Piazza Marini No. 5, Palermo  
LO BIANCO Giuseppe, Via Matteo Bonello No. 79, Palermo  
VENTURA Vincenzo, Cortile Secco No. 4, Palermo.

and recovered the a/m watch and pocket book which the Questore agent stated he had handed to the Military Tribunal who would return them to the a/m TAP officer when the case was complete.

6. It is requested that further enquiry be made to trace this watch and pocket book.

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For the Regional Commissioner:

G. RICHARDSON  
Major,  
Regional Public  
Safety Officer.

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS  
APO 394

FILE: RLB 013.35/FKM

5 February 1945

SUBJECT: Prisoners Property. F/G THORVALDSON.

TO: Headquarters, Southern Region - APO 394.  
(Attn: R.P.S.C.)

1. Reference your letter PS/9.1 of 8.12.44 to RPSO Sicilia Region I have now made exhaustive enquiries but have been unable to trace any of the property stolen from the A/M Officer except the sum of lire 1200, which had been paid to the R.C.S.C.

2. As requested I enclose "vaglia" for this amount and shall be glad to receive your acknowledgement in due course.

(signed) E.K. MATTHEWS Maj.  
E.K. MATTHEWS, Major  
Regional Legal Officer.

Enclos: "Taglia".

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COPY

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

AC/14241/PS

Tel: 489081-502

- 19 May, 1945 -

SUBJECT: Prisoners Property - Return of  
TO : A.M.G. Government, Naples Commune  
(for Public Safety Division).

1. Reference is made to your PS/8.13 dated  
16 April 1945.

2. The Ministry of Interior has transmitted  
to this Headquarters a copy of the investigation  
conducted by the Palermo Questore, regarding the  
sequestration of articles and money belonging to  
Flying Officer Thorvaldson.

3. A translation of the Ministry of Interior's  
report, together with a reproduction of an alleged  
receipt of the articles and money signed by Major  
Frank Vecchiolla, Regional Legal Officer - Palermo,  
is forwarded.

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

Enc: as above

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jag.

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
NAPLES COMMUNE  
APC 394  
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/8.13

Date 16 April 1945

SUBJECT: Prisoners Property - return of

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission  
(attention of the Director,  
Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. In December 1944 the Provost Marshal, RAF MAF OMF, located in this area, sought the assistance of this HQ (then Southern Region) to obtain on his behalf certain property stolen from a RAF Officer in Palermo, Sicily, and later recovered from the thieves - it was the desire of the Provost Marshal to return the property to the officer who left the theatre immediately following the loss.

2. The facts surrounding the loss and recovery of the property as described by the RAF Provost Marshal are that of 5 June 44 Flying Officer THORVALDSON of 221 Squadron, RAF, whilst in Palermo, Sicily, was the subject of a larceny by civilians when he lost :-

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4. On 14 June 44, a representative of the Provost and Security Unit, RAF, on behalf of his DPM wrote to F/C THEORVALDSON informing him of the arrest and recovery of part proceeds of the larceny, namely, the watch and book. He stated these would be retained as Court exhibits and returned to him upon the conclusion of the proceedings, further that an exhaustive search has failed to disclose the remainder of the property, viz. wallet containing pay book, form 1250, personal papers and approximately 2,000 lire cash.



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5. In consequence of the request of the PM referred to in para. 1 of this report which incidentally was made to this HQ because by December all RAF personnel has been withdrawn from Sicily, this HQ wrote to HQ Sicilia Region, Allied Commission (for attention of RPSO), on 8 Dec 44 enclosing copies of self-explanatory correspondence from the RAF and requesting that if the property recovered, wristlet watch and pocket book, could now be 'released' that it be forwarded to us for handling to the PM, RAF.

6. Subsequently, on 12 February 45 a letter was received from the Regional legal Officer of Sicilia Region stating that he had now made exhaustive enquiries, but had been unable to trace any of the property stolen from the Officer except the sum of 1200 Lire - I would point out that this was the first indication we had that cash had been recovered. With that letter the RLC enclosed a 'vaglia' or cheque for the 1200 lire and that has now been cashed through the Finance Officer here and handed to the PM RAF against receipt which is held at this Office.

7. In consequence of this letter and possibility of a misunderstanding having arisen, a further letter was sent to Sicilia Region on 14 Feb 45 acknowledging receipt of the cheque, also giving further information regarding the property and asking that further enquiry be made to trace the watch and pocket book previously reported recovered - no reply to the letter has been received, as yet, at this HQ.

8. In view of the fact Sicily has been 'returned' in its entirety to the Italian Government and as this matter appears to have been handled by the Civil Police in Palermo, it is suggested that a suitable letter be forwarded by HQ Allied Commission to the Ministry of the Interior requesting further enquiry by the Questore of Palermo so that this case may be cleared up once and for all to the satisfaction of all interested parties.

For the Commissioner:

GR/tp.

G. RICHARDSON  
Major,  
S.C.A.P.C.

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Copy to PM, RAF, MAAT, CMT  
(his corres PM/2008/1/15 refers).



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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
NAPLES COMMUNE  
APO 394

PS/9.1

7 April 1945

SUBJECT: Prisoners Property - P/O THORVALDSON.

Received this day from Major Richardson G.,  
S.C.A.P.O. HQ. A.M.G. Naples Commune, the sum of 1200  
(one thousand two hundred) lire representing monies,  
part property, stolen from one P/O THORVALDSON and  
recovered by police of Palermo, Sicily.

(signed) Wood F/Lt.

fpr Provost Marshal  
R.A.F. ,M.A.A.F.

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*Min of Interior*

*Subject - English Officer - Thorvaldson. 500/74514  
13 Aug 45*

*see 7A.*

AG/14241/AS

1st IND

21 August 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION Public Safety S/C

TO : S.C.A.P.O. AMG Naples

Forwarded as requested.

*J. H. Chapman*  
JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.C.D.  
Director.



TRANSLATION W.R.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR  
General Direction of P.S.

Office : A.G.R. III Sec.  
443/32478

19 July 1945

SUBJECT : Ex-Greek Political Prisoners - Money Deposited  
TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice and for information  
AC Public Safety S.C.

The Allied Commission S.C. for refugees and repatriations sent the attached note DPR/4/1/T dated July the 12th, referring to the repayment of money deposited with the Prison of Parma by the Greek citizens: Clambatsos Stavros and Tavoulareas Andreas.

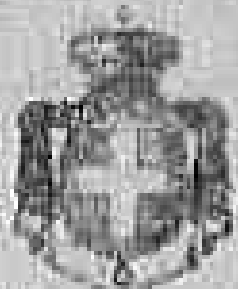
We beg this Ministry to issue orders and let us know what has been decided as regards the matter.

For the Minister  
Ferrari

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| TO              |        |
| DIRECTOR        |        |
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*Ministero dell'Interno*  
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

*Roma* 19 Luglio 1945

ON. MINISTERO  
DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA  
Direz. Gen. Istit. Prev. e Pena

e.p.o.

*Divisione* A.G.R. *Sez.* 3<sup>a</sup>  
*Int. N°* 443/32478 *Allegato*

ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

*Segretario del* **R O M A**

OGGETTO **Ex prigionieri politici greci:**  
**Deposito somme.--**

La Commissione Alleata - Sottocommissione per i profughi ed i rimpatri - ha trasmesso l'unita nota I2 o.m. n.DPR/4/I/F relativa alla restituzione di somme depositate presso gli istituti penali di Parma dai sudditi greci Clambatseas Stavros e Favoulareas Andreas.

Si prega di voler dare, nella propria competenza, le disposizioni del caso, informandone questo Ministero.

FEL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 478709

AC/14241/PS

19 July 1945

SUBJECT : Thorvaldson case.

TO : Ministry of Interior  
attention Ferrari Chief of Police

1. We desire to obtain the original receipt allegedly signed by Major Frank Vecchiolla as noted in NO: 3 of enclosures on page 2.

2. Please advise us if this be possible and use your efforts to secure this receipt for further investigation.

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

TFH/G

Encl. Copy of N.06192  
dated 11 May 45

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
NAPLES COMMUNE  
APO 394  
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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14241

Re 8.13

Date 16 Jul 45

SUBJECT: Prisoners Property - Return of

TO: Hq Allied Commission  
(Att: Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Minute 2 noted.

2. In accordance with Par 5 our PS/8.13 dated 26 June 1945, may the Ministry of the Interior be requested to forward through the Sub-Commission to this office, the original receipt alleged to have been signed by Major VECCHIOLLA, as stated in Report of the Ministry, 11 May 1945, Paragraph marked X in red; copy of translation attached.

For the Commissioner:

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| ADM. OFFICER    |      |      |
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F.P. LUCKMAN  
Major, A.C.,  
S.C.A.P.C.

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COPY TRANSLATIONMINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Palermo, 11 May 1945

N°06192

REF/500/71978, dated 21st April 1945

SUBJECT: Robbery at the damage of an English Pilot Officer Thorvaldson.

TO : Ministry of the Interior, P.S. General Direction.

With reference to the a/m letter, I have entrusted the Questore for the investigations.

From the examination of the files, copy of which is enclosed, it appears that at 23 hrs. on the 4th June 1944 in this town, in the neighbourhood of Porta Carini, the English Officer Thorvaldson, belonging to the 221<sup>st</sup> Squadron RAF, C.M.F., has been approached by an individual, who robbed from the pocket of his trousers a wrist watch chronometer type, trade 'Lovet', then escaping immediately.

The officer pursued and reached the thief in Piazza Aragonese, but was approached by other evil-doers, who having beaten the officer robbed also his portfolio containing documents and money, and leaving him half dead in a corner of the square.

The Allied Police immediately intervened but found on the ground only the officer's identity card.

The following morning the Mobile Squad of the Questura, headed by the vice-commissario Guarino Salvatore, informed in regard to the matter by the British Police (RAF), collaborated for the investigation assisted by Sergeant Pettman.

During the investigations the P.S. Agent Corallo Cavaldo, has been informed by the watch-maker Bonanno Domenico, that he received the visit of Lombardo Federico, who offered him the watch, taken from the British Officer, if he could obtain for the exchange another watch and more than 200 Lire.

Bonanno agreed to the request.

In view of these elements Lombardi Federico has been arrested and the two watches, one the property of the British officer, trade mark 'Lovet', and the other one trade mark 'Rolco' given by the watch maker to Lombardo, together with the 200 Lire, have been seized.

Other three accomplices, Lovetta Salvatore, Lobianco Giuseppe, Ventura Vincenzo have been arrested.

Therefore it has been known that Lombardo, gave to Lovetta 1000 Lire as quota belonging to him from the money robbed to the British Officer, contained in the portfolio.

The L.1000.- have been seized.



With reference to the a/m letter, I have entrusted the Questore for the investigations.

From the examination of the files, copy of which is enclosed, it appears that at 23 hrs. on the 4th June 1944 in this town, in the neighbourhood of Porta Carini, the English Officer Thorvaldson, belonging to the 221<sup>st</sup> Squadron Raf, C.M.F., has been approached by an individual, who robbed from the pocket of his trousers a wrist watch chronometer type, trade 'Rovet', then escaping immediately.

The officer pursued and reached the thief in Piazza Aragonese, but was approached by other evil-doers, who having beaten the officer robbed also his portfolio containing documents and money, and leaving him half dead in a corner of the square.

The Allied Police immediately intervened but found on the ground only the officer's identity card.

The following morning the Mobile Squad of the Questura, headed by the vice-commissario Guarino Salvatore, informed in regard to the matter by the British Police (RAF), collaborated for the investigation assisted by Sergeant Pettman.

During the investigations the P.S. Agent Corallo Osvaldo, has been informed by the watch-maker Bonanno Domenico, that he received the visit of Lombardo Federico, who offered him the watch, taken from the British Officer, if he could obtain for the exchange another watch and more than 200 Lire.

Bonanno agreed to the request.

In view of these elements Lombardi Federico has been arrested and the two watches, one the property of the British officer, trade mark 'Rovet', and the other one trade mark 'Rollo' given by the watch maker to Lombardo, together with the 200 Lire, have been seized.

Other three accomplices, Rovetta Salvatore, Lobianco Giuseppe, Ventura Vincenzo have been arrested.

Therefore it has been known that Lombardo, gave to Rovetta 1000 Lire as quota belonging to him from the money robbed to the British Officer, contained in the portfolio.

The L.1000.- have been seized.

Bonanno denied to have taken the money, but he admitted to have taken the watch, 'Rovet' trade mark.

Lo Bianco Giuseppe and Ventura Vincenzo, declared to have only been present to the matter, without taking part, to the robbery.

Summarising have been seized:

- 1) a watch 'Rovet' trade mark, belonging to the British officer
- 2) a watch 'Rollo' trade mark, which has been in exchange for the other one 'Rovet' trade mark
- 3) L.200.- given by the watch maker to Lombardo
- 4) L.1000.- seized to Rovetta Salvatore, as part of the amount robbed to the British Officer.



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With the report dated 14th same month, it has been transmitted denunciation to the local Attorney of the Kingdom, and for information to the Legal Office of the Palermo Allied Military Court. At this office, according to the dispositions in force, has been handed over the robbed material.

Enclosed herewith are forwarded :

- 1) copy of the denunciation transmitted to the Attorney of the Kingdom and for information to the Legal Office of the Allied Military Tribunal
- 2) Copy of the receipt of the report made by the Legal Officer of the Allied Court
- 3) Copy of the registration sent to the Legal Office of the Allied Military Court, containing a watch 'Rovet' trade mark, chronometer type, seized from Lombardi Federico, a portfolio containing L.1000.00, seized from Rovetta Salvatore, son of late Giuseppe, dated 14 June 1944 - signed Frank Vecchiolla - Major at the Regional Legal Office.

The Palermo Assise Court, with sentence dated 9 February 1945, condemned Rovetta to 4 years of reclusion and to the penalty of L.8000.- and to the surveyed release and Lombardo to the reclusion of 2 years and penalty of L.1000.-

Lo Bianco and Ventura have been acquitted and released from prison.

For information it is reported that actually those belonging to the a/m Allied Military Tribunal are not resident in Palermo.

sgd The Mayor

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COPY

N°57158 Registration sent to the Legal Office of the Allied Military Tribunal, in regard to a watch 'Rovet' trade mark, chronometer type, seized to Bonanno Domenico, son of Luigi, a watch 'Polco' trade mark and L. 200.- seized to Lombardo Federico and a portfolio containing the amount of L. 1000.- seized to Rovetto Salvatore, son of late Giuseppe responsible together with others of robbery at the damage of a British Officer.

Palermo, 14th June 1944

The Receiver  
sgd Frank Vecchiolla

Frank Vecchiolla  
Regional Major Legal Officer  
14th June 1944

Palermo 7 May 1944  
P.C.G.

The Questore  
E. Roselli

P.C.G.  
Chief of the Section  
Bonichi



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

AC/14241/PS

12 July 1945

SUBJECT : Prisoners Property - Return of

TO : SCAO Naples

1. Attached returned as requested, note  
minute 2.

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

JL/pl

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 489081-502

AC/14241/PS

19 May, 1945

SUBJECT : Prisoners Property - Return of  
TO : A.M.G. Government, Naples Commune  
(for Public Safety Division)

1. Reference is made to your PS/8.13 dated  
16 April 1945.

2. The Ministry of Interior has transmitted  
to this Headquarters a copy of the investigation  
conducted by the Palermo Questore, regarding the  
sequestration of articles and money belonging to  
Flying Officer Thorvaldson.

3. A translation of the Ministry of Interior's  
report, together with a reproduction of an alleged  
receipt of the articles and money signed by Major  
Frank Vecchiella, Regional Legal Officer - Palermo,  
is forwarded.

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

Encls: as above

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COPY TRANSLATIONMINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Palermo, 11 May 1945

N°06192

REF/500/71978, dated 21th April 1945

SUBJECT : Robbery at the damage of an English Pilot  
Officer Thorvaldson

TO : Ministry of the Interior, PS. General Direction

With reference to the a/m letter, I have entrusted the Questore for the investigations.

From the examination of the files, copy of which is enclosed, it appears that at 23 hrs. on the 4th June 1944 in this town, in the neighbourhood of Porta Carini, the English Officer Thorvaldson, belonging to the 221<sup>st</sup> Squadron Raf. C.M.F., has been approached by an individual, who robbed from the pocket of his trousers a wrist watch chronometer type, trade "Rovet", then escaping immediately.

The officer pursued and reached the thievish in Piazza Aragonesi, but was approached by other evil-doers, who having beaten the officer robbed also his portfolio containing documents and money, and leaving him half dead in a corner of the square.

The Allied Police immediately intervened but found on the ground only the officer's identity card.

The following morning the Mobile Squad of the Questura, headed by the vice-commissario Guarino Salvatore, informed in regard to the matter by the British Police (Raf), collaborate for the investigations assisted by Sergeant Pettman.

During the investigations the P.S. Agent Corallo Osvaldo, has been informed by the watch-maker Bonanno Domenico, that he received the visit of Lombardo Federico, who offered him the watch, taken from the British Officer, if he could obtain for the exchange an other watch and more than 200 lire.

Bonanno agreed to the request.

In view of these elements Lombardi Federico has been arrested and the two watches, one the property of the British Officer, trade-mark "Rovet", and the other one trade-mark "Rolco" given by the watch-maker to Lombardo, together with the 200 lire, have been seized.

Other three accomplices, Rovetta Salvatore, Lo Bianco Giuseppe, Ventura Vincenzo have been arrested.



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Therefore it has been known that Lombardo, gave to Rovetta L. 1000.- as quota belonging to him from the money robbed to the British Officer, contained in the portfolio.

The L. 1000.- have been seized.

Bonanno denied to have taken the money, but he admitted to have taken the watch, "Rovet" trade mark.

Lo Bianco Giuseppe and Ventura Vincenzo, declared to have only been present to the matter, without taking part, to the robbery.

Summarising have been seized:

- 1) a watch "Rovet" trade-mark, belonging to the British Officer,
- 2) a watch "Roleo" trade-mark, which has been in exchange for the other one "Rovet" trade-mark,
- 3) L. 200.- given by the watch-maker to Lombardo,
- 4) L. 1000.- seized to Rovetta Salvatore, as part of the amount robbed to the British Officer.

With the report dated 14th same month, it has been transmitted denunciation to the local Attorney of the Kingdom, and for information to the Legal Office of the Palermo Allied Military Court. At this office, according to the dispositions in force, has been handed over the robbed material.

Inclosed here, with are forwarded:

- 1) copy of the denunciation transmitted to the Attorney of the Kingdom and for information to the Legal Office of the Allied Military Tribunal
- 2) Copy of the receipt of the report made by the Legal Officer of the Allied Court;
- 3) Copy of the registration sent to the Legal Office of the Allied Military Court, containing a watch "Rovet" trade-mark, cronometer type, seized from Lombardi Federico, a portfolio containing L. 1000.- seized from Rovetta Salvatore, son of late Giuseppe, dated 14 June 1944- signed Frank Vecchiolla - Major at the Regional Legal Office.

The Palermo Assise Court, with sentence dated 9th Feb. 1945, condemned Rovetta to 4 years of reclusion and to the penalty of L. 8000.- and to the surveyed release, and Lombardo, for the reclusion of two years and penalty of L. 1000.-



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Lo Bianco and Ventura have been acquitted and released from prison.

For information it is reported that actually those belonging to the a/m Allied military Tribunal, are not resident in Palermo.

sgd The Mayor .

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N°57158

Registration sent to the Legal Office of the Allied Military Tribunal, in regard to a watch "Rovet" trade-mark, cronometer type, seized to Bonanno Domenico, son of Luigi, a watch "Rolco" trade-mark and L.200.- seized to Lombardo Federico and a portfolio containing the amount of L.1000.- seized to Rovetto Salvatore, son of late Giuseppe, responsible together with others of robbery at the damage of a British Officer.

Palermo, 14th June 1944

The Receiver

sgd Frank Vecchiolla

Frank Vecchiolla  
Regional Major Legal Officer  
14th June 1944

Palermo 7 May 1945  
P.C.C.

The Questore  
B. Roselli

P.C.C.  
Chief of the Section  
Bonichi

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

QC Rome 16th May 1945

N:500/72417

Subject : Robbery at the damage of the English Officer  
THORVAIDSON (Pilot)

TO : Allied Commission Public Safety Subcommittee.

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With reference to the a/m letter it is transmitted copy of the return n:06192, dated 11th May 1945 of the Palermo Prefecture regarding the investigations made and the sequestration and the destination of the articles and of the money seized by this Questura, in regard to the robbery made at the damage of the English Pilot THORVAIDSON.

There is also enclosed copy of the declaration of receipt of the articles and money a/m signed by the Major of the Palermo Regional Legal Office Frank Vecchiolla.

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For the Minister

- Ferrari -



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TRANSLATION MC.

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Palermo 11th May 1945

N:06192

REF/500/71978, dated 21th April 1945

SUBJECT / Robbery at the damage of an English Pilot Officer  
THOVAIDSON.

TO / Ministry of the Interior, P.S. General Direction.

With reference to the a/m letter, I have entrusted the Questore for the investigations.

From the examination of the files, copy of which is enclosed, it appears that at 23 hrs, on the 4th June 1944 in this town, in the neighbourhood of Porta Carini, the English Officer Thorvaidson, belonging to the 221<sup>o</sup> Squadron Raf. C.M.F., has been approached by an individual, who robbed from the pocket of his trousers a wrist watch cronometer type, trade "Rovet", then escaping immediately.

The officer pursued and reached the thievish in Piazza Aragonesi, but was approached by other evil-doers, who having beaten the officer robbed also his portfolio containing documents and money leaving him dead half in a corner of the square.

The Allied Police immediately intervened but found on the ground only the officer's identity card.

The following morning the Mobile Squad of the Questura, headed by the vice-commissario Guarino Salvatore, informed in regard to the matter by the English Police (Raf), collaborated for the investigations assisted by Sergeant Pettman.

During the investigations the P.S. Agent Corallo Osvaldo, has been informed by the watch-maker Bonanno Domenico, that he received the visit of Lombardo Federico, who offered him the watch, taken from the English Officer, if he could obtain for the exchange an other watch and more than 200 lire.

Bonanno agreed to the request.

In view of these elements Lombardi Federico has been arrested and the two watches, one property of the English Officer, trade mark "Rovet", and the other trade-mark "Holco" given by the watch-maker to Lombardo, together with the 200 lire, have been seized.

Other three accomplices, Rovetta Salvatore, Lo Bianco Giuseppe, Ventura Vincenzo have been arrested.



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Therefore it has been known that Lombardo, gave to Rovetta L. 1000, as quota belonging to him from the money robbed to the English Officer, contained in the portfolio.

The L. 1000 have been seized.

Bonanno denied to have taken the money, but he admitted to have taken the watch, "Rovet" trade-mark.

Lo Bianco Giuseppe and Ventura Vincenzo, declared to have only been present to the matter, without taking part, to the robbery.

Summarising have been seized:

- 1)-a watch "Rovet" trade-mark, belonging to the English officer,
- 2)-a watch "Rolco" trade-mark, which has been in exchange for the other one "Rovet" trade-mark,
- 3)-L. 200 given by the watch-maker to Lombardo,
- 4)-L. 1000 seized to Rovetta Salvatore, as part of the amount robbed to the English Officer.

With report dated 14th same month, it has been transmitted denunciation to the local Attorney of the Kingdom, and for information to the Legal Office of the Palermo Allied Military Court. At this office, according to the dispositions in force, has been handed over the robbed material.

- 1) There are enclosed copy of the denunciation transmitted to the Attorney of the Kingdom and for information to the Legal Office of the Allied Military Tribunal
- 2) Copy of the receipt of the report made by the Legal Officer of the Allied Tribunal
- 3) Copy of the registration sent to the Legal Office of the Allied Military Tribunal, containing a watch "Rovet" trade-mark, cronometer type, seized to Bonanno Domenico; a watch, "Rolco" trade-mark, and L; 200, seized to Lombardi Federico, a portfolio containing L. 1000, seized to Rovetta Salvatore, son of late Giuseppe, dated 14th June 1944-receiver Frank Vecchiolla- Major to the Regional Legal Office.

The Palermo Assise Court, with sentence dated 9th February 1945, condemned Rovetto to 4 years of reclusion and to the penalty of L. 8000 and to the surveyed release, and Lombardo to the reclusion of two years and penalty of L. 1000.

Lo Bianco, and Ventura have been acquitted, and released from prison. 2080

For information it is reported that actually those belonging to the a/m Allied Military Tribunal, are not resident in Palermo.

- The Mayor -



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COPY

N:57158 - Registration sent to the Legal Office of the Allied Military Tribunal, in regard to a watch "Rovet" trade-mark, cronometer type, seized to Bonanno Domenico, son of Luigi, a watch "Ralco" trade-mark and L. L.200 seized to Lombardo Federico, and a portfolio containing the amount of L.1000 seized to Rovetto Salvatore, son of late Giuseppe, responsible together with others of robbery at the damage of an English Officer.

Palermo 14th June 1944

The Receiver  
Frank Vecchiolla

Frank Vecchiolla  
Regional Major Legal Office

14th June 1944

Palermo 7 May 1945

P.C.C.

The Questore  
B. Roselli

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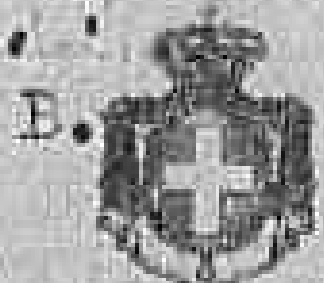
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| DEPUTY DIRECTOR |     |      |
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URGENTE

Roma 16 maggio 1945

*Ministero dell'Interno*  
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

ON.LE COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M ADistribuzione A.G.R. *Per* IVProt. N. 500/72417 *Allegati*

Registralo del 19-4-45

Per LAC/14241/P.S.

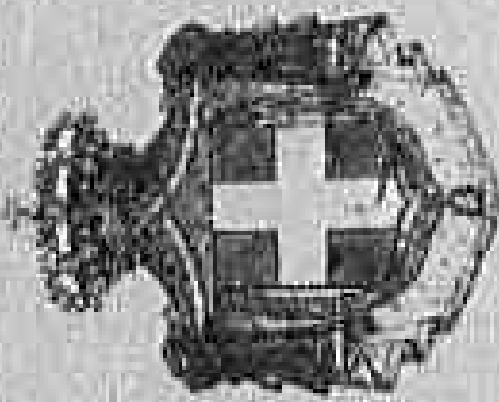
OGGETTO Furto in danno dell'Ufficiale Inglese di  
Aviazione THORVAIDSON.-

In relazione alla nota sopradistinta, si trasmette copia del rapporto n.06192 dell'11 maggio corrente della Prefettura di Palermo, relativo agli accertamenti eseguiti circa il sequestro e l'ulteriore destinazione degli oggetti e valori sequestrati da quella Questura come refurtiva per il furto patito dall'ufficiale inglese di aviazione Thorvaidsen.

Si unisce, altresì, copia della dichiarazione di ricevuta degli oggetti e valori suddetti firmata dal Maggiore dell'Ufficio Legale Regionale di Palermo Frank Vecchiolla.

PEL MINISTRO





C O P I A

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*Ministero dell'Interno*

REGIA PREFETTURA DI PALERMO

Palermo, li 11 maggio 1945

DIV. P. S. N. 06192 -  
Risp. a nota 500/71978  
del 21 aprile 1945.-

OGGETTO: Furto in danno dell'Ufficiale Inglese di Aviazione -  
Thorvaldson.-

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On.le Ministero dell'Interno  
Direzione Generale della P. S.  
Sezione Quarta

R O M A

Con riferimento alla nota controindicata, ho dato incarico al Questore di eseguire opportuni accertamenti.

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Div. P.S. N. 06192 -  
Resp. a nota 500/711978  
del 21 aprile 1945.-

Palermo, li 11 maggio 1945

OGGETTO: Furto in danno dell'Ufficiale Inglese di Aviazione -  
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On.le Ministero dell'Interno  
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Il Bonanno accettò la proposta.

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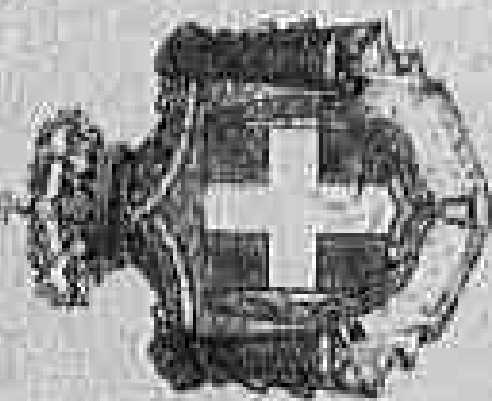
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- 2) copia della ricevuta del rapporto da parte dell'Ufficio Legale del Tribunale Alleato (all.2);
- 3) copia del reperto inviato all'Ufficio Legale del Tribunale Militare Alleato, contenente un orologio marca "Rovet", tipo cronometro, sequestrato a Benigno Lomenico, un orologio marca "Holoce", con cinghietto, e L.200 sequestrati al Lombardo Federico, un portafoglio contenente L.1000, sequestrati a Rovetto Salvatore fu Giuseppe - datato 14 giugno 1944 - ricevente Frank Vecchiolla - Maggiore Ufficio Legale Regionale (all.3).

La Corte di Assise di Palermo con sentenza in data 9 febbraio 1945 condannò il Rovetto alla reclusione di anni 4, alla multa di L.8000 ed alla libertà vigilata, ed il Lombardo alla reclusione di anni 2 e multa L.1000.-

Assolse il Lo Bianco ed il Ventura, ordinandone l'escarcerazione.

Per opportuna conoscenza, si informa che attualmente non risiedono più in Palermo gli appartenenti al detto Tribunale Militare Alleato, come pure il Maggiore Frank Vecchiolla.

Per quanto precede non si riscontrano, allo stato degli atti e delle risultanze, elementi per muovere addebiti al personale della Questura.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 478708

19 April, 1945.

AC/14241/PS

SUBJECT : Restitution of Stolen Property.

TO : Ministry of Interior D.P.S.

1. On the 5 June, 1944, Flying Officer THORVAIDSON, of No. 221 Squadron, R.A.F., while at Palermo, Sicily, had stolen from him, one ROVAL make wrist watch value £ 20 Sterling, one pocket book, one wallet containing Identity Card, Pay Book, personal papers and about 2000 Lire.
2. The matter was reported to the Police, and between date of offence and 14 June 44, one Cerullo SEVALDO of the R. Questura, Palermo, arrested four civilians in connection with the crime, named as follows :-  
ROBERTO Salvatore  
IGOMBARDI Federico  
LO BIANCO Giuseppe  
VENTURA Vincenzo, all of Palermo.
3. It was then stated that only the wrist watch and the pocket book were recovered from the possession of these thieves. It was stated that these articles would be retained as Court exhibits and would be returned to F/O THORVAIDSON at the conclusion of the trial of the offenders.
4. In December 1944, application was made for the return to F/O THORVAIDSON of the wrist watch and pocket book, but in February 1945, a reply was received to the effect that no trace could be found of any of the stolen property, except 1200 Lire. This was the first intimation that any money had been recovered. Restitution of this sum has been made.
5. On the facts stated there would appear to have been some irregularities in the custody and disposition of the property which was stolen and subsequently recovered in this case. First it is stated that a valuable watch and a pocket book were recovered by the Police. When the return of these articles was requested, they could not be traced, and no explanation as to their disposal was forthcoming. Secondly, a sum of money (1200 Lire) which was not mentioned as being recovered at the time of the arrest of the offenders, is subsequently produced.



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6. It would be appreciated if you would direct a thorough investigation to be made into this case, with a view to the property being traced and restored to its rightful owner, and for such disciplinary action that you may deem advisable. Would you please inform this HQ the result of the investigation as soon as possible.

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

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
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APO 394  
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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Ref: PS/8.13

date 16 April 1945

SUBJECT: Prisoners Property - return of

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission  
(attention of the Director,  
Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. In December 1944 the Provost Marshal, RAF MAAF CMF, located in this area, sought the assistance of this HQ (then Southern Region) to obtain on his behalf certain property stolen from a RAF Officer in Palermo, Sicily, and later recovered from the thieves - it was the desire of the Provost Marshal to return the property to the Officer who left the theatre immediately following the loss.

2. The facts surrounding the loss and recovery of the property as described by the RAF Provost Command are that on 5 June 44 Flying Officer Thorvaldson of 221 Squadron, RAF, whilst in Palermo, Sicily, was the subject of a larceny by civilians when he lost :-

- (a) One Rovat make wristlet watch value £ 20.00d  
(twenty pounds)
- (b) One pocket book
- (c) One wallet containing :-
  - (i) Form 1250 (Identity Card)
  - (ii) Pay book
  - (iii) Personal papers and about 2,000 lire cash.

3. The facts were reported to police and between date of loss and 14 June 44, one Carollo Osvaldo of the R. Questura, Palermo, arrested four civilians :-

- (1) ROVETTO Salvatore
- (2) LOMBARDO Federico
- (3) LO BIANCO Giuseppe
- (4) VENTURA Vincenzo

all of Palermo, in connection with this crime and it is reported that the wristlet watch and pocket book only were recovered from the possession of these thieves.

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4. On 14 June 44, a representative of the Provost and Security Unit, RAF, on behalf of his DAPM, wrote to F/O Thorvaldson informing him of the arrest and recovery of part proceeds of the larceny, namely, the watch and book. He stated these would be retained as Court exhibits and returned to him upon the conclusion of the proceedings, further, that an exhaustive search had failed to disclose the remainder of the property, viz, wallet containing pay book, form 1250, personal papers and approximately 2,000 lire cash.

5. In consequence of the request of the PM referred to in para.1 of this report which incidentally was made to this HQ because by December all RAF personnel had been withdrawn from Sicily, this HQ wrote to HQ Sicilia Region, Allied Commission (for attention of RPSO), on 8 Dec 44 enclosing copies of self-explanatory correspondence from the RAF and requesting that if the property recovered, wristlet watch and pocket book, could now be 'released' that it be forwarded to us for handing to the PM, RAF.

6. Subsequently, on 12 February 45 a letter was received from the Regional Legal Officer of Sicilia Region stating that he had now made exhaustive enquiries, but had been unable to trace any of the property stolen from the Officer except the sum of 1200 lire - I would point that this was the first indication we had that cash had been recovered. With that letter the RLO enclosed a 'vaglia' or cheque for the 1200 lire and that has now been cashed through the Finance Officer here and handed to the PM RAF against receipt which is held at this Office.

7. In consequence of this letter and the possibility of a misunderstanding having arisen, a further letter was sent to Sicilia Region on 14 Feb 45 acknowledging receipt of the cheque, also giving further information regarding the property and asking that further enquiry be made to trace the watch and pocket book previously reported recovered - no reply to the letter has been received as yet, at this HQ.

8. In view of the fact Sicily has been 'returned' in its entirety to the Italian Government and as this matter appears to have been handled by the Civil Police in Palermo, it is suggested that a suitable letter be forwarded by HQ Allied Commission to the Ministry of the Interior requesting further enquiry by the Questore

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of Palermo so that this case may be cleared up once and for all to the satisfaction of all interested parties.

For the Commissioner:



G. RICHARDSON  
Major,  
S.C.A.P.C.

GR/tp.

Copy to PM, RAF, MAAF, CMF.  
(his corres PM/2008/1/15 refers).

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