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BLACK MARKET, FRENCH & POLISH TROOPS
FEB. - AUG. 1944

1979

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SUBJECT:- Black Market - French Trucks.

CAB.
HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

I/5063/18/A(PS).

2 Aug 44

14 AUG Recd

CC, FIFTH Army.

Herewith Allied Control Commission letter 333/36/CA dated 28 Jul 44, for such action as you consider necessary.

HEADQUARTERS

4 AGO 1944

A. C. C.

333/11.

Copy to:- HQ Allied Control Commission,
R.C. & M.G. Section. A.P.O. 394.

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TRANSMISSION
ALLIED OFFICIAL OFFICE
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 334

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Ref: 333/36/CA

28 July 44

Subject: Black Market - French Trucks.

To: HQ, A.A.I.

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I enclose a copy of extracts from a letter PB/1095 of 24 July from Provincial Commissioner Poggia Province, and shall be grateful if you bring the contents to the attention of the French Command and request them to issue instructions which will put an end to these activities which are both illegal and harmful.

SW
Mervin E. Fiske
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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Copy to P.C. Poggia Province.

SL P 187

1981

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3334 Civil Affairs. 6860
Ref: - PP/1095
26 Jul 44. W35

SUBJECT: - Black Market - French trucks.

TO: - HQ ACC (EC & MG Section).

FROM: - ACC, FOGGIA PROVINCE.

27 Jul Recd

1. The 501st Tpt Gp: of the French Army has repeatedly sent their trucks into this Province for the purchase of controlled food-stuffs without proper authority from ACC. The purchases are nominally for the Mess, but there is at least a suspicion that additional quantities are purchased for re-sale in the Black Market for private gain. The purchases are conducted clandestinely and the supplies are obtained from Black Market producers here.

2. Since 25 Feb 44, no less than 7 trucks of this Group have been apprehended by the Police in this Province, as follows :-

Serial:	Date:	Company:	Contraband:
1.	23.2.44.	12th Company	Cereal.
2.	24.2.44.	12th Company	Legumi.
3.	29.2.44.	21st Company	Cereal.
4.	29.3.44.	21st Company	Cereal.
5.	19.6.44.	11th Company	Legumi & Cereal.
6.	21.6.44.	11th Company	Olive Oil.
7.	22.7.44.	13th Company	Olive Oil.

3. The Group has been repeatedly advised that it is illegal to purchase food in this way - and still they come.

4. In the case of Serial 7, the truck has been impounded and the driver sent back to NAPLES with the information that it will be retained here and used until Capt. RICHARD, Comdr. of the Coy. comes in person to explain his activities.

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5. May the French Forces be advised of the activities of this Group and asked to ensure appropriate instructions to prevent their continuing in their efforts to encourage dishonest sellers in this Province, are issued.

Ch. Dwyer
Colonel

CET/EGPM.

Provincial Commissioner,
A.C.C. FOGGIA PROVINCE.

A.C.C.
HEADQUARTERS
27 AUG 1982

1983

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

Ref/533/34/OA.

25 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Black Market - French Troops.

TO : AME Eighth Army (Rece).

1. I refer to your CA/118 of 14 May 1944.
2. "A" Branch AAI inform me that they have sent a copy of your letter to HQ Fifth Army for appropriate action. In the meantime the salt had better be left where it is.

BT/RAC.

WORMAN, FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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

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Ref/333/33/CA.

16 May 1944

SUBJECT: Black Market - French Troops.

TO : A.C.C. Liaison, HQ. A.A.I.

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1. I enclose copy of letter dated 14 May 1944 from AEC Eighth Army which is self-explanatory.

2. This is by no means the first instance of this type of thing. I shall be grateful for an early reply.

Capt. Oden spoke
"A" Branch AA Liaison
Unrecorded copy of 32
to HQ & then to
Arthur W 25/5
ET/RAC.

Capt. E. Talbot
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Talbot
W 25/5
W 25/5

1985

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Troops. ³³³ *Chab. (Am. 600m)* 32

15 MAY Recd

HQ AMG
Rear EIGHTH ARMY.

OA/II8

14 May 44.

TO: HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
(R.C. & M.C. Section).

1. On 9 May 44 a military truck of the French Forces No 9401 M. was seen at CAPRIATI Prov CAMPOBASSO.

2. It was in charge of No 1417 Driver LEHOUX Emile and No 33991 COSTAZO Louis of 651 U. Bataillon de Reparation de Materiel, stationed at ROCCAMONFINO, Prov NAPLES.

3. The driver said they were bartering salt for eggs with civilians at rate of 1 Kilo salt for three eggs, having been ordered to do so by their officer, Capt DARRAUZESE.

4. A work ticket to that effect signed by this Capt was produced.

5. No confirmation was then available that the salt was the property of the French Forces and properly in the men's control, or that the bartering, which may lay the civilians open to prosecution for being in possession of property of the Allied Forces, would be discontinued.

6. Consequently the salt, amounting to 20 Quintals 63 Kilos 500 Grammes was siezed against a receipt signed by the C.A.O. and is now in the Consorzio of CAPRIATI pending determination of ownership.

7. If the salt is the property of the French Forces it will of course be released on the production of authority to the C.A.O. CAPRIATI.

8. It is requested that this matter be taken up as a matter of urgency with the appropriate authorities.



W. B. Ranta *Temo* *Liga* *RA*
Gloss
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG EIGHTH ARMY.

Copy to: AMG LO 2 POLISH CORPS.

See 31-28-27-33-34
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

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Ref/333/31/OA.

29 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Restriction on Purchases of Civilian Supplies.

TO : AME Eighth Army (Ref. your 2 letters OA/118 of 20 Apr 44)
AME Fifth Army.

1. Cases are still being reported of French military personnel purchasing civilian food supplies. This matter has been taken up with Hq. A.A.I. who now inform this Hq that the matter has been brought to the attention of the French Expeditionary Corps. Necessary orders will be issued by French Hq to assure that existing policies are complied with.
2. Please keep this Hq informed of any future activities of this nature.

NORMAN E. FIERKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to: Hq. Fifth Army - Ref AG 400.13-2 of 18 Apr 44

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Black Market.

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Pl. See ²³64 to ²⁹70. At ²⁵62 + ²⁶66 there
seems to be a very bad case and
²⁶66 is particularly interesting being
an official pass issued to a
French(?) ²³Alger Boudoudat SALAH
to buy meat & vegetables and
amazing use of military transport.
I think something more than the
action promised at top of ²⁹70 is
required.

25/4. Note speak.

²³2. Concerns Policy Mr French ²³83

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24 APR Recd

CAB. for & Comd
AC U-9

AG 400.13-Z 2nd Ind.
HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, A.P.O. #464, U. S. Army,

HHT/BWS/hbc

APR 16 1944

Thru: Headquarters AAI Adm. Echelon, A.P.O. #400, U. S. Army

To : Headquarters Allied Control Commission R.C. and M.G. Section,
A.P.O. #394, U. S. Army.

1. This matter has been brought to the attention of the F.E.C. Necessary orders will be issued by French Headquarters to assure that existing policies are complied with.

2. The provisions of the circular cited in paragraph 1 of basic letter have been published by Fifth Army in Administrative Instructions Number 31, dated 19 February 1944 and Administrative Instructions Number 35, dated 26, February 1944.

For the ARMY COMMANDER:

B. W. SAUREL
B. W. SAUREL
Major, A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

3rd Ind. ALH/rjs
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY (REAR ADM. ECHELON), APO 400, U.S. ARMY,
23 April 1944.

TO: R.C. & M.G. SECTION, ACC, APO 394.

Your attention is invited to the 2nd Indorsement above.

HEADQUARTERS
24 APR 1944
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A. L. HUMBLE
A. L. HUMBLE
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
DCAO 182

see 31

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

Ref/311/44/CA.

31 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Restriction on Purchase of Civilian Supplies.

TO : Hq. AAI (Admin. Ech).

Ref. yours AO/118 of 21 March 1944.

1. We are again advised by the SCAO of 8th Army AMG of continued activity on the part of French Military personnel, in purchasing of civilian food supplies. This is in direct disregard of para. 5 P.B.S. Circular No. 8 Section I dated 11 January 1944.

2. Particular cases are cited as where at Cantaloupa on March 2nd., French officers sought to buy 250 head of sheep; and where on the 14th of March a French lieutenant stopped at Proselone and carried away four sheep, two kid goats, and attempted to take away two sacks of grain.

3. It is requested that this subject be taken up with the proper French Military authorities.

Frederick Peyton
Capt. CWP
for M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:

AMG 8th Army

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY (ADM. ECHELON), APO 400, U.S. ARMY,
13 April 1944.

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

May necessary instructions please be issued.

A. L. Hambley
A. L. HAMBLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A. P.
DCAO

S. 5024/1
N. B. 2/4

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23 APR Recd

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SUBJECT: Restriction on purchase of Civilian Supplies.

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4 Rear Eighth Army.

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20 Apr. 44.

Allied Control Commission,
Executive Commissioners' Branch.

1. Reference your No. 311/12/CA of 31 Mar. 44 on this subject.
a further case concerning French troops is referred to in the enclosed
copy of a report by the GAO at AGNONE, Province Caspolasso.
2. An ordre de Mission in original is also enclosed.

Copy to AGC ID 2 Polish Corps.

HEADQUARTERS
22 APR 1944
A. C. C.

P. P. Renta Lano
Major
GSO
for Group Captain
Officer Commanding
AGC Eighth Army.

see 31

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A.M.G. H.A.S

SIXTH ARMY,

AGENCY

16/4/44

6/3/1

Subject. Control of purchase of live stock in forward areas.

About 8 p.m. 14th April 44 Santagata Michele (34 yrs) Via Sapienza 38, Naples, was found in Agnone with a horse and cart in possession of the following live stock:- 4 sheep, 3 lambs, 2 kids and 2 hams. He had no permit to travel and was arrested. He stated that he had come from Naples on the 13th inst. with a truck (443072) owned by the French Forces and that he was employed by a man named Saporita Edouardo, Piazza Melaglie D'Oro, 4, Naples, who is an agent for the French and a provision dealer.

He had left Naples with another Italian civilian, Belardino Marino and the driver of the truck a French soldier, Boudouda Salah, and they had authority to visit this area to purchase meat and vegetables for the French Forces.

On the 13th inst., they visited a village named Civitanova and stayed the night there. They were unable to purchase any animals so he left 10,000 lire with his brother there to buy for him.

On the 14th inst., the truck was brought to Agnone and he Santagata went in search of animals with a man from Agnone, named Di Donna Vincenza. The truck was then taken to Istonia by the driver and Belardino to purchase vegetables and the they arranged to return to Agnone to pick up Santagata with the animals.

On leaving Naples they had been given 130,000 lire by Saporita with instruction to buy as many animals as they could at the best prices obtainable. When stopped Santagata had paid 15,275 lire for the 9 small animals and the hams.

Further enquiries were made and the truck returned to Agnone on the morning of the 15th inst., when the driver was interviewed. He said he was stationed at Eboli, south of Salerno, and he produced the attached document which authorised himself and the two Italians to visit this area to purchase meat and vegetables. The other Italian, Belardino, was also interviewed and said he was returning to his home in Istonia after being interned in Philipville, N. Africa, since 9/11/43 as a collaborator. He had stayed in Naples with Saporita since the 28/1 and he had been granted a pass to return to his home in Istonia by the A.M.G. Naples. He had been found purchasing animals in Istonia by the British Military Police who had made him return the animals to the farmers and he had been directed to return to Naples and given a pass by A.M.G. there.

Enquiries were made and it was ascertained that Santagata had purchased the animals from the following owners at these prices:-

2 hams	7200 lire	from Lemme Giovanni, S. Stefano, Villa Canale, Agnone.
1 lamb	20 kilos	1435 lire, Mastronardi Alfredo, Via S. Jicocondino 35, Via Canal
1 sheep	31 kilos	2170 lire, Mastronardi Aquilino, do: 39, do.
1 lamb	12 kilos	850 lire, Michelina Ingrata, do. 20 do.
1 kid	240 lire,	4 kilos, Carpussai Betina, do. 59 do.
1 sheep & lamb,	26 kilos,	1500 lire, Sabelli Pasquale, Contrada Cantalupo, Agnone.
1 sheep,	22 kilos,	550 lire, Sabelli Michele, do.

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- 1 sheep, 22 kilos, 550 lire, Sabelli Michele do.
- 1 sheep, 26 kilos, 1000 lire, Sabelli Antonio 1074
- 1 kid, 5 kilos, 330 lire, Sabelli Sebastiano do.

The animals were restored to their respective owners and the money re-paid to the Italians who were allowed to return to Naples.

In view of the prices charged by these farmers, approximately 70 lire per kilo live weight and as A.M.G. lists controlling prices in this area since the 12/2/4 have been published in Agnone showing the prices of lamb, kid and sheep from 12/28 lire. live weight, it is proposed to take action against them. It is pointed out that in consequence of this and similar transactions the butchers in this district are unable to purchase meat for the benefit of the communities as the farmers refuse to sell except at their own prices which the butchers cannot pay and sell the meat within the controlled price. Also the sending of personnel into the area prepared to pay exorbitant prices is a direct incentive to black market activities and the practice should be stopped or controlled, with power to requisition at a fixed price.

Field.

G.M. BROOKS, Capt.,
C.A.O. AGNONE.

CORPS DAYTIME PRISON

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FRENCH ADDITIONALY PURCHASERS

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EXERCISES

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is hereby authorized to enter the restricted area of L'APRES --

en sur les autres zones interdites de circulation, pour raison de
et other restricted areas from an official

Variable du 13.4 au 16.4.43

service. Cette mission est absolument nécessaire et se poursuit sous apparence d'une autre mission
business. This official business is of absolute necessity and cannot be transacted by any
one other than the interested person.

Reiter de la délivrance de cet ordre de mission : *Just-Grand et Adrien-Grand*,
docteurs for sciences et arts :

Mr. Belding having at Miller's Pentagone, procured the elegant but expensive
is accompanied by a single volume.

Dec, 6 12 April 1944 -

par Ordre du General d'Armes JUB, Cab la C. C. F.

io Lt-Colonel de LIAISON, Oct 10 30 1947

Mr. C. L. Chase (Lumbering)

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ORDRE DE MISSION
SPECIAL OFFICIAL PASS

Boudevilla

est autorise a penetrer sur la zone interdite de l'ALGER.
Is hereby authorized to enter the restricted area of ALGER.
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Valable au 13.4 au 16.4.44
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other means his personnel presence.

Raisons de la delivrance de cet ordre de mission: *But: Mission de reconnaissance.*
Raisons for issuance of pass:

*M. Belarmino Arino et M. Belarmino Arino, fonctionnaires de l'ALGER, ont ete autorises
a accompagner le chef de mission.*

Le 12 Avril 1944 -
Par Ordre du General d'Armes 2018, Cet le 0.0.0.
Le Lt-Colonel de l'ALGER, Cet le 0.0.0.
P.C. le Chef de Mission.



1995

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SUBJECT: Report filed on apprehension of

311-21 APR Regd 121

J-4868

AMR Rear Eighth Army.

31115.

20 Apr. 44.

Allied Control Commission,
Executive Commissioners' Group,

1. Reference your E. 311/44 CA of 31 Mar 44 on this subject, a further case concerning French troops is referred to in the enclosed extract from a report received from the Deputy Provincial Commissioner, CAMEROON (N) Province.



Copy to; Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

P.C. Santa Rosa Regd RA
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding
AMR. Eighth Army.

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1993

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
BREMEN CAMPORANZO

BREMEN CAMPORANZO.

Black Market activities by Allied Forces.

I have to report two incidents which occurred yesterday in the neighborhood of BREMEN. For reasons of security I do not mention the location of either offending unit, but can furnish these, if required:

1.
2. Returning from the above incident near the Pienzenburg turning, we overtook a Polish 5 ton truck. As we approached, it stopped and three civilians got out and ran down a path past a cottage. In the truck I found two civilian youths and a Polish Officer, Lieut. FELIX WARDOWSKI of 1 Polish Corps P.D. Coy (P), and a pig. I then went behind the cottage looking for the men. I found one who made a remark about collecting some sheep, and further on found the other two lying down in the grass. There were some sheep in the vicinity. The men all involved were the following:

FRANCIS Sawicki	Age 39	} All of PROSECUTOR.
" Antonio	" 25	
" Luigi	" 19	

The point where the incident occurred was just over 10 miles by road from Pienzenburg and none of the Italians was in possession of a pass. Their presence that distance from Pienzenburg in the truck with the pig and the Polish officer, taken into consideration with their calling and the remark made about the sheep, indicates that they were engaged in black marketing.

The Polish officer appeared not to talk English or French, and I had difficulty in explaining to him what action I was going to take. I gave him a note to his commanding officer explaining I was sequestering the pig in the care of CO. MR. YACHA, where the three Italians were put in jail. The other two I then decided not to take action against as being merely tools. Lt. WARDOWSKI however, refused to hand over the pig, although I had already indicated (and he understood) my rank and appointment. In order to avoid an unsocial incident in the village, I requested him to leave at once, with the pig. I would point out that the deterrent value to the collectors of having the pig led away by the CO. MR. would have been great, but that this was prevented by the attitude of Lt. Wardowski.

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

Ref/311/44/CA.

31 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Restriction on Purchase of Civilian Supplies.

TO : Hq. AAI (Admin. Ech).

Ref. yours AO/118 of 21 March 1944.

1. We are again advised by the SCAG of 8th Army AMG of continued activity on the part of French Military personnel, in purchasing of civilian food supplies. This is in direct disregard of para. 5 P.R.S. Circular No. 8 Section I dated 11 January 1944.

2. Particular cases are cited as where at Cantaloupe on March 2nd., French officers sought to buy 250 head of sheep; and where on the 14th of March a French lieutenant stopped at Froselone and carried away four sheep, two kid goats, and attempted to take away two sacks of grain.

3. It is requested that this subject be taken up with the proper French Military authorities.

M.B. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:

AMG 8th Army

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1998

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SUBJECT: Black Market Operations by French Troops

TO: Exeute: Commissioners Branch H.Q. ACC
AFU 394

C.A. 65-118
AMG Rear Eighth Army 23/61

Ref: CA/118

21 March 1944

28 MAR 1944

CA 65-118

23 Feb 4-135

1. Reference letter on the same subject dated 21 Feb 44, (CA/118/7A).
Enclosed are particulars of two additional serious complaints originating
in the Campobasso Province.

2. May action be taken please under para 5 of Daily Bulletin Number 50
of 16 Mar 44, H.Q., ACC.

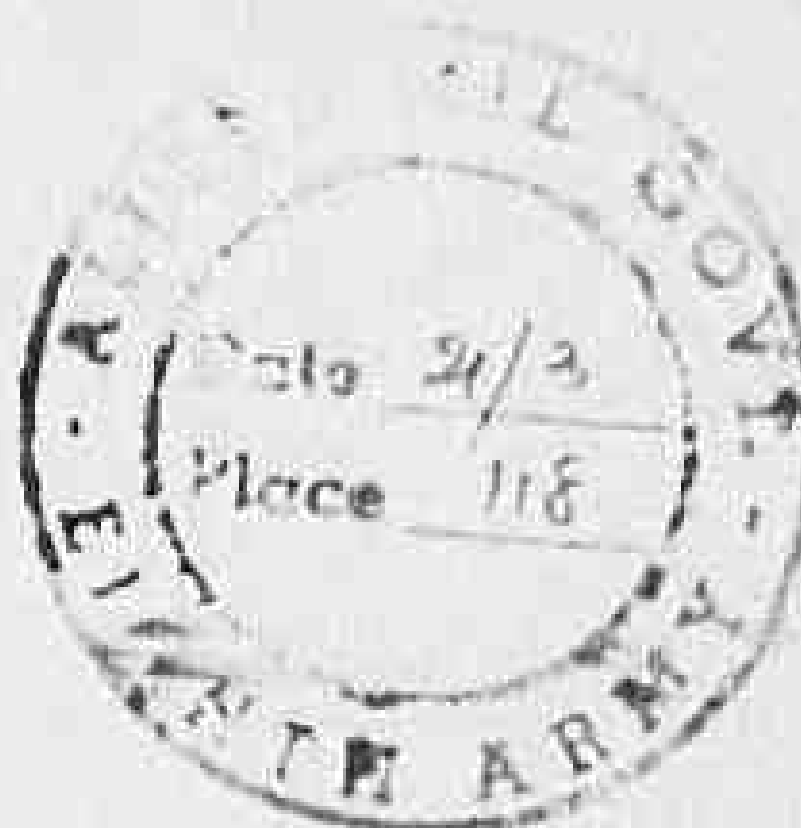
P. C. Benta Tan

Major R.A.,
G.S.O. 11,
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding 171
AMG Eighth Army.

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Subject :- Illegal Purchases by Military
to :- U.S. Rear and Eighth Army
from :- SCAG Campobasso Province



A copy of a report sent in by the
V/CAO Presolone, is enclosed for your
information please.

B.C. Wahr

Capt. R.A.
SCAG Campobasso Province
for Lt. Col. USA - SCAG Province

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19 Mar. 44

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Subject :- Violation of Military Order
to :- 3040 Campobasso Province

On 14 Mar. 44 truck number 405609 (reported to be from Venebro) carrying a French Lieutenant and assistants, stopped at Prosolone and carried away four sheep, two kid goats, and attempted to take away two sacks of grain. A report by the COxr states that the Lieutenant threatened to return with a machine gun upon being refused the quantity of grain he desired.

The action on the part of the French Lieutenant is contrary to Eighth Army order and should be brought to the attention of the proper authority for emphasis and to preclude a recurrence.

Violations of this nature have been frequent on the part of French foraging party.

In order to avoid any incident that may arise as a result of the attitude of such officers as the above mentioned: this officer asks that the matter be taken up through the proper channels.

(sgn) Lt. Geo. M. Marinkov;
A/CAC Prosolone, Area.

2001

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Ref: C.P./LEGAL/18. *R*

11th. March 1944.

BY TO C.S.O.

SUBJECT: FRENCH Activities in the Black Market.

TO: S.I.O. A.M.G. H.Q. 8th. ARMY MAIN.

FROM: P.S.I.O. Campobasso Province.

Attached is ~~copy~~ *original and copy* report by P.S.O. received by this H.Q. attached to Form 8-a reporting trial of two Italians of the name of MONACO for Black Market offences.

Forms 8-a are also forwarded for reference. As it appears from this statement that further Black Market operations are being undertaken and encouraged by the FRENCH Units in the neighbourhood of Cantalupo it is requested these violations of EIGHTH ARMY instructions be taken up in the appropriate quarters.

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Major.
Scots Guards.
Provincial Senior Legal Officer.
Campobasso Province.

J.A.B-C./N.J.M.

2002

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Subject:- Sale by civilians of
foodstuffs to military personnel
to C.F.O. Santa Lapa

At about 1600 hrs 2 ^{MAR.} I
was stopped by an attendant of C.F.R.R.
who told me that a French lorry
had just driven through the
village. He asked if I would
take him in my car to investigate.
I did.

Outside the house of MONACO
Angelo there was a large French
lorry and trailer. Inside the
house was a French sergeant
who stated that he had been staying
there for some days, so he had been
taken suddenly ill with a fever.
After we had been in the house
a few minutes another French
lorry drove up.

In this, in addition
to the driver and his companion,
two MONACO Angelo and two calves.
I asked the driver how much he
had paid for the calves and he
stated that the sergeant who was
inside the house would tell me.
I then reentered the house and
asked the sergeant how much had
been paid and he stated "Nine
thousand five".
The impression was gained

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that the sergeant was using the house of MONACO as an official and H.Q.

MONACO was then asked by C.C.R.R. to accompany them to the station.

I then turned the car and drove towards CANTALUPO.

At the end of the lane leading to the house of MONACO I saw a car was parked another French lorry

in company with the affiant I entered the house and found two French officers and one C.C.R.R. in conversation with MONACO.

They did not break off their conversation on our entry and the following is a record of the discussion which took place.

It was arranged that MONACO should arrange for the purchase of upwards of 200 sheep.

That the sheep should be taken to some convenient stable where they could be weighed.

Payment would be made on the spot.

On Saturday and Sunday convoys of say five lorries would be sent to collect the beasts.

After about ten minutes the conversation was interrupted by MONACO drawing aside the

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French soldiers who was acting
as interpreter.

When this man returned he
informed the two officers that
I was a British Officer and
that should I ask any questions
they should deny that any
business was being transacted.

When that conversation with
MONACO was finished I spoke
to the French officers and informed
them that they ~~the~~ were in
Eight Army Area and that the
purchase of food by troops in
this area was forbidden by Eight
Army, also that civilians were
forbidden to sell food to troops.
I advised them that I doubted
whether it would be worth their
while to send their convoys of
lorries to collect the lambs.
One of the officers then stated
that MONACO was not selling
the lambs but was acting as
an intermediary or agent for
their purchases.

MONACO Armando was then asked
by CC.R.R. to accompany them to
the station.

CANTALUPO
3 MAR 44

Stephens Capt.
Field Security Officer

TRUE COPY.

SUBJECT: Sale of civilians of foodstuffs , Military Personnel. 114

TO: C.A.O CANTALUPO.

FROM: D.A. Stephens, Field Security Officer, CANTALUPO.

At about 1600hrs 2 Mar. I was stopped by an ~~appuntato~~ of C.C.R.R. who told me that a French lorry had just driven through the village. He asked if I would take him in my car to investigate. This I did.

Outside the house of MONACO Angelo there was a large French lorry and trailer. Inside the house was a French Serjeant who stated that he had been staying there for some days as he had been taken suddenly ill with a fever.

After we had been in the house a few minutes another French lorry drove up. In this in addition to the driver and his companion were MONACO Angelo and two calves. I asked the driver how much he had paid for the calves and he stated that the serjeant who was inside the house would tell me. I then re-entered the house and asked the serjeant how much had been paid and he stated "NINE THOUSAND LIRE".

The impression was gained that the Serjeant was using the house of Monaco as an Office and H.Q.

MONACO was then asked by C.C.R.R. to accompany them to the station. 170

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They did not break off their conversation on our entry and the following is a precis of the discussion which took place.

It was arranged that MONACO should arrange for the purchase of upwards of 250 Sheep.

That the sheep should be taken to some convenient stable where they could be weighed.

Payment would be made on the spot.

On Saturday and Sunday convoys of say five lorries would be sent to collect the beasts.

After about ten minutes the conversation was interrupted

by MONACO drawing aside the French soldier who was acting as interpreter

When this man returned he informed the two Officers that I was a British Officer and that should I ask any questions ~~they~~

they should deny that any business was being transacted.

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When their conversation with MONACO was finished I spoke to the French Officers and informed them that they were in EIGHTH ARMY AREA and that the purchase of food by troops in this area was forbidden by EIGHTH ARMY, also that civilians were forbidden to sell food to troops.

I advised them that I doubted whether it would be worth their while to send their convoys of lorries to collect the lambs. One of the Officers then stated that MONACO was not selling the lambs but was acting as an intermediary or agent for their purchase.

MONACO Armando was then asked by C.C.R.R. to accompany them to the station.

Cantalupo,
3 Mar. 44.

Signed--D.A. Stephens, Capt.
Field Security Officer.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FORM No. 8 - a.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ALLIED MILITARY COURT

held at CANFALUPO on the 8 day of MARCH 1944
Before FRED A. BORKS, CAPT. C.A.G. (Name & rank of Member or
members constituting the Court)
REFERENCE No. 1. b a ALLIED Military Court.

ACCUSED

Name: - MONACO ROMANEO
Address: - CANFALUPO, BASQUE
Occupation: - Farmer Age: - 39

An interpreter was duly sworn. YES

ADVOCATE FOR ACCUSED

Name:

CHARGE (S)

Violation of Proclamation No. 8 Article 1 - 3 Para. (), in that
the accused on the 2nd day of MARCH 1944 at CANFALUPO, BASQUE

~~was contracting to sell foodstuffs - sheep - to French military troops~~
~~without authority.~~

The Charges were read and explained to accused.

PLEAS OF THE ACCUSED

The Accused	pleads	<u>pleaded not guilty</u> to the 1st charge
"	pleads	" " 2nd "
"	pleads	" " 3rd "

(If not sufficient space on this form for the notes of evidence, other sheets should be attached)

EVIDENCE FOR PROSECUTION

Occupation: -

Age: - 39

An interpreter was duly sworn. JLS

ADVOCATE FOR ACCUSED

Name:

CHARGE (S)

Violation of Proclamation No. 8 Article 2 - 5 Para. (), in that the accused on the 2nd day of March 1914 at CANTALERO, Kaselle

~~was contracting to sell feedstuffs - sheep - to French military troops without authority.~~

The Charges were read and explained to accused.

PLEAS OF THE ACCUSED

The Accused	pleads	pleaded not guilty to the 1st charge
"	pleads	" " 2nd "
"	pleads	" " 3rd "

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EVIDENCE FOR PROSECUTION

SEE EX. A. Statement of CARLOS.

Showing that at the home of the accused, a French army truck was parked. In the home was found a French Sgt. During this period another French vehicle appeared, having in truck, foodstuffs. The above accused was with party involved with the purchase and sale of same.

SEE EX. B. Statement of English Officer - J.S.S. Capt. S.A. Stevens.

In that outside, of home of accused the above mentioned lorries were parked. Two French officers and one O.R. were in conversation. In reference to purchasing and selling foodstuffs.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FORM No. 8-a

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ALLIED MILITARY COURT

held at CANTALUPO on the 8 day of MARCH 1944

Before FRED A. BORAK, CAPT. C.A.C. (Name & rank of Member or members constituting the Court)

REFERENCE No. 1. a a ALLIED Military Court

ACCUSED

Name: - MONACO ANGELO RICHIERMO

Address: - CANTALUPO, COSE

Occupation: - FARMER AND WOOD MERCHANT

Age: - 32

An interpreter was duly sworn. Yes

ADVOCATE FOR ACCUSED

Name:

CHARGE (S)

Violation of Proclamation No. 8 Article 1 - 2 Para. (), in that the accused on the 2ND day of MARCH 1944 at CANTALUPO, COSE was contracting to sell foodstuffs (sheeps) to French Military troops without authority.

The Charges were read and explained to accused.

PLEAS OF THE ACCUSED

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The Accused	pleads	pleaded not guilty	to the 1st charge
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EVIDENCE FOR PROSECUTION

See Statement of Accused

Address: - CANTALUPO, CUSSE

Occupation: - FARMER AND FOOD MERCHANT

Age: - 32

An interpreter was duly sworn. Fee

ADVOCATE FOR ACCUSED

Name:

CHARGE (S)

Violation of Proclamation No. 8 Article 1 - 2 Para. (), in that

the accused on the 2ND day of MARCH 1944 at CANTALUPO, CUSSE

~~was contravening to sell foodstuffs (sheeps)~~ to French military

troops without authority.

The Charges were read and explained to accused.

PLEAS OF THE ACCUSED

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The Accused

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pleads ~~pleaded~~ not guilty
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pleads

to the 1st charge
, , 2nd
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(If not sufficient space on this form for the notes of evidence, other sheets should be attached)

EVIDENCE FOR PROSECUTION

See - EX. A.

Statement of Carrib.

Showing that at the home of the accused, A French army truck was parked. In the home was found a French Sgt. During this period another French vehicle appeared having in truck, foodstuff. Monaco Angelo was in the truck with two French soldiers.

See - EX. B.

Statement of English officer - P.S.S. Capt. S.A. Stevens

In that, outside of home of accused the above mentioned lorries were parked. Two French officers and one O.R. were in conversation with the above accused. In reference to purchasing and selling foodstuff.

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EVIDENCE FOR ACCUSED

Defended by lawyer.

REMARKS OF COURT

(Comments on evidence, reasons for severity or leniency, etc.)

Found proven guilty as charged.

FINDINGS OF THE COURT

The Accused found guilty ~~not guilty~~ of the first charge.

~~not guilty~~ ~~not guilty~~ second

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REMARKS OF COURT

(Comments on evidence, reasons for severity or leniency, etc.)

Found proven guilty as charged.

FINDINGS OF THE COURT

The Accused found guilty ~~not guilty~~ of the first charge.

~~Found proven guilty~~ ~~not guilty~~ ~~second~~

~~Found proven guilty~~ ~~not guilty~~ ~~third~~

SENTENCE OF THE COURT

The Court sentences the accused ~~CONFINEMENT OF SIX MONTHS.~~
in respect of all the offences charged in the above proceedings of which the said accused has
or have been found guilty.

Fred A. Horak
(Signature of Judge of Allied Military Court)

Fred A. Horak, Capt.

REVIEW

Date

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Signature

Subject: Arrest of MONACO, ANGELO, NICO-
DEMO, of LUGI and of Monaco Lantonia, born
 on 8 February 1912 at clautalupo, and of
MONACO, ARMANDO of Matteo and Lu Monaco-
Clusie, born on 26 January 1906 at clante-
lupo del Canino, living there — for illegal
 commercial business.

To

A. M. G. O. T. C. A. O.

clautalupo

C. L. R. R.

Isperia

To

Following the dispositions received
 from this office, the apparatus of clautalupo
TINELLI, GIACOMO, knowing that some French
 military trucks were at COSTE the fraction
 of clautalupo, on 2nd march at about 16 o'clock,
 with the purpose of buying and taking away
 animals, (cattle, sheep), ham, eggs, and other
 food, in absence of the undersigned who was out
 in service, he advised the captain of FFS of

Orinipie, born on 26. January 1906 at Lante.
Lupo del Lante, living there — for illegal
commercial business.

To

A. M. G. O. T. L. Q. O. Lautakulo
L. L. R. R. Boemia

Following the dispositions received
from this office, the applicants of Lante in
TINELLI, GIACOMO, knowing that some French
military trucks were at COSTE the fraction
of Lante, on 2nd march at about 10 o'clock,
with the purpose of buying and taking away
animals, (cattle, sheep), ham, eggs, and other
food, in absence of the undersigned who was out
in service, he advised the captain of FFS of
the place, and went with him in the named
fraction clock. Coming there they found a French
truck parking near to the home of Monaco Du.
gelo, Lante. They went in the house and found

There a French Sergeant, who, questioned by captain, said that he was already for three days a guest of MONACO ANGELO, because he was sick. In the meantime arrived in the fraction (lost) an other French Truck with over the same MONACO ANGELO, two French soldiers, two calves and some sheep. The two soldiers, questioned by captain about the provenience of animals, answered that sergeant who was in the house could give information about the matter. After some time TINELLI and captain went to the near fraction MASELLA, finding there parking another French Truck, near to the house of MONACO ARMANDO.

In the house they found two French officers and a soldier, in conversation with MONACO ARMANDO. - From this conversation TINELLI and captain learned that French officers ordered to MONACO ARMANDO, to buy for them for the 4th of this month, from 200 to 300 sheep and they will come with 5 trucks to take them.

Other important information between the

the same morning. The two soldiers, two calves and some sheep. The two soldiers questioned by captain about the procurement of animals, answered that respondent who was in the house could give information about the matter. After some time TINELLI and captain went to the near fraction MASELLA, finding there parking another French truck, near to the house of MONACO ARMANDO.

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After a short conversation between the captain and French Officers, the latter, told to MONACO ARMANDO that is no more necessary to prepare the animals. Later were arrested

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MONACO ANGELO and MONACO ARMAN-
DO and they are in jail at your disposition.

We have often had occasion to deal
with French cases, leading them to AMBOT
or to L.O. AMBOT, but all that was done
till now was the taking of soldiers' names
without a positive result. — This activity
of gathering in exporting food and animals
was facilitated by the two arrested men and
by many other persons that are going around
buying food and animals for the French
soldiers. 165

Maresciallo capo

MASTROLIA PASQUALE

REGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI BARI
Stazione di Cantalupo del Sannio

N° 19/8 di prot.

Cantalupo del Sannio 11 3 marzo 1944.

OGGETTO: Fermo del MONACO Angelo Nicotero di Luisa e di Monaco Lastenia, nato il giorno 8.2.1912 a Cantalupo, e di MONACO Armando di Matteo e fu Monaco Olimpia, nato il 26/1/1900 a Cantalupo del Sannio, ivi domiciliati, per illecite attività commerciali.

ALL'UFFICIALE PER GLI AFFARI CIVILI DELL' A. G. O. T. ... DI CANTALUPPO
e per O. AL COMANDO DELLA COMPAGNIA DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI I S E R N I A

In ottemperanza agli ordini impartiti da questo Ufficio, si comunica che verso le ore 16 di ieri è anfrante, l'appuntato TINELLI Giacomo, di questa stazione, venuto a conoscenza che alcuni camion Francesi, si trovavano nella borgata "Coste" agro del Comune di Cantalupo del Sannio, allo scopo di asportare animali bovini, ovini, prosciutti, ovi e altri generi contingenti, in assenza dello scrivente, impegnato ad altro servizio, avvertiva il capitano della polizia P. S. S. del luogo, col quale si recava subito in detta borgata. Ivi giunto constatò che nelle vicinanze dell'abitazione del nominato MONACO Angelo Nicotero, vi era un camion Francese fermo. Rientrato nell'abitazione di questi in compagnia del prefato Capitano, vi era nell'interno un sergente Francese, il quale interpellato dal Capitano della polizia dichiarò che da tre giorni era ospitato dal Monaco Angelo, persona ammalaio. Nello stesso istante arrivava in detta borgata altro camion Francese, con a bordo lo stesso MONACO Angelo, due soldati, pure Francesi, due vitelli e alcuni ovini. I due militari che si trovavano a bordo dell'auto, interpellati dal prefetto Capitano, circa la provenienza degli animali, risposero che il sergente ivi presente poteva dare dei ragguagli. Dopo qualche istante, portosi alla vicina borgata Masella (sempre accompagnato dal Capitano della polizia) nei pressi dell'abitazione del nominato MONACO Armando, si rinvenne altro camion Francese fermo.

Rientrato nell'abitazione del MONACO Armando, vi erano in essa a conversare con lo stesso Monaco, due ufficiali Francesi e un soldato. Dalla conversazione risultava da questi l'appuntato Tinelli e il Capitano della polizia, udirono gli ufficiali Francesi che ordinavano al Monaco Armando, di approntare a loro per il giorno 4 anfrante, da 200 a 300 pecore e agnelli che sarebbero venuti a riprendere gli animali con cinque camion.

Dopo un breve colloquio tra il Capitano della polizia e i due ufficiali Francesi, quest'ultimi, rivoltisi al Monaco Armando, gli dissero di non approntare più gli animali. Dopo di che, sono stati fermati il MONACO Angelo e il MONACO Armando, e con'otti in questa camera di sicurezza, a Vostra disposizione.

Quest'arma spese volte ha avuto occasione interessarsi del caso dei Francesi, accompagnandoli a questo Ufficio e a quello dell'Arco militare, ma tutto si è

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Quest'arma spese volte ha avuto occasione interessarsi del caso dei Francesi, accompagnandoli a questo Ufficio e a quello dell'Angot militare, ma tutto si è concluso con la presa del nome dei militari e senza alcun risultato positivo.

Questa attività d'incetta di bestiame e di generi contingenti, viene agevolata dai fermati MONACO Angelo e MONACO Armando, e di numerose altre persone. Si ogni dove, che girano per i comuni accaparrando e procurando la merce ai militari Francesi.

Il maresciallo capo comandante
(Pastrolia Pasquale)

Montalà

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Subject:- Restriction on Purchase of Civilian Supplies.

28 Feb 44.

To:- A/Q, Liaison,
Admin: Echelon,
HQ. A.C.M.F.

HEADQUARTERS

28 FEB 1944

A. C. C.

From:- A.C.C. Liaison,
HQ. A.C.M.F.

Ref. ACCL/69.

1. A.M.G. Eighth Army, have stated to HQ. A.C.C. (their ref. CA/118/7A of 21 Feb 44), that there have been reports of attempts to obtain grain on the black market in Campobasso Province. One case is being specially investigated.
2. It is also understood by A.M.G. Eighth Army, that French troops are continuing to draw five francs per head per diem for revitalement.
3. As the purchasing of Civilian supplies is prohibited by a general order, it is requested that steps may be taken to prevent any future contravention of such order.

Phred James

Copy to:- R.C. & M.C. Section, ✓
HQ. A.C.C.

A.C.C. Liaison ^{Major,} ~~dr.~~

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Subject:- Black Market.

To:- Lt. Col. Alfred C. Bowman,
Liaison Division,
Civil Affairs Branch.

From:- A.C.C. Liaison,
HQ. A.C.M.F.

Ref. ACCL/68.

1. R.C. & M.G. Section, have requested this section to confer with HQ. A.C.M.F. on the subject of an alleged black market offence in Campobasso Province.
2. It has been ascertained from AG/US Branch at this HQ, that a report should be submitted to the Commanding General, P.B.S.
3. A report prepared by this section is accordingly attached for your approval.

Copy to:- R.C. & M.G. Section, ✓
HQ A.C.C.

Major,
A.C.C. Liaison Officer.

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Subject:- Black Market.

1. A report has been submitted to HQ. A.C.C. from C.A.O. Larino (Ref. B/M/4 of 3 Feb 44), that on 22 Jan 44, the C.C.R.R. of URINI searched a French Army truck driven by Sjt. BATTESTER, RAGER, Military License No. 36 SP. 73660 dated 19 Jan 44, of the 611 Coy Stores, Naples. The vehicle, a French Army truck, was numbered 443393 G.M.C.
2. The truck contained 18 quintals of grain which had been illegally obtained at a price of 1500 lire per quintal from ALFONSO LEUZZO, a farmer of S. PAOLO CIVITATE, Foggia Province, and was being transported to Naples for the black market.
3. Three civilians travelling on the truck are being charged under civil law. They stated that Sjt. Battester had provided transportation for the merchandise, and was to receive one fourth of the grain as payment for his services.
4. The civilians and the farmer are being charged by the Civil Judicial Authorities.
5. It is requested that the case be investigated, and if proved, that disciplinary action be taken against Sjt. Battester.
6. Request HQ.A.C.C. be advised of action taken, quoting their reference 311/CA.

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

26 February 1944.

Ref/311/6/GA

SUBJECT: Black Market Operations

TO : 8 Army, AMG

1. Your letter of 21 February 1944, reference GA/118/7A on the above subject, is acknowledged.

2. This matter has been taken up with Region V and on receipt of their reply, a further communication will be addressed to you.

HUGH W. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
P.O. & R.O. Section
APO 394

Ref/311/5/CA

26 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Black Market Operations

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region V

1. Inclosed copies of letters are passed to you for action on para 10 of letter dated February 3, 1944 from CAO Larino.

WILLIAM E. FISK,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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24 FEB Recd

U-1256261

Subject: Black Market Operations by French Troops.

Main H.Q., A.M.C.
Eighth Army

CL/113/7A
21 Feb 44

Main H.Q., A.C.U.
A.P.S. 321

1. Enclosed is a copy of a report received from S.C.A.O. Campobasso Province regarding attempts by French Army personnel to transact business on a large scale on the black market.
2. It is requested that appropriate action should be taken against the French H.Q.C. concerned.
3. Other instances of similar attempts to obtain grain on the black market in Campobasso Province have been reported. In this connection it is understood that the system still applies of French troops drawing 5 francs per head per day for "revitaillement".
4. If this latter information is correct and supplies are being obtained in this manner it is requested that the French Corps be informed that the purchase of civilian supplies is not permitted in Eighth Army area by virtue of the General Order issued on the subject.
5. It is considered the Eighth Army Order on this subject must be strictly enforced and both legal and illegal purchases by French troops must be prohibited in Eighth Army area.

B. C. Lalbet
Major, 158

For Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.C. Eighth Army Main.

Copy to: S.C.A.O. Campobasso
S.C.A.O. Ortoni.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
L A N T L O

Feb. 3, 1944.
H/2/4.

SUBJECT: Black Market operations at Ugent.
TO: S.C.A.C. for S.C.A.T.C. CB. Prov.
TO: A.H.C. H.C. 8th Army Main.
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1. Having reason to be suspicious of the illicit transport of grain from and thru this district to the Black Market, I instructed that the Carabinieri must be more vigilant.

2. On 22 Jan. 44 the Carabinieri of Ugent stopped and searched a French Army truck, which was being driven by a French Army Sergeant, and which had three civilian passengers.

3. This truck was found to contain 18 quintals of grain, which had been illegally obtained at a price of 1500 lire per quintal from one Louiso, Alfonso, a farmer, at S. Paolo Gialtara, Puglia Province.

An attempt was being made to transport this grain to Naples for the Black Market.

4. The three civilians De Luca, Genaro, Argentine, Mario, and Carriello, Giovanni, when questioned stated they were visiting distant towns to buy food stuffs for sale in Naples. They further stated that arrangements had been made with the French soldier to furnish transportation, the said soldier to receive one fourth of the merchandise acquired, as his share.

5. These three civilians, De Luca, Genaro, Argentine, Mario, and Carriello, Giovanni, were jailed, being charged under civil law.

6. Ninety one thousand lire was found on these men and is in possession of the Carabinieri. The grain was confiscated and placed in the Ugent armory.

7. Unable to get to Lario to consult A.H.C. the Carabinieri Marshal consulted a British Major who was billeted at Ugent and who unfortunately advised, that after getting all the particulars, the French soldier be allowed to take his truck back to his command.

8. French Army authorities should be notified and the soldier arrested tried and punished. He is Brigadier or Sergeant Battered, Major, Military License No. 36 S.E. 73560, dated 19 Jan 44, of the 61th Company Stores, Naples. The vehicle was a truck of the French Army No. 44393. U.H.C.

9. Louisi, Alfonso, Du Michele, the farmer involved has been charged by the police to the civil judicial authorities.

5. This truck was found to contain 18 quintals of grain, which had been illegally obtained at a price of 1500 lire per quintal from one Louvo, Alfano, a farmer, at S. Paolo Civitate, Poggia Province. An attempt was being made to transport this grain to Naples for the black market.
6. The three civilians De Luca, Genaro, Argemino, Mario, and Caricillo, Giovanni, when questioned stated they were visiting different towns to buy food stuffs for sale in Naples. They further stated that arrangements had been made with the French soldier to furnish transportation, the said soldier to receive one fourth of the merchandise acquired, as his share.
7. These three civilians, De Luca, Genaro, Argemino, Mario, and Caricillo, Giovanni, were jailed, being charged under civil law.
8. Ninety one thousand lire was found on these men and is in possession of the Carabinieri. The grain was confiscated and placed in the Campi Arsenale.
9. Unable to get to Larino to consult A.M.C. the Carabinieri Marshal consulted a British Major who was billeted at Ugento and who unfortunately advised, that after getting all the particulars, the French soldier be allowed to take his truck back to his command.
10. French Army authorities should be notified and the soldier arrested and punished. He is Re-Queller as Sergeant Battister, Baker, Military License No. 36 S.P. 73560, dated 15 Jan 44, of the 611th Company Storace, Naples. The vehicle was a truck of the French Army No. 44393. G.H.C.
11. Lomati, Alfonso, in Michele, the farmer involved has been charged by the police to the civil judicial authorities.
12. It is suggested that the C.A.P.O. of S. Paolo Civitate Poggia Province investigate to determine whether this man has yet been arrested and if not to arrest him for trial for withholding grain from the local surplus.
13. Study is being made as to whether to take full jurisdiction to the Military Court in this matter.

H.V. Kelly.
Major, A.V.C.
C.A.C. Larino.

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