

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

ACC

10000/109/1626

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

10000/109/1626

THEFTS OF MATERIALS & SUPPLIES
FEB. - SEPT. 1944

1380

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

II. A. 3. ECONOMIC SECTION

75/4/18
(Date)

From	To
☒ ECONOMIC SECTION	
☐ AGRICULTURE	
☐ COMMERCE	
☐ FINANCE	
☐ FOOD	
☐ INDUSTRY	
☐ LABOUR	
☐ PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES	
☐ REGISTRATION DIVISION	
☐ TRANSPORTATION	
☐ SECRETARY GENERAL	
☐ EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER	
☐ <u>BRANCH</u>	
☐ ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION	
For: Signature	
☐ Remarks/Recommendation	
☐ Information	
☐ Approval/Disapproval	
☐ Appropriate Action	
☐ Investigation & Report	
☐ Noting and Return	
☐ Noting and Retention	
☐ Dispatch	

Remarks:

6409

1381

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Tel: 476801

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

HS/ml

93

ES/44A

6 September 1944

7 SEP Reed

SUBJECT: Pilfering on Rail

TO : Officer Commanding AMG 8th Army

1. Reference your OA/82 dated 27 Aug.
2. We have discussed this matter with the Food and Transportation Sub-Commissions and steps have been taken to carry out the suggestion contained in para 5 of your letter. It is felt that if the document showing the contents of the wagon were to be placed in a sealed envelope and nailed inside the wagon that this would be an extra security measure, and we are therefore proposing to make arrangements for this to be done.
3. With regard to para 3 of your letter, the difficulty about insecure wiring of wagons is that up to the present it has been impossible to obtain a stronger type of wire than is now being used.
4. We have been making repeated efforts for some time to obtain numbered metal seals from ADCS but without success. An officer of the Food Sub-Commission is at present in NAPLES and he is making further efforts in this direction. We agree that if these seals can be obtained it would assist very materially towards eliminating pilferage.

J. Bruce Thompson
A. G. ANTOLINI
Executive Director
Economic Section

Copy to:

R.C. & M.G. Section—
Food Sub-Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission

6408

1363

Life Shippers Trust of Allied Property 92

1. Pt. Sec 89 & in particular para 3
2. At 90 are the 12 stiff cases and at 91 C.L.O's comments. The latter misses the whole point since it is the exact intention to frighten the Italian thieves and make them think such sentences are average or at any rate the sort of sentence they might get if they steal Allied Property.
3. I will pass to P.R.O. for action

↓ Yes - I agree
El 7/8

El. 7/8 | 64011
Sent 1/24/54. Pls
return to El. 7/8

1383

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/1009/1/1.

/rlp.
5 August 1944.

SUBJECT : Publicity for sentences for theft of Allied property. **6 AUG Recd**
TO : RC & MC Section. **89**

1. Reference your 319/89/CA dated 3 August 1944. **90**
2. Enclosed, as required by you, is a list of twelve persons who have received the heaviest sentences for theft of Allied property according to a survey of records at the Legal Sub-Commission. These cases were all decided by AMC Courts.
3. In submitting this list which is not at all representative of the average run of sentences for theft of Allied property, I again raise the question of the desirability of publishing this one-sided list either as a whole or as separate cases and the adverse effect on the Italian people who are apt to think of such sentences as average rather than as extraordinary sentences.

Richard H. Wilmer
RICHARD H. WILMER, *he has been*
Colonel, GAC, *at 06*
Acting Chief Legal Officer.

Encl.

1384

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

per. 2/2/44

0

90

LIST OF PERSONS WITH HEAVIEST SENTENCES FOR THEFT OF ALLIED PROPERTY

	<u>Prov</u>	<u>Crime</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>Date of Conv</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
1. ADRIANO Umberto	Naples	Larceny & A/Prop.	Superior	25 May 44	10 yrs
2. ASSANTE Vincenzo	"	Theft of flour	"	3 April 44	"
3. BASILE Angelo	"	Allied property	"	2 May 44	"
4. CURCIO Giorgio	"	" "	"	25 May 44	"
5. GENOVESE Domenico	Foggia	" "	General	19 April 44	12 yrs
6. MANFREDI Vincenzo MANFREDI Adelaide	Naples	" "	Superior	17 May 44	10 yrs
7. MANGO Giuseppe	"	" "	"	3 April 44	"
8. PAINULLI Nicola	Foggia	" "	General	19 April 44	"
9. PAGNE Aldo	Naples	" "	Superior	3 April 44	"
10. PASQUALE Ferrare	"	" "	"	17 May 44	"
11. RAIMO Mario	"	" "	"	25 May 44	"
12. RICCIO Domenico	"	" "	"	3 Apr 44	10 yrs and 3980.85

6:00

1383

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED OFFENSE, CRIMINAL
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

89

Ref: 349/85/CA

1 August 44

Subject: Army Newspapers - Anti-Sabotage Campaign.

To: HQ. AAI.

1. I refer to AAI/5045/5/A(19) of July 23.
2. The question of running a propaganda campaign in the Italian press directed against civilian theft has been carefully considered. In the opinion of the Public Relations Office here, the only angle of publicity which is likely to have any effect on thieving civilians, is giving prominence to stiff punishments given to convicted persons. With this opinion, I agree.
3. To this end therefore, the Legal Sub-Commission have been asked to produce say a dozen instances of heavy sentences for theft by Italians of Allied property and on receipt of this information, action will be taken to publicize these cases in the Italian Press.

L. H.
K. H. Loebe
Executive Commissioner
for Civil Commission

Copy to: P.R.O.
/Gen. Section for Legal Sub-Commission
(Capt. Loebe)

See
any further action
Bu 7/8
4/8

1388

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

88
Maj. Fielden:

Maj. Talbot and a legal captain whose name I unfortunately did not get discussed as nauseum a campaign to tell the Italians that it is wrong to have or take Allied property or goods. I told him the sentences are so small as to have nil deterrent effect and that there were few heavy sentences. Legal said he would collect and collate some heavy ones. Talbot said we should write a letter to every paper in Italy, urging them to editorialize on the points of the attached letter and giving the sentences, and also ask FWD and the Italian Press Office to do the same. Maj. Hendrickson of Rome Region also has sent in a breakdown of such sentences we might also use (see attached), though it shows the usual small sentences as previously indicated.

I myself am bored with the whole thing.

They seem to want it enough to insist.

I said I would refer the matter to your judgment.

I have,

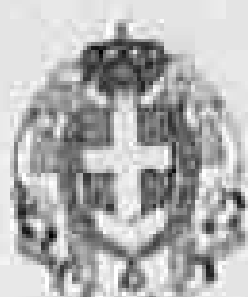
jpl

Maj. Talbot

I do not think we can institute a successful publicity campaign on such poor facts. If out of 1001 cases only 50 are kept it is obviously not a serious matter. I don't think it clears well second to any of the points suggested. If we can get large authentic figures, I will write to all Editors. 6403
Fielden

1387

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

 10 Pl. A

Ministero delle Corporazioni St.

Prot. N° Allegato Rapporto N°

del

Oggetto _____

Lettera

La Direzione delle Corporazioni ha ricevuto in data 10/10/1941 una lettera della Direzione Provinciale di Roma, nella quale si chiede di essere autorizzata a concedere licenze per l'uso di uniformi civili, in sostituzione di quelle militari, per i dipendenti delle Corporazioni che sono in servizio in zone di guerra.

La Direzione delle Corporazioni ha risposto in data 15/10/1941, comunicando che l'uso di uniformi civili è permesso, purché siano di colore scuro e non abbiano alcun tipo di emblema o decorazione.

La Direzione Provinciale di Roma ha risposto in data 20/10/1941, comunicando che ha provveduto a concedere le licenze richieste.

La Direzione delle Corporazioni ha risposto in data 25/10/1941, comunicando che ha provveduto a concedere le licenze richieste.

1388

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D.

HEADQUARTERS.
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ROME REGION
LEGAL DIVISION
A.P.O. 394

26 JULY 1944.

SUBJECT : Prosecutions, Classification of offences.

TO : Public Relations.

1. An examination of 1001 cases which have been desposed of by our Courts recently shows as follows :

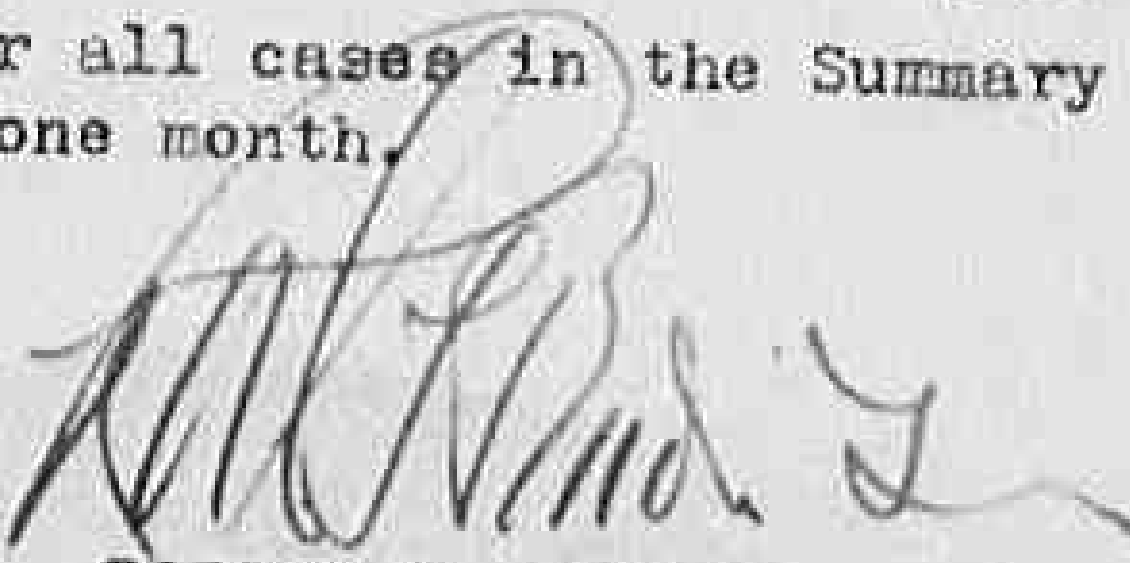
a) Possession of fire arms	34
b) Larceny of Allied property.....	50
c) Wrongful possession of Allied property....	473
d) Curfew violations	355
e) Other violations	89.
	<u>1001</u>

2. The fines for curfew violations run between 50 Lire and 500 Lire depending upon the circumstances.

3. Penalties for possession of arms have varied from 500 Lires to one year in prison, depending upon the circumstances in the individual cases.

4. The wrongful possession cases have carried penalties varying from a 50 Lire fine to three months imprisonment with a 25,000 Lire fine. There was one case which carried a penalty of 5 years in prison, but this was tried in the Superior Court.

5. The average penalty for all cases in the Summary Courts would probably run about one month.


ROBERT C. HENDRICKSON.
MAJOR, A.U.S.
REGIONAL LEGAL OFFICER.

RCH/AC.

1389

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 794

86

Ref: 319/85/CA

25 July 44

Subject: Army Newspapers - Anti-Sabotage Campaign

To: H.Q., A.A.I.

I have received your letter Ref: AAI/5048/5/A(PB), dated 23 July 44 and the points raised are being investigated. A reply will be forwarded to you in a day or two.

W
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For Chief Commissioner

B63017

Bu
Noted
YMD
6301

SUBJECT: Army Newspaper - Anti-Sabotage Campaign

3192 R. Red
CA Bn -
CONFIDENTIAL

616395
85

RE ADMITTED IN ITALY

LAU/10035/5/A(PS)

23 JUL 44

Executive Commissioner,
A.C.C.

1. As you are aware, our forces in ITALY are suffering serious losses of stores and equipment by theft.

2. In an attempt to combat theft by members of the forces an Anti-Theft campaign has been instituted in all Army newspapers. The greater part of the thefts that occur are not, however, committed by members of the forces but by civilians, and it is therefore desired that propaganda directed against civilian thefts shall appear in the Italian press.

3. Will you please consider whether such action would be likely to have a useful effect, and if so further consider what type of propaganda should be employed.

4. The following are possible angles of approach but it is doubtful whether any but (c) would be likely to carry any weight with those responsible for thefts.

