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GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO PR/N
POTENZA PROVINCE

Now - A.S.C.

Potenza, 2 May 1944.

To : Lt. Col. Bowman (Liaison officer ACC, HQ, NAFLAS)
From : Major H.F. NICHOLS - Provincial Commissioner - POTENZA -

SUBJECT - Discipline of troops POTENZA INF. Station.

Referring to an interview 23 April 44.

The CMF unit at POTENZA Inferiore Station is a detachment of No 794 AF Bn (HQ at NAFLAS). Strength 32 men.

Since my return I find that the Commanding Officer has been changed. I have interviewed him and am satisfied that matters will improve. I do not wish therefore to make any official complaint at the present.

Should there be any further incidents between Allied troops and the Carabinieri, I will inform you.

Also stationed at the Station are a detachment of No 719 Railway Operating Bn (HQ at SALERNO) in charge of a Sergeant.

I would so test that the CMF officer be given disciplinary powers over this detachment.

L.H. Nichols
MAJOR
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER
POTENZA

Referring to an interview 28 April 44.

The OMP unit at POTENZA Inferore Station is a detachment of No 794 MP Bn (HQ at NA.123). Strength 32 men.

Since my return I find that the Commanding Officer has been changed. I have interviewed him and am satisfied that matters will improve. I do not wish therefore to make any official complaint at the present.

Should there be any further incidents between Allied troops and the Carabinieri, I will inform you.

Also stationed at the Station are a detachment of No 729 Railway Operating Bn (HQ at SALIGNY) in charge of a Sergeant.

I would suggest that the OMP officer be given disciplinary powers over this detachment.

Replied

MAJOR
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER
POTENZA

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION DAILY BULLETIN

NUMBER 174 A. P. O. 782 22 JUNE 1944 TELEPHONE VALUE 307
All items appearing in this bulletin above the signature of the Adjutant General are official and have the same effect as other official orders. All items for publication must be in the AG office by 0900 on the day publication is desired.

OFFICIAL SECTION

1. NIGHT STAFF DUTY OFFICER. a. The Headquarters Night Staff Duty Officer is located on the 4th Floor, Left Wing, Intendenza di Finanza Building, Telephone Value 44.

b. Night Staff Duty NCO will eat supper at 1630 hours and report to the Night Duty Officer at 1730 hours.

2. BLACKOUT HOURS - 22 JUNE 1944. a. Sunrise - 0528 hours.
Sunset - 2036 hours.

b. The Blackout hours are from 2106 hours to 0458 hours. AG

3. DISCIPLINE--FELLING OF TREES. Paragraph 151, AAI Routine Orders, dated 9 June 1944, is reproduced for the information and compliance of all concerned where applicable:

"1. The cutting down of trees, except for operational reasons in forward areas, clearing authorized sites for permanent buildings or camps, and the provisions of timber and fuel by the Services responsible for their provision, is forbidden.

"2. Future cases of unauthorized cutting down of trees will be treated in the same way as the unauthorized removal of other forms of property."
S/GS

4. RESPIRATORS, M1 & M2. All units other than Truck Companies are authorized to turn back to depot stock, respirators, M1 and M2. (Present authorization for truck companies is two (2) per vehicle). However, commanding officers of above units may exercise their own discretion in the turn-in of this item. Respirators to be turned in will be delivered to CWS Depot C-155 at Santa Maria.
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5. REQUISITIONS FOR QM CLASS II & IV SUPPLIES. a. Requisitions for QM Class II & IV Supplies will be consolidated insofar as possible prior to presentation to Headquarters, 61st QM Base Depot, for approval. Each unit requisitioning will submit only one requisition for all classes of supply. Separate pages will be prepared for each of the following groups of items:

- Clothing & Insignia (excluding shoes & boots)
- Shoes & Boots
- Individual Equipment
- Cleaning & Preserving
- Tentage
- Field Range Parts
- Flags
- Decorations, Ribbons
- Office Supplies
- Organizational Equipment

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b. Each page will bear the same requisition number. Basis of requirement will be stated on pages if different from that for the balance of the requisition. G-4

6. RANGE FIRING PRACTICE. a. The provisions of Training Memorandum No. 2, this Headquarters, dated 24 January, subject: "General Training Directive" are suspended until further notice.

b. Practice range firing as directed in Paragraph 1, Training Memorandum No. 12, this Headquarters, dated 21 April 1944, may be discontinued until further notice at the discretion of unit commanders. G-5

7. CHANGE IN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. The alphabetical listing in the current telephone directory of officers assigned to this Headquarters is changed as follows:

Luccke, E. A.	Maj.	Trans.	249	10682	
Henderson, W. H.	Maj.	Trans.	249	10682	SIG

8. LOST. The following items have been reported as being lost. Anyone having information regarding the following is requested to notify the Provost Marshal, PBS, at Value 27.

2 1/2-ton 6x6 truck, #4127787, 5 A 125 Q	Ford Van, #117764, RAF on bumpers, HONEY under windshield.
3550-35 on the bumpers.	1-ton 4x4 truck, #20351441, HONEY BUN under windshield.
1-ton 4x4 truck, #----911, 43 on bumpers broken windshield, PROVOST under windshield.	Fiat Sedan, #2505, AFG #3 on bumpers CAR #1 on front and rear.
Motorcycle, #W 627317, MESSENGER stenciled on the windshield.	

PM

By command of Major General WILSON:

O. W. Madsen
O. W. MADSEN
1st Lieut., A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:
"A" & "E"

INFORMATION SECTION

1. THEATRES.

Palma Theatre. - 1930 hours unless otherwise listed.

June 22 - "Johnny Come Lately" - James Cagney - 1330 and 1930 hours.

June 23 - "In Everybody Happy" - Ted Lewis - 1330 hours.

"Lady In The Dark" - Ginger Rogers - 1930 hours.

June 24 - "Behind the Rising Sun" - 1330 hours.

" " " " and "Jane Eyre" - Orson Welles at 1930 hours (Double Feature)

June 25 - "This is the Army" - Film - 1330 hours.

Red Cross (Augusteo) - 1030, 1300, 1500, 1730, 1930 hours.

June 22 - "Black Swan" - Tyrone Power, Maureen O'Hara

June 23, 24, 25 - "Girl Trouble" - Don Ameche, Joan Bennett.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

Copy

Original given to
Capt. Cook - May 49

AGR/40000

AGR/PSP/11

2 May 1944

SUBJECT : Unauthorized Tree Cutting by Army Units.

TO : Commanding General, Allied Armies in Italy. ATT: Maj. Friend James.

1. A number of reports of unauthorized cutting of trees by individuals and units of the Allied Armies have been received. A typical incident is reflected in the attached correspondence.
2. Complaints have been handled individually, as cases arisen by attempting to contact commanders of the military units involved. The case of the forest "Arcisano" (attached), for example, was handled by reference to Commanding General, 34th Div. Often, however, this method of dealing with the matter has been unsuccessful due to the frequent shifting of commands.
3. The Royal Forest Corps (Italian) is responsible for the supervision of all tree cutting in Italy. Members of this Corps are on duty in all sections of the country and should be consulted before felling of any trees. Protests by members of the Corps have, however, proven ineffective and have even resulted in threatened violence on occasions.
4. It appears that the only effective way to stop these practices is by means of a directive to all troops at a high command level. It is requested that such a directive be issued.

FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL MASON MACPARKANE

D.S. ADAMS
Colonel C.E.
Executive Officer
Economic Section

3 Incls:

- Incl 1 - ltr dtd 5 April 1944, "Indiscriminate Cutting Down of Timber".
- Incl 2- ltr dtd 1 April 1944, "Cutting of Wood by American Troops, etc."
- Incl 3 - ltr dtd 30 March 1944, Translation Copy of Prefect's Letter.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
APO 394

ADR/40030

Orig Del To
CAPT. ODEAN
27 APR 1944

file
24 April 1944

SUBJECT: Illegal Tree Cutting by Army Units

TO : Lt. Col. Alfred C. Bowman, Chief Liaison Officer.

1. Numerous reports have been received of uncontrolled cutting of trees by various units of the Allied Forces. These cases deal both with improper methods such as leaving high stumps and wasteful utilization, as well as, instances of the felling of young stands. It is understood that Major Fuller of the Forestry Division of the Agriculture Sub-Commission explained these situations to you. Complaints have been handled individually, as the case arose, by attempting to contact the Commander of the military unit involved. Often this has been unsuccessful due to the frequent shifting of the various commands.

2. It is difficult for troops to understand the great value of all species of trees in Italy.

3. Protests by the local Forest Corps have proven to be inadequate. In fact protests have resulted in threatened violence.

4. It appears that the only way to stop these harmful practices is through a directive to all troops through the higher command. We submit the following statement for your consideration as a basis for such orders.

" There are many complaints reaching this office regarding tree cutting by Allied Forces. Trees of all species are exceedingly valuable in Italy and all unit commanders are forbidden to cut trees until authorization has been obtained from the Town Majors. Town Majors giving this authorization are responsible that all tree cutting is supervised by members of the Royal Forest Corps, who are available in every section of the country. The designation of trees for cutting should be regarded with the same respect as other regulations covering the treatment of private property. These instructions will apply to all troops."

/s/ D. S. Adams
D. S. ADAMS
Colonel C. E.
Executive Officer
Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, Office of the Provost Marshal, APO 762,
U. S. Army. 15 April 1944.

TO: Chief, Liaison Division, Hq. Allied Control Commission, R.C. & M.G.
Section, Liaison Division, APO 394, U. S. Army.

Exact complaint set forth in Incl #1 was received in this office from the Allied Claims Commission on 11 April 1944. Vehicle in question was identified as one belonging to the 34th Infantry Division, and the entire file was forwarded for necessary action to the Commanding General, 34th Infantry Division, thru the Commanding General, Fifth Army, by 1st Indorsement, Hq. P.B.S., file AG 250.1 BPSPW, dated 12 April 1944.

For the Provost Marshal:

3 Incls
n/c

HAROLD M. KINDER,
1st Lt., C.M.P.,
Administrative Officer.

2nd Ind. ACR/eah
Liaison Division, R.C. & M.G. Section, HQ, A.C.C. 17 April 1944
TO: Regional Commissioner, Region 3, A.C.C.

For your information and files.

3 Incls
n/c

hcs
ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Lt. Col.
Chief, Liaison Division.

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

12 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Wood-Cutting.

TO : Provost Marshal, Peninsular Base Section.

Is it possible to determine the organization to which
these soldiers belonged, from your records and the cited
(underlined) serial number?

hcf
ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Lt. Col.
Chief, Liaison Division.

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

SUBJECT: Indiscriminate cutting
down of timber.

5 April, 1944.

TO : Adjutant General.
A.C.C., Region 3.

May the attached letter be given to our Liaison Officer with the American Army with the request that the matter may be gone into. At the same time may it be pointed out that one of the duties of the Guardia Forestale is to assist the Military Forces in every way possible in obtaining timber for military purposes, and that all they wish to do is to try and prevent indiscriminate felling of timber and point out the correct area in which timber should be got.

/s/ Major
for T.O.E. WHITE,
Major,
K.P.R.C.
Asst Regional Agricultural Officer.

Copy to: Colonel White,
Provincial Commissioner,
Avellino Province.

1st Ind. OWC/bu
HQ REGION 3, ACC, APO 394, U.S. Army, 6 April 1944.
TO: HQ, ACC - Liaison Officer.

1. Forwarded for information and referral.

For the Regional Commissioner:

/s/ O.W. Campbell
/t/ O.W. CAMPBELL
Captain, AUS.,
Adjutant.

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HEAD QUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
Office of the Provincial Commissioner.

1 April, 1944.

From: Provincial Commissioner, Avellino.

To: Major Mackay, 12th Cdn Town Major, Avellino.

SUBJECT: Cutting of Wood by American Troops in Forest
Reserve, Baiano.

1. I forward attached a translation of a letter addressed to this Office by the Prefect of Avellino, which is self-explanatory.
2. The damage which is being caused to forest reserves by various units in this and other areas of the Province is causing anxiety to the Forest Department.
3. It is requested that the individuals concerned may be traced on the information contained in the letter, and that disciplinary action may be taken.
4. It is suggested that appropriate orders may be issued to prevent further damage being done to forest property.
5. If Baiano is outside your area, it is requested that this correspondence may be forwarded to the competent authority. An early reply would be appreciated.

Alex. H. WHITE,

Alexander H. WHITE,
Lt. Col.,
Provincial Commissioner.

AHV/JA

Copy to: Regional Agricultural Officer.

1. For your information.

C O P Y

Translation.

Avellino, 30 March, 1944.

R. Prefettura of Avellino.

Ref. No/ 1145/58

To Provincial Commissioner, Avellino.

The following is a report sent by the Section of the Guardia Forestale to the Sindaco of Baiano:

"I wish to inform you that on 17 March 1944, while I was on duty in the forest "Arciano", IV Section; at about 11.00 the personnel of this detachment surprised 8 American soldiers who were cutting some 15-year-old chestnut trees and some large logs.

As soon as they saw us they stopped and loaded on a truck the lumber they had already cut, and then moved towards Avellino.

An Agent made them understand (by gestures) that they could not take away the lumber without any authorization; the soldiers did not give any answers but made the agents understand that they would be back again.

With the help of forest keepers, we were able to get the number of the car, which 4 soldiers tried to conceal. This serial number is 34-16-5/1-11-11.

I have to inform you that previously, at various times; and with more cars, soldiers came to cut lumber in this forest, cutting about 150 trunks and 8 beams at 80 centimeters from ground level.

On 15th instant, while a forest keeper, Pagano Stefano, was taking the Serial Number of the above car, a soldier interfered and snatched the piece of paper, on which he had noted the number, from his hands, threatening to beat him up, showing the forest-keeper that this was not permitted.

It is supposed that the above soldiers go into the above forest to cut lumber without any authorization from their Command, with the purpose of selling this lumber to civilians of Monteforte or Avellino; as they return in that direction.

It is requested that the A.M.G. be informed in order that this inconvenience be avoided and the car be found."

THE PREFECT

(Signed) Zanframundo.

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Complete set of copies handed
to Capt. Cummins for Col
Drake's information

8 MAY 1944

NOTIFY WING COMMANDER
MINTER *ap*

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LIAISON DIVISION
LnD/4.41

9 May 1944.

Re preceding pencilled question on memorandum of 24 April
from Major Brown to me:

Colonel Warner and Major Carpi were taken to the
locality in question by Lt. Chapman, a P.S.S. officer,
where Major Carpi identified the offenders.

The soldiers in question were all relieved from military
police duty. The principal offender was tried by a summary
court for an offense arising out of the incident.

Lt. Col. Warner and Major Carpi were advised of these
matters and expressed themselves as being satisfied.

A.C.B.

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LIAISON DIVISION

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24 April 1944

Memorandum:

To : Lt. Col. Bowman

Major Tolve office of PMG-PBS reported that disciplinary measures have been taken in this case and that both the officer mentioned and Lt. Col. Warner of Region III have been notified of the action taken and he considered the matter closed.

BB/ac

Enoch Brown
ENOCH BROWN,
Maj., C.M.P.,
Liaison Division

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LIAISON DIVISION

23 April 1944.

MEMO TO:

Major Brown

SUBJECT: Attack on Italian Officer (Major Ferdinando Carpi, A.A.R.S.) by American M.P.s.

The above matter was handed to Major Tolve, Executive, Provost Marshal's Offices, Peninsular Base Section on 6 April 1944. Major Tolve agreed to report back his findings and action (if any) in the matter. Please call on Major Tolve ~~and~~ ascertain what developments have occurred and report by memorandum.

The reported letter bearing Colonel Fiske's name has not been transmitted nor is it contemplated that it shall be. It should therefore not be exhibited to anyone outside this office.

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LT. CHAPMAN
RELIEVED MAN
OF POST FOR
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/307/40/CA

NHF/mrd
3 April 1944

SUBJECT: Discipline - Allied Military Forces

TO : HQ., A.A.I.

1. The Chief Commissioner has directed me to forward to you the attached copies of correspondence relating to an alleged unprovoked attack upon an Italian officer by an American Military Police.

2. From reports that reached the Commission this is not an isolated incident, but this particular case is reported in such detail that it can no doubt be properly investigated.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, C.M.F.
TO : HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
DATE : 1st APRIL 1944.
REF : ASC/11.

Major Ferdinando CARPI.

1. The attached report of Major CARPI of the Italian Air Force is forwarded to you for your information.
2. It is hoped that you may consider it of sufficient gravity to warrant some action being taken in the matter.
3. Major CARPI is a man in the middle fifties, and had been sent from Bari to Naples for a Medical Board.

S/ W. L. Winter
(W. L. Winter)
Wing Commander,
for: Air Commodore,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

(For attention Brig. W.S. LUSH).

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TRANSLATION

TO: ITALIAN AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS

NAPLES

Yesterday, 27th. inst., at about 1300 hours, I was proceeding with Captain Mancuso along via Constantinopoli as I had to go to the H.Q. at Cavour Barracks.

When I had reached the Military Hospital occupied by the American Forces, in that same street at No. 107a, and not being able to distinguish whether the guards at the entrance of the said Hospital were Italian or formed part of Allied Forces - I am blind in one eye and the other has poor vision - and hearing Italian spoken, I approached the guards politely, giving the military salute, and asked them whether they could tell me where the Italian Air Force H.Q. was situated and whether - as I thought - and Italian airman had entered there.

By way of reply I was struck with the fist in my left eye by an individual whom I subsequently found to be of American Nationality.

The first blow was followed by many others as four more individuals of the same nationality joined their comrade.

I was unable to oppose any resistance as I would have liked, being absolutely blinded and because of loss of blood from mouth and nose which upset my faculties.

One of our Sergeants, of whom I do not know the name, came to my assistance. Subsequently an American Military Police intervened who, instead of protecting me as might have been expected, or attempting to put an end to the blows which were being

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One of our Sergeants, of whom I do not know the name, came to my assistance. Subsequently an American Military Police intervened who, instead of protecting me as might have been expected, or attempting to put an end to the blows which were raining on me from all sides, having had it explained to him that I am a senior officer in the Italian Air Force (as a matter of fact I was in uniform) and that I am moreover blinded in one eye, reacted in the most vile manner striking me on the face and then seizing me by the arm and pushing me roughly away.

Captain Mancuso, who was some ten metres away, attempted to come to my help but when he reached me all he could do was to take me by the arm, pick up my cap and glasses and lead me elsewhere.

Naples, 24th March 1944

Signed Ferdinando CASPI
MAJOR A.A.H.C.
4th Group W.C. B.A.P.I.

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

PS/15.3

22 April 1944

SUBJECT: Incident between Military and Guardia di Finanza at Teraigno

TO : Commanding General, (thru PBS, Liaison Officer, Hq. ACC)

1. The attached is forwarded for your information and such action as is possible.

2. It is to be regretted that this incident should have arisen when the Guardia di Finanza were present in the lawful discharge of their duties.

For the Regional Commissioner:

/s/ O.W. Campbell,
O.W. CAMPBELL,
Captain, AUS,
Adjutant.

1st Ind.

24 April 1944

LIAISON DIVISION, R.C. & M.G. Sect. Hq. ACC

ACB/ao

TO: Provost Marshal, Peninsular Base Section

A matter pertaining to your office

Incl-- n/c

ALFRED C. BOWMAN,
Lt. Col.,
Chief, Liaison Division

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TRANSLATION

10th TERRITORIAL LEGION OF THE FINANCE GUARDS)) Naples
Service Office

Letter File no. 10206

18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Illicit Still

TO : Hq. AOC Regional Public Safety Office, Naples.

For such action as you wish to take, we communicate that the 7th March 1944, N.C.O.s and soldiers of the Patrol Squad of Torre Annunziata, commanded by the Comandante Int. della Tenenza, seized an illicit still, which was operating in the locality of Piano del Principe of the Comune of Terzigno, and arrested the two individuals that worked there.

Urged by some women, relatives of the men arrested, many soldiers of the Allied Forces from the nearby Aerodrome interfered, and obliged our N.C.O.s and Officers to depart and release the men and also leave the still where it was.

Later the Commander of the Torre Annunziata Company went to the place with the same N.C.O.s and soldiers, accompanied by AMG Lt. Brancati Vincenzo of the Police and supply and control of milla service. The still was not found nor the two men identified.

Lt. Brancati discussed what happened with the Commander of the Air Force Unit, but he denied that his men had anything to do with the matter, and he did not comply with the request for his identification made by Lt. Brancati.

/s/ Antonino Occhipinti
IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
(Antonino Occhipinti)

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1st Ind. ACR/eah
LIAISON DIVISION, R.C. & M.C. SECT., Hq, A.C.C. 19 April 1944.

TO: Provost Marshal, Peninsular Base Section.

1. Matters presumably pertaining to your office.
2. If soldiers cannot be identified, or it is determined that they are members of other commands, return of papers with appropriate notations will be appreciated.
3. Regional Commissioner, Region 3, has been instructed to attempt to procure more exact identification in future cases.

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Lt. Col.
Chief, Liaison Division.

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

TP.12/106

19 April 1944

SUBJECT: Complaints of Italian Post Office Officials
Against American Military Policemen.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region 3.

1. Above-numbered letter, transmitting "two cases of complaint," received.
2. Basic papers have been delivered to Provost Marshal, Peninsular Base Section for investigation and action.
3. Handling of similar occurrences in the future will be facilitated by more accurate information as to name and organization of alleged perpetrators.

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ALFRED C. BOYMAN
Lt. Col.
Chief, Liaison Division.

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

April 1944.

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SUBJECT: Complaints by Italian Post Office Officials
 against American Military Policemen.
TO : HQ A.C.C. (Attn. Liaison Officer).
 for P.E.S.

Two cases of complaint are connected for transmission
to the Provost Marshal.
For the Regional Commissioner:

/s/ O.W. Campbell
/t/ O.W. CAMPBELL
Captain A.U.S.
Adjutant.

Two Incl.:

Incl. 1 Ricevitoria, Naples 27, Capodimonte.
Incl. 2 Ricevitoria Arzano.

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T R A N S L A T I O N

Naples, 13 April 1944

TO: Major Green, Allied Command, Naples.

SUBJECT: Segnalation of an incident happened in the Postal
Receiving Office of Naples No. 27. (at Capodimonte)*

Registered L. 100

I send you copy of a statement for eventual
competence measures, of the Postal Receiving Officer
Manager who points out an incident which happened because
of an American soldier, belonging to the M.P.

* Here you also have a 50 lire note of the Banca
d'Italia No. 7206, Series A212.

I beg you to send it back as soon as you can.

THE PROVINCIAL MANAGER:

* Note retained by Postal oficer,
Region 3, for production if
necessary.*

* These additions in ink.

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TP/12 Encl 2.
Naples April 4th 1944.

AMMINISTRAZIONE
DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAPHI
To Sir Major Green
A. M. G.
NAPLES

OGGETTO: Communication.-

Here enclosed, for pertaining measures,
copy of a letter sent by the postal chief of
Arzano office complaining the suddenly entering
by force in it by two american policemen causing
the flying of the two young ladies there
occupied.

POSTMASTER

/s/ ???

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Arzano March 16th
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AMMINISTRAZIONE
DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI
Post Telegraph
Direction
Office di Arzano NAPLES

Prot. N. 16

OGGETTO: Complain.-

I beg to inform you that on 16th last month at 3.30 pm two american policemen doing service in this village rushed into this postal office with the purpose of insulting the two young ladies as to cause their flying.

As the policemen were great drunkards I was obliged to close my postal office informing you at once for pertaining measures as to avoid in the future such deprecable facts the above policemen are belonging to the Frattamaggiore Command.

Best regards

Titular Di Casorio

COPY
TRANSLATION

Copy

On 24th March 1944 there came to this office a woman who under the pretext of getting a stamp, passed a 50 lire note. The employee refused to accept it, and advised her to try to change it at the Banca d'Italia. The woman went away, without any complaints.

After a minute, an American policeman entered the office with the same note to cash it and receiving a refusal, kicked the door, broke the padlock and came into the office. He came near my writing desk and violently ordered me to change the bank note, saying: "I order it. We American-men command here, no longer you Italians (adding some obscene words to this name). I will break all and take what I want, and so saying he stretched his hand to the cash. We tried to prevent his opening it. I defended one drawer and another man another one, but he, glancing at the safe came towards me saying he would slap me, throw me out and to do it at his care, because he, as an American policeman could do what he wanted. (He spoke rather fluent Italian). I saw the difficulty of the situation. At the door of the Royal Palace there were no guards from the Allied Command, so I resolved, for the security of the office valuables to cut short the discussion, and change the 50 lire note, asking him to sign it. And his signature appears as Giuseppe Mallisi (?).

I knew that said man was also known by the Maresciallo Maggiore of the Royal Palace of Capodimonte, Cav. Antonio Cittadini, and did not tarry to call him to my office. He kindly came in and while I was informing him of what had taken place, asking for a necessary comprehension, the American came in again because having become aware of the violence he had used and wanting to know its consequences, had followed him at once. The Marshal, calling him by his name, and in a persuading manner, showed him that the bank-note was not good and tried to make him understand how Italian banknotes had to be verified. And he tried, at the same time, to convince him to change it, noting it would not have been right that we had to lose money, and that it would have been also necessary to know who the woman who had applied to him was. He replied that he was perfectly in condition to verify our bank notes, that he was aware that the one he had presented was not good, and that he did not know that woman.

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I thought it dutiful and opportune to refer at once and in detail the facts to avoid in the future something of more importance which might take place and, instead of a banknote for L.50 we might be ordered to change one for L.500 or L.1000 under the same conditions. Also because we need to act calmly and surely, without being exposed to constrictions, insults and violences, and because I want to be released from any responsibility in case a violence is made to the office's safe and, consequently, to the ready money and values therein contained. In the meantime beg to take care that the enclosed bank note be withdrawn by the cassa Provinciale for its change.

Trans. Sept. A.A.

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

14 April 1944

SUBJECT: Jacques Pinkerton, ASN 20806372

TO : Commanding General - PDS

THRU : Regional Control & Military Government Section
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

1. On March 31, 1944, at about 1730 hours, near the entrance of the Prefettura, an American E/M approached an Italian Navy Non-Commissioned officer, and asked him if he could change a thousand lire note. The Italian non-commissioned officer gave the American soldier one thousand lire in small change. The soldier took the change and simply walked away refusing to give the Italian non-commissioned officer the thousand lire note.

2. The Italian Navy non-commissioned officer: Maresciallo della R. Marina Italiana Brindisi, Nicola fu Ferdinando (care of Comando Marina Gruppo Navi Ausiliari, Naples) reported what happened, as outlined above, and he mentioned as witnesses: T/S Sanfilippo Ralph, Lt. Colonel Poletti's driver, and Mr. Pasquale Crocifoglio, driver of Capt. Neufeld's car, both of whom attested that the statement given by Brindisi is correct and that they were present at the time.

3. Upon hearing this matter, Lt. Colonel Poletti spoke with 1st Lt. Robert C. Reynolds, 1st Ind. Inf. who was able to find out that the enlisted man in question is Jacques PINKERTON, ASN 20806372.

4. Colonel Poletti gave, out of his own pocket, Lire 1000 to Maresciallo Brindisi.

For Colonel POLETTI.

MAURICE P. NEUFELD
Captain, GSC
Asst. Executive Officer

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1st Ind.
Liaison Div., P.C. & M.G. Sect., HQ, A.C.C.

CPM/edh
17 April 1944

TO: Commanding General, P.E. S.

Forwarded for appropriate action.

C. P. MURCHIE, Major,
for Chief of Liaison Division.

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

10 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Misbehavior of Military Police, Etc.

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner.

1. Except for the two opening paragraphs which are irrelevant to the main issues involved, the final three sheets in the attached file are verbatim copies of the "Report of R.E. Brooks", (our file 543/CA) on which I reported to you on 29 March (copy of report attached).
2. Other matters discussed in this file are not of sufficient importance, or supported by sufficient evidence, to justify special treatment. Administrative action by Colonel Hardy (per 3, my letter of 29 March) will in any event probably prevent any repetition.
3. Since the matter reached this headquarters irregularly (from Region 4 officers direct, rather than through Region 3), recommend that request for return of copy letters be disregarded and that file be closed or consolidated with file 543/CA.

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ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Lt. Col.
Chief, Liaison Division.

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

29 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Military Police Conditions at Aversa.

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner.

1. File 543/CA, containing unsigned report by Captain F.E. Brookes dated March 14, 1944, forwarded to Brigadier Lush by letter of transmittal dated 20 March 1944, from the Regional Commissioner, Region 3, is returned.
2. You have dealt with all aspects of this matter relating to channels of communication as confirmed by our conversation yesterday.
3. Confirming my oral report to you I have discussed the substantive phases of the matter with Colonel Hardie, Provost Marshal of PRS. He reports that while Capt. Brooks was unwilling to sign his report he (Colonel Hardie) nevertheless has seen fit to act on it to a degree on the theory that so much smoke might indicate some fire, and an occasional administrative shakeup is healthy anyhow. One of the more "overzealous" officers at Aversa has been removed, and other changes have been made. Meanwhile, Colonel Hardy says, Captain Brooks has also been relieved, and new personnel on both sides are "getting along like ham and eggs".

ALFRED C. BOYMAN
Lieutenant Colonel,
Chief, Liaison Division

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TO: Col. Bowman
Liaison

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

20 March 1944

SUBJECT: Report by Capt. F. E. BROOKS (A)

TO : Brig. General W. S. LUSH
Regional Control & Allied Military Government
Section - AGC HC

1. I am attaching a copy of a report made by Capt. F. E. Brooks on 14 March 1944.

2. Capt. Brooks is a Region 4 officer who is attached to Region 3 for duty and was sent to the northern part of Naples Province by Lt. Colonel Kincaid. In Region 4 he is a Public Safety officer.

3. Upon his return to Region 4, he reported to his Section Chief, Lt. Colonel Millhouse, to whom he made a verbal report on the matters dealt with in this report. On instructions of Lt. Colonel Millhouse, he wrote the document attached and was told to send a copy to each of the following:

I.G. Colonel Chapman
P.B.S. Colonel Francis

Col Marshall

/s/ Charles Poletti
/t/ CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Commissioner

Incl. Report, 14 March 1944
Capt. Brooks (A)

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REPORT OF F. E. BROOME (A)

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14 March 1944

In the company of Captain La Mar who was serving as Summary Court Officer, I moved to Aversa. There I found approximately sixty people in jail put in by Military Police Agencies awaiting trial. I also found that on December 23rd, Lt. Colonel Cornwall had released (122) people from jail pending trial when possible. Most of these people had been in jail for from six weeks to two months, charges on the greater share were very poorly prepared and there did not exist sufficient evidence to substantiate prosecution. This same situation existed in regard to sixty people in jail on Jan. 15. After two days of attempting to try these cases without available charges or unavailability of witnesses, an investigation was held with Military Police and OC.RR present to determine if charges warranting prosecution were available. At this time about 25 cases were produced with a minimum of evidence and disposed of by trial. For the next two weeks an effort was made to endeavour to outline some order to a very confused situation. It had been the practice for some months to put people in the prison without charges or with one copy of what actually amounted to nothing more than a commitment slip, and these confined with people who were being held for investigation, who were subsequently forgotten and thereby held in an insolvable situation under the circumstances.

No standard procedure had been prescribed for handling arrests. A very simple system was then established to prevent commitment without charges. Numerous efforts were made to point out to the military police officers concerned for the need of more carefully prepared charges and handling of imprisonments, but the attitude of the military police and that their responsibility ceased if an individual was arrested and placed in prison, continued efforts to educate parties concerned met only with opposition.

The following incidents have been observed by me which seriously reflect upon the military police efficiency in the area of Aversa, the 2651 M.P. Co:

1. I have witnessed no less than six (6) people including women, threatened with a rifle in the Police Station, which appeared to be kept there for that purpose, many times this threatening done by an officer in the presence of several men of the company. In one particular incident, Lt. Prohl threatened one young woman with a gun until she defecated on the floor much to the amusement of the men present. I have likewise witnessed an officer of this company instruct M.P.s to get clipppers and cut the hair of three young women accused of illegal possession. During the period of Jan. 15 to Jan. 30 full 50% of the male accused appearing before Summary Court in Aversa appeared with a swath cut down the middle.

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Allied Soldiers. This took place at the Police Station where the men then forced to run around the room until they passed out. In the meantime creating such disturbance that it created a large crowd at the window to watch the affair, which Major Lippucci described as sickening. The evidence of this policy was later confirmed in my presence when Sgt. Beckwith ordered other men pre-sent to take two civilians into the back room and have them drink their illicit wares, at which time I warned the Sgt. not to issue such orders in my presence. It has likewise been the policy of the Military Police in this area when conducting wholesale search of civilian homes for Allied goods to confiscate large sums of money which practise I advised to stop.

A private in this Company made an unsolicited complaint to me involving an unnamed officer in this company which, if true, is of a very serious nature. I reported this incident to Major Simpson and advised reporting the man's name to the I.O.

On February 27, a letter was written by myself to C.O. 2651 M.P. Co. ordering 9 men of that organization to appear as witnesses on Feb. 28 in Summary Court, specifying time and place, as well as case, and left with the Sgt. in charge of Police Station on Feb. 27. By noon on Feb. 28, none of the four men required for the morning session of court were present, at noon Lt. Broe was informed of the fact by myself but in spite of this only one of the nine appeared for the afternoon session.

A situation entered into by Military Police and C.O. Major Lippucci for trial of prostitutes by Pretura, is in my opinion, an unhealthy one in view of the complaint issued to me by one Pvt. Starkey Whitehorse of this Company and in view of the fact that I was informed by the Secretario of the Carcere that Lt. Dry of this Company had ordered the release of three prostitutes from his custody after two of whom had been duly sentenced by the Pretura.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
F.C. & M.G. SECTION
Liaison Division
APO 394

8 April 1944

SUBJECT: Surveillance of French Authorities
by American Military Police.

TO : Provincial Commissioner, Naples Province.

1. Attention is invited to memoranda dated subsequent to 2nd Indorsement.
2. The "Major Jenks" referred to is the PBS American Liaison Officer with French Base, and is in a position to control problems of this kind from both ends.

ALFRED C. BOYMAN
Lieutenant Colonel
Chief, Liaison Division.

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LIAISON DIVISION

8 April 1941

SUBJECT: Cooperation between French Authorities and
American Police.

TO : Lt. Col. Bowman.

This matter has now been satisfactorily arranged.
Major Jenks of P.E.S. interviewed the Chief of American
Police and obtained a verbal undertaking that incidents
of the nature referred to would be avoided in the future.

Cur
C. P. MURCHIE, Major,
Deputy Chief Liaison Officer.

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LIAISON DIVISION

5 April 1944

MEMO TO: Major Murchie.

Since parties involved in this matter seem to be P.B.S. on the one hand and French Base (P.B.S.-controlled) on the other, Major Jenks should be able to straighten the entire matter out and prevent repetition.

Please handle and report by memorandum.

A.C.B.

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1st Ind.

Hq. Allied Control Commission, Province of Naples.

30 March 1944.

Through: Regional Commissioner, Region 3,
Allied Control Commission.

To : Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section.

A matter pertaining to your command.

For the Provincial Commissioner:

PAUL REUTER
Major A.G.D.
Adjutant

2 Incls - n/c

Incl 1 - Report of incident of 21 March 1944
Incl 2 - Report of incident of 22 March 1944

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2nd Ind.

HQ HFG 3, ACC, APO 394, U.S. Army, 31 March 1944. OWC/ef

TO: Executive Commissioner, HQ., ACC.

1. For transmittal through Liaison Officer to CG,
Peninsular Base Section

For the Regional Commissioner:

/s/ O. W. Campbell,
/t/ O. W. CAMPBELL,
Captain, A.U.S.,
Adjutant

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L.E.F.

L.I.A.M.C.

S.F. 70690, the 24th of March 1944

Major DE FORNEL, Commander

To

A.M.G. Director.

After the different incidents related in the enclosed reports, and to prevent new incidents of the same nature very dangerous for Allied Forces Authority, we are obliged to ask the Military Police not to interfere in such matters, and especially when requisitioned by Italian People.

It is of a very bad effect to see two American Policemen escorting the agents of French authority in the accomplishment of their duty in a zone especially reserved to French authority, and this naturally in front of the population.

If these incidents happened again the very various minded-inhabitants might think a variance exists between French and American authorities, only striving to pursue the same purpose.

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C.E.F.
C.I.A.M.C.
Billetting Office

S.P. 70690 the 22nd of March 1944

First Lieutenant COURSIER

TO

Major DE FORMEL - Commander.

I have the honour to account you for a new incident which happened to day, 22nd of March at 17,30, while I was visiting the lodgings of the town.

With the Adjutant CUMINIS, of the Lodging Service, I was looking for a room to use as an office. I called at Sr GIMINIO DARIO'S house, Via Roma, 21. I had to wait a very long time at the door before any answer came from inside the house. Even before Sr Gimino had opened the door, a man - I knew after he was called Magno Francis - came, followed by two men of the Military Police to resist my visiting the house.

I said to the M.P. how surprised I was to see Sr Magno Francis' interference, and this, even more, that no request had yet been made by me to Sr Gimino Dario.

Having told M.P. what was my duty, I asked him to tell Sr Magno Francis to mind his own business; he did it immediately.

During a very courteous conversation with the M.P. I told him how dangerous it was to listen to all the population complaints against the action of French authority, most of the complainants only trying to bring dissension between French and American authorities, and to lessen Allies authority.

A few days ago happened an incident of the same nature. Now I am obliged to ask all your attention on the difficulties of the billeting Officer's task.

It seems obvious that, if each time the lodging-officer, is on duty, his work, already very delicate, is more or less supervised by the Allied Forces Police, this work becomes practically impossible.

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First Lt. JOURNIN

C.E.P.

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Billeting-Office

CARDITO 21st March 1944

First Lieutenant COURSIER

to

C.I.A.M.C. - Commander

I have the honour to account you for the following fact which happened at 1730 in CARDITO, 21st of March.

With my assistant 2nd Lt. RAGUENET, I was visiting Mr RAUCCI's house located 19 Place Garibaldi, to find a room for an Officer, when I was surprised at the coming of a civilian named DELPREDE accompanied by two American Policemen. He tried to resist to the domiciliary visit I was making according to my job.

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I pointed out to the M.P. that Mr DELPREDE by calling them to his help had got an occurrence where it was not worth while.

From all this, appears Mr DELPREDE's clear intention to bring on an incident in order to pit the French authority against the American one.

A sanction against Mr DELPREDE, sanction known of the population, is necessary to prevent such facts from recurring.

1st Lt. COURSIER. 79

Report transmitted to the A.M.C. Director asking to

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Report transmitted to the A.M.G. Director asking to obtain from the American Policemen they do not interfere with the French Authority in the performance of its work, even if they are called to.

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Major DE FORNEL
C.I.A.M.C. Commander.

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LIAISON DIVISION

Memorandum

18 February 1944

SUBJECT: Disciplinary Problems in the Vicinity of Bastun.

TO : Major Drifffield-White.

1. I was informed today by Lt. Col. Davis that, as a result of our representations on the subject, HHC has dispatched a detachment of military police to the BASTUN enclave area.
2. I suggest that Lt. Col. Robertson be informed of this action on his request.

WCF
ALFRED C. BOWEN
Lt. Col.
Chief, Liaison Division.

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