

**DRAFT INVENTORY OF THE RECORDS OF THE ALLIED SCREENING
COMMISSION, ALLIED SCREENING COMMISSION (ITALY), AND THE PRISONER
OF WAR CLAIMS SCREENING COMMISSION**

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N.B. The NAID number in this inventory is reference to the National Archives' Identification Number.

General Records Relating to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy)

Series Title: General Correspondence

Date of Records: ca. January, 1944- ca. May, 1947

Date of Information: 1940-1947

Entry UD 1004

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND 806041

Boxes 1-19

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

Allied Screening Commission, Intelligence School 9 (I.S.9), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 20, 1944-November 16, 1944

Allied Screening Commission, "N" Section of "A" Force, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, July 16, 1944-August 19, 1944

This series consists of memorandums, letters, claims instructions, administrative instructions, messages, operation orders, photographs, Italian and other newspapers, routine orders, vouchers, lists of claims, lists of payments, and other records relating to the organization, operations, and activities of the Allied Screening Commission, the Allied Screening Commission (Italy), and the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission. It also contains extensive information regarding individuals in Italy who provided assistance to Allied escapers and evaders in Italy. The series contains separate files of correspondence with M.I.9 [Military Intelligence Section 9]; I.S.9 [Intelligence School No. 9]; G-2 (P/W) Section of G-2, AFHQ (Allied Force Headquarters); G-2, AFHQ, and the Rome Area Allied Command. The series contains information on war crimes,

“A” Force and I.S.9 activities in Italy; policies and procedures of G-2 (P/W) AFHQ and M.I.9; and, the closing and disbanding of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy). The series consists of six files of information regarding Italian military and civilian personnel who were employed by or attached to I.S.9 and “A” Force and five files relating to denunciations made against Italians who had informed on Italian helpers and Allied escapers and evaders. In File 8-0 Office List of Payments, is a register of lists dispatched, for lists D/1249 to D/1480, October-December 1946. For each entry there is given the List number, the related Routing Slip number, the name of the province, the date posted, and the number of British and American Certificates of Appreciation associated with each List. Also contained in File 8-0 Office List of Payments, is a register of payments, for Lists 1 to 1796. For each entry indication is given whether the payments were complete or not and/or payment date, from July 1946 to March 1947. File 2-6 U.S. P/W Identity Queries to G-2(P/W) contains lists of American military personnel who either escaped or evaded capture, dated March 1945-August 1946. File 3-6 Particulars of Helpers Recommended for Awards by Allied Screening Commission (Italy) consists of various lists containing name of individuals recommended by I.S.9 (Intelligence School No. 9), Allied Screening Commission (Italy), and Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission for awards. Most of the lists provide the name of the individual, the level of award, address, claim number, a file reference, and date. File 5-3 Correspondence Re Repatriation of Italian PsW [Prisoners of War], contains some twenty lists and correspondence regarding recommendations for priority repatriation of Italian prisoners of war whose relatives provided material assistance to Allied escapers and evaders. The lists provide, among other particulars, the claim number of the helper. File 4-2 Italian P/W Dossiers contains information, based primarily on Italian records, about attempted escapes from Italian Prisoner of War Camps during 1941, 1942, and 1943. Also contained in the file is information about mistreatment of and punishments to Allied prisoners of war, as well as information about the Prisoner of War camps and staff. File 3-5 contains Black Lists prepared by the Allied Interrogation Section (I.S.9), Central Mediterranean Force, giving names of those “blacklisted,” the reasons for the blacklisting (e.g., ill-treatment of prisoners of war, betraying of Allied escapers and evaders), and the source of information. It contains information for Italy, Greece, and Austria. File 6-13 consists of 15 folders of correspondence. Much of this correspondence deals ex-Allied evaders and escapers and with Italians who provided assistance to Allied escapers and evaders. Also included is correspondence with Italian Government agencies and various Allied organizations and individuals, including British Major Gordon Lett. File 10-7 contains information about the Allied Screening Commission (Greece) and its relationship to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy). File 11-2 contains Claims Instructions from October 25, 1944 to May 31, 1945. File 12-11 contains information about claims investigations and payments in Czechoslovakia from October to December 1945. File 12-8 contains information about claims investigations and payments in Hungary from July to December 1945.

This series is arranged numerically by file numbers established by the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) and thereunder generally chronologically. The first folder has a list of contents.

Note: Repatriation requests by helpers for relatives who were held by the Allies as prisoners of war were often filed in File 3-1 Denunciations, Jan. 1945-June 1945, as the officer who handled denunciation matters also handled repatriation requests

Series Title: Subject File Maintained by Lieutenant Colonel Hugo Graham De Burgh

Date of Records: June 1944-May 17, 1947

Entry UD 1021

NAID: 66539827

Declassification Authority: NND806041

Boxes 2-3

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

Allied Screening Commission, Intelligence School 9 (I.S.9), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 20, 1944-November 16, 1944

Allied Screening Commission, "N" Section of "A" Force, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, July 16, 1944-August 19, 1944

This series consists of letters, memorandums, reports, cables, instructions, and other records maintained by Lieutenant Colonel Hugo Graham De Burgh, the commanding officer of the Allied Screening Commission from October 22, 1945 to April 10, 1947. The series contains information on sale of surplus vehicles to Italian helpers; compensation policy; establishing a section in Austria, policies regarding damage of property due to assisting evaders and escapers; and, Italian Officer Lt. Giovanni di Francesco D'Alauro's activities with Intelligence School 9 (I.S.9), in assisting escapers and evaders during 1943 and 1944 and his assignment as an Investigating Officer with the Allied Screening Commission (Italy). Also included are records relating to personnel matters. This series also contains two copies of "M.I.9 Amateur Helpers: News-Letter." Number 1, March 1, 1946, issued by Samuel I. Derry, Lt. Col., Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/19), War Office. It contains information regarding M.I.9

activities in the Far East, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Greece, Holland (the Netherlands), Italy, and Poland. An appendix to the newsletter provides detailed information about helper compensation in Europe up to January 31, 1946, at which time in Europe 92,323 claims had been received, of which 62,242 had been received by the Allied Screening Commission (Italy). The series contains three monthly and other financial reports files that cover the period June 5, 1944 to March 31, 1947. The series contains several reports by Major Thaddeus. M. Colchiski and Major Emanuel F. Schifano, the American representatives to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy).

This series is arranged by subject and thereunder chronologically.

Note to researchers: Colonel De Burgh's own exploits as an escaper in Italy in September 1943 are detailed in his "Smuggler's Way" in **Great Escape Tales from Blackwood** (Edinburgh and London: William Blackwood, 1969). His final report to the Deputy Director of Military Intelligence covering the Allied Screening Commission (Italy)'s operations from October 1945 to March 1947 is found in File WO 208/3397 in the National Archives of the United Kingdom.

Series Title: War Diaries

Date of Records: July 14, 1944-June 30, 1946

Date of Information: September 1943-June 30, 1946

Entry UD 1021D

NAID: 67644805

Declassification Authority: NND806041

Box 1

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

Allied Screening Commission, Intelligence School 9 (I.S.9), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 20, 1944-November 16, 1944

Allied Screening Commission, "N" Section of "A" Force, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, July 16, 1944-August 19, 1944

This series consists of operations memorandums, administrative instructions, claims instructions, monthly claims progress reports, report of trips, and other records relating to the formation, organization, policies, and procedures of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) from its inception in July 1944 to June 30, 1946. One file contains the official War Diary (Army Form C.2119) for the period July 1944-December 1945. It consists of a three-page narrative and appendices. The narrative was written by Lt. Col. Hugo Graham De Burgh, Commanding Officer, Allied Screening Commission (Italy). He provides background information on the origins of the Commission, its organizational structure from July 1944 to his arrival in Italy in October 1945, and its operations until the end of December 1945. The appendices contain copies of basic organizational and operational documents, including the 55-page Claims Instruction No. 23 that comprehensively explains the claims process; a claims progress report covering the period from the Commission's inception to December 31, 1944; and, monthly claims progress reports for each month in 1945. Another file contains claims progress reports issued monthly in the first half of 1946, a trip report regarding a visit to Austria during January and February 1946, and various Operations Memorandums issued from December 11, 1945 to May 21, 1946. A third file consists of duplicate copies of many of the documents found in the first two files.

This series is arranged in three parts: an official War Diary; files set aside for the War Diary, and duplicate copies of many of the documents in the first two parts.

Series Title: Records Relating to an Appreciation (Understanding) of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy)

Date of Records: February 1947

Entry UD 1026H

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND 785021

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, February 1947-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consists of notes on meetings regarding the shutting down of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy); a draft letter regarding the future of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy); an Appreciation prepared by the British Embassy, Rome, regarding the future of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy); and, an Appreciation prepared by the commanding officer of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy), regarding the activities, personnel, and workload to the successor commission to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy).

This series is unarranged.

Series Title: Reference Set of Basic Documents
Date of Records: May 1946-January 1947
Date of Information: September 1943-January 1947
Entry UD 1026I
NAID:
Declassification Authority: NND 785021
Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, May 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consists of a bound collection of mimeographed documents relating to the activities of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy). Included are a draft letter to Brigadier Edwin Kenneth Page, Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (DDMI), regarding the status of the Allied Screening Commission; an undated letter to the British Embassy, Rome, regarding the present position and future of the Commission; a letter, dated May 29, 1946, from Noel Charles, British Ambassador to Italy, to Ernest Bevin, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, regarding an Allied Screening Commission (Italy) ceremony in Rome; an undated document summarizing the assistance Italians provided to Allied escapers and evaders; an undated document regarding the policy of the Commission regarding property damage; a summary of claim number 50702 (Primo Curami); a report, dated November 18, 1946, of an investigative trip to the Sulmona area; extracts from "Happy Letters" to the Commission; a letter, dated July 15, 1946, from Lt. Col. Hugo Graham De Burgh to Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/19) regarding a possible closing date of the Commission; a letter, dated October 17, 1946, from Lt. Col. De Burgh to M.I.9/19 regarding the reorganization of Commission sections; two undated plans for carrying on the work of the Commission after March 31, 1947; a report of a visit on November 1, 1946 to Allied Force Headquarters (AFHQ) regarding American involvement in the Commission; and four letters, dated in December 1946, regarding the work of the Commission after March 31, 1947. Also included are narratives of cases of gallantry on the part of Italian helpers; Additionally there is an undated translation of a letter from Flora Pacella to the British Foreign Secretary expressing her appreciation for the work done by Lt. Col. De Burgh and Maj. William C. Simpson. She also notes that her family had provided assistance to Simpson, John Furman, and Joseph Pollack. These three individuals would subsequently become important members of the British Organization in Rome for Assisting Allied Escaped Prisoners of War (generally referred to as the Rome Organization), an assistance operation directed by Maj. Samuel I. Derry and Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty.

This series is arranged by subject.

Note to researchers: The original copies of many of the documents in this series are part of "Allied Screening Commission (Italy) Final Report for DDMI. October 1945-March 1947." This report is held by the National Archives of the United Kingdom under file number WO 208/3397.

General Records Relating to the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission

Series Title: Subject File

Date of Records: December 28, 1944-November 28, 1947

Entry UD 1020

NAID: 70156211

Declassification Authority: NND836527

Boxes 2-5

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, December 28, 1944-July 31, 1945

This series consists of memorandums, operation memorandums, letters, military circulars, movement orders, monthly reports, wage cards for civilian office staff and drivers, civilian employees payment lists, photographs, newspapers, field returns of officers, and other records relating to the policies, procedures, and activities of the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission. Included is information regarding military personnel, civilian personnel, civilian pay, transportation, stores and equipment, finance, prisoners of war monies in Italian banks, honors and awards, publicity, claims, and, policies and procedures. Most of the series consists of correspondence with Italian and Austrian claimants and with Allied and Italian departments, ministries, and organizations, during the April-November 1947 period. There is also substantial

correspondence regarding the Commission assisting those that had assisted escaped prisoners of war and military evaders and those Italians that had been engaged by Allied Intelligence organizations, to obtain vehicles, aircraft, and boats. File 1-13 (Honours and Awards) contains recommendations for awards, from July 1945 to October 30, 1947, for Italian helpers and Italian personnel with I.S.9 (Intelligence School No. 9), C.M.F. (Central Mediterranean Force). The series also contains weekly field returns of officers of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy), dated March 29, 1947, and the Prisoner of War Claim Screening Commission, dated June 28, 1947-November 1, 1947.

This series is arranged by a numeric filing system, 1-1 through 2-5, followed by an unnumbered file of civilian employee payroll cards and an unnumbered file of weekly field return of officers.

Series Title: War Establishment File
Date of Records: May 1947-August 1947
Entry UD 1026J
NAID:
Declassification Authority: NND 785021
Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, May 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

This series consists primarily of letters and issuances by the War Office and the General Officer Commanding the Central Mediterranean Force regarding the establishment and staffing of the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission. An instruction from the War Office, dated June 6, 1947, indicated that there be established, back-dated to April 1, 1947, a Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission and that it be staffed by six officers and twelve civilians. An instruction from the General Officer Commanding the Central Mediterranean Force, dated August 8, 1947, as amended on August 11, 1947, indicated that the a Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Italy, be established April 1, 1947 (backdated). Also included is a letter from the officer commanding the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, dated June 12, 1947, addressed to M.I.9/19 (Military Intelligence Section 9/19) at the War Office regarding various War Establishment issues as well as the disposition of the records when the Commission disbanded. This series is arranged chronologically.

Series Title: Operation Memorandums
Date of Records April 12, 1947-October 1947
Entry UD 1026K
NAID:
Declassification Authority: NND 785021
Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

This series consists of Operation Memorandums issued by the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission to govern the operations of the Commission, between April 12 and October 20, 1947. The Operation Memorandums contain instructions regarding investigating officers; finance; letters from Italians; payment of claims; transportation; claims; death claims; and, correspondence. On May 20, 1947, Peter A. Hewitt, Major, Foresters, Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Headquarters, POW Claims Screening Commission, c/o Military Attaché, British Embassy-Rome, sent copies of Operation Memorandums 1-3 to M.I.9/19, War Office, London (with copies to Military Attaché, British Embassy-Rome; Mr. Hankey, 1st Secretary of the British Embassy-Rome; Allied Force Headquarters, attention Colonel Harding-Newman; and to General Headquarters, Central Mediterranean Force, attention Chief of Staff) with a note that all subsequent Operation Memorandums would be forward to M.I.9/19 (Military Intelligence Section 9/19), War Office, London.

This series is arranged numerically by Operation Memorandum number, 1-8, with further instructions attached to some of them.

Series Title: Monthly Reports
Date of Records: April 22, 1947-October 1, 1947
Entry UD 1026L
NAID:
Declassification Authority: NND 785021
Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 22, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

This series consists of monthly reports prepared by the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, monthly from April 1947 to October 1947. The reports prepared before September 1947 were sent to M.I.9/19 (Military Intelligence Section 9/19), War Office, London, and those during September and October were sent to M.I.1 (Military Intelligence Section 1), War Office, London. Copies of the April and May reports were sent to the Military Attaché, British Embassy-Rome and to Mr. Hankey, 1st Secretary of the British Embassy-Rome. Beginning in June copies of the reports were also sent to 8 Base Command Pay Office; General Headquarters, attention Chief of Staff; and to the Judge Advocate General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army. The reports for September and October were sent to M.I.1 at the War Office. The reports contain information about staff, civilian personnel, finance, claims, claim investigations, claim payments, the War Establishment (WE), transport, accommodations, correspondence, and records.