(a) The Good Name of ITALY.

The prevalence of theft by civilians is giving to the Allied soldiers the impression that ITALY is a nation of thieves. If such an impression takes firm hold among the United Nations it will not readily be removed.

(b) Effect on the Duration of the War

The cumulative effect of the thefts is to delay the ejection of the Germans, the end of the War, and the evacuation of ITALY by Allied troops.

(c) Individual Punishment

Punishment should be given to the individuals responsible to convicted persons, and to the inclusion suffered by those who are shot or mutilated by police dogs while engaged in stealing.

5. Please inform this HQ what action you are taking.

Legal

RECEIVED

0400

3. Will you please consider whether such action would be likely to have a useful effect, and if so further consider what type of propaganda should be employed.

4. The following are possible angles of approach but it is doubtful whether any but (c) would be likely to carry any weight with those responsible for deaths.

(a) The Good Name of ITALY

The prevalence of theft by civilians is giving to the Allied soldiers the idea that ITALY is a nation of thieves. If such an idea takes firm hold among the United Nations it will not readily be removed.

(b) Effect on the duration of the War

The cumulative effect of the thefts is to delay the rejection of the Germans, the end of the war, and the evacuation of ITALY by Allied troops.

(c) Individual Punishment

Loyal

Punishment should be given to the punishment awarded to convicted persons, and to the injuries suffered by those who are shot or maimed by poison dogs while engaged in stealing.

5. Please inform this HQ what action you are taking.

RECEIVED
24 JUL 1944

A.C.C.

6300

Shaw
in
Bridgman,
D.A.

JUP/RAF.

Copy to: INFO

Spoke PR Bureau

*They will consider you
independent for reply
Also spoke report
reparations (C) letter
None in letter
H. 25/7
B.V. 25/7*

*Refer
to the letter*

SECRET

AL IED CONTROL COMM. SION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC ADV

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:

FROM: ACC REGION 5 SIGNED CARR CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No:

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUL 12 1953 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: ACC

SITREP NUMBER 24 DATED 12 JULY. NO CHANGE SINCE SPECIAL SITREP DATED 6 JULY.

ACC DIST

(ACT) CA BE 2
(INT) DGC
FILE 2

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

6399

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUL 12 1505Z OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: ACC

SITREP NUMBER 24 DATED 12 JULY. NO CHANGE SINCE SPECIAL SITREP DATED 6 JULY.

ACC DIST

(ACT) CA HP 2 ✓
(IMP) DCC
PAGE 2

ACTION

DATE and Time of RECEIPT JUL 13 0922Z

Distribution:

SECRET

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

1394

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

83

Ref/319/83/CA.

7 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Interference by Civilians with Military Dumps.

TO : HQ. P.B.S. - Attention: Capt. Fraser, 21 Chem. Coy. 81

With reference to the conversation between Capt. Fraser
- Lt. Col. Shipp, ACC, I forward copy of a letter from Region III
and hope that you will now have no further trouble with your
Dump at MARCIANISE.

LE
NORMAN E. FESKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

N
11/11

1395

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

314
CONFIDENTIAL

CABR
3048

HEADQUARTERS

7 JUL 1944

A. C. C.

ACC MAIN

8109/6

ACC REGION 6 FROM CARR

CONFIDENTIAL

WOM

PRIORITY

JUL 06 17 15

SPECIAL CITESE FROM REGION 6 SIGNED CARR. THEFT OF CONSIDERABLE
QUANTITY OF AMT GOOD SUPPLIES DISCOVERED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED DURING
PERIOD 17-19 JUNE FROM LARGE ADVERT SUPPLIES IN HAND. GRADING BROTHERS
LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS CAGLIA-I PROVINCE INVOLVED. VALUE APPROXIMATELY
9000 DOLLARS. PROBABLE STOLEN GOODS WILL BE RECOVERED. 3 ALREADY
ARRESTED. 1 CONFESSED TO RECEIVING 150 DOLLARS FOR PARTICIPATION.
INVESTIGATION PROCEEDS FURTHER. REPORTS POL 04.

ACC MAIN DIST

ACTION - ADMIN SEC

INFO - DECEE

PUBLIC SAFETY

LEGAL

ECW SEC

CABR -

FILE

FOAT (2)

EC Sec

7/7

CONFIDENTIAL

6397

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

319 *[initials]*
- 6 JUL 1944

CAB.
U4339 *[initials]*

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army



PS/4.6

5 July 1944

SUBJECT: Interference by Civilians with Military Dumps.

TO : HQ. ACC (R.C. & M.G. Section). *79*

1. Reference is made to your 319/79/CA dated 24th June 1944, on the subject of interference by civilians with the explosives and chemicals dump in the neighbourhood of Marcianise.

2. Owing to so many recent changes, it has been impossible to trace the CAO at Caserta who made the very unnecessary request that instructions should be in writing.

3. Precise instructions have now been issued to the Sindaco of Marcianise, local police and others concerned to prevent interference and to warn the public of the danger. A check will be made from time to time to see that these instructions are observed.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Neil C. Baker
NEIL C. BAKER,
1st Lt., GRC.,
Adjutant.

See 83

CTF/tp.

6396

1397

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

319 30 JUN 1944
HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

28 Jun 44

REFERENCE : AGC/4152/L.

SUBJECT : Train Robberies at CAROVIGNO.

TO : HQ. A. I. (AG). *N/R*

1. Ref. AMI/5067/17/A (PS) dated 18 May 1944.

2. Apparently this refers to what has been called the "Train rante Train Robbery Case". If so it is not one case, but, as subsequent investigation by this Hq. shows, a series of approximately 23 separate offences by different and various persons at different and various times and places. None of these has been tried by an AMC Court and it is not expected that any will be so tried unless on further investigation the AGC *666.2* advises that there are additional circumstances warranting the trials of the two more important cases and such recommendation is approved at Hq. AGC.

Richard H. Whitner
RICHARD H. WHITNER,
Colonel U.S.A.,
Deputy Chief Legal Officer.

30/6
Copy to: Exec. Com.; Public Safety sub.

1398

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.C. Section
APO 394

79

Ref/319/79/CA.

24 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Interference by Civilians with Military Dumps.

TO : R.C. Region III.

1. Capt. Fraser from P.B.S. came to see me this morning about civilians interfering with dumps of explosives and chemicals at Dump C. 157 belonging to 21 Chemical Coy in the neighbourhood of MARCIANISE. The 2nd-in-Command who is actually on the spot at MARCIANISE apparently went to see the C.A.O. at Caserta, who said that instructions must be given in writing. This appears to have been unnecessarily *ostentatious* *pedantic* as arrangements could ~~apparently~~ be made on the spot much better than by letter.

2. The position as explained to me is as follows :

This dump extends over a large area and civilians have been given permission to enter the area in order to cultivate the land. This concession has been abused as civilians apparently tamper with the various dumps either with the object of getting wood or removing the 12 bore cartridges from shells. This situation was brought to a head the other day by a small boy who blew himself up, and a lengthy inquiry had to be held into his decease. The Officer in charge was perfectly reasonable and did not wish the people to be prevented from cultivating their crops, but stated that unless they refrained from tampering with his dumps he would have no alternative but to close the area. He thought that the C.A.O. might be able to put up notices or otherwise publish to the Italians the danger in tampering with the dumps.

3. Would you please take urgent steps to ensure that the civilians in this area comply with the wishes of the military.

NORMAN E. FIERKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

GWIS/RAG.

1399

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

SUBJECT:- Theft

Regional Control and Military Govt Section
HQ Allied Control Commission (APO 394)

Ref your 319/63/CA dated 29 May 44.

The District Commander wishes me to express to you his appreciation of your co-operation in this matter and the action which you are taking.

HEADQUARTERS
15 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

EPW/PJS

P/A

E. Warner
6393
(EP WARNER) Lt col GS
for Maj Gen
Comd

JUN Recd 319
JUN Recd 2-

CHAL 5-3785
CONFIDENTIAL 78

3 District
Ext 9
163/G

5 Jun 44

63

1400

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Await telephone 77
reply from Col.
Wilmer - See my note
on 76

Letter of 1st June
suggests conversation
Legal & HH

At. Col. Wilmer. *11/16* 20/6
Says hold until *13/4*
Upjohn sees Brig. *13/6*

1401

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

319
HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
A.P.O. 391

50 JUN 1944
7625
Potential witnesses by
phone to printing out letter
of 1 June 1944 (letter from HQ)
He will consent to file
back
4th June 1944

ACC/1009/L

SUBJECT: Sabotage and Theft of Signal Lines

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner

1. Reference your letter 319/44/CA of 24 May 1944 enclosing copy letter AAI/11.65/2/GSI(b) of 22 May 1944 from HQ AAI.
2. Instructions were issued by this sub-commission on 20 March 1944 to all RIGs and SIOs concerning publicity for cases in Allied Military Courts.
3. Attached is a copy of a further letter which has now been sent stressing the importance of publicity for convictions in cases of damage to signal lines.

75
for
Richard H. Wolmer
Col C.A. 6391
C. R. WOLMER,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

Encl. Copy Directive
ACC/1009/L of 4 June 44.

HEADQUARTERS
3 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

1402

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

LEGAL HEADQUARTERS
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
400 394

400/4003/1.

75
/125.
4 June 1944

SUBJECT : Publicity and propaganda.

TO : Regional Legal Officers (RLOs: Regional Commissioners),
Regions III, IV and V.
Senior Legal Officers (SLOs: RLOs), 301 and 304 Area.

1. Reference is made to letter 400/4003/1 of 20 March 1944.
2. A special request has been made to us to exercise publicity for convictions in cases of foreign to signal lines through sabotage or theft.
3. Will you please send particulars of any such cases to Public Relations Officer, 400, Bagdad? Will you also discuss with Regional Commissioner or SLO the desirability of local publicity in suitable cases and inform RLO?

6767
GEOFFREY H. WOOD,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer 6320

Copy to: Deputy Executive Commissioner.

1403

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/319/74/CA.

2 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Carabinieri - Non Co-operation.

TO : M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference your MGS.014.12 of 31 March 44.
2. As a result of your letter a disciplinary enquiry was held by the Commander General CC.RR. with the result that Brigadiere Tuforiello Gennaro was awarded 10 days punishment.
3. The proceedings of this enquiry have been examined and establish that the allegation of improper conduct towards an Allied Officer was properly investigated by the CC.RR. disciplinary authorities and a suitable punishment inflicted.

sgt Col Bawner
for
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: public Safety Sub-Commission (your AGC/14601/RS of 29 May 44 refers).

6389
64

PA

1404

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394.

73

Ref/319/73/CA.

1 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Sabotage and Theft of Signal Lines.
TO : HQ. Allied Armies in Italy. 65

1. Reference your AAI/1465/2/GSI(b) of 30 May 1944.
2. I enclose for your information copy of a letter sent this day to Legal Sub-Commission. 72

HR/RAC.

Col. Brown
Brigadier,
Executive Commission,
For Chief Commissioners.

Encl.
319/72/CA of
1 June 1944.

6388

1405

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEAD OFFICE
ALLIED CORP. COORDINATOR
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 354

72

Ref/39/72/CA.

1 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Sabotage and Theft of Signal Lines.

TO : Legal Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your AOC/14609/15 of 27 May 1944.
2. I attach copy of further letter dated 30 May 1944 from HQ AAI (DGS - (1)) on above subject.
3. It is thought you may care to discuss the matter with Brigadier Airey as early as possible and with this in mind, copy of the correspondence has also been sent to AOC Liaison Officer, HQ AAI.

Calhoun
ROBERT E. FLEMING,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Coordinator.

RE/RAC.

Copy to: HQ. A.A.I.
AOC Liaison, HQ AAI. (Personally to Maj. Jones)
Public Safety Sub-Comm.

6387

1408

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

710

Ref/319/71/CA.

1 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Publicity.

TO : Public Relations Branch.

68

1. References your HEB of 21 May 1944, attached for your information is a copy of a further letter from AAI HQ dated 30 May 1944 which has been sent to Legal Sub-Commission for consideration.

65

2. Returned herewith enclosure accompanying your note of 1st June 1944.

HB/RAC.

Col. Friedman
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

6380

407

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

319
1 JUN Recd

70

Colonel Fiske.

With further reference to my memo. of yesterday regarding publicity issued by AAI for cases of sabotage, it may interest you to see the attached check has just come in from 5th Army and which seems to bear out my statement that there are few such cases. Possibly AAI might be asked where these "numerous cases" have occurred?

Acc/4009/L
To Mr.

L. Reeder
Capt DFR

1 June 44

6380

1408

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

319 ~~18~~
UN head
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB.

31 May, 1944

To : Colonel Norman E. Fiske
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Subject: Publicity

This leaves me puzzled. We give the utmost publicity to all cases which we hear of: we have a special arrangement based on a directive issued by the Chief Legal Officer to send us details of all important cases for publicity. However, cases of sabotage have (as far as we know) been few and far between.

But surely these particular cases are mainly an AAI matter and it is precisely AAI who are - so we think - lax about publicity. In any case they have their own publicity channels through AFHQ. PRO.

I suggest that the purport of this letter might be circulated to R.C.'s and SCAO's (and perhaps CAO's also) asking them to send details of such cases to this branch. That would presumably satisfy. AAI.

Acc/4009/2
20 Mar.

Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director

See 71

0387

1409

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/319/44/CA.

24 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Sabotage and Theft of Signal Lines.

TO : Admin Section (2) - For Public Safety
and Legal Sub-Comm.
Public Relations Officer. —

1. I attach copy of a letter received this day from HQ.
A.A.I., reference AAI/1465/2/GSI (b) of 22 May 1944.
2. Would you please let me have your comments as early as
possible.

HB/RAC.

Norman E. Fieke
NORMAN E. FIEKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

6383

1410

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

SUBJECT :- Sabotage and theft of Signal
Lines.

H() ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/1465/2/OSI(b)

Executive Commissioner
A.C.C.

22 May 44.

1. We continue to receive frequent reports of damage to signal lines through sabotage or theft - mainly the latter.
2. Apart from the inconvenience and the waste of time, labour and material involved, the interruption of our line communications may have serious operational consequences.
3. A certain proportion of the offenders are caught, brought to trial and convicted, and it is considered that maximum publicity should be given to such convictions when the sentences imposed are such as to act as an effective deterrent.
4. It is requested that Regional and Provincial Commissioners and SCAO's be instructed to ensure that such publicity is effected in appropriate cases.

Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I)

JWP

Copy to: X Branch.

positive of same

6382

SUBJECT:- Sabotage and theft of Signal Lines

HQ, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

31 MAY Recd

CONFIDENTIAL

AAI/1465/2/GSI(b)

30 MAY 44

Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.

Ref our AAI/1465/2/GI(b) dated 22 May 44.

1. The scale on which our signal cums are being interrupted by sabotage or theft is causing serious concern. The following incidents which have recently been brought to our notice by the C.S.C. may be quoted as examples: on 28 May a section of the main permanent telephone route carrying the 3 Corps circuit was deliberately cut and communications disrupted: 52 A.A. Bde had lengths of cable cut out on three nights in succession at the beginning of May in the FOGGIA area: 4 A.A. Group had cables cut fourteen times in two months, and on one occasion (6 May), it had four hundred yards of five pair cable cut and removed.

2. We are anxious to ensure that all possible steps are taken to improve the situation, and in particular it is urged that such offences should be regarded as most serious, whatever the motive, since they are liable to have a direct prejudicial effect on the conduct of Allied operations.

3. In many cases it is not possible to detect and apprehend those responsible, but it is requested that, when offenders are caught, brought to trial and convicted, they should be punished sufficient severely to act as an effective deterrent to others.

4. We have no statistics available to show the average sentence given for offences of this nature, but it appears that they vary between approx 8 days and 20 years, and that very light sentences are sometimes given when the motive is evidently theft rather than wilful sabotage.

5. It is pointed out, however, that whatever the motive may be, the result or effect of the offence is equally serious, and we should be glad if you would take the necessary measures to ensure that all such cases are treated with the severity which the military situation demands.

RECEIVED

31 MAY 1944

A. C. C.

Brigadier,
S.C.S.(I)

Copy to:- X Branch

JWE

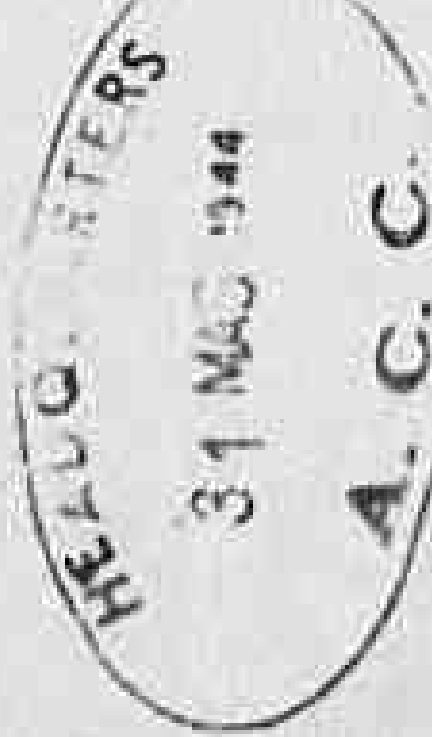
had four hundred yards of five pair cable cut and removed.

2. We are anxious to ensure that all possible steps are taken to improve the situation, and in particular it is urged that such offences should be regarded as most serious, whatever the motive, since they are liable to have a direct prejudicial effect on the conduct of Allied operations.

3. In many cases it is not possible to detect and apprehend those responsible, but it is requested that, when offenders are caught, brought to trial and convicted, they should be punished sufficiently severely to act as an effective deterrent to others.

4. We have no statistics available to show the average sentence given for offences of this nature, but it appears that they vary between approx 5 days and 20 years, and that very light sentences are sometimes given when the motive is evidently theft rather than wilful sabotage.

5. It is pointed out, however, that whatever the motive may be, the result or effect of the offence is equally serious, and we should be glad if you would take the necessary measures to ensure that all such cases are treated with the severity which the military situation demands.



JWP

Copy to:- X Branch

Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I)

See 73

P.S. Cairns

319 & 319
30 MAY 1944
HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

AOC/14601/PS

29 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Carabinieri at Frignano Maggiore.

TO : R.C. & M.S. Section.

1. Reference is made to your 319/7/CA of 7th April 1944 and 319/53/CA of 25th May 1944.
2. As a result of your letter of 1st April 1944 a disciplinary inquiry was held by the Commanding General C222 with the result that Brigadiere Taffariello Gennaro was awarded 10 days punishment.
3. In accordance with your letter of 7th April 1944 addressed to the Regional Commissioner (Region III) an independent enquiry was conducted by the local Public Safety Officer (Capt. Nuremberg). The result of his enquiry has now been received, through your HQs though covering letters from the Provincial and Regional Public Safety Officers were not enclosed.
4. This Sub-Commission is not in agreement with the views or the conclusions of Capt. Nuremberg which appear to be based entirely on the statement of Brigadiere Taffariello.
5. This Sub-Commission is satisfied that the allegation of improper conduct towards an Allied officer was properly investigated by the C222 disciplinary authorities and a suitable punishment inflicted. It is recommended that a reply be sent to AWHQ letter WES 014.12 in these terms.

HEADQUARTERS
30 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

Albany
A. J. Young, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

APV/t

see 74 6280

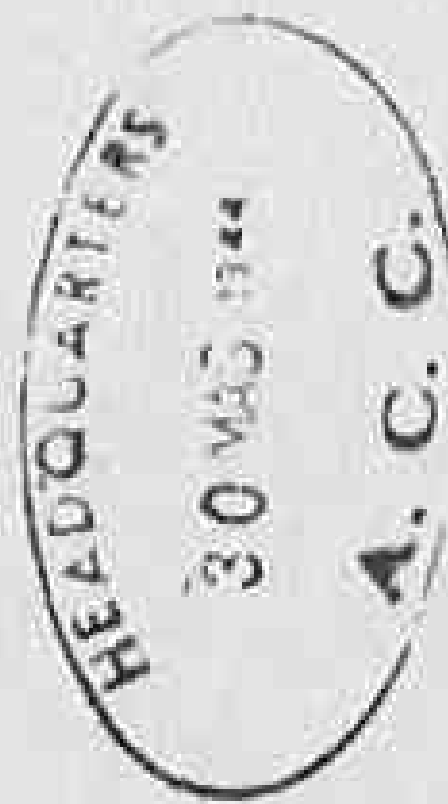
was conducted by the local Public Safety Officer (Capt. Nuremberg). The result of his enquiry has now been received, through your HQs through covering letters from the Provincial and Regional Public Safety Officers were not enclosed.

51

4. This Sub-Commission is not in agreement with the views or the conclusions of Capt. Nuremberg which appear to be based entirely on the statement of Brigadiere Tufariello.

5. This Sub-Commission is satisfied that the allegation of improper conduct towards an Allied officer was properly investigated by the OCM disciplinary authorities and a suitable punishment inflicted. It is recommended that a reply be sent to AFHQ letter MSG 014.12 in these terms.

APW/t



Albany.
A. E. YOUNG, Colonel,
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

see 74 6380

1415

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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

63

Ref/319/63/GA

29 May 1944

SUBJECT: Pilfering.

TO : Hq. No. 3 District.

- 33
1. Reference your 165/G of 16 May 44 following my 319/30/GA of 12 May 44.
 2. The Regional Commissioner of Region III has caused notices in English and Italian to be printed and posted in the vicinity of all Allied depots, including those mentioned in your communication. This notice draws attention to penalties for stealing military property belonging to the Allied Forces.
 3. A campaign will be started in the Italian press to the same end, with particular reference to the theft of food, clothing and ammunition.
 4. Sindaci and other civilian officials in the vicinity of these depots are being informed that such robberies reflect upon their own ability to keep order and might render them liable to be removed from office.
 5. It is hoped these measures will result in a considerable decrease in the amount of pilfering hitherto experienced.

NORMAN K. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

6379

1416

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

317

CA Rev
27 MAY 1944
870262
9019

HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/14609/PB

27 May 44

SUBJECT : Theft of Signal Lines.

TO : RC & MG Section.

The Legal and Public Safety Sub-Commissions have considered your letter reference number 319/44 CA of 24 May 44 and are in agreement with the policy of deterrent punishments and publicity.



Legal Memo
Acc/4009/L
2 March

6378

H. H. CRIPPS.
Lieut. Colonel,
For VP Admin Section.

Copy to: Legal Sub-Commission.

See 72

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

317

C.A. 32 61
J 9001

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 - US ARMY

R/3101

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Stealing of Allied Military Property

TO : Regional Control & Military Government Section
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
Attention: Brigadier M.S. LUSH

57

1. Reference our letter of 23 May 1944, R/3078, and attached notices regarding penalties for stealing of Allied Military property.
2. The inclosed letter was sent to Provincial Commissioners upon receipt of memorandum 16 May 1944, from Commanding General, #3 District.

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

INCL: 1

Letter to Provincial Commissioners
Stealing of Military Property



6377 -

1418

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

60

RECEIVED
MAY 3, 1946
AIR 394 - 100 1946

1/3100

26 May 1946

SUBJECT: Stabling of Allied Military Property

TO: 1 Division Heads
Executive Officer
Provincial Commissioners - NAPLES
AVELLINO
SALERNO

1. Reference our letter of 23 May 1946, 1/3076, in regard to stabling of Allied Military Property.

2. A memorandum 16 May 1946, from the Commanding General, 13 District, was received naming the places where the main British depots are located and where priority on posting of the notice attached to the above mentioned letter is indicated. Main depots are as follows:

<u>Naples Province</u>	Nola (the most important) Passanti Torre Annunziata St. Giorgio	Portici Casoria Castelluccio
<u>Benevento Province</u>	Pontecagnuolo Montebello (N 6726)	
<u>Avellino Province</u>	Belluno (N 8026)	

3. It is understood, however, that such notices must be posted in the vicinity of all Allied depots.

CP
CHARLES POLATTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

6376

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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

Ref/319/59/OA

27 May 1944

SUBJECT: Theft of Jeep wheel and tire.

TO : R.C. Region VII.

1. Reference your RVII/R/M. of 15 May 44.
2. Inquiries show that Dvr. James was the O.R. with Lt. M. Mansell.
3. Dvr. James has been interrogated re the above theft but states he was not in the garage on the day in question and can give no information bearing on this matter.

WESLEY B. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

6372

1420

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

27 MAY Recd 319
C.H.H.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: OFFICE OF THE HQ COMDT

SUBJECT: Theft of Jeep Wheel & Tyre.

FILE No. HQC/6

TO: Deputy Executive Commissioner.

26 May 1944

Reference your 319/45/CA, dated 24 May 44.

Dvr. James has been interrogated re the theft of tyre and tube from Region VII on 6 May 44.

He states that he was not in the garage on the day in question and can give no information bearing on this matter.

Younis all
L
R. H. ROBERTSON
Hq. Commandant.

Lt.Col.

6374 -

1421

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 - US ARMY

R/3078

23 May 1944

SUBJECT: Stealing of Allied Military Property

TO : Regional Control & Military Government Section
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
Attention: Brigadier M.S. LUSH

The attached correspondence was sent to each Provincial Commissioner in Region 3. This action was taken in response to letter 11 May 1944 to you from Major General A. L. COLLIER, #3 District.

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

INCL: 3

Stealing of Allied Military Property
Incl: Notices - English & Italian

Note

This gives no indication that letter at (34033) has been acted on. Bring it to Col White, who will check and ring back. Then for brig. to see. MB 765

Later: Capt Henfield rang to say list has been rec'd & several letters going out to Prov - copy will be sent in MB 756373

1422

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

56

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 - US ARMY

8/3077

22 May 1944

SUBJECT: Stealing of Allied Military Property

TO : Provincial Commissioners - AVELLINO
NAPLES
SALERNO
BENVENTO

1. The enclosed notice in Italian (English translation also attached) should be printed and distributed for posting in the vicinity of important base depots in this province. This notice draws attention to penalties for stealing military property belonging to the Allied Forces.
2. An Italian press campaign should also be started drawing attention to the penalties for stealing military property belonging to the Allied Forces, in particular: food, clothing, and ammunition.
3. Sindaco and other civilian officials in the vicinity of important base depots should be informed that such robbery reflects upon their ability to keep order and might render them liable to be removed from office.

CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

DESL:

Notice - Stealing of Allied Property
English and Italian

6372

1423

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
SECTION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 - US ARMY

22 May 1941

N O T I C E

Warning is hereby given that any person who is convicted before an Allied Military Court of Stealing, or wrongfully receiving or having in his possession, property of the Allied Forces or any member thereof, is liable to be punished by imprisonment or fine, or both, as the Court shall direct.

Where the aggregate value of the property exceeds 10,000 lire the punishment may be DEATH.

The severest penalties will be inflicted on persons found guilty of these offences.

CHARLES POLATTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

6571

1424

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 - US ARMY

22 May 1944

A V V I S O

Si rende noto con il presente avviso che chiunque sia riconosciuto colpevole da un Tribunale Militare Alleato, quale reo per aver rubato, o di aver illegalmente ricevuto, o di esser in possesso, di merce di proprietà delle Forze Alleate, o di qualsiasi membro delle stesse, e' soggetto alla reclusione o ad una multa, o ad entrambe le pene, come il Tribunale puo' determinare.

Nel caso che il valore globale della detta merce, sia superiore alle 10.000 lire, la pena potra' essere quella CAPITALE.

Chiunque riconosciuto colpevole delle dette violazioni, sara' soggetto alla piu' severa penalita'.

CHARLES POLETTI
COLONNELLO
COMMISSARIO REGIONALE

6370

1425

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.S. SECTION
APO 394

59

Ref/319/53/GA

25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Carabinieri at Prignano Maggiore

TO : Admin. Sect. (for Public Safety Sub-Comm.)

1. Ref. my 319/8/GA of 7 April 44 to R.C. Reg. III (copy to you).
2. I attach copy of reply and enclosures from Regional Public Safety Officer, Reg. III.
3. May I please have your comments thereon in order to reply to AFHQ letter MCS OLA.12 of 31 March 44.
4. In view of the lapse of time it is requested that the matter be treated as urgent.

see 57

NORMAN K. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

6369

1426

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

319 C.A. Br
18. 8616
HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

23 May 1944

PS/3.1.8

SUBJECT: CC.RR. at Frignano Maggiore.

TO : HQ. ACC, P.C. & M.G. Section.

1. Referring to your letter 319/8/CA dated 7 April 1944, attached are various statements received from Naples Province as a result of the investigations carried out.

2. The delay in submission of this report is regretted.

C. T. Francis
C.T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, G.D.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

jb/tp.

Incl. 1 Report Capt. Muremberg, CAPO Caserta Sub District
2 Order by Lt. Antonio Neddeo, CC.RR.
3 Statement by Brig. Tufariello Cannaro, CC.RR.

all 53 6368

HEADQUARTERS
24 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

ALLIED CONTROL COMM. ION
CASERTA SUB. DISTRICT

To : Major Simson, Prov. Comm., Naples Prov.

Recd

May 22nd 1944

Herewith attached find a statement made by Brigadiere Tufariello Gennaro, Frignano Maggiore. This is self explanatory. Also a copy of a CC.RR. report ordering Brigadiere Tufariello Gennaro 10 days punishment by his Commanding Lieutenant, CC.RR., is attached.

From investigation in this matter it is opinion of the writer :

1. Report of the theft of tires should have been given to the Civil Affairs Police Officer, Aversa, A.C.C., by the Army.
2. That interpreters should not be allowed to take action upon their own behalf to reprimand a Brigadiere of the CC.RR.
3. That the Brigadiere of CC.RR. did make an investigation as requested by the British Officer in lieu of the proper facts how the tires were stolen. That an armed guard was on duty when tires were stolen and statement has not been submitted.
4. The punishment to the Brigadiere CC.RR. was unjust because he did do his duty.

Respectfully submitted.

Milton F. Nuremberg

Milton F. Nuremberg, Captain

C.A.P.O. Caserta Sub-Dist.

...and Gro, ... and Maggione. This is self explanatory. Also a copy of a CC.RR. report ordering Brigadiere Tufariello Gennaro 10 days punishment by his Commanding Lieutenant, CC.RR., is attached.

From investigation in this matter it is opinion of the writer :

1. Report of the theft of tires should have been given to the Civil Affairs Police Officer, Aversa, A.C.C., by the Army.
2. That interpreters should not be allowed to take action upon their own behalf to reprimand a Brigadiere of the CC.RR.
3. That the Brigadiere of CC.RR. did make an investigation as requested by the British Officer in lieu of the proper facts how the tires were stolen. That an armed guard was on duty when tires were stolen and statement has not been submitted.
4. The punishment to the Brigadiere CC.RR. was unjust because he did do his duty.

Respectfully submitted.

Milton F. Wernberg
Milton F. Wernberg, Captain
C.A.P.O. Caserta Sub-Dist.

1429

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

C O P Y .

TERRITORIAL LEGION R. CARABINIERI OF NAPLES.
CASERTA TENENZA.

N. 141/5

Caserta March 13th/44

The Command Group has ~~add~~ enlarged the duration of the punishment given by the Company Command to the Brigadiere TUFARIELLO GENNARO to 10 days of rigour punishment room with the following motive :

***** TO A REMARK MADE TO HIM BY AN ALLIED OFFICER ON ACCOUNT OF THE SHORTS RESULTS OBTAINED IN THE DEVELOPMENTS OF INVESTIGATIONS ENTRUSTED TO HIM, HE ANSWERED IN AN IRRITATED WAY, HE WAS UNPOLITE IN GIVING SOME EXPLANATIONS, AND WITHOUT TACT ,HE BEGAN AN IMPORTUNATE DISCUSSION AND REFUSED TO GIVE HIS GENERALITIES, PROVOKING COMPLAINT. *****

THE COMMANDING LIEUTENANT.

ANTONIO NEDDEO

1430

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Legione Territoriale dei Carabinieri Reali di Napoli

TENENZA DI CASERTA

Caso a 13 marzo 1944

N.141/5.

Il Comando di Gruppo ha elevato la durata della punizione inflitta dal Comando di Compagnia al Brigadiere TUFARIELLO Gennaro a giorni 10 di sala punizione rigore con la seguente motivazione:

.....A RILIEVO MOSSOGLI DA UFFICIALE ALLEATO PER GLI SCARSI RISULTATI OTTENUTI NELLO SVOLGIMENTO DI INDAGINI AFFIDATEGLI RISPONDEVA IN MODO IRRI- TATO, SCORTESE NEL DARE DELLE SPIEGAZIONI E, DIFETTANDO DI TATTO, VENIVA AD INOCCORTUNO DISCUSSIONE E RIFIUTAVA DI DARE LE GENERALITA' PROVOCANDO RECLA- MO.

Il S. Tenente Comandante
F/to Antonio Neddeo

S T A T E M E N T.

On account of the request of the RR.CC. Commanding Group in Caserta, the undersigned Brigadiere TUFARIELLO GENNARO, states as follows :

" In January, in a day that he cannot specify, came for the undersigned a British Officer (Captain), belonging to the 88 Workshops billeted temporarily in Frignano Maggiore, accompanied with an interpreter, denouncing that often unknown stealers stole about 40 tires, of different size, stored on the floor and under a tent just near the camp.

At this denounce, the undersigned promised that the CC.RR. will do all the possible to arrest the stealers and get back the tires.

After this promise, the Officer, always using his interpreter, who was also in uniform, made known that he would be back after few days to know the results. The investigation made quickly by the undersigned gave positive results, but not in the wished way, because after many searchings, interrogatories, etc. etc, it was possible to get back only 1 tube. The holder of this tube, knowing to be looked for by the Carabinieri, ran away from the town, and the undersigned had nothing more to do that denounce him to the Allied Summary Court in Aversa. On account of that, was drawn up a relative report, that can be relieved in the Frignano CC.RR. station acts.

After many days since the investigation, concluded as above said, went to the undersigned home only the interpreter who asked for the investigation's results. This interpreter was in uniform. The undersigned said every thing of what was betid. The interpreter, after such my verbal relation, with proud and exasperate voice, said that it was not possible that the investigation had given such a result; and that the undersigned took not interest to the thing, and that he would let take several measures on account of that.

The undersigned remembered to the interpreter to have a moderate language, also because he was in a private home in presence of all the family; not

1432

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

tish Officer (Captain), belonging to the 88 Yorkships billeted temporary in Frignano Maggiore, accompanied with an interpreter, denouncing that often unknown stealers stole about 40 tires, of different size, stored on the floor and under a tent just near the camp.

At this denounce, the undersigned promised that the CC.RR. will do all the possible to arrest the stealers and get back the tires.

After this promise, the Officer, always using his interpreter, who was also in uniform, made known that he would be back after few days to know the results. The investigation made quickly by the undersigned gave positive results, but not in the wished way, because after many searchings, interrogatories, etc. etc., it was possible to get back only 1 tube. The holder of this tube, knowing to be looked for by the Carabinieri, ran away from the town, and the undersigned had nothing more to do that denounce him to the Allied Summary Court in Aversa. On account of that, was drawn up a relative report, that can be relieved in the Frignano CC.RR. station acts.

After many days since the investigation, concluded as above said, went to the undersigned home only the interpreter who asked for the investigation's results. This interpreter was in uniform. The undersigned said every thing of what was betid. The interpreter, after such my verbal relation, with proud and exasperate voice, said that it was no possible that the investigation had given such a result; and that the undersigned took not interest to the thing, and that he would let take several measures on account of that.

The undersigned remembered to the interpreter to have a moderate language, also because he was in a private home in presence of all the family; not minding the words of the undersigned, he asked his generality and the Tufariello refused to give it, saying that he was the Commanding Officer of the Frignano Maggiore Carabinieri Station, and that was enough. After this answer and always with arrogance he said that he would give a severe lesson on account of that, and went away.

The undersigned guesses that the above mentioned interpreter was a British

officer but he had not the rank distinctions used by the British Army, but on the dark helmet he had a royal gold embroidered crown, and the Tufariello thought that this distinctive was the sign of an officially recognised interpreter.

Before the undersigned went away from Frignano Maggiore the undersigned charged the new Station Commanding Officer to prosecute the investigations about the tires-theft.

He denies to have had an insolent appearance and a feeling of non-cooperation.

It is not true that he said he would like the British Army loose every thing.

In faith of what is above written."

Caserta 17/2/44

TUFARIELLO GENNARO.

DICHIARAZIONE.

A richiesta del Sig. comandante la Tenenza dei cc.rr. di Caserta, il sottoscritto brigadiere a piedi TUFARIELLO Gennaro, dichiara quanto appresso:

Nel mese di gennaio u.s. in un giorno che non posso precisare si presentò al sottoscritto un Ufficiale Inglese (Capitano) appartenente all'88 WORKHIPS di stanza temporanea in Frignano Maggiore accompagnato da un interprete denunciando che a più riprese ignoti ladri, avevano trafugato una quarantina di gomme per auto di diversa grandezza, depositate per terra e sotto un tendone messo nei pressi dello accampamento.

A tale denuncia lo scrivente promise all'Ufficiale che l'Arma avrebbe fatto tutto il possibile per addivenire all'arresto degli autori e recupero della refurtiva. Dopo tale promessa fatta, l'Ufficiale sempre a mezzo dell'interprete che era pure in divisa fece conoscere che sarebbe ritornato dopo qualche giorno per informarsi dell'esito.

L'indagine praticata prontamente dallo scrivente diedero esito positivo però non nel senso desiderato perchè attraversò le varie perquisizioni, interrogatori, ecc. si potette addivenire al solo rintraccio di un cerchione di gomma. Il detentore di tale gomma saputosi ricercato, da noi Carabinieri si diede alla latitanza e quindi non restò altro al sottoscritto che procedere all'arresto di lui denunciata alla Corte del Tribunale Alleato di Aversa. A riguardo è venne redatto relativo rapporto che può rilevarsi agli atti del carteggio di Frignano Maggiore. Dopo diversi giorni dalle indagini conclusesi momentaneamente nel senso suddetto, si presentò nella mia abitazione solo l'interprete chiedendomi l'esito del furto. Detto interprete era in divisa. Lo scrivente mise minutamente al corrente il predetto di tutto quello che era avvenuto. Costui dopo tale mia relazione verbale, con voce alterata, ed esasperata disse che era impossibile che le indagini avevano dato simile frutto e che io non mi ero interessato del fatto e che al riguardo avrebbe fatto prendere severi provvedimenti.

Feci presente con energia al predetto interprete di aver un linguaggio piuttosto

accampamento.

A tale denuncia lo scrivente promise all'Ufficiale che l'Arma avrebbe fatto tutto il possibile per addivenire all'arresto degli autori e recupero della refurtiva. Dopo tale promessa fatta, l'Ufficiale sempre a mezzo dell'interprete che era pure in divisa fece conoscere che sarebbe ritornato dopo qualche giorno per informarsi dell'esito.

L'indagine praticata prontamente dallo scrivente diedero esito positivo però non nel senso desiderato perchè attraverso le varie perquisizioni, interrogatorii, ecc. si potette addivenire al solo rinvio di un cerchiere di gomma. Il detenuto di tale gomma saputosi ricercato, da noi Carabinieri si diede alla latitanza e quindi non restò altro al sottoscritto che procedere all'arresto di lui denunciata alla Corte del Tribunale Alleato di Aversa. A riguardo è venne redatto relativo rapporto che può rilevarsi agli atti del carteggio di Frignano Maggiore. Dopo diversi giorni dalle indagini conclusesi momentaneamente nel senso suddetto, si presentò nella mia abitazione solo l'interprete chiedendomi l'esito, del furto. Detto interprete era in divisa. Lo scrivente mise minutamente al corrente il predetto di tutto quello che era avvenuto. Costui dopo tale mia relazione verbale, con voce altezzosa, ed esasperata disse che era impossibile che le indagini avevano dato simile frutto e che io non mi ero interessato del fatto e che al riguardo avrebbe fatto prendere severi provvedimenti.

Feci presente con energia al predetto interprete di aver un linguaggio piuttosto moderato anche perchè si trovava in una abitazione privata ed in presenza dei miei familiari. Costui poco curante della mia ingiunzione, chiese senza altro il mio nome e cognome ed a ciò rifiutai dicendo che ero il Comandante della stazione dei CC.RR. di Frignano Maggiore e quindi bastava solo questo. Dopo tale risposta e sempre con arroganza disse che avrebbe data una lezione severa in merito e se poscia se ne andò.

Penso che tale interprete deve essere un ufficiale inglese però non portava i distinti.

tivi di grado in uso nell'Esercito Inglese bensì sul casco colore scuro portava una corona reale ricamata in oro e pensai che tale distintivo osse il segno quale interprete ufficialmente riconosciuto.

Prima di allontanarmi dalla sede di Frignano Maggiore incaricati il nuovo Comandante della Stazione per il prosciugo delle indagini circa il furto delle gomme.

Meglio di aver tenuto al riguardo, contegno offensivo e privo di senso di collaborazio-

ne.

Non è vero che dissi che mi sarebbe piaciuto che i Britannici perdesse ogni cosa.

In fede di quanto sopra mi sottoscrivo.

Caserta li 17/2/44.

TUFARIELLO GENNARO

1438

cosq.

In fede di quanto sopra mi sottoscrivo.
Caserta il 17/2/44.

TUFARDELLO GENNARO

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CASERTA SUB. DISTRICT

1944

1439

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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

45

Ref/319/45/1A

24 May 1944

SUBJECT: Theft of Jeep Wheel and Tire.

TO : Hq. Commandant.

1. It is reported by R.C. Region VII, reference letter RVII/R/14 of 13 May that:

"At COSSENZA between 0600 hours and 0800 hours on 8 May 44 a Jeep wheel, complete with tire and tube, was stolen from the Cosenza Province Garage, AOC.

It has been reported by the carabinieri on duty that a British O.R. took away this tire and wheel without lawful authority.

As a routine enquiry, it is requested that the British driver with Lt. M. Manselli, Hq. AOC be interrogated on this matter, as it is known that he was in the garage during the early morning of the 8th, May 1944. It is not suggested that this man, whose identity cannot be established, did, in fact, remove the wheel and tire but he may be able to give some information which can lead to its recovery".

2. It has been ascertained that the driver with Lt. Manselli at the material time was Driver James of the British Transport Pool Hq. AOC.

3. Will you please have the necessary enquiry made and report through this office for Region VII. It is requested that the matter be treated as urgent.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Si.

? Intercom reply to 43?

24/5

1445

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

1041 RITER
ALLIED CONTINENTAL COMMISSION
P.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

file
44

Ref/319/AA/CA.

24 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Sabotage and Theft of Signal Lines.

TO : Admin Section (2) - For Public Safety
and Legal Sub-Comm.
Public Relations Officer.

1. I attach copy of a letter received this
day from HQ. A.A.I., reference AAI/1465/2/CHI(b)
of 22 May 1944.

43

2. Would you please let us have your
comments as early as possible.

MB/RAC.

MORRIS E. PINKS,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

see 62

6362

SUBJECT:- Sabotage and theft of
Signal 183

3198 CAB
HQ. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

00-8466
AAI/1465/2/GSI(b)

22 May 44

Executive Commissioner,
A.C.C.

1. We continue to receive frequent reports of damage to signal lines through sabotage or theft - mainly the latter.
2. Apart from the inconvenience and the waste of time, labour and material involved, the interruption of our line communications may have serious operational consequences.
3. A certain proportion of the offenders are caught, brought to trial and convicted, and it is considered that maximum publicity should be given to such convictions when the sentences imposed are such as to act as an effective deterrent.
4. It is requested that Regional and Provincial Commissioners and SCAO's be instructed to ensure that such publicity is effected ⁱⁿ appropriate cases.

W. J. Gibson, Lt. Col.
Brigadier,
B.G.S.(I).

JWF

Copy to: X Branch

Legal reply - see 62
Public Safety -
Public Relations - see 68

6351

1442

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

3198
23 MAY Recd C.A. BO
7474

PS/4.6

22 May 1944

SUBJECT: Theft of Jeep Wheel and Tyre.

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section, ACC.

1. Reference letter dated 18 May 1944, Ref/319/34/CA.
2. Records in the Adjutant's office this HQ. show that Lt. M. Manzelli was attached to the Public Health Dept. for temporary duty from HQ. ACC (Frd Ech) 10 February 1944 to 22 February 1944, when he returned to his proper station.
3. Lt. Manzelli was not attached to this Region on 8 May 1944, the material date, nor is he at the present time.

For the Regional Commissioner:

1766

AGPW/tp.

Neil C. Baker
NEIL C. BAKER
1st Lt., QMC.,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS
23 MAY 1944
A C C

see 45

6350

1443

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

319
20 MAY 1944
C.A. Br. 11
08116

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

PS/3.1

19 May 1944

SUBJECT: CC.RR. at Prignano Maggiore.

TO : HQ. ACC. R.O. & M.C. Section.

Reference your 319/35/CA dated 18 May, your letter 319/8/CA dated 7 April was passed to Naples Province HQ. for enquiry and report. They have been requested to expedite their report which will be forwarded to you as soon as received.

A.G. P. Hayes
for G.T. FRANCIS Maj.
Lieut. Colonel, G.I.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

Jb/tp.

HB for week
305
22/5
Antal
Stu

HEADQUARTERS
20 MAG 1944
A. C. C.

6359

1444

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/319/10/CA

19 May 1944

SUBJECT: Thefts by Italian Civilians

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region I

1. Reference your RLC 013.29/PLN of 16 May 1944.
2. The expression "Italian occupied territory" refers to territory now under Italian Government Control.
3. Reference is made to Exec Memo No. 60, dated 19 May 44, copy of which will now have reached you.

H. Baker Cable
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,

Executive Director, Allied Control Commission

40

b30

[Handwritten signature]

1445

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

39

Ref/319/39/OA.

19 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Theft of Jeep Wheel and Tire.
TO : R.C. Region VII.

26

Reference your RVII/A/14 of 13 May 1944.
this request has been passed to Regional
Commissioner Region III for investigation and
report through this office.

Capt. H. Baker

NEWMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

HB/RAC.

8504

1448

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

319
19 MAY Recd
CAB
796138

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

File : RLE 013.29/FLV

16th May 1944.

SUBJECT : Thefts by Italian Civilians.

TO : Executive Commissioner - A.C.C. Headquarters (R.C. & M.G.)

1. Reference 319/27/CA dated 4th May 1944.

2. The contents of this letter have been duly noted. In perusing same the expression 'Italian occupied territory' has been read as 'Italian unoccupied territory! If this context is incorrect will you please notify this office, as it has been assumed this is an error.

A. N. Hancock
A.N. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner.

js.

[Signature]

6000

149

11447

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

37

Ref/319/37/GA

18 May 1944

SUBJECT: Theft of Jeep Wheel and Tire.

TO : R.O. Region III (P.P.S.O.)

1. It is reported by R.O. Region VII, reference letter RVII/R/14 of 13 May 44 that:

"At GOSSENZA between 0600 hours and 0800 hours on 8 May 44 a Jeep wheel, complete with tire and tube, was stolen from the Gossenza Province Garage, AGC.

It has been reported by the carabinieri on duty that a British O.R. took away this tire and wheel without lawful authority.

As a routine police enquiry, it is requested that the British driver with Lt. M. Manselli, Hq. AGC be interrogated on this matter, as it is known that he was in the garage during the early morning of the 8th, May 1944. It is not suggested that this man, whose identity cannot be established, did, in fact, remove the wheel and tire but he may be able to give some information which can lead to its recovery."

2. Please submit result of your investigation to this office with copy for Region VII.

Norman H. Ficke
NORMAN H. FICKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

See 39
6552
19/5

1448

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS REGION VII

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

319 *to* CAB
Recd
4858

File Ref: RVII/R/14.

Date: 13th May, 1944.

SUBJECT: Theft of Jeep Wheel and Tire.

TO: Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

At COSENZA between 0600 hours and 0800 hrs on 8 May 44 a Jeep wheel, complete with tire and tube, was stolen from the Cosenza Province Garage, ACC.

It has been reported by the carabinieri on duty that a British O.R. took away this tire and wheel without lawful authority.

As a routine police enquiry, it is requested that the British driver with Lieut. M. Manzelli, Hq. ACC be interrogated on this matter, as it is known that he was in the garage during the early morning of the 8th May, 1944. It is not suggested that this man, whose identity cannot be established, did, in fact, remove the wheel and tire but he may be able to give some information which can lead to its recovery.

Capt Baker

Robt G Kirkwood
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel, FA, US Army
Regional Commissioner.

Will be done by me

St 18/5

59
635437
over

1448

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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

35

Ref/319/35/CA

18 May 1944

SUBJECT: Carabinieri at Frignano Maggiore.

TO : R.C. Region III

I am still awaiting a reply to my letter
319/3/CA of 7 April 1944. A reminder was sent
you on 2 May 1944. Ref. 319/25/CA

25

see 41

Capt. E. Talbot

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Br. week
25/5
8353
Wey

1450

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & H.O. SECTION
APO 394

34

Ref/319/34/GA

17 May 1944

SUBJECT: Pilfering.

TO : R.O. Region III

31

I refer to my 319/31/GA of 12 May 1944
and enclose a copy of a letter from G.O.C. No.
3 District which is self explanatory.

33

Capt. E. Talbot

HUGHAN E. FENNER
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
No. 3 District (ref. 163/G of 16 May)

33

6352

145

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

319 JAB
17 MAY 1944
SUBJECT:- Proclamations ref theft of WD stores

Regional Control and Military Govt Section
HQ Allied Control Commission (APO 394)

(2)

Copy to:- 'A'

3 District
Ext 9
163/C

16 May 44

1. With reference to the District Commander's letter reference DO/96 dated 11 May, para (a), addressed to Brigadier LUSH and the latter's reply with reference to the above subject.

2. The places where the main British depots are situated and the proclamations would be of most value are at and near:-

NOLA (the most important)

CASTELLAMARE

PASSANTI

X PORTICAGLIANO -

TORRE ANNUNZIATA

X BELLIZZI N 6024 -

S GIORGIO

X MERCANTILE N 6728 -

PORTICI

CASORIA

3. It is appreciated that the three latter places are in "King's Italy".

4. Would you please keep this HQ informed of action and progress in the matter.

EFW/FJS



C. P. Vance

(11351) Lt col G S
for Maj Gen
Comd

see 34
11 63

1452

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED OFFICE COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

22

Ref/119/32/CA.

14 May 1944

SUBJECT: Theft by Italian Civilians.

TO : Admin Section - For Legal Sub-Commission.

The attached copy of letter received from
HQ. A.A.I. reference AAI/5092/A(PS) of 10 May 1944
is forwarded for your information.

22

Capt. E. Talbot

NORMAN B. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

6350

1453

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & H.Q. Section
APO 394

31

Ref: 319/31/CA.

12 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Pilfering.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III.

29 - 50.

1. I enclose correspondence with G.O.C. No. 3 District.
2. I shall be glad if you will take action on the lines suggested, informing G.O.C. No. 3 District what you are doing.

(Sgd) M. S. Lush

MEL/RAC.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

6349

454

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMING. COMMISSION
APO 374

30

12 May 1944

319/30/CA

My dear General,

Thank you for your letter DD/96 of 11th May 1944.

We will help all we can in trying to stop this pillaging and the two suggestions which you make will be taken up by Region III.

Yours sincerely
(Sgd) Maurice Leah

Major-General A. M. Collier,
C.B.E., D.S.O.,
C.O.C.,
No. 3 District.

6540

13 MAY Recd

12
Maj Gen A.L. Collier,
H.Q. 3 DISTRICT
C.M.F.

DO/96.

11 May 44.

My dear Gen. Lush,

One of the things that we are always at, as you know, is pilfering, and you on your part, I appreciate, are doing all you can to speed up the trial of offenders and to ensure the award of adequate sentences.

There are two further ways in which I would like to enlist your help.

- (a) Could you have special Italian notices printed and posted up in the vicinity of important base depots, drawing attention to the penalties for stealing military property belonging to the Allied forces, in particular food, clothing and ammunition, and stating that severe punishment will be meted out to persons convicted of such offences?

Food, clothing, and components of ammunition are the things which attract Italians most.

If this idea appeals to you in principle I can let you have a list of the places where we would like such notices displayed.

- (b) Could you also bring it home to local Mayors and civil officials that such things, if committed in the vicinity of their town or village, reflect on their ability to keep order, and might even render them liable to be removed from office.

I don't presume to dictate to AGC/AMG in this matter, but what I am after is that personal responsibility for stopping the theft of military property should be brought home to Italian officials. You may be able to think of some more effective means of doing so.

We are taking all the purely military steps we can think of to stop both pilfering and also organised stealing on the grand scale, and I shall be most grateful for what help you can give us over this from your side.

Yours ever
A.L. Collier

Brig M. Lush, CBE, MC,
Regional Control & Military Govt Section,
HQ Allied Control Commission,

in the vicinity of important base depots, drawing attention to the penalties for stealing military property belonging to the Allied forces, in particular food, clothing and ammunition, and stating that severe punishment will be meted out to persons convicted of such offenses.

Food, clothing, and components of ammunition are the things which attract Italians most.

If this idea appeals to you in principle I can let you have a list of the places where we would like such notices displayed.

(b) Could you also bring it home to local Mayors and civil officials that such things, if committed in the vicinity of their town or village, reflect on their ability to keep order, and might even render them liable to be removed from office.

I don't presume to dictate to AOC/AMG in this matter, but what I am after is that personal responsibility for stopping the theft of military property should be brought home to Italian officials. You may be able to think of some more effective means of doing so.

We are taking all the purely military steps we can think of to stop both pilfering and also organised stealing on the grand scale, and I shall be most grateful for what help you can give us over this from your side.

Brig M. Lush, CBE, MC,
Regional Control & Military Govt Section,
HQ Allied Control Commission,
APC 394.

*Yours ever
Og. Collins*

0347

1457

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

SUBJECT: Theft by Alien Civilians.

319 *JP*
11 MAY Recd

CAB 28
H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
AAI/5092/A(PS).
10 May 44.

Executive Commissioner A.C.C.

Ref 319/27/CA of 4 May 44.

1. I am directed to refer to para 4 of your letter of 4 May 44 and to say that the CAO is in agreement with the suggestion made.
2. Dist Comds have been instructed to bring to notice any cases which they consider, for special reasons, should be tried by an Allied Military Court.

CMP/JLR

HEADQUARTERS
11 MAG 1944
A. C. C.

C. J. ...
Brigadier.
D.A.C.
6340

1458

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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

27

Ref/319/27/CA

4 May 1944

SUBJECT: Thefts by Italian Civilians.

TO : Hq. A.A.I.

15

1. References your AAI/5092/A(PC) of 16 April 1944.
2. Careful consideration has been given to your request that instructions be issued that in Italian occupied territory all serious charges of thefts by Italian civilians of Allied property must be tried by Allied Military Courts.
3. The Chief Legal Officer has just returned from Region II where he made an extensive and detailed investigation of the operation of the Italian Courts in dealing with thefts of Allied property, especially in Apulia. He says that the system whereby reports of all cases affecting Allied interests are received and their progress watched through the Courts is working well and that generally speaking entirely adequate sentences are being imposed. In a few cases inadequate sentences have been given and these individual cases are taken up with the local authority by the Legal Liaison Officer.
4. In the opinion of this Headquarters this system which, as noted above, is already working well, should be given further trial since it is in accordance with the established policy that only exceptional cases should Allied Military Courts sit in Italian occupied territory.
5. You can be certain that the Legal Sub-Commission is treating this matter as one of great importance, and is keeping and will continue to keep a watchful eye on the operation of the system described in para 3 above.

[Signature]
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For Chief Commissioner

Copy to:

Admin. Section - for Legal Sub-Commission.
R.G. Regions, I, II, VI, and VII.

6.6.44

By 15/5
Ntd
See 8 + 25

1459

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

26

Subject: Mem. by Phalanx
Civilian
W. D. Murphy

La. Co. Murphy

Pl See 15. Draft reply is opposite - the
material for which I have obtained
from 20-22 and from telephone
conversations with Capt.

8 2/5.

Capt. Talbot

Please amend as indicated: W.D. 75

6344

1480

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

F. QUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

25

Ref/319/25/CA.

2 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Carabinieri at Frignano Maggiore.

TO : R.C. Region III.

8

Reference this HQ letter 319/8/CA of 7 Apr 44, please let us know how the matter stands at present.

S
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

0343

1461

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
AIO 394

2H

Ref/319/24/CA

2 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Use of Firearms against Civilians.

TO : Admin. Section (for Legal Sub-Commission.)

Reference AGC/4002/7/L of 14 April BRU/CAF this Headquarters has now been informed that Hq. AAI, after consideration, have now decided not to publish any further orders at present in regard to the use of arms by Military personnel against civilians engaged in the theft of W.D. property.

SS

NORMAN K. FLSKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

6342

11462

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

SUBJECT:- Thefts by Civilians.

319/12 MAY Recd

H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
AAI/5092/A(PS).
29 Apr 44.

Executive Commissioner
A.C.C.

HEADQUARTERS

30 APR 1944

A. C. C.

CA BR

U-5911

Ref 319/12/CA of 19 Apr 44.

1. After consideration it has been decided not to publish any further orders at present in regard to the use of arms by military personnel against civilians engaged in the theft of W.D. property.
2. Should any such order be published at a later date you will be informed.

CMP/JLR

see 2+

C. H. P. *[Signature]*

Brigadier.
D.A.G.



26 APR Recd

519 *CHB*

6468

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee
AFG 394

RHS/mt

22

ACC/4011/3/L.

25 April 1944

SUBJECT: Theft by Italian Civilians.

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference your RSI/319/16/C. dated 22 April 1944.

2. The policy of the Chief Commissioner is that only in exceptional cases will Allied Military Courts sit in unoccupied territory. In this connection please see my letter of 22 April 1944 to the Executive Commissioner (ref. ACC/4129/L) which amplifies this policy.

3. Since I wrote the above mentioned letter Col. Upjohn has returned from a tour of Region 2 when he made an extensive and detailed investigation of the operation of the Italian Courts in dealing with thefts of Allied property, especially in Apulia. He is satisfied that in Taranto and Brindisi the system whereby reports of all cases affecting Allied interests are received and their progress watched through the Courts is working well and that generally speaking entirely adequate sentences are ~~being~~ imposed. In a few cases inadequate sentences may have been ~~imposed~~ and these individual cases are taken up with the local authority by the Legal Liaison Officer. The Legal Liaison Officer makes weekly reports to the DPM at Brindisi and Taranto and Col. Upjohn understands that they are well satisfied with the progress that is being made.

4. In Bari the situation is not quite so satisfactory owing to the heavy arrears of cases there but the same system is being laid on there as is already working in Taranto and Brindisi and Major Cohen, the Legal Liaison officer, is working very closely with Col. Blair, the DPM at Bari. In Col. Upjohn's opinion this system must be given a chance to operate and he proposes to pay another visit to Bari in the near future to study its operation. Col. Upjohn's general conclusion was that the Italians generally realized the seriousness of the situation and are grappling with the problem as well as can be expected.

5. May I point out that although recommendations for tightening up the distribution system at Bari with a view to preventing thefts were made by the C.I.D. Section XII Air Force as long ago as 15 Feb. Col. Upjohn could not discover that any of them had been put into effect.

Richard H. Wilmer
RICHARD H. WILMER
Lt. Col., GAC.
Deputy Chief Legal Officer.

1464

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

COPY from file 283
REAR HEADQUARTERS
Allied Control Commission
Legal SubCommission
APO 394

21
RHW/gmf

ACC/4129/L

22 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Appointment of Military Court.

To : Executive Commissioner, ACC.

1. The Legal SubCommission has received two requests from Region 1 with respect to the appointment of Allied Military Courts to try two cases that have arisen there recently. As the decision was reached some time ago that Allied Military Courts would not be used in unoccupied territory except in extreme cases I am writing to you concerning these cases.

2. At AUGUSTA, Sicily, about one month ago a British seaman was stabbed to death without there being any apparent personal cause and it would appear from the papers that the real culprit, a noted criminal, has been arrested. The Regional Commissioner, writing through the Regional Legal Officer to this Subcommission, has requested that a General Court be constituted for the trial of the case. I recommend that this request be approved.

3. The other case is that of an American sailor who was stabbed and apparently not severely wounded by a Sicilian at PALERMO as a result of a somewhat drunken altercation. It has been recommended by the Regional Commissioner, through the Regional Legal Officer, that the case be referred again to the Italian Court. However the United States Naval Authorities requested that the case be referred to an Allied Military Court. Upon receipt of this request the case was withdrawn from the Italian Court awaiting decision at this Headquarters.

Since receiving the above mentioned communication, there has been received by this Subcommission a letter dated 18 April 1944 from the Chief of the Military Government Section, AFHQ, referring to this same case, and enclosing copies of additional correspondence. The Naval Authorities take the position that all cases involving injuries to Allied Forces personnel should be tried exclusively in Allied Military Courts.

4. As to the last mentioned case, I think there is some doubt if an Allied Military Court, on the facts as thus far stated, would convict the accused or in any event give a severe sentence in view of

1465

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

the surrounding circumstances. On the other hand I am inclined to think that an Italian Court, in view of the very strong directives sent out by the Minister of Justice, would be apt to go as far as it can to give a stiff sentence. 20

5. In my recent conversation with the First Presidents of the Courts of Appeals in Sicily and the Procuratori Generali attached to these courts, I gained the very definite impression that they were determined to do their best to satisfy us in trying cases involving damage to or theft of Allied property and injuries to Allied personnel. Therefore, despite the representations made by the Naval Authorities I recommend that no Allied Military Court be appointed to try this case and that it be referred again to the Italian Court for trial.

6. In view of the situation with which you are thoroughly familiar, I recommend that the Italian Courts try all injury cases, except extreme cases, such as the murder first above mentioned and except where after experience it is found the Italian Courts in any particular place are not performing this function adequately or except where there is a series of inflicted injuries which it is believed can best be stopped by quick and vigorous action by an Allied Military Court. Obviously, without material increase in legal personnel it will be impossible to keep various Allied Military Courts going in various places in unoccupied territory to try all cases of injury to Allied personnel.

7. I am sending to you by Major Van Deusen this letter and the letter and file above referred, received from MGS, AFHQ.

8. I will appreciate your views in order that I may advise the RLO, Region 1 as to how the two cases shall be dealt with. If you wish me to do so I will be glad to draft a reply for HQ ACC to send to MGS, AFHQ.

RICHARD H. WILMER
Lt. Col. CAC,
Deputy Chief Legal Officer.

6538

1486

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Ex Comm. 1 Fo 12

A GPO authorizing
soldiers to fire at
civilians caught stealing
property in
certain circumstances
will be published and
publicized.

2. CLO has
approved
3. If you wish
to see this I refer
you to [unclear]
24/4

1467

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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

19

Ref/319/19/GA

27 April 1944

SUBJECT: Thefts by Civilians.

TO : Hq. AAI.

1. Ref. your AAI/5092/A(PB) of 23 April 1944.

2. A reply has already been made to your AAI/5092/A(PB) of 9 April 1944 and a copy is attached for easier reference.

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

PPA 633
Bu. 1014

1468

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Ex Comm VFO (12)

A GPO authorizing
soldiers to fire at
civilians caught stealing
property in
certain circumstances
will be published and
publicized.

2. CHO has
approved.
3. If you wish
to see this
S. 14/4

1469

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

319 ~~18~~ 24 APR Recd

CAR 17
U-5212

SUBJECT: Thefts of Civilians

H.Q.
ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY

AAI/5092/A(PB)

Executive Commissioner, ACC

Apr '44

Ref ~~my~~ ^{this to} AAI/5092/A(PB) of 9 Apr.

May a reply now be given please.

Capt
Wine
Sgt
26/4



Stephen Lauer
Brigadier,
DAG. 6332

see reply at 12 - A

11470

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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

Ref/319/16/CA

22 April 1944

SUBJECT: Theft by Italian Civilians.

TO : Admin. Section (for Legal Sub-Commission)

Ref. letter AAI/5092/A(PS) of 16 April,
copy attached, and para 2 of letter 283/42/CA of
5 March 1944 (folio 14).

It would be appreciated if you would
give this matter your consideration and forward
your recommendation for dealing with this type of
crime at present being tried by Italian courts in
King's Italy.

WILLIAM E. PIERCE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
AAI (Ref. your AAI/5092/A(PS) of 16 April.

6334

16
15
14
13
12
11
10
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

319 ~~283~~ 18 APR Recd
SUBJECT:- Theft by Italian Civilians.

CA 12 15
24629
RESTRICTED.

HQ, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

AAI/5092/A(P3).

13-12
HEALC
18 APR 1944
A. C. C.

16 Apr 44.

Ref HQ ACC 283/42/CA of 5 Mar 44.

1. It has come to notice that thefts by Italian Civilians of the property of the Services are still on the increase and that the situation is serious. District HQs represent that the sentences passed by Italian Courts on offences are still, in many cases, extremely light.

2. Would it be possible for an instruction to be issued that in Unoccupied Territory all serious charges of theft against Italian Civilians will be held to come under para 2 of your above-quoted letter, and will be tried by Allied Military Court.

CEP/CG.

See 27
See 16
C.H. P. *[Signature]*
Brigadier,
DAG.

319

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
HQ 304.

Regional Control & Military Government Section

+++++

Ref: 253/42/GA.

5th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Allied Military Courts in Unoccupied Territory.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Regions I, II, III & VI.

1. On the handing back to the Italian Government of territory now occupied by the Allied Forces, General, Superior and Summary Military Courts will cease to function except to deal with pending cases. Offences against the Allied Forces created by Proclamations and Orders will no longer exist as such.

2. The Allied Forces have reserved to themselves the right to hold military courts in unoccupied territory including the four provinces of Apulia and Sardinia, for the trial of acts hostile to the Allied Forces. An extract from the decree conferring this power upon Allied Courts is appended hereto as Appendix "A". Such Courts will try only cases of a serious nature such as would normally have been brought before a General Military Court during occupation.

3. Where cases of this nature are alleged to have occurred it will be the duty of the Regional Commissioner to have the facts investigated and if he considers that trial by an Allied Military, as opposed to an Italian civil court, is necessary he will so report to HQ., A.C.C. with a request that a Military Court be appointed.

4. All such courts will be convened only by order of H.Q., A.C.C. and as appears from the decree will punish offenders in accordance with the Italian Codes, but will follow their own procedure.

(a) In view of these facts all charges will be framed under the Italian codes by H.Q., A.C.C. and, therefore, it is essential that in requesting a Military Court pursuant to paragraph 3 hereof, full and complete facts be supplied in order that the charges may be properly framed.

(b) Normally a member of the Department of Special Prosecutions

Courts will cease to function. Orders will no longer exist as such.

2. The Allied Forces have reserved to themselves the right to hold military courts in unoccupied territory including the four provinces of Apulia and Sardinia, for the trial of acts hostile to the Allied Forces. An extract from the decree conferring this power upon Allied Courts is appended hereto as Appendix "A". Such Courts will try only cases of a serious nature such as would normally have been brought before a General Military Court during occupation.

3. Where cases of this nature are alleged to have occurred it will be the duty of the Regional Commissioner to have the facts investigated and if he considers that trial by an Allied Military, as opposed to an Italian civil court, is necessary he will so report to HQ, A.C.C. with a request that a Military Court be appointed.

4. All such courts will be convened only by order of H.Q., A.C.C. and as appears from the decree will punish offenders in accordance with the Italian Codes, but will follow their own procedure.

(a) In view of these facts all charges will be framed under the Italian codes by H.Q., A.C.C. and, therefore, it is essential that in requesting a Military Court pursuant to paragraph 3 hereof, full and complete facts be supplied in order that the charges may be properly framed.

(b) Normally a member of the Department of Special Prosecutions will undertake the prosecution.

(c) Where it transpires in the course of hearing that there is established against the accused (i) any other fact constituting an offence not expressed in the charge, or (ii) evidence of aggravating circumstances (Art. 61, Penal Code) not mentioned in the citation or charge, then on such question being raised by the President or submitted by the Prosecutor, the accused may apply for an adjournment of not more than 5 days to prepare his defence (ref. 444,445 and 446 Code Penal Procedure).

If the accused does not ask for time, the offence in question or the aggravating circumstances are forthwith to be included in the charge and the trial proceeded with.

A note of compliance with these rules of procedure must appear on the record.

6332

1472

(d) The procedure to be followed will be the same as the procedure in a General Military Court in occupied territory, except, of course, that all sentences will be imposed in accordance with the applicable Penal Code.

(e) Reviews and appeals are dealt with in paras. 7, 8 and 9 below.

5. Where a Regional Commissioner requests that a military court shall be appointed, his request will also specify the names of officers available to sit on the court (a court will normally consist of not fewer than 3 officers). The interpreter, the officer to act as prosecuting officer in case none is available from the Department of Special Prosecutions, and the officer to act for the defence in the event of the accused not being represented by an advocate.

6. Every accused will be defended by a legal representative. Where the financial position of the accused does not permit him to engage the services of a legal representative on his own account, arrangements should be made by the Regional Commissioner for the provision of a legal representative in accordance with the provisions of the Italian Code of Penal Procedure (Article 128) and of the Rules of Penal Procedure contained in the Decree No 502 of 28 May 1931 (Article 2 et seq). This procedure provides that in such cases nomination of defending counsel be made forthwith and in conformity with the competent Italian jurisdiction for each case by one of the following judicial officials:

- (a) an examining magistrate (giudice istruttore);
- (b) the public Minister (procuratore del Re o procuratore generale);
- (c) president of a tribunal (presidente di tribunale);
- (d) the praetor (pretore).

The several jurisdictions of Italian courts being determined by somewhat complicated rules, applications should be addressed in the first instance to the praetor of the local court or to a procurator of a tribunal, whichever is the most expeditious or convenient, so that this official may determine the proper functionary having the power to take immediate action in each instance. The advocates or defense procurators, as the case may be, who are nominated under these rules, are obliged to appear for the accused, and are selected for this purpose from an official roll established locally at the seat of each Tribunal. If no such arrangements can be made, the accused must be defended by an Allied officer.

7. Any person convicted by a Military Court may, within 30 days of the imposition of sentence, file with the Regional Commissioner a petition addressed to the Chief Commissioner, H.Q., A.C.C. submitting reasons why the conviction should be set aside or the sentence modified.

the financial position of the accused does not permit him to engage the services of a legal representative on his own account, arrangements should be made by the Regional Commissioner for the provision of a legal representative in accordance with the provisions of the Italian Code of Penal Procedure (Article 123) and of the Rules of Penal Procedure contained in the Decree No 502 of 28 May 1931 (Article 2 et seq). This procedure provides that in such cases nomination of defending counsel be made forthwith and in conformity with the competent Italian jurisdiction for each case by one of the following judicial officials:

- (a) an examining magistrate (Giudice istruttore);
- (b) the public Minister (procuratore del Re o procuratore generale);
- (c) president of a tribunal (presidente di tribunale);
- (d) the praetor (pretore).

The several jurisdictions of Italian courts being determined by somewhat complicated rules, applications should be addressed in the first instance to the praetor of the local court or to a procurator of a tribunal, whichever is the most expeditious or convenient, so that this official may determine the proper functionary having the power to take immediate action in each instance. The advocates or defense procurators, as the case may be, who are nominated under these rules, are obliged to appear for the accused, and are selected for this purpose from an official roll established locally at the seat of each tribunal. If no such arrangements can be made, the accused must be defended by an Allied officer.

7. Any person convicted by a Military Court may, within 30 days of the imposition of sentence, file with the Regional Commissioner a petition addressed to the Chief Commissioner, H.Q., A.C.C. submitting reasons why the conviction should be set aside or the sentence modified.

8. Where a petition is so filed, the petition together with the record of the case shall be forwarded by the Regional Commissioner to H.Q., A.C.C. for review. Where no such petition is filed the record of the case shall at the expiration of 30 days from the imposition of sentence be transmitted to H.Q., A.C.C. for review.

9. In any case in which sentence of death is imposed whether a petition is filed or not, the record of the case at the expiration of the 30 days or on filing of a petition, whichever shall be sooner, shall be forwarded by the Regional Commissioner to H.Q., A.C.C. for confirmation of such sentence by the Chief Commissioner.

10. The above directive does not apply in any area which has been declared a military zone. If any area is hereafter declared to be a military zone further instructions will be issued for that area concerning the holding of Allied Military Courts.

M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Deputy Commissioner.

1476

13
Appendix "A" to 283/42/CA
dated 5th March 1944

Article 3 of Royal Decree Law No 31,
11th February 1944.

Whoever within the liberated Italian territory commits a hostile act or crime against property to the prejudice of the Allied Military Forces or of any member thereof or of any functionary, representative or agent of United Nations, or whoever takes part in seditious manifestations against the Allied Forces or commits any act which in whatever way may hamper the war effort or help the enemy, shall be punishable under Italian penal law and shall be tried in Allied Military Courts according to their own procedure.

In the case contemplated by the preceding paragraph 1 any member of the Allied Armed Forces can effect the arrest of any person who may be reasonably believed to be implicated in acts herein above contemplated, except where an Italian officer or high government official is concerned, in which case the Italian Government or the appropriate superior local authority will be requested to co-operate in the preliminary to the extent necessary.

1473

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

In the case contemplated by the preceding paragraph 1 any member of the Allied Armed Forces can effect the arrest of any person who may be reasonably believed to be implicated in acts herein above contemplated, except where an Italian officer or high government official is concerned, in which case the Italian Government or the appropriate superior local authority will be requested to co-operate in the premises to the extent necessary.

1478

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/519/12/GA.

19 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Prevention of theft by Civilians.

TO : HQ. A.A.I. (Adm Ech), C.M.P.

Reference your AAI/5092/A(PB) of 9 April 1944.

1. There is no objection to the publication of the order as set out in para.2 of your above-quoted letter.
2. If such an order to the Allied Forces is issued the same could be publicised both in occupied and unoccupied Italy by notices in the press and by posters stating that the military have received such orders and warning civilians thereof.
3. If you are in agreement with this will you please let us have a copy of your order and arrangements will be made by this H.Q. for publication.
For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,

Sin

any action at 8

see 17

6330

6/20/44

1479

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

17 APR 1944
A. C. C.

17 APR 1944
HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee
APO 394

15 APR 1944
C. A. [unclear]
GHO/gmf
O-2495
4430
11

ACC/4802/7/1

14 April 1944

SUBJECT: Use of Firearms against civilians.

TO : Executive Commissioner, ACC.

1. Ref your 319/10/CA dated 11 April 1944. If HQ AII desire to instruct members of the armed forces to the effect set out in para 2 of their letter I see no objection thereto.
2. If such an order to the Allied Forces is issued, the same can be publicised both in occupied and unoccupied Italy by notices in the press and by posters stating that the military have received such orders and warning civilians thereof.

224
see 12

G. R. [unclear] 6329
G. R. [unclear]
Colonel
Chief Legal Officer.

1480

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

10

Ref/319/10/CA.

11 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Use of Firearms against Civilians.

TO : V.P. Admin. Section - For Legal Sub-Com.

1. Enclosed is copy of letter, ref. AAI/5092/A(PS) of 9 April 1944, received from HQ. A.A.I. (Adm Ech).
2. Will you please let us have your legal opinion on the points raised.

NORMAN E. FLEEKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Incl.
As above.

B/A 15/4
603
[Signature]

1481

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

SUBJECT: Thefts by Civilians

10 APR Recd

319
11

CH 81
HQ AAI (Adm Ech),
GDP.

U 3176

9

AAI/50924(PB)

Executive Commissioner, AOC

9 APR 1944

1. Thefts of WD property by civilians are becoming increasingly common and cause serious losses. In order to stop this wastage of war material, it is considered that soldiers should be empowered to use their weapons to prevent it.

2. It is desired to publish an order on these lines:-

"Thefts of WD property by civilians cause serious losses of essential material and obstruct the war effort. It is the duty of every officer and soldier to prevent any theft that he sees being committed, even to the extent of using arms. Every officer and soldier is entitled to use his arms against civilians found stealing WD property, or to prevent the escape of such thieves, under the following conditions:

- (a) It is impossible to prevent the theft, or the escape of the thief, by less violent means,
- (b) The thief has failed to halt when called upon to do so,
- (c) It is certain that a theft is really being committed or attempted,
- (d) The lives of innocent persons are not endangered.

Similar action may be taken against civilians who are found on land occupied by the Allied Forces, and who run away when ordered to halt."

3. Will you please advise this HQ if, in your view, such an order can be issued. If so, can steps be taken, both in King's and in Occupied ITALY, to bring this order to the notice of the civil population.

GP/PA

See 10412

P. H. Latou.

Brigadier
20.521

1482

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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

Ref/319/8/CA.

7 April 1944

SUBJECT: Carabinieri at Frignano Maggiore.

TO : R.C. Region III.

1. Attached is a copy of a report received from MCS, AFHQ, relative to the above subject.
2. Will you please make inquiries into the matter, and communicate the result of such inquiry to this Headquarters.

NORMAN . H. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to: Admin Section - for P.S. Sub-Commissioners
(Please cancel my 319/7/CA of
3 Apr 44)

See 25

BU 15/4 BU
6321 Bay

1483

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

UNITED STATES,
ARMED SERVICES COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section

Ref: 319/7/CA.

3rd April 1944.

SUBJECT: Carabinieri at PRISTANO MAGGIORI.

TO : Vice President, Adm Section.
(For Public Safety Sub-Com).

1. Attached is a copy of a report received from M.C.S., A.P.R.Q.
2. Our attention is called to the very apparent non-co-operation on the part of the Carabinieri Officer concerned.
3. Will you please enquire into the matter and inform this section of the result.

ROBERT E. FISKE,
Colonel, Deputy
Executive Commissioner.

See 8

B/U
10/6/44
2

1484

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

319 Head

CAB. 6

S-1172

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

TBJ/mit

MGS-014.12

31 March 1944

SUBJECT: Carabinieri - non-Co-operation

TO : HQ A.C.C.

1. G-1(B) have shown to this Section the Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry which show an instance of apparent non-co-operation of the officer commanding the Carabinieri at FRIGNANO MAGGIORE (north of Naples).

2. The circumstances are briefly that on Jan. 17 of this year it was found that a dump of tyre covers and tubes stored under a tarpaulin in the Square at FRIGNANO MAGGIORE had been tampered with and that 21 covers and 14 tubes were missing. The dump, which belonged to 201 (Guards) Brigade Workshops REME, had been checked over on 14 January and found to be correct and had been guarded by REME personnel by means of roving pickets.

3. Forming part of the proceedings is a statement by an Italian interpreter attached to the Workshops, who interviewed the local Chief of Carabinieri and reported the loss. As will be seen from the statement, it is alleged that the local Chief of Carabinieri was definitely non-co-operative.

4. You will no doubt make inquiries into the matter, and it would be appreciated if the result could be communicated to this Section.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

T. B. JACKMAN
T. B. JACKMAN
Major

Incl. Cy of Official Translation
of Interpreter's statement
of 7 Feb. - as above.

HEADQUARTERS
2 APR 1944

CONFIDENTIAL

see 8032 64
974

11485

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

CONFIDENTIAL

COPY

OFFICIAL TRANSLATION

NOCELLETO - 7 February 1944

About 20 days ago there was an investigation by the Comd. of 201 Guards Brigade with Maj. Taylor of 88 H/Shops into the loss by theft of 40 tyres ~~and~~ inner tubes.

I went to the Brigadier of Carabinieri of FRIGNANO MAGGIORE to ask him to initiate an investigation concerning the theft but the Brigadier refused to go.

I was surprised to hear the Brigadier's remarks to the effect that he would not go with me. The Brigadier then explained that probably these materials had been sold by the English soldiers.

I returned 10 days ago to FRIGNANO MAGGIORE to discover the Brigadier's intentions on this matter - he was very abrupt and provocative. He showed me one piece of an inner tube and said "This is the result of my investigation." I remonstrated with him saying "Is this the only respect you have for the English military authorities?"

I asked the Brigadier for his name but he refused to give it to me. I was of the opinion that the Brigadier Comandante la Stazione dei CCRR FRIGNANO MAGGIORE was not willing to co-operate in finding the missing materials which belonged to the English Armed Forces. During the whole proceedings the Brigadier appeared totally indifferent.

I certify that I was present while the above statement was made.

s/ Charlesworth,
Capt.
RASC.

President
Court of Enquiry

s/ 777
Ufficiale di Collegnimento
presso 201 Guards Brigade

Translated by:

Tomaselli Ignorio, ?
att'd - 115 Provost Coy,
Militari - Military Police.

9/2/44

CONFIDENTIAL

6328

23 MAR 1944

319

CA B₂

U-202 4

HEADQUARTERS
AMG 5 ARMY (FIELD)
A.P.O. 464 U.S. Army

20th March 1944.

203/9.

SUBJECT : Theft of Electrical Conductor and Material.

TO : Executive Commissioner, H.Q. A.C.C., A.P.O. 394. ✓

1. Reference 319/3/CA, dated 12th March 1944.

2. Inquiries instituted have resulted in an Italian civilian being apprehended on 2nd March, 1944, at VILLA LITERNO for theft of electric cable, who is, presumably, awaiting trial.

3. Instructions have been issued to all Corps S.C.A.Os. and CC.RR to maintain observation on electrical plants in their areas and to the Legal Branch to give salutary sentences on conviction of accused persons.

For the Commanding General:

Jan Ashley

J.O.M. ASHLEY,
Colonel, Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

*Where is Villa Litterno
why "presumably" awaiting trial*

MS/2413

seen by Col. Fisher
WM

1483

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 319/3/G.

12th March 1944.

Subject: Theft of Electrical Conductor and material.

To : Regional Commissioners,
Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX.
S.C.A.O., A.S., 5 Army.
S.C.A.O., A.S., 8 Army.

1. The Chairman of the Central Electrical Board, A.C.M.P. has brought to the attention of the Chief Commissioner the increasing incidence of theft of transmission line, conductor and other electrical material connected with electrical supply.
2. These incidents are seriously interfering with the war effort and unless they are stopped the supply of power for military and essential civilian requirements will be seriously curtailed and the transmission of power to Rome and the North prevented in the future. Cases of theft are particularly bad from the transmission line Frattocaglio-Liri in the vicinity of Villa Iserno and Cellate Crocecella.
3. Regional Commissioners will take immediate action to prevent these incidents. Directions or advice should be given to the C.C.B. and the courts in order to ensure that rigorous punishment is meted out to convicted offenders. The question of collective punishment should be considered and everything possible should be done to bring this type of theft to an end.

ESL/JC.


Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: M. A.C.M.P.
H. No.1 District
H. No.2 District
H. No.3 District
Central Electrical Board, A.C.M.P.

6521

1488

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HQ ACMF (Adm. Echelon)
APO 400

ALH/rjs
5 March 1944

SUBJECT: Theft and Destruction of Power Line.

TO : Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464, U.S. Army.

1. Attention is invited to the attached letter to the Chief Commissioner, ACC, which requests assistance in preventing the theft and destruction of power lines. Investigation shows that, while much damage has been done to power lines by unauthorized use of fire arms by military personnel, the most serious damage is being done by the theft and removal of the line materials by civilians. The fact that some thieves have been electricuted by attempting to steal live wire has not stopped the stealing. Only salutary action will produce effective results. It is noted that the center of the main difficulty is located within the Fifth Army boundaries.

2. It is presumed that ACC will take prompt and effective measures to apprehend and properly punish civil offenders in areas in rear of army boundaries.

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

Distribution:

ACC ✓
PBS
No 2 Dist.
No 3 Dist.
Eighth Army

1 Incl:
CEE - ACMF letter dated 29 Feb.

CONFIDENTIAL

6320

1489

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

C O P Y

A.C.M.F.
CENTRAL ELECTRICAL BOARD

29 February 1944

SUBJECT: Theft of electrical conductor and material.

TO : Chief Commissioner - A.C.C.

1. The theft of transmission line conductor and other electrical material continues to increase. This is seriously interfering with the war effort. Unless it is stopped the supply of power for military and essential civilian requirements will be seriously curtailed and the transmission of power to Rome prevented.

2. It is requested that action be taken to stop such thefts and to apprehend and punish the thieves. Immediate action is required on the transmission line Prattamaggiore-Liri in the vicinity of Villa Litterno and Cellola Crocella.

S/JPG
JAMES P. GROWDON
Colonel CE
Vice Chairman.

C O P Y

0319

8 Mar
35

1490

Handwritten notes in a cursive script, likely a historical or scientific record, located in the lower-left quadrant of the page.