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I0000/I20/26 AQ/6 - Discipline - 1st Cover
Opened Sept. 30, 1943 - Closed May 1944

Subject:- Traffic Arrangements - CASERTA Palace.

HQ AAI,
C.M.F.

2005/Q2.

May 4.

1. In order to reduce noise, it has become necessary to restrict the number of vehicles entering the Palace courtyards with effect from 08.00 hours on Monday, the 22 May, 1944. the following vehicles only will be allowed to enter the Palace gates:-

(a) Starred or flagged cars.
(b) Cars loaded with personal baggage intended for the Palace
(c) Essential domestic transport concerned with the Palace
(d) Ambulances
(e) Motor cycles (as in para. 4 below).

2. Essential domestic traffic will be issued with a pass. Passes will be obtained from Camp Commandant, HQ AAI, on demand by the HQs concerned. They will be demanded only for use with:-

(a) Vehicles which have to enter the Palace courtyards for the purpose of collecting or distributing loads.
(b) Cars, which though not starred, have been used for the collection of important visitors whose status requires that they be allowed access to the courtyards by car.

3. HQs and Branches are requested to co-operate by not demanding or distributing passes for use on vehicles whose entry to the courtyards is not covered by this instruction.

4. Motor cycles will be parked immediately on entering the Palace and riders will proceed to their destination on foot.

5. Gates in the North Wing of the Palace will be closed to vehicular traffic.

6. All other traffic will enter the Palace grounds through the main gates on the CAPUA road, or through the Park as at present. A gateway has been constructed in the wall joining the Palace at the North West corner.

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(b) Vehicles proceeding to locations within the Palace grounds will follow the new traffic circuit shown in the diagram attached.

7. The Town Major, CASERTA, in conjunction with Camp Commandant, HQ AAI, will arrange for all necessary sign posting and redistribution of Provost personnel.

for Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

DISTRIBUTION:-

AFHQ Adv CP
MAAF
TAF
City Adm Sec Fifth Army
Major, CASERTA
"A", AAI.

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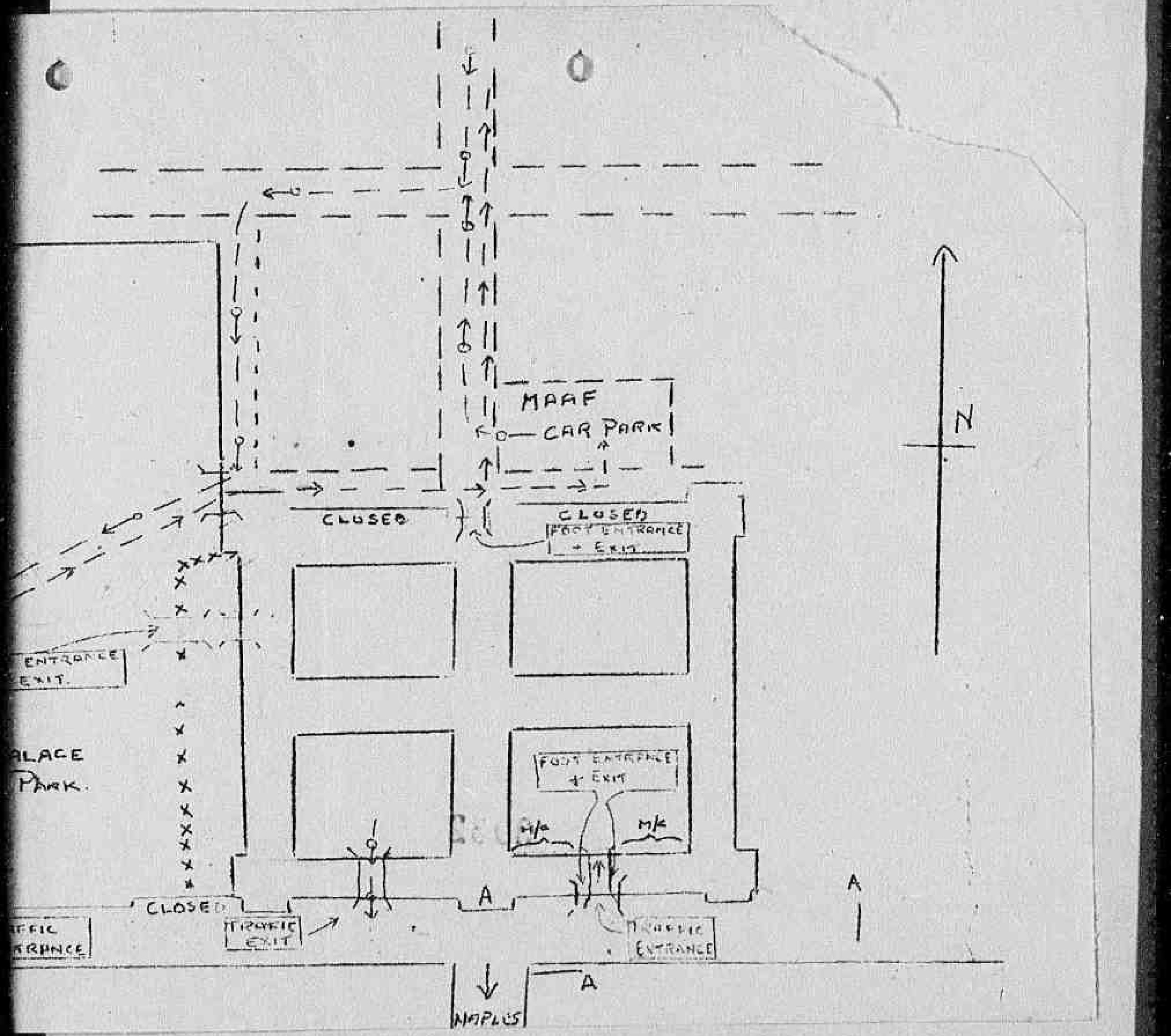

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SUBJECT:- Italian Military Labour

3 District
Tel Ext 18
159 A

4 Apr 44

'A', 57 Area
94 Sub Area

Main HQ, Army Sub-Commission, ACC
Army Sub-Commission LO, c/o HQ Allied Control Commission, NAPLES
'A' 59 Area
G, Q, E, Ord, EME, ST, Med, Lab

1. To facilitate internal discipline in Italian Military Units working for British services Comd 227 Italian Div has arranged that one Italian officer shall be present with each squad of 25 or more soldiers. It may be occasionally necessary for him to provide a sjt in lieu of an officer for this duty.

2. Wherever possible addressees will ensure that executive orders given to these Italian officers will be given by British officers.

HBT/RFC

Col IC Adm

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This slip will NOT be removed

b

To: BF to/Col Howard on arrival at this HQ on 15 Apr 10

Lt Col Howard	Please investigate, report and take necessary action on att 12/4/50

CC. Copy of each of att to
Col Howard.

Jan. 5/53

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11 APR 1944 ANNO XXII

HQ No. 2 District, CMF.
1636 Q.
11 Apr 44.

SUBJECT: Staging Areas - CALABRIA.

MMIALO

1. Attached is a copy of a report from OC 9 Bn The Manchester Regt regarding the unsatisfactory sanitary conditions at: -

GIOIA TAURO
SOVERIA
SPEZZANO STATION.

2. Will you please take up this question with the Italian Military Authorities and let us know the result as soon as possible.

K. Wray Capt
Colonel,
Col. i/c Adm.

DR

13/4 9th

COPY TO: Med.

10/6 Mar

To: Hq MMIA
Inviting attention to subject letter
Yes

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COPY

To: - H.Q.
No. 2 District.

I wish to report the insanitary conditions of the following Italian controlled Staging Areas on the route from REGGIO to TARANTO: -

GIOIA TAURO
SOVERIA
SPEZZANO STATION.

The latrines have no seats and are indescribably filthy. Moreover they are not fly-proofed and are of the shallow trench type, which is unsuitable for a permanent staging area.

The Medical Officer who accompanied my battalion on its recent move states that, had the move taken place a few weeks later, he would have been compelled to advise against the use of the above staging areas owing to the risk of fly-borne disease.

The Italian authorities at each area were asked to have the latrines cleaned, but, by the time I left, nothing had been done.

(3d) ??
Lt. Col.,
Commanding,
9th Bn The Manchester Regiment.

FIELD
8 Apr 44.

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TO

Major Bartlett

Does the 1TT Government claim from our 1T1 Subaltern after an accident in the same way as we do? How long?

When long = 2½ d a day at sums a bit touchy!

CMAQ

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A.Q.

Regulations being produced. See log dated 13 April

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

9 Oct 46
Date

Suspense _____

FROM		TO
	Chief Commissioner	
	Dep. Chief Commissioner	
	Secy. Gen. to Chief Commissioner	
	Administrative Section (2)	✓
	Economic Section	
	RC & MG Section	
	Civil Affairs Branch	
	PW & Displaced Pers Sub Com	
	Italian Refugees Branch	
	Security Branch	
	Information Branch	
✓	Establishment Branch	
	Ex Offrs	
	G-1 (A)	
	G-1 (B)	
	G-4	
	Hq Comdt (Main Hq)	
	Hq Comdt (Rear Hq)	
	Adjutant (Main Hq)	
	Adjutant (Rear Hq)	
	Archives & Library	
	Pool of Interpreters	
	Political Section	
	Independent Sub-Commissions	
	Navy	
	Land Forces	
	Air Forces	
	Telecommunications & Posts	
	War Material Disposal	
	Public Relations Officer	
	Liaison Section Hq A.C.M.F.	
	ARMY SUB-COMMISSION. (1)	✓

FOR:

Signature	✓
Remarks/Recommendation	
Information	
Approval/Disapproval 3026	✓
Appropriate action	✓
Investigation & Report	
Dispatch	

REMARKS: _____

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FROM : Executive Officer (B)

AQ/6. 143

TO : Army Sub-Commission.

Ref attached.

Can you please give a ruling with regard to Italian Soldiers driving British or American Army Vehicles.

FROM :Executive Officer (B)

TO : Legal Sub-Commission (through Administrative Vice-President)

Ref attached.

Can you please give a ruling with regard to 3 to 25 Civilians driving British or American Army Vehicles.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

3 April 1944

HQC/6

SUBJECT: Responsibility of Drivers.

TO : Executive Officer.

It is requested that a ruling be advanced by your office reference responsibility in the case where U. S. Army vehicles of this Headquarters are driven by civilians, Italian Army or British drivers. If such drivers are to be held financially responsible in case of loss of vehicle through their neglect, it will be necessary that provisions be made for procedure of collection.

R. H. ROBERTSON
Lt. Colonel
Hq. Commandant.

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Comd
2.I.C.

For information

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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QS/mms

QS213

6 April 1944

SUBJECT: Communications.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE).

Attached is a copy of letter from General MERCALLI (Tribunale Supremo Militare).

4. Conversation referred to in the first sentence was a conference called by the Legal Sub-Commission here in SALERNO which General MERCALLI attended.

With reference to PW (para 2) Legal Sub-Commission have been asked to submit a list for inclusion in Comando Supremo priority lists.

Lt. Col.
(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

1 Incl as above.

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 10 dic 44. A916
to
ITALIAN ARMY. 3022

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COPY FROM ADV. HQ. SALERNO APRIL 6

TRANSLATION by Pfc. BONNANI Ostuni, March 15, 1944.

Section of Supreme Military Tribunal for Liberated Territories.

TO: Lt. Col. Quin-Smith
Chief of Army Sub-Commission
A.C.C., Salerno

Ref. No. 11/O.P.

SUBJECT: Communications.

In compliance with the wish you expressed in our recent conversation in Salerno I am sending you the information on to what has been done in connection with the questions discussed:

The Deputy General Military Prosecutor in this Section of the Military Court, Lt. Gen. of Military Justice Francesco TRAINA. under whose competency the discussed questions come, has assured me of the following:

1. For some time the Military Courts have been applying, with a complete spirit of collaboration, Art. 16 of the Italian Military Penal Code of War, paying particular attention to the state of cobelligerence. However, they have given a broad interpretation to Art. 232 u.p. Nos. 1 of said Code, thus extending their jurisdiction over crimes committed by foreigners against the armed forces and at the expense of the Allies.

2. Unfortunately, however, a number of things hinders, and not slightly, the regular functioning of the Military Courts.

The territorial Military Courts of War now in operation are detached in the following areas: Naples, Bari, Taranto (with the Section of the Tribunal, in Lecce), Catanzaro, Oristano, Sesari, Sicily (in the ppocess of organisation).

The judicial personnel, with the exception of a small percentage of military magistrates of the Regular Army and of enlisted civilian magistrates, is very much under-strength.

It is for this reason that Gen. TRAINA has already informed th Comando Supremo of the necessity of requesting the freeing of army magistrates still held prisoner, that is, in order to fill theemany vacancies in the Courts. However, almost no one has returned up to now. Besides, the jails at the disposal of Military Prosecutors are absolutely insufficient.

Furthermore, the Military Courts do not possess any means of transport. This causes considerable delay in the investigation that the magistrates have to conduct away from their headquarters, as well as in the operation of the Court.

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3. The replacement of Brig. Gen. MONTALTO, Prosecutor of the Tribunal of Bari is being studied by the General Prosecutor, Lt. Gen. TISINA, under whose authority are all the movements of the military magistrates, particularly because of the difficulty in appointing the substitute due to the deficiency of magistrates, already mentioned. At any rate, Gen. MONTALTO actually is not serving because he is on leave, convalescing from a recent and serious case of Broncho-pheumonia.

4. At any rate, I have again urged the above mentioned General Prosecutor to call together again all the dependent Military Courts, so that in the future all denunciations which, according to Art. 15 of Italian Penal Code of War will be handed to the authority of the Italian Military Courts, will be despatched with priority over all the others, and with urgent procedure, and court proceedings carried out with a spirit of collaboration with the Allies, in accordance with the understanding reached with the higher Allied Commands.

I take this opportunity, Colonel, to ask you to call to Salerno the Deputy General Prosecutor with this Section of the Supreme Military Tribunal, Lt. Gen. of Military Justice Francesco TRAINA, whenever in the future the inter-allied Commission has to examine judicial problems concerning military justice and wishes to hear the legal opinion of Italian Military Judicial agencies. Lt. Gen. TRAINA is the most competent man for this matter. From him depends the functioning of the Military Courts and all the personnel of Military Courts.

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FROM MJCS	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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QS/mms

QS215

7 April 1944

SUBJECT: Call-up of Italian Military Personnel.
Palumbo, Giovanni, Sgt. 31st Inf. Div.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE).

Attached copy of ACC/4083/1/L of 7 April is forwarded. As it appears that many men called up will be absent for similar reasons, you may consider it not worthwhile informing S.M.R.E., as presumably calling-up organisation will have been told why the man is not available.

If, however, it is desired to commute or suspend punishment, please signal this office. Otherwise, no action is necessary.

J. W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.
(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

1 Incl. as above.

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to
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LEGA SUBCOMMISSION
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ACC/4083/1/L

7 April 1944

SUBJECT: Call-up of Italian Military Personnel.
Palumbo, Giovanni, Sgt. 31st Inf. Div.

TO : Army Sub-Commission(Lt. Col. Quinsmith).

1. The above mentioned was sentenced on 3.2.44 to 10 months' imprisonment for altering a pass. The case has come to this Sub-Commission for review; and it is proposed to affirm the sentence.

2. The appeal on behalf of the accused states that he is under orders to report for military duty on the 17th April 1944.

3. May the appropriate Italian military authority please be informed, if necessary?

4. If it is desired that the sentence be commuted or punishment suspended, may this Sub-Commission please be informed immediately?

/s/ J. MORE
Captain
for Chief Legal
Officer.

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MESSAGE FORM.

Priority 135

From: MMIA.

To : FATIMA REAR for QUINCETTH. AQ 431 9 2155 D

RESTRICTED (*) Ref MMIA signal AQ 896 dated 4 Mar (*)
Subject is members of Italian Army in goal (*) Please obtain
answer from Chief Commissioner ACC to whom MMIA G/6/1/32 dated
24 Mar was addressed

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except wireless.

This message must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception.

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Important

Sgd F J Nasmith MMIA

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SUBJECT:- ACCESS TO ROAD.

Headquarters,
71 Sub Area
G/69/1
7 Apr '44.

31 Inf Regt. P.A.

1. A complaint has been received that the Bty in occupation at G.[illegible] Farm, nr LIGNIE, have forbidden the owner of the farm to use the lane from the main road to the farm.

2. As this lane is the only access to the land, farm workers must, unless for some operational reason, be allowed to use it, in order to cultivate the ground.

3. Please inform this H.Q. whether you have any operational objections.

MILITARY MIS...

Captain A/Q for
Major,
for [illegible]
ITALIAN ARMY L.O.C. & C.I.C.

JJH/EMP.

Copy to:- Army Sub-Commission A.C.C. (2)

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Personnel correspondence

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MIN. of WAR - MT. offic TRANSLATION Ref: 1400/1
TO: MMIA 1MAR. HW 133

Subject: Deserters alleging employment by Allies as reason for non return to their units

The u/m soldiers:

- PAGANO Bartolomeo - class 1920 - of the Corpo MT Parks
- MONATELLI MARIO - " 1922. - - 59 Heavy Mobile W/shops

sent on regular leave at SCAFATI and NAPLES did not returned to their units at the end of the leave.

Investigations carried out ~~carried~~ showed that a/m soldiers presented to the authorities ifc of their return a document (see encl. 1 & 2 alt.) signed by the allied HQ NAPLES which states that being employed by the allied Auth. they were exempted from Military Service.

It appears that these soldiers, desirous to stay near their families, while engaged as workmen by the allied auth. did not mentioned their quality of soldiers. In compliance with our agreements, we would kindly ask you to obtain from the Military HQ concerned (NAPLES) the return of these a/m soldiers to their unit. This breach of discipline resulting from the fact that they did not returned to their unit at the end of the leave might induce other soldiers to follow their example.

Gen. ALIBERTI

Capt.

MILITARY MISSION.
Date Apl 132.
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

CF/b

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE
1ª Divisione

N. di prot. 1400/1 P.M. 107 li 7 marzo 1944

Risp. al foglio ..... *del* .....

OGGETTO:- militari inviati in licenza e non rientrati, allo scadere della stessa, ai loro reparti.-

Deserters absenting employment by Allies as reason for non return to Unit.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

LEQUILE

Si segnalano i casi dei seguenti autieri :- 3012

- PAGANO Bartolomeo della classe 1920 - del Parco Automobilistico di Armata;
- MONATELLI Mario della classe 1922 - della 59ª Officina Mobile Pesante ;

che inviati in regolare licenza, rispettivamente a Scafati ed a Napoli non hanno fatto ritorno, allo scadere della stessa, ai rispettivi reparti.-

In seguito ad indagini compiute è risultato che i militari hanno esibito, alle autorità interessate per il loro rientro al reparto di appartenenza, un documento (vedi allegato nº 1 e 2 alla presente) rilasciato loro dal Comando Militare Alleato di Napoli nel quale è detto che, per essere il militare impiegato da tale comando, esso è esente dal servizio militare.-

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Poichè evidentemente i militari in questione, allo scopo di rimanere presso la residenza delle proprie famiglie, hanno sorpresa la buona fede delle Autorità Alleate nascondendo, all'atto della assunzione in qualità di operai, la loro qualità di militari in servizio, ed in relazione agli accordi intercorsi con codesta Sottocommissione, si sarà grati se verrà interessato il competente Comando Alleato di Napoli perchè i militari siano fatti rientrare ai loro reparti, anche e specialmente perchè la grave mancanza disciplinare da loro commessa, col non rientrare al reparto allo scadere della licenza,non costituisca un precedente che possa indurre altri compagni a seguire l'esempio.-

p. IL MINISTRO

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C O P I A

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Subject:MilitaryA Exemptien

To:Italian Militarj Authrities

Naples Aerea

R: Signer Menatelli Mario

This is to certify that the above -named is at present employed by British Military Company,and as such is exempt from Military Service.

C.M.F. Firma illegibile Major
17 Feb.44 Commanding Britisch Army Unit

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Smi/to

COMANDO DEL DISTRETTO MILITARE DI NAPOLI
UFFICIO COMANDO

N° 684/1 DI PRot.ord. Napoli 10 febbraio 1944

AL COMANDO DELLA 59° OFFICINA MOBILE PESANTE 3011
T R E P U Z Z I (Lecce)

e,per conoscanza:

AL COMANDO TERRITORIALE DELLA CAMPANIA

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is exempt from Military Service.

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e,per conoscanza:

AL COMANDO TERRITORIALE DELLA CAMPANIA
- Ufficio Presidio - N A P O L I

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..... Per conescenza,informando che l'autiere Menatel= li Mario di Michele cl.1922,in licenza di gg.30 più 4 in Napoli, Via Gaetano Argento n°2 -è stato trattenuto in Patrie.-

Per Copia Conforme

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
(Guglielmo Mottola)

For info. and to inform you that Pvt. MONATELLO on 30+4 days leave in NAPLES, 2 Via Gaetano d'argento has been keept at home.

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LEGICNE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI NAPOLI
STAZIONE DI SCAFATI

N° 22/28 di prot. Scafati li 20=2=944

Risposta al foglio n° 281/R.S.G.del 27.1.u.s.

OGGETTO: PAGANO Bartolomeo cl 1920,da Scafati:=

AL COMANDO DEL PARCO AUTOMOBILISTICO S.M.R.E.

= MESAGNE =
(Brindisi)

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Si riferisce che in seguito all'ordine date dal settoscritto al militare in oggetto di rientrare a codesto Comando,lo stesso ha esibito l'unita dichiarazione rilasciata dal Comando Militare Alleato di Napoli presso il quale il PAGANO è occupato in qualità di meccanico;nella quale è detto che il militare essendo alla di lui dipendenza deve essere esonerato dal servizio militare.=

IL VICE BRIGADIERE COM/TE INTLA STAZIONE
F/to D'Apice Alberto

p.c.c.
L'Ufficiale ADDETTO

3010

From the HQ CCRR - NAPLES
To " " SMRE MT Park

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AL COMANDO DEL PARCO AUTOMOBILISTICO S.M.R.E.

= MESAGNE =
(Brindisi)

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Si riferisce che in seguito all'ordine dato dal sottoscritto al militare in oggetto di rientrare a codesto Comando,lo stesso ha esibito l'unita dichiarazione rilasciata dal Comando Militare Alleato di Napoli presso il quale il PAGANO è occupato in qualità di meccanico;nella quale è detto che il militare essendo alla di lui dipendenza deve essere esonerato dal servizio militare.=

IL VICE BRIGADIERE COM/TE INTLA STAZIONE
F/to D'Apice Alberto

p.c.c.
L'Ufficiale ADDETTO
(Magg. E.Lamberti)

Per Copia Conforme

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From the HQ CCRR - NAPLES.
To " " SMRE MT Park

Further to our instructions given to Pte PAGANO for his return to your HQ that soldier (presented) us the att. declaration from the Allied Military HQ NAPLES) with which he is employed as mechanic. declaration states that Pte PAGANO being employed there is exempted from the Military Service.

D'APICE Alberto

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Translation

From: War Ministry Rep. 993/C.
Liaison Office 11.3.44
To: M.M.I.A.
Subject: Military illegally absent.

