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SUBJECT: Return of Italian Military Property.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION

A.C. (M. M. I. A.)

R O M E

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17 April 1945.

TO: C.O., 2675th Regiment, Alcom (OVhd)
APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. Records of Italian Artillery Directorate, copies inclosed, disclose that Colonel H.A. Hale of your organization, while on duty in Sardinia, borrowed on personal receipt the following item of military equipment.

1 Pistol, Cal. 9 mm, Beretta.

2. To date this pistol has not been returned, although Colonel Hale has been away from Sardinia for about one year. The value of item is listed at fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

3. In order to enable the Commanding Officer, Nuoro Depot to clear his accounts, it is requested that officer be directed to return pistol at once.

F.L. SIMMONS, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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7th Repl. Depot

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NOTES ON EFFICIENCY REPORT DATED 28 January 1945.

- d. "in at least one instance", etc. There was certainly not more than one instance that occasioned any adverse comment from any source.
- e. Frequent observation. During the entire period I was at Lucca from 9 Sept 44 to 3 Jan 45, I was under the direct supervision of SCAO IV Corps or SCAO Fifth Army and did not see the PC more than three times except in connection with the matter mentioned in his attached report.
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2. Lucca was under shell fire from 10 Sept to 29 Sept nearly every evening after 1800 hrs. During these periods I was usually patrolling the city in a jeep alone, seeking out persons who had become casualties.
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countered during my administration. These prisoners were liberated 23rd Dec. The incident cited in his attached report hardly indicates any lack of force.
8. Other than in that one instance, I never received any criticism or suggestions for taking a different course of action.
9. Two junior officers assigned to me were a source of difficulty. One had been court-martialled by a former commanding officer, for drunkenness and was incorrigible in that respect. The RC wanted me to have him court-martialled again. I prevailed upon the officer to

request relief from active duty and he has returned to the States. The other officer was wilfully insubordinate and I requested that he be transferred. This was refused. Had I then known all the facts that have been told me since leaving Lucca, I would have insisted upon drastic action being taken. However, there was unstinted cooperation by all the other officers and men.

10. On 6 December the SCAO Fifth Army filled out in his handwriting a letter of commendation because of "outstanding results achieved", as he expressed it. I also received two letters of appreciation from the Commanding General IV Corps. Visiting officials from HQ, AC, such as Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Spicer and many others, invariably made complimentary remarks on the administration of the Province.

Bf The RC was not informed of the letter of commendation from SCAO Fifth Army.

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Para 2. The statements as originally submitted by me are still available to any competent authority who may desire to see them.

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Para 3c. Upon entering Barga, where the incident occurred, I called at the first unit HQ that I came to, as the enclosed affidavit will indicate. It was the Artillery CP of the combat team in that area. I then called at the office of the local CAO, but was told he could not be located. The Division CP was at least 30 miles distant in another direction.

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HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref. LU/C/3

29 December 1944

SUBJECT: Communication, HQ 92d Inf. Div. 371 x 600.91,
dated 6 December 1944.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region.

1. I have received a copy of this communication and have noted its contents.

2. The statements of Colonel Sherman and others, purporting to disclose the facts of the occurrence, are not in harmony with the facts as I recall them.

3. Unquestionably a sharp conflict exists over the material facts as they have been put forth to sustain the conclusion that my conduct was unwarranted, unethical and contrary to sound military procedure. I will be glad to disclose under oath the facts as I recall them, if required to do so. In so doing, I do not voluntarily waive any right to which I am entitled under the laws of the United States or the regulations for the Military Establishment.

s/ Henry A. Hale
t/ HENRY A. HALE
Col. Inf.
Provincial Commissioner

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A F F I D A V I T

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority to administer oaths one, Emmet V. Saunders, 33448138, Tech. Sergeant 598th Field Artillery Battalion, who having been duly sworn, made the following statement:

On 26 November 1944 I was operation Sergeant of the 598th Field Artillery Battalion. About 1130 on this date Colonel Hale, A.M.G. Provincial Commissioner of Lucca Province was in the S-2 Office and asked if any soldiers were quartered in a house at (18220451) across from the Cabenerri Barracks at Barga. I checked up by telephoning Lieut. Marshal, Artillery Liaison Officer with the 3rd Bn. 370 Inf. in Barga. After about a ten minute delay Lt. Marshal told me that he knew of no troops quartered in this particular house. I gave this information to Col. Hale.

s/ Emmett V. Saunders
t/ EMMETT V. SAUNDERS
Tech. Sgt. Hq. Btry 598 FA Bn

Signed and Sworn before me this the 11th day of December 1944.

s/ John P. Starbuck
t/ JOHN P. STARBUCK
Major, 598th FA Bn
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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File Ref: RVIII/2/10/

Date: 29 Dec. 44.

SUBJECT: Report on actions of Colonel Henry A. Hale, O-166213, Inf. AUS.

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
(Attention - Deputy Chief of Staff for Establishment).

1. Ref. attached ~~two~~ ^{three} copies of a letter from the Commanding General 92nd Infantry Division, file 371 x 600.91 dated 6 Dec. 44 and enclosures thereto; also letter from Colonel Henry A. Hale, file LU/C/3 dated 29 Dec. 44.

2. I have carefully considered the communications mentioned in par. 1 preceding which have been officially referred to me. I have also interviewed Colonel Hale at length and considered statements submitted by him, some of which were made under oath, but have since been withdrawn at Colonel Hale's request.

3. From the foregoing I conclude that:

a. When the incident reported upon by a tactical division commander involving Colonel Henry A. Hale, Inf. O-166213, AUS, took place, Colonel Hale was some distance beyond and outside that part of Lucca Province which had been turned over to him for AMG administration and control by AMG Fifth Army. He had no jurisdiction or responsibility in the tactical division zone of action.

b. The necessity, or justification, for Colonel Hale to take a woman resident of Lucca to the vicinity of the battle line to show him the way, or to assist him to obtain guides to the place of his mission is, at least, questionable.

c. Colonel Hale did have official business in the tactical division zone of action; but not at the scene of the incidents reported by C.G. of the Division. He did not, immediately upon arrival in the tactical division zone, make his presence and his business known to either the Division Commander or the Infantry Sector Commander concerned, as he should have done.

d. Without any semblance of authority to do so, and contrary to all accepted military practice, to say nothing of routine courtesy, Colonel Hale ordered soldiers, not under his command, out of a house within 300 yards of our front line where they were posted by their own officers for duty. At least some of the men were part of the crew of a nearby cannon.

e. Colonel Hale either ordered, demanded, or insistently requested the members of a gun crew to move their gun which was in position for combat missions near the house from which he ordered the soldiers. He later asked a certain field officer concerned to have the gun moved - all this being purely interference with matters which were in no way his responsibility. This action was in no way connected with the mission which justified his presence in that area.

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4. a. I find that Colonel Hale's actions, in this instance, showed lack of judgement, discretion and self control. He appears to have committed irresponsible acts in the heat of anger. Such actions are unworthy of an officer of his age and grade.

b. I have, therefore, relieved him from duty as Provincial Commissioner, Lucca Province, and request confirmation of this action.

5. The action taken has the oral concurrence of the SCAO, AMG Fifth Army.


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

RGM/ttg.

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371 x 600.91 dated 6 Dec. 44
from CG 92 Inf Div to CG Fifth Army
and statements.

LU/C/3 dated 29 Dec. 44
from Col. Hale to R.C. Toscana Region.

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LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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Col. Inf.
Provincial Commissioner

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92d INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General

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CG 92d Inf Div
Initials: EMA
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APD 92
U. S. Army
6 December 1944

SUBJECT: Interference With Tactical Operations.

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

1. On 26 November 1944 a Colonel HALE, AMG Officer at LUCCA, accompanied by an Italian woman, arrived at BARGA (L - 185044, Map ITALY, GSGS 4228, scale 1/25,000) in one of the regimental sectors of this Division without having made his presence known to the sector commander. He proceeded to upbraid soldiers of this command, then in the performance of their combat duty, in an unmilitary manner (see Inclosure #1 for details). He ordered moved one weapon emplaced within 300 yards of our front line apparently because the house belonged to the woman who accompanied him. He later reported to the sector commander, stating that the soldiers were abusing civilian premises. The sector commander, at this time thinking that Colonel HALE had some status as an AMG officer, began to investigate the incident in question. However, Colonel HALE returned to the scene of his former interference before the commanding officer of 370 Combat Team could complete the investigation.

2. Upon learning that Colonel HALE was the AMG officer of the LUCCA area only and had no authority in BARGA, Colonel SHERMAN, the sector commander, promptly and properly ordered Colonel HALE out of his sector.

3. Colonel HALE's conduct was unwarranted, unethical, and contrary to sound military procedure. It is therefore requested that necessary action be taken to prevent further interference on Colonel HALE's part with the combat dispositions and activities of troops of this command.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

[Signature]
BERT CUMBY,
Ed Lt, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

/s/ E. M. Almond
/t/ E. M. ALMOND
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

7 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Ltr, Hq 370th Inf,
sub: "Actions of Col
HALE, of AMG, LUCCA",
dtd 3 Dec 44. /s/ Col Sherman
- Incl 2 - Stmt by Lt Col DAUGETTE, Jr.
- Incl 3 - Stmt by 1st Lt HARRINGTON
- Incl 4 - Stmt by S/Sgt BEASLEY
- Incl 5 - Stmt by Pvt MOORE
- Incl 6 - Stmt by T/Sgt BLAKE
- Incl 7 - Stmt by Cpl HENDERSON

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HEADQUARTERS 370TH INFANTRY
APO 92 US ARMY

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3 December 1944

SUBJECT: Actions of Col. Hale (Initials Unknown) of AMG, Lucca.

TO : Commanding General
92d Infantry Div.
APO 92, US Army

1. On 26 November 1944, a Colonel Hale, the AMG officer of Lucca drove in a jeep, occupied by a civilian woman, to a point in Barga, within 300 yards of my front line, without authority. There he evicted a gun crew from a house, directed the gun be moved, and acted generally in a manner unbecoming to an officer and a gentleman. (See attached statements of officers and enlisted men of the 3d Battalion, 370th Infantry)

2. My first knowledge of this incident came when Colonel Hale came to my headquarters in Fornaci di Barga and stated a house had been badly misused by soldiers in Barga, that they were having a high old party with a bunch of women, and that the place looked like a pig pen. He further stated there was a gun in the yard that would have to be moved. He stated he had ordered the men out of the house and the gun moved.

3. Believing him in his official capacity as an AMG officer I told him I would investigate the situation at the house, as I wanted nothing of that sort going on, however as far as the gun was concerned it would stay where it was, as no one was going to order my guns around while I was sector commander. He then asked me to come to the jeep and listen to what the owner of the house had to say. I went to the jeep and was introduced to a lady in the back seat of the jeep. Colonel Hale then stated she wanted to move back into her house. I advised her not to move back as I considered any house north of Barga unsafe. She then asked if she could go to the house and get a small package of valuables before leaving it. I gave her that permission. Colonel Hale then drove off with the lady in his jeep.

4. After they left I checked up and found that Colonel Hale had no authority as AMG in Barga and was therefore there unofficially, without authority.

5. A few minutes later I received a call from Lt. Harrington, 8-2, 3d Battalion, who stated Colonel Hale was back again, was cursing the gun crew, ordered them and the gun off the property. I immediately went to Barga and to the house in question which is north of the city and within 300 yards of my front line. I saw Colonel Hale in the corner of the yard with some civilian workmen who were digging up, under his direction, a large glass bottle of what appeared to be wine. I first examined the house for damage. The only damage seemed to be a broken hinge on the lid of a piano. Windows downstairs on the north side were broken from enemy shellfire which had struck outside the house near a basement window. The house was clean.

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The soldiers occupied one room downstairs and heated their rations in a room in the basement. There were the only rooms occupied by them. I then closely questioned all the men. Their statements are as enclosed and the evidence on the spot seemed to bear out their statements as substantially correct. I then talked to Colonel Hale. I asked him if he had anything to do with the AMG in Barga. He admitted he did not. I then asked him by what authority he was there. He stated he had gone to see Colonel Ross of the 598th Field Artillery Battalion, but not find him in, had gone to my S-2 office and had received permission. (A check of this last statement disclosed no such permission given, nor had Colonel Hale been near my office on his way to Barga). I then told Colonel Hale he was completely in the wrong, that he was there with no authority, that I felt he had used his Lucca AMG status to get into my area with the lady in question, and that I would not tolerate for an instant anyone ordering my men or guns around while I was the tactical commander. I further told him to leave my area and advised him to stay in Lucca. To prevent any more civilians entering the house, I, in Colonel Hale's presence, put the house "Off Limits" to officers, soldiers, and civilians. The gun crew I placed in a building nearby so they could quickly serve the gun. The gun remained where it was.

7. From my investigation I conclude that:

- (a) Colonel Hale was completely in the wrong.
- (b) The men were well-behaved and the house was not torn up, nor did it look like a "hog-pen".
- (c) That nothing in fact occurred to justify Colonel Hale's "whorehouse" statement.
- (d) That the slight damage to the piano was not the fault of the soldiers present.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Bert Cumbey
 BERT CUMBEY,
 2d Lt., AGO.,
 Asst Adj Gen

/s/ R. G. Sherman
 /t/ R. G. SHERMAN
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commanding.

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STATEMENT OF LT COL CLARENCE W. DAUGETTE, JR., 370th INF

On the 26 November 1944, a Colonel Hale called me on the phone stating that he was with the AMG and that he wanted me to meet him immediately at a certain house in Barga. He stated that some of my so-called soldiers had an AT Gun behind this house and that he wanted the soldiers put out of the house and the gun moved immediately. He accused the men of running the place as a whore house. I told him that I would come down to the house and see what was the trouble. Upon reaching the house I found that the four men that operated the gun and who had been staying in the house had been ordered out of the house by Col Hale and all of their equipment was out on the street. He had ordered the men to move the gun, but they told him they could not move it until they had orders from me to do so. I found that the men had not fired a fire mission, to fire at a house which contained 5 or 6 Germans, due to the appearance of Col. Hale and the issuing of orders by him to move out of the house. In talking to Col. Hale, he stated that the house had been damaged by soldiers and the lady that owned the house was there with him. He stated that he wanted the gun moved from that property. In making a short investigation, it appeared that the damage he referred to had not been done by this gun squad as they had only occupied the house for three days, but had been done about 7 days before this time. Upon investigation, there appeared to be no foundations for the accusation that the men were using the house as a whore house. He asked who had been in the house other than this gun squad. I told him none of the soldiers of this Bn had been in this house up until 3 days ago, but possibly AT Company of the Regiment had occupied it with one of their gun crews before we moved into this position. He wanted to know who was in charge of AT Company, and I told him Col Sherman. He said that he was going to see him immediately. He wanted to know if I would have the gun moved immediately, and I told him I allowed the men of this Bn in certain instances to occupy houses if the situation permitted, provided the property was not damaged. I also told him the gun was in position to engage targets that we needed to have covered. I wouldn't be able to move the gun unless I could find another position that would be just as good as this position. After a reconnaissance, if it was possible to secure another position, I might have it moved, otherwise, the gun would have to stay in that position as we could not stop a war just to get a gun off the property that the owner objected having there.

Col Hale then left to see Col. Sherman. I told the Platoon Sergeant to leave his gun in his present position until ordered to move it by me, and to make a reconnaissance to see if it was possible to cover the same target from a different position and to report to me later. The feelings of these soldiers were very much hurt by the way Col. Hale talked to them. He called them vandals, so-called soldiers and cursed them out. The Platoon Sgt, one of the best Sgts in the record of this Bn, has been above reproach and has performed his duty in a highly satisfactory manner, but was insulted and had his feelings hurt to such an extent that he was forced to cry over the incident that had just happened. After Col Hale left I reported the incident to Regiment and asked them what authority Col Hale had to interfere with the operations and the troops in this sector. I was informed that he had no right at all to order guns to be moved or to interfere with the troops operating the guns. A few hours later Col Hale returned again to the gun position and house, ordering the men a second time to move. Col. Sherman was notified of this and he came up and talked to Col. Hale and made a personal investigation and instructed the men to leave the gun in its present position.

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 Clarence W. Daugette, Jr.
 CLARENCE W. DAUGETTE, JR.
 Lt Col, 370th Infantry.

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STATEMENT OF 1ST LT RALPH E. HARRINGTON, 370TH INF

On or about 26 November 1944, I received a telephone call from Sgt Beasley. He told me that they had been kicked out of the house they were occupying and had been told to stay out and to get their 57mm AT Gun away from the rear of the house. I asked him whose orders they were and he said a Colonel Hale. Col Hale then came to the phone and told me that he had entered the house and found the men running a first class whore house, so I told him that I would be down immediately. When I arrived I met Sgt Blake who told me that the Colonel had called them vandals and so-called soldiers, and had kicked some of their equipment out of the door. Colonel Hale said to me, "Yes, I put them out; these so-called soldiers of yours." He also stated that Kesselring stayed here for 3 months and the house was kept immaculate. Then a woman who the Colonel said was the owner of the house said, "Yes, the Germans were very immaculate." Sgt Blake asked her if she would rather have the Germans back and she replied, "No, no." Then Colonel Hale took me around the first floor to show me the damage which he said American soldiers had done to the house. Upon questioning the caretaker we found that the damage had been done 7 or 8 days before and the soldiers of the AT Platoon had been there only 3 days. Col. Hale stated further, "This woman is an American citizen," and Sgt Blake said, "We are all American citizens." Then Colonel Dugette came in and talked to Col. Hale. Col Hale said he was going to see Col Sherman and I returned to the Bn CP. Some time later I received another call from Sgt Beasley saying that Col. Hale had returned and put them out of the house again and told them that he did not want to see them again. I called Col. Sherman and asked him if he had ordered that house vacated and the gun moved. He asked me what is the trouble. I explained what had happened. He said that he would be up right away. When Col. Sherman arrived I went with him to the house in question. He talked with everyone concerned.

/s/ Ralph E. Harrington
/t/ RALPH E. HARRINGTON,
1st Lt, 370th Infantry.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


BERT CURREY,
2d Lt., AGD.,
Asst Adj Gen

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STATEMENT OF S/SGT PERCEY BEASLEY, HQ CO 3d BN, 370TH INF

On or about 26 November 1944, I was sitting in our Platoon Hqs reading a paper to the Boys when a Colonel walked into the room and said, "Get the Hell out of here." When he said that the rest of the Boys and I went on upstairs. I turned around, came back downstairs and asked his name and what right he had to drive us away from our gun position, which set right by the house in the back yard. He replied, "You are a bunch of Dan Vandals." I told him I would call the Bn and contact one of the officers. He replied, "Call Col Ross." I told him I didn't know Col Ross, but I would get a Bn officer, so I called my Bn Headquarters and got Lt Harrington. I told him we were being put out by some Colonel. He told me to give him the phone and he talked to Lt Harrington. Pretty soon Lt Harrington and Capt Brown came and shortly after Col Daugette arrived. Col Daugette talked with this Colonel and shortly after the Colonel left. After he left Col Daugette told us to stay there until we heard from him. Shortly after the Colonel returned, I was sitting downstairs when he and the owner of the house walked in. He said, "Get the Dan Hell out of here, and don't let me catch you here again. Don't even let me see your face again." So I took the phone, went outside and called Lt Harrington again. Lt Harrington told me to hold the phone and he would call me right back. He called me and told me that he and Col Sherman were coming over. They came and Col Sherman talked with me and asked me about the women the other Colonel had said were in the house. I told him women, men and boys were in and out of the house every day, getting wood which is in the house downstairs in the hall next to our kitchen, however, I don't know them nor do my men, because we had only been in the house three days. Our Platoon leader has been with us practically all the time we have been there. Col Sherman told us to move back in the house and stay if we could not find a place to engage the targets which we were assigned. I tried to explain to the Colonel in question, that we had been there only three days and had not destroyed anything, but he would not let me talk to him.

/s/ PERCEY BEASLEY,
S/Sgt, Hq Co 3d Bn,
370th Infantry.

/s/ S/Sgt Percy Beasley

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Burt Cusby
BERT CUSBY
E4 -t AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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STATEMENT OF PVT JULIUS MOORE, 37103280, HQ CO 3d BN, 370th INF

On or about 26 November 1944, while at platoon Hqs, I was on guard at the front door of the house when the Colonel entered the house with a lady and civilian luggage. Along with them was the care taker of the house. The Colonel approached me and asked me who was in charge and where was the C.O. I told him the C.O. wasn't in but one of the platoon sergeants was inside. He forced me to leave my post to inform the Sgt to move out of the house. Before I could get downstairs to tell the Sgt he was behind me, cursing all of the men, saying, "Get the goddam hell out of here." At that instant he saw two ladies standing in the hall. He then asked, "What the Hell are you doing, running a Whore house." He ran 3 little boys out of the house, then he returned upstairs and made us all start getting our equipment out of the house. He was cursing all of the time. We placed our equipment out in the yard, and then he said, "Get that god dam junk out of the yard and into the street." As we were not quite through getting everything out of the house, he kicked boxes containing toilet articles and small arm ammunition out of the house into the yard, at the same time he was still using profanity.

Then he ordered me personally to get that dam junk out into the street. I took as much equipment as I could out into the street and stayed with the equipment.

/s/ Julius Moore,
/t/ JULIUS MOORE, 37103280,
Pvt, Hq Co 3d Bn, 370th Inf

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Bert Conroy
BERT CONROY,
2d Lt., ASD
Asst Adj Gen

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STATEMENT OF T/SGT WILLIAM R. BLAKE, HQ CO 3D BN 370TH INF

On or about 26 November 1944, the Anti-Tank Platoon was in position in the vicinity of Barga, Italy. About 1045, upon returning from the OP to our platoon headquarters I saw a Colonel kicking the equipment of the men of the squad outside the door. I went over to the Colonel to find out why he was kicking the equipment out. Upon saluting the Colonel he refused to return the salute and said, "I don't want to talk to you, I want to talk to an officer". Then he told me to get Colonel Ross on the telephone, I tried to explain that Colonel Ross had nothing to do with us that Colonel Dugette was Commanding Officer of our unit. He stated that Colonel Ross knew him and he wanted to talk to him. I couldn't get Colonel Ross on the phone so I called Colonel Dugette. I heard him say to Colonel Dugette over the phone "You got a goddam bunch of vandals over here, so called troops, that don't know how to act".

In the meantime he began cursing us and ordered us out of the house. He again started kicking the equipment out of the house, stating "This woman happens to be an American Citizen" referring to a lady that came in with him and the owner of the house. I replied "So are we and we are trying to fight a war".

He ordered us to move our gun position and I refused. I said not until I get orders from my Battalion Headquarters, would I move the gun. Then he falsely accused us of breaking in the house and destroying the property. However this statement was proven false by the caretaker who, in the presence of the Colonel and Colonel Dugette admitted that the damage had been done seven days ago and we had only been there three or four days.

He also accused us of running a whore house because he saw two women in the house when he came in.

In the meantime, while all this was going on, two messengers from Co K came down and gave us a fire mission to fire on, however during the confusion, we didn't get to fire because the Colonel had given us a direct order to move out and we were in the process of doing so.

Later Lt Harrington, Bn S-2, Capt Brown and Colonel Dugette came down. Col Dugette told us to move back in and carry on. However the Colonel (later identified as Colonel Hale) returned and made us move out again, using profanity.

The Colonel stated "Kesselring had his headquarters here and left the place enaculate, you live like dogs" I asked Colonel Hale if he preferred the Germans here to us, but got no reply.

WILLIAM R. BLAKE,
T/Sgt, HQ Co 3d Bn 370th Inf
Platoon Sgt, A-T Pln.

/s/ T/Sgt. Wm. R. Blake

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Bert Cumby
BERT CUMBY,
2d Lt., AMB.,
Asst Adj Gen

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STATEMENT OF CPL ELIHUE HENDERSON, HQ CO 3D BN, 370TH INF

On or about 26 November 1944, while at our Platoon Hqs., I was sitting at a table ~~when a table~~ when a Colonel walked in and said, "Get the goddam hell out of here." I went upstairs to roll up my equipment and he came up there and said, "These goddam Niggers." I begin to take the equipment outside and the Colonel came up and said, "Get that dam stuff all the way into the street." He then begin kicking the equipment with his foot. I then started carrying the equipment to a new place.

ELIHUE HENDERSON,
Cpl, Hq Co 3d Bn, 370th Inf

/s/ Cpl Ellihue Henderson

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TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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Date: 29 Dec. 44.

File 2a)

SUBJECT: Report on actions of Colonel Henry A. Hale, O-166213, Inf. AUS.
TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
(Attention - Deputy Chief of Staff for Establishment).

1. Ref. attached ^{two} copies of a letter from the Commanding General 92nd Infantry Division, file 371 x 600.91 dated 6 Dec. 44 and enclosures thereto; also letter from Colonel Henry A. Hale, file LU/C/3 dated 29 Dec. 44.

2. I have carefully considered the communications mentioned in par. 1 preceding which have been officially referred to me. I have also interviewed Colonel Hale at length and considered statements submitted by him, some of which were made under oath but have since been withdrawn at Colonel Hale's request.

3. From the foregoing I conclude that:

a. When the incident reported upon by a tactical division commander involving Colonel Henry A. Hale, Inf. O-166213, AUS, took place, Colonel Hale was some distance beyond and outside that part of Lucca Province which had been turned over to him for AMG administration and control by AMG Fifth Army. He had no jurisdiction or responsibility in the tactical division zone of action.

b. The necessity, or justification, for Colonel Hale to take a woman resident of Lucca to the vicinity of the battle line to show him the way, or to assist him to obtain guides to the place of his mission is, at least, questionable.

c. Colonel Hale did have official business in the tactical division zone of action; but not at the scene of the incidents reported by C.G. of the Division. He did not, immediately upon arrival in the tactical division zone, make his presence and his business known to either the Division Commander or the Infantry Sector Commander concerned, as he should have done.

d. Without any semblance of authority to do so, and contrary to all accepted military practice, to say nothing of routine courtesy, Colonel Hale ordered soldiers, not under his command, out of a house within 300 yards of our front line where they were posted by their own officers for duty. At least some of the men were part of the crew of a nearby cannon.

e. Colonel Hale either ordered, demanded, or insistently requested the members of a gun crew to move their gun which was in position for combat missions near the house from which he ordered the soldiers. He later asked a certain field officer concerned to have the gun moved - all this being purely interference with matters which were in no way his responsibility. This action was in no way connected with the mission which justified his presence in that area.

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4. g. I find that Colonel Hale's actions, in this instance, showed lack of judgement, discretion and self control. He appears to have committed irresponsible acts in the heat of anger. Such actions are unworthy of an officer of his age and grade.

h. I have, therefore, relieved him from duty as Provincial Commissioner, Lucca Province, and request confirmation of this action.

5. The action taken has the oral concurrence of the SCAG, AMG Fifth Army.


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

RGE/ttg.

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371 x 600.91 dated 6 Dec. 44
from CG 92 Inf Div to CG Fifth Army
and statements.
IU/C/3 dated 29 Dec. 44
from Col. Hale to R.C. Toscana Region.

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LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref: LU/C/3

29 December 1944

SUBJECT: Communication, HQ 92d Inf. Div. 371 x 600.91 dated 6 December 1944.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region.

1. I have received a copy of this communication and have noted its contents.
2. The statements of Colonel Sherman and others, purporting to disclose the facts of the occurrence, are not in harmony with the facts as I recall them.
3. Unquestionably a sharp conflict exists over the material facts as they have been put forth to sustain the conclusion that my conduct was unwarranted, unethical and contrary to sound military procedure. I will be glad to disclose under oath the facts as I recall them, if required to do so. In so doing, I do not voluntarily waive any right to which I am entitled under the laws of the United States or the regulations for the Military Establishment.

/s/ Henry A. Hale
/t/ HENRY A. HALE
Col. Inf.
Provincial Commissioner.

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(NOTE: Original written in pencil and ink).

(1)

11 December

TO: Col. Robert J. Kirkwood, Provincial
Commissioner, AMG, Lucca.

THRU: Gen. E. E. Hume, G-5, Hq. Fifth Army.

/s/ C. E. Saltyman
Colonel, G.S.C.
Deputy Chief of Staff.

(2)

Col. Robert J. Kirkwood - Lucca

Forwarded as directed.

/s/ Edgar E. Hume
Brig. Gen. G.S.C.
Asst Chief of Staff G-5
Fifth Army.

12 Dec. 1944.

(3) To Colonel Henry A. Hale

For remark and return of these papers

Robt. G. Kirkwood, Col. FA. HC.

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Office of the Commanding General

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By auth of
CG 92d Inf Div
Initials: EMA
06 December 44

371 x 600.91

APC 92
U. S. Army
6 December 1944

SUBJECT: Interference With Tactical Operations.

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

1. On 26 November 1944 a Colonel HALE, AMG Officer at LUCCA, accompanied by an Italian woman, arrived at BARGA (L - 185044, Map ITALY, CGCS 4228, scale 1/25,000) in one of the regimental sectors of this Division without having made his presence known to the sector commander. He proceeded to upbraid soldiers of this command, then in the performance of their combat duty, in an unmilitary manner (see Inclosure #1 for details). He ordered moved one weapon emplaced within 300 yards of our front line apparently because the house belonged to the woman who accompanied him. He later reported to the sector commander, stating that the soldiers were abusing civilian premises. The sector commander, at this time thinking that Colonel HALE had some status as an AMG officer, began to investigate the incident in question. However, Colonel HALE returned to the scene of his former interference before the commanding officer of 370 Combat Team could complete the investigation.

2. Upon learning that Colonel HALE was the AMG officer of the LUCCA area only and had no authority in BARGA, Colonel SHERMAN, the sector commander, promptly and properly ordered Colonel HALE out of his sector.

3. Colonel HALE's conduct was unwarranted, unethical, and contrary to sound military procedure. It is therefore requested that necessary action be taken to prevent further interference on Colonel HALE's part with the combat dispositions and activities of troops of this command.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Bert Cumby
/t/ BERT CUMBY
2d Lt, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

/s/ E. M. Almond
/t/ E. M. ALMOND
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

7 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Ltr, Hq 370th Inf,
sub: "Actions of Col
HALE, of AMG, LUCCA"
dtd 3 Dec 44. /s/ Col Sherman
- Incl 2 - Stmt by Lt Col DAUGETTE, Jr.
- Incl 3 - Stmt by 1st Lt HARRINGTON
- Incl 4 - Stmt by S/Sgt BEASLEY
- Incl 5 - Stmt by Pvt MOORE
- Incl 6 - Stmt by T/Sgt BLAKE
- Incl 7 - Stmt by Cpl. HENDERSON

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HEADQUARTERS 370TH INFANTRY
APO 92 US ARMY

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3 December 1944

SUBJECT: Actions of Col. Hale (Initials Unknown) of AMG, Lucca.

TO : Commanding General
92d Infantry Div.
APO 92, US Army

1. On 26 November 1944, a Colonel Hale, the AMG officer of Lucca drove in a jeep, occupied by a civilian woman, to a point in Barga, within 300 yards of my front line, without authority. There he evicted a gun crew from a house, directed the gun be moved, and acted generally in a manner unbecoming to an officer and a gentleman. (See attached statements of officers and enlisted men of the 3d Battalion, 370th Infantry).
2. My first knowledge of this incident came when Colonel Hale came to my headquarters in Fornaci di Barga and stated a house had been badly misused by soldiers in Barga, that they were having a high old party with a bunch of women, and that the place looked like a pig pen. He further stated there was a gun in the yard that would have to be moved. He stated he had ordered the men out of the house and the gun moved.
3. Believing him in his official capacity as an AMG officer I told him I would investigate the situation at the house, as I wanted nothing of that sort going on, however as far as the gun was concerned it would stay where it was, as no one was going to order my guns around while I was sector commander. He then asked me to come to the jeep and listen to what the owner of the house had to say. I went to the jeep and was introduced to a lady in the back seat of the jeep. Colonel Hale then stated she wanted to move back into her house. I advised her not to move back as I considered any house north of Barga unsafe. She then asked if she could go to the house and get a small package of valuables before leaving it. I gave her that permission. Colonel Hale then drove off with the lady in his jeep.
4. After they left I checked up and found that Colonel Hale had no authority as AMG in Barga and was therefore there unofficially, without authority.
5. A few minutes later I received a call from Lt. Harrington, S-2 3d Battalion, who stated Colonel Hale was back again, was cursing the gun crew, ordered them and the gun off the property. I immediately went to Barga and to the house in question which is north of the city and within 300 yards of my front line. I saw Colonel Hale in the corner of the yard with some civilian workmen who were digging up, under his direction, a large glass bottle of what appeared to be wine. I first examined the house for damage. The only damage seemed to be a broken hinge on the lid of a piano. Windows downstairs on the north side were broken from enemy shellfire which had struck outside the house near a basement window. The house was clean.

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The soldiers occupied one room downstairs and heated their rations in a room in the basement. These were the only rooms occupied by them. I then closely questioned all the men. Their statements are as enclosed and the evidence on the spot seemed to bear out their statements as substantially correct. I then talked to Colonel Hale. I asked him if he had anything to do with the AMG in Barga. He admitted he did not. I then asked him by what authority he was there. He stated he had gone to see Colonel Ross of the 598th Field Artillery Battalion, but not find him in, had gone to my S-2 office and had received permission. (A check of this last statement disclosed no such permission given, nor had Colonel Hale been near my office on his way to Barga). I then told Colonel Hale he was completely in the wrong, that he was there with no authority, that I felt he had used his Lucca AMG status to get into my area with the lady in question, and that I would not tolerate for an instant anyone ordering my men or guns around while I was the tactical commander. I further told him to leave my area and advised him to stay in Lucca. To prevent any more civilians entering the house, I, in Colonel Hale's presence, put the house "Off Limits" to officers, soldiers, and civilians. The gun crew I placed in a building nearby so they could quickly serve the gun. The gun remained where it was.

7. From my investigation I conclude that:

- (a) Colonel Hale was completely in the wrong.
- (b) The men were well-behaved and the house was not torn up, nor did it look like a "hog-pen".
- (c) That nothing in fact occurred to justify Colonel Hale's "whorehouse" statement.
- (d) That the slight damage to the plane was not the fault of the soldiers present.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

/s/ Bert Cumby
/t/ BERT CUMBY
2d Lt., AGD
Asst Adj Gen.

/s/ R. G. Sherman
/t/ R. G. SHERMAN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding.

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STATEMENT OF LT COL CLARENCE W. DAUGETTE, JR., 370th INF

On the 26 November 1944, a Colonel Hale called me on the phone stating that he was with the AMG and that he wanted me to meet him immediately at a certain house in Barga. He stated that some of my so-called soldiers had an AT Gun behind this house and that he wanted the soldiers put out of the house and the gun moved immediately. He accused the men of running the place as a whore house. I told him I would come down to the house and see what was the trouble. Upon reaching the house I found that the four men that operated the gun and who had been staying in the house had been ordered out of the house by Col Hale and all of their equipment was out on the street. He had ordered the men to move the gun, but they told him they could not move it until they had orders from me to do so. I found that the men had not fired a fire mission, to fire at a house which contained 5 or 6 Germans, due to the appearance of Col. Hale and the issuing of orders by him to move out of the house. In talking to Col. Hale, he stated that the house had been damaged by soldiers and the lady that owned the house was there with him. He stated that he wanted the gun moved from that property. In making a short investigation it appeared that the damage he referred to had not been done by this gun squad as they had only occupied the house for three days, but had been done about 7 days before this time. Upon investigation, there appeared to be no foundations for the accusation that the men were using the house as a whore house. He asked who had been in the house other than this gun squad. I told him none of the soldiers of this Bn had been in this house up until 3 days ago, but possibly AT Company of the Regiment had occupied it with one of their gun crews before we moved into this position. He wanted to know who was in charge of AT Company, and I told him Col. Sherman. He said that he was going to see him immediately. He wanted to know if I would have the gun moved immediately, and I told him the gun was in position to engage targets that we needed to have covered. I wouldn't be able to move the gun unless I could find another position that would be just as good as this position. After a reconnaissance, if it was possible to secure another position, I might have it moved, otherwise, the gun would have to stay in that position as we could not stop a war just to get a gun off the property that the owner objected having there.

Col. Hale then left to see Col. Sherman. I told the Platoon Sergeant to leave his gun in his present position until ordered to move it by me, and to make a reconnaissance to see if it was possible to cover the same target from a different position and to report to me later. The feelings of these soldiers were very much hurt by the way Col. Hale talked to them. He called them vandals, so-called soldiers and cursed them out. The Platoon Sgt, one of the best Sgts in the record of this Bn, has been above reproach and has performed his duty in a highly satisfactory manner, but was insulted and had his feelings hurt to such an extent that he was forced to cry over the incident that had just happened. After Col. Hale left I reported the incident to Regiment and asked them what authority Col Hale had to interfere with the operations and the troops in this sector. I was informed that he had no right at all to order guns to be moved or to interfere with the troops operating the guns. A few hours later Col Hale returned again to the gun position and house, ordering the men a second time to move. Col. Sherman was notified of this and he came up and talked to Col. Hale and made a personal investigation and instructed the men to leave the gun in its present position.

/s/ Clarence W. Daugette, Jr.
/t/ CLARENCE W. DAUGETTE, JR.
Lt. Col. 370th Infantry.

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/s/ Bert Cumby
/t/ BERT CUMBY
2d Lt., AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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STATEMENT OF 1ST RALPH B. HARRINGTON, 370TH INF.

On or about 26 November 1944, I received a telephone call from Sgt. Beasley. He told me that they had been kicked out of the house they were occupying and had been told to stay out and to get their 57mm AT GUN away from the rear of the house. I asked him whose orders they were and he said a Colonel Hale. Col Hale then came to the phone and told me that he had entered the house and found the men running a first class whore house, so I told him I would be down immediately. When I arrived I met Sgt. Blake who told me that the Colonel had called them vandals and so-called soldiers, and had kicked some of their equipment out of the door. Colonel Hale said to me, "Yes, I put them out; these so-called soldiers of yours". He also stated that Kesselring stayed here for 3 months and the house was kept immaculate. Then a woman who the Colonel said was the owner of the house said, "Yes, the Germans were very immaculate". Sgt. Blake asked her if she would rather have the Germans back and she replied, "No, no". Then Colonel Hale took me around the first floor to show me the damage which he said American soldiers had done to the house. Upon questioning the caretaker we found that the damage had been done 7 or 8 days before and the soldiers of the AT Platoon had been there only 3 days. Col. Hale stated further, "This woman is an American citizen", and Sgt. Blake said "We are all American citizens". Then Colonel Daugette came in and talked to Col. Hale. Col. Hale said he was going to see Col. Sherman and I returned to the Bn CP. Some time later I received another call from Sgt. Beasley saying that Col. Hale had returned and put them out of the house again and told them he did not want to see them again. I called Col. Sherman and asked him if he had ordered the house vacated and the gun moved. He asked me what is the trouble. I explained what had happened. He said that he would be up right away. When Col. Sherman arrived I went with him to the house in question. He talked with everyone concerned.

/s/ Ralph B. Harrington
/t/ RALPH B. HARRINGTON
1st Lt. 370th Infantry.

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/s/ Bert Cumby
/t/ BERT CUMBY
2d Lt., AGD
Asst Adj Gen.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015STATEMENT OF S/SGT PERCEY BEASLEY, HQ CO 3D BN, 370TH INF.

On or about 26 November 1944 I was sitting in our Platoon Hqs reading a paper to the Boys when a Colonel walked into the room and said "Get the Hell out of here". When he said that the rest of the Boys and I went on upstairs. I turned around, came back downstairs and asked his name and what right he had to drive us away from our gun position, which set right by the house in the back yard. He replied "You are a bunch of Dam Vandals". I told him I would call the Bn and contact one of the officers. He replied "Call Col Ross". I told him I didn't know Col. Ross but I would get a Bn officer, so I called my Bn Headquarters and got Lt. Harrington. I told him we were being put out by some Colonel. He told me to give him the phone and he talked to Lt. Harrington. Pretty soon Lt. Harrington and Capt. Brown came and shortly after Col. Daugette arrived. Col. Daugette talked with this Colonel and shortly after the Colonel left. After he left Col. Daugette told us to stay there until we heard from him. Shortly after the Colonel returned. I was sitting downstairs when he and the owner of the house walked in. He said "Get the Dam Hell out of here and don't let me catch you here again. Don't even let me see your face again". So I took the phone, went outside and called Lt. Harrington again. Lt. Harrington told me to hold the phone and he would call me right back. He called me and told me that he and Col. Sherman were coming over. They came and Col. Sherman talked with me and asked me about the women the other Colonel had said were in the house. I told him women, men and boys were in and out of the house every day, getting wood which is in the house downstairs in the hall next to our kitchen, however, I don't know them nor do my men, because we had only been in the house three days. Our Platoon Leader has been with us practically all the time we have been there. Col. Sherman told us to move back in the house and stay if we could not find a place to engage the targets which we were assigned. I tried to explain to the Colonel in question, that we had been there only three days and had not destroyed anything, but he would not let me talk to him.

/s/ PERCEY BEASLEY
3/Sgt. Hq Co 3d Bn
370th Infantry.

/s/ S/Sgt. Percy Beasley.

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/s/ Bert Cunby
/w/ BERT CUMBY
2d Lt AGO
Asst Adj Gen.

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STATEMENT OF PVT JULIUS MOORE, 37103280, HQ CO 3d BN 370TH INF.

On or about 26 November 1944, while at platoon Hqs I was on guard at the front door of the house when the Colonel entered the house with a lady and civilian luggage. Along with them was the care taker of the house. The Colonel approached me and asked me who was in charge and where was the C.O. I told him the C.O. wasn't in but one of the platoon sergeants was inside. He forced me to leave my post to inform the Sgt to move out of the house. Before I could get downstairs to tell the Sgt he was behind me, cursing all of the men, saying "Get the goddam hell out of here". At that instant he saw two ladies standing in the hall. He then asked, "What the Hell are you doing, running a whore house". He ran 3 little boys out of the house, then he returned upstairs and made us all start getting our equipment out of the house. He was cursing all of the time. We placed our equipment out in the yard and then he said "Get that god dam junk out of the yard and into the street". As we were not quite through getting everything out of the house he kicked boxes containing toilet articles and small arm ammunition out of the house into the yard, at the same time he was still using profanity.

Then he ordered me personally to get that dam junk out into the street. I took as much equipment as I could out into the street and stayed with the equipment.

/s/ Julius Moore
/t/ JULIUS MOORE 37103280
Pvt. Hq Co 3d Bn 370th Inf.

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/s/ Bert Cumby
/t/ BERT CUMBY
2d Lt., AGO
Asst Adj Gen.

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STATEMENT OF T/SGT WILLIAM R. BLAKE, HQ CO 3D BN 170TH INF.

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WILLIAM R. BLAKE
T/3gt Hq Co 3d Bn 370th Inf
Platoon Sgt, A-T pln.

/s/ T/Sgt. Wm. R. Blake. 2022

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/s/ Bert Cumby
/t/ BERT CUMBY
2d Lt., AGD
Asst Adj Gen.

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STATEMENT OF CPL ELIHUE HENDERSON, HQ CO 3D BN, 370TH INF.

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ELIHUE HENDERSON
Cpl, Hq Co 3d Bn 370th Inf

/s/ Cpl Ellihue Henderson.

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/s/ Bert Cumby
/t/ BERT CUMBY
2d Lt., AGD
Asst Adj Gen.

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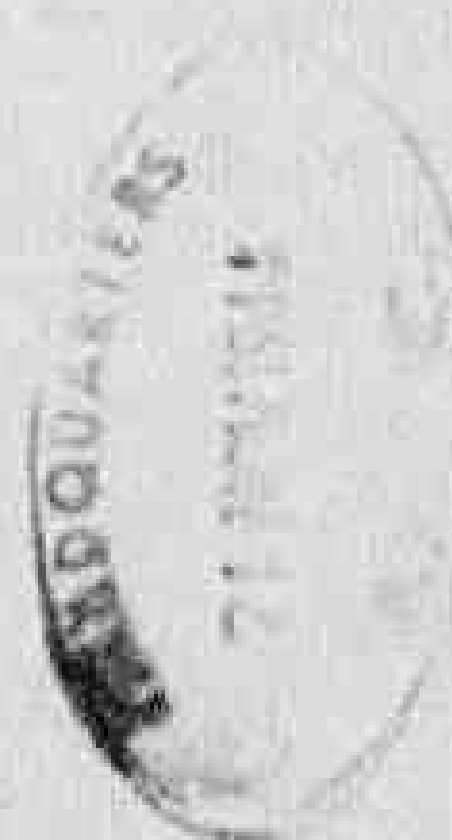
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28 May 1945.

Memorandum:

To : Colonel Parkin.

1. The message center of the Regimental Adjutant informs that the attached communication was forwarded to the 7th Replacement Depot on 22 April.

2. I relayed this info to Col Simmons. He said that this hasn't gotten the pistol back. He is sending thru another communication on the same subject directly to this office for action.

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