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TRANSPORT, TRAPANI PROVINCE
SEPT., OCT. 1943

FOLIO	DATE	REF.	TO/FROM
1-3	-	-	from SCAO Trapani
4	13/9	(SENT TO PALERMO HQ)	Trapani (Capt. Bin-Suppley)
5-11	15/9	-	From: HQ, 7 ARMY.
12.	13/9	-	certified of Sale.
13	13/9	-	"
14	-	-	From: Capt. Benet
15.	16/9	276/HQ.	To: SCAO, Trapani.
16	Sept 14 th	-	Risale of Car
17	"	-	To Pazzo Alfonso
18	"	-	"
19	" 19 th	-	To SCAO, Trapani
20	" 30 th	276 HQ	"
21	" 30	276 HQ	"
22-23	Oct 7	SCAO/4004/TP	From: SCAO Trapani
24	9 Oct.	SCAO/4006/TR.	Endrom: SCAO Trapani
25	(Note from Capt Van Densen - DCF)		
26.	19 Oct	2030/F.	To: Advocate Comado Norville
27	19 Oct	276/HQ.	To: SCAO, Trapani
28	24 "	276/HQ	" SCAO, TRAPANI.
29	20 Oct		From: Studio legale Norville
30-31	25 Oct	SCAO/4009/TR.	From: SCAO Trapani
32	23 "	276/HQ.	To: SCAO Trapani

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Hold this letter till
answer received to
folio 26.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Reimbursement to Carmirata Umberto
and Li Muli Giuseppe.
TO: Chief Accountant.

FILE No. 2030/P

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

19 Oct 1943.

1. Pursuant to instructions of Lt.-Col. Clough, please effect the reimbursement of 30,000 Lire (thirty thousand lire) to Carmirata Umberto (Bianchi truck motor no. 406634986 Chassis no. 406634986) and 30,000 Lire (thirty thousand lire) to Li Muli Giuseppe (Daimler car Motor no. 306736914 Chassis no. 306424809). These amounts are to be charged against funds received by Capt. Philip C. Lewis, GAO Castelvetro, for sale of government owned automobiles.

2. You are authorized to have payment made to the individuals named in the amounts named. A lawyer named Corrado Morvillo, Piazza Olivello 2, Palermo, will furnish us with the signatures of these men, and will furnish proper identification.

R.B. MENAPACE,
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

Reimbursement to Carmirata Umberto
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Chief Accountant.

2030/P

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R.B. MENAPACK,
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

*Col. Tubb
Capt. Van Dusen, Administration,
would like to have the addresses
of the two above mentioned men.*

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2030/F

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Philip C. Lewis, CAO Castelvetro, for sale of government owned
automobiles.

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named in the amounts named. Lawyer named Corrado Marvillo,
Piazza Olivello 2, Palermo, will furnish us with the signatures
of these men, and will furnish proper identification.

R.B. MENAPAGE,
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

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Reimbursement to Caminata Umberto
and Liulli Giuseppe.
Chief Accountant.

2030/2

19 Oct 3.

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Caminata Umberto
(diesel truck motor no. 106634986 Chassis no. 106634986)
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Liulli Giuseppe
(diesel car motor no. 306736914 Chassis no. 306736914)
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automobiles.
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Piazza Olivello 2, Palermo, will furnish us with the signatures
of these men, and will furnish proper identification.

R.B. MATHIAS,
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

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Trucks sold by Captain Lewis

S.C.A.C., Trapani

276/HQ

23 October 3

Reference your SCAQ/7009/TR of 25 October 1943, Brig. General McSherry states that he wishes all the vehicles to be recovered as soon as possible and the purchase price to be refunded to the purchasers.

TR
CHARLES M. STOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT 31

CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

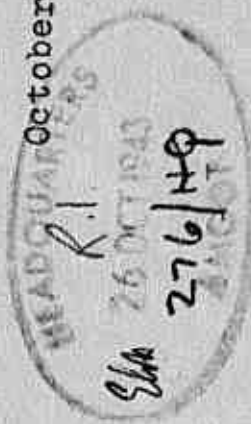
PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

13 Via Regina Margherita

TRAPANI (Sicily)

SCAO/7009/TA

October 25, 1943.