An N.C.O. of the 235 Inf. Reg. instructed to trace and ~~collect~~ return to their Units some military who have not returned to their Units at the expiration of short passes granted to them in order that they go to Foggia has traced the following employed by American Units: —

- Pte. LONGO, LUIGI who, according to his written declaration, was engaged by an American N.C.O. to work on the construction of some huts near Giardinetto.
- Pte. GUIDA, POTITO, who, according to his written declaration, was engaged at Ortona by an American Captain for a steam pressing job, as a specialist with a salary of 250 lire per day. The American Capt, after having taken his particulars and unit, promised to arrange for a special one months leave to be granted to him.

There unauthorised absences seems endanger discipline and should they continue would undoubtedly make it extremely difficult to even keep Units up to strength.

We wish to point out the advisability of Allied Commands following the normal procedure in these cases, that is to say, instead of contacting

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men directly, to apply for those which are absolutely indispensable to this Ministry via M M I A. Since this procedure is approved by M.M.I.A. we would appreciate if adequate instructions could be issued to Allied Units.

(Sgd) General Alberti.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

N. di prot. 993/C. P.M. 107 li, 11 Marzo 1944

OGGETTO: Militari assenti arbitrari.-

ALLA ARMY SUB COMMISSION A.C.C.
MAIN HQ. (M.M.I.A.) = L E Q U I L E =

ALL. ARMY MISSION
Date 20/6
TO ITALIAN ARMY.

Un graduato del 235° Reggimento fanteria incaricato di ricercare e di ricondurre al Reggimento alcuni militari non più rientrati dopo un breve permesso concesso loro per recarsi nella provincia di Foggia, ha rintracciato, presso unità Americane, i seguenti :

- soldato LONGO Luigi che, secondo sua dichiarazione scritta, sarebbe stato ingaggiato da un graduato americano e adibito come manovale nella costruzione di baraccamenti presso Giardinetto;

- soldato GUIDA Potito che, secondo dichiarazione scritta, sarebbe stato ingaggiato in Ortona da un Capitano americano e incaricato dei lavori di pressatura paglia, in qualità di specializzato, con lire 250 al giorno di paga. Il Capitano americano, dopo prese le generalità del Guida e l'indirizzo del suo reparto, gli avrebbe promesso di occuparsi per fargli ottenere un mese di licenza.

Queste assenze arbitrarie producono grave danno alla disciplina e - se continuassero a verificarsi - comprometterebbero seriamente la compagine dei reparti.

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Si rappresenta pertanto la opportunità che i Comandi e reparti Alleati anzichè addivenire a forme dirette di ingaggio di militari italia-

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GENERALE ALIBERTI

Aliberti

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/6
3. April 44

Subject:- Discipline

Captain J MONICO

The attached correspondence is forwarded for your information and action. You will initial and return ACC letter 16088/G-1 of 27 March to this HQ together with the remaining official documents.

The two private letters you will retain.

Lt Col.,
A.A. & Q.M.G.

FJN/cc

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SECRET to CMMQ 3/13

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H.Q. MAI AAM ECH. CMF.

3074/7/A(O)

27 Mar 44

SUBJECT :- Removal of Italian Officers

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'A' H.Q. No 2 District

Ref 147/A of 19 Jan 44.

This H.Q. is informed by the Secretary General ACC that General TROVATO, Chief Engineer 31 Italian Corps was removed from his command approx one month ago.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 31/3 AQ/6

to

ITALIAN ARMY

Brigadier,
DMG.

CMP/AAM

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Copy to :- DEW.
Army Sub-Commission ACC. Main Hq LECHILLE (LECCE).

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SUBJECT:- Access to Military Camp

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AG/6
1st Mar 44

71 Sub Area

Copy to: A.C.C., LECCE

It is understood that the unit in occupation of S. Marco farm is an Allied unit and the att letter is therefore one for action by your HQ as you think fit.

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ABC

for Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Subject:- Use of Explosives for Fisheries

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
31 Mar 44
AG/6

Ministry of War

1. It has been brought to the attention of this Headquarters that Italian Military Personnel in the Naples area have been using various forms of explosives off the beaches and in certain salt water fish rearing ponds, namely Lake Lentini at POZZICTI and Lake Fusaro at BAIA, for the purpose of obtaining fish.

2. Fishing Regulation No 7 issued by AMG Province of Naples states "No, explosives may be used for fishing or carried in any fishing craft".

3. Since, as is well known, the use of explosives has a permanent damaging effect on fishing grounds, it is requested that you issue orders to ensure that this practice will cease.

for
the Brig
Army Sub Comm, ACC

cc/mm

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124.

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

Ref/225/13/CA. AR16 27 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Use of Explosives for Fisheries.

TO : H.Q., A.A.I.
Army Sub-Commission (Main)

1. It has been brought to the attention of this Headquarters, that both Allied and Italian military personnel in the Naples area have been using various forms of explosives off the beaches and in certain salt water fish rearing ponds, namely Lake Lentini at POZZIOTI and Lake Fusaro at BAIA, for the purpose of obtaining fish.

2. Fishing Regulation No.7 issued by AMG Province of Naples states "No explosives may be used for fishing or carried in any fishing craft".

3. Since, as is well known, the use of explosives has a permanent damaging effect on fishing grounds, it is requested that you issue orders to ensure that this practice will cease.

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M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Army Sub-Commission (Rear)
R.C. Region III.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

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No. of Groups: GR. file

Office Date Stamp

TO FATIMA REAR for QUINSLAITH

FROM M M I A

Originator's Number: AQ 811 | Date: 20 | In Reply to Number:

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of	VALIANTE	is	now	in		course
of	reconsideration					

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means available. Except Wireless

Signature [illegible]

This Message must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands.

Signature

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Time of Origin 2145 A

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War Min. - Cabinet
TO: ROMA

TRANSLATION

AO/6

Ref. H086/I
10.1.80
20 MAR. 41

Pte. A. VALIANTE / arrests as deserter

Herewith, for y. info. copy of an ACC letter QS/18 of 18 FEB sent to the Supreme Command & referring to the desertion of Pte. A. VALIANTE.

Reasons which induced a/m soldier to desert are been examined at present by this War Min.

Col. Fiore VERANZI A.

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DN/dr

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. 4086/I di prot. 10.8.120

Lecce, lì 20 MAR 1944

OGGETTO: Arresto del soldato Andrea VALIANTE.-

ALLEGATI: nº 1 Pte. Andrea VALIANTE s/arresto ad Aversa

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA
A.C.C. = COMANDO PRINCIPALE =

= LEQUILE =

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Si comunica, per conoscenza, che la Commissione Alleata di Controllo ha inviato al Comando Supremo. il foglio QS 18 in data 18 febbraio c.a., accluso in copia, relativo alla diserzione del soldato Andrea VALIANTE.

E' in corso da parte di questo Ministero il riesame dei fatti che condussero il VALIANTE alla diserzione.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col.R.Fiore-Vernazza)

MILITARY MISSION
Date 20.6.72
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Fiore Vernazza

all.nº 1 al fº 101498 del 6.3.
1944 el Comando Supremo.

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COMANDO ARRETRATO
DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
APO 394

Nel rispondere riferirsi a:
QS 18 18 febbraio 1944

OGGETTO: arresto di Andrea VALIANTE.

AL COMANDO SUPREMO
VILLA RENDE, CAVA DEI TIRRENI, SALERNO

E' attualmente nelle carceri di Campobasso un certo Andrea VALIANTE, che sta scontando una condanna di anni 20 di reclusione il cui inizio è stato stabilito al 21 gennaio 1943. I particolari del caso, secondo quanto viene riferito, sono i seguenti:

il VALIANTE era un soldato del 6º raggruppamento artiglieria, Iº battaglione 27º gruppo dell'esercito italiano. Nell'aprile 1941 fu emesso nei suoi confronti un mandato di cattura come disertore dall'esercito italiano. Il VALIANTE riuscì a nascondersi e a sfuggire alla cattura e il 15 ottobre 1943 si presentò alle autorità militari alleate a Jelsie, tre giorni dopo che vi era arrivato l'esercito britannico. Egli dichiarò ai britannici che non aveva alcuna fiducia nella causa fascista e che odiava i tedeschi specialmente perchè suo padre era stato ucciso nell'ultima guerra. Egli spiegò la sua diserzione e chiese che gli fosse consentito di unirsi alle Forze Armate Alleate per combattere contro i tedeschi. Gli fu comunicato che in quel momento non era possibile consentirgli di unirsi alle forze alleate, ma gli fu suggerito di rimanere nel suo villaggio natio di Jelsie fino a che il governo Badoglio non avesse richiamato un reggimento italiano. Appena fu pubblicato il richiamo per l'esercito italiano il VALIANTE si presentò ai carabinieri di Jelsie e fu immediatamente tratto in arresto come disertore e sta ora scontando la sua condanna a 20 anni di reclusione.

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Se i fatti suesposti sono esatti sembrerebbe che si tratti di un soggetto degno di speciale considerazione. Prima di compiere ulteriori passi si gradirebbe che voi inoltraste quelle osservazioni che vi sembri opportuno fare in relazione al caso di questo soldato.

Si comprende che sarà necessario compiere ricerche, ma si ha fiducia che si riceverà una risposta appena possibile.

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per il capo della
Commissione Alleata di Controllo
G.W.QUINSMITH
ten.col.Sottocommissione Esercito

P. C. C.
IL CAPO UFFICIO I
(Ten.Col.s.S.M.G.d'Alessandro)
T. Col d'Alessandro

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ACTION SLIP

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

TO	
Major Bymm	A matter for his STAFF action has to be taken 11/3
Capt Baumann	Passed to you for action.

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TRANSLATION

No. 250/R
2 MAR. 44

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From: Military Garrison H.Q. SALERNO
To : A.C.C. LECCE

1a Mann. Atg/6.

Subject: Breach of discipline

Our M.P.s in town reported the following breach of discipline for which we kindly ask you to let us know the degree of responsibility of the U/m officer:

- 2/Lt FRASCOLLA Vincenzo di Pasquale. class 1917 att. to SMRE

charge

Having been in SALERNO without official documents, saluting a superior officer ~~and~~ whilst behaving in a manner unbecoming to a soldier and an officer. 2937

Col. U. FERMI

Asst.

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File 120

SUBJECT: Injuries - Italian Military Labour.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/6
15 Mar 44.

6 Base Sub Area.

Ref your letter, 6 BSA/239/1/A dated 12 Mar 44.

1. As far as is known at this HQ the correct procedure is to refer such cases to the local representative of the Claims Commission who will take necessary action in instances where negligence on the part of the Allies is evident.

2. Papers addressed to H.Q. 401 Infantry Regt are returned herewith.

B.G. Lanfranchi
for Brig.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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tvs.MCH.

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SUBJECT:- INJURIES - ITALIAN MILITARY LABOUR

6BSA/239/1/A

MMIA

1. Reference attached letters from Comando Raggruppamento Unita, Lavoratori regarding accidents to Italian Troops working in the docks.

2. It appears to be unnecessary for these reports to be sent to this HQ as no action can be taken unless negligence on the part of Allied personnel or a source of unnecessary danger is indicated.

3. Would you please indicate the policy on this matter so that the Italian authorities may be instructed in the correct procedure.

MILITARY MISSION

Date 24/3.

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

12 Mar 44
FCC/ES

F.G. Whittle Capt
for Lt.Col.
AA & QMG.
6 Base Sub Area.

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BY HAND OF OFFICER 118

Reference HQ 71 Sub Area letter 47/A dated 1 Mar 44.

Brig	CC	Duchesne
Col	CP	Kerr
Lt Col	RA	Buchanan-Dunlop
Lt Col	FJ	Noakes
Lt Col	GH	Moriarty
Lt Col	HB	Finch
Maj	JF	Hampton
Maj	BG	Carew-Hunt
Maj	RC	Van-Kirk
Maj		Moeglein
Maj	SW	Cann
Maj	RM	Phillips
Maj	GA	Fleming
Maj	WA	Heggie
Maj	M	Chown
Maj	CA	Hall
Maj	FA	Archdale
Maj	EF	Byatt
Maj		Dobbs
Maj		Gregson

Capt	GC	Fox
Capt	BG	Butterworth
Capt	JG	Bird
Capt	CF	Baumann
Capt	JM	Craig
Capt		Robbins
Capt	NW	Collett

1. Will all offrs please initial
2. Camp to inform all OR's.

F-T Hamilton Lt
A/Adjt.

3 March 44

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Discipline

H.Q. 7I Sub Area
47/A
1 Mar 44.

To all C.O's (list 'C' less:- I0, II, 20, 2I, 26, 28, 29, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 50, 5I, 52, 54, 55, 56, 6I, 67, 78, 84, 92, 95, I00.)

I. I had occasion to speak recently with C.O's on the subject of discipline in this Sub Area. Since then the G.O.C. 2 District has drawn attention to the low standard generally as regards saluting and turnout.

2. One has only to walk down through Brindisi to see to what a rotten state of affairs the troops of this Garrison have fallen.

3. Officers are little better than other ranks as regards turnout. The Sergeants Mess puts up the best show.

4. The turnout of Officers is often disgraceful and the impression still exists that Officers do not need to do up the buttons on their coats, rain-coats etc. Many Officers caps are filthy. The excuse that S.D. caps are not obtainable will not be tolerated in future. F.S. Caps will be worn in place of dirty S.D. caps (or alternatively dirty S.D. caps will be cleaned).

5. The turnout of the rank and file is steadily deteriorating and greatcoats are too often seen undone, collars turned up, and men are slouching about with hands in pockets.

6. "Turnout" includes dress of all men travelling in vehicles besides the drivers. Too many men still imagine that only one of a party need salute, the remainder merely turning their heads; this indicates lack of either instruction or discipline.

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Drivers of Vehicles are still "speeding" to the great detriment of the war effort.

7. The instructions given concerning the saluting of flags goes [illegible] The Sub Area Commander's Flag on his car is not

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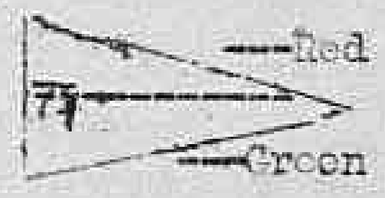
7. The instructions given concerning the saluting of flags goes quite unheeded. The Sub Area Commander's Flag on his car is not recognised by men who when questioned, have never been informed on the subject.

(a) For ease of reference, it is as follows



(b) Whenever it is seen, the occupants of the cars will be saluted. The flag never flies unless the Sub Area Commander is actually travelling in the car. The same applies to all other flagged cars which will be saluted at all times without hesitation. Officers are as great offenders in this as anyone else.

8. Rowdyism in the streets, especially at "closing time" is on the increase. Boisterous singing in the streets and rowdyism brings disgrace upon the Army and units, and will be stopped. Too often men are allowed to proceed through the streets obviously drunk, and bring discredit on themselves, their units, the Army and their Country. This form of rotten behaviour will be dealt with far more drastically in future. C.O's are allowing men to return to their billets rowdy and drunk. This will not be condoned in the future.

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9. Anything that brings disgrace on the Army is a Military Offence and will be treated as such. Men who beat up Canteens or Clubs, also, of course, Cafes, and who, by their rowdyism ruin the amenities of such meagre Welfare facilities as are available, will be punished, and leniency will not be tolerated.

10. Unless Commanders of units are able to effect a rapid change for the better in the next 14 days, the following measures will be introduced:- (a) "Behaviou Patrols" consisting of 1 Offr. (Capt or Lieut), 1 Sgt., and 2 other ranks from every 1000 men will be supplied daily. (b) Commanding officers will be held responsible for the failings of their units. (c) All crimes in public will be dealt with by C.O's(who will not be under the rank of Field Officer), and crimes of drunkenness in public will be tried by F.G.C.M. if 3rd offence.

11. The District Commander will not tolerate any weakness in these matters. C.O's will take immediate steps to bring this letter to the notice of ALL officers and other ranks under their command.

12. I have drawn attention to this state of affairs myself. It is now the responsibility of C.O's to take up their full responsibilities and if they are not able to do this, then other Commanding officers will be appointed.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter by return stating time of signature thereon.

Colonel,
Commanding 71 Sub Area.

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MILITARY MISSION 116.
3 June 44 AQ/C
to
ITALIAN ARMY

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. #464 U. S. Army

AG 370.8-Y

FEB 27 1944

SUBJECT : Italian Deserters.

TO : Commanding General, Armed Forces of Campania.
Commanding General, 1st Italian Group.

1. Letter 208/CA/26, Headquarters Fifth Army Allied Military Government, subject "Italian Deserters", dated 19 February 1944, is attached hereto, marked Inclosure #1.

2. It is desired that the provisions of this letter be complied with in all instances relating to Italian personnel serving with units of Fifth Army.

3. Request that report be rendered to this headquarters of any instances requiring action prescribed in the attached letter.

For the ARMY COMMANDER:

C.H.B.

(CCA) CHARLES N. BONNER
1st Lt. A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

1 Incl.
Incl. #1 - Letter 208/CA/26, Hq Fifth Army, Allied Military Gov't., subject: "Italian Deserters".

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO-464, U. S. ARMY

203/GM/26.
19 February 1944.

SUBJECT : Italian Deserters.

TO : Chief of Staff, Fifth Army.

1. The following instruction has been received from HQ., ACC., regarding the trial of Italian soldiers charged with deserting from the Italian Army:

> "Members of the Italian Armed Forces who deserted between 10 July and 8 September 1943, inclusive, shall not be punished for desertion except those who deserted to the German or other hostile army.
>
> However, the foregoing does not preclude trial and punishment by an Italian Military Tribunal of those who so deserted between the dates above mentioned, for their failure to return to the Italian Armed Forces after 6 October 1943, provided they were given due and proper notice to return by that date.
> In such cases the deserters may be tried and punished for failure to return and not for the original desertion.
>
> The Italian Commanders in your Area should be advised accordingly".

2. It is recommended that these instructions be communicated to the commander of the Italian Forces within the 5th Army area for transmission to and compliance by the Procurators of the Italian Military Tribunals concerned.

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3. If any cases have been tried contrary to this instruction, request information thereon.

s/ Edgar Erskine Hume
t/ EDGAR ERSKINE HUME,
Brigadier General, General Staff Corps,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer, AMG-5th Army.

Incl. #1.

COPY

Subject: - Discipline - Driving - 1002 Coy.

H.Q. 71 Sub Area.
47/A.
Mar 44.

C.R.A.S.C.,
29 L of C Tpt Coln.

1. At approx 2010 hrs on 29 Feb 44, the Area Comd was following three lorries of 1002 Italian Gen Tpt Coy along the Bari Rd entering BRINDISI.

2. Between the site of the old 50 Gen Tpt Coy's Workshops and the turning down of the road past R.E.M.E. Workshop, lorry No. 5264718 overtook the one in front of it whilst the convoy was already travelling over the limit of 20 m.p.h. for the town.

3. The corner in question was just a few yards (50 at most) ahead; the lorry which was overtaken swerving out at the same time to pass a cart, and why there was no accident was pure luck.

4. Should any traffic have arrived from the opposite direction, a serious accident was bound to occur.

5. These same 3 lorries, then proceeded down CORSO UMBERTO without checking at the control post. This may or may not have been in accordance with their orders, their speed was certainly still well over 20 m.p.h.

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(b) overtaking by 2nd and 3rd lorry with a blind corner ahead.

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W.K. Arrowsmith
Lt-Col,
A.Q.M.G.

Copy to: - M.M.I.A.
Lt-Col Finch (By hand).

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2 March 44

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Subject: - Punishments Awarded to Italians for theft.

H.Q. 71 Sub Area.
47/25/A.
24 Feb 44.

Admirale Rubartelli,
L'Ammiraglio di Divisione,
Comando Militare Marittimo,
B R I N D I S I.

With reference to your letter 167/1 dated 27 December 1943. I have since received considerable details of punishments from the military authorities and these appear quite satisfactory. Some information concerning civilians is also to hand, though very unsatisfactory, owing to the complete absence of any convictions by the Military Tribunal.

I understand that, for the period 26 November - 25 December 1943, 173 charges were preferred against Italian sailors at BRINDISI, and from 26 December 1943 to 25 January 1944, 239 charges were preferred against Italian sailors in the same area.

I realise that many of ~~them~~ these Sailors will have been included in the discharge of undesirables to which you have recently referred.

I shall be most grateful if you will now ensure prompt action by the Military Tribunal and reassure me as regards naval convictions and punishments.

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 25 Feb 44.
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Colonel,
Commanding, 71 Sub Area.

Copy to: - M.M.I.A.
H.Q. 2 District.

AIG - NA.

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File 19.2

12 February 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Mission to the Italian Army, Lecce.

When at Allied Force Headquarters Advance Administration Echelon on the 10th, the M.M.I.A. Liaison Officer told Commodore Palmer and myself that Sardinia had been having difficulties with the Italian ships transporting personnel, etc., to the mainland. He stated that, on one occasion a ship's crew had had a "joy-ride" in Palermo enroute. He added that it had been found necessary to place a British Officer on the ship to ensure its proceeding direct to the correct destination. As it seems advisable that this sort of thing should be represented through A.C.C. channels, you may agree to a report being forwarded giving the facts. I believe the officer concerned is shortly visiting Lequile. Hampton

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

J.W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

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MILITARY MISSION.
Date 17 Feb. 1944
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION QS/mms

APO 394

14 February 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Mission to the Italian Army, Lecce.

Attached copy of a letter regarding trial by Italians of deserters from the Army is passed to you for information and necessary action.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Capt for Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

1 Incl. as above.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

13 February 1944

DearMarshal Messe,

Your representations to Brigadier General Taylor concerning the trial by Italian Military Tribunals in occupied territory of deserters from the Italian Armed Forces have been given careful consideration. I have come to the conclusion that members of the Italian Armed Forces who deserted between 10 July and 8 September, 1943, inclusive, should not be tried or punished for desertion except those who deserted to the German or other hostile Army. This, however, does not preclude trial and punishment by an Italian Military Tribunal of those who deserted between the dates above mentioned for t their failure to return to the Italian Armed Forces after some fixed date subsequent to the Armistice provided they were given due and proper notice to return by that date. In the latter instance deserters may be tried and punished for failure to return and not for the original desertion.

An instruction to the above effect has been sent to my officers in territory occupied by the Allied Forces and I ask you to inform Italian Commanders stationed therein of this ruling for their guidance.

I will also ask you to give me your assurance that the foregoing will be applied in unoccupied territory.

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Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner,
HQ. Allied Control Commission.

TO: Marshal G. Messe
Chief of General Staff,
R. Army

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PERSONAL ○ CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: - Allied Officer's Club - Pilferage.

H.Q. 71 Sub Area.
114/2/A.
12 Feb 44.

TO: -
Distribution List 'C'.

The Allied Officers' Club BRINDISI has lost by pilferage 385 glasses, amongst other articles, during the months of December and January.

This disclosure will come as a pretty good shock to most officers. Nevertheless, it is a fact that these articles have been pilfered by certain unknown officers, and other officers must have cognisance of the pilfering. It is getting terribly difficult to replace this glass, and cut bottles will shortly have to be taken into use.

It is only by co-operation of all officers that this Club can be run in a manner worthy of its name; and the thoughtless few - who are spoiling a good show - must be brought into line.