This series is arranged chronologically.

Series Title: Specimen Form Letters
Date of Records: ca. July 1947-October 1947
New Entry UD 1026M
NAID:
Declassification Authority: NND 785021
Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, July 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

This series consists of fourteen form letters prepared for the signature of Peter A. Hewitt, Major, Foresters, Prisoner of War Claim Screening Commission, Headquarters, Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, c/o Military Attaché, British Embassy-Rome. When the Commission received a letter, it was translated and an O.F. [Office Form] 102, was sent as an acknowledgement, stating the letter would be fully replied to at the earliest possible moment. As 70% of these letters asked for more money, work, visas for immigration, and, late claims (to be re-opened) it was decided during the summer of 1947 to reply to them by certain stock letters which were produced as office forms, and signed as a normal letter. The other 30% of the letters received were answered in a more orthodox manner. Form O.F. 101 relates to claims for assisting escaped Allied prisoners of war. Form O.F. 102 relates to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) being disbanded on March 31, 1947 and the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission being authorized to deal with all the matters left unfinished by the Allied Screening Commission (Italy), except for those relating to additional payments. Form O.F. 103 relates to requests for further financial recompense. Form O.F. 104 relates to requests for re-opening of claims received after February 28, 1946. Form O.F. 105 relates to applications for visa or permits to travel outside Italy or emigrate overseas. Form O.F. 106 relates to assistance to find employment. Form O.F. 107 relates to requests for clothes or further financial assistance. Forms O.F. 108 and O.F. 109 relate to Certificates of Appreciation signed by Field Marshall Alexander. Form O.F. 110 relates to recompense for assistance to escaped Allied prisoners of war and military evaders. Form O.F. 111 relates to matters not concerning the Prisoner of War Claim Screening Commission. Form O.F. 112 relates to requests for financial recompense. Form O.F. 113 relates to requests for addresses of escaped prisoners of war. Form O.F. 115 relates to the Prisoner of War Claim Screening Commission's inability to reply as it was disbanding on October 31, 1947. Form O.F. 101 indicates it was too late to take a claim under consideration as it was submitted after the closing date of February 28, 1946. Form O.F. 103 indicates that the Prisoner of War Claim Screening Commission was merely authorized to settle the outstanding

claims still remaining and unpaid when the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) ceased operations on March 31, 1947.

This series is arranged numerically by Office Form numbers, O.F. 101 thru O.F. 113, and O.F. 115.

Note: Prisoner of War Claim Screening Commission Operation Memorandum No. 7 of September 9, 1947 (see Entry UD 1026K) provided that in any case where it was possible to reply by O.F. 103-O.F. 107, that would be done. This same Operation Memorandum noted that there were approximately 1,000 letters to be replied to by the Commission by Office Form or letter, and established procedures to have them all answered by a Section controlled by Squadron Leader L. B. Barry, Royal Air Force, by October 24, 1947.

Series Title: Thank You Letters Acknowledging Receipt of Certificates and Payments

Date of Records: March 20, 1947-November 7, 1947

Entry UD 1026N

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND 785021

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, March 20, 1947-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consists of approximately 105 thank you letters written primarily in Italian (generally with English translations provided) addressed to Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission and its predecessor, the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) from claimants. The letters acknowledge receipt of certificates and payments, and infrequently refer to the assistance for which they made a claim.

This series is arranged roughly chronologically.

Series Title: Daily Bulletins
Date of Records: April 8, 1947-September 30, 1947
Entry UD 1021A
NAID: 67902388
Declassification Authority: NND806041
Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 8, 1947-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consist of copies of Rome Area Allied Command Daily Bulletins from April 8, 1947 to September 30, 1947. Each issue of the Bulletin indicates the daily Staff Duty Officer and the Night Staff Duty Officer, indicating whether they were United States or British. Following that information is general information, with an indication whether the information was applicable to British or United States units only. The information relates to such matters as marriage, registration of civilian motor vehicles, identification tags, processing of baggage, fire prevention, disposal of vehicles, change of telephone numbers, changes of unit locations, transfers of duties, rates of exchange, expendable supplies, church services, transport of dependents, passports for non-Italian dependents, post exchange usage, recreation activities, secular and religious holidays, conservation of paper and paper products, laundry services, vaccinations and inoculations, uniform regulations, and bus and train services. Bulletin Number 112, dated May 18, 1947, indicated that with effect from May 19, 1947, Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, and would act as Roman Catholic Chaplain for the Rome Area Allied Command. Bulletin Number 156, dated July 9, 1947, indicated that effective June 30, 1947, the functions and control of Allied Force Records Administration and Allied Forces Microfilm and Records Depot were transferred from the Office of the Adjutant General, Allied Force Headquarters (AFHQ) to the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ.

This series is arranged numerically by Bulletin Number, 80-221.

Series Title: Orders
Date of Records: September 23, 1947-November 8, 1947
Entry UD 1021B
NAID: 68116321
Declassification Authority: NND806041
Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, September 23, 1947-November 30, 1947

This series consists of daily orders issued by Officer Commanding, British Troops, Rome, from September 23 to October 21, 1947 and by the Officer Commanding, British Troops, Military Increment to the British Embassy, Rome (MIBER), from October 22, 1947 to November 8, 1947. The orders indicate the daily duty officer and orderly non-commissioned officer. They also provide instructions regarding marriage, entertainment, transportation, postal facilities, lire exchange, pay parades, uniforms, discipline, demobilization, dogs, and, wearing of berets. The orders for September 29 indicate the with effective from October 1 Major J. Spiers, would assume Command of British Troops, Rome and that Headquarters, Rome Area Allied Command would close for disbandment with effect from 2359 hours on September 30, 1947. The orders for October 21, indicate that Part I Orders would cease to be published by OC Troops (British) Rome with an effective date of October 21; with an effective date from October 22, Part I Orders would be published by Officer Commanding (British) Troops, MIBER. Also effective October 22, administration of all British troops remaining in Rome would be the responsibility of the MIBER.

This series is arranged chronologically.

Series Title: Correspondence of the American Representative
Date of Records: July 18, 1946-July 8, 1947
Entry UD 1020C
NAID:
Declassification Authority: NND836527
Box 1

Custodial Organizations,

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, July 18, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consists of letters, memorandums, receipts, vouchers, routing slips, and other records. The series is the correspondence files of Major Thaddeus M. Colchiski, Representative of the United States Claims Service of the Judge Advocate General's Section, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army, to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) and to the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission. He assumed that position on July 22, 1946, on instructions of the Deputy Chief Claims Officer, United States Claims Service of the Judge Advocate General's Section, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army. He succeeded Maj. Emanuel F. Schifano as the representative. Almost always Colchiski, in correspondence with anyone except the United States Claims Service and the Theater Judge Advocate General's Office, identified himself at the "American Representative." Most of the correspondence relates to financial matters; surplus property; sale of salvaged material to Italian nationals; requests for visas; immigration requests; employment and medical assistance; claims, including Greek helper claims and claims forwarded to or from the United States Claims Service. Included in this series is Maj. Colchiski's quantitative report for the month of June 1947, a quantitative report for the period January 14-22, 1947, sent to him by United States Army First Lieutenant Raymond G. LaJoie, War Crimes Branch, Office of the Theater Judge Advocate, Headquarters, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army (who served with the Allied Screening Commission (Italy), and a quantitative report, dated September 28, 1946, to Maj. Colchiski from Capt. Barney H. McKellop, Jr., of the War Crimes Investigation Branch, Theater Judge Advocate, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army, covering the period the period he served with the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) as a paying officer. Also included is information regarding an Albanian providing assistance to a downed United States Army Air Force bomber crew member who was shot down over Albania; and information regarding Lt. Gianfranco Pareti of the Italian Army who assisted over 80 Allied escaped prisoners of war find safety in Switzerland in 1943, became a Partisan leader during 1944, and was subsequently attached to I.S.9 (Intelligence School 9), Florence, and was, in January 1945, dropped into the Parma area where he joined the Vermouth Mission. Pareti stayed with the mission until April 1945, when on April 20, he crossed back to the Allied side, with six escapers. The series also contains a copy of "D" List ASC-8-0—List/D/943A, annotated with information that some claimants were deserving or very deserving of payment and a November 7, 1946 memorandum regarding the premiere of a film entitled, "To Whom Honor is Due," which depicted the work and background of the Allied Screening Commission. The series also contains numerous documents regarding Major Colchiski's efforts to obtain a more substantial compensation payment to Mrs. Germana Bosio and his assistance given to Mrs. Giannina Vicedomini, the widow of Eugenio Vicedomini, commandant of the Italian prisoner of war camp at Fontanellato, Camp PG 49, who allowed 600 Allied military personnel to escape after the Italian armistice.

This series is roughly arranged in two parts. The first part consists of general correspondence, generally arranged chronologically. The second part consists of correspondence primarily relating to financial matters and is arranged generally chronologically.

Administrative Note: Prior to July 1946, the responsibility for the United States representative to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) had been the G-2, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army and the Military Attaché at the United States Embassy, Rome. In July 1946, the responsibility was assigned to the Theater Judge Advocate.

Series Title: General Claims Correspondence

Date of Records: December 13, 1946-October 16, 1947

Entry UD 1020D

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND836527

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, December 13, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consists of letters, memorandums, and transmittal documents relating to claims. The first part of the series consists of letters from claimants, dated from February 27, 1947 to September 19, 1947, that were responded to by Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission by Form O.F. [Office Form] 102. This form letter relates to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) ceasing operations on March 31, 1947, and the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission being authorized to deal with all the matters left unfinished by the Allied Screening Commission (Italy), except for those relating to additional payments. The second part of the series is documentation, dated December 13, 1946-October 16, 1947, transmitting claims and correspondence to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) and its successor, the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission. The transmissions were made by, among other organizations, Headquarters Rome Area Allied Command; Mediterranean Theater of Operations United States Army; the British Embassy, Rome; the General Headquarters of the Central Mediterranean Force; the Military Attaché of the British Embassy, Rome; the Military Increment to the British Embassy, Rome (MIBER); and General Staff Intelligence (GSI) of the General Headquarters of the Central Mediterranean Force.

This series is arranged in two parts. The first part is correspondence responded to by use of Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission Form O.F. 102. This correspondence is generally arranged chronologically. The second part is transmittal documentation that is generally arranged chronologically.

Series Title: Disbandment of the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission File

Date of Records: March 25, 1947-November 24, 1947

Entry UD 1020E

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND836527

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, March 25, 1947-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consists of memorandums, letters, instructions, messages, and other records relating to the disbandment of the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission and the disposition of its records and those of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy). Included is correspondence with M.I.1 (Military Intelligence Section 1), War Office, the Foreign Office, Allied Forces Records Administration; General Headquarters, Central Mediterranean Force; British Military Attaché, Rome; British Embassy, Rome; Military Increment to the British Embassy, Rome. Claims Service of the Judge Advocate General Section, Mediterranean Theater of Operations United States Army, and others regarding disposition of records of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) and Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission (March 25, 1947-November 24, 1947). The remaining portion of the series relates to the disposition of personnel and the disbandment of the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission (October 6, 1947-November 9, 1947).

This series is arranged in two parts. The first part relates to the administrative and logistical closing of the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission. The second part relates to the disposition of the records of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) and Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission. Both parts are arranged chronologically.

Note to Researchers: Also containing documentation on the disposition of records and the disbanding of the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission is found in File: 1-7 Operation Memo's Policy etc., in Entry UD 1020.

Series Title: Cash Book

Date of Records: September 30, 1945-November 8, 1947

Entry UD 1020F

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND836527

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, September 30, 1945-October 21, 1945

This series consists of an official British Army Book, numbered 69, entitled "Cash Book." In it are handwritten entries for various periods of time between September 30, 1945 and November 8, 1947. For each entry is given the date, to whom payment was made, and the monetary amount. It appears that this cash book was used for petty cash transactions, such as purchasing stamps, paying canteen expenses, and paying express and registered mail costs.

This series is arranged chronologically.

Series Title: Correspondence Regarding Claims and Administrative Matters

Date of Records: October 31, 1947-November 29, 1947

Entry UD 1020G

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND836527

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 31, 1947-November 30, 1947

This series consists primarily copies of letters and memorandums signed by Maj. Peter A. Hewitt, Foresters, Commanding, Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Prisoner of War Claim Screening Commission, c/o Military Attaché, British, Embassy, Rome, during the last month of operations of the Prisoner of War Claim Screening Commission. The correspondence relates to claims, payments to employees of the Prisoner of War Claim Screening Commission, and recommendations for individuals. One letter to a claimant is dated October 31, 1947; the rest of the communications are dated November 10-29, 1947.

This series is arranged generally chronologically.

Series Title: Movement Orders Register

Date of Records: May 7, 1946-November 1, 1947

Entry UD 1020H

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND836527

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military

Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, May 7, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consists of a register of 548 movement orders of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) and the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission from May 7, 1946 to November 1, 1947. For each entry is given the Movement Order number, the date of issue, the name(s) of those travelling, the location to which travelling, the method (road, air, sea), the number of days of rations, to whom the traveler was reporting, the date of departure, and the date returning.

This series is arranged numerically by Movement Order number, 1 through 548.

Series Title: Correspondence Regarding Claims and Requests for Assistance

Date of Records: February 25, 1947-November 28, 1947

Entry UD 1020I

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND836527

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, February 25, 1947-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consists primarily of letters addressed during October and November 1947 by claimants to the Prisoner of War Claims Screening and answered by it, primarily during its last month of operations. A few of the claimants' letters had been forwarded on November 24 and 25, 1947 by the Office of the Deputy Chief Claims Officer in Italy, United States Claims Service, Office of the Theater Judge Advocate. Some of the claimants' letters were responses of Office Form responses received from the Prisoner of War Claims Screening during September and October 1947. The claimant letters include requests for financial assistance, emigration assistance, recommendations, consideration for late claims, and, addresses of escapers and evaders. Many of the letters involve complaints for insufficient compensation payment and acknowledgement and appreciation of receipt of compensation and Certificate of Appreciation. This series is arranged roughly chronologically by date of response or action.

Series Title: Inventory of the Records of the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission and the Allied Screening Commission (Italy)

Date of Records: October 24, 1947

Entry UD 1026G

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND 785021

Box 1

Custodial Organizations: Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 24, 1947-November 30, 1947

This series consists of an inventory of the records of the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission and the Allied Screening Commission (Italy). It is entitled "Inventory of the Records of the Prisoner-of-War Claims Screening Commission (formerly Allied Screening Commission)" and dated October 24, 1947. It was compiled by John W. Manigaulte and George C. Reeves, of the Archives Division of the Allied Force Records Administration, Rome. It contains a foreword written by Ken Munden, 1st Lt, Director of the Archives Division. It lists, as of August 1947, thirty-four series of records, giving a very brief description of each and the linear measurement in feet. Some of the series identified were not subsequently included as part of the collection of the Records of the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission and the Allied Screening Commission (Italy), for transportation to the United States. These records were shipped to the United Kingdom, destroyed, or turned over to the Royal Air Force for use in graves registration activities in Italy. The Inventory also contains three appendices, showing photographic reproductions of three claims (82625, 82876, and 82859).

Arranged by description of individual series of records.

Records Relating to Helper Claims in Italy

(See also section entitled: Records Relating to Prisoners of War, Escapers, and Evaders)

Series Title: Helper Claims

Date records in custody of the creators: July 1944-April 1947

Date of Records: ca. September 1943-ca. April 1947

Date of Information: 1939-1947

Entry UD 1003A

NAID: 52088435 [contains a container list for all 924 boxes]

Boxes 1-924

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

Allied Screening Commission, Intelligence School 9 (I.S.9), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 20, 1944-November 16, 1944

Allied Screening Commission, "N" Section of "A" Force, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, July 16, 1944-August 19, 1944

This series consists of claim files for those in Italy who helped Allied escapers and evaders, after September 8, 1943. From June 1944 to February 28, 1946, all claims received were taken into consideration, and assuming the claimant had proof of assisting Allied escapers and evaders, in the form of an original document (termed a chit) signed by the escaper or evader, or should their name had been mentioned in an interrogation report, they were issued a Certificate of Appreciation and paid for such material assistance given, unless the claimant was black-listed. In addition, should the claim had no proof whatsoever but seemed genuine, the claim was investigated by an officer in the actual village or town where the claimant stated they gave assistance. The latest day for reception of claims was February 28, 1946. Only in very exceptional cases were claims accepted which were received after that date. Consideration was given for cases of very great hardship; death claims where contacting next-of-kin proved difficult; or cases in which mistakes had been made by the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) during the course of the claims process. Each claim ordinarily consists of from five to ten

documents, including a 'claim summary,' a receipt for monetary reimbursement (Form O.F. [Office Form] 11), a claims progress report (Form O.F. 4), the original claim, and miscellaneous forms and notes prepared by officers investigating the claim, and the recommendation made by the investigating officer. In many, if not most cases, the file contains documents left with the helpers by the escapers and evaders, such as chits and letters, so they could present them to the competent Allied authority and be compensated for the material help given. The Allied Screening Commission Claim Summary contains the Claim Number, the date the claim received, the date the claim settled, the claimant's name and address, information about escapers and evaders assisted (name, rank, and unit), the period for which assistance was rendered, the value of food and lodging supplied (with spaces provided for the amount claimed, amount recommended, and amount paid), the value of clothing supplied (with spaces provided for the amount claimed, amount recommended, and amount paid), the amount of money advanced by the claimant to the escapees or evaders (with spaces provided for the amount claimed, amount recommended, and amount paid), general unspecified assistance (with spaces provided for the amount claimed, amount recommended, and amount paid), the nature of personal and property damage suffered, non-monetary requests, the nature and amount of any reimbursement previously provided, remarks, recommendations for awards, the name of the investigator, name of person authorizing payment, the amount paid, by whom paid, date paid, receipt number, and certificate information. For the unit of the escaper or evader, normally given is a letter code: A-American; B-British; C-Canadian; D-Australian; F-French; G-Greek; I-Indian; N-New Zealand; P-Palestinian; R-Russian; U-South African; and Y-Yugoslavian. The Palestinian were members of the Jewish Infantry Brigade Group, who joined with the British Eighth Army in Italy in November 1944. As of the summer of 1945, authority had been given for the payment of claims for escapers and evaders belonging to British, Dominion and Colonial Forces; United States Forces; French Forces; Greek Forces; and Polish forces. Claims submitted in respect to escapers and evaders of other nationalities were not allowable. The level of award was set forth in undated Claims Instruction No. 23, Headquarters, Allied Screening Commission (Italy): Grade 1 "Represents a recommendation for a D.S.O. [Distinguished Service Order] or D.C.M. [Distinguished Conduct Medal] for service personnel, and a George Medal or O.B.E. [Officer of the Order of the British Empire] for civilian personnel. Recommendations under this category, if any arise, will be extremely rare. A citation is required." Grade 2 "Represents a recommendation for an M.C. [Military Cross] or M.M. [Military Medal] for service personnel, and a M.B.E. [Member of the Order of the British Empire] or B.E.M. [British Empire Medal] for civilians. Recommendation in this category will be extremely rare. It is thought that no more than one claimant in one thousand will qualify in this category. A citation is required." Grade 3 "Represents a recommendation for the equivalent of a 'Mention in Despatches.' It is estimated that about 2 to 3% of claimants may feature in this category. The award in this grade will take the form of one of the following- (i) 'Commendation' (Certificate 17) and Badge-to be recommended only for British subjects, except in the case of posthumous recommendations when it may also be used for non-British subject. (ii) King's Medal for Courage-to be recommended only for non-British subject. The King's Medal may not be awarded posthumously. (iii) King's Medal for Service-as in (ii) above. Note: In judging between (ii) and (iii) above, the Assessing Officer may presume that (ii) above should be recommended when the activities of the 'helper' have exposed him essentially to great personal risk, and that (iii) above be recommended when the 'helper' has displayed commendable fortitude of effort without necessarily undergoing any great risk. In the above cases a citation is required." Grade 4 "This

will consist of a Certificate of Thanks for service in the cause of Freedom and will probably be signed by the C.in C. [Commander-in-Chief] of this Theatre of operations. It will be issued to every genuine 'helper,' including those who may in addition be recommended for a higher award, since there may be some appreciable delay before such higher awards are finally approved. No citation for this grade is required."

Claims that were settled without payment were claims that were rejected on the grounds that they were fraudulent; were rejected because no evidence could be produced to substantiate them; were rejected because the helpers who were of nationalities other than British or American (at the beginning); because helpers may have specifically stated that they desired no monetary reward; or, the claimant may have rendered moral help to escapers which justified no monetary reward. On March 7, 1947, the Commission decided that Certificates would be presented to those people who had sent "Late Claims" to the Commission, providing there was definite proof of assistance to escaped Allied prisoners of war or evaders without further investigation. Definite proof would be considered as a) an original document; b) a letter from an escaper or evader to the claimant, stating assistance; or, c) a letter from an escaper or evader to the Commission stating the assistance.

Some of the Claim Folders indicate a claim was cancelled. When it was determined that a claim was to be cancelled because of duplication, the documents were to be removed from the Claim Folder of the claim to be cancelled. These documents were to be marked "Transferred from Claim....." and were to be added to the claim which was not being cancelled. The empty claim was to be marked boldly "Cancelled-See Claim Number...." Both inside, and on the front cover of, the Claim Folder. When a case involved a loss of life, two Claim Folders were prepared, both with the same claim number. One of these claim folders had a "D" placed after the claim number indicating that it involved a Death Claim. Entries UD 1013 and UD 1014 contained the approved and rejected Death Claims. Certain dossiers, still active on April 1, 1947, were extracted by mid-May 1947, and set up in a new series of the records of the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission.[see Entry UD 1016]

Claims Instruction No. 27, in the spring of 1946, provided that Late Claims would be numbered starting with 100,001.

Entry UD 1028, Index to Helper Claims, serves as a finding aid to this series.

This series is arranged numerically by claim file number, 1-83424 and 100001-104603.

Note to researchers: From June 5, 1944 to December 31, 1944, the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) and its predecessors received 17,556 claims. It settled by payment 4497 claims for 23,557,132 lire. Claims settled without payment numbered 225. Claims on which part payment had been made numbered 41 for 380,500 lire. By December 31, 1945, the Commission had received 56,728 claims, and settled 27,745 by full payment, made 68 part payments, and settled 5,566 without payment. By February 28, 1946, the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) received 66,242 claims and settled 32,411 by full payment, made 64 part payments, and settled 7,127 without payment. By March 31, 1947, the Commission had registered 83,430 claims; settled 59,957 for 468,896,529 lire (£732,797); and, settled 23,473 claims without payment.

Series Title: Index to Helper Claims
Date of Records: ca. June 1944-1946
Entry UD 1028
NAID:
Boxes 1-76

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

Allied Screening Commission, Intelligence School 9 (I.S.9), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 20, 1944-November 16, 1944

Allied Screening Commission, "N" Section of "A" Force, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, July 16, 1944-August 19, 1944

This series consists of 4" x 6" index cards (some of the cards being the reverse side of unused Italian postal cards) giving the names of Italian claimants requesting compensation for assisting Allied prisoners of war or evaders. Each card contains the name of the claimant and claim number. Some cards also contain the address of the claimant, remarks, reference to other claim numbers or claimants, and some card contain the word "cancelled" written on them. This series served as an index to Entry UD1003A:

Arranged: This series is arranged alphabetically by last name, A-Z.

Series Title: Helper Claims Processed after the closing of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy)

Date of Records: June 1944-October 1947

Entry UD 1016

NAID:

Boxes 1-39

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

This series consists of claim files for those in Italy who helped Allied escapers and evaders. The claim files in this series were those that had not been settled when the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) ceased operations on March 31, 1947. They were extracted from the main claim file series (Entry UD1003A) and created as this new series. Each claim ordinarily consists of from five to ten documents, including a 'claim summary,' a receipt for monetary reimbursement (Form O.F. [Office Form]11), and, a claims progress report (Form O.F. 4). Also included are Form O.F. 20A (No Payment "A" List); Form O.F.21A (Claim Opened from helpers Card); and Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission Form O.F. 20 (No Payment "A" List), the original claim, and miscellaneous forms and notes prepared by agents investigating the claim, and the recommendation made by the investigating officer. In many, if not most cases, the file contains documents left with the helpers by the escapers and evaders, such as chits and letters, so they could present them to the competent Allied authority and be compensated for the help given. The Allied Screening Commission Claim Summary contains the Claim Number, the date the claim received, the date the claim settled, the claimant's name and address, information about escapers and evaders assisted (name, rank, and unit), the period for which assistance was rendered, the value of food and lodging supplied (with spaces provided for the amount claimed, amount recommended, and amount paid), the value of clothing supplied (with spaces provided for the amount claimed, amount recommended, and amount paid), the amount of money advanced by the claimant to the escapees or evaders (with spaces provided for the amount claimed, amount recommended, and amount paid), general unspecified assistance (with spaces provided for the amount claimed, amount recommended, and amount paid), the nature of personal and property damage suffered, non-monetary requests, the nature and amount of any reimbursement previously provided, remarks, recommendations for awards, the name of the investigator, name of person authorizing payment, the amount paid, by whom paid, date paid, receipt number, and certificate information. For the unit of the escaper or evader, normally given is a letter code: A-American; B-British; C-Canadian; D-Australian; F-French; G-Greek; I-Indian; N-New Zealand; P-Palestinian; R-Russian; U-South African; and Y-Yugoslavian. The

Palestinian were members of the Jewish Infantry Brigade Group, who joined with the British Eight Army in Italy in November 1944. As of the summer of 1945, authority had been given for the payment of claims for escapers and evaders belonging to British, Dominion and Colonial Forces; United States Forces; French Forces; Greek Forces; and Polish forces. Claims submitted in respect to escapers and evaders of other nationalities were not allowable. The level of award was set forth in undated Claims Instruction No. 23, Headquarters, Allied Screening Commission (Italy). Grade 1 "Represents a recommendation for a D.S.O. [Distinguished Service Order] or D.C.M. [Distinguished Conduct Medal] for service personnel, and a George Medal or O.B.E. [Officer of the Order of the British Empire] for civilian personnel. Recommendations under this category, if any arise, will be extremely rare. A citation is required." Grade 2 "Represents a recommendation for an M.C. [Military Cross] or M.M. [Military Medal] for service personnel, and a M.B.E. [Member of the Order of the British Empire] or B.E.M. [British Empire Medal] for civilians. Recommendation in this category will be extremely rare. It is thought that no more than one claimant in one thousand will qualify in this category. A citation is required." Grade 3 "Represents a recommendation for the equivalent of a 'Mention in Despatches.' It is estimated that about 2 to 3% of claimants may feature in this category. The award in this grade will take the form of one of the following- (i) 'Commendation' (Certificate 17) and Badge-to be recommended only for British subjects, except in the case of posthumous recommendations when it may also be used for non-British subject. (ii) King's Medal for Courage-to be recommended only for non-British subject. The King's Medal may not be awarded posthumously. (iii) King's Medal for Service-as in (ii) above. Note: In judging between (ii) and (iii) above, the Assessing Officer may presume that (ii) above should be recommended when the activities of the 'helper' have exposed him essentially to great personal risk, and that (iii) above be recommended when the 'helper' has displayed commendable fortitude of effort without necessarily undergoing any great risk. In the above cases a citation is required." Grade 4 "This will consist of a Certificate of Thanks for service in the cause of Freedom and will probably be signed by the C.in C. [Commander-in-Chief] of this Theatre of operations. It will be issued to every genuine 'helper,' including those who may in addition be recommended for a higher award, since there may be some appreciable delay before such higher awards are finally approved. No citation for this grade is required."

This series is arranged numerically by claim number 35-104332, with numerous gaps, and 200001-200061.

Series Title: Index to Helper Claims Processed after the closing of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy)

Date of Records: 1947

Entry UD 1027

NAID:

Boxes 1-4

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

This series consists of 3" x 5" index cards giving information about claims not settled at the time the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) ceased operations on March 31, 1947, and its functions taken over by the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission on April 1, 1947, and subsequent payment status. The front of the card provides the claim number and the name of address of claimant. Most cards have on the back information as to whether or not the claim was eventually paid. Also on the back of the card is the grade and type (British or American) of award. The level of award was set forth in undated Claims Instruction No. 23, Headquarters, Allied Screening Commission (Italy). Grade 1 "Represents a recommendation for a D.S.O. [Distinguished Service Order] or D.C.M. [Distinguished Conduct Medal] for service personnel, and a George Medal or O.B.E. [Officer of the Order of the British Empire] for civilian personnel. Recommendations under this category, if any arise, will be extremely rare. A citation is required." Grade 2 "Represents a recommendation for an M.C. [Military Cross] or M.M. [Military Medal] for service personnel, and a M.B.E. [Member of the Order of the British Empire] or B.E.M. [British Empire Medal] for civilians. Recommendation in this category will be extremely rare. It is thought that no more than one claimant in one thousand will qualify in this category. A citation is required." Grade 3 "Represents a recommendation for the equivalent of a 'Mention in Despatches.' It is estimated that about 2 to 3% of claimants may feature in this category. The award in this grade will take the form of one of the following- (i) 'Commendation' (Certificate 17) and Badge-to be recommended only for British subjects, except in the case of posthumous recommendations when it may also be used for non-British subject. (ii) King's Medal for Courage-to be recommended only for non-British subject. The King's Medal may not be awarded posthumously. (iii) King's Medal for Service-as in (ii) above. Note: In judging between (ii) and (iii) above, the Assessing Officer may presume that (ii) above should be recommended when the activities of the 'helper' have exposed him essentially to great personal risk, and that (iii) above be recommended when the 'helper' has displayed commendable fortitude of effort without necessarily undergoing any great risk. In the above cases a citation is required." Grade 4 "This will consist of a Certificate of Thanks for service in the cause of

Freedom and will probably be signed by the C.in C. [Commander-in-Chief] of this Theatre of operations. It will be issued to every genuine 'helper,' including those who may in addition be recommended for a higher award, since there may be some appreciable delay before such higher awards are finally approved. No citation for this grade is required."

This series is arranged roughly numerically in four segments: Box 1: 43-83430, 102,819, and 200003-200031; Box 2: 2743-83429, 104332, and 200018-200043; Box 3: 309-103021 and 200016-200053, and Box 4: 64-82743.

Series Title: Register of Italian Helper Claims

Date of records: August 15, 1947-October 30, 1947

Entry UD 1003C

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NW45006

Box 1 [currently shares box with Entry UD 1003B]

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. August 15, 1947-November 30, 1947

This series is a register of claims processed by the Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission between August 15, 1947 and October 30, 1947. These were claims that for one reason or another had not been settled when the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) ceased operations on March 31, 1947. For each entry, given is the claim number, the name of the claimant, the address of the claimant, the commune of the claimant, and, the province of the claimant. For claims that were settled with full payment, given is the date, the *vaglia* (money order) number, the amount, and the grade and type of certificate (British or American). For claims without payment, given is the date and if a certificate was issued, that is indicated by the grade and type of certificate (British or American). If a claim was rejected, the date of rejection is also given. Also provided is the number and nationality of escapers and/or evaders. The level of award was set forth in undated Claims Instruction No. 23, Headquarters, Allied Screening Commission (Italy). Grade 1 "Represents a recommendation for a D.S.O. [Distinguished Service Order] or D.C.M. [Distinguished Conduct Medal] for service personnel, and a George Medal or O.B.E. [Officer of the Order of the British Empire] for civilian personnel. Recommendations under this category, if any arise, will be extremely rare. A citation is required." Grade 2 "Represents a recommendation for an M.C. [Military Cross] or M.M. [Military Medal] for service personnel, and a M.B.E. [Member of the Order of the British Empire] or B.E.M. [British Empire Medal] for civilians. Recommendation in this category will be extremely rare. It is thought that no more than one claimant in one thousand will qualify in this category. A citation is required." Grade 3 "Represents a recommendation for the equivalent of a 'Mention in Despatches.' It is estimated that about 2 to 3% of claimants may feature in this category. The

award in this grade will take the form of one of the following- (i) 'Commendation' (Certificate 17) and Badge-to be recommended only for British subjects, except in the case of posthumous recommendations when it may also be used for non-British subject. (ii) King's Medal for Courage-to be recommended only for non-British subject. The King's Medal may not be awarded posthumously. (iii) King's Medal for Service-as in (ii) above. Note: In judging between (ii) and (iii) above, the Assessing Officer may presume that (ii) above should be recommended when the activities of the 'helper' have exposed him essentially to great personal risk, and that (iii) above be recommended when the 'helper' has displayed commendable fortitude of effort without necessarily undergoing any great risk. In the above cases a citation is required." Grade 4 "This will consist of a Certificate of Thanks for service in the cause of Freedom and will probably be signed by the C.in C. [Commander-in-Chief] of this Theatre of operations. It will be issued to every genuine 'helper,' including those who may in addition be recommended for a higher award, since there may be some appreciable delay before such higher awards are finally approved. No citation for this grade is required." A letter code is used to designate the nationality: A-American; B-British; C-Canadian; D-Australian; F-French; G-Greek; I-Indian; N-New Zealand; P-Palestinian; R-Russian; U-South African; and Y-Yugoslavian. The register shows that the claims were handled in five segments, and that they were settled or rejected, for the most part on August 15, September 15, September 30, October 10, and October 30, 1947.

Arranged in five numerical sequences: 326-200014; 9895-200031; 43-200043; 309-200053; and 64-20061.

Series Title: Routing Slips Case Files

Date of records November 1944-January 1947

Entry UD 1006

NAID:

Boxes 1-15

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

This series consists of forms and lists constituting Routing Slip case files. The Routing Slips and attachments document claims for compensating those from a particular town or village who assisted Allied prisoners of war and evaders. From November 1944 to July 1945 each case file contains a preprinted Allied Screening Commission form providing spaces for entering the Region, Province, Town or Village, and the number of associated claims, with a note to see the attached list for detailed claim numbers. The form also contains spaces to enter the out and in dates for the form passing from the Registry, the P/W Section, the Analysis Section, the Appx. "A" Section, the Assessing Officer, the Authenticating Officer, the Listing Section, and the Registry. The Routing Slip folder frequently has the "D" List number written on it (see Entry UD 1022). The attached detailed lists, until August 1945, give claim numbers or claims numbers and names, associated with claims from a particular town or village. With Routing Slip Number 287, in August 1945, the previous preprinted Allied Screening Commission form was replaced with a preprinted Allied Screening Commission (Italy) formal form (Form O.F. [Office Form] 12) that provides spaces for entering the Region, Province, Town or Village, and the number of associated claims, with a note to see the attached list for detailed claim numbers. The form also contains spaces to enter the out and in dates for the form passing from the Registry, the E & E Identity Section, the Appx. "A" Section, the Assessing Officer, the Control Officer, the Listing Section, and the Registry. Beginning in July 1945, with Routing Slip Number 267, the detailed listing of claims associated with a particular town or village is listed on a preprinted Allied Screening Commission (Italy) form (Form O.F. 37). Each list provides the surnames, Christian names, and claim number(s) for each individual. Some lists contain just claim numbers and others have just narratives of assistance provided. There are often more than one Routing Slip for a particular town or village. Entry UD 1029 serves as an index to this series.

This series is arranged numerically by Routing Slip numbers, 1-1211 and 1A-8F, with a few gaps.

Series Title: Index to Routing Slips Case Files

Date of Records: 1944-1947

Entry UD 1029

NAID:

Boxes 1-4

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

This series consists of 4" x 6" index cards (some of the cards being the reverse side of unused Italian postal cards) giving the name of a town or village where claimants lived and a Routing Slip case file number. This series serves as an index to Routing Slips Case Files (Entry UD 1006)

This series is arranged alphabetically by names of towns and villages, A-Z.

Series Title: "D" Lists and Additional Payment Forms

Date of Records: February 24, 1945-February 13, 1947

Entry UD 1005

NAID:

Boxes 1-5

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, February 24, 1945-July 31, 1945

This series consists of "D" Lists showing payment of helper claims in various areas of Italy. The lists were prepared by the Finance Officer, Allied Screening Commission (Italy) from February 24, 1945 to February 13, 1947. Each list gives the List number, often a Routing Slip (R.S.) number (beginning with D115, August 18, 1945), the name of area where the payment was made, the receipt number, the claim number, the name and address of the claimant, the amount of payment in Lire, the category of award (1, 2, 3, or 4), and the number of each nationality helped. Attached to many of the lists is a Part A (with the A next to the basic "D" list number). It provides the claim number, name and address of the claimant, remarks, the category of award (nil, 1, 2, 3, or 4), and the number of each nationality helped. A letter code is used to designate the nationality: A-American; B-British; C-Canadian; D-Australian; F-French; G-Greek; I-Indian; N-New Zealand; P-Palestinian; R-Russian; U-South African; and Y-Yugoslavian. Under the

remarks are such statements as “claim rejected owing to claimant untraceable” “village paid,” “claim rejected owing to lack of evidence,” “Help, but no payment justified,” “claim rejected owing to nationality of escapers assisted,” “opened in error,” and “claim opened Feb. 46.” The level of award was set forth in undated Claims Instruction No. 23, Headquarters, Allied Screening Commission (Italy). Grade 1 “Represents a recommendation for a D.S.O. [Distinguished Service Order] or D.C.M. [Distinguished Conduct Medal] for service personnel, and a George Medal or O.B.E. [Officer of the Order of the British Empire] for civilian personnel. Recommendations under this category, if any arise, will be extremely rare. A citation is required.” Grade 2 “Represents a recommendation for an M.C. [Military Cross] or M.M. [Military Medal] for service personnel, and a M.B.E. [Member of the Order of the British Empire] or B.E.M. [British Empire Medal] for civilians. Recommendation in this category will be extremely rare. It is thought that no more than one claimant in one thousand will qualify in this category. A citation is required.” Grade 3 “Represents a recommendation for the equivalent of a ‘Mention in Despatches.’ It is estimated that about 2 to 3% of claimants may feature in this category. The award in this grade will take the form of one of the following- (i) ‘Commendation’ (Certificate 17) and Badge-to be recommended only for British subjects, except in the case of posthumous recommendations when it may also be used for non-British subject. (ii) King’s Medal for Courage-to be recommended only for non-British subject. The King’s Medal may not be awarded posthumously. (iii) King’s Medal for Service-as in (ii) above. Note: In judging between (ii) and (iii) above, the Assessing Officer may presume that (ii) above should be recommended when the activities of the ‘helper’ have exposed him essentially to great personal risk, and that (iii) above be recommended when the ‘helper’ has displayed commendable fortitude of effort without necessarily undergoing any great risk. In the above cases a citation is required.” Grade 4 “This will consist of a Certificate of Thanks for service in the cause of Freedom and will probably be signed by the C.in C. [Commander-in-Chief] of this Theatre of operations. It will be issued to every genuine ‘helper,’ including those who may in addition be recommended for a higher award, since there may be some appreciable delay before such higher awards are finally approved. No citation for this grade is required.” Attached to some of the lists are additional payment forms (Form O.F. [Office Form] 27 and Form O.F. 27/P List). Many of the “D” lists numbered after ASC-8-0 List/D/1686 are located in “D” Lists and Related Correspondence (Entry UD 1022)

This series is arranged alpha-numerically by “D” list number, ASC-8-0 List/D/1 to ASC-8-0 List/D/1686A.

Note to researchers: In File 8-0 Office List of Payments, Entry UD 004 General Correspondence is a register of lists dispatched, for lists D/1249 to D/1480, October-December 1946. For each entry there is given the List number, the related Routing Slip number, the name of the province, the date posted, and the number of British and American Certificates of Appreciation associated with each List. Also contained in File 8-0 Office List of Payments, Entry UD 1004 General Correspondence is a register of payments, for Lists 1 to 1796. For each entry indication is given whether the payments were complete or not and/or payment date, from July 1946 to March 1947.

Series Title: "D" Lists of Payments
Date of Records: January 17, 1946-March 31, 1947
Entry UD 1022
NAID:
Boxes 1-3

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, January 17, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consists of "D" Lists showing payment of claims in various areas of Italy. Each list, prepared by the Finance Officer, Allied Screening Commission (Italy) from January 17, 1946 to March 31, 1947, gives the List number, often a Routing Slip (R.S.) number, the name of area where the payment was made, the receipt number, the claim number, the name and address of the claimant, the amount of payment in Lire, the category of award (1, 2, 3, or 4), and the number of each nationality helped. Attached to many of the lists is a Part A (with the A next to the basic "D" list number). It provides the claim number, name and address of the claimant, remarks, the category of award (nil, 1, 2, 3, or 4), and the number of each nationality helped. A letter code is used to designate the nationality: A-American; B-British; C-Canadian; D-Australian; F-French; G-Greek; I-Indian; N-New Zealand; P-Palestinian; R-Russian; U-South African; and Y-Yugoslavian. Under the remarks are such statements as "claim rejected owing to claimant untraceable" "village paid," "claim rejected owing to lack of evidence," "Help, but no payment justified," "claim rejected owing to nationality of escapers assisted," "opened in error," and "claim opened Feb. 46." The level of award was set forth in undated Claims Instruction No. 23, Headquarters, Allied Screening Commission (Italy). Grade 1 "Represents a recommendation for a D.S.O. [Distinguished Service Order] or D.C.M. [Distinguished Conduct Medal] for service personnel, and a George Medal or O.B.E. [Officer of the Order of the British Empire] for civilian personnel. Recommendations under this category, if any arise, will be extremely rare. A citation is required." Grade 2 "Represents a recommendation for an M.C. [Military Cross] or M.M. [Military Medal] for service personnel, and a M.B.E. [Member of the Order of the British Empire] or B.E.M. [British Empire Medal] for civilians. Recommendation in this category will be extremely rare. It is thought that no more than one claimant in one thousand will qualify in this category. A citation is required." Grade 3 "Represents a recommendation for the equivalent of a 'Mention in Despatches.' It is estimated that about 2 to 3% of claimants may feature in this category. The award in this grade will take the form of one of the following- (i) 'Commendation' (Certificate 17) and Badge-to be recommended only for British subjects, except in the case of posthumous recommendations when it may also be used for non-British subject. (ii) King's Medal for Courage-to be recommended only for non-British subject. The King's Medal may not be awarded posthumously. (iii) King's Medal for Service-as in (ii) above. Note: In judging between (ii) and (iii) above, the Assessing Officer may presume that (ii) above should be recommended when the activities of the 'helper' have exposed him essentially to great personal risk, and that (iii) above be recommended when the 'helper' has displayed commendable fortitude of effort without necessarily undergoing any great risk. In the above cases a citation is required." Grade 4 "This will consist of a Certificate of Thanks for service in the cause of

Freedom and will probably be signed by the C.in C. [Commander-in-Chief] of this Theatre of operations. It will be issued to every genuine 'helper,' including those who may in addition be recommended for a higher award, since there may be some appreciable delay before such higher awards are finally approved. No citation for this grade is required." Many of the "D" lists numbered before ASC-8-0 List/D/474 are located in "D" Lists and Related Correspondence (Entry UD 1022 Box 4 folders 1-4 below)

This series is arranged alpha-numerically by "D" list number, ASC-8-0 List/D/474 to ASC-8-0 List/D/1796

Note to researchers: In File 8-0 Office List of Payments, Entry UD 1004 General Correspondence is a register of lists dispatched, for lists D/1249 to D/1480, October-December 1946. For each entry there is given the List number, the related Routing Slip number, the name of the province, the date posted, and the number of British and American Certificates of Appreciation associated with each List. Also contained in File 8-0 Office List of Payments, Entry UD 1004 General Correspondence is a register of payments, for Lists 1 to 1796. For each entry indication is given whether the payments were complete or not and/or payment date, from July 1946 to March 1947.

Series Title: "D" Lists and Related Correspondence

Date of Records: April 23, 1945-March 31, 1947

Entry UD 1022A

NAID:

Box 4

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, April 23 1945-July 31, 1945

This series consists primarily of "D" Lists showing payment of claims in various areas of Italy. Each list gives the List number, often a Routing Slip (R.S.) number, the name of area where the payment was made, the receipt number, the claim number, the name and address of the claimant,

the amount of payment in Lire, the category of award (1, 2, 3, or 4), and the number of each nationality helped. Attached to many of the lists is a Part A (with the A next to the basic "D" list number). It provides the claim number, name and address of the claimant, remarks, the category of award (nil, 1, 2, 3, or 4), and the number of each nationality helped. Under the remarks are such statements as "claim rejected owing to claimant untraceable" "village paid," "claim rejected owing to lack of evidence," "Help, but no payment justified," "claim rejected owing to nationality of escapers assisted," "opened in error," and "claim opened Feb. 46." Most of the pre-1946 lists do not contain the category of award, the number of each nationality helped, nor the Routing Slip (R.S.) number. Some of the D Lists have correspondence and forms attached to them. This includes Form O. F. 38 which was addressed from the Finance Office, HQ Allied Screening Commission (Italy) C.M. F. to an Allied Screening Commission Section regarding payments; Form O. F. 41 which was addressed from the Finance Office, HQ Allied Screening Commission (Italy) C.M. F. to an Allied Screening Commission Section regarding payments; Form O.F. [Office Form] 18 which is a list of non-payments in a specific area; Form O.F. 27/P. List, which shows additional payments made from "Float." The level of award was set forth in undated Claims Instruction No. 23, Headquarters, Allied Screening Commission (Italy) .: Grade 1 "Represents a recommendation for a D.S.O. [Distinguished Service Order] or D.C.M. [Distinguished Conduct Medal] for service personnel, and a George Medal or O.B.E. [Officer of the Order of the British Empire] for civilian personnel. Recommendations under this category, if any arise, will be extremely rare. A citation is required." Grade 2 "Represents a recommendation for an M.C. [Military Cross] or M.M. [Military Medal] for service personnel, and a M.B.E. [Member of the Order of the British Empire] or B.E.M. [British Empire Medal] for civilians. Recommendation in this category will be extremely rare. It is thought that no more than one claimant in one thousand will qualify in this category. A citation is required." Grade 3 "Represents a recommendation for the equivalent of a 'Mention in Despatches.' It is estimated that about 2 to 3% of claimants may feature in this category. The award in this grade will take the form of one of the following- (i) 'Commendation' (Certificate 17) and Badge-to be recommended only for British subjects, except in the case of posthumous recommendations when it may also be used for non-British subject. (ii) King's Medal for Courage-to be recommended only for non-British subject. The King's Medal may not be awarded posthumously. (iii) King's Medal for Service-as in (ii) above. Note: In judging between (ii) and (iii) above, the Assessing Officer may presume that (ii) above should be recommended when the activities of the 'helper' have exposed him essentially to great personal risk, and that (iii) above be recommended when the 'helper' has displayed commendable fortitude of effort without necessarily undergoing any great risk. In the above cases a citation is required." Grade 4 "This will consist of a Certificate of Thanks for service in the cause of Freedom and will probably be signed by the C.in C. [Commander-in-Chief] of this Theatre of operations. It will be issued to every genuine 'helper,' including those who may in addition be recommended for a higher award, since there may be some appreciable delay before such higher awards are finally approved. No citation for this grade is required." Also included in this series are copies of Headquarters, Allied Screening Commission (Italy) Claims Instruction No. 25, dated February 1946. It provides guidance on compensation in respect of imprisonment of helpers and compensation under death claims.

This series is unarranged.

Note to researchers: In File 8-0 Office List of Payments, Entry UD 1004 General Correspondence is a register of lists dispatched, for lists D/1249 to D/1480, October-December 1946. For each entry there is given the List number, the related Routing Slip number, the name of the province, the date posted, and the number of British and American Certificates of Appreciation associated with each List. Also contained in File 8-0 Office List of Payments, Entry UD 1004 General Correspondence is a register of payments, for Lists 1 to 1796. For each entry indication is given whether the payments were complete or not and/or payment date, from July 1946 to March 1947.

Series Title: Loss of Life Register

Date of Records: 1944-1947

Entry UD 1007

NAID:

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

This series consists of one bound registry book entitled "Loss of Life Register A." For each entry there is given a claim number, name of claimant, name of the district, name of investigators, name of further investigators, an indication whether the claim was approved or rejected, and for approved claims, the amount paid. There are approximately 500 claims recorded, ranging in numbers from 36 to 83422.

This series is unarranged.

Note: Entries 1007, 1008 and 1009 should go into the box housing 1007

Series Title: Alphabetical Register of Claimants

Date of Records: 1944-1947

Entry UD 1008

NAID:

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

This series consists of one bound registry book entitled "Alphabetical Register B." For each entry there is given the name of claimant, district, claim number, and an indication whether the claim was approved or rejected. There are approximately 500 names of claimants recorded.

This series is arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

Note: Entries 1007, 1008 and 1009 should go into the box housing 1007

Series Title: Register of Deceased Claimants

Date of Records: 1944-1947

Entry UD 1009

NAID:

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the

Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-
ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of
Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General
Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

This series consists of one bound registry book entitled "Names of Deceased C." For each entry
there is given the name of claimant, district, and claim number. There are approximately 450
names of claimants recorded.

This series is arranged alphabetically by name of claimant.

Note: Entries 1007, 1008 and 1009 should go into the box housing 1007

Series Title: Approved Death Claims

Date of Records 1944-1947

Entry UD 1013

NAID: 68889134

Boxes 1-4

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy
Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military
Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War
Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy
Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the
Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-
ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of
Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General
Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

This series consists of claim summaries, receipts (Form O.F. [Office Form] 11), memorandums,
Death claims Assessment Sheets (Form O.F. 41), letters and other records pertaining to the
approval and payment of death claims. It should be noted that when a case involved a loss of life,
two Claim Folders were prepared, both with the same claim number. One of these claims folders

had a "D" placed after the claim number indicating that it involved a Death Claim. Approval for payments of over 450,000 Lire for death claims had to be given by M.I.9 (Military Intelligence Section 9) and later by M.I.9/19 (Military Intelligence Sections 9 and 19).

This series is arranged numerically by approved death claim number, 296D-83422D.

Administrative Note: The basic compensation for death claims were laid out in memorandums by Brigadier Norman Richard Crockatt, Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (DDMI) (P/W), War Office to G-2 (P/W) Section, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Allied Force Headquarters, dated December 1, 1944 and April 3, 1945, found in File 2-5 Correspondence with G-2 (PW) AFHQ CMF, File July 1944-March 1945, General Correspondence, Entry UD 1004 and File 2-5 Correspondence with G-2 (PW) AFHQ CMF, File April 1945-June 1945, General Correspondence, Entry UD 1004.

Series Title: Rejected Death Claims

Date of Records 1944-1947

Entry UD 1014

NAID: 68898695

Boxes 1-3

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

This series documents the rejection of death claims. Included in the documentation are claim summaries, memorandums, reports, letters and a Rejection slip, showing the reason for the rejection of a claim. It should be noted that when a case involved a loss of life, two Claim Folders were prepared, both with the same claim number. One of these claims folders had a "D" placed after the claim number indicating that it involved a Death Claim.

This series is arranged numerical by rejected death claim number, 36D-83414D.

Series Title: Register of Death Claims Approved and Paid and Rejected Death Claims
Date of Records: 1944-1947
Entry UD 1015
NAID: 68902450
Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

This series contains a registry book of death claims approved and paid and rejected death claims. For the death claims approved and paid the name of the claimant, the claim number, and amount paid is given. For the rejected claims the name of the claimant and claim number is given.

This series is arranged alphabetically by name in two parts. The first part is for approved and paid death claims and the second part is for rejected death claims.

Series Title: Reassessed and Reinvestigated Helper Claim Files
Date of Records: July 1944-August 1947
Entry UD 1018
NAID: 68906053
Boxes 1-3

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

This series consists of claims summaries, memorandums, letters, investigative reports, claims progress reports (Form O.F. [Office Form] 4), and, receipts (Form O.F.11). Also included are Form O.F. 16 (No Payment); Form O.F. 20A (No Payment "A" List); Form O.F.21 (No Payment "B" List; and Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission Form O.F. 20 (No Payment "A" List). These records show payments made on some claims and the rejection of others, with the reason(s) given for the rejection.

This series is arranged numerically by claim number, 326-29667

Series Title: Lists of Claims Paid in the Rome Office

Date of Records: July 1944-March 1947

Entry UD 1026

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND 785021

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

Allied Screening Commission, Intelligence School 9 (I.S.9), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 20, 1944-November 16, 1944

Allied Screening Commission, "N" Section of "A" Force, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, July 16, 1944-August 19, 1944

This series consists of preprinted forms listing claims paid in the Rome Office. For each entry on a list is the date, the claim number, the receipt number, the name of the claimant, the address of the claimant, the amount paid, a numerical award grade, information as to whether full or part payment was made, and number and nationality of escapees or evaders assisted. The earliest listings, beginning in early July 1944, contain a header labeled in ink "A" Force. Until August 1945 there are no organizational headers, at which time the header "Allied Screening Commission (Italy) C.M.F." [Central Mediterranean Force] on the listings is used.

This series is arranged by list.

Series Title: Lists of Cancelled Claims

Date of Records: ca. January 1945-February 1947

Date of information: ca. July 1944-February 1947

Entry UD 1026A

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND 785021

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, January 1945-July 31, 1945

This series consists of various lists of cancelled claims. The first list is entitled "List of Claims Rejected, Cancelled or Settled without Payt. (Not passed through on F.S.C. [Finance Sub-Commission A.C.] lists) period to 31/12/44)." This one-page list is handwritten and contains thirty-four entries, relating to claims numbered between 40 and 13250. Given for each entry is the claim number and the last name of the claimant. The second list is entitled "Allied Screening Commission (Italy), C.M.F.[Central Mediterranean Force] List of Claims cancelled or Settled Without Payment other than through F.S.C. [Finance Sub-Commission Allied Commission] Lists, (February 1945)." This two-page list gives a date (between February 1 and February 28, 1945), claim number, name and address of the claimant, reason, and officers' initials. The initials all appear to be WCS [William C. Simpson]. The claim numbers on this list range from 485 to 18067. The next lists are monthly, March through July 1945, and are similar to that for the month of February 1945. From August 1945 through February 1947 the lists are preprinted and entitled "Allied Screening Commission (Italy), C.M.F. Record of Cancelled Claims" The provide the date, claim number, name and address of the claimant, reason for cancellation, and the name or initial of the person providing authorization.

Claims that were settled without payment were claims that were rejected on the grounds that they was fraudulent; were rejected because no evidence could be produced to substantiate then; were rejected because the escapers helped were of nationalities other than British or American (at the beginning); because helpers may have specifically stated that they desired no monetary reward; or, the claimant may have rendered moral help to escapers which justified no monetary reward.

This series is arranged chronologically by list.

Series Title: Claim Lists

Date of Records: September 1, 1947-October 30, 1947

Entry UD 1020A

NAID: 72027388

Declassification Authority: NND836527

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 1 (M.I.1), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, September 1, 1947-November 30, 1947

This series consist of various numbered and unnumbered claim lists, in English and Italian, providing names of claimants, addresses, and claim numbers. The claim numbers range from 35-200053, with gaps, and represent the approximately 2,700 claims outstanding when the Prisoner of War Claims Commission began operations on April 1, 1947. Some of the lists indicate the amount to be paid and the grade of award (nil, 1, 2, 3, 4). The level of award was set forth in undated Claims Instruction No. 23, Headquarters, Allied Screening Commission (Italy). Grade 1 "Represents a recommendation for a D.S.O. [Distinguished Service Order] or D.C.M.

[Distinguished Conduct Medal] for service personnel, and a George Medal or O.B.E. [Officer of the Order of the British Empire] for civilian personnel. Recommendations under this category, if any arise, will be extremely rare. A citation is required.” Grade 2 “Represents a recommendation for an M.C. [Military Cross] or M.M. [Military Medal] for service personnel, and a M.B.E. [Member of the Order of the British Empire] or B.E.M. [British Empire Medal] for civilians. Recommendation in this category will be extremely rare. It is thought that no more than one claimant in one thousand will qualify in this category. A citation is required.” Grade 3 “Represents a recommendation for the equivalent of a ‘Mention in Despatches.’ It is estimated that about 2 to 3% of claimants may feature in this category. The award in this grade will take the form of one of the following- (i) ‘Commendation’ (Certificate 17) and Badge-to be recommended only for British subjects, except in the case of posthumous recommendations when it may also be used for non-British subject. (ii) King’s Medal for Courage-to be recommended only for non-British subject. The King’s Medal may not be awarded posthumously. (iii) King’s Medal for Service-as in (ii) above. Note: In judging between (ii) and (iii) above, the Assessing Officer may presume that (ii) above should be recommended when the activities of the ‘helper’ have exposed him essentially to great personal risk, and that (iii) above be recommended when the ‘helper’ has displayed commendable fortitude of effort without necessarily undergoing any great risk. In the above cases a citation is required.” Grade 4 “This will consist of a Certificate of Thanks for service in the cause of Freedom and will probably be signed by the C.in C. [Commander-in-Chief] of this Theatre of operations. It will be issued to every genuine ‘helper,’ including those who may in addition be recommended for a higher award, since there may be some appreciable delay before such higher awards are finally approved. No citation for this grade is required.” Also included in this series are receipts payments of claims (Allied Screening Commission Form O.F. [Office Form] 11), dated October 13-October 17, 1947; an original Certificate, numbered 51746, with the facsimile signature of Field Marshal Harold R. Alexander, Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater; and, an Italian language version of form letter F.O. 108, transmitting a Certificate signed by Field Marshall Alexander.

This series is arranged by list and thereunder by claim number.

Note; Instructions regarding these lists is given in Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission Operation Memorandum No. 6, dated July 26, 1947, found in Entry UD1026K.

Series Title: Lists of Italian Helper Claims Registered after February 28, 1946

Date of Records: ca. April 1946-August 1947

Entry UD 1020B

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND836527

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of

the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. April 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consists of two lists for claims that were not submitted in a timely manner, that is, before March 1, 1946. One list, in a ledger book, contains claim numbers from 104247 through 104603. For each entry is the claim number, the name of claimant, and the claimant's city and province. The second list, entitled, "New Claims Registered after 8/7/47" contains claim numbers 200001D-200061. For each entry is the claim number, the name of claimant, and the claimant's city and province.

This series is arranged by claim list and thereunder by claim number.

Records Relating to Prisoners of War, Escapers, and Evaders

Series Title: Lists of American Escapers and Evaders

Date of Records: September 7, 1945-March 21, 1947

Date of Information: 1942-1947

Entry UD 1010

NAID:

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, September 7, 1945-October 21, 1945

This series consists of various lists of American military personnel who either escaped or evaded capture with the assistance of Italians. Some of the earlier lists are labeled "U.S.A. Ps/W-E. and E." and the latter ones are labeled "U.S. Ps. W." Lists numbered 13, 14, and 15 have an early September 1945 date. Lists numbered 16-23 are undated. For each entry on each list given are the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) claim number, the Army serial number, the name, rank,

address, and the Adjutant General Casualty Branch reply. The replies are missing in action (with date), captured (with date), no record of, cannot identify, killed in action (with date), returned to duty (with date), escaped (with date), and returned to military control (with date). Attached to many of the lists is correspondence between the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) and the Adjutant General, Casualty Branch, Allied Force Headquarters, often with enclosed annotated lists, and with the Adjutant General, Casualty Branch, Headquarters, Mediterranean Theater of Operations United States Army, with enclosed lists.

This series is arranged numerically by list and thereunder alphabetically by name of military personnel.

Note to Researchers: Additional lists of American military personnel who either escaped or evaded capture, dated March 1945-August 1946, are contained in File 2-6 U.S. P/W Identity Queries to G-2(P/W), Entry UD 1004, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Records of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) and Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Records of Allied Operational and Occupation Headquarters, World War II, RG 331.

Note: Entry UD 1011 should be placed in Box for UD 1010

Series Title: Register Book of American Escapers and Evaders

Date of Records: ca. 1945-1946

Entry UD 1011

NAID:

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

This series consists of one bound registry book entitled "American Lists. Lists Nos. 20 to [23]" For each entry there is given the name of an American escaper or evader, their Army, or in a few instance, their Navy, serial number, branch of service, rank, address, and the associated claim

number(s). The information contained in the book were from Lists numbered, 20, 21, 22, and 23. There are approximately 350 American service personnel identified.

This series is arranged alphabetically by surname, A-Z, separated by list number.

Note: Entry UD 1011 should be placed in Box for Entry UD 1010

Series Title: Interrogations of and Statements made by American Escapers and Evaders
Regarding Assistance Given Them

Date of Records: June 1944-January 1946

Date of Information: 1943-1946

Entry UD 1012

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NW49993

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

Allied Screening Commission, Intelligence School 9 (I.S.9), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 20, 1944-November 16, 1944

Allied Screening Commission, "N" Section of "A" Force, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, July 16, 1944-August 19, 1944

This series consists primarily of appendices to interrogations of and statements, and excerpts of interrogations of and statements, made by American military personnel, and a very few British military personnel, who escaped from capture or evaded captured in Italy during 1943-1945. Most of interrogations and statements were made between June 1944 and May 1945. Most of the appendices to interrogations are "A" (Appendix A). Appendix A interrogations contained names and addresses of helpers, nature of help given, and relevant dates. This information was intended to help those organizations charged with the tracing and rewarding of helpers. There are very

few documents post-dating June 1945 in this series. Among them is a letter from a former military service member who wrote from New York, New York, on January 18, 1946. Among the organizations recording the interrogations and statements were the United States Fifteenth Air Force (these are Escape Statements); the United States Twelfth Air Force; Interrogation Center, G-2 Section, Headquarters Seventh U.S. Army; Allied Interrogation Section, G-2 (Combined Services Detailed Interrogation Centre), Allied Force Headquarters, Central Mediterranean Force; Allied Interrogation Section, I.S.9 [Intelligence School 9], Central Mediterranean Force; Combined Services Detailed Interrogation Centre, Allied Force Headquarters; Combined Services Detailed Interrogation Centre, Central Mediterranean Force; I.S.9., Central Mediterranean Force; M.I.9/S/P.G. (Italy); P/W and X Detachment, MIS, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations (these are E & E Reports); and, MIS-X Detachment, Military Intelligence Service, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations. Most of the interrogations and statements provide information in a very abbreviated form about the assistance they received from people in Italy, not just Italians. Generally given is the name of the person providing assistance, the location of the assistance, and the nature of the assistance. Often mentioned is the giving of chits to helpers to acknowledge their assistance. Those military personnel indicating they had received assistance at Monte San Martino are Sergeant. J. A. Gatley; Second Lieutenant W. Gugeler; Sergeant W. P. Hancock; Private First Class Rocco Piampiano; Second Lieutenant G. J. Simpson; and, Staff Sergeant George H. Tucker. A Lt. Newnan (most likely Lieutenant William L. Newnan, 3rd U.S. Ranger Battalion) recorded assistance given him in Rome, including that by Lrenzo Lucidi and Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty. O'Flaherty's assistance was also acknowledge by First Lieutenant John B. Stewart (USAAF), who additionally identified others in Rome who provided assistance to him. The most detailed document in the series is E & E Report No. 796, Appendix C, P/W and X Detachment, Military Intelligence Service, Headquarters European Theater of Operations. It contains an interview with First Lieutenant Elbert L. Dukate, Jr., 67th Bomb Squadron, 44th Bomb Group, on June 27, 1944. Dukat escaped from the prison camp at Sulmona on September 24, 1943 and in early December 1943 made his way to Rome, in the accompaniment Private Joseph Pollack, Flying Officer Pat Wilson, Captain Dennis Rendell, Lieutenant William C. Simpson, Lieutenant Gilbert Smith (who he identifies as Bill Smith), and Lieutenant John Furman, guided by two sisters from Sulmona who had assisted him and other escapers. In Rome he was assisted, among others, by Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty and Lorenzo and Adrienne Lucidi. He was recaptured in Rome during April 1944 and imprisoned at Regina Coeli Prison until June 3, 1944. Dukate also mentions the roles played by Sir D'Arcy G. Osborne, British Minister to the Holy See and Harold Tittmann, who served as the Chargé d'Affaires to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Personal Representative to the Vatican.

This series is arranged alphabetically by the surname of military personnel.

Researcher Note: Reports of interrogations of escapers and evaders were produced as M.I.9/S./P.G. (Secret, Prisoners, Germany), reports. Although, as time went on, interrogation of escapers and evaders from other countries besides Germany were carried out, the S/P.G. designation, which meant nothing to anyone outside the organization, was kept for all reports of this nature. Later, when repatriated prisoners of war returned and were interrogated, other designation were given. Among them were C.S.D.I.C./C.M.F./SKP and C.S.D.I.C./M.E./SKP, for Allied escapers and evaders who reached Allied lines. These designations have little significance

and are primarily a matter of internal convenience in keeping separate the various types of reports prepared. The reports, where applicable, were divided into:-

The main report (originally MOST and TOP SECRET and later SECRET). This contained information on an escape or evasion up to the point where the escaper or evader came into the hands of an organisation. No names of persons were mentioned, or any descriptions given which might have identified helpers. The main report had a fairly wide distribution.

Appendix A (TOP SECRET). This contained names and addresses of helpers, nature of help given, and relevant dates. This information was intended to help I.S.9(D)-(P/15) and, eventually, the Sections charged with the tracing and rewarding of helpers (I.S.9(AB)). "Black List" foreigners were also included in this appendix. It had a very limited circulation.

Appendix B. (TOP SECRET, later SECRET). Military Information. Distributed to Service Departments and others interested.

Appendix C. (TOP SECRET). This continued the narrative from the point where the escaper or evader came under an organisation. Names and addresses of helpers and their descriptions (where necessary) were included. This to a certain extent overlapped with Appendix A. The distinction between the two appendices was so slight that they might have merged into one.

Appendix D. (TOP SECRET, later SECRET). Details as to the use or otherwise of escape aids.

Note to Researchers: Lieutenant Newman wrote about his experiences entitled **Escape in Italy: The Narrative of Lieutenant William L. Newnan, United States Rangers** (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1945).

Series Title: Index of American Escapers and Evaders

Date of the Records: 1944-1946

Date of Information: 1942-1946

Entry UD 1030A

NAID:

Boxes 1-2

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

Allied Screening Commission, Intelligence School 9 (I.S.9), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 20, 1944-November 16, 1944

Allied Screening Commission, "N" Section of "A" Force, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, July 16, 1944-August 19, 1944

This series consists of 4" x 6" cards (some of the cards being the reverse side of unused Italian postal cards) providing information regarding captured American military personnel in Italy, including escapers and evaders. Each card has the name of captured American military personnel and usually the Army serial number. If there was a claim by a helper associated with the individual, the claim number(s) are given. Some cards contain the capture date, the escape date, the return to duty date, the organizational unit, rank, and, infrequently, the home address. Some of the cards have references to Lists 10, 11-A, 12, 16, 17, 18, 20, and 21. Some cards indicate there was no information on the individual, as of a certain date, the latest being in July 1945.

This series is arranged alphabetically by the last name of captured American military personnel.

Series Title: Identity Cards for French Prisoners of Italian Army

Date of the Records: 1941-1943

Entry UD 1023

NAID:

Boxes 1-4

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

The series consists of preprinted 5" x 8" cards labeled "*Scheda Personale P.G.*" The "P.G." denotes *Prigione di Guerra* (Prison of War) and *Scheda Personale* translates as Personal Card. The cards pertain to French prisoners of war of the Italians. The cards have places for information about prisoners of war. The information provided, in most instances, is the name,

name of father and mother, Army serial number, branch of service, date of birth, birthplace, nationality, marital status, religion, profession, address, date and place of capture. On the reverse side of the prisoner of war camp information is provided. The French prisoners of war were captured during 1941, 1942, and 1943.

This series is arranged alphabetically by last name, A-Z.

Custodial Note: This records were apparently loaned by the Italian Ministry of War to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) in or after November 1944.

Researcher Note: As of August 15, 1943, a total of 2,010 Free French Prisoners of War were held in Italian camps.

Series Title: Identity Cards for American Prisoners of Italian Army

Date of the Records: 1942-1943

Entry UD 1024

NAID:

Boxes 1-3

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945
Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

The series consists of preprinted 5" x 8" cards labeled "*Scheda Personale P.G.*" The "P.G." denotes *Prigione di Guerra* (Prison of War) and *Scheda Personale* translates as Personal Card. The cards pertain to American prisoners of war of the Italians. The cards have places for information about prisoners of war. The information provided, in most instances, is the name, name of father and mother, Army serial number, branch of service, date of birth, birthplace, nationality, marital status, religion, profession, address, date and place of capture. On the reverse side of the prisoner of war camp information is provided. The American prisoners of war were captured during 1942 and 1943 in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy.

This series is arranged alphabetically by last name, A-Z.

Custodial Note: This records were apparently loaned by the Italian Ministry of War to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) in or after November 1944.

Researcher Note: As of August 15, 1943, a total of 1,310 American Prisoners of War were held in Italian camps.

Series Title: Identity Cards for Greek Prisoners of Italian Army

Date of the Records: 1940-1943

Entry UD 1025

NAID:

Boxes 1-3

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 1, 1945-October 21, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945

The series consists of preprinted 5" x 8" cards labeled "*Scheda Personale P.G.*" The "P.G." denotes *Prigione di Guerra* (Prison of War) and *Scheda Personale* translates as Personal Card. The cards pertain to Greek prisoners of war of the Italians. The cards have places for information about prisoners of war. The information provided, in most instances, is the name, name of father and mother, Army serial number, branch of service, date of birth, birthplace, nationality, marital status, religion, profession, address, date and place of capture. On the reverse side of the prisoner of war camp information is provided. The Greek prisoners of war were captured during 1940, 1941, 1942, and 1943.

This series is arranged alphabetically by last names, A-O.

Custodial Note: This records were apparently loaned by the Italian Ministry of War to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) in or after November 1944.

Researcher Note: As of September 8, 1943, a total of 1,689 Greek Prisoners of War were held in Italian camps.

Series Title: Recommendations for Award of Bronze Star Medal

Date of Records: October 25, 1944-June 28, 1945

Date of Information: 1942-June 28, 1945

Entry UD 1021C

NAID: 68121207

Declassification Authority: NND806041

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. January 1, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, ca. December 1, 1945-ca. December 30, 1945

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9 (M.I.9), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (P/W), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 22, 1945-ca. November 30, 1945

This series consists of over sixty recommendations, based on interrogations, made between October 25, 1944 and June 28, 1945, for the award of the Bronze Star Medal, primarily involving American escapers and evaders in Italy, and a few in Albania. The first six recommendations, all made on October 25, 1944, were submitted by Major Philip V. Holder, Commanding, 2621 Headquarters Platoon Special (Overhead) to the Commanding General, North African Theater of Operations. The recommendations made from January 6, 1945 to February 15, 1945, were submitted by Lt. Col. Richard N. Tandler, G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Allied Force Headquarters, to the Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations. The recommendations made from May 19, 1945 to June 28, 1945, were submitted by Lt. Col. Philip V. Holder, G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Allied Force Headquarters, to the Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations. The first twenty-eight recommendations are annotated with the date the Bronze Star Medal was approved. Among the recommendation were that of First Lieutenant Franklin P. Falvey, Air Corps, in connection with military operations during 1943, as a member of "A" Force in rescue operations in Italy; First Lieutenant Lee S. Bradley, Air Corps, in connection with military operations during 1943, as a member of "A" Force in rescue operations in Italy; and, Maj. John H. Sagers, 17/21 Lancers, with I.S. 9 (Central Mediterranean Force), who was dropped by parachute into Yugoslavia on the night of May 17-18, 1944, for the purpose of rendering assistance to Allied escapers and evaders from the Balkans and North Italy and until April 2, 1945, he assisted more than 250 American airmen and many ground troops. Also included is the recommendation made for Capt. Joseph S. Freylinghausen, 5th Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Division, who had been

captured in Tunisia in November 1942 and was held at Camp No. 21 at Chieti and moved to Sulmona on September 23, 1943. That same day he escaped, but was quickly recaptured, but escaped later that night. He was captured again on October 28, but once again escaped, reaching 8th Army lines on November 15, 1943. His recommendation was based, in part, by interrogations of British Sergeants H. Robinson and Bartholomew Pyle, who spent time with Capt. Freylinghausen during his escapes. Most of the recommendations regard escapes from Prisoner of War camps in Italy, including Camp 78 at Sulmona (many of whom were held originally at Camp No. 21 at Chieti and moved to Sulmona on September 23, 1943); Camp 59 at Servigliano; and, Camp 82 at Laterina. In the recommendations are frequent references to British, South African, Yugoslavian, and Polish military personnel involved in escapes and frequent references to taking part in Partisan activities and to assistance given by Italian helpers. At the beginning of the series is a listing of the first forty-nine recommendations, giving the name and rank and the number of the recommendation.

This series is arranged numerically 1-2, 4-49, and thereafter chronologically, June 20, 1945-June 28, 1945.

Listing of those recommended in this series for the Bronze Star Medal.

First Lieutenant Franklin P. Falvey, United States Army Air Forces – “A” Force

First Lieutenant Lee S. Bradley, United States Army Air Forces – “A” Force

Second Lieutenant Harry E. Elliott, United States Army Air Forces

First Sergeant Karl Huddleston, United States Army

Technical Sergeant Carl M. Miciak, United States Army Air Forces

Sergeant Clarence H. Rothrock, United States Army Air Forces

Captain John M. Crafaik, United States Army

Private First Class Richard A. Wombacher, United States Army

Private Anthony N. Proto, United States Army

Private Lawrence J. Ruzzo, United States Army

Private John Savageau, United States Army

Private Daniel J. McNally, United States Army

Private Charles J. Stewart, United States Army

Staff Sergeant Thomas Q. Purcell, United States Army Air Forces

Sergeant Russell Jobusch, United States Army

Flight Officer J. L. Weaver, United States Army Air Forces

First Lieutenant Bernard B. Pasero, United States Army Air Forces

First Lieutenant Kemp F. Martin, United States Army Air Forces

Lieutenant Roger D. Miller, United States Army Air Forces

Captain David P. Williams, United States Army Air Forces

Second Lieutenant Richard G. Busken, United States Army Air Forces

First Lieutenant John S. Van Epps, United States Army Air Forces

Major Kelly W. Mitchim, United States Army Air Forces

Second Lieutenant Velfort J. De Armond, Jr., United States Army Air Forces

First Lieutenant John C. Simmons, Jr., United States Army Air Forces

Private Lawrence Danich, United States Army

First Lieutenant Roger L. Zeller, United States Army Air Forces

Major John H. Sagers, 17/21 Lancers (British Army), I.S.9 [Intelligence School 9] (Central Mediterranean Force)

Staff Sergeant J. C. Alexander, United States Army Air Forces

Second Lieutenant Harald G. Hamner, United States Army Air Forces

First Lieutenant Chester F. Kingsman, United States Army Air Forces

First Lieutenant John D. Murphy, United States Army Air Forces

First Lieutenant Walter Z. Granecki, Jr., United States Army

Staff Sergeant Paul B. Miller, United States Army Air Forces

Captain Joseph S. Freylingheusen, United States Army

Sergeant Theodore D. Draskowski, United States Army Air Forces

Private First Class Oreste Delgreco United States Army

Private First Class Harold S. Arneson, United States Army

Sergeant Michael Syroid, United States Army

Technician Fifth Grade William A. Heslep, United States Army

Private Roland B. Light, United States Army

Technical Sergeant William A. Madunich, United States Army Air Forces

S/Sergeant George H. Ritter, United States Army Air Forces

First Lieutenant John R. Vaughn, United States Army

Private Hilbert H. Balk, United States Army

Private First Class Arnold L. Anderson, United States Army

Private Edward M. Greenberg, United States Army

Second Lieutenant Eldon H. Dahl, United States Army Air Forces

Staff Sergeant Warren R. Cook, United States Army Air Forces

First Lieutenant Zoden O. Lee, United States Army Air Forces

1st Ernest P. Case, United States Army Air Forces

First Lieutenant Thomas F. Ellzey, United States Army

First Lieutenant Bernhard Liese, United States Army

First Lieutenant Shuford M. Alexander, United States Army Air Forces

Sergeant William P. Hancock, Jr., United States Army Air Forces

First Lieutenant Conrad Kreps, United States Army Air Forces

Technical Sergeant Robert H. Halliday, United States Army

Second Lieutenant Roane T. Silas, United States Army Air Forces

Staff Sergeant George H. Tucker, United States Army Air Forces

Technical Sergeant Kenneth E. Titus, United States Army Air Forces

First Lieutenant Hoover Edwards, United States Army Air Forces

Colonel Sam W. Agee, Jr., United States Army Air Forces

Private First Class William Mc. Kinly, United States Army

Private George A. Hope, United States Army

Private First Class Angelo J. Di Marco, United States Army

Captain Perry D. Pickett, United States Army Air Forces

First Lieutenant Leonard Marion Bessman, United States Army [missing the first page of the recommendation]

Custodial Note, the missing file from this series, that relating to a Captain R. W. B. Lewis, was transferred to another file, relating to the award of the Legion of Merit.

Note to Researchers: Capt. Joseph S. Freylingheusen subsequently published an account of escapes in the book **Passages to freedom: a story of capture and escape** (Manhattan, Kansas: Sunflower University Press, 1990).

Series Title: Correspondence of the Rome Organization
Date of Records: February 5, 1943-August 26, 1944
Date of Information: 1939-1944
Entry UD 1021E
NAID: 68121319
Declassification Authority: NND806041
Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Allied Screening Commission (Italy), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, November 17, 1944-July 31, 1945
Allied Screening Commission, Intelligence School 9 (I.S.9), G-2 (P/W) Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, August 20, 1944-November 16, 1944
Allied Screening Commission, "N" Section of "A" Force, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, July 16, 1944-August 19, 1944

This series consists primarily of correspondence of the Rome Organization (also known as the British Organization in Rome for Assisting Allied Escaped Prisoners of War) during its existence from October 1943 to June 1944, and correspondence by its former members during the June-August 1944 period. Much of the correspondence consists of scraps of paper written by Allied escapers and evaders asking for assistance and acknowledging receipt of payments. Some of the correspondence is signed by, addressed to, or mentions Toni, Till, Hugh, Barney, Bill, HJB, Bill, Mr. Bishop, S.I.D., Brother Robert, Mander, Mount, D.G.O., Secundo, Edmund, John, and Rinso, and Golf. These are code, initials, and nicknames for Major Samuel Ironmonger Derry (Toni, S.I.D.), Mr. Hugh Montgomery (Till, Hugh), Captain Henry Judson Byrnes (Barney, HJB), Lieutenant William C. Simpson (Bill), Joseph Gonzi (Mr. Bishop), Brother Robert Pace (Brother Robert), Major D'Arcy Mander (Mander), Sir Francis D'Arcy Godolphin Osborne (Mount, D.G.O.), Secundo Costantini (Secundo), Edmund Madden (Edmund), Lieutenant John Furman (John), Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty (Golf), and, Lorenzo Lucidi (Rinso)

This series is arranged generally alphabetically by name of correspondent and thereunder chronologically.

General Records of the Austrian Section of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy)

Series Title: Administrative Subject File

Date of Records: September 16, 1946-January 29, 1947

Entry UD 1026B

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND 785021

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), M.I.9/M.I.19, Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, September 16, 1946-April 10, 1947

This series consists of letters, memorandums, vouchers, receipts, movement orders, and other records dealing with administrative matters of the Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), during its operations in Austria. Included is information regarding finance, civilian employees, rations, theft of a vehicle, transportation, command change, and closing down the Austrian Section in Austria.

This series is arranged subject, and thereunder chronologically.

Series Title: Claim Subject File

Date of Records: January 15, 1946-April 5, 1947

Entry UD 1026C

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND 785021

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), M.I.9/M.I.19, Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, September 16, 1946-April 10, 1947

This series contains lists of letters; memorandums; claim payments lists; reports; and, original copies of certificates with the facsimile signature of Field Marshal Harold R. Alexander, Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater. The records in the series relates to the activities of the Austrian Section of the Allied Screening Commission (Italy), during 1946 and 1947 when the Section was located in Austria and in 1947 when it was located in Italy. The series contains a list of the original Austrian claims made before the Austrian Section was established; a list of helpers to escapers and evaders in Austria; letters from British military escapers and evaders regarding the assistance received; and, letters sent by the Austrian Section indicating individuals had given invaluable help to escaping Allied prisoners of war. The series

also contains a list of payments of claims organized by city (giving the name, claim number and monetary amount) during December 1946-January 1947; a lengthy report, dated July 9, 1946, prepared by 31 Field Security Section, providing detailed descriptions of Austrians who aided prisoners of war and agents. Also included in the series are vetting reports of Austrians who provided assistance to Allied prisoners of war during the war. These were prepared by 16 Field Security Section, 31 Field Security Section, and 409 Field Security Section, between February 14, 1947 and March 19, 1947. These vetting reports provide, for each individual, a claim number and indications whether they should or not have their claim approved and a Certificate awarded, based on their Nazi Party membership and/or activity. The series additionally contains original certificates with the facsimile signature of Field Marshal Harold R. Alexander, Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater (and contain the claim number and certificate number) that had been returned as undeliverable. The series also contains two letters, dated April 5, 1947, from the Austrian Section, c/o Headquarters, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), to Austrian claimants and to one addressed to the Austrian Courts Section, Headquarters, Civil Affairs (B.E.), Land Steiermark, Austria.

This series is arranged subject, and thereunder chronologically.

Series Title: Correspondence Relating to Claimants

Date of Records: October 1, 1946-March 27, 1947

Entry UD 1026D

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND 785021

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), M.I.9/M.I.19, Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, October 1, 1946-April 10, 1947

This series consists of letters sent to and from the Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), from October 1, 1946 to March 27, 1947. Most of the letters are from the Austrian Section indicating that an individual had provided assistance to Allied escapers and evaders. Such letters were addressed to numerous organizations, including the British Red Cross, various Civil Labor Units (Austria), various Civil Affairs Officers (Austria), the British Consul in Vienna, the American Consul in Vienna, and various Housing Officers (Austria). Most of the letters dated 1947 are from Austrians regarding claims or asking assistance.

This series is arranged chronologically.

Note to researchers: Entry UD1026E contains letters to the Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), or to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy), between March 29, 1947 and June 4, 1947, from Austrian claimants.

Series Title: Austrian Claimant Correspondence
Date of Records: March 29, 1947-June 4, 1947
Entry UD 1026E
NAID:
Declassification Authority: NND 785021
Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Prisoner of War Claims Screening Commission, Office of the Military Attaché, British Embassy, Rome; Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, April 1, 1947-ca. August 15, 1947

Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), M.I.9/M.I.19, Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, March 29, 1947-April 10, 1947

This series consists of letters addressed to the Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), or to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy), between March 29, 1947 and June 4, 1947. The letters pertain to claims or other assistance. Attached to some of the letters are letters attesting to the assistance a claimant provided to Allied escapers and evaders.

This series is arranged chronologically.

Custodial Note: this series was initially in the series Correspondence Relating to Claimants (Entry UD 1026D). Attached to the letters is a note "Austrian Claimants Correspondence from 29.3.47 to 4.6.47- Pending."

Records Relating to Helper Claims in Austria

Series Title: Austrian Helper Claims
Date of the Records: July 1946-February 1947
Date of Information: 1941-1947
Entry UD 1017
NAID: 68887395
Boxes 1-25

Custodial Organizations:

Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, September 6, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consists of claim files for those in Austria who helped Allied escapers and evaders. From July 1946 to February 1947, all claims received were taken into consideration, and assuming the claimant had proof of assisting Allied escapers and evaders, in the form of an

original document signed by the escaper or evader, or should their name had been mentioned in an interrogation report, they were issued a Certificate of Appreciation and paid for such material assistance given, unless the claimant was black-listed. In addition, should the claim have no proof whatsoever but seemed genuine, the claim was investigated by an officer in the actual village or town where the claimant stated they gave assistance. Each claim ordinarily consists of from five to ten documents, including a 'claim summary,' a receipt for monetary reimbursement (Form O.F. [Office Form] 11), a claims progress report (Form O.F. 4), the original claim, and miscellaneous forms and notes prepared by agents investigating the claim, and the recommendation made by the investigating officer. In many, if not most cases, the file contains documents left with the helpers by the escapers and evaders, such as chits and letters, so they could present them to the competent Allied authority and be compensated for the help given. The Allied Screening Commission Claim Summary contains the Claim Number, the date the claim received, the date the claim settled, the claimant's name and address, information about escapers and evaders assisted (name, rank, and unit), the period for which assistance was rendered, the value of food and lodging supplied (with spaces provided for the amount claimed, amount recommended, and amount paid), the value of clothing supplied (with spaces provided for the amount claimed, amount recommended, and amount paid), the amount of money advanced by the claimant to the escapees or evaders (with spaces provided for the amount claimed, amount recommended, and amount paid), general unspecified assistance (with spaces provided for the amount claimed, amount recommended, and amount paid), the nature of personal and property damage suffered, non-monetary requests, the nature and amount of any reimbursement previously provided, remarks, recommendations for awards, the name of the investigator, name of person authorizing payment, the amount paid, by whom paid, date paid, receipt number, and certificate information. For the unit of the escaper or evader, normally given is a letter code: A-American; B-British; C-Canadian; D-Australian; F-French; G-Greek; I-Indian; N-New Zealand; P-Palestinian; R-Russian; U-South African; and Y-Yugoslavian. As of the summer of 1945, authority had been given for the payment of claims for escapers and evaders belonging to British, Dominion and Colonial Forces; United States Forces; French Forces; Greek Forces; and Polish forces. Claims submitted in respect to escapers and evaders of other nationalities were not allowable. The level of award was set forth in undated Claims Instruction No. 23, Headquarters, Allied Screening Commission (Italy): Grade 1 "Represents a recommendation for a D.S.O. [Distinguished Service Order] or D.C.M. [Distinguished Conduct Medal] for service personnel, and a George Medal or O.B.E. [Officer of the Order of the British Empire] for civilian personnel. Recommendations under this category, if any arise, will be extremely rare. A citation is required." Grade 2 "Represents a recommendation for an M.C. [Military Cross] or M.M. [Military Medal] for service personnel, and a M.B.E. [Member of the Order of the British Empire] or B.E.M. [British Empire Medal] for civilians. Recommendation in this category will be extremely rare. It is thought that no more than one claimant in one thousand will qualify in this category. A citation is required." Grade 3 "Represents a recommendation for the equivalent of a 'Mention in Despatches.' It is estimated that about 2 to 3% of claimants may feature in this category. The award in this grade will take the form of one of the following- (i) 'Commendation' (Certificate 17) and Badge-to be recommended only for British subjects, except in the case of posthumous recommendations when it may also be used for non-British subject. (ii) King's Medal for Courage-to be recommended only for non-British subject. The King's Medal may not be awarded posthumously. (iii) King's Medal for Service-as in (ii) above. Note: In judging between (ii) and (iii) above, the Assessing Officer may presume

that (ii) above should be recommended when the activities of the ‘helper’ have exposed him essentially to great personal risk, and that (iii) above be recommended when the ‘helper’ has displayed commendable fortitude of effort without necessarily undergoing any great risk. In the above cases a citation is required.” Grade 4 “This will consist of a Certificate of Thanks for service in the cause of Freedom and will probably be signed by the C.in C. [Commander-in-Chief] of this Theatre of operations. It will be issued to every genuine ‘helper,’ including those who may in addition be recommended for a higher award, since there may be some appreciable delay before such higher awards are finally approved. No citation for this grade is required.” The first 164 claims were received on July 13 and July 15, 1946. By the end of August 1946, 1,264 claims had been received and by the end of December 1946, 2,100 claims had been received. During January 1947, twelve claims were received, and the 2,113th and last claim was received on February 22, 1947.

Austrian claims that were settled without payment were claims that were rejected on the grounds that they were fraudulent; were rejected because no evidence could be produced to substantiate them; were rejected because the escapers helped were of nationalities other than British or American (at the beginning); because helpers may have specifically stated that they desired no monetary reward; or, the claimant may have rendered moral help to escapers which justified no monetary reward.

This series is arranged numerically 1a to 2113a.

Series Title: Index to Helper Claims

Date of records: 1946-1947

Entry UD 1030

Index to Helper Claims

Boxes 1-2

Custodial Organizations:

Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, September 6, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consists of 4” x 6” index cards containing the names and addresses of Austrians who filed claims for having aided Allied military personnel. Besides the name and address, each index card gives the Austrian claim number.

This series is arranged alphabetically by last name, A-Z.

Series Title: Lists of Austrian Claims and Certificates

Date of Records: February 1947-March 1947

Entry UD 1026F

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NND 785021

Box 1

Custodial Organizations:

Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, February 1947-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consists of lists of individuals in Austria who filed a claim with the Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), for their assistance to Allied escapers and evaders. There are lists for Villach, Fuerstenfeld, Hermagoh, Leoben, Vienna, Leibnitz, Muerzzuschlag, Badkersburg, Spittal, St. Veit, Bruck, Lienz, Judenburg, Hartberg, Nurau, Graz, Klagenfurt, Deutschlandsberg, Feldbach, Voitsberg, Wolfsberg, Salzburg, Gmunden, Riedi, and Wels. For each entry on each list given is a claim number, a certificate number, name and address, the level of award (1, 2, 3, 4), and the nationalities of those provided assistance, given as a letter code: A-American; B-British; C-Canadian; D-Australian; F-French; G-Greek; I-Indian; N-New Zealand; P-Palestinian; R-Russian; U-South African; and Y-Yugoslavian. As of the summer of 1945, authority had been given for the payment of claims for escapers and evaders belonging to British, Dominion and Colonial Forces; United States Forces; French Forces; Greek Forces; and Polish forces. Claims submitted in respect to escapers and evaders of other nationalities were not allowable. The level of award was set forth in undated Claims Instruction No. 23, Headquarters, Allied Screening Commission (Italy): Grade 1 "Represents a recommendation for a D.S.O. [Distinguished Service Order] or D.C.M. [Distinguished Conduct Medal] for service personnel, and a George Medal or O.B.E. [Officer of the Order of the British Empire] for civilian personnel. Recommendations under this category, if any arise, will be extremely rare. A citation is required." Grade 2 "Represents a recommendation for an M.C. [Military Cross] or M.M. [Military Medal] for service personnel, and a M.B.E. [Member of the Order of the British Empire] or B.E.M. [British Empire Medal] for civilians. Recommendation in this category will be extremely rare. It is thought that no more than one claimant in one thousand will qualify in this category. A citation is required." Grade 3 "Represents a recommendation for the equivalent of a 'Mention in Despatches.' It is estimated that about 2 to 3% of claimants may feature in this category. The award in this grade will take the form of one of the following- (i) 'Commendation' (Certificate 17) and Badge-to be recommended only for British subjects, except in the case of posthumous recommendations when it may also be used for non-British subject. (ii) King's Medal for Courage-to be recommended only for non-British subject. The King's Medal may not be awarded posthumously. (iii) King's Medal for Service-as in (ii) above. Note: In judging between (ii) and (iii) above, the Assessing Officer may presume that (ii) above should be recommended when the activities of the 'helper' have exposed him essentially to great personal risk, and that (iii) above be recommended when the 'helper' has displayed commendable fortitude of effort without necessarily undergoing any great risk. In the above cases a citation is required." Grade 4 "This will consist of a Certificate of Thanks for service in the cause of

Freedom and will probably be signed by the C.in C. [Commander-in-Chief] of this Theatre of operations. It will be issued to every genuine 'helper,' including those who may in addition be recommended for a higher award, since there may be some appreciable delay before such higher awards are finally approved. No citation for this grade is required." Provided at the bottom of each list is the total number of claims submitted and the total number of British and/or American certificates awarded (designated by either letter B or the letter A). Attached to some lists are lists of individuals receiving only a certificate. Provided on these lists is the certificate number and name and address of the individual.

Arranged: This series is arranged by name of cities in Austria.

Note to researchers. The lists in this series can also serve as index to the Austrian Claim files ("Helper Claims" Entry UD 1017).

Series Title: Payment Lists and Related Records Pertaining to Austrian Helpers

Date of records: December 1946-March 1947

Entry UD 1022B

NAID:

Box 4 (last folder in the box)

Custodial Organizations:

Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, December 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

The records in this series were created by the Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy) and submitted to the Allied Screening Commission (Italy). Most of the records consist of payment lists, address by location. Each list contains the claim number, the certificate number, name and address of Austrian claimants, the category of award, and the number of each nationality helped. The level of award was set forth in undated Claims Instruction No. 23, Headquarters, Allied Screening Commission (Italy). Grade 1 "Represents a recommendation for a D.S.O. [Distinguished Service Order] or D.C.M. [Distinguished Conduct Medal] for service personnel, and a George Medal or O.B.E. [Officer of the Order of the British Empire] for civilian personnel. Recommendations under this category, if any arise, will be extremely rare. A citation is required." Grade 2 "Represents a recommendation for an M.C. [Military Cross] or M.M. [Military Medal] for service personnel, and a M.B.E. [Member of the Order of the British Empire] or B.E.M. [British Empire Medal] for civilians. Recommendation in this category will be extremely rare. It is thought that no more than one claimant in one thousand will qualify in this category. A citation is required." Grade 3 "Represents a recommendation for the equivalent of a 'Mention in Despatches.' It is estimated that about 2 to 3% of claimants may feature in this category. The award in this grade will take the form of one of the following- (i) 'Commendation' (Certificate 17) and Badge-to be recommended only for British subjects, except in the case of posthumous recommendations when it may also be used for non-British subject. (ii) King's Medal for Courage-to be recommended only for non-British subject. The King's Medal may not

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This series is arranged by subject.

Series Title: Register of Austrian Helper Claims

Date of Records: July 13, 1946-March 27, 1947

Entry UD 1003B

NAID:

Declassification Authority: NW45006

Box 1 [currently shares box with Entry UD 1003C]

Custodial Organizations:

Austrian Section, Allied Screening Commission (Italy), Military Intelligence Section 9/19 (M.I.9/M.I.19), Deputy Director of Military Intelligence (Organization and Security, O&S), Director of Military Intelligence, Vice Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, War Office, September 6, 1946-ca. April 10, 1947

This series consists of an oversized register of 2,113 Austrian Helper Claims. These claims were received between July 13, 1946 and February 22, 1947, and settled in one form or another between July 31, 1946 and March 27, 1947. For each entry in the register, given is the claim number, name of the claimant, the address of the claimant, the commune of the claimant, the province of the claimant, the date the claim received, the date the claim was registered, payment information (including date of payment and amount of payment), the date the claim was settled without payment, the grade of award, the certificate number, the escapers' nationality, and remarks. The level of award was set forth in undated Claims Instruction No. 23, Headquarters, Allied Screening Commission (Italy). Grade 1 "Represents a recommendation for a D.S.O. [Distinguished Service Order] or D.C.M. [Distinguished Conduct Medal] for service personnel, and a George Medal or O.B.E. [Officer of the Order of the British Empire] for civilian personnel. Recommendations under this category, if any arise, will be extremely rare. A citation is required." Grade 2 "Represents a recommendation for an M.C. [Military Cross] or M.M. [Military Medal] for service personnel, and a M.B.E. [Member of the Order of the British Empire] or B.E.M. [British Empire Medal] for civilians. Recommendation in this category will

be extremely rare. It is thought that no more than one claimant in one thousand will qualify in this category. A citation is required.” Grade 3 “Represents a recommendation for the equivalent of a ‘Mention in Despatches.’ It is estimated that about 2 to 3% of claimants may feature in this category. The award in this grade will take the form of one of the following- (i) ‘Commendation’ (Certificate 17) and Badge-to be recommended only for British subjects, except in the case of posthumous recommendations when it may also be used for non-British subject. (ii) King’s Medal for Courage-to be recommended only for non-British subject. The King’s Medal may not be awarded posthumously. (iii) King’s Medal for Service-as in (ii) above. Note: In judging between (ii) and (iii) above, the Assessing Officer may presume that (ii) above should be recommended when the activities of the ‘helper’ have exposed him essentially to great personal risk, and that (iii) above be recommended when the ‘helper’ has displayed commendable fortitude of effort without necessarily undergoing any great risk. In the above cases a citation is required.” Grade 4 “This will consist of a Certificate of Thanks for service in the cause of Freedom and will probably be signed by the C.in C. [Commander-in-Chief] of this Theatre of operations. It will be issued to every genuine ‘helper,’ including those who may in addition be recommended for a higher award, since there may be some appreciable delay before such higher awards are finally approved. No citation for this grade is required.” A letter code is used to designate the nationality: A-American; B-British; C-Canadian; D-Australian; F-French; G-Greek; I-Indian; N-New Zealand; P-Palestinian; R-Russian; U-South African; and Y-Yugoslavian.

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Appendix

Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Code Names Found in the Records

AAF	Army Air Force
AAI	Allied Armies in Italy
AC	Allied Commission
ACA	Allied Commission for Austria
ACC	Allied Control Commission
ACoS	Assistant Chief of Staff
ADOS	Assistant Director Ordnance Services [British]
AFA	Allied Financial Agency
AFHQ	Allied Force Headquarters
AFRA	Allied Forces Records Administration
AG	Adjutant General
AGWAR	War Department, Washington, D.C.
AIF	Australian Imperial Force
AIK	Section of the Air Ministry dealing with prisoners of war [British]
AIS	Allied Interrogation Section; Allied Information Services
ALO	Air Liaison Officer
AMFA	Allied Military Financial Agency
a/m	Above Mentioned
AMG	Allied Military Government
AMG/AC	Allied Military Government/Allied Commission
AMGOT	Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory
AOT	Allied Occupied Territory
ARAR	<i>Azienda Rilievo Alienazione Residerata</i> (Italian)
ATS	Auxiliary Territorial Service (Women)
Aus	Australian
BCG	British Consul General
BE	British Element
BEM	British Empire Medal [British]
BGS(I)	Brigadier, general (Intelligence) [British]
BLO	British Liaison Officer
Br	British
Brig	Brigadier [British rank]
CA	Civil Affairs
CAO	Chief Administrative Officer
CAO	Civil Affairs Officer
CBE	Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
CCAO	Chief Civil Affairs Officer
CCRR or CC.RR	Corps <i>Carabinieri Reali Reggimento</i>
CCS	Combined Chiefs of Staff
CCS	Casualty Clearing Station [British]
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CG	Commanding General

C & H	Claims & Hirings [British]
CI	Counterintelligence
CIC	Counterintelligence Corps
CIGS	Chief of the Imperial General Staff [British]
CinC	Commander in Chief
CinC, MED	Commander in Chief, Mediterranean
CIO	Chief Investigating Officer, Chief Intelligence Officer [British]
CLN	<i>Comitate di Liberazione Nazionale</i> (Committee of National Liberation)
CLNAI	<i>Comitate di Liberazione Nazionale per l'Alta Italia</i> (Committee of National Liberation for Northern Italy)
CMF	Central Mediterranean Forces [British]
CMP	Corps of Military Police [British]
CO	Commanding Officer
CofS	Chief of Staff
Comdg	Commanding
Comdr	Commander
Coy	Company [British]
CPO	Command Pay Office
CSDIC	Combined Services Detailed Interrogation Centre
CSO	Chief of Staff Officer
CVL	<i>Corpo Volontarie della Liberta</i> (Corps of Volunteers of Liberty. The armed partisan units of the resistance)
CZ	Combat Zone
DAAG	Deputy Assistant Adjutant General [British]
DACofS	Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff
DADPSS	Deputy Assistant Director of Printing and Stationery Services [British]
DCAO	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
DCCAO	Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer
DDST	Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport [British]
DFC	Distinguished Flying Cross
D Hgs	Director of Hirings [British]
DJAG	Deputy Judge Advocate General
DDMI	Deputy Director Military Intelligence [British]
Det	Detachment
DMI	Director of Military Intelligence [British]
D/MS	Deputy Military Secretary [British]
DOS	Director Ordnance Services [British]
DQMG	Deputy Quartermaster General
Dir	Director
DCM	Distinguished Conduct Medal [British]
Drv	Driver [British]
DSO	Distinguished Service Order [British]
Div	Division
E and E	Escapers and Evaders
EOT	Enemy Occupied Territory
ETOUSA	European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army

FAN Symbol for messages from Commander in Chief, Allied Expeditionary Force to the Combined Chiefs of Staff

FANTOK Headquarters, 15th Army Group (Rear)

FARGO Code designation for Allied Control Commission Headquarters, Main

FAIRBANKS Allied Forces Headquarters, Advanced Command Post

FATIMA Code designation for Allied Military Mission (later ACC)

FCNL French Committee of National Liberation

FFI French Forces of the Interior

FILPOT Headquarters, 15th Army Group (Main)

FINBAT Headquarters, 15th Army Group (Tac)

F&L Food and Lodging

FLAMBO AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon

F/Lt Flight Lieutenant [British]

FLC Foreign Liquidation Commission

FREEDOM Allied Force Headquarters

FSS Field Security Service [British]

Fus Fusilier [British]

G General Staff Officer [British]

GAI General Administrative Instructions

GAP *Gruppi di Azione Patriottica* (Small city based resistance hit squads)

GBE Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire

GHQ General Headquarters

GL *Giustizia e Libertà* (Justice and Liberty, an Italian anti-Fascist movement)

Gnr Gunner [British]

GO General Orders

GOC General Officer Commanding [British]

GOC-in-C General officer Commanding-in-Chief

GSI General Staff Intelligence

GSO General Staff Officer

HMG His Majesty's Government

Hq Comd AF Headquarters Command Allied Force

Hq SOM Headquarters Special Operations Mediterranean Theater

IA Italian Army

IAF Italian Air Force

IBS Island Base Section

IC Intelligence Corps [British]

i/c In Charge

INC Information and Censorship

IO Intelligence Officer

I.S.9 Intelligence School 9 [British]

ISLD Inter-Services Liaison Department (Secret Intelligence Service)

JA Judge Advocate

JAG Judge Advocate General

J/Comdr Junior Commander, ATS [British] (equivalent of a captain)

KBE Knight Commander of the order of the British Empire

KCB Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath [British]

KRs	King's Regulations [British]
L/Bdr	Lance Bombardier [British]
L of C	Line of Communication
L/Cpl	Lance Corporal [British]
MA	Military Attaché
MAS	<i>Motoscafo antisommergibile</i> (a fast Italian submarine hunter)
MBE	Member of the Order of the British Empire
MC	Military Cross [British]
MGS	Military Government Section
MI1	Military Intelligence Section 1 [British]
MI9	Military Intelligence Section 9 [British]
MI19	Military Intelligence Section 19 [British]
MIBER	Military Increment to the British Embassy, Rome
MIS	Military Intelligence Service
MIS – X	Military Intelligence Section – Escape and Evasion (American)
MM	Military Medal [British]
M of S	Ministry of Supply [British]
MS	Military Secretary
MS	<i>Motosilurante</i> (An Italian motor torpedo boat)
MT	Motor Transport
MTO	Motor Transport Officer
MTO	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
MTOUSA	Mediterranean Theater of Operations, U.S. Army
NATO	North African Theater of Operations
NATO USA	North African Theater of Operations, U.S. Army
NZ	New Zealand
NZEF	New Zealand Expeditionary Force
OBE	Officer of the Order of the British Empire
OC	Officer Commanding
O.D.'s	Original documents or chits written by escapers and Evaders
OR	Other Ranks [British]
ORI	<i>Organizzazione della Resistenza Italiana</i> (Resistance group)
OSS	Office of Strategic Services
OVRA	Fascist Secret Police [Italian]
PA	Personal Assistant [British]
P&A	Pay and Allowances [British]
PBS	Peninsular Base Section
PC	Provincial Commissioner
PC or P Corps	Pioneer Corps [British]
PdA	<i>Partito d'Azione</i> (Action party)
PFO	Provincial Finance Officer
P. G.	<i>Prigione di Guerra</i> (Prison of War)
P Corps	Pioneer Corps [British]
P/O or PO	Pilot Officer [British]
POW	Prisoner of War
PPA	Popski's Private Army (No. 1 Demolition Squadron) [British]

PRO	Public Relations Officer
PSS	Printing and Stationery Service [British]
PsW	Prisoners of War
PTO	Please turn [page] over [British]
P/W	Prisoner of War
PW	Prisoner of War
PWB	Psychological Warfare Branch
PWE	Psychological Warfare Executive [British]
Q	Quartermaster [British]
QM	Quartermaster [American]
RA	Royal Artillery
RAAC	Rome Area Allied Command
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
RAC	Royal Armoured Corps [British]
RAF	Royal Air Force [British]
RAFVR	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve [British]
RAI	<i>Radio Audizione Italiano</i>
RAMC	Royal Army Medical Corps [British]
RAMP	Recovered Allied Military Personnel
RAOC	Royal Army Ordnance Corps [British]
RASC	Royal Army Service Corps [British]
RCA	Royal Canadian Army
RCAF	Royal Canadian Air Force
RCASC	Royal Canadian Army Service Corps
RCC	Regional Control Commissioner
RD	Repair Depot [British]
R DAY	The day for disbandment of AFHQ, coincident with the coming into effect of the Italian peace treaty
RCO	Region Control Officer
RCS	Royal Corps of Signals [British]
REME	Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers [British]
Rfn	Rifleman [British]
RHA	Royal Horse Artillery [British]
RHN	Royal Hellenic Navy (Greek)
RIA	Royal Indian Army
RIASC	Royal Indian Army Service Corps
RN	Royal Navy [British]
RNR	Royal Navy Reserve [British]
RNVR	Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve [British]
RNZAF	Royal New Zealand Air Force
SAAF	South African Air Force
SAC	Supreme Allied Commander
SACMED	Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater
SACO	Senior Civil Affairs Officer
SAEC	South African Engineer Corps
SAS	Special Air Service

SBS	Special Boat Service
S/Comdr	Senior Commander, ATS
SGS	Secretary, General Staff
SIM	<i>Servizio Informazione Militare</i> (Military Intelligence Service) [Italian]
SIME	Security Intelligence Middle East [British]
SIS	Secret Intelligence Service (M.I.6)
SL	Squadron Leader [British]
S/Ldr	Squadron Leader [British]
SLU	Special Liaison Unit [British]
SO	Special Orders
SOE	Special Operations Executive [British]
SOM	Special Operations Mediterranean [joint Anglo-American Branch of AFHQ]
SO(M)	Special Operations Mediterranean [joint Anglo-American Branch of AFHQ]
SOS	Services of Supply
S.O.S.	Stricken Off Strength [British]
Sqn Ldr	Squadron Leader [British]
SSAFA	Soldiers', Sailors', and Airmens' Families Association [British]
TAC or TAC hq	Tactical Headquarters [British]
TAG	The Adjutant General
TAM	Designates cables from CCS and CCAC to AFHQ
TD	Temporary Duty
THQ	Tactical Headquarters [British]
TJA	Theater Judge Advocate
TOS.	Taken On Strength [British]
TROOPERS	War Office, London
Trp	Trooper [British]
UDF	Union Defence Forces (South African)
UK	United Kingdom
u/s	Under Signed
USAAF	United States Army Air Forces
USN	United States Navy
US POLAD	United States Political Advisor
VC	Victoria Cross [British]
WAAF	Women's Auxiliary Air Force [British]
WD	War Department
WE	War Establishment [British]
WEC	War Establishment Committee [British]
WEF	With Effect From
WMD	War Materials Disposal
WO	War Office [British]

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