SUBJECT: Trucks sold to Capt. Lewis.

TO : Chief Staff Officer, ALGOT Hq., Palermo.

20 -- Sept. and 19 Oct. 1943. -- 27

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4. Two additional captured trucks so sold have been located. One, a Ford truck, No. 529503, sold on Aug. 16 for 30,000 Lira to Mongogna Filippo, was picked up in Trapani and loaned to the commune of Castelvetrano for hauling grain; another, a Fiat 500, motor 084913, sold on Sept. 10 for 10,000 Lira to Guizzo Vicolo Antonio is detained by the police at Mazara del Vallo. Also a motorcycle

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10/25/43

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R.I.
26 OCT 1943
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Guera No. 421864, sold Aug. 26 to Pisani Castrenze fu Giuseppe, amount not stated, is held at Agrigento.

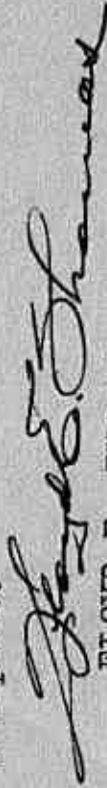
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STUDIO LEGALE MORVILLO

PALERMO - VIA ITRIA N. 2 - TELEFONO 14-928
MILANO - VIA SILVIO PELLICO, 12 - TEL. 83-162
ROMA - VIA LUNGARA 28 B - TELEFONO 51-767

Palermo, li 20 Ottobre 1943

Ill./mo Ten. Col. R. B. MANAPACE

P A L E R M O
Via Bari n. 18

In relazione alle conversazioni avute in merito al rimborso delle somme pagate dai Sigg. Li Muli Giuseppe e Cammarata Umberto Vi rimetto, segnate in calce alla presente, le firme dei predetti miei clienti.

Distinti saluti.

Cammarata Umberto
Li Muli Giuseppe

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Request for visit by Capt. Lewis

276/HQ

S.C.A.O. - Trapani

24 October

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1. Attention is invited to letters of these Headquarters
AMC/276/HQ of 30 Sept 43 and 19 Oct 43 regarding certain trucks
sold by Capt. Lewis to some Italians.

2. It is requested that Capt. Lewis be sent to Palermo to
inspect the trucks, which are now in the possession of AMOT,
Palermo, in order to ascertain whether or not they are in the same
condition as they were when he sold them. It would not be neces-
sary for Capt. Lewis to remain in Palermo for more than one hour
if it is known in advance when he will arrive.

L. H. Spufford
CHARLES M. SPUFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer

File 27
File 276/HQ
Trucks Sold by Captain Lewis
S.C.A.O., Trapani

19 October 3

1. Attention is invited to letter of these headquarters AMG/276/HQ of 30 September 1943 to which no reply has as yet been received.

2. It is requested that these headquarters be notified whether or not the trucks in question have been physically recovered by AMGOT in Trapani. If they have not been recovered to date, it is requested that action be taken to recover them and that a report be submitted to these headquarters.

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Folio 20 refers

P/A

L.H. V.D. Capt.
CHARLES M. SPONFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer

8, Via Bari, Palermo.

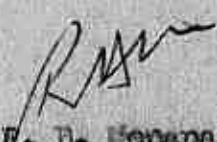
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Avvocato Corrado Morvillo,
Piazza Olivetto 2,
Palermo.

19 Oct. 3.

Will you please furnish to this office the address of
Carmerata Umberto, and
Li Muli Giuseppe.

Also tell us where the vehicles in question are located.


R. B. Menapace,
Lt-Colonel,

Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

Traduzione.

Vi saremo grati se potreste fornirci gli indirizzi dei sigg.
Carmerata Umberto e Li Muli Giuseppe, ed anche gl'indirizzi dove si
trovano i veicoli.

B/10 24/10
To DC 19/10

Avvocato Corrado Morvillo
Pragga Chivello 2

Tel. 149280

Col. Menegazzi -
Please find out all
the trucks are
we can recover
them before you
return the money
to the Van Dusen
Cape Van Dusen

Please return
to R.H. Menegazzi
DWP
Sc 70

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

13 Via Regina Margherita

TRAPANI (Sicily)



SCAO/4006/IR
October 9, 1943.

SUBJECT: Captain Phillip Lewis.

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer, HQ, AMGOT, Palermo

ATTENTION: Major Mc Dougall (w.s. - adjutant)

1. Thursday Captain Godbold (Br.-CAPO) and Captain Puccinelli (U.S.-TC) went to Castelvetro to check into affairs of Captain Lewis. This morning Captain Puccinelli presents me with the attached letter. Meantime I have ascertained that Captain Lewis was not injured by a fall, as reported to me by a French interpreter, he had been using, - but by an accident to the jeep which he personally was driving in the evening, having taken the key from the driver, for a trip to the house of one Piccione. Report from Captain Godbold will be forwarded as soon as compiled.

2. Pvt. Piun has been transferred to Castelvetro, vice Pvt. Caputo who was brought in here. Caputo says he was last paid as a Corporal from September 22nd. I have no order on his promotion, and did not recommend him for promotion. *If made, I recommend he be reduced.*

3. The jeep was badly damaged. Major Hanrahan, who succeeds Lewis as CAO, had it towed to a nearby ordnance unit for possible repairs. If, this cannot be done I will get the vehicle into Trapani or Palermo for repairs.

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S.C.A.O.-Trapani.

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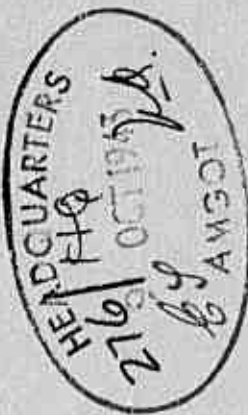
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT 23

CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

13 Via Regina Margherita

TRAPANI (Sicily)



SC 40/7004/TRA

October 7, 1943

SUBJECT: Sale of Abandoned Property.

TO : Chief Staff Officer, Hq. AMGOT, Palermo.

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1. Reference your letter AMGOT/276/Hq. of 16 Sept. 1943.

2. It is my impression that I have already forwarded Capt. Lewis's explanation with regard to the two trucks sales to Camerata Umberto and Ulyli Giuseppe. However, I find the enclosed signed statement in my files and hence forward it. I did forward his later statement as to trucks mentioned in your letter AMGOT/226/Hq. of 19 Sept. 1943.

3. Under verbal instructions from Brig. Gen. McSherry given 5 Oct. '43, I am not issuing refunding checks to the purchasers until further advised.

4. The F.O. for this Province will go to Castelvetro today to check on what records there may be there in Capt. Lewis's files or at the bank on these transactions. However, I was told by Capt. Lewis's interpreter who was here yesterday P.M. that Capt. Lewis had taken all his records with him to the hospital in Palermo (following his accident) so how much information may be obtained at Castelvetro is questionable. An officer from Hq. AMGOT might interview him at the hospital.

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Lt. Col., Inf.,
S.C.A.O. - Trapani

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Sept. 22, 1943

SUBJECT: Sale of Abandoned Property
TO : Civilian Supply Officer, Palermo

Referring to your inquiry regarding trucks in possession of Sig. Cammerata and Li Muli Guiseppe

1. These were abandoned and badly broken trucks, not declared, lying in obscure fields and rapidly being made worthless by removal of parts
2. Money received turned into AMGOT treasury by me.
3. Sale made to salvage material that otherwise would have netted absolutely nothing to AMGOT if action had not been taken. Memorandum to Trapani headquarters, August 10, 1943, stated that such action was being taken.

4. Private sale and auction. Interested parties shown wrecks, in most cases bids taken.

Philip C. Lewis

Philip C. Lewis,
Captain CMP
Cao Castelvetro

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REF: SCAO/1000/TP

Sept. 30, 1943

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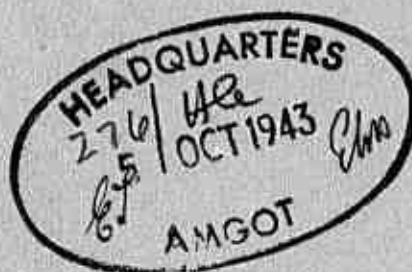
SUBJECT: Sales Abandoned War Material
TO: S. C. A. O. Trapani

Reference: ^{Aug 27} Your letter of Sept. 28, 1943 - 276/49.
Headquarters Memo Sept. 19, 1943

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1. a. These were abandoned and badly broken vehicles; not declared, lying in obscure fields and rapidly being made worthless by removal of parts. They were in scattered areas, impossible to put under guard.
 - b. Money put into safe deposit at Bank of Sicily, Castelvetro, and turned over to Capt. Puccinelli on August 28 and Sept. 27 in the amounts of 500,000 liras and 1,000,000 respectively.
 - c. Sales made to protect our own interests and to salvage something out of material that would have netted absolutely nothing to AMGOT had not action been taken. Memorandum to Trapani headquarters, August 10, 1943, stated that such action was being taken.
 - d. Sales were made privately and by bidding and only after attempt had been made to get still higher bid in each case.
2. Piccione did not have anything to do with these sales. His connection with sales ended after the first 2 or 3 weeks, has been thoroughly checked by both C.I.C. and me and is fully accounted for in Cash Book.

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Philip Lewis
Philip C. Lewis,
Captain CMP
CAO Castelvetro
Campobello

*Forwarded to Hq. Augat (Chief of Staff).
J.E. Thomas,
Lt. Col. Dir.
S.C.A.O.*

*PA
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Gift of U.S. Property.

U.S.A. Agent.

File

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AHC/276/HQ

30. Sept. 1.

2. you are directed to refund the monies collected from the following listed civilians in the sale of motor trucks by your Captain Philip G. Lewis:

a. Piazza Alfonso	1. 30,000
b. Comarata Umberto	30,000
c. Uballi Giuseppe	30,000
d. Mr. Lato Carlo	10,000
e. Mr. Lato Carlo	20,000
f. Calandrino Leonardo	20,000
g. Rana Bernardo	20,000

Li Marki

2. The above listed sales were unauthorized and the trucks must be recovered and sales price refunded to the purchasers.

3. Trucks a, b, and c above, are now in possession of this headquarters. Whereabouts of the others are unknown.

By Command of Chief Civil Affairs Officer

CHARLES H. SPENCER,
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

PH
29/9 5374
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SUBJECT: - Sale U.S. Property.

AMGOT/276/HQ.

AMGOT HQ. SICILY.

TO: S.C.A.O. TRAPANI.

19. Sept. 43.

Further to this Office memorandum of 16. Sept. 43, H.Q. Seventh Army have forwarded reports indicating five further instances where Capt. Lewis has issued certificates authorizing Italian civilians to purchase motor vehicles captured from the Italian forces. Copies are enclosed.

These certificates were issued between 30. Aug. and 6. Sept.

Please forward detailed report in respect of these cases.

CHARLES H. SPENCER
Colonel, G.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

276/HQ

Sept. 14, '43
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This is to certify that

PIAZZA ALFONSO

has purchased and is entitled
to possession of Fiat 66

Motor #002459 Chassis 001182

L 30,000

Philip P. Harris
Capt. Air
Air Officer
Eschschau

P/A pending
reply to letter.

Sept. 14, 1943

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This will authorize
PIAZZA ALFONSO

to circulate Province Trapani
and Palermo

Fiat 66

Philip J. Chenis
Capt. U.S. Army
Civil Affairs Officer
Castelvolturno

Following items (worth 300,000 Lira) sold by AMGOT to
for 30,000 Lira.

1. Alfonso.

Buyer 16

Fiat 66.

Car No

M.O.T. 002459.

~~Car No~~

Chassi 01182.

Chassis No

Philip Lewis.

Receipt Signed by

Cabotafin

Town

AMGOT/276/TRAMGOT HQ SICILY16 September 1943

SUBJECT: Sale of U.S. Property

TO : S.O.A.O., Trapani Province

1. This HQ has been advised of the sale of two captured vehicles to Sicilians by the C.A.O., Castelvetrano, as follows:

Gammerata Umberto - Truck - Bianchi,
Motor No. 406634986, Chassis No. 406634986.
Umberto Giuseppe - Deimler Benz,
Motor No. 306736914, Chassis No. 306424809.

2. Certificates of Sale, dated 13 September 1943, signed by Philip O. Lewis, Capt., CEF, C.A.O., Castelvetrano, issued to the above-named Sicilians have been taken up by this HQ pending further information. The two trucks are now in the Motor Pool of this HQ.

3. Full and specific information regarding the sale of these vehicles will be reported at once to this HQ, covering especially the following points:

- a. Were these in fact captured vehicles?
- b. What disposition was made of money received?
- c. Under what authority was sale made?
- d. Manner in which sale was made, i.e. private sale, public auction, etc.?

4. If these are captured vehicles they are property of U. S. Government and the sale was unauthorized.

5. No future sales will be made without authority from this HQ.

CHARLES H. SPOMFORD
Colonel, C. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

TO : S.C.A.O., Trapani Province

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Carmerata Umberto - Truck - Bianchi,
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CHARLES M. SPOTSWOOD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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Col. Clough:
Since I called ¹⁴ on I found out
the trucks are not all in running order
The purchasers have towed them
into Palermo.

R. Liritt Capt

Trapani Province

Sept. 13 '43

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This certifies that
Li Muli Giuseppe
has purchased and is entitled
to possession of Daimler Benz
Motor 306736914 Chassis 306424809

L30,000

Philip Chavis
Capt. USA
Curtis Office
Castroville 4371

Sept 13 '43
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This will certify that
Commerata Umberto
has purchased and is entitled
to possession of Truck Buick
Motor 406634986 Chassis 406634986

L 30,000

Philip Chewie
Capt. USMC
Civil Affairs Officer
Bastogne

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758

276

15 September 1943

SUBJECT: Sale of Civilian Vehicles.

TO : General McSherry, AMGOT, Palermo.

1. Herewith a report of an investigation made by the 2nd Armored Division into the alleged sale by Army M.P.'s of civilian trucks to civilians.
2. This investigation was ordered by the Commanding General Seventh Army, at the request of AMGOT officials of Partinico.
3. This report is forwarded for your information and whatever action you deem necessary.
4. Information is requested as to whether or not AMGOT has issued instructions to its Civil Affairs Officers granting them authority to sell civilian vehicles as indicated in the attached report.

For the Commanding General:

R. E. Cummings
R. E. CUMMINGS,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Dep. Chief of Staff.

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2nd Arm'd Div. re Sale
of Civilian Vehicles.

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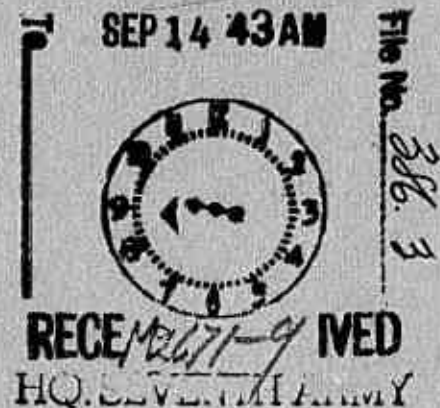
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MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel Cummings, Assistant Chief of Staff, VII Army.

1. Attached hereto are two reports of the M.P. officer, 2d Armored Division.

2. These reports show that trucks and passenger cars are being sold at CASTELVETRANO by Captain Phillip Lewis, C.M.P. (Civil Affairs Officer), and I presume he has authority to do this and the A.M.G.O.T. officers are cognizant of the same.



R. F. Perry
R. F. PERRY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND ARMORED DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL
A.P.O. 252

11 Sept. 43

FINAL REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Selling Civilian Trucks

REFERENCE : See initial report of investigation dated
10 Sept. 43.

ADDITIONAL FINDINGS:

1. This morning at 1000 hours, accompanied by the civilian police, the receipts given for the sale of vehicles to Dr. Leto Girolamo, 54 Via Lupi, Borgetto, Mr. Calandrino, Leonardo, 20 Via Alfieri, Partinico, Emma Bennardo, 42 Via Ecce Homo, Partinico, and were examined and a true copy of the receipts are shown below.

Aug. 30, 1943

This is to certify that
Dr. Leto Gerolamo
has purchased brooken car (Passenger)
ADAM-OPEL-AG
Type K-38 Motor 38-24870
Chassis 38-18761

L 10,000

s/ Phillip Lewis
Capt. C.M.P.
Civil Affairs Officer
Castelvetrano

Aug. 30, 1943

This is to certify that
Dr. Leto Gerolamo
has purchased truck Fiat No. 621 N
Motor 324-002921
Chassis 621 No. 1741

L 20,000

s/ Phillip Lewis
Capt. C.M.P.
Civil Affairs Officer
Castelvetrano

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This certifies that
Calandrino Leonardo
has purchased and is entitled Fiat 621
Motor 324004267
Chassis 001130

L 20,000

s/ Phillip Lewis
Capt. C.M.P.
Civil Affairs Officer
Castelvetro

Sept. 6, 1943

This certifies that
Emma Bennardo
has purchased and is entitled to Fiat 626
Motor 006103
Chassis 005780

L 20,000

s/ Phillip Lewis
Capt. C.M.P.
Civil Affairs Officer
Castelvetro

Sept. 6, 1943

The bearer
Emma Bennardo
is authorized to circulate in Provinces
of Trapani and Palermo

s/ Phillip Lewis
Capt. C.M.P.
Civil Affairs Officer
Castelvetro

COMMENTS:

In an interview Sept. 10, 1943 Lt. Bullock
AMGOT officer, Partinico, stated that receipts were
signed by a Lt. Murphy C.M.P. To-day he changed this
to Capt. Lewis C.M.P. as he had confused the two
Officers

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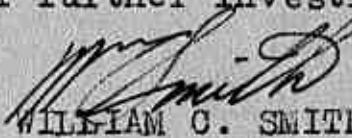
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Lt. Bullock also said that as an AMGOT Officer in the Palermo province he has no authority to sell anything without first getting permission from Palermo. However Castelvetro is in the Province of Trapani and Capt. Lewis may have had proper authority to sell the trucks. In all respects this case appears to be caused by the lack of coordination or lack of knowledge of each others problems between Civil Affairs Officers of two different provinces.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the original claim of the M.P.'s in Partinico selling civilian trucks to civilians be classified as unfounded.
2. That this case be forwarded to Headquarters Seventh Army for further investigation.


WILLIAM C. SMITH
Capt. C.M.P.
Provost Marshal
2nd Armored Division
Investigating Officer

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND ARMORED DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL
A.P.O. 252

10 Sept. 43

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Selling of Civilian Trucks

PURPOSE :

To investigate report to Seventh Army by AMGOT office of Partinico that M.P.'s are selling Civilian trucks to Civilians.

FINDINGS :

1. On the morning of Sept. 10, 1943 the AMGOT office of Partinico, Lt. Bullock, was contacted and gave the investigator the following information. Apparently a serious grain shortage had occurred in Palermo due to the lack of transportation to bring the grain from the section where it is grown to Palermo. To relieve the situation AMGOT officials requested Italian vehicles from the Army and themselves made search of the towns and country under their jurisdiction in search of civilian trucks that would operate of that could be put in operation by making minor repairs.

2. Recently two civilians have come into Lt. Bullocks office requesting a permit to operate vehicles on the road. Both of these civilians presented to him receipts showing that they had purchased these vehicles from an officer of the U.S. Army. Both of these civilians bought their vehicles in Castelvetro, Sicily. One bought a truck and the other a truck and a German Staff Car. In one case the receipt was signed by a Lt. Murphy C.M.P. Civil Affairs Officer, according to Lt. Bullock.

3. An attempt was made to locate the civilian owners of the vehicles in order to examine the receipt given, but both men were in Palermo and had the paper with them. Arrangements were made to contact them at 1000 Sept. 11, 1943.

REMARKS :

Apparently the main objection raised by Lt. Bullock was that AMGOT was trying every way possible to get vehicles, yet in another section of the island Army officials were selling vehicles to civilians. Lt. Bullock did not question the authority of the officer that sold the vehicles.

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(re) Selling Civilian Trucks

On Sept. 9, 1943 Lt; Bullock went to a conference of AMGOT officers in Palermo and told Capt. Levett, AMGOT transportation officer, about the trucks being sold by an American M.P. Officer. This no doubt accounts for the message recieved as follows, AMGOT reports that in the town of Partinico the M.P.'s are selling civilian trucks to civilians.,

Futher reports will be submitted.


WILLIAM C. SMITH
Capt. C.M.P.
Provost Marshal

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