With great reluctance, I must ask you to bring this situation to the notice of all your officers, with an earnest request for their continued and energetic co-operation in stopping this distressing practise.

2985

Colonel,
Commanding, 71 Sub Area.

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Air Observation Post Squadrons

HQ No. 2 District CMP

A 74 12 Feb 44

HQ 52 Area
HQ 6 Base Sub Area
HQ 71 Sub Area
HQ 151 Sub Area

...LITARY MISSION.
15 Letters 14/16.
to
...ARMY.

The following copy of AHQ letter G1/H/5215/A3 of 20 Jan 44 regarding the status of Army personnel in Air Observation Post Squadrons is forwarded for information and necessary action.

[illegible]
Colonel,
Col i/c Adm.

"A question has recently been raised as to the status of army personnel in Air Observation Post Sqns. These squadrons are R.A.F. units and the position is as follows:

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(d) GCM in respect of Army personnel will be convened by an R.A.F. officer; but the finding and sentence MUST be confirmed by an Army officer, unless in the opinion of the Air Officer Commanding the body of the Air Air Force to which he is attached (such opinion to be stated in the confirmation and to be conclusive) there is not present any officer authorised to confirm the findings and sentences of GCM under the Army [illegible]

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(e) Army officers and other ranks are not subject to Military Law except in the circumstances mentioned in Air Force Act, Section 179A (2) (a), i.e., if they commit an offence for which they are not amenable under the Air Force Act but for which they can be punished under the Army Act. In such a case should arise the army officer or soldier should be attached immediately to an Army unit and dealt with in the ordinary way under the Army Act."

(Signed) ????????

for Lieutenant General,

Chief Administrative Officer.

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SEGRETO

P.M.151, 10 febbraio 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO

Ufficio Operazioni

N. 11063 /OP. di prot.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

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O G G E T T O : Generale TROVATO.-

Aal

In relazione a quanto segnalatomi con foglio MG 201 del 6 corrente, informo che ho disposto per la urgente sostituzione del generale in oggetto con altro generale (o colonnello) che dia pieno affidamento di assolvere colla necessaria energia, attività e capacità le funzioni di comandante del Genio del XXXI C.A. con particolare riferimento ai lavori occorrenti al mantenimento in efficienza della linea di comunicazione alleata attraverso la Campania.-

IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)

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2083

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G. Messe

With reference to the request contained in your HQ. 201 Org 6 file, I have arranged for this Officer to be relieved by another general (on full strength) who can be relied on to discharge with the requisite energy rapidly the duties of C.E. 31 Corps, particularly insofar as they cover the road measures for the efficient maintenance of the Allied L. of C.

Sir, See also folios 74 & 98

CC
11/02

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - Military Tribunals

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Rear H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/6
2 Feb 44

HQ Allied Control Commission

Copy to: HQ 71 Sub Area
(ref 47/23/A of 15 Jan 44)

Ref att letter from Comd 71 Sub Area.

As this matter affects Naval and other personnel, besides Army, it would seem that it is beyond the scope of this HQ.

AQ 02

Rabuchanan Dunlop
Lt Col
for Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

ABC

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Further to a meeting of the A.C.C. Naples, Gen. Mac- 103
Farlane gave instructions (phoned from Salerno by an It. officer to the War Ministry for: Sua Eccellenza Reale) that the strike which is assumed to take place to-morrow in the TARANTO arsenal & its vicinity will be avoided. Italians are to take every measure to avoid such strike and these measures will be approved by the Allies. If not successful TARANTO and its area will be declared "Enemy Occupied Tarito[illegible]" and will be ruled by British Laws.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. E.
Sezione Sanità

2/172/Sez.

All'a Missione Militare
presso il R. Esercito Italiano

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A/C to Sala Segr. 1/c
SE to Sala RMP 2/1

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In reply refer to: MS 201

6 February 1944

SUBJECT: Relief of General Trovato.

TO : His Excellency Marshal of Italy Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

Your Excellency:

I regret to inform you that the methods of work of General Trovato, Chief Engineer XXXI Corps have been found inconsistent with the efficiency required to maintain the Allied line of Communication through CALABRIA. While General Trovato has qualities of ability, his insistance on centralisation of every detail in his own hands, to cover himself in writing for every action, lead to avoidable delays which cannot be further permitted. It is in the interests of all concerned that he be replaced by an efficient leader who will see to the prompt execution of the work. I am therefore to request that you will have General Trovato relieved of his appointment: and shall be glad to receive your confirmation of the fact.

On behalf of the Deputy President

Brig.

(C. C. DUCHESNE)

Sir
Foliot 24 a 99
refer

Copy to MMIA

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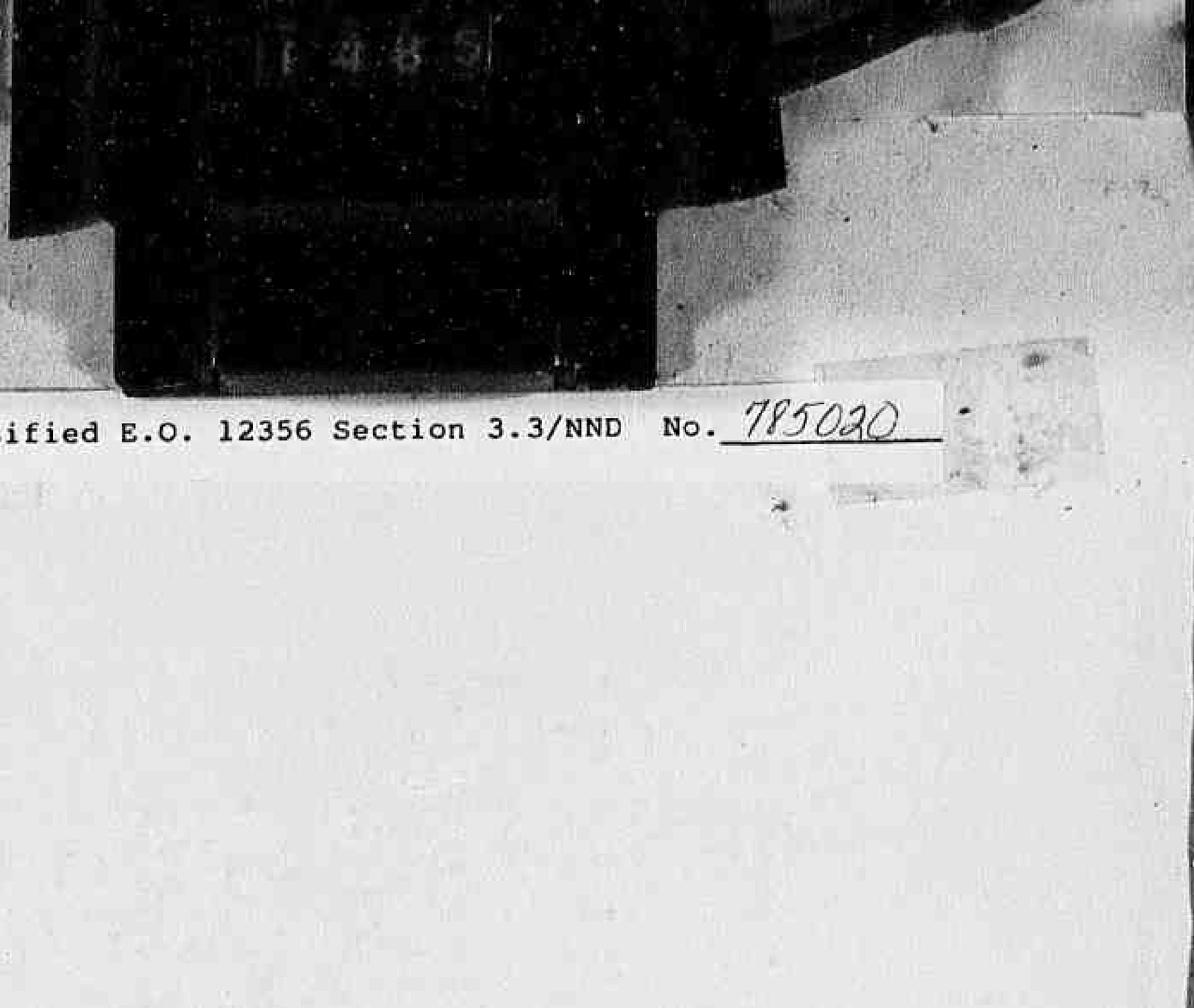

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - 7 Mountain Regt.

A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Boh,
C.M.F.

3110/A.2.

25 Jan 44.

See 785068

O.C. 7 Mountain Regt (R.A.).

Ref your conversation with A.D.A.G. on the question of disciplinary powers over Italian personnel, this question has been taken up with A.F.H.Q., who state:-

"(a) It is confirmed that British officers have at present no powers of punishment over Italian personnel.

(b) Should a case arise in which it is considered an Italian is a camp follower the facts should be submitted for legal advice.

(c) The numerous questions arising in connection with employment of Italian army units and personnel are under consideration by this H.Q."

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 28 January 1944

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

Brigadier
A.A.A.G.

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HD/ASW.

Copy to:- H.Q. A.C.M.F.
No. 2 District.
M.M.I.A.
G(SD).
File 3112/2/A.2.

Our 3112/A.2 of
26 Dec 45 refers.

Circulate

refers to AFHQ which Circulation of
discipline on mixed units. Our
recommendations have been submitted
to Fifth Army Rear HQ

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for BGS and CE(°) My recommendation for removal of General TROVATO Chief Engineer 31 Italian Corps forwarded to you by DISTWO under ref 147/A dated 19 Jan (°) Position in CALABRIA uncomfortable (°) May action please be expedited

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Subject:- Chief Engineer XXXI Corps

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AG/G
28 Jan 44

MMIA Liaison Officer, CATANZARO

1. The situation regarding the removal of Gen TROVATO is as follows:-

(a) Letter from GCC No 2 District to 15 Army Gp dated 19 Jan 44 recommending removal.

(b) Signal from MMIA to ACIF (late 15 Army Gp) dated 27 Jan requesting that action be expedited.

2. Ref your E/5 dated 22 Jan 44.

The Cond has instructed me to inform you that the choice of the new Chief Engineer is entirely an Italian responsibility and that it is not in your province to advise on this matter.

Bgen.
for Brig
Cond

GSH

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Subject:-Italian Army Engineers.

Military Mission to
The Italian Army.

L.O.3Tst.Italian Corps,
Catanzaro.

22 Jan 44.

Ref:-E.5.

H.Q.,
M.M.I.A.

I have been looking around for a Chief Engineer for 3Tst. Corps and cannot find one. presumably all the able ones are P.O.W.

I discussed this with various officials at Corps H.Q., and two names were suggested. Names are as under:-

(1). General BOWCOMPAGNI believed P.O.W. in N.Africa.

(2). General STEINER PIERO. Whereabouts unknown.

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Major.

W.V.J.

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SUBJECT: Traffic Incidents

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
A/G
27 Jan 44.

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MINISTRY OF WAR
C.M.R.P.

(Rec)

1. Certain incidents recently reported appear to have arisen from drivers of Allied vehicles being dazzled by the headlights of Italian vehicles, in particular of staff cars.

2. It may not be fully realised by Italian drivers that, while all British vehicles have hooded or blacked-out headlights, no such device is fitted to Italian cars, so that the dazzle-effect on the Allied driver is correspondingly increased.

3. It would therefore, be appreciated if Italian drivers were warned or reminded of this fact, and instructed to dim or switch off their headlights on meeting Allied traffic.

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Brig.
Gen. L.

WVS.

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SUBJECT:- INCIDENT AT LECCE.

CONFIDENTIAL

Headquarters,

71 Sub Area.
47/12/A
21st Jan' 44

Military Mission to the Italian Army.
(for the Attention of Col MORIARTY).

Reference conversation Colonel MORIARTY - S.C.'A' of 19 Jan '44.

Herewith copy of C.M.P. report on the subject of an alleged assault on the driver of General Aliberti's car on 15 Jan '44.

It will beseen that the incident was provoked by the car being involved in a slight accident with a Marine.

It would appear also that the bruising of the Italian Officer's leg, and Marine SKELLY's allegation that he was struck when opening the door are co-related. The marine may have slammed the door when he was struck, or he may have beenstruck because he slammed the door, this point is not clear.

It is evident however that the Italian Officer concerned was not prepared to co-operate with the Police and should have given his particulars when asked to do so.

The report in question is being forwarded to H.Q. 52 Area for action as the Unit in question has now moved.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 26.1.44.

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Commanding 71 Sub Area. Col.,

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To:- The D.A.P.M.
71 Sub Area.
BRINDISI.

Sir,

I have to report that at LECCE on the 15th January 1944, at about 2030 hrs, I was on duty in the RUE ISSABELLA VICTOR EMANUELE, accompanied by SERGEANT TREACLE, U.U. MILITARY POLICE, when I saw a crowd gathered round a car. On approaching it I saw four soldiers:-

MARINES 109509 PO/X EBBANS E.
PX. 103969 HENSHAW.
TCH/ 102040 SLAYMAKER.I.
101359 SKELLY F.

of the 7th Battalion, Y Company, Royal Marines, LECCE.

On approaching the above named soldiers, I was accosted by an Italian Officer who stated in broken English that one of the soldiers had opened the door of tha car, belonging to an Italian Officer of High Rank, and on shutting it he alleged that the soldier had bruised this officer's leg. The officer then asked what Regiment the soldiers belonged to. This I told him. He himself admitted that the car in which he was travelling had struck a soldeir.

On asking the officer for his particulars and also the particulars of the other officer involved. He evaded the question and stated he would personally interview their officer in the morning. He then left.

I then questioned Marine SKELLY, and he made a verbal statement to the effect that a car had travelled around a corner fast and had knocked down Marine EBBANS, he then further stated that he had opened the car door to see who was the driver, and was hit by him on the side of the head. He then pointed out to me an abrasion on the left side of his temple.

I asked Marine EBBANS who SKELLY had stated had been knocked down if he would like to see a MEDICAL OFFICER. He replied "No", the car just struck me a glancing blow".

I told the above named soldiers as it was nearing CURFEW to proceed to their billets. This they did. They were sober.

I have nothing further to report: Sir.

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I asked Marine EBBANS who SKELLY had stated had been knocked down if he would like to see a MEDICAL OFFICER. He replied "No", the car just struck me a glancing blow".

I told the above named soldiers as it was nearing CURFEW to proceed to their billets. This they did. They were sober.

I have nothing further to report: Sir.

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LECCE
15/1/44

SDG R. STEVENSON CPL.
231 L of C Provost Coy.
C.M.Police.

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TH/23.1.1100/A.
Allgem. Corr.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Ordinariato Militare
[redacted]

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 23 January Ad 16
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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P.M. 107, li 22 genn.1944.-

ALLA M. M. I. A.

Lecuile

[redacted]

A seguito del colloquio avuto circa 20 giorni fà col Generale Duchesne, e dell'esposta scritto inviato nei riguardi del dedicente Cappellano Militare CHETCUTI P. Ignazio, ritengo doveroso informare codesta Missione che mi é stato verbalmente segnalato che il Cappellano in parola, dal giorno 9 c.m., è scomparso da Bari, senza lasciare traccia di sè. Sembrerebbe altresì che, lasciando Bari, abbia portato con sè denaro ed altri oggetti, pare non di sua proprietà.

IL I° CAPPELLANO MILITARE CAPO
(Mons. Gennaro Galassini)
Gennaro Galassini

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Subj: about
Military priest CHETCUTI. P.

See folio 85 to 87

Translate please

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Germano Galassini

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Subj: alone
Military pers. C. CHETCUTI P.

See folio 85 to 87

Traslate please

Further to conversation with Gen. Duchesne (20 days ago or so) and further to report received in connection with P. CHETCUTI Ignazio Military Chaplain, I think, my duty to inform you that it has been reported to me that alone Chaplain disappeared from BARI since the 9th inst. He seems, when leaving Bari, to have taken away money and objects not of his property.

Jr. 24/9

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SUBJECT: Court of Enquiry

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
AG/6
23 Jan 44.

6 BASE SUB AREA.

In reply to your 6 BSA/231/A of 17 Jan.

I am informed by the Ministry of War that the trial of 2/Lt. ARGAT ANTUONO by the Military Tribunal at BARI is still in progress and that the final result will be communicated when known.

Brig.
Cond.

TVS/.

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SUBJECT:-COURT OF ENQUIRY

6BSA/231/A

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Lt Col GD MORIARTY
HQ MMLA

An enquiry has been received from DDPL Rear HQ 8th Army regarding the final outcome of the case of the Italian officer, 2/Lt ABBAT ANTUONO, who was responsible for the wounding and death of a Bechuana sergeant in October. The last traceable document in this HQ is a letter addressed to you by 103 Sub Area on 27 Nov., asking that they should be informed in due course of the disciplinary action taken against the officer. Could you please let this HQ know what has happened, so that a reply may be sent to the DDPL.

W.B. Stirling Lt Col

Lt. Col.
AA & QMG.
6 Base Sub Area.

17 Jan 44
S/ES

Trial still in progress at Military Tribunal at BARI.
I will be informed of results when concl

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Subject:- Puni ment Centre - TREMETI Isl ds

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Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
21 Jan 44

Allied Control Commission

A translation of the Italian Ministry of War letter, 255/C dated 19 Jan 44, is forwarded for your consideration, as it would not appear to lie with the competence of this Mission.

Brig
Comd

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EIC/cc

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TRANSLATION

255/C
19 Jan 44

MILIA, Leguile

This Ministry wants to build a detention centre for discipline of soldiers of bad conduct, similar to the one at GAETA before the 8th Sept.

The main intention is to correct those soldiers who show themselves more insensible to normal means of punishment and at the same time to separate the good element from the bad example of these.

This detention centre would be, for the present, one comapny in strength.

We intend to send this unit to TREMITI Island. Supplies will be sent to the unit together with those sent to the civil population, and the machine gun platoon already on the island.

We would like to know if there are any objections from the Allied Authorities with reference to the above.

(Sgd) General ALIBERTI 2967

MILITARY MISSION.
Date
to
ITALIAN ARMY

MILITARY MISSION.
Date
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 255/C

Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate
P.M.107 li 19 gennaio 1944.-

OGGETTO: Costituzione di reparto di punizione alle isole Tremiti.
Formation of a detention centre for it. solitics in the Tremiti islands

A L L A - M. M. I. A. = LEQUILE

Questo Ministero deve costituire un reparto di disciplina per militari di abituale cattiva condotta analogo a quello che, prima del 1'8 settembre, esisteva a Gaeta.

Scopo del provvedimento è essenzialmente quello di correggere i militari che si dimostrano più insensibili ai normali provvedimenti disciplinari e, nello stesso tempo, sottrarre i buoni elementi dal malo esempio di costoro.

Tale reparto avrebbe, per ora, la forza di una compagnia.

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E' intenzione di questo Ministero di dislocare tale reparto alle Isole Tremiti.

I rifornimenti avverrebbero contemporaneamente a quelli del plotone mitraglieri ivi già dislocato ed alla rimanente popolazione dell'isola.

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Si gradirà conoscere se le autorità alleate abbiano obiezioni in merito a quanto sopra.-

GENERALE ALIBERTI

Aliberti

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SUBJECT:- Removal of Italian officers.

HQ No. 2 District C.M.F.
147. A.
19 JAN 44.

Folio 14 refers.

15 Army Gp.

1. Attached are copies of a report from Cand MMIA, together with appendices.

2. I agree with the recommendation of Brigadier DUCHESNE and request that General TROVATO be removed from his appointment and replaced by some more efficient officer.

(Sgd) A.B. Downes 2965
Major General,
Cand. No. 2 District.

TO 1805A

COPY to MMIA

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Cond.

A9/6.
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Sirs

Attached report refers to Father CHERCUTI, the Italian Army Chaplain, whom the Italian S.C.F. spoke to upon about before Christmas.

Brief facts are :-

1) Pr comes to us for information only
2) Father CHERCUTI is of Maltese origin
3) His nationality is sub judice.
4) He has been dismissed from the Italian Army as Chaplain
5) He desires name to return to Malta
6) The matter is beyond MMIA.

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BGCH
18/1.

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is available.

3. Attached as appx A to this letter is a list of requirements, portions of which will enable 26,000 pairs of boots to be repaired in five months. It will be noted that there is an acute shortage of soft leather for uppers, eyelets, rivets, & cuts. Substitute materials for soling are also needed. There appears to be little more than one months supply of sole leather in order to organize a regular output to the maximum possible with existing facilities, it is strongly recommended that materials for both repair be made available from Allied Stocks and that priority be given where possible to those essential items of which the Italian Army is completely deficient.

Brig.

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H.Q. No.2 District, CMF.

110/1A.

MMIA.

Date A2/6 / 69 16 Jan 44.

TO ITALIAN ARMY

Subject:- Discipline.

Reference your AQ/6 of 1 Jan regarding Father.Ignatius Chetcuti.

The following report has been received from S.C.F.(RC) at this HQ, and it is passed to you for your information.

From the Report it will be seen that the facts are rather different from those stated in the letter from the Italian Military chaplain forwarded with your above quoted letter.

Major-General.
G.O.C. No.2 District.

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T.O.O/130A.

MEMORANDUM

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Ref: 1A.

1. In October Fr.Ignatius Chetcuti a Francisan Friar of the Maltese Province of Friars Minor, approached the S.C.F.(RC) with a view to regaining his status as a British Subject. He had been conscripted into the Italian Army.

2. The matter was referred to "A" Branch, No 2 District who advised the S.C.F.(RC) to take the matter direct to the P/W Sub-Commission.

3. The Director of the P/W/ Sub-Commission was interviewed by the S.C.F.(RC) together with Fr.Chetcuti. The necessary machinery for repatriation was set in motion. It was understood that this would take a long time and that if possible Fr.Chetcuti should remain in Bari.

4. The Italian Senior Chaplain informed Fr.Chetcuti that he had to report to Lecce to the Curia early in Nov. verbally.

5. "A"Branch were consulted and the S.C.F.(RC) was authorised to send the attached letter. This was couched in terms which it was hoped would enable Fr.Chetcuti to remain in Bari, and in such a way as to avoid compromising his position in the Italian Army. His position as a British National was sub judice at the time.

6. This letter was sent c/o the Bari Italian Senior Chaplain to the then Senior Italian Chaplain, 7th.Italain Army. Fr.Chetcuti was instructed by his immediate superior to remain in Bari.

7. No reply was received by the S.C.F.(RC) to his letter and another summons was received for him to report to Lecce. The Italian Liason Office, No 2 District were immediately informed and Col.Valone sent a signal to the Curia at Lecce asking for a reply to ~~his~~ letter.

8. A belated reply was then received both by the S.C.F.(RC) and Fr. Chetcuti, in effect informing both that Fr.Chetcuti was disobeying ~~both~~ Military and Ecclesiastical law and had already been dismissed from the Italian Army.

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9. As "A" Branch, P/W Sub-Commission and the S.C.F.(RC) were fully informed of the whole position, the allegations as to ~~his~~ Fr. Chetcuti's behaviour are entirely untrue. In addition his immediate Italian superior had sanctioned his postion.

10. It would seem that either there has been a misunderstanding between the Curia and their representative in Bari or the news of Fr.Chetcuti's contact with the British authorities was not pleasing to the Senior Italian Chaplain and the alleged misconduct pleasing to the Senior Italian Chaplain and the alleged misconduct ~~leading him before the British authorities~~

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11. No adequate reason is given for the discourtesy of not replying to the letter of the S.C.F.(RC) from 13th.Nov. until 26th.Dec. and then only to inform this H.Q. that Fr.Chetcuti had been dismissed from the Italian Army.

12. As contact has been established with Fr.Chetcuti's ecclesiastical Superior in Malta, and the matter only awaits a clarification of his legal position by Malta Command, he is not anxious to remain in the Italian Army.

Rev. / 033 Francesco Zucaro
Teramo

Jan.43

Ald/Scanlan.
S.C.F.(RC)
No 2 District.

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H.Q No 2 District
C.M.F.

13th. Nov. 43

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Senior Chaplain
7th. Italian Army
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c/o Senior Italian Chaplain, Bari

Very Rev. Monseignor,

Father Chetcuti informs me that he has been instructed to report for duty at your office early next week.

You may be aware that Father Chetcuti speaks English very well and has been most useful to myself and the Allied Military Authorities. I should esteem it a favour therefore if you could arrange for this Chaplain to be retained in Bari for the present.

It is after consultation with the appropriate branch at these headquarters that I have decided to make this request.

Yours sincerely in Domno,

S.C.F.(RC)
No 2 District.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE

P. M. 151. li 14 gennaio 1944

N. 5832 /313 SP di prot.
Allegati N. 1

Al LA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA PRESSO L'ESERCITO ITALIANO
L E Q U I L E

Risposta al foglio del
N.

OGGETTO: militari non rientrati dalla licenza o assenti arbitrari.-

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Riferimento foglio A.Q.6 in data 24 novembre 1943 di codesta missione, si comunicano in allegato i provvedimenti presi a carico di militari del XXVIII btg.artieri non rientrati dalla licenza o assenti arbitrari.-

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
- A.Mariotti -

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MILITARY MISSION.
Date 17/1/44 No 6
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

PROVVEDIMENTI PRESI A CARICO DI MILITARI DEL XXVIII BTG.ARTIERI NON RIENTRATI DALLA LICENZA O ASSENTI ARBITRARI.

1.- geniere GIRONDA Vito classe 1911 distretto di Catanzaro
inviato in licenza breve di giorni 3+4 e non rientrato.
Denunciato per diserzione.

2.- geniere SASSONE Giuseppe classe 1911 distretto Potenza
inviato in licenza breve di gg.3+4 e non rientrato.
Denunciato per diserzione.

3.- caporale LA ROCCA Giuseppe classe 1920 distretto di Potenza
inviato in licenza breve di gg.3+4 e non rientrato.
Denunciato per diserzione.

4.- geniere DE VITA Rosario -classe 1919 distretto Catanzaro
inviato in licenza breve di gg.3+4 e non rientrato.
Denunciato per diserzione.

5.- geniere D'ARDIS Vincenzo classe 1918 distretto Cosenza
inviato in licenza breve di gg.3+4 e non rientrato.-
Denunciato per reato di diserzione.

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6.- geniere LAINO Raffaele classe 1921 distretto di Potenza
inviato in licenza breve di gg.3+4 e non più rientrato.
Denunciato per reato di diserzione.

7.- geniere DELLI GATTI Vincenzo classe 1915 distretto di Avellino
inviato in licenza di gg.3+4 e non più rientrato.
Denunciato per reato di diserzione.

6.- geniere SAGLIOCCA Antonio classe 1915 distretto di Avellino
inviato in licenza per gravi motivi di famiglia di gg.3+4 e non più rientrato al reparto.
Denunciato per reato di diserzione.

9.- geniere CARBONE Giovanni classe 1915 distretto Avellino
inviato in licenza per gravi motivi di famiglia di gg.5+4 e non più rientrato al reparto.
Denunciato per reato di diserzione.

10.- geniere DI MATTEO Pasquale classe 1923 distretto Foggia
inviato in servizio isolato ad Andria e non più rientrato al reparto.
Denunciato per reato di diserzione.

11.- geniere GIUSTO Ottavio classe 1919 distretto di Avellino

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dalle ore 10 del giorno 15.11.43 è assente arbitrario al reparto.
Denunciato per reato di diserzione.

12.- geniere FALVO Vincenzo fu Giuseppe classe 1915- denunciato il 27.9.43
con foglio n°4967 inviato al tribunale militare guerra della 7ª armata.

13.- geniere COCCHIA Gigi di Paolo classe 1920 denunciato l'8.11.43 con
foglio n°5596 inviato al tribunale territoriale di guerra del IX C.A..

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14.- geniere DROGO Foca di Domenico classe 1921 denunciato il 27.10.43 con foglio n°4520 inviato al tribunale territoriale di guerra del IX corpo d'armata.

15.- geniere LOMBARDO Salvatore fu Alfonso classe 1920 denunciato il 27.10.43 con foglio n°5420 inviato al tribunale militare guerra del IX corpo d'armata.

16.- geniere MAURO Generoso di Matteo classe 1920, denunciato il 13.11.43 con foglio n°5695 al tribunale militare di guerra del IX corpo d'armata.

17.- geniere SCARAMUZZA Achille classe 1920 denunciato il 27.10.43 con foglio n°5420 inviato al tribunale militare di guerra del IX corpo d'armata.

18.- geniere VIZZA Ottorino fu Salvatore classe 1919 denunciato il 27.9.43 con foglio n°4968, inviato al tribunale militare di guerra della 7^armata.-

P. C. C.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
-Roberto Griglio-

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SUBJECT:- Italian Military Personnel Arrested.

A.F.H.Q., Adv.Adm.Ech.,
C.M.F.
3110/A
10 Jan 44.

"A" Main Eighth Army.

Reference your B6292A of 26 Dec 43.

1. The following is agreed :-

(a) Italian Military personnel in the Eighth Army Area contravening the Control of Movement Order may be arrested and evacuated through forward P.W. Cages to Base P.W. Camps. A signed statement showing the reason and circumstances of arrest will be made by the person making the arrest and this will be handed into the forward cage for despatch with the prisoner.

(b) On arrival at a Base Camp the commandant will immediately notify No. 2 District (Copy to Area or Sub Area) who will pass the report to the Italian Army, through HQ, M.M.I.A., for disciplinary action to be taken.

(c) No.2 District and M.M.I.A. will make arrangements for attendance of necessary witnesses if required by H.Q. Italian Army. M.M.I.A. will obtain information of results of these trials and notify No. 2 District.

Major General,
D.C.A.O.

FD/AH.

Copy to:- H.Q. No. 2 District.
M.M.I.A.
H.Q. No. 3 District.

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Date 13/Jan 44 Aa/6
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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Originator's No. G 366 Ref upon MM 1405 dated 7 Jan 44 G Eighth Army SIB report forwarded to upon number may differ dated 17 Dec 43 received here from Rear HQ Eighth Army SIB are the people to approach with a view to getting further information G 24 Jan 44 dated 5 Jan 44 is therefore returned

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ITALIAN ARMY.

AQ/6

M. M. I. A.
Rear H. Q.
EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/105

9 Jan 44.

H. Q.
M. M. I. A.
LEQUILE.

SUBJECT:- Discipline.

Reference your AQ/6 of 17 Dec 43 concerning charges against Capt. BENVENUTO - letter SIB/EAL/50 of 2 Dec 43 refers.

May answers to the queries on the attached letter be secured please?

Translate copy please
Bgde
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Major,
Liaison Officer.

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TO (W) For Information (INFO)

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MILITARY MISSION.

Date 10 Jan 44 AG/6

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

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Subject:- Discipline.

Military Mission to
the Italian Army.

H.Q. 31st. Italian Corps,
CATANZARO?

3 Jan. 44.

Ref:- G.

H.
K. W. T. A.

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Ref. your AG/6 of 7 Jan. 44.

(1). I have informed the A.M.G.O.T. police officer here to collect the witnesses and plaintiff.

(2). When witnesses and plaintiff have made their statements will hold an identification parade of tractor drivers who worked at the AMACO River.

(3). If case is any good I have call first. Corps to try the offenders before their Military Tribunal.

(4). A.M.G.O.T. could have saved a lot of trouble by notifying us direct. I further understand now that an A.M.G.O.T. officer also paid for the ferrying and I will have same investigated.

Jackson
Major.

W.T.J.

Refer to Italian soldiers asking for money (or obtaining) for ferrying people across the floods at Soverato Bridge

Regt 10/1

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Subject:- Discipline

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
8 Jan 44

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Ministero della Guerra

With reference to conversation General ALIBERTI and Brigadier DUCHESNE 7 Jan, the attached copy of MMIA letter AQ/6 dated 4 Jan is forwarded.

Bgcd.
for Brig
Comd

EJC/cc

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Subject:- Discipline

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
4 Jan 44

Stato Maggiore R. Esercito

1. In his letter 207A dated 31 Dec 43, GOC 2 District has instructed the Commanders of British Sub Areas to make prompt investigation into all cases of incidents involving Allied and Italian troops which are reported to them.

2. I am to request you to impress upon the Commanders of all Italian units that such incidents should be reported, as and when they occur, without delay to the nearest Allied Military Commander or Sub Area HQ.

3. If such incidents are fully supported with facts, prompt investigation will be made and proved cases of improper behaviour severly punished.

Brig
Comd

EJC/cc

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - Allied Troops.

HQ No.2 District C.M.F.
207 A.
31 DEC 43.

Aa/b
02/01

Comds,

57 Area.
6 Base Sub Area.
71 Sub Area.
94 Sub Area.
151 Sub Area.
52 Area

5 Cdn Armd Div.
4 Ind Div.
3 Carpathian Div.
62 A.A. Bde.
8 A.A. Bde.
S.S. Bde.
203 Fixed Defences.
M.M.I.A.
2 Indep Para Bde.

1. From time to time complaints of improper behaviour by Allied Troops towards Italians are received at this HQ. from responsible sources. Some of these complaints are probably justified. In other cases the lapse of time and lack of particulars makes it impossible to take any action.

2. It is regrettable that the irresponsible behaviour of the few should bring discredit on the majority whose conduct shows that they appreciate the simple rules which should govern our relations with the inhabitants of this country. To do anything which reflects adversely on the honour of his unit or service is to play the enemy's game. Furthermore, it is contrary to the principles of freedom and tolerance for which we are fighting.

3. I must therefore request all Commanders in this District, including those whose troops are here temporarily, to take such steps as may seem appropriate to them, to impress on all ranks their responsibility. Our standard must be kept a high one, characterised by fair play, and above reproach. It goes without saying that officers must set an example in this respect.

4. In our own interests it is essential that all complaints should be immediately and thoroughly investigated. This is not possible unless representations are made without delay to local Commanders. A.C.C., A.M.G. and M.M.I.A. are therefore requested to inform the Italian Authorities concerned that they should report at once to the Sub-Area HQ. concerned or to the nearest Military Commander.

5. Proved cases of improper behaviour will be severely punished. If on investigation a prima facie case for severe disciplinary action is made out, the individuals concerned will normally be tried by Courts Martial.

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A.B. Taylor

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A B Dowler

Major General,
Comd. No.2 District.

T.O.O. 1310 A

Copies to:-

AFHQ Adv Adm Ech
15 Army Gp
FOTALI
FOWIT
Allied Control Commission
AMG No 2 Region
12 AFSC

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Tab 74

SUBJECT:- Removal of Italian Officers

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
AQ/6
2 Jan 44

HQ 2 District

Allied Control Commission (with 2 copies of Appendices)) for
Major LENTZNER (without Appendices)) infm

1. I attach at Appendix 'A' copy of my directive to 7th Italian Army, on maintenance of L of C in CALABRIA, dated 15th Oct.

2. Appendix 'B' gives extracts from progress reports on two works of particular importance, undertaken by the Italians, under the terms of this directive.

3. It has become increasingly obvious to me that my R.E. Liaison Officer with 31 Italian Corps, Major LENTZNER, has not been getting that measure of collaboration from the Italian Military which he is entitled to expect. Having understood from Major LENTZNER that the root of the trouble lay in the person of General TROVATO, Chief Engineer of 31 Italian Corps, I instructed him to present his case against this officer in writing. Major LENTZNER'S report, with the conclusions of which I agree, is attached at Appendix 'C'.

4. I accordingly recommend the removal of General TROVATO and his substitution by some officer whose personality and methods will ensure the remedying of this state of affairs disclosed by Appendices 'B' & 'C'. If you agree will you communicate with Allied Control Commission direct with copy to me.

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Brig
Comd

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Comd

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Appendix 'A'

British Military Mission to
7th Italian Army
Ref. No. MS 2/3
13 Oct 43

SUBJECT:- ENGINEER WORKS - CALABRIA

Commander,
7th Italian Army

Copies to C.R. No 2 District,
(PORTBASE)
Major J.E. LEETHAM

1. I have to inform you that the L. of C. from REGGIO to the Allied Army Area is to be kept open for Military purposes until 31st December, 1943.

2. The major portion of this L. of C., comprising the roads shown in Appendix A, is in the 31 Italian Corps Area, and complete responsibility for maintenance of the roads concerned devolves on that Corps.

3. Would you please, therefore, give orders to the 31 Corps Commander and point out that his chief task during the remainder of this year is to keep these roads open in all weather so that the traffic (estimated at 400 vehicles per day) is not held up.
The length of road is great, and the work involved to keep it open during the rainy season is considerable, involving constant patrol and inspection.
It should be impressed upon the 31 Corps Comd that the whole resources of his Corps including M.T. and the working parties of all arms should be employed to assist the Sappers of the Corps, who are not by any means sufficient in numbers to undertake the task.

4. There is no objection from our point of view in the employment of civil labour, either by contract or direct, with the following provisos:-

(a) The work must be on the roads comprising the L. of C.

(b) That it is not possible to do the work by Military Labour.

(c) Payment will be made by the Italian authorities.

(d) Authorisation by the representative of the B.M.M. at CASTROVILLARI must be obtained before starting such work.

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5. The method adopted for carrying out the above task, which will undoubtedly entail moves of the divisions along the L. of C. should, I suggest, be discussed between Comd 31st Corps and the B.M.M. representative at CATANZARO - Major LENTZNER.

(sgd) G.C. DUGDALE Brigadier,
Commander,
British Military Mission.

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Appendix 'B'

Extract of Progress Reports submitted by Major J. LENTZNER, SABO, G2,RE Liaison, MMIA

1. AMATO Br - map ref Z0637

(a) Report dated 31 Oct 43 - Private contractor making good progress. Approaches 75% complete. Br 25% complete. Estimated date of completion 5 Nov when BAILEY Br can be dismantled.

(b) Report dated 10 Nov 43 - Deviations complete. Br 75% complete. Estimated date of completion now 14 Nov.

(c) Report dated 1 Dec 43 - Work very slow. Br appears to be tilting rather badly owing to water getting under timber piers. Approaches 90% complete. The matter has been taken up strongly with [redacted] XXXI Corps and work may improve.

(d) Report dated 16 Dec 43 - For report of damage to Bailey br by flood waters on Dec 6 see my RE 2/3 of 14 Dec. On 7 Dec Italian Engr Comdrs were instructed:-

(i) To construct a temporary crossing to enable convoys to get through; to be completed by dusk 9 Dec.
(ii) To get private contractor working immediately on driving piles for piers to complete timber br in 10 days.
(iii) To endeavour to fix and repair Bailey br as soon as possible.

By afternoon 9 Dec practically no progress had been made with (a) and by 12 Dec the temporary crossing was 60% complete. Crossing to be reopened on 13 Dec with Italian breakdown tractors standing by to assist any vehicles in difficulties.

At 1200 hrs 12 Dec contractor had not treated this as an emergency despite repeated warnings. There is a deplorable lack of organisation and drive on the job. Engineer officers seem incapable and consequently their men are disinterested and lazy.

(e) Report dated 23 Dec 43 - Progress has been most disappointing. There were no carpenters nor masons amongst the engineer personnel. After much driving, some work has been done, the temporary crossing is being maintained satisfactorily, and is carrying a considerable amount of traffic. Bailey br has been jacked up and new crib pier constructed. Protective gabions should assist in preventing this pier subsiding when river is in spate. It is hoped that the timber work of this bridge will be completed by the end of the month. No guarantee can be given that this bridge will withstand very heavy scour by flood waters because the construction of suitable piers is impracticable, it is therefore

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(c) Report dated 1 Dec 45 - Work very slow. Br appears to be tilting rather badly owing to water getting under timber piers. Approaches 90% complete. The matter has been taken up strongly with HQ XXXI Corps and work may improve.

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Only the piling was to be done by the contractor. Personnel of 101 PONTIERI Coy are being moved to AMATO site on 25 Dec 45 and it is hoped that this unit will speed up job. I have arranged this move with a staff officer from 31 Italian Corps, HQ, no satisfaction having been obtained from conversations on site with Italian engineer commander.

2. PETRACE Br map ref 06582 /

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2. PETRACE Br map ref D6582

(a) Report dated 10 Nov - A timber pile br is being constructed. All work being done by Italian Military Engineers except for the driving of pile which has been let out to contract. Length of br 300 ft. Estimated date of completion 1 Dec.

(b) Report dated 1 Dec - Work has hardly begun. Only a few piles have been driven. Completion date unknown.

(c) Report dated 16 Dec - Bailey br being satisfactorily maintained. Timber br construction practically at a standstill. For this Timber br Italian Engineer Commanders were advised to drive piles for all piers. They agreed to do this but subsequently changed design without notifying C2.IC. and, as a consequence, 9 trestle piers which were erected on stream bed were washed away by flood waters on 7 Dec. The pile driver was also washed away but this has been salvaged.

(d) Report dated 23 Dec - On 21 Dec 43 the piledriver was still lying in bed of river, it having been carried away by flood water on 6 Dec 43. Engineer Officer in charge of job stated that no attempt could be made to salvage the piledriver as he had no petrol to drive his tractor. He had written to Engineer Command explaining damage caused by flood waters and asking for petrol, stores and transport. No action was taken, with the result that a period of two weeks had been virtually wasted and a valuable and unreplaceable piece of plant unnecessarily damaged. To leave this piledriver submerged in the river for two weeks was gross negligence in my opinion in view of the fact that there are only three such items of plant in CALABRIA and they are in urgent demand for various piling jobs.

The engineer unit working on this job has had no transport at all for period 6 Dec 43 to 22 Dec 43.

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Appendix 'C'

Subject:- Report on Gen TROVATO

HQ XXIA

The above officer is Chief Engineer, 31st Italian Corps. An able man of about fifty five years, he belongs to a school of Generals who do everything themselves and unless they think of a scheme they take the attitude that it is no good.

Gen TROVATO's policy is roughly this:-

'I run my men and my work in this way and even if it is not what it should be you cannot get anything else'.

Ever since I came here I have persistently endeavoured to get him to appreciate the following:-

(a) A Chief Engineer cannot hope to visit all the works himself and it is absolutely necessary for him to have Field Officers assisting him in this work. Although he has made many promises that this would be done, no such action has in fact been taken.

(b) The infantry should be called upon to supplement engineer working parties where engineer personnel is insufficient. Despite repeated requests, this suggestion seldom has been carried out with the result that certain work is months behind schedule, for example the approaches to the SAVETO river and CORTOLA river bridges.

(c) Despite conferences with Gen MORGANI and all concerned, and talks to the Deputy Chief of Staff concerning transport at which I insisted that the engineer must have preference, Gen TROVATO continued to write letters for urgent transport needs. Incessant delays have been caused because of the time taken to communicate by letter when a telephone was to hand and a telephone call would have been adequate. When I have been to his office to make enquiries about a service, invariably he has shown me a letter making the request. When I have insisted upon a phone call it is significant that the necessary transport has been made available on the spot. I have never known him to send an officer to Corps HQ, which is just around the corner to make arrangements direct, although I have personally taken his officer with me to have their demands [illegible] 2945 In my opinion the fault does not lie with Corps HQ, but with the Engineer HQ.

(d) On many occasions when visiting works with Gen TROVATO we have decided to carry out certain work in a certain way. Invariably I have found out that this has been changed and when challenged Gen TROVATO blames others, and will never admit that he was responsible for the change. When the AMATO river bridge was washed away I visited the site with Gen TROVATO. We discussed the whole scheme. I told him of its urgency and wrote to him in the same strain. All sorts of promises were made very little was done.

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(e) A similar situation to that of the AMATO river crossing arose regarding the bridges at PERACE and COTTOLA and three or four other important works.

Promises are made, letters are written, but nothing further is done.

It may be suggested that the General is not to blame if his officers are bad. Whatever truth there may be in this, I submit that if a General decides to keep all the responsibilities of organisation and direction in his own hands, then he must bear the full responsibility for failure. At present when officers are asked why nothing is being done in connection with a specific job, they reply that they are waiting for the General, or that the General has not yet given the order, or that they have written to the General.

Last but not least, I cannot work with an officer upon whose word I cannot rely; whose promises are many and whose deeds are few.

In conclusion I may state that this has been going on for some time, and in spite of all my efforts and my advice, there has been no improvement.

21.12.43 (sgd) Joe [illegible] Major

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Subject:-Report on General Provato.

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Military Mission to
The Italian Army.

I.O.Strat.Italian Corps,
Cassibile.

GI/T2/13.

Ref:-T.S.

W.O.
M.E.I.A.

[Further to my minute I.S. of 11th.Dec.43.]

The above officer is Chief Engineer, Strat. Italian Corps.
An able man of about fifty five years, he belongs to a school of generals who do everything themselves and unless they think of a scheme they take the attitude that it is no good.

General Provato's policy is roughly this:-

"I run my men and my work in this way and even if it is not what it should be you cannot get anything else".

Ever since I came here I have persistently endeavoured to get him to appreciate the following:- 2944

(a). A Chief Engineer cannot hope to visit all the work himself and it is absolutely necessary for him to have Field Officers assisting him in this work. Although he has made many promises that this would be done, no such action has in fact been taken.

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(d). On many occasions when visiting works with General Prowse we have decided to carry out certain work in a certain way. Invariably I have found that this has been changed and when challenged General Prowse blames others, and will never admit that he was responsible for the change.

When the AWADO River bridge was washed away I visited the site with General Prowse. He inspected the whole scheme. I told him of its urgency and wrote to him in the same strain. All sorts of promises were made but very little was done.

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Subject:- Discipline

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
7 Jan 44

To Maggiore R. Esercito

Copy to:- MMIA LO att 31 Corps

1. I have received a report from AMG to the effect that an incident occurred the first weeks of December between Italian soldiers and Italian employees of AMG at the bridge over the river AMATO near BIVIO NICASTRO.

2. An Italian Army tractor RE 8436T was at work at this point, helping vehicles to cross the floods.

3. At the moment when AMG employees arrived and wished to cross the river in their car CZ 1267, bearing AMG markings, there were 5 officers and 3 NCO's at the river crossing.

4. It is alleged that prior to any action being taken to help them, the sum of one thousand lire was demanded by the soldiers for the use of the tractor to tow the car through the river. Payment was at first refused by AMG employees who eventually paid lire 250 on being threatened by the soldiers that they would be taken across by force.

5. Will you please investigate this case.

Bgcot.
for Brig
Comd

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EJC/cc

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SUBJECT: Extortion by Italian Army Personnel.

HQ No 2 District, CMF
A 146
21 Dec 43

MMIA

The attached copy of AMG HQ Region II letter ECA/26/80 of 16 Dec 43 is forwarded for onward transmission to the 7th Italian Army.

Colonel,
Col i/c Admin

T.C.O. 1200 hrs

SoDE.
What Italian Unit was working
there at AMATO ?
Rec'd 23/12
R.Q. Is comment necessary with certainty ?
Seem trivial. Result from G2RE Liaison
If note wish. 24 hrs to take time. DADLG

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Subj: Extortion by Italian Army Personnel.

Ref. ECA/[illegible]/80
AMG HQ Region II
16 Dec 43

To: G.C.C. Dist 2, Bari.

1. I have received a report from one of my officers in Calabria to the effect that 3 AMG Italian employees, proceeding in an AMG vehicle, found the bridge over the Amato river near Bivio Nicastro impassable. They also found at this point an Italian tractor with the registration number RE 8436 T, and several Italian soldiers, including 2 captains, 3 second lieutenants, 1 sergeant and a corporal. Our vehicle, bearing the registration number CZ 1267, had distinct AMG markings. Before any action was taken regarding assistance in making the crossing, a demand was made on the part of the soldiers for the sum of 1,600 lire. Since the only means open to the employees to reach the other side was through the use of the tractor, they eventually paid the sum of 250 lire to the soldiers, apparently after being threatened that they would be taken to the other side by force.

G. H. McCaffrey
G.H.McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.A.O.

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GHM/pjh

"A" BRANCH
Ref 146
Date 19 Oct 43
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Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
7 Jan 44

Subject:- Discipline

2 District

Father IGNAZIO CHETCUTI

The attached original correspondence is forwarded for your information and whatever action may be considered necessary in view of the last paragraph of MONSIGNEUR GALAPINI's report.

M.G.R.

Bgcat.
Brig
Comd

EJC/cc

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SUBJECT:- Discipline 7 Mountain Regt.

A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Ech,
C.M.F.

3112/A.2.

28 Dec 43.

A.F.H.Q.

1. It is understood that a Mountain Regt (R.A.) (No. 7) is being formed in ITALY consisting of British gunners and Italian mule-leaders under a British Commanding Officer on much the same lines as an Indian Mountain Regt R.A.

2. The C.O. designate of this unit states that he is in need of information regarding his disciplinary powers over the Italian elements. As matters stand he has none; all punishment of Italian personnel being awarded by Italian officers. He states that he is not happy about this as, owing to the nature of their duties, it may not always be possible to ensure obedience of orders by this means.

3. There may be similar units forming, and a general directive on the disciplinary powers of officers in mixed Allied - Italian units seems to be necessary.

4. It is recommended that some regulation on this subject should be issued by A.F.H.Q. or, alternatively, that power to frame such order should be delegated to this H.Q. in consultation with M.M.I.A. Meanwhile it is assumed that in no circumstances are British officers competent to award punishment on Italian personnel.

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31/12/43

W. Peden-Eadie
Major-General,
D.C.A.O.

WP/AEW.

Copy to:- 15 Army Group.
No. 2 District.
M.M.I.A.
G(SD) (Flambo).

Circulate

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SUBJECT:- Italian Military Personnel Arrested.

Main Hq Eighth Army
C.M.F.

M 6292 A.

26 Dec 43.

AFHQ Agv Adm Ecn.

Copy to:- HQ No. 2 District
AMGOT
G5I(b)
M.M.I.A.

1. There have been several instances of arrest of Italian Military personnel in Eighth Army Area for contravention of the Control of Movement Order.

2. Jurisdiction over Italian Military personnel has been denied by A.M.G. and the personnel concerned have been evacuated through forward P.W. cages to Base P.W. Camps - vide our M 6292 A of 21 Dec 43, not to all addressees.

3. It is considered that if it is desired to prosecute these soldiers, the necessary action can be taken by HQ 2 District in conjunction with M.M.I.A.

4. In view of the fact that the Control of Movement Order has been contravened by these personnel, it is proposed to continue to evacuate them through P.W. channels and not as refugees.

5. Your agreement to the above proposals is requested.

/ Sinclair Lieut
General.
G.O.C.
EIGHTH ARMY.

Field.
R.C.B.

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Subject:- Felling of Trees

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
24 Dec 43

HQ N° 2 District

Copy to:- RM Sub Area

The Italian GHQ report that British and Indian tps have been felling seasoned trees in the olive groves of "S. TERESA" about 2 km off TARANTO - MARTINA FRANCA rd.

Brig, Cdr
Brig
Comd

EJC/cc

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THI/231850 AG

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

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UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE

P.M.151 lì 21 dicembre 1943

N. S/3841/13.2 prot. SP/V

Risposta al foglio N.

Allegati

del

OGGETTO: tagli di alberi in agro di Taranto.-
cutting of trees in TARANTO Territory

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA PER L'ARMATA ITALIANA

= L E Q U I L E =

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Viene segnalato che negli uliveti dell'azienda "S.Teresa", in agro di Taranto, a 2 km. circa della strada Taranto-Martina Franca, si sono verificati diversi tagli di alberi secolari di ulivo ad opera di militari indiani e inglesi accampati nella predetta località.

2936

Poichè, a quanto risulta, il fenomeno sta prendendo proporzioni sempre maggiori, si sarebbe grati a codesta Missione se fossero prese le misure necessarie onde evitare danni così gravi al patrimonio agricolo del nostro paese.-

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
- A.Mariotti -

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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
- A.Heriotti -

We inform you that it has been reported that Indian and British troops camping in this area have cut seasoned trees in the olive groves of "S.TERESA" TARANTO Territory, about 2 Kms. off TARANTO-MARTINA FRANCA Rd.

As this is continuing on an increasing scale will you take action with a view to avoid similar occurrence.

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Main HQ Eighth Army,
C.M.F.

M 6292 A.

21 Dec 43.

SUBJECT:- Arrests.

HQ No. 2 District.

Copy to: B.M.M. to 7th Italian Army.
GSI(B) Main Eighth Army.
AMGOT

1. At Appendix "A" is a list of military personnel arrested by 1 Cdn Div F.S.S.

2. These personnel were arrested for contravention of the Control of Movement Order.

3. As A.M.G. representatives have no Jurisdiction over Italian Military personnel, the persons concerned were placed in 5 Corps P.W. Cage and are at present en route back to Base P.W. Camps.

4. If it is desired to prosecute these personnel will you please take the necessary action, in conjunction with Italian Military authorities. In any case it appears these men should be released from the P.W. Cage.

Gen. Allen Lt Col
for Brigadier
D.A.&.Q.
EIGHTH ARMY.

Field.
ROB/BR.

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Appendix "A" to
Main HQ Eighth Army letter
M 6292 dated 20 Dec 43.

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PAOLINI Pietro	-	(Italian Air Force)
PETRUC Mariano	-	(Italian Soldier)
MACHESINI Orasti	-	" "
GRILLI Emilio	-	" "
DUILLO Cesare	-	" "
SANTI Sergio	-	" "

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Field.
RCB/BR.

Subject. Alleged Arrest of W.D. Patrol.

67.

Major Feldman MBE
HMIA L.O. att Eighth Army.

H.M.I.A
CMF
AQ/6
17 Dec 43.

Rear Hq Eighth Army for information.

1. Attached letter SIB/EAL/50 dated 2 Dec (from Rear Hq Eighth Army discusses alleged arrest of W.D. Patrol by Capt. BENVENUTO, Italian Army.
2. Will you please pass the report to Allied Force Hq for action.
3. Eighth Army SIB say that they will continue to keep casual observation on the matter.
4. It seems that all the Branches of Rear Eighth Army are not yet aware of short cut to MMIA and Italian Force Hq by contacting you. A copy of this letter is therefore addressed to Rear Hq for information.

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4. It seems that all the Branches of Base Eighth Army are not yet aware of the short cut to MMIA and Station Three Hq by contacting you. A copy of this letter is therefore addressed to them for information.

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By Command of Maj
for Brig
Comd.

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Subject:- Alleged mis-use of WD Motor Fuel.

AQ/16.
17/12

Rear HQ Eighth Army
C.M.F.

R 19239 A

15 Dec 43.

B.M.M. to 7 Italian Army
c/o HQ No. 2 District.

The attached copy report is forwarded for onward transmission to Italian Force HQ.

Casual observation will continue to be kept by Eighth Army S.I.B.

Should anything further transpire a fresh report will be submitted.

Thomas Rigney Capt SS for 2932
Brigadier,
D.A.&.Q.M.G.
Eighth Army.

Field.
EN/E.

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Subject:- Discipline - Italian Labour

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
15th Dec 43

S M R E

The attached copy of letter received from O.C. 1 Coy 556 Coastal Bn detailing two men who left the unit without permission on 2 Dec, is forwarded to you for necessary action.

Bgcll
Brig
Comd

EJC/cc

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SUBJECT:- Italian Labour - Discipline.

No. 3 C.R.E. Army Troops, CMF.
EIGHTH ARMY.
Ref:- I/184/37.
5 Dec 43.

SHAPE

B.M.M.
7th Italian Army.

Herewith copy of letter received from O.C. 1 Coy 556 Coastal Bn detailing two men who left the Unit without permission on 2nd Dec., for necessary action please.

Herewith attached copy of letter received from O.C. 1 Coy 556 Coastal Bn detailing two men who left the Unit without permission on 2nd Dec., for necessary action please. & forwarded to you for necessary action

- Lt. Col.
Commander.

Field.
EAP/LEM.

Borrig Comd 18/12

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556° BTG COSTIERO
1a COMPAGNIA.

Al Comando 121° Road Const Coy
RE.

Oggetto: Assenti arbitrari.

Communico a Codesto Comando che in data 2.12.1943 si sono assentati arbitrariamente dal Reparto i sottonotati militari:

Cap Maggr Bendesti Guido di Giovanni, classe 1908, distretto Verona, residente a Roncanova, CC RR. Roncanova (Verona)

Fante Bonfante Virgilio fu Albino, classe 1908, distretto Verona, residente a Trevenzuolo, CC RR. Isola della Scala (Verona)

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(sgd) IL COMANDANTE LA COMPAGNI
S. Ten. Fisone Omero.

S. Salvo 3.12.1943

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Subject : Discipline Incidents

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
10 December 43

S.M.R.E.
Copy to H.Q..N°2 District (less "report")

1. In 7th.Italian Army letter 1/989 dated 6 Nov.43 the following report was made :

"Though Allied Authorities had already requisitioned the theatre "VERDI" on 30th.October for Allied troops, they requisitioned the "Cinema "IMPERO" for the purpose of transforming it into a restaurant "for the above troops.
"These new dispositions have produced a bad impression on civilian "and Italian soldiers, particularly privates, as this cinema is accessi= "ble to this class of people".

2. This allegation has been investigated and a report is attached to this letter, and it will be noted the facts do not agree with the alle= gation.

3. Will Stato Maggiore please ensure that such allegations are fully investigated before being passed to M.M.I.A.. and are supported by the necessary facts

Brig
Comd

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SUBJECT:- Discipline Allied Tps.

HQ No.2 District C.M.P. 56
A.207.
5 Dec Dec 43.

M.M.I.A.

AQ/6.
07/1v
EK.

Reference your memo AQ/6 of 9 Nov 43.

1. A number of complaints similar to those contained in the enclosure to your memorandum are being received at this HQ. These complaints frequently contain little precise information which would assist in the successful prosecution of their investigation and are often received too late to be of any value. The inclusion of detailed particulars regarding the place, date and time of the offence, names and addresses of any witnesses, are essential.

2. As regards the complaint concerning the requisitioning at BRINDISI of the "Verdi" and "Impero". As will be seen from the attached extract from 71 Sub Area memorandum G/44/2 of 27 Nov 43, the Italian Divisional General appears to have been misinformed and it is suggested that he be instructed to acquaint himself with the facts in future before making such complaints.

91%

C.W. Schumacher Colonel
for Major General,
G.O.C. No.2 District.

T.O.O. 1900

Sig
Details passed Adm
E GSO III
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Subject: Alleged Assault upon an Italian Officer

HQ No.2 District C.M.P.
A 34/7
8 Dec 43

HQ IX ~~Corps~~ Italian Army

With reference to your letter No.2128/Op, of 19 November, 1943, from the enquiries I have made I am satisfied that the facts are as follows :-

On patrolling the quays at about 1730 hours on the day in question, Captain WATSON observed an Italian, whom he later identified as 2/Lieut BIANCHI, smoking within three yards (not twenty-two yards as stated in your letter) of a large quantity of petrol.

It is of course for obvious reasons forbidden to smoke in the Docks Area, and Captain WATSON, who was aware of the proximity of the petrol, at once shouted "Non Fumare". No notice was taken and on the order being given a second time 2/Lieut BIANCHI merely looked at Captain WATSON in an arrogant manner. With commendable promptness the latter struck the cigarette from his mouth and extinguished it. 2/Lieut BIANCHI, whose attitude throughout was insolent and threatening, then appeared to attempt to strike Captain WATSON and was only restrained from doing so by the British Military Policeman who used only reasonable force in doing so and did not, as is alleged, strike Lieut BIANCHI in the face.

2926

I must confess that I am amazed that 2/Lieut BIANCHI is so lacking in his sense of responsibility, firstly in smoking in the Docks area, and secondly in his attempt to obstruct Captain WATSON in the execution of his duty.

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(SGD) A A B DOWLER.

Major-General,
GOC No.2 District.

200...0800A

Copy to M.I.I.A.

Ass/o
10/12

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ARMY FORM C2118. (Prade of 1940).

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN / OUT	No. of Groups.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
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TO 3 C R E

FROM		Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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ref your received	your I/184/37 (.)	I/184/42 of please	of 5 forward	7 NOT all	(.) (NOT) particulars	

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT ..... Int Med Capt

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS.

Signed

CORRESPONDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS OR DEGREE OF PRIORITY 2925

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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COPY

SUBJECT :- Italian Labour Discipline

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Ref. No. IA/70
Date 6 Dec 43

To : No.3 C.R.E. A Tps Engrs.
From : O.C. 121st Road Const Coy RE.

Further this Units ref IA/65 dated 4th Dec 43 regarding two soldiers of 1 Coy 556 Coastal Battalion who deserted their Unit on 2 Dec. 43, it has been reported to me by interpreter attached to Unit that both men had previously stated they intended to go to LITTORIO, ROME

(Sgd) H.W. HINITT Major R.E.
O.C. 121st Road Const Coy RE.

SUBJECT :- Italian Labour Discipline.

No.3 C.R.E. Army Troops,
EIGHTH ARMY. C.M.F.
Ref :- I/184/42
7th December 43.

B.M.M. 7th Italian Army.

Further to my I/184/37 dated 5th December 43, above copy of 121 Road Const Coy letter is forwarded for information.

Lt.Col.R.E.
Comd 124

Field.
O.C.

10/12 Pte

2 OR recd

3 CRE copied for particulars

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Subject:- Looting

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
5 Dec 43

Chief of Staff, S M R E

Cond 71 Sub Area (for information)

1. I write to inform you that a most regrettable incident occurred at BRINDISI station on night 2/3 Dec when 183 Paratroop Regt NEMBO Division looted a British Army dump, causing considerable loss of Allied material.

2. A Court of Inquiry is being conducted at BRINDISI by Cond 71 Sub Area with the assistance of L'AMMIRAGLIO DI DIVISIONE Comando Militare Marritimo BRINDISI. Any representative you may care to assist in the enquiry will be welcome.

3. A copy of the evidence will be forwarded to you in due course for disciplinary action. It is evident from the facts that Major MASSIMINO ANGELO and his officers had no control over their unit.

E J Jackson
Col

Brig
Cond: MMIA

EJC/cc

Copy to 15 Army Gp
Allied Control Commission } ref contemplated operational employment of this unit

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Subject:- Looting of a Train in BRINDISI Station

H. Q. 71 Sub Area
A7/13/A
4 Dec. 43.

L'ARRONDISSEMENTO DI BRINDISI,
Comando Militare Territoriale,
BRINDISI.

1. I attach a preliminary report concerning a most regrettable incident that occurred at BRINDISI Station on the night of 2/3 Dec. 43.

2. It involves a unit (185 Paratroop Regt. NEMBO Division) which I understand is to be stationed at LECCE for the time being, and does not come under my local Commander. In view of the seriousness of the incident, I am reporting it to my superiors in BARI.

3. I must point out that it is surprising that such an incident did not end in serious casualties to the Italian Soldiery, as such looting would justify any guard in using his firearms to safeguard his train.

4. I am holding a Court of Enquiry at the offices of No. I Docks Group on Sunday 5th Dec. 43 at 0900 hrs, and shall appreciate your co-operation in obtaining witnesses for the Canadians and the Italian Railway Authorities.

5. Should you wish to have a representative present at the Court, I should much appreciate his presence. I will be arranging for interpreters to be in attendance.

6. I am informed that the Carabinieri when called for by my representative (Capt Potter), were on the scene and rendering assistance most promptly.

A016
04/12.

[signature]
Col.
Commanding 71 Sub Area

Copy to:- G.O.C. 2 District (a full report will follow)
M.M.I.A.

Aircraft

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COPY

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Subject: Preliminary Report- Pilferage of train night 2/3 December 1943.

Office of the D.A.P.M.
71 Sub Area
Ref. No. PRO/
3 December 1943.

Headquarters
71 Sub Area

In response to a telephone call for Military Police assistance received from the Brindisi Railway Station, C.M.P. proceeded to the Station and were informed that mass pilfering of R.A.O.C. goods train had taken place involving personnel of an Italian troop train.

Both trains were abreast of each other. In view of what had been discovered, it was decided by the Military Police to search the train conveying the Italian personnel. Orders were immediately given for the Italian troop train to be shunted into the main platform (which possesses strong lights) in order that a search of the train could be carried out. The train was eventually shunted into this platform. Whilst this was being carried out, large quantities of R.A.O.C. stores were hurled from the coaches of the Italian troop train onto the permanent way. These were recovered. When the train eventually pulled into the lighted platform, numerous articles of R.A.O.C. stores were seen lying on the roofs of carriages and also hanging down from the under-carriages of the coaches.

Major MASSIMO ANGELO, 185 PARATROOP REGIMENT, NEMBO DIVISION was in charge of the Italian troop train. This Office was approached by the D.A.P.M. and informed of the intention to search the train. The Major was requested to order all personnel to vacate the train and line up on the platform in order to leave the train empty. This was carried out. It was then that the request was made that an Italian Officer should be detailed to accompany the Military Police during the search in order to ascertain that nothing but R.A.O.C. stores were removed from the train. Officers were detailed and accompanied the Military Police during the search.

The items on the attached list were found both on the train and on the permanent way.

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Major [redacted] was very disturbed about the conduct of the Italian soldiers and when the search was completed, express his regret to me personally. Other Italian officers also express their regret.

The search commenced at 0704 hrs, and concluded at about 0530 hrs. 3 December 1943.

Signed
Captain.
P. A. F. O.
71 Sub Area.

ARTICLES RECOVERED BY THE MILITARY POLICE FROM THE ITALIAN TROOP TRAIN AND HANDED IN TO P.A.F.O. DAILY ON 3 DECEMBER 1943.

Battledress trousers	11
Gloves Rubber Prs.	7½
P/C Paint 1/4 lbs	23
Blankets	43
Petrol Cells.	20
Jerricans	5
Boots P/C prs.	41
Bleach Paint 1/4 Lb	1
Capes P/C	100
Shoes Canvas Prs.	3
Resp. Containers P/C	32
Boots Rubber Prs.	136½
Gloves P/C prs	133
Hoods P/C	27.

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Cap Murcell,
MMIA L.O.,
att AFHQ Adv Adm Ech.

17 Nov 43.

SUBJECT:- Military Tribunals.

1. Authority has been given by Army Group for Italian Military Tribunals in CAMPANIA to try civilian cases brought up before the armistice and still awaiting trial.

2. HQ Italian Forces CAMPANIA request that they be also authorised to try military cases of which there are a number. There have been many instances of desertion, and of course, there are Italian offrs who have committed acts of treason. Also the HQ cannot threaten soldiers with court-martial, in their proclamations, if the Tribunals are not functioning.

Capt.

19 NOV. 1943

To:- MMIA, LEQUILE, (LECCE), via BRINDISI.

Gl Murcell, Asso Chief of staff
stated on 1 Dec that a
Tribunal in Naples was now
preparing to function, & has been
authorised. He was happy about
it but did NOT state whether they had
activity to deal with cases as para 2
above.

Bgcat.
3/12

AQ/b
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Subject:- Traffic Accidents

Militar, Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
7 Dec 43

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S M R E

1. The attached Army Form A3681 is in course of distribution to the drivers of all Allied vehicles.

2. It will be seen that full instructions are contained thereon for the action to be taken by Italian Military or Civil personnel after accidents involving Allied vehicles.

3. Part A refers equally to Military and Civilian personnel.

4. Will you please circulate this information amongst Italian Military formations to ensure that proper use of Part B be made.

Bgcr
for Brig
Comd

EJC/cc

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Army Form A3681 (ENG-IT)
To be carried by every driver instead of:—
R.N.—Form D354
Army—A.F. A3676
R.A.F.—Form 446

Part A

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SLIP

INSTRUCTIONS TO DRIVER

1. In the event of an accident, tear this Slip along the perforation.
2. Hand this part (Part A) to the civilian involved, or to the police officer, if any, in order that he may fill in the information required overleaf and below and return it to you. Make sure that he does this.
3. Fill in Part B and hand it to the civilian involved or to the police officer.
4. You must not disclose your unit or make a statement to the police or to anyone else.
5. You must not make use of the Accident Slip at the foot of A.F. A3676 (Revised August, 1942) or of R.A.F. Form 446.
6. Report the accident immediately on your return to your unit.

Animals or Property damaged Animali o Beni danneggiati Tiere oder Eigentum beschädigt	Sketch of Accident Schizzo del'Accidente Skizze des Unfalls
Owner Proprietario Besitzer — Name Nome e soprannome Vor-und Zuname — Address Indirizzo Anschrift	
Police Officer Ufficiale Polizist — Name Nome e soprannome Vor-und Zuname No.(Nr.)..... — Address Indirizzo Anschrift	Speeds: Service vehicle ..... Other vehicle ..... Velocita: Veicold Militare ..... Altro Veicold ..... Geschwindigkeit: Militärisches Fahrzung ..... Anderes Fahrzung .....

B

A.F. A3681 Part B

1. Il civile che conduce il veicolo o quel nel accidente e richiesto a riempire e ritornare la soprascritta forma al conducente militare.
2. Il dare di questa carta non ammette che cê sarà compensazione. Se la persona danneggiata credo che è intitolato a ricevere compensazione fornirebbe tutti particolari dell'accidente alla Polizia ed anche deve spedire una domanda per via di posta, avendo cura ad indicare tutti i particolari apparenti all'altro lato di questa forma.
3. Se qualcheduno e stato fatto male, il nome, l'indirizzo, l'eta, il mestiere e nota dei mali devono essere indicati; Anche si deve includere un indirizzo o luogo dove si puo esaminare il colpito.
4. Se qualche carro e stato danneggiato, si dara la seguente informazione.
   1. Il nome e l'indirizzo della compagnia assicurante.
   2. Numero sulla assicurazione.
   3. Luogo per ispettare il veicolo.

Il Presidente
No. 4 Claims Commission

1. Der zivile Fahrer oder die im Unfall betreffende Person soll dieses Formular unter Rueckgabe dem militaerischen Fahrer ausfuellen.
2. Die Ueberreichung des Formulars berechtigt keineswegs eine Entschaedigung. Wenn der Beschaedigte glaubt, er sei zu einer Entschaedigung berechtigt, so soll er den auf der Rueckseite dieses Formulars befindlichen Fragebogen ausfuellen. Das ausgefuellte Formular soll der Polizei uebergeben werden; auch ein schriftliches Ersuchen ist durch Post zu befoerden.
3. Im Falle wo persoenlicher Schaden gelitten wird, so muessen Name, Alter, Beruf und Beschreibung der Beschaedigungen notiert werden, sowie die Adresse wo der Beschaedigte untersucht werden kann.
4. Im Falle wo ein Wagen beschaedigt wird, so soll die folgende Auskunft gegeben werden.
   1. Name und Adresse der Versicherungs-Gesellschaft.
   2. Nummer des Versicherungsscheins.
   3. Wo der Wagen besichtigt werden kann.

Der Praesident.

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[redacted]

No. 4 Claims Commission

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Part A. *To be handed to civilian involved (or police officer) to fill in and return to Service driver.*

Accident Accidente Unfall	Date Data Datum	Time Ora Zeit	Place Luogo Ort Parish of (Comune di) (Bezirk)			Provincia di		
Civilian Vehicle Veicolo Civile Ziviler Wagen	Type Art	H.P. C.V. Pferde-stärke	Make Marca Marke	Year Anno Jahr	No. Numero Nr.	Insurance Co. Compagnia d'Assicurazione Versicherungs-Gesellschaft		
Civilian Driver Conducente Civile Ziviler Fahrer	Name Nome Name		Address and Profession Indirizzo e Mestiere Anschrift und Beruf			Telephone Telefono Fernsprecher	Driving Licence Permesso di Conducre Führerschein No. Nr. Date Datum	
Owner of Vehicle Proprietario del Veicolo Besitzer des Wagens	Name Nome Name		Address Indirizzo Anschrift			Telephone Telefono Fernsprecher	Profession Mestiere Beruf	

	Names Nomi Namen	Address and Profession Indirizzo e Mestiere Anschrift and Beruf	Telephone Telefono Fernsprecher	Age Eta Alter	Sex Sesso Geschlecht	Injury Danneggid Beschädigung
Injured Persons Persone Colpite Beschädigte Personen	1 2 3					L {Slight / Leggero / Leicht} G {Grave / Grave / Schwer} F {Fatal / Fatale / Tödlich}

	Names Nomi Namen	Address Indirizzo Anschrift	Telephone Telefono Fernsprecher	Profession Mestiere Beruf
Witnesses Testimonanze Zeugen	1 2 3			

Damage to Vehicle Danno al Carro Beschadigung des Wagens	(See over) (Riverga) (Bitte wenden)

Part B.

Accident Accidente Unfall	Date Data Datum	Time Ora Zeit	Place Luogo Ort Parish of (Comune di) (Bezirk)	Provincia di

	Number Matricolo Nr.	Rank Grado Dienstgrad	Name Nome Name	No. of Service Vehicle Numero del Carro Militare Nr. des militärischen Fahrzeuges
Service Driver Conducente Militare Militärischer Fahrer				

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SUBJECT:- Discipline

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File Right 2/12
HQ No.2 District C.M.P.
A.M.
30 Nov 43.

M.M.I.A.

AQ/6
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1. Reference your AQ/16 dated 31 Oct 43.

2. The attached copy of report by S.I.B. C.M.P. relative to the alleged indecencies by British soldiers, is forwarded for information.

T.O.O. 1530A GSO III (1)
For Comd. The case appears to be entirely lacking in corrobative evidence. Rigd. 1/12.

Colonel
Col. i/c Admin

2916
AQ/6
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- C O P Y -

CONFIDENTIAL.

62nd Special Investigation Section,
Corps of Military Police.
C.M.F.

Ref. S.I.S./62/43/A/100.

SUBJECT. Alleged indecencies by British Soldiers.

To:-
The Officer Commanding,
62nd Special Investigation Section.

Sir,

With reference to the attached correspondence, in which it is alleged that an English Lance Sergeant MARTIN Leu, (Sic) of a Parachute Unit, forced a civilian, Presto Leonardo of Sammichele, to return to his home, and under the threat of arms endeavoured to make him have intercourse with his mother, aged 81. This did not have the required effect, so the L/Sgt. using a pistol as a threat made Gnr. Curo Beniamino of 152 Arty. Regt., who was with him, Throw himself on the woman. At the same time the L/Sgt., committed obscenities against the person of the woman. They were alleged to be drunk and also to have been arrested by a detachment of the 14th Artillery Regiment who were supposed to have been stationed nearby.

On Monday, 8th November, 1943, I saw Maresciallo of Samichele and through an interpreter explained the nature of my enquiry and that I wanted to interview the above-named person, who was supposed to be living in the town. He informed me that he was not aware of any person of that name, but made several enquiries locally without result. He had been stationed in the town for the past eleven months. I also made enquiries at a detachment of Airborne R.A.S.C., who were stationed near the town, and there I was informed that prior to their arrival during the first week in October, there was a Company of Royal Engineers in the District. Local enquiries reveal that there has been no Artillery in the area.

The location statements at 15 Army Group, H.Q. (G.S.D.) were consulted, and the only information I could gather was that 152 Artillery Regiment were last heard of in North Africa, although xha is is possible that a detachment may be over here in which case the location would not be given, also, the 14th Artillery Regiment were now in the Naples area.

With reference to the number of the vehicle given as T/44086 which was alleged to have been used during this incident, I have made several enquiries and consulted various vehicle returns of Units present in the area at the time, but could not find trace of same. However from my enquiries

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have been stationed nearby.

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With reference to the number of the vehicle given as T/44086 which was alleged to have been used during this incident, I have made several enquiries and consulted various vehicle returns of Units present in the area at the time, but could not find trace of same. However from my enquiries it seems more possible that the number given is a soldier's and not a vehicle number and enquiries are in progress to trace the owner of the number.

Owing to the fact that the injured person cannot be traced, also the units concerned do not appear to be in this area, I respectfully suggest that a copy of this report be forwarded to H.Q. 103 Sub-area for their information, and they be informed that a further report will be submitted should any material evidence be obtained.

R. SHILL, Sgt.
62nd Special Investigation Section.

In the Field.
8th November, 1943.

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Subject:- Discipline - Absence

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Italian Army
AQ/6
30 Nov 43

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S M R E

Attached letter from 3 Coy. 28 Artieri Bn is forwarded for information and such action as you consider necessary.

Brig
Cmd

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SUBJECT :- Italian Labour - Discipline.

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No. 3 C.R.E. Army Troops.
EIGHTH ARMY. C.M.F.
Ref :- I/184/9.
26th Nov 43.

B.M.M. to
7th Italian Army.

45A

Herewith letter in duplicate from Commandante 3 Coy, 28 Artieri of Soldiers who are absent without leave, for necessary action please.

AQ/6
30/11

Lt. Col. R.E.
Comdr.

Field.
MR.

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Battaglione Artieri

COMANDO 3ª COMPAGNIA

n. 41 C-0/5 di prot. Sannicandro li 22/II/1943

Oggetto: assenti arbitrari.

4SA

Al Comando 121 Road Construction Coy Re.

Sannicandro

I sottonotati militari si sono assentati arbitrariamente e sono stati denunziati per il reato di diserzione al Tribunale Militare di Bari.

1^) Genchiere Del Vecchio Francesco di Giuseppe abitante a Gravina (Bari) in via Lucania 56.

2^) genchiere Pace Domenico di Vito abitante a Uggiano La Chiesa (Lecce) in Casa Margello.

IL COMANDANTE LA COMPAGNIA

(Cap. Dionisio Mercuri)

Mercuri

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SUBJECT:- Traffic Accidents.

HQ No.2 District C.M.F.
A.144.
28 Nov 43.

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M.M.I.A.

Ref MMI letter AQ/6 dated 24 Oct 43.

1. The question of traffic accidents involving Allied and Italian Military vehicles has been referred to HQ 4 Claims Commission.

2. Such accidents do not require any additional particulars to be supplied by, or obtained from, Allied drivers.

3. The Allied driver will use A.F. A3681 at the scene of the accident by completing and handing part 'B' of that form to the Italian driver. The Italian driver will complete part 'A' from which the Allied drivers unit prepares A.F. A3676. which is rendered in the ordinary way.

J.T. Riddell. Brig.

AQ/6

Major General,
G.O.C. No.2 District.

29/11

T.O.O. 1500 A.

Sig. Letter handed to GI, CC.

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Subject:- Discipline Absence

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
27 Nov 43

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S M R E

Attached ~~copy~~ letter from 3 Coy, 28 Artieri Bn is forwarded for information and such action as you may consider necessary.

Bgcit
for Brig
Comd

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UNION OF ARMY COMMANDER.

Lagun.

Field.
19 Nov 43.

Maj, Cav 2911
S. O. General,
G.O.C.,
EIGHTH ARMY.

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n/4163/5 di prot Serracapriola li 21/11/1943

Oggetto: rientro genr.Giusto Ottorino.

Al Comando 121 Costruction Coy RE.

Serracapriola

Seguito foglio n. 4119 del 17 corrente.

Il genr. Giusto Ottorino, gia assente arbitrario, è rientrato. Egli è stato denunziato per diserzione al tribunale militare di Bari.

Comandante Ia Compagnia
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SUBJECT:- Italian Units - Discipline.

No. 3 C.R.E. Army Troops,
EIGHTH ARMY, CMF.
Ref:- I/184/2.
23rd Nov 43.

B.M.M.
7th Italian Army.

Attached copy of letter from Commandante 3 Coy 28 Artieri detailing one soldier previously given as absent without leave now returned to duty is forwarded for information and any action you may consider necessary.

Lt. Col. RE.
Commander.

Field.
EAP/LB.

2909

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Subject:- Miscellaneous

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Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
24 Nov 43

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HQ 7 Italian Army

Copy to: S M R E

Copies of letters from 3 Coy. 26 Artieri Bn and 2 Coy 351 Coastal Bn are forwarded for information and such action as may be necessary.

See 39 and attchts.

Brig
Comd

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SUBJECT:- Italian Labour - Discipline.

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No. 3 C.R.E. Army Troops,
EIGHTH ARMY. CMF. AQ/6.
Ref:- 29/63
21st Nov. 43.

B.B.M.
7th Italian Army.

Copy to:-
D.C.E. Works,
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY. - with enclosures.

The under mentioned lists are forwarded for necessary action please.

List. "A". Personnel of 3 Coy 28 Artieri who have not returned to their Unit on completion of permitted leave.

List. "B" Soldier previously reported absent without leave from 3 Coy 28 Artieri who has now returned to his Unit.

List. "C" Personnel of 2 Company 351 Coastal Bn. who are absent without leave.

23/11/43

Field.
EAP/LB.

2407
Lt. Col. RE.
Commander.

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LIST "A"

From:- Comdr 3 Coy - SERRA CAPRIOLA. 17/11/43
28 Artieri.
To:- O.C. 121 Rd Con Coy RE

SUBJECT:- Soldiers absent from leave.

The under mentioned soldiers have not returned from leave.

1. Spr. Mario di Vito GIRONDA Class 1921 Military District CATANZARO - living in via Roma No. 5, San Vito Ionico.

2. Spr. Antonio di Giuseppe SASSONE Class 1911 Military District POTENZA, living in via SAN IANNI No. 80 Vigianello

3. Cpl. Vincenzo di Giuseppe LA ROCCA Class 1920 Military District POTENZA living in CASTRONUOVO SAN ANDREA (Potenza)

4. Spr. Antonio fu Rosario DE VITA Class 1919 Military District CATANZARO living in Corso Umberto I° Pernocari.

5. Spr. Ernesto di Vincenzo D'ARDIS Class 1918 Military District COSENZA, living in via Costa Fazzaro No. 12 San Marco Argentano

6. Spr. Luigi di Raffaele LAINO Class 1921 Military District POTENZA, living in via Petazzo No. 6 Paterno di Lucania

7. Spr. Giovanni di Vincenzo DELLI GATTI Class 1915 Military District AVELLINO, living in via Corta Mulino No. 15 Nusco.

8. Spr. Ciro fu Antonio SAGLIOCCA Class 1915 Military District Avellino, living in San Leonardo AVELLINO.

9. Spr. Giuseppe di Giovanni CARBONE, Class 1915 Military District Avellino, living in via San Antonio No: 6 Lapio. 2906

10 Spr. Luigi di Pasquale DI MATTEO Class 1923 Military District FOGGIA living in via Sottotenente Umberto Garofalo No. 37 Foggia.

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Lt "B"

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From:- 28 Artieri Coy. 18 Nov 43

To:- O.C. 121 Rd Con Coy RE

Subject:- Return of Spr Romilio Nicola di Angelo

Ref. my letter dated 14 Nov 43 - 4086/5 - the above man Class 1920 Military District Chieti returned to his unit on 17 Nov 43.

(sgd) xxxxxxxxxxx
Cmdte
28 Artieri Coy.

2905

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"USA.C"

Comdr 2 Coy,
351 Coastal Bn. - No. 083 di prot. P.M. 185 of 16 Nov 43

SUBJECT:- Soldiers absent without leave.

To:-
Comdr 351 Coastal Bn;
O;C; 121 Rd Con Coy RE.

I give notice that on the night of 16 Nov 43 at an unknown hour the following soldiers belonging to this Unit absented themselves without leave.

Rank.	Surname.	Christian Name.	Father's Name.	Class.	Mil. Dis.	Where born.
Infy.	ALFARANO	FRANCESCO	IPPAZIO	1910	IFFCCE	RESIDENZA TRICASE.
"	BRAMATO	DONATO	FU VINCENZO	1910	"	MIGGIANO
"	MILILFO	NICOLA	GUISEPPE	1910	"	CORIGLIANO
"	MUSIO	ROCCO	FU CESARIO	1909	"	CAPRARICA DEL CAPO.
"	PALMA	GIORGIO	FU LAZZARO	1909	"	MELPIGNANO
"	RUSSO	LUCIANO	FU BENEDETTO	1910	"	MATINO
"	TOMA	COSIMA	FU RAFFAELE	1910	"	MATINO

(sgd) xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Cmdr No. 2 Coy
351 Coastal Bn.

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Subject:- Italian Labour.

Reference No. IA/33.
Date:- 15 Nov. 1943.

To:- No. 3 C.R.E. Army Troops, Eighth Army.
From:- O.C. 121st Road Constr. Coy RE.

Herewith original copy of letter from 3 Company 28 Artieri, detailing personnel who are absent without leave.

May these be forwarded to appropriate authority please.

(sgd) H.V. HUNTT
Major RE.
OC 121 Road Constr. Coy. RE.

Field CMF.
HVH/VL.

SUBJECT:- Italian Labour.

No. 3 C.R.E. Army Troops,
EIGHTH ARMY. CMF.
Ref:- 28/77.
19th Nov. 43.

B.M.M.
7th Italian Army.

The above, together with copy letter from 3 Company 28 Artieri, is forwarded for information and action as necessary.

Lt. Col. RE
Commander.

Field.
EAP/LB.

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AA/6

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XXVIII Battaglione A( )ieri Comando 3rd Compagnia( )

N. 466/5 di prot. Serracapriola li, 14 Nov.1943

OGGETTO:- Assenze arbitrarie =

Al 121 Road Construction Coy RE. SEDE.

Trasmettesi elenco dei militati in forza a questo Reparto, assenti arbitrari:

1. Caniere. FAIVO Vincenzo fu Giuseppe classe 1915 Distretto Catanzaro Via Bocrio nr. 20 = S.Biase= (Catanzaro)
2. " COCCHIA Gi-i di Paolo classe 1920 Distretto Avellino Via Italo Balbo = Atripalda = (Avellino)
3 " DROGO Enea di Domenico classe 1921 Distretto Catanzaro Via Taferi nr. 60 = Francavilla Amitola =(Catanzaro)
4 " LOMBARDO Salvatore fu Alfonso classe 1920 Distretto Catanzaro Corso Nazionale = Cutro = (Catanzaro)
5 " MAURO Generoso di Matteo classe 1920 Distretto Salerno Via Brigrano Inferiore nr.2 = Brigrano = (Salerno)
6 " ROMITO Michele di Angelo classe 1920 Distretto Chieti via dei Giardini nr. 5 = S. Euoro = (Chieti)
7 " Scaramuzza Achille di Leonardo classe 1920 Distretto Catanzaro Via Elena nr. 32 = Isola Capo Rizzuto = (Catanzaro)
8 " VILLA Ettore di = = classe 1921 Distretto Catanzaro via S. Giovanni nr. = = Cirò = (Catanzaro)
9 " ZUCCO Ottorino fu Salvatore classe 1919 = Distretto Militare Avellino = Piatrada Fosso Cavallo Fontanarosa (Avellino)

(add) Comandante.
Ten. Diego Agricola.

2902.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject:- Traffic Accident

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
10 Nov 43

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HQ 7 Italian Army

1. It is reported that on 6 Nov 43, an Italian military motor cyclist was involved in a collision with a WD. Willys Car, No:4766630 on the SANTANGELO - GIOIA road.

2. The motor cycle was a GUZZI, No:2696, and is understood to belong to 2 Bn, 67 Regt, Motorised Infantry.

3. Owing to the language difficulty, a statement from the driver of the motor cycle was not obtained at the time of the accident.

4. May a statement please be obtained from the motor cyclist now, so that it may be forwarded to HQ N° 2 District.

Bgdr
for Brig
Comd

2901

EJC

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SUBJECT:- Traffic Accidents.

19 NOV. 1943

HQ No.2 District M.F.
A.144.
17 Nov 43.

A.M.M.I.A.

1. On 6 Nov 43 an Italian military motor cyclist was involved in a collision with a W.D. Willys Car, No.4760630, on the Santerano-Gioia road.

2. The m/c was a Moto Guzzi, No.2696, and is understood to belong to 2 Bn, 67 Regt. Motorised Infantry.

3. Will you please arrange for a statement to be obtained from the driver of the motor cycle and forwarded to this H.Q. as early as possible. Due to the language difficulty no statement could be obtained at the time of the accident.

J.T. Reddle Brig.
for
Major General,
G.O.C. No.2 District.

M.O.O. 1735A

Copy to:- 1 Airborne Div (ref their AQ/55 dated 13 Nov 43).

2300
AQ/6

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Subject:- Court of Inquiry - Traffic Accident - Death of Italian Soldier, Di Marino Pasquale on 10 Sep. 43.

Rear HQ Eighth Army,
C.M.F.

R 12558 A

19 Nov 43.

No. 4 Claims Commission, C.M.F.

Copy to:- British Military Mission,
att. 7th. Italian Army.(for information).

The attached Proceedings of Court of Inquiry in respect of the above-named Italian soldier, duly completed with the opinion of the Army Commander, are forwarded for disposal please.

Lacey, Capt
sc for Brigadier,
D.A. & Q.M.G.,
Eighth Army.

Field.
FB.

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File

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Army Form A 2.

PROCEEDINGS of a* Court of Inquiry

assembled at H.Q., 568 General Transport Company, RASC.

on the 7th October 1943.

by order of Officer Commanding,

568 General Transport Company, RASC.

for the purpose of investigating the circumstances in which D. Marlino Pasquale (an Italian Soldier) received fatal injuries on 10 Sept.1943, while being conveyed in W.D. Vehicle No. L.4519895.

*N.B. — The Form being applicable to any Board, or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

The proceedings should be signed by the President and by each Member of the Board, etc.

Attention is particularly drawn to the Rules for Courts of Inquiry contained in Rules of Procedure 124-125A, and especially to Rule 125A (B); also to paragraph 751, et seq., King's Regulations, 1935.

PRESIDENT.

Capt. L.J.H. Noyes, RASC.

2898

MEMBERS.

Lieut. F.C. Green, RASC.

C.J.M. Rogers, I.A.

IN ATTENDANCE

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injuries on 10 Sept.1943, while being [illegible]

Vehicle No. L.4519895.

PRESIDENT.

Capt. L.J.H. Noyes, RASC.

2898

MEMBERS.

Lieut. F.C. Green, RASC.

C.S.M. Rogers, I.A.

IN ATTENDANCE.

T/179547 Dvr. Harris, J.A.

The Court having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to take evidence

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T/179547. Dvr. Harris. J.A. having been duly sworn, states:-

On 10th. September 1943 I was driving Vehicle No.4519895 from BAGNARA towards PALMI. My vehicle was stationary on the road, and a member of the C.M.P. asked me to convey four Italians to the C.M.P. check Post at PALMI. This I agreed to do.

The Italians were dressed in civilian clothes, but I understoodthat they were Italian soldiers

When I was about 6 Miles. short of PALMI, I was negotiating a left hand bend in the road at about 15 to 20 m.p.h. I cannot be sure of this speed as the speedometer on my vehicle did not work. A 15 cwt. vehicle passed me on the bend, and to avoid touching it, I pulled over to the right. My right side front wheel hit a curbing stone of about two feet in height and it wrenched the steering wheel out of my hands, and caused the vehicle to run into the ditch at the side of the road, with the right hand side wheels in the ditch. This caused the vehicle to slope at an angle of about 60 degrees, and in doing so the superstructure caught two trees at the side of the road. I got out of my vehicle and went to examine the damage, when I found one of the Italians lying in the ditch at the back of the lorry. The other three Italians were in the front end of the back of the lorry and unhurt. In my opinion, the injured Italian was either sitting on the tailboard of the lorry, or standing at the back of it, when the accident occurred thus causing him to fall out of the vehicle. When I saw him he was lying with his head away from the lorry and he was on his back. I saw that he had an injury to his head - it was on the right side and going backwards from his temple. I thought the man was dead as soon as I saw him on the ground. A M.O. was called and arrived within ten minutes, and he examined the injured man and said he was dead. I heard the M.O. say that the dead man had a fractured skull. Later, I examined the superstructure of my vehicle for markings of blood, but I could find none. The 15 cwt. vehicle which caused me to pull over to the right was travelling at about 30 m.p.h. I do not know what Company it belonged to, and the driver seemed unaware of the accident. I did not hear any warning given by the driver of the 15 cwt. vehicle before it overtook me. The width of the road at the point of the accident was 18 feet, it had a good surface and was dry. The body of the dead man was taken away in a W.D. Ambulance. A member of the C.M.P. who appeared at the scene of the accident gave me to understand that the injured man was a prisoner of war, and this Military Policemen also told me that the dead men's name was Di. Merlino Pasquale.

When I pulled over to the right, I moved my foot from the accelerator pedal, and put it on the foot brake and I was applying the brakes in order to slow down the vehicle. The bend of the road was downhill, and at the time my brakes were working. When the 15 cwt. vehicle overtook me I was keeping to the right of the road.

Signed. J.A. Harris.

T/1068074. Dvr. Stacey. W.C. having been duly sworn, states:-

On the afternoon of 10 Sept.1943 I was riding in the cab of W.D. vehicle

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the injured man and said he was dead. I heard the M.O. say that the dead man had a fractured skull. Later, I examined the superstructure of my vehicle for markings of blood, but I could find none. The 15 cwt. vehicle which caused me to pull over to the right was travelling at about 30 m.p.h. I do not know what Company it belonged to, and the driver seemed unaware of the accident. I did not hear any warning given by the driver of the 15 cwt. vehicle before it overtook me. The width of the road at the point of the accident was 18 feet, it had a good surface and was dry. The body of the dead man was taken away in a W.D. Ambulance. A member of the C.M.P. who appeared at the scene of the accident gave me to understand that the injured man was a prisoner of war, and this Military Policeman also told me that the dead men's name was Di. Merlino Pasquale.

When I pulled over to the right, I moved my foot from the accelerator pedal, and put it on the foot brake and I was applying the brakes in order to slow down the vehicle. The bend of the road was downhill, and at the time my brakes were working. When the 15 cwt. vehicle overtook me I was keeping to the right of the road.

Signed. J.A. Harris.

T/106841074. Dvr. Stacey. W.C. having been duly sworn, states:-

On the afternoon of 10 Sept.1943 I was riding in the cab of W.D. vehicle No.4510995 as spare driver . T/170547. Dvr. Harris, J.A. was driving the vehicle. A 15 cwt. vehicle passed us on a bend in the road from BAGNARA to PALMI. This 15 cwt. vehicle came so close to the vehicle in which I was travelling that it caused Driver HARRIS to pull over to the right. In my opinion had Driver Harris not pulled over he would have collided with the 15 cwt. I felt a bump, and found myself in the roadway. The 15 cwt. vehicle which passed was a Chevrolet, but I could not see the markings on it. I do not know which Company it belonged to. I sprained my wrist when I fell out of the vehicle and it was painfull at the time. I walked round to the back of the vehicle, and saw an Italian lying dead in the ditch. His head was away from the vehicle and he was lying on his back. This Italian had been travelling in the back of the lorry with three others. A member of the C.M.P. had asked Driver Harris to take four Italians to the C.M.P. Check Post and the dead man was one of the four. His head was badly injured. I saw a curb-stone lying on it's side about 8 feet from the back of the vehicle. The stone in it's standing position would rise about two feet from the ground. The other three Italians were towards the front, in the back of the lorry. I cannot say what hit the dead man's head. Later Driver Harris and I examined the superstructure for blood, but we found none.

When the 15 cwt. vehicle passed, the speed of Driver Harris's vehicle was 15 - 20 m.p.h. In my opinion the 15 cwt. was travelling at 30 - 35 m.p.h. I had travelled about 200 miles as spare driver to Driver Harris and I thought him a good driver. I heard no warning before the 15 cwt. vehicle passed. In my opinion the driver of the 15 cwt. was in the wrong in passing as he did, and he came too close to Driver Harris' vehicle.

Signed. W.C. Stacey.

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Copy of Statement by Major A.J. Munro, RAOC.
Exhibit I. Sgd. I.J.H. Noyes., Capt. RAOC. President, Court of Inquiry.
7 Oct 43.

On 10 Sep 43 I was proceeding Northwards towards PALMI on the main BAGNARA - PALMI road. I cannot now remember the time of the day but vision was clear and uninterupted and the road surface was dry.

As I approached the point at which the accident took place (i.e. about five miles or so south of PALMI) I was travelling downhill on a very winding road immediately behind a 15 cwt. truck which in turn was immediately behind the 3 ton lorry involved in the accident. I think the 15 cwt. truck was of the same serial No. as the lorry but I cannot remember what it was. As the 3 tonner was approaching a sharp left hand bend the 15 cwt. drew out and passed it. The tail of the 15 cwt. would be just past the 3 tonner's radiator as the 3 tonner should have started to lock round the bend. Instead of locking round, however, the 3 tonner kept on a straight course and crashed into it's right hand side of the road just before the apex of the corner. Some Italians riding on the top of the lorry appeared to have been injured by overhanging branches on the side of the road, and one was thrown clear into the ditch.

It is difficult to understand how the accident took place, because although the driver of the 15 cwt. ought not to have passed when he did, his truck in no way impeded the driver of the 3 tonner from keeping on his course round the bend.

It appeared to me that the sudden appearence of the 15 cwt. in front of him, so startled the driver of the 3 tonner that he lost all control of his vehicle.

Signed. A.J. Munro. Major, RAOC.
Comd. 13 Inf. Bde. Coy.,(2 Coy) R.A.O.C.

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Copy.
Copy of Statement by No.7686748.L/Cpl. Brooks. F. - 112 Provost Coy., C.M.P.
Exhibit II. Sgd. I.J.H. Noyes., Capt. RASC. President, Court of Inquiry.
7 Oct. 43.

Sir,

I have to report, that at PALMI on Friday 10th. Sept. 1943, at about 15.20 hrs. I was on duty at the cross-roads, Map.Ref.822756, when Major A.S. Munro, 13 I.B. Coy., RASC., reported to me that a serious accident had occurred approximately four miles along the BAGNARA road. During this conversation Sgt. Pawlson, CMP arrived on the scene and he ordered me to proceed to the place of the accident, whilst he went for an ambulance.

Upon arriving at the scene of the accident Map.Ref.615720, I was informed by No.18827. Capt. A. McConnell, RAMC., 158 Field Amb. attached 1st Green Howards, that an Italian soldier,Di. Marlius Pasquale of CASTIGLIONE MESSER RAIMUNDO had been killed in the accident, his death being due to "compound fracture of the skull" and "laceration of the brain".

I then obtained the particulars of the following witnesses:-

T/179547. Dvr Harris. J.A. - "D" Platoon - 563 General Transport Company, RASC. (Driver of the Vehicle).
T/10884074.Dvr. Stacey. C.W. -"D" Platoon - 563 General Transport Company, RASC. (Relief Driver).
Major A.S. Munro, 13 I.B. Coy., RASC. (Independent Witness).

Damage to WD Vehicle - Canopy Destroyed.
Property of Deceased - Wallet containing 585 Lire, letters and miscellaneous documents.

Signed.....No. 7686748. 1/Cpl. Brooks. F.
C.M.Police, C.M.F.

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COPY.

Subject:- Rd Accident resulting in Death of Italian Soldier.

On 10 Sept 1943, I was called to the scene of a road accident near PALMI, and found that an Italian soldier, who had been riding in the back of a WD vehicle had been killed.

The cause of death was fracture of the skull and laceration of the brain.

(Sd) A. McConnell. Capt.
(188271) R.A.M.C.

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T/129239. Sgt. Dawson. G. having been duly sworn, states:-

I am Orderly Room Sergeant of 563 General Transport Company, RASC, and I produce statement by Major, A.S. Munro, RASC. of 13 Inf. Bde. Coy. (2 Coy), and copy of statement by 7588748. L/Cpl. Brooks. F. of 112 Provost Coy. C.M.P.

Signed. G. Dawson. Sgt.

Exhibit. No. 1. - Statement of Major A.S. Munro, RASC.
Exhibit. No. 2. - Statement of L/Cpl. Brooks. F.

L.J.H. Noyes. Capt., RASC.,
President - Court of Inquiry.

F.C. Green, Lieut., RASC.,
Member.

L.A. Rogers. C.S.M.
Member.

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S OPINION.

I am of the opinion that Dvr. Harris made a slight error of judgment when overtaken by the 15 cwt. vehicle and so hit a curb stone, which caused the accident. It appears, the Italian sildier was not in a normal travelling position in the back of the lorry because the three Italians who were; came through the accident uninjuredand were still in the vehicle when it came to a standstill. I consider that Dvr. Harris was not driving negligently, and that the driver of the 15 cwt. vehicle should not have passed on this bend of the road. T/179547 Dvr Harris. J.A. was on duty.

In the Field.
10.10.43.

Signed. C.E. Grice. Major, RASC.

OPINION OF C.RASC 13 CORPS TROOPS.

I agree with the opinion of C.C., 563 G.T. Coy, and consider that the Italian soldier, D. MARLINO PASUDALE, met his death due to an accident for which no one can be held to blame.

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15 Oct 43.

Signed. J.F. Myddleton, Lt.Col.,
C,RASC 13 Corps Troops.

OPINION OF DDST.

I Concur.

24 Oct, 43.

Signed. C.F. Neve.
Colonel,
DDST 13 Corps.

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OPINION OF CORPS COMMANDER.

I agree.

14 Nov 43.

Signed. ??????????
Lt.Gen.,
Commanding, 13 Corps.

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Subject:- Discipline

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
9 Nov 43

A 36

HQ 7 Italian Army

1. Ref your letter I/434 dated 14 Oct 43. A copy of 71 Sub Area letter 47/1/A is forwarded for information.

2. Ref your letter 1/736 dated 25 Oct 43. The incidents reported at VIBO VALENTIA and SOLVERATO cannot be confirmed by the Sub Area concerned. May more detailed and substantiated information please be forwarded.

3. I am further instructed to say that all traffic accidents involving Allied vehicles are reported through the normal military channels.

EJC

Brig
Comd

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Subject :- Robbery of Automatic Pistol.

H.Q. 71 Sub Area.
47/1/A.
14 Nov 43.

British Military Mission to
7th Italian Army.

1. Ref your AQ/6 dated 16 Oct 43 and attachment thereto.

2. Up to now it has not been possible to trace the three soldiers responsible for the robbery of Lt Augusti Massimo at BRINDISI on 6 Oct 43.

3. It appears that Lt Massimo was able to give only a vague description of one of the soldiers and is not sure of being able to identify any of them. He has no record of the maker's number of the stolen pistol. No Canadian troops were stationed in BRINDISI on the date in question, but there may have been visitors over for the day.

4. If Lt Augusti Massimo can give further details including those of dress etc. it may be of great assistance.

5. The incident is very much regretted and it is hoped that any further incidents are reported immediately by 'phone to the police.

Colonel,
Commanding 71 Sub Area.

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Subject:- Deserters - Italian Soldiers

Military Mission to
Italian Armies
AQ/6
16 Nov 43

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Main EIGHTH ARMY

15 ARMY GP for information

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1. Attached translation of SMRE letter 1313/31/3 SPV is forwarded for action.

2. Will you please insert a notice in orders asking for the whereabouts of these men to be disclosed.

(Sgd) C C Duchesne. Brig
Comd

EJC

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

REPARTO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE

P.M.151 *li* November 8th

N.~~1313/31/3SPV~~ *prot.*

Allegati .....

Risposta al foglio N. .....

del .....

~~OGGETTO~~Subject:Italian diserters soldiers

General DUCHESNE

Allied Military Mission

with the Italian Army.

LEQUILE (Lecce)

The Command of the 7.th- Army has iformed us that the following soldiers:

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- " Iannone Michele di Giuseppe Cl.1911
- " Curro' Beniamino fu Biagio Cl.1921 -born in Cleveland U.S.A.
- " Palleschi Giorgio di Luciano Cl.1913-born in Pittsburg U.S.A.
- " Palleschi Rocco di Luciano Cl.1914- " " " "

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with the Italian Army.

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We beg You to send these soldiers,if they still are with Anglo-American units,to their Regiment.Please inform us of the date from wich they are on service with the Allied Army.

General Deputy Ass.
Chief of Staff.
-A.Mariotti

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

REPARTO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE

P.M. 151, li 10 Novembre 1943

N. 1313/31/3 SP/ prot. — Risposta al foglio N. ..... del .....

Allegati .....

OGGETTO: Militari Italiani disertori

Generale DUCHESNE
Missione Militare Alleata
presso R.E. Italiano

LECCE (Lecce)

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E' stato comunicato dal Comando della 7ª Armata che i militari sottoelecati:

-	Art.	TANCREDI Florindo	di Giovanni	Cl. 1913
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-	"	IANNONE Michele	di Giuseppe	Cl. 1911
-	"	CURRO' Beniamino	fu Biagio	Cl. 1921 (nato a Cleveland U.S.A.)
-	"	PALLESCHI Giorgio	di Luciano	Cl. 1913 (nato a Petriburgo U.S.A.)
-	"	PALLESCHI Rocco	di Luciano	Cl. 1914 (nato a Petriburgo U.S.A.)

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tutti del 152° Rgt. Artiglieria, già denunziati per diserzione, si sarebbero aggregati a reparti Inglesi di passaggio per la rotabile Martinafranca=Taranto. Del fatto ne sarebbe stata già informata codesta Missione.

Si pregherebbe pertanto che i predetti militari, qualora fossero ancora trattenuti presso unità anglo-americane, ne venissero rilasciati per ripresentarsi al proprio Reparto. Si prega pure comunicare le date sotto cui essi furono presi in forza.

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
- A. Mariotti -

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SUBJECT:- Discipli[illegible] - Allied Tps.

HQ No.2 District C.M.F.
A.207.
14 Nov 43.

AQ/6

B.M.M. to 7 Italian Army.

Ref your AQ/6 of 29 Oct 43 in respect of paras 5 and 6.

1. The Sub-Area concerned has informed this HQ that no reports have been received nor is there any knowledge of the incidents at the Sub-Area HQ.

2. Will you please verify that the incidents complained of did take place and forward any more detailed information which you may have.

Major General,
G.O.C. No.2 District.

T.O.S. 1230

15/11 file

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - Allied Tps.

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HQ No.2 District, C.M.F.
A.207.
1st Nov 43.

B.M.M. to Italian Army.

AQ/6

Not Received
15 NOV 1943

Ref your AQ/6 of 30 Oct 43 and further to our 207A of 2 Nov 43, copy to you.

1. The Sub-Area concerned has reported on these complaints as follows:-

FALO DEL COLLE (BARI)

i The original report has already been received on this case and has been forwarded to SIB, CMP for investigation.

ii. Your description of "a British Officer and 3 CMP Troops" does not agree with the original, which stated that the troops concerned "Were red hats..... and belonged to the "Parachute Command of Bari".

SAN MICHELE DI BARI.

The original report in this case has also been received and forwarded to the 1st Airborne Div. Pro. Coy. for investigation and subsequent report.

RUTIGLIANO

Copy of this report has been sent to SIB, CMP. for investigation.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS - BARI.

These are reported on A.F.A. 3676 and are sent through the normal channels.

2. Any further information which may transpire from the above investigations will be forwarded.

for Major General,
G.O.C. L.O.C. District.

T.O.S. ..12.30....

15/11 PF

File. The reports are NOT received yet.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject: OFFICERS' CLUB, TARANTO.

RMSA. /A.14/43.

Ad/16

To: Officers Commanding Units,
TARANTO Area.
(List A).

12 Nov 43.

17 NOV. 1943

It has been brought to my notice that the behaviour of officers in the Officers' Club, TARANTO leaves a very great deal to be desired. In the last 3 days instances have occurred which can only be classed as disgraceful behaviour and conduct on the part of officers concerned. Such instances are as follows:-

(a). Officers being sick through excess of wine on tables in the main room.

(b). Officers fighting in the main room.

(c) The singing of doubtful songs by groups of officers gathered round tables, to the annoyance of others, including ladies.

(d). wilful destruction by officers of property of the Club, eg., a washbasin in the lavatory being completely pulled away from the wall.

2. If officers cannot control their behaviour in the Club it will become necessary to establish a Duty Field Officer to keep control of the members, and this officer's duty will have to be borne by all units in the TARANTO area.

3. In order to avoid this, Officers Commanding Units will personally draw the attention of all officers under their command to this instruction. It must be realised by all Officers Commanding Units that they are personally responsible for the behaviour of officers under their command.

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Circulate

(E.J.Woodington)
Colonel, R.M.
Commandor,
R.M.Sub Area, TARANTO.

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SEI 28
Adj 6

M E S S A G E F O R M

To:- MISTAM

From:- MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY Q75 15

ref your letter 30A dated 3 Nov 43 (.)

CC RR escort reporting 367 PW Camp

0900 hrs I6

IMPORTANT

T O O 1230 A

T H I

T O R

Signed: Lt Col

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P/M. 107, lì 13 novembre 194 3. Anno

COMANDO DELLA 7ª ARMATA
Ufficio Informazioni

Alla MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

SUA SEDE

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 1/1074 *Allegati* *Div.* *Sez.* *N.*

OGGETTO: Disciplina.-

Riferimento foglio A 0/6 dell'8 corrente mese.

Questo Comando, in relazione al fatto da voi denunciato, ha disposto che i due militari, di cui al foglio in riferimento, siano fatti accompagnare dai CC.RR. al Campo di Riordinamento per provvedere disciplinarmente nei loro confronti.

I CC.RR. si presenteranno martedì 16 corr. alle ore 9 al Campo nº 367 in Taranto, per prendere in consegna i due militari italiani.-

2884

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Raffaele Belligra)

Per ogni argomento ed indicare nella risposta il numero di protocollo e l'ufficio cui si risponde.
c/c postale n.

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Trattare per ogni lettera un solo argomento ed indicare nella risposta il numero di protocollo e l'ufficio cui si risponde.
Indirizzo telegrafico — c/c. postale n.

Riferimento foglio A 9/6 dell'8 corrente mese.

A 9/6

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d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Raffaele Pelligra)

Pelligra

1. Ref. yr A.9/6 of 8 Nov:
2. Arrangements have been made for the Carabinieri to escort the two soldiers referred to in yr letter to the Punishment Camp for disciplinary action. The CC.RR will take over the two men at 0900 on 16 Nov. from 367 Camp at TARANTO.

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15/11 943

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SUBJECT:= Discipline = Italian labour

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
AQ/6
12 Nov 43

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Major FIELDMAN
WIB c/o 103 Sub Area

The attached correspondence is forwarded to you for action.

ABC

Brig
Comd

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Subject:- Discipli - Drivers

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/6
12 Nov 43

2 District

The attached copy of 7 Italian Army letter 1/7081 dated 10 Nov 43 is forwarded for any action considered necessary.

Ghisl, Capt
for Brig
Comd

2882

EJC/cc

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TRANSLATION

PM 107. I/7081
10 Nov 43

To:-
British Military Mission

MARTINA FRANCA (TARANTO)

At about 1800 hrs on 26 Oct in the village and About 1200 hrs on the 27 Oct on a road leading to TARANTO, two accidents occured caused by lorries driven by Allied personnel which accounted for the death of a woman and a child. It was not possible to identify the trucks as they did not stop.

Owing to the repetition of such accidents can the attention of drivers be drawn to the effect of driving more carefully.

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Signed: Il Generale di Divisione
Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Raffaele PELLIGRA)

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COMANDO 7ª ARMATA

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Al SIG. GENERALE C.C. DUCHESNE
Capo della Delegazione
Inglese presso la 7ª Armata
S E D E

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 1/4081 Allegati Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO : Promemoria.-

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MARTINA FRANCA (Taranto): Alle ore 18 del 26 ottobre, nell'interno dell'abitato, e alle 12 del 27 ottobre sulla provinciale che conduce a Taranto si sono verificati due gravi incidenti automobilistici provocati da conduttori degli eserciti alleati e in seguito ai quali sono deceduti un bambino ed una donna. Gli autocarri, non essendosi fermati, non hanno potuto essere identificati.

Dato il ripetersi di simili incidenti questo Comando Vi sarebbe grato se voleste far richiamare l'attenzione dei conduttori di automezzi sulla necessità di una maggiore prudenza.

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Raffaele Pelligra)

Trattare per ogni lettera su solo argomento. Non unire nella risposta il numero di protocollo e l'ufficio cui si risponde.

Indirizzo telegrafico .....

..... e c/c postale n. .....

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Subject: Traffic Accident

NOV. 1943

Hq 12 A.F.S.C.

Hq No.2 District C.M.P.

A 144/1

11 Nov 43

1 With reference to the attached copy of a traffic accident report received at this Headquarters, it would appear that the vehicle concerned is one belonging to the U.S.A.A.F.

2 Will you please take all further action.

T.O.S. 2140A

Colonel
Colonel i/c Administration

Copy to: British Military Mission
to Italian Army

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT:- Discipline - Speeding.

HQ No.2 District, C.M.F.
A.34/2.
8 Nov 43.

23 NOV. 1943

British Military Mission
to 7th Italian Army.

AQ/6.

The attached copy C.M.P. report in respect of a speeding offence by Captain B.G.BUTTERWORTH is forwarded for information and such action as is considered necessary.

Col.
A/Q.

T.O.O. 0850

BF
for DA A SMG.
9/11

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- COPY -
REPORT.

2384

To : The Officer Commanding,
49 Coy C.M.P.(TC).

Sir,

I have to report that a point 6 Kms. NORTH of GERIGNOLA on the 21.Oct 43. at 12.50 hrs I was on speed check duty when I saw a DODGE 30 cwt truck W.D. No.4832448 of which Capt. B.G. BUTTERWORTH, BRITISH MILITARY MISSION 7th ITALIAN ARMY was in charge.

I halted the vehicle and informed Capt.BUTTERWORTH that the speed of his vehicle had been checked over a measured distance and was 56 m.p.h. Capt.BUTTERWORTH did not deny this. I informed him that the matter would be reported.

5831898. C.Rush, Cpl.
49 Coy. C.M.P., (TC).

Field.
21 Oct 43.

Sir,

I have read over and corroborate the above statement. 2877

11259074 F.Pursey? L/Cpl.
49 Coy. C.M.P., (TC).

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Subject:- Discipline.

British Military Mission to
7th: Italian Army
AG/6
8 Nov 43

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HQ 7 ITALIAN ARMY

1. The attached statements from 13 Corps and 5 Div in respect of two Italian Soldiers AZZATI GENARO and SABROLLINI DUILIO, who were found cutting telephone wires, are forwarded.

2. It is requested that disciplinary action be taken against the two soldiers by the Italian Military Authorities.

3. These soldiers are at present held under arrest at 367 PW Camp, TARANTO, and can be handed over to an Italian Military escort.

4. May we please be notified two days in advance of the date and time at which the escort will report to 367 PW Camp, TARANTO.

2875

Presence of witnesses?
Validity of statements?
What action can 7 Army take?
What view does Italian Military Law take of this? Reject.

EJC

Reject
for Brig
Comd

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Subject : Discipline Italian Soldiers 7 NOV. 1943

HQ No. 2 District
30 A
3 Nov 45

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RMI to Seventh Italian Army

Ref attached correspondence, will you please take this matter up with Seventh Italian Army with a view to disciplinary action being taken by them against the two Italian soldiers involved.

These soldiers can be handed over by 367 PW Camp to an escort provided by Seventh Italian Army, if you will notify this HQ in advance of the date and time the escort will report.

Major General
GOC No. 2 District

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TOO .....

711.92

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Copy

Subject:- Discipline - Italian Soldiers.

Main HQ 13 Corps
13C/1286/1/A
2 Oct 43.

"A" Main Eighth Army

Copy to:- "A" 5 Corps.

1. The attached statement from 5 Div in respect of two Italian Soldiers AZZATI GENARO and SABBOLLINI BULLIO, who were found cutting Army telephone wires, is forwarded.

2. The soldiers have been despatched under escort to 367 PW Camp at TARANTO, and the OC Camp has been ordered to notify you on their arrival.

3. Both soldiers are very young and it is my impression that there was no malice in their action, but that they simply wanted the wire for some purpose of their own and did not stop to think whether it was ours.

4. 5 Div have now passed from under Command 13 Corps to under Command 5 Corps. Would you therefore kindly inform the latter as to the action to be taken in this case.

Sgd. Major.
For Brigadier,
D.A.&.Q.M.G.

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Copy.

Lieut. Kilner E R Sigs. 5 Div Signals,

On morning of 29 Sep 43., I was detailed by O.C., 1 Coy., 5 Div Sigs., to be in charge of a party of 3 men to patrol a Military telephone cable in the neighbourhood of Atena railway station. I arrived at the site about 1000 hrs and inspected the cable which extended from Atena Rlwy Station to civil telephone repeater Station at cross roads Atena and from Rlwy Stn to a point about 500 yds north where the cable was connected to the civil overhead route. I personally inspected the former stretch which was intact and spoke to Div Signals Office on a telephone I had with me. At 1200 hrs I patrolled the cable to the junction pt with the overhead line north of the station. The cable was intact. I returned to the goods yard and had lunch. I returned to the railway line about 1245 hrs to a point where I could see the length of the cable going north and saw four persons, two were breaking the cable, one, a young boy was winding up the broken piece of cable and a fourth was looking on. I saw this through binoculars.
I returned to the goods yard and called for a lineman to accompany me. We walked up the line and the four persons went into or behind a house by the railway. As we approached to about 200 yds, 3, the boy and the 2 prisoners came from behind the house and went into a field: I arrested the 2 persons who are now prisoners, the taller of whom I recognise as one who was breaking the cable, the boy who was seen winding up the broken cable was very young and I did not arrest him. I sent them back to the goods yard under escort and searched 2 farm buildings for the broken cable but I could not see it. I tried to enter the building by the railway but it was locked, I could not see anybody inside. I did not see the fourth man, and presume that he went across country.
The cable had been broken by placing it on the railway line and hitting it with a stone. About 35 yards was missing.

Sgd. E. Kilner W 2872
R Sigs.

29 Sep 43.

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SUBJECT:= Acquisition of Food by British Troops from Civilians

British Military Mission
AQ/6
8 Nov 43

7 MALIAN ARMY

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Ref your 1/985 dated 6 Nov 43.

May we please be informed of the particular areas and towns in which, are acquiring food from civilians, and also full details of occasions on which civilians have been compelled to sell, under threat of requisition.

Until such information is received, it seems unlikely that there is sufficient evidence for areas and sub areas to take action.

ABC

for Brig
Comd

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TRANSLATION

To : British Military Mission

N°: I/985
6 Nov 43

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Capo di Stato Maggiore

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COMANDO 7ª ARMATA
Uffic Informazioni

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE
BRITANNICA
S E D E

19A.

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 1/985 Allegati Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Acquisto di derrate da civili per parte delle truppe inglesi.-

Questo Comando ha notizia che nonostante gli ordini impartiti in proposito dal Generale Alexander, le truppe non si astengono dall'acquistare viveri presso i civili = alle volte, anzi, i contadini vengono forzati alle vendite sotto minaccia di requisizione.

Data la grave situazione alimentare delle popolazioni, si gradirebbe l'interessamento di Codesta Missione perchè una disposizione tanto opportuna e necessaria venga di fatto sempre osservata.-

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Raffaele Palligra)

Trattare per ogni lettera su affari diversi.
Indirizzo telegrafico: ... e per posta a ...

P.M. 107 li 5 novembre 1943 / A. 18

Comando della 7ª Armata
Ufficio Informazioni

N. di Prot. 1987
Risposta al
Foglio annesso

AL COMANDO DEL 97° BTG. TERRITORIALE
VENOSA

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA
P/M. 67

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
S E D E

Oggetto: Cap.Magg. Santoliquido Giuseppe.-

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To 97 Bn (Territorial)
From G.S.I. 7 Army
rptd 9 Corps + B.M.M.

d'ordine
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d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Raffaele Pelligra)

To 94 Bn (Territorial).
From G.S.I. 7 Army
rptd 9 Corps & S.M.M.

Subj: Cpl. Maggiore
SANTOLIQUIDO Giuseppe.

Through L.O of V Corps, AMGOT request that a/m is not to be considered as a deserter. He is working at SERRA CAPRIOLA repairing acqueduct. this unit is 94 Bn (Territorial).

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SUBJECT:- USE of ARMS

HQ ITALIAN ARMY
HQ ITALIAN ARMED FORCES in CROATIA

I forward herewith for your information
15 Army Group letter 15AG/8653/1/BGS dated

ABC

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SECRET.

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

15AY/8653/1/EGS

1 Nov 43

Military Mission to the
Italian Forces

You will inform General ARISIO and General BASSO that under no circumstances whatever will Italian armed personnel use their weapons against personnel of the Allied Forces. An incident of this nature has already occured and it is unnecessary to point out the unfortunate effect which any further such occurrence would have.

In the event of irregular or indisciplined action by allied personnel, the facts should be immediately reported through the proper channels.

Major-General.
C.G.S.

Copy to :-
Fifth Army
Eighth Army
Allied Military Mission
Capt. Moriarty

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AQ/6

SUBJECT: Police Report

British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.
Ref. No. AQ/6
1 Nov. 43

H.Q. 7 ITALIAN ARMY

With reference to the attached report submitted by Capitano di Amm/ne Donvito Donato di Bartolomeo.

A full investigation by the Assistant Provost Marshall of 13 Corps has failed to reveal either the bicycle or Mauser.

In the circumstances it is not considered that this case can b pursued, and I should be glad if you would communicate this to the Officer concerned.

GSH

Bgdt -
for Brigadier,
Commanding,
British Military Mission.

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Subject:- Police Reports

Headquarters,
31 Italian Corps Control.

Main H.Q., 13 Corps
13C/304/PRO
4 Oct 43

1. The attached complaint by Capitano di Amm/ne Donvito Donato di Bartolomeo has been investigated and reports on the case are attached.

2. These Italian officers were unable to prove their identity and were conducted to H.Q., 13 Corps on my instructions.

3. May this office please been informed of the result of the investigation.

In the Field

Lt. Col.
Assistant Provost Marshal

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Subject:- REPORT PRO/112/4/A.2.

2863 1 of A

A. P. M.,
13 CORPS.

Ref. attached complaint and reports:-

1. The complaint was registered some time after the event and has been forwarded by O.C. 5 CORPS PROVOST COMPANY who has in turn now left that area.(CANOSA)

2. The reference to a bicycle is not understood.
No mention was made of it at the time and the NCOs operating the T.C.P. had no bicycle, have no bicycle and had no use for a bicycle at that time.

3. The loss of a MAUSER automatic pistol was not mentioned at the time, though there was a short lapse of time between the removal of the men and the removal of their kit to safe custody during which someone might have interfered with it, unobserved by the pointsman.

IN THE FIELD.
23 OCT 43.

W. G. Alexander Capt.,
DAPM., 112 Provost Company,
Corps of Military Police-,
13 CORPS.

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REPORT.

To:- The D.A.P.M.
112 Provost Company
C.M.P.

Sir,

I have to report that at CANOSA on the 3 Oct 43 I was conducting a Traffic Control Post at the diversion approximately two (2) miles NORTH of the town. During the morning I received a message from L/Cpl PRICE that three (3) ITALIAN officers dressed in civilian clothes demanded to be allowed to cross the diversion used for W.D. traffic. I sent Cpl. DOUGAN up to investigate. On his return, CPL DOUGAN informed me that, acting upon the A.P.M's (Lt. Col. WHITE) instructions, the animals had been taken out of the vehicle, and the three (3) men sent to 13 Corps H.Q. for interrogation.

At about 1300 hrs, I went to the diversion and contacted L/Cpl. HURLEY, who had relieved L/Cpl. PRICE. I saw two (2) civilians sitting on the cart. As this point was in the camp of the Royal Engineers bridging section, I ordered the civilians to harness the mules to the cart, and bring it down to the T.C.P. This they did. I unharnessed the animals and tied them to an electric pylon. The civilians then left. In the evening it commenced to rain hard so I had the cases and trunks, all of which were securely locked, placed in one of my section vehicles to keep them dry. At about 0700 hrs on the 4 Oct 43 the three (3) men returned from 13 Corps HQ. I gave them some food as they had none with them. After eating, they loaded their vehicle and, satisfied that everything was in order, proceeded on their way. They left in good spirits. No mention was made of a bicycle, and I did not see one.

Field
19-10-43

(sgd) G.T. Lindsell SGT.
C.M.POLICE

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REPORT.

To:- O.C. 112 Provost Company
C.M.POLICE.

Sir,

I have to report that at CANOSA on the 3 Oct 43 I relieved L/Cpl. PRICE on the diversion about 0730 hrs when relieved about half an hour later (0800 hrs). I informed him that (3) three Italian officers, dressed in civilian clothes, with a cart full of suit cases and two horses wanted permission to cross the Diversion.

About 1230 hrs, same day, I relieved L/Cpl PRICE. I was informed by him that one of the Italian officers had been taken to 13 Corps H.Q. for interrogation and the suit cases were not to be moved. About 1300 hrs SGT. LINDSELL approached the DIVERSION and told the civilians to take the cart and suitcases across the diversion to the T.C.P. They crossed the Ford about half an hour later.

Field
19-10-43

(sgd) E. Hurley L/Cpl.
C.M.POLICE.

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To:- The D.A.P.M.
112 Provost Company.
C.M.POLICE.

Sir,

I have to report that at CANOSA on the 3 Oct 43 I was on duty at the diversion from 0630 hrs until 1230 hrs. I was relieved by L/Cpl. HURLEY, in order to get some breakfast.

On my return to duty L/Cpl HURLEY informed me that three (3) Italian officers dressed in civilian clothes wanted permission to proceed over the diversion with two (2) mules and a cart loaded with suit cases and wooden boxes.

They stated that they wanted permission to cross the diversion as their cart was overloaded. I told them they were not allowed to cross but must go down the river to the ford, used by civilian traffic. They refused to do so, so I ordered them to take their animals out of the cart, off the road.

I sent a message to the T.C.P. and Cpl. DOUGAN came to see what was wrong. Whilst Cpl. DOUGAN was talking to the officers I saw the A.P.M. (Lt. Col. White) approaching in a car. I stopped him and informed him what had happened. The A.P.M. then ordered me to stop the first Military Police vehicle available. L/Cpl CLINCH of No. 1 Section came along immediately behind the A.P.M's car. I handed the three men over with the instructions from the A.P.M. that they were to be taken to 13 Corps H.Q. for interrogation. About half an hour after the departure of the Italian officers two (2) civilians came along and started to unload the cart.

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I ordered them to leave it alone. At about 1230 hrs L/Cpl. HURLEY relieved me of my duty and I informed him of what had happened.

(sgd) G. Price L/Cpl.
C.M.POLICE

Field
18/10/43

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REPORT

To:- The D.A.P.M.
112 Provost Company
C.M.POLICE

Sir,

I have to report that at CANOSA on the 3 Oct 43 I was instructed by SGT. LINDSELL to go to the NORTH side of the diversion where three (3) civilians were waiting to get across.

On arriving there I was told by L/Cpl. PRICE that the A.P.M. (Lt. Col. WHITE) had told him to send them to 13 Corps H.Q., for interrogation.

L/Cpl. CLINCH of No.1 Section was passing at the time so I stopped him and told him to take the three (3) men there.

I returned to the T.C.P. and informed SGT. LINDSELL of the action I had taken.

Field
19-10-43

(sgd) A. DOUGAN Cpl.
C.M.POLICE.

TRANSLATION.

Canosa di Puglia, 6 OCT 1943.

TO THE COMMAND OF THE MILITARY GARRISON OF

CANOSA DI PUGLIA.

The undersigned, Captain of ? Donvito Donato di Bartolomeo, class 1907,= District of Bari communicates what follows:

The 3rd of the current month arriving from S. Severo at the Bridge of Canosa he had to ask an English Policeman on duty there permission to proceed to cross the same bridge since it was impossible to cross the tract compulsory for civilians owing to the wetness of the road.- At the same (time) I made it known that I had with me valuables and documents of the unit(or section) that I had to hand in to the Office of Accounts and Examination of the 9th Army Corps.

Instead of obtaining the aforesaid permission I was sent by means of a truck of the Police to an English Command of a distance half way between S. Severo and Torre Maggiore to be placed under interrogation.- I was compelled to leave at the place the cart(wheel-barrow, hand-cart, animal-cart) and the quadrupeds.

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I request the above command to make the necessary enquiries from the competent English authorities with a view to obtaining the restitution of the above mentioned articles.

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SUBJECT:= Discipline

British Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
AQ/16
31 Oct 43

HQ No 2 District

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Ref your 34/3A of 18 Oct addressed 103 Sub Area copy to me, have investigations on these obscenities yet had any result?

I am particularly anxious to get at the truth as it is a serious charge and there is some definite evidence to go on.

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Brigadier,
Comd. British Military Mission.

CCD/ABC

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SUBJECT:= Discipline.

British Military Mission.
Ref No. AQ/6.
27 Oct 43.

Headquarters.
7 ITALIAN ARMY.

Ref your 5/535 Ric dated 21 Oct 43.

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Brigadier.
Comd. British Military Mission.

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SUBJECT:= Transmission of report.

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British Military Mission
to 7 ITALIAN ARMY.
Ref No. AG/Ops.
24 Oct 43.

Headquarters.
71 Sub Area.

Copy to:= HQ No. 2 District.

Herewith, for any action you may consider necessary, translation of a report received from HQ 7 Italian Army.

NFS for 2057
Brigadier.
Comd. British Military Mission.
(Absent on duty)

See Bgde 23/10.

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AQ/6

Subject:- Relations with Italians.

HQ, 71 Sub Area.
19/A.
25 Oct 43.

Brigadier i/c British Military Mission.

1. With reference to your letter AQ/6 dated 24 Oct 43.

2. I am directed torequest that you will convey to Major BIAGIO the Area Commander's regrets at this incident and he trusts that matters are now on a more satisfactory basis as regards Curfew.

3. In view of the time that has elapsed (8 to 24 Oct) since the incident occured it will be difficult to take adequate action to identify the culprits but the incident will be taken up with the police immediately.

Colonel,
Commander, 71 Sub Area.

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SUBJECT:- Arbitrary treatment of a Superior officer by an English Patrol.

Chief General Staff
7 ITALIAN ARMY.

British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.

Copy to:- GHQ ITALIAN ARMY.

HQ 11 Italian Corps have reported that on 8 Oct 43 at 2300 hrs, an English Patrol consisting of an N.C.O. and two soldiers, the former with arms at the ready, discourteously ordered the C.O., 210 Coastal Div., Major NINI RIAGLO, to enter immediately the ALBERGO REGINA, BRINDISI, outside which he had stopped in his car with another officer, and an orderly and driver.

Major NINI had neither time nor opportunity to state his rank (since he knew no English), nor to explain that he was returning to the Hotel after being kept late at work at Div Hq.

The onus is in contradiction of the curfew order issued by this HQ (i.e. 7 Army), which permitted officers on duty to circulate during curfew.

In order to avoid future possible unpleasant incidents, would you be so good as to look into the matter, so that Allied Patrols stopping Italian officers during curfew ask for the necessary information with the respect due to rank.

The above is in anticipation of the issue of the prescribed curfew passes for officers to circulate during curfew, for reasons of duty.

21 Oct 43

(signed) PHILLIPS
C. C. S.,
7 Italian Army.

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P.M. 107 b. 21 ottobre 1943 (A. 1)

Comando della 7ª Armata
Ufficio Personale e Segreteria

N. di Prot. 5/535 ris.-
Riferito al
Carte annesse

AL GENERALE DUCHESNE
Capo della Missione Militare Britannica
Sua Sede

e,per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Reparto Personale e Segreteria
P.M.151

Oggetto Comportamento arbitrario da parte di una pattuglia inglese nei confronti di un ufficiale superiore.-

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Al Maggiore NINI non venne lasciato nè il tempo nè il modo (dato che l'ufficiale non conosce l'inglese) di declinare il suo grado e di chiarire che entrava in Albergo dopo di essere stato fino a quell'ora al Comando di Divisione per servizio.-

La cosa è in aperto contrasto con l'ordinanza sul coprifuoco emanata da questo Comando che prevede la libera circolazione degli ufficiali quando debbono spostarsi per servizio.-

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d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE CAPO DI S.M.
(Raffaele Pelligra)

Pelligra

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Translation. ∞ (300) 7+8.

CONFIDENTIAL.

To:- 8 M.M. 4 Italian Army, rptd G.H.Q. Italian Army.

From:- C.G.S. 4 Italian Army.

Subject:- Arbitrary treatment of a superior officer by an English patrol.

H.Q. 51 Italian Corps have reported that on 8 Oct. 43 at 2300 hrs, an English patrol consisting of an N.C.O. & two soldiers the former with arms at the ready, discourteously ordered the C.G.S. 210 Coastal Div, Major NINI BIAGLO, & enter immediately the ALBERGO REGINA, BRINDISI outside which he had stopped in his car with another officer, an orderly & driver.

Major NINI had neither time nor opportunity & state his rank (since he knew no English) nor & explain that he was returning to the Hotel after being kept late at work at Div. H.Q.

The case is a complete contradiction of the Curfew order issued by this H.Q. (ie 4 army), which permitted officers on duty & circulate during curfew.

In order & avoid future pass[illegible]852 incidents would you be so good as & get

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to state his rank (since he knew no English) nor to explain that he was returning to the Hotel after being kept late at work at Div. H.Q.

The case is in complete contradiction of the Curfew order issued by this H.Q (ie 4 Army), which permitted officers on duty to circulate during curfew.

In order to avoid future possible unpleasant incidents would you be so good as to look into the matter, so that Allied patrols stopping Italian officers during curfew ask for the necessary information with the respect due to rank.

The above is in anticipation of the issue of the prescribed Curfew passes for officers to circulate during curfew, for reasons of duty.

[Sd] PELLIGRA
C.G.S. 4 Italian Army

21 Oct. 43.

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Subject:- Discipline.

SA British Military Mission
Ref: No AG/6

H.Q., 7th: Italian Army.

Reference your letter 1/429 dated 14 Oct 43.

This Mission has been notified by No 2 District that the Special Investigation Branch of the Corps of Military Police have been ordered to investigate this case fully.

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Brgdr
for Brigadier,
Commanding;
British Military Mission;

24 Oct 43.

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Subject:- Discipline.

H.Q. No 2 District
(Fortbase)
C.M.F.
34/3A
18 Oct 43.

103 Sub Area.

Copy to:- British Military Mission.

Reference British Military Mission AQ/6 dated 17 Oct 43, copy to you.

Please arrange for this case to be fully investigated by S.I.B. forthwith and a report submitted to this H.Q.

HD/AH.

Brigadier
D.A. & Q.M.G.

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SUBJECT: Discipline.

British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.
AQ/6.

17 Oct 43.

H.Q. No.2 District
(FORTBASE)

103 Sub Area. (for information)

Reference our AQ/6 of 5 Oct 43.

1. I forward as Appendix "A" a translation of a letter received by H.Q. 7 ITALIAN ARMY from BARI CARABINIERI, which gives the details necessary for investigation.

2. It is felt that every effort should be made to establish the facts in view of the gravity of the alleged offence.

Brigadier,
Comd. British Military Mission.

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TRANSLATION.

Brigadier DUCHESNE,
Comd. B.M.M. to
7th. ITALIAN ARMY.

From:
C.C.S.,
HQ 7th. ITALIAN ARMY.

Ref. No. 1/429.
14th. Oct. 43.

Subject: Discipline.

Further to our 1/207 dated 3 Oct. 43. and ref. your AQ/6 of 5th. Oct. 43., a copy of BARI Carabinieri (Provincial C.C.R.R.) letter 53/12 is forwarded giving the required details on the incident which took place at SAMMICHELE on the evening of 25th. Sept. 43.

(signed) PELLIGRA.

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UA/hp.

P.M. 107 li 14 Ottobre 1943.

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Comando della 7ª Armata

Ufficio Informazioni

AL SIG. GENERALE C.C. DUCHESNE
Capo della Delegazione Inglese
presso la 7ª Armata

SEDE

N. di Prot. 1/429
Risposta al
Carte annesse

Oggetto: Discipline.-

A seguito del foglio 1/207 del 3 corrente di questo Comando ed in riferimento al foglio A2/6 del 5 stesso mese di codesto, si trasmette copia del foglio 53/12 della Compagnia C.C. R.R. di Bari esterna con i richiesti chiarimenti sull'incidente avvenuto a Sammichele la sera del 25 settembre u.s.-

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
Capo di Stato Maggiore
(Raffaele Palligra)

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COPIA.

LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI BARI
Compagnia di Bari esterna

N. 53/12 di prot. Segr. Bari 30 settembre 1943.

OGGETTO: Truppe inglesi in Italia.-

Comando IX Corpo d'Armata	F.M. 67
Comando Terr. IX Corpo d'Armata	B A R I
Comando CC.RR. Italia Meridionale	B A R I
Comando Presidio Militare inglese	
Albergo Miramare	B A R I
Comando Legione CC.RR.	B A R I
Comando 152° regg.art. 1° Gruppo	F.M.92
Comando Gruppo CC.RR.	B A R I
Regia Prefettura	B A R I
Regia Questura	B A R I

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La sera del 25 corrente in Sammichele (Bari) il Caporal Maggiore inglese Martinus Ten del Reparto Antiparacadutisti obbligò con le armi il borghese Presto Leonardo fu Leonardo, di anni 56, del luogo, ad accompagnarlo nella sua abitazione dove visto la madre di costui di anni 81 tentò, sempre con la minaccia delle armi, a far congiungere carnalmente la madre col figlio.

Non essendovi riuscito indirizzò uguale intimazione al artigliere Curò Benismino del 152° rgt.artiglieria, 1° Gruppo che si compagnava con lui il quale sotto la minaccia della pistola si gettò sulla donna senza però congiungersi mentre l'inglese compiva atti osceni sulla persona della donna stessa, allontanandosi poi ambedue.

I due militari identificati dall'arma furono formati l'inglese

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Regia Prefettura — B A R I
Regia Questura — B A R I

Ia sera del 25 corrente in Sammichele (Bari) il Caporal Maggiore inglese Martinus Ieu del Reparto Antiparacadutisti obbligò con le armi il borghese Presto Leonardo fu Leonardo, di anni 56, del luogo, ad accompagnarlo nella sua abitazione dove visto la madre di costui di anni 61 tentò, sempre con la minaccia delle armi, a far congiungere carnalmente la madre col figlio.

Non essendovi riuscito indirizzò uguale intimazione all'artigliere Curò Benedetto del 152° rgt.artiglieria, 1° Gruppo che si trovava con lui il quale sotto la minaccia della pistola si gettò sulla donna senza però congiungersi mentre l'inglese compiva atti osceni sulla persona della donna stessa, allontanandosi poi ambedue.

I due militari identificati dell'arma furono fermati, l'inglese da un suo commilitone ed il Curò da soldati del 14° rgt.art. colà distaccati.

Tanto il Martinus che il Curò erano in istato di ubbriachezza.

Il mezzo corazzato che conduