

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

IN RE:  
GUANTANAMO BAY DETAINEE LITIGATION

Misc. No. 08-442 (TFH)

JAMAL KIYEMBA, AS NEXT FRIEND OF  
ABDUSABUR DOE, et al.,

Petitioners,

v.

GEORGE W. BUSH, et al.,

Respondents.

Civil Action No. 05-1509 (RMU)

**JULY 21, 2008 DECLARATION OF SABIN WILLETT**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Sabin Willett, declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true:

1. I met with Huzaifa Parhat in Camp 6, Guantánamo Bay, in mid-October, 2007. In our meeting, he requested that a message be passed to his wife. He stated that she should consider him dead and remarry.


2. Our most recent communication with Mr. Parhat was by telephone, in July, 2008, following the decision of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in *Parhat v. Gates*, No. 06-1397, 2008 WL 2576977, \*1 (D.C. Cir. June 20, 2008). Parhat advised of an urgent wish to speak to his mother. The Red Cross has informed him that her health is deteriorating, and he was deeply concerned that he might not be able to speak to her again before she dies.

3. We have requested such a call. To date, the request has not been allowed.

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a photocopy that I obtained from the Boston Public Library of an article published in The Boston Globe on July 30, 1944.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a photocopy that I obtained from the Boston Public Library of an article published in The Boston Globe on June 5, 1944.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true.

  
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Sabin Willett



**Italian Service Units**

**Moved From Co. Boston Harbor Island**

**Two Sides of the Row**

*By FRANCIS BURNS*

Italian Service Units (prisoners of war in special status) who have been housed at Camp Carson, Boston Harbor, have moved from the island of Boston Harbor to a ship at the foot and be taken daily by ferry to the Boston Port of Embarkation to work.

No change in the status of the units is contemplated. Maj. Gen. Sherman Miles, commanding General of the 1st Service Command, announced yesterday. For four months the Italians have been employed as laborers under the authority of the Port of Embarkation, of which Brig Gen Calvin Dewitt, Jr. is now commanding officer. The arrangements were made by the War Department after the armistice with Italy and the 1st Service Command was charged with the

care of the units when they were sent to this area. The men were moved, it was explained, because of the proximity of the camp to Carson Beach, which has been more crowded than usual this summer.

**Men Are Released**

Continuation of their present status so long as they remain in Boston means that they will be housed, fed, clothed and hospitalized as are American soldiers according to the agreement of the Geneva Convention for all prisoners of war in this country.

2. As volunteers on work directly connected with the prosecution of the war they will not be kept in a stockade, one-third of the 80 cents a day which they are paid for nine hours work will be given them at the end of the month as cash. Instead of the canteen checks in which prisoners of war normally receive their pay, they will be given some liberty on their days off by the way of passes out of the camp.

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using their own time and providing their own transportation.

...Spending goods,olley balls and much for half the time in camp. I might say that whatever we sent has been intended for the American troops in camp. 100. When we sent out the bread and cookies it was for 700 men, 400 of them Italian prisoners of war and 300 American troops.

...Shows for the prisoners and for the American soldiers - some movies and little plays that we have provided for the outdoor theatre.

...The men work at the Port of Embarkation nine hours a day, six days a week, for the 80 cents a day paid all prisoners of war. Two nights a week the men now at Fort Anderson give their own time to study English. They may be visited by a close blood relative in camp one hour a week in their free time.

...According to Army officials, Army has ever had been to provide liberty for any of the prisoners except on June 4, when they were taken to St. Francis, California, in the North End, then to the Hatch Shell and to work on the St. Francis, San Francisco, for the day. Individuals of the organizations provide for the maintenance of any of the...

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...police ordered them to disperse they threw spaghetti and meat balls and confecting over the fence. Did you ever hear anything so silly? Can you imagine getting that many people here on a weekday to bring food and throw it at the prisoners? They said a sailor threw a stone at a prisoner July 17. Now do you believe that a man in the United States Navy would stone a prisoner of war?

...Actually the committee has been able to do very little except "on paper," its secretary said, because the Army has not relaxed its regulations as much as had been expected. He said no member of the committee could talk to any prisoners in camp, but must go through the same procedure as in interviewing American officers about the conditions in various camps. He said that the committee had been told that the disposal of the Italian prisoners in the former territory had been conducted to the "American manner."

What Records Show

...Boston police records show that on July 6 at 11:30 a.m. there was an incident outside the camp when police dispersed persons who had come with "cigarettes" and some packages. "Gifts of bedding" notes through the fence to the prisoners and members of the beach crowd who took sides. Police suggested the erection of a barricade to keep the crowd further away from the prisoners.

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...It is the freedom in the way of passage and exchange between the prisoners of war, which is the main object of the Geneva Convention. The Geneva Convention provides for the maintenance of any of the prisoners of war, using their own time and their own money. The Geneva Convention provides for the maintenance of any of the prisoners of war, using their own time and their own money. The Geneva Convention provides for the maintenance of any of the prisoners of war, using their own time and their own money.

Gen. Kells' Wishes Related

...Gen. Kells said there have been doing very good work. The Globe was told. He said there had no complaints for they were being given food and lodging according to the Geneva Convention that provides for the same as that of the army of the nation that holds them prisoners in as far as possible. But he said their morale was very low. He said most of the men here had been prisoners 40 months previous to that time. They hadn't heard from their families in all that time when a lot of them had gone over in a body to surrender to the British, the Bostonian added. Gen. Kells said he wanted something done for them among people of their own racial language. He mentioned:

1. The men needed religious advice and counsel from our local priests, men who speak their own language. When a man has troubles and cares to confess, he wants to talk to someone who understands him.

2. He wanted us to teach them the English language so they could get along better with the people they had to work with and understand the American officers. Since then Boston men and women have been going to the camp several evenings a week to teach them English.







