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LIAISON DIVISION 3 May 1944.

TO : Major Enoch Brown.

FROM: Lt. Col. Bowman.

1. Attached is our only copy of the current 5th Army directive on the question of rations for Carabinieri (Administrative Instruction No. 29, 13 February 1944).

2. As I told you the other day, Colonel Fisse has directed that the entire question of rations for Carabinieri employed by the Army be reopened. You are familiar with the details which have been fully discussed.

3. Please take this up with General Hamblen's headquarters at AAI (Near Admech) and see what can be done.

4. Report by memorandum.

5. The next time Andy has time on his hands I suggest that you have him make two or three copies of Administrative Instruction No. 29.

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LIAISON DIVISION, H.C. & M.D. SECTION, Hq, A.C.C.
25 April 1944.

TO: Regional Commissioner, Region 3.

Returned per telephone conversation with Captain Campbell.

ALFRED C. BORMAN
Lt. Co..
Chief, Liaison Division.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

PS/3.1.4

21 April 1944

SUBJECT: Flashlight for CC.RR.

TO : Commanding General P.B.S.
(through Liaison Officer, HQ. ACC).

1. The CC.RR. Railway Nucleo in Naples Province are seriously handicapped in their duties during the hours of darkness, owing to lack of suitable flashlights.

2. In view of the serious crime and black market activities now prevailing, the efforts of the CC.RR. in detecting offenders at the various railway Stations and yards is seriously affected and the advantages at night lie almost entirely with the criminal classes.

3. It is essential that these men be provided with flashlights in order to perform their duties.

4. These however cannot be obtained through ordinary commercial channels and it is therefore requested that authority be given for the supply of these, from military resources, either on payment or on loan. 119

5. The number requested is 121.

For the Regional Commissioner:

O.W. CAMPBELL
Captain, AUS.,
Adjutant.

AWR/tp.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

HEADQUARTERS
22 APR 1944
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ACC/14601/16/PS

20 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Searches in Carabinieri Barracks.

TO : Lt. Col. Alfred C. Bowman,
Chief, Liaison Div. Civil Affairs Branch.

Reference MY ACC/14601/16/PS of 8 April 44.

1. Your letter of 13 April 44 has been received and contents noted. My intention in writing to you was not to suggest an investigation of past acts but rather by the publication of appropriate instructions by Military Commanders having jurisdiction over Military Police, to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future.

2. I should be glad therefore if you would pursue this matter, so that, as far as possible, similar complaints may be avoided in future.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

PGK/t

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

Ref: ACC/14601/16

13 April 1944

SUBJECT: Searches in Carabinieri Barracks.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Memorandum dated 8 April 1944, and accompanying papers, has been handed to Provost Marshal, Peninsular Base Section, with request for appropriate action.

2. It has not been deemed advisable to refer this matter to other military police agencies in the absence of more specific information as to dates, places and circumstances of occurrence of events complained of.

3. In general, it will be possible to effect much more prompt and effective correction of situations of this kind if full particulars may be furnished as to specific violations of the suggested policy, which is of course entirely sound.

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

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

13 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Searches of Carabinieri Barracks.

TO : Provost Marshal, Peninsular Base Section.

1. Attention is invited to par. 2 attached memorandum ACC/14601/16.

2. Any a propriate action you can take to adjust this situation will be appreciated.

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

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REAR HEADQUARTERS.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.
APO.394.

ACC/14601/16. 8 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Searches in Carabinieri Barracks.

TO: Lt. Col. Alfred C. Bowman,
Chief, Liaison Div. Civil Affairs Branch.

1. Herewith is a copy of a communication received by me from the Commanding General of the Carabinieri Reali. The position taken by the General is entirely proper.

2. It would be appreciated if you would bring this matter to the attention of the competent commanders with the object of requesting the publication of appropriate instructions to bring an end to the practice complained of.

/s/ Paul G. Kirk
/t/ PAUL G. KIRK.
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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MEMORANDUM. COPY

TO: Col. P.G. Kirk.
Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

It happens sometimes that officials of Allied M.P., conduct searches and investigations inside the Carabinieri Barracks.

Although most of these investigations are unsuccessful and end with kind explanations and excuses, the matter produces a considerable loss of prestige for the Carabinieri, especially in small villages.

May I ask and suggest that proper representations be made to the competent Allied Authorities to avoid this inconvenience. Whenever any suspicion arises with regard to the Carabinieri work, it should be possible to report the matter to the Carabinieri officer and carry out with him all the investigation wanted. The presence of a Carabinieri officer when searching would save the CC.RR prestige and give a normal and legal form from a disciplinary point of view.

In brief, I have no objection for the matter itself but only stress the importance to proceed in a legal way to avoid any loss of prestige for the Police Forces.

6-4-44.

(Signed) G.PIECHE.
CC.RR. C.G.

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