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20<sup>th</sup> June 1943

Director of Internment Camps  
29 Garden Avenue  
Salisbury

Dear Sir

I hereby wish to apply for two Italian internees to help with the work on this farm. I would require, if possible, one bricklayer and one handy man with a knowledge of farm machinery repairing, and carpentering. I have obtained from the Umzingwani Food Production Committee the conditions under which internees can be obtained and have the necessary accomodation.

I am writing today to the chairman of the F.P.C. for his recommendation to be sent direct to you.

Yours faithfully  
Peter Fletcher

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7<sup>th</sup> September 1943

Director of Internment Camps  
[.....]

Dear Sir,

My two Italian internees have asked me to get for them if possible an Italian newspaper called ECO which is published in Nairobi. Can you please tell me if this is possible & if so where I can get it. I understand that this paper was issued to them at no. 5 camp at Fort Victoria.

I would also like to know if you could tell me where I can get an English-Italian, Italian-English dictionary.

I am  
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16<sup>th</sup> November 1943

Officer in Charge  
No 5 Internment Camp  
Fort Victoria

Dear Sir,

Gori Alfio, one of the Italian internees who is working for me has been troubled with a severe headache and eye strain for some time. So I had his eyes tested today by an optician. It was found that there is a very slight fault in his right and it is not sufficient to cause the headaches.

I was advised to have him examined by a doctor as there is a severe strain on his eye muscle possibly caused by a nerve.

Gori tells me that on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1943 while in Victoria camp he had an operation on the right side of his neck and he thinks that it may have affected the nerve on that side of his face & shoulder as both the latter are slightly painful.

Could you please obtain a report on what the operation was for, from the Italian doctor ACRUSTI who performed the operation, so that I can send Gori with the report to be examined by a doctor in Bulawayo.

Yours [.....]

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17<sup>th</sup> December 1943

The Commandant

Dear Sir

On 16<sup>th</sup> November I wrote to you about the Italian GORI who is working for me, being troubled with his eyes and headaches. I received your answer and on the 6<sup>th</sup> December I took Gori to see Dr. Shankman as he was getting worse.

Dr Shankman put him in hospital the same day to have him under observation and I have since learnt from Dr Morris who has the case now that Gori has cancer in the head. Dr Morris also said he would try to arrange for Gori to be repatriated to his wife and family in northern Italy if possible.

I am [.....]

12<sup>th</sup> January 1944

Mr --- Senna  
 Delegate  
 to the International Committee  
 of the Red Cross  
 Box 1483, Salisbury

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by Dr. R.[?]M. Morris, senior government medical officer, Box 958, Bulawayo, to give you the following information which you require about the Italian internee GORI who is now out of hospital and is staying on the farm pending his hearing of the result of your attempt to get him repatriated.

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| 1) Gori's Wife's maiden name:-<br>Her father's name:- | Di GIOVANNI EVELINA [link]<br>GIOVANNI GAETANO           |
| 2) Names of his two children:-                        | GORI LIVIA (14 years old)<br>GORI ERMANNO (12 years old) |
| 3) Place of domicile of his wife:-                    | VIA CARLO DEL GRECO 10, E<br>REFREDI<br>FIRENZE          |
| 4) Date of last letter from his wife was              | 11 <sup>th</sup> July 1943.                              |
| 5) The last known address of his brother:-            | GORI GASTONE, DEPOSITO LOCOMOTIV, CASSINO                |
| 6) GORI GASTONE is 59 years old. His father is        | GORI ERMANNO   |

[NOTES:

The Italians arrived three days before.

[Evelina.] In Peter's work diary for 8<sup>th</sup> ? Sept. 194? The first entry on the page is "Jennifer arrived", and crossed out. The last entry on the page is "Lynn born."

With a different pencil.

A letter to Registrar on Nov. reports the birth of Evelyn Fletcher. After Lyn was born Gori, probably giving up hope of repatriation, had asked Peter and Madge if they would name their daughter after his wife.

But I have only now become aware that Lyn was first called Jennifer.