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FROM JAN. 44

TO FEB. 44

CATALOGUE-

- 1A - 15 Jan AG 250.3 BPOCS - From PBS fwdy letter from Sen BASSO concerning Col. Rossi
- 2A - 21 Jan AMG/112/6 - From ACMF/AMG to Regs II & III requesting info about Col. Rossi.
- 3A - 23 Jan - From Reg III to AMG, ACMF in response to 2A
- 4A - 25 Jan - From HQ, AMG to Reg II passing on 2A.
- 5A - 24/25 Jan - To AMG, ACMF giving info about Col. Rossi
- 6A - 31 Jan - AMG/112/19 - From AMG, ACMF to PBS in response to 1A.
- 7A - 3 Feb PS/CO/13/144 - From Reg II to AMG, ACMF in response to 2A.
- 8A - 7 Feb - From CIC, PBS concerning Col. Rossi & de Stefano
- 9A/B 13 Feb. - Capt. Rossi's notes to DCP's re enquiries about Col. Rossi
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0 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

10A

14 February 1944

Ref: AOC/14739/TS

SUBJECT: Arrest of Colonel Rossi Filippo

TO : Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section

1. With further reference to your communication of 13 Jan 44 (AM/350.3 SPDCS) and reply thereto from AOC, HQ, ACPF of 31 Jan 1944 (AM/412/19), it has been ascertained that Colonel Rossi was arrested at Salerno on 18 Sept. 43, by No. 35 FSS; and on 22 Sept. 43 was lodged in the Civil Guard "Sierra". He was subsequently transferred with other internees to No. 172 POW Camp, Camp 11, where he is now held in custody.
2. Further enquiries in this case were referred to the Counter Espionage section of CSMC, by Capt Rafter, 276 PMA, (now removed from Salerno) and Sergt. Evans, who is now in charge of this section, has recently consulted Lieut. Barden (Legal) 4th Reg. 11, with regard to the disposal of the case. This officer is taking up the matter at an early date with the Italian Minister of Justice when, it is anticipated, a decision will be reached.
3. A translation of a report taken from POW files which explains the reason for Rossi's arrest is attached hereto.

For the Commanding General:

*Sgt. J.S.*

*Duffy*

STANEGATE  
Vice-President Administrative Section  
Allied Control Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

13 February 1944.

Report of Col. Filippo Rossi, G. C., of 15th Inf. Regt. "Savoia".

Born in 1886, he is known as a prominent fascist. He has taken part in the "March on Rome" with Mussolini, and has always shown strong fascist sentiments.

According to Brigadier Vincenzo, belief in his questionable, the day after the armistice with Italy he has given 8 miles to a German unit, probably the "Group Danneberg".

One of his officers with whom I talked, Lt. Correntino Vittorio Emanuele, has admitted that Rossi has never lost the opportunity to show that he was a true fascist, also the same Italian has sworn that Rossi as a civilian is a very dangerous fascist.

Lt. Lombro of the GCHR has reported that Rossi was very anxious to get news concerning the formation of the puppet government of Mussolini.

I have also been informed today that Col. Rossi while talking with one of his friends said, "It is a shame for me to see English tanks in my command, the same English who have killed my relatives". (I myself asked to see the person with whom the above conversation took place. I hope to meet him in the next day or two).

Rossi, a few minutes later, when stopped in the GCHR Caserma, said to Lt. Lombro: "Please go to see my officer and tell him to destroy the documents which are in my drawer because they can be dangerous for me."

Lt. Lombro has reported the above conversation to this office. Our search has been made in the colonel's home, and among other papers a diary has been found with the following:

- 9 Sept. the Germans resist.
- 10 " " " "
- 11 " " " "
- 17 Sept. The Germans resist and the Anglo-Americans loot.
- 18 " " " " " " " " " "
- 18 " Same as above with addition, "soldiers run off",  
(probably referring to Italian troops).

On a Salerno plan (here included) Page 155 ff, the territory occupied by our Forces is marked in blue and red.

On a Montecorvino Novella plan (here included), Page 103, 104, the following references Nos. 315408, 325415, and 320408 and plan reference 330427 are marked in red.

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Col. Rossi was also a member of the Guardia for the discipline of the Federazione Fascista in Salerno.

According to 2nd Lt. of the OCRR Iazzaro, Rossi was in friendly terms with the Federale, the Vice-Federale, Avv. Frascione, Chief Inspector Federale Santoro and Avv. Parrillo (both suspects).

In conclusion Rossi has always dedicated his entire time to the P.M.F., therefore he may be the best organizer (if the Fascist Party so decides) to start an underground movement.

In my opinion he is very dangerous.

In camp 19 Sept. 1943.

(signed)  
A. VASSALLO, Sgt.



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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

9A

13 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Colonel ROSSI Filippo.

TO : D.C.P.S.

1. I have interviewed Major Green, PCAPO for Salerno Province; the Lieutenant in charge of CCRR at Salerno; Captain Abbetecola, of the Counter Espionage Section CCRR; and Sgt. Evans, who is in charge of FSS at Salerno, and there is no doubt in my mind that the person described in Col. Pickering's report of 24 Jan. 44 is not identical with the subject of the enquiry from AMG, HQ ACMF (~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> letter AMG/412/6 of 21 Jan. 44).

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2. Colonel Rossi, (born 1886, Commander of 15th Infantry Regt.), was arrested at Salerno on 18th September, 1943, by No. 35 FSS, and on 22 Sept. was lodged in the Civil Gaol at Salerno. He was subsequently transferred with other internees to No. 372 POW Camp at Scafati, where, it is understood, he is still detained (although, from another source, I learned that he is in custody at a POW camp at Padula).

3. The case against Rossi was referred to the Counter Espionage section of the CCRR for further investigation by Captain Rafter, 276 FSS (now removed from Salerno) but Sgt. Evans (who is now in charge) informed me that he recently saw Lt. Barden (Legal) AMG in connection with the case, and this officer is taking up the matter early next week with the Italian Minister of Justice when, it is anticipated, a decision will be arrived at.

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4. A translation of a report taken from the FSS files setting out the reasons for Rossi's arrest is attached hereto.

*W. Ronnie*  
W. RONNIE  
Capt.

*Sp. Police*  
*Adapted from...*  
*of...*  
*Replying*

BPGBI 1st Ind. ARV/lr  
C.I.C. Detachment, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782, 7 February 1944.

81A

TO: AMG, HQ ACMF, CME.

1. Colonel DI STEFANO, Antonio, was transferred by this office from Poggioreale Prison to PWE 325, Aversa on 21 December 1943 and has since been moved to PW Camp 371 in Padula, Province of Salerno. It has been recommended that he be tried by an Italian Military courts-martial on charges of collaborating with the German High Command during the period he held the position of liaison officer between the Italian and German armies.

} see file  
1A760

2. There is no record in the files of this office on Colonel ROSSI, Filippo.

ARTHUR H. VAN KIRK  
1st Lt., M.I.,  
Executive Officer.

Above in response to request from Region III to  
supply infm. See file 1A760 folios 7A1B

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
SALERNO PROVINCE

*Admiral San  
(for 15 Sec)*

SECRET

3 FEBRUARY 1944

PS/CD/13/44

SUBJECT: ARRESTS - ITALIAN.

TO : H.C., AMG - ACME.  
R.C.A.O., AMG - Region II (for information).

COLONEL ROSSI FILIPPO

*2A (forwarded by HQ  
and at HQ)*

With reference to your letter addressed to R.C.A.O., Region II regarding the above named person, I have to inform you as follows:-

COLONEL ROSSI FILIPPO was arrested at Salerno on the 18th September 1943, by No 35 Field Security Section and on 22nd September was lodged in the Civil Jail Salerno "for security reasons."

He was subsequently transferred with other internees to 372 P.O.W. Camp at Salerno and later to the P.O.W. Camp at PADULA - map reference T/4195, where he<sup>is</sup> now held in custody.

It is understood that the case against this man was referred by Captain Rafter 276 F.S.S. (who relieved 35 Section) to the Counter-Espionage Section of the Carabinieri Reali, Salerno.

*2pp (handwritten)*

COLONEL ROSSI FILIPPO

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It is understood that the case against this man was referred by Captain Rafter 276 F.S.S. (who relieved 35 Section) to the Counter-Espionage Section of the Carabinieri Reali, Salerno.

This man was a prominent and energetic Fascist and I am told that there is evidence that, after the Armistice with Italy and during the early days of the invasion, he collaborated with the Germans against the Allies.

*H. Green.*

Major - F.C.A.P.O.

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Subject:- Arrest of Colonels ROSSI and DI STEFANO

AG,  
HQ A.C.S.F.

ANG/412/19  
31 Jan 44

Commanding General,  
Peninsular Base Section.

1A.

With reference to your communication of 15 Jan 44 (AG 250.3 BFDGS) Colonel DI STEFANO Antonio was arrested by the CIC on 17 Nov 43 and lodged in Poggioreale Prison, NAPLES, whence he was released on the authority of the CIC on 21 Dec 43.

Colonel ROSSI, Filippo is reported to be detained in No. 326 Prisoner of War Enclosure, AVERSA, awaiting disposal by an Italian Military Tribunal.

No information is available as to the charges against either Officer but further details are obtainable from CIC Headquarters.

The enclosures to your communication are returned herewith.

Brigadier,  
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Public Safety Division  
APO 394

File - 14043  
24 January 1944  
5A

SUBJECT: Arrests - Italians  
TO : Chief, Public Safety Division

Colonel ROSSI Filippo

1. Records of POGGIO REALM prison at HQ Region III reveal that Rossi was arrested and lodged in prison 13 Nov. 1943 and released 21 Dec. 1943. Both arrest and release effected by C. I. C.
2. I contacted C.I.C. re I above who are not in possession of any record.
3. Suggest further inquiry at Salerno.

Colonel DI STEFANO, Antonio

4. Col. Di Stefano, Antonio is at present detained P.O. # 525 AVERSA, awaiting direction of Italian Military Tribunal. Information and record at C.I.C.

S. MICHERINI  
Lt. Col.  
Special Police

1st ID 25 Jan. 1944  
From: Chief, Public Safety Div. Hq. AMG  
TO : AMG, Hq. COMF.

1. Forwarded *JA*
2. Your AMG/412/6 of 21 Jan 1944 refers

CHARLES M. STOFFORD  
Colonel, 780  
DCCAO

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FROM : HQ, AMC, Public Safety Division

TO : RCAFPO, REGION II (Thru RCAF) /

23 January, 1944

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- 1. Forwarded for action as indicated in basic communication.

PAUL G. KIRK,  
 Colonel, Infantry,  
 Chief Public Safety Division.

24 JAN 1944

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HEADQUARTERS  
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394, U.S. ARMY  
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

412

23 January 1944

SUBJECT: Colonel ROSSI Filippo  
Colonel DI STEFANO Antonio.

TO : HQ, AMG  
ACMF, CMF.

2A

Reference your AMG/412/6 dated 21 January 1944.

1. We have no record of Colonel ROSSI Filippo.
2. Colonel DI STEFANO Antonio was arrested on 17 November 1943 and lodged in Poggioreale Prison, Naples, from whence he was released on the authority of the CIC on 21 December 1943.
3. A copy of your letter, together with a request that any information on the subject be passed direct to you, has been forwarded to the CIC concerned.

*C.T. Francis*

C.T. FRANCIS.  
Lieut. Colonel, G.L.,  
Chief of Public Safety.

GRD/jb



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SUBJECT: Arrests - Italians

AIC  
HQ ACP  
CWF

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RCARO REGION III (thru' RCAG) - 3A  
RCARO REGION II - see 7A  
(thru' HQ ACP and RCAG)

AG 422/6  
21 Jan 46

Colonel ROSSI Filippo  
Colonel DI STEFANO Antonio

see 3A, 4A

1. Colonel ROSSI Filippo, ex-Commander 15 Inf Regt Depot, stated to have been arrested in SALERNO, date not known, and Colonel DI STEFANO Antonio, ex-Liaison Officer 10 Italian Corps and the German Army, stated to have been arrested in NAPLES, date not known, are believed to be confined in a Civil Prison or POW Camp.
2. Application has been made for their transfer to an Italian military prison and for the particulars of charges against them.
3. There is no record here of their having been arrested by either FIFTH or SIXTH ARMIES and it is thought that arrests may have been made after the FIFTH ARMY had moved over the cities.
4. Will you please have a check made and report all particulars which you may be able to find to this HQ as soon as possible.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Colonel,  
Chief Staff Officer.

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20 JAN 1944

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HEADQUARTERS  
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
APO 782

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AG 250.3 BFDCS (15 Jan 44)

15 January 1944

see 6A

Subject: Arrest of Colonels Rossi and Di Stefano.

To : G.O.C., Headquarters AMG, 15th Army Group.

returned to PBS at 6A

The attached letter from General Basso, Commanding General of Italian Armed Forces in Campania, is forwarded for such action as you may deem appropriate.

For the Commanding General:

*L.F. Nickel*  
L. F. NICKEL  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.  
Adjutant General

1 Incl:  
ltr from Gen. Basso  
to CG, PBS, dtd 4 Jan 44,  
and translation thereto.

no record of letter with copy  
attached

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