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

REF : SD/ 545

13 June 1945

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian Internees from Switzerland.

TO : G-2, AFHQ, c/o Major Bennet.

1. Attached are lists 39 to 52 of civilian refugees in Switzerland. This is, outside number 1 list, that I have sent you last week, the first bunch that I have received. I don't know what happened to lists 2 to 38 of the civilian internees and I have not received a single one of the military internees.
2. I have already sent two cables to the Military Attache' in Bern, to investigate and speed up procedure. I have also checked with O.S.S. here and in Caserta through whose channels they should have been sent. None of them had seen any trace of same.
3. The attached lists have reached me through Lt. Braafladt. I am attaching his note and the letter from the Swiss Police Headquarters to the Military Attache'.
4. Could you please find out from Lt. Braafladt if he has sent some other lists to me before and how. It looks like our transmission channels are snafu, as I understand from the Swiss Legation that great part of the Military internee lists had been turned over to the Military Attache' in Bern on June 1st.
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HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
(Prisoner of War Information Bureau)

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PWIS 9-479

29 January 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Package.

TO: Allied Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith for disposition is one (1) package addressed to:

Mrs. Paula Hooker, Internee,
Jewish Group Number 1,
F/W Transit Camp, Barracks 7,
South Italy, Allied Occupied.

2. This office has exhausted all known channels for possible disposition and is sending the package to you in the hope that you may be able to accomplish delivery.

For the Provost Marshal General:

MARCEL M. BOWMAN, Jr.,
Major, A. G. D.,
Director.

Incl:
1 package.

1st. Ind.

Ref. : Sd/545

9 February 1945

Hq, ALCOM, Security Division, Public Safety Sub Commission, APO 394.

TO : G-2, (CI) AFHQ

Delivery?.

1. With reference to the attached parcel.
2. Have you any means, please of effecting

SJH/nb

JOHN W. 1086,
Colonel J.A.G.D.,
Director Public Safety,
Sub Commission.



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER

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4 December 1944

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EVACUATION AND
ADMINISTRATION OF CIVILIAN REFUGEES

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1. Refugees may be classified as follows:

a. Refugees who come through our lines. These are a GSI responsibility and are evacuated through P! channels for interrogation after which they may be detained, interned or released and handed over to Allied Commission. Instructions have already been issued regarding the procedure for dealing with such cases.

b. Refugees who are rendered homeless or whose removal becomes necessary for operational reasons or necessities. This class of refugee, which is the subject of this instruction, is initially an Allied Commission responsibility.

2. Serious economic problems arise out of the displacement of large bodies of civilians from their homes. Thus, provided their presence does not interfere with military operations nor endanger security and they are living in existing accommodation, civilians should be allowed to remain in forward areas.

3. Refugees will be billeted on inhabitants in the area wherever possible and will be evacuated the minimum distance considered necessary in relation to operations and available billeting facilities. The AMG Refugee Officer attached to Corps and Army Headquarters will be responsible for making all arrangements for accommodation, feeding and supplying medical aid.

4. Refugees who cannot be accommodated locally will be evacuated to Italian Government Territory through forward Allied Commission Refugee Camps to Allied Commission Base Refugee Camps by arrangement of the AMG Refugee Officer in conjunction with Armies and Corps.

5. Where necessary, arrangements will be made for such security screening as may be practicable. This will be coordinated by AMG with GSI. Suspects will be segregated from the refugees and disposed of under arrangements made by GSI.

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6. Assistance may be required by Allied Commission in the establishment and moves of their camps, in the provision of stores, RE, Works, services and transport and will be provided by military units so far as practicable.

7. Refugees of Allied Nationality and ex-internees will be reported to Headquarters, Allied Commission, (Displaced Persons and Repatriations Sub-Commission) who will investigate the credentials of such individuals and assist those whom it is decided to evacuate.

8. Base Refugee Camps are established at Rome (Cine Citta) and Bari through which Allied Nationals normally pass to holding camps. Italian War Refugees will be dispersed under arrangements of Allied Commission (Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission).

By command of General WILSON:

C. T. Christinberry
C. T. CHRISTINBERRY,
Colonel, AGD,
Acting Adjutant General.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Security
Branch
214 Sept
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REF : 75/235/CA.

23 September 44

SUBJECT : Tracing of Non Italian displaced persons.

TO : Regions IV, V, VIII, IX, Piemonte, Liguria, XI, XII, and
SCAO's Fifth and Eight Armies.

1. It is necessary to have as complete a list as possible of Displaced Persons in Italy. This information is obtainable through Communes, and it has been arranged that its production will entail the least possible work to Provincial Commissioners. The procedure to be carried out is as follows:

2. There are enclosed two pro forma marked List A and List B.

(A) List A.

This List should be prepared by the Sindaco of each Comune and will contain all non-Italian displaced persons, in alphabetical order, now resident in that Comune.

(B) List B.

This should also be prepared by the Sindaco of the Comune and will contain the details of all non-Italians who have at any time been interned or in "confinamento libero" within the Comune. The list will also contain all those shown on List A, and should be compiled alphabetically.

3. As these lists are likely to be transmitted later to the Record Office of the International Red Cross it is essential that List B, includes:

- (a) The names of all who have ever been interned and
- (b) Those who are still living in the Comune.

4. It is suggested that the Prefetto be given sufficient forms and asked to distribute to his communes for completion by the Sindaco. The forms should be returned by the Sindacos duly completed to the Prefetto for forwarding.

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5. As List A, should be readily compiled from existing records it is desired that these should be returned completed by the Sindaco within a week of his receipt thereof.

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for
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive,
Commissioner.

Copy to: Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Comm.

Comune di

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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ADV HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

11 July 1944

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SUBJECT: Handling of refugees.

TO: The Director, Security Branch, A.C.C. (Att: Major MACKAY)

1. I refer to our conversation on the above subject with special reference to the G-2 Hq PBS letter RRGB1 dated 14 June and its two attached CIC reports, all herewith returned.

2. Regarding CIC report by Agent W.P. Buckley dated 9 June 44. I herewith attach copy of a report by Capt ELLIMAN, "Q" Movements of this Hq, extracted from the diary of this Branch (appendix "A"). It will be seen that:

- (a) No information was received by this Hq of the arrival of the refugees at Pozzuoli until 0840 hours 9 June 44.
- (b) Lt WHITCOMB reported at that hour from Pozzuoli that of the 600 refugees who had landed from Anzio, about half had already disappeared.
- (c) This Branch has no transport of its own for transporting refugees and had, as usual to ask Transportation Region III to provide the required transport, to transport the refugees from Pozzuoli to Aversa Refugee Camp.
- (d) On arrival at Pozzuoli of above transport, guided by Cpl Wilkinson, Transport Corporal of this Hq, it was found that approx. 493 refugees had already faded away and only 107 refugees remained to be transported to Aversa Camp. The convoy had to wait until all the above refugees had been screened, before being allowed to move off.
- (e) The facts disclosed above, together with attached report (Appendix "A"), clearly show that the disappearance of the refugees concerned, prior to screening, was NOT due to any lack of control on the part of this Branch.

3. With reference to CIC report by Agent Paul J. Hoylan dated 12 June 44. I attach herewith a copy of a letter dated 6 July 44 from Major J.E. DUFOUR, O.C. Capua Camp at the time in question, commenting on above CIC report (Appendix "B"). It will be seen from Major Dufours report that:

- (a) Agent Hoylan was absent from Capua for such very long periods that while he was still absent and before screening, refugees had departed in the routine manner to prearranged destinations, in order to leave room for more refugees arriving daily at the camp.

- (b) Agent Hoylan could not therefore have been in a position to say that he could not interrogate refugees because they had escaped; these refugees having probably departed by train in the routine manner.
- (c) A refugee camp is not a concentration or internment camp, and the guard employed are for the purpose of preventing refugees from moving in and out of the camp indiscriminately.
- (d) For your information Capua Camp covered an area of 1,000,000 sq. yards - not 4,000 as agent Hoylan estimates.
- (e) Agent Hoylan's much exaggerated statement that 300 refugees had escaped from Capua Camp on the night of 11 June appears to have been a guess only.

4. We would point out that CIC agents have been removed from our camps without notice, and recently we have been obliged to repeatedly call to your attention the absence of agents and the necessity of dispersing refugees to provide room for continual new arrivals.

5. Reviewing the foregoing, it is respectfully suggested that any future reports on refugee matters made by your agents should be more exact in their statements, and that they become more conversant with conditions prevailing at the time of reporting.

F. M. Brister
F. M. BRISTER,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

Copy to:
G-2 PBS, APO 782 U.S. Army
Major J.E. DUFOUR

EXTRACT from I.R.B. diary :-

9 June 1944.

1. 0840 Lt. Whitcomb from Pozzuoli telephoned that about 600 refugees had landed there from Anzio and about half had disappeared or run away.

2. Telephoned Major Culloton (Refugee Officer Region III).
" Red Cross and Mr. Silber.
" Major Gilles and Capt. Saunders
(Transportation Region III).

(Six trucks promised for 1130)

3. Lt. McDonald (Naval) telephoned that the boats involved were L.C.I's Nos 42, 194, and 234.

4. Notified Major Wilson (O.C. Aversa Camp) to expect refugees.

5. Sent Corporal Wilkinson on motor-cycle for six trucks at 11-30. (He returned here to report no trucks available. Transportation promised them later in the afternoon and Corpl. Wilkinson returned to pool at 13-30 and secured 8 trucks at about 14-10 and arrived at Pozzuoli at approx. 14-50).
(C.I.C. refused to let refugees load on trucks, so convoy did not get going until approx. 17-00) (Refugees were being screened or questioned)

6. Only 107 refugees arrived at Aversa.

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Parentheses indicate information not in diary.

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6 July 1944

BESANO CAMP.

SUBJECT: Security (Capua Refugee Camp).

TO: Maj. Dunolly

Reference Memo from C.I.C. dated 12 June 1944.

- 1 /S/ Paul J. Hoylan, agent C.I.C. subsection N.4 P.B.S., was sent to Capua Camp on our request dated 2 June 1944 in order to screen refugees who then were arriving in camp at the rate of more than 1000 a day.
- 2 On June 6, Mr. Hoylan was ordered to report to Capua by his C.O.
- 3 On June 8 Mr. Hoylan reported to Camp. Ten minutes after, he went to Naples and returned in camp on the 10th June. The reason of his short stays and long absences was that the list of suspects Mr. Hoylan brought to camp were incomplete.
- 4 Therefore, he had to make lists of refugees in Capua; return to Naples in order to check Capua lists against those in Naples.
- 5 During these lapses of time, the usual departure routine was carried out and it is not surprising to understand that refugees and suspects were in Calabria or elsewhere by the time the lists were checked and Mr. Hoylan returned.
- 6 From what I gathered, during Mr. Hoylan's stay in Capua, I am inclined to believe that Mr. Hoylan failed to cope and adept himself with the refugee screening problem probably due to inexperience.
- 7 To substantiate above, let me mention figures of population for that period:
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7 " 1944	2871		

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When it was at least 1,000,000 sq.yds.
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prevent refugees from leaving camp. Capua was an open camp
and without a concentration camp's staff or fence or tower,
I can truly state that it was impossible to prevent odd
escapes. But on the night of 11 June 44, according to Mr.
Hoylan's statement 300 refugees escaped, is not only a
guess but a much exaggerated number.

8 I also submit that Mr. Hoylan should have asked for more
agents to help him instead of trying to carry out a task
alone, which he could not efficiently perform.

9 Ultimately, Mr. Hoylan, from his arrival to his departure
did not at any time spend more than a few hours sometimes
minutes for each day he came to Capua.

13/ J.E. DUFOR
O.C. CESANO.

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A.P.O. 782

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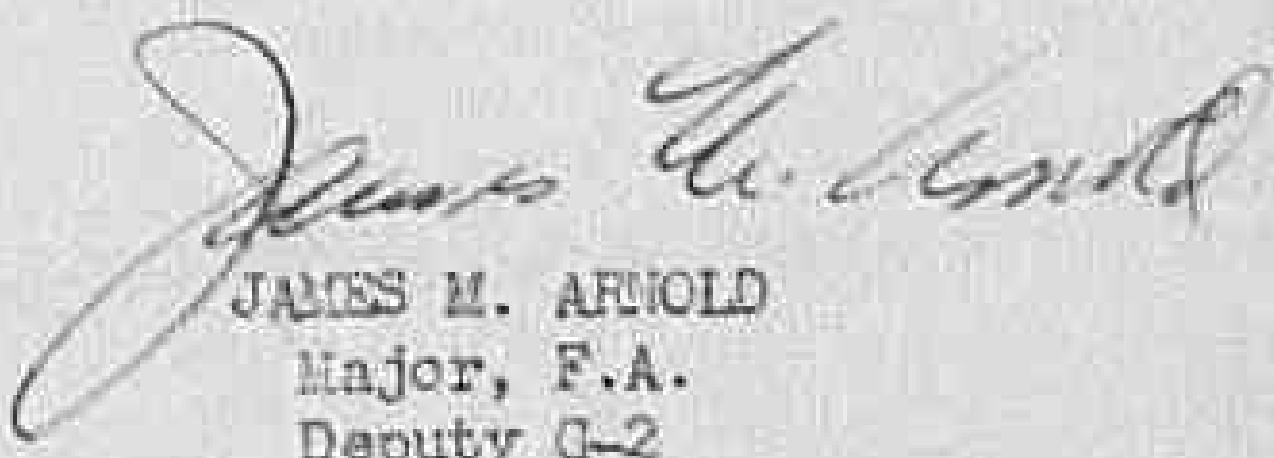
14 June 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, SECURITY BRANCH, ACC (ATTN: MAJOR MACKAY):

Subject: Handling of Refugees.

1. Your attention is invited to the two attached CIC reports, dated 9 June and 12 June, in connection with the above subject.
2. The limited time available for screening of refugees passing through this area and the limited number of CIC personnel who can be used for this purpose make it impossible to do more than look for suspects whose names and descriptions are known and interrogate suspicious persons. Obviously, these are the very individuals who will disappear if possible before their identities are discovered.
3. It is requested that the necessary action be taken to prevent a recurrence of the events noted in the attached reports. The ease with which enemy agents may attach themselves to groups of refugees and secure transportation to the area selected for their proposed operations makes it of vital importance that strict control over their freedom of movement be exercised.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:


JAMES M. ARNOLD
Major, F.A.
Deputy G-2

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SECTION No. 1
CIC DETACHMENT
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

9 June 1944

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

TO: Chief, CIC, PBS

Today at 1130 hours this agent received a telephone call from Mr. Turner, CIC, PBS regarding a group of Italian refugees from the Anzio area which had been landed at Pozzuoli. Agent Turner requested that this agent determine where the four-hundred-odd refugees were being kept or where they were going to be taken so that arrangements could be made for their screening.

At 1245 hours this agent arrived at the port and found that about one hundred refugees were in an old ration dump area in front of the military police building in Pozzuoli. The barbed-wire fence which surrounded the area was broken in two places, and the refugees were leaving and entering the area at will. Upon looking for those in charge of the refugees this agent found only Pfc B.O. Michelson, 60th MP PW Det., Pozzuoli, on guard in the interior of the area, and armed with a shotgun. Upon being questioned, Michelson stated that this dump area was his regular post, along with Cpl. Misliago (sp), and that at about 0800 hours S/Sgt. Sullivan of Port Movements has requested that he and the corporal watch the refugees until they were taken by AMG. Michelson stated that he received little help from the corporal, and upon being asked said that he had not requested help from either his commanding officer nor the MPs in the station some twenty-five yards away.

This agent "borrowed" an MP from the station and had him and Michelson guard the two exits. S/Sgt. Sullivan was questioned and stated that about six hundred refugees had arrived in the port on three LSTs at 2200 hours on 8 June. At 0700 hours today the LST officers advised that they were clearing the refugees from the ships, and did so. Sullivan advised that he had placed the refugees in the ration-dump under the guards stationed there. Then he called AMG, Italian Refugee Bureau, Naples (Vapor 56) and had told them to collect the Italians. Sullivan reported that the British Sergeant who answered the phone had promised transportation right away. At 1000 hours when the transportation had not arrived, Sullivan stated that he had called again, and that this time he had warned the Sergeant that unless the refugees were taken immediately they would all escape because there were no guards. Sullivan advised that the Sergeant had replied that they expected that anyway, and that the trucks would come after lunch. Later, Sullivan said, he received another message that the trucks would not arrive until 1500 hours.

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At approximately 1450 Agent Turner arrived for the screening.

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Summary of Information 9 June 44

and at 1500 hours a convoy of AMG trucks arrived with a British soldier in charge; these trucks were to pick up the refugees.

Prior to the arrival of Agent Turner this agent had an interpreter record the names of all refugees remaining, and the count was 107; apparently all but about one-fourth had left before this agent's appearance on the scene.

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Agent, C.I.C.

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C.I.C. DETACHMENT
SUB-SECTION No. 4
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
A.P.O. 782

12 June 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

SUBJECT: Refugee Camp in Capua

1. On 6 June 1944 this Agent was ordered by Chief, C.I.C., Detachment, P.B.S., to report to the Refugee Camp at Capua to interrogate refugees and to check them with the C.I.C. Suspect List.
2. This Agent reported to Major Dufour (Br.) Commanding Officer of the Camp, and attempted to interrogate and check the Refugees. On several occasions this Agent attempted to interrogate refugees who were supposed to be in said camp, but when these refugees were sent for, it was found that they had escaped from the camp. Two of these refugees are known to be enemy agents, their names and descriptions coinciding perfectly with our suspect list. This agent had a list of 15 refugees whom he wanted to interrogate. Of these 15 refugees he was able to interrogate only one, the others having escaped from the camp. On the night of 11 June 1944, 300 refugees had escaped from this camp.
3. On 10 June 1944, this agent interviewed Major Dufour, C.O. of this camp and presented the existing problem to him. Major Dufour stated that he was aware that many refugees escape each day and night from the camp. Major Dufour further stated that for a long time he had tried to have something done that would assure the security of the camp, and that no one listened to him. Major Dufour informed this agent that there is not enough personnel there to run the camp as it should be run. There are 14 P.R.C.C. on guard at various points on the camp at all times. Major Dufour stated that the camp comprises an area of 4000 sq. yards, that the camp is open, and that there are not enough guards to prevent anyone who so desired to walk out of the camp.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Since several enemy agents have been detected and apprehended within refugee camps, this Agent recommends that the number of guards at this camp be doubled, and that steps be taken to prevent refugees from leaving said camp until they have passed before C.I.C. personnel.

/s/ PAUL J. HOVLAM
AGENT, C.I.C.

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AGENT, C.I.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

19 April 1944.

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SUBJECT : Security and Refugees.

TO : S.C.A.O., AMG 8th Army.
S.C.A.O., AMG 5th Army.

1. Frequent cases have occurred in the past, and are becoming prevalent just now in areas covered by Moroccan patrols, of individual peasants being picked up and sent back, for instance to PW cages or Refugee Camps for interrogation by Security Branch. These peasants may be working in a field or may be occupied otherwise on their own property. Troops who pick them up are usually not in a position to ask a simple question or understand a reply owing to the language difficulty.
2. In the great majority of cases, in fact almost invariably, at arrival at interrogation center the peasant is found harmless.
3. The question then arises, what is to be done with them? Individuals cannot be transported from Refugee Camps forward, but must follow the usual routine and be evacuated. It follows then that the man is separated from his family, the latter has been abandoned by the principal bread winner, and they in turn become refugees.
4. Could you please take this matter up with "I" Branch. If these individuals must be picked up, could not some arrangement be made to interrogate them forward? In this manner we should not be creating refugees unnecessarily.

L.R. HULLS
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

Copy to:

The Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.,
Security Branch, A.C.C.,
Capua Refugee Camp.
Aversa Refugee Camp.
Naples Refugee Camp.

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Hq., ACC., Security Branch, APO 394, 24 April 1944.

To : Lt. Col. GIBSON, G.S.O.1 (Ib)
HQ., A.A.I.

1. Above forwarded for your information and any action which might be possible to prevent the creation of an awkward problem.

Colonel,
DIRECTOR.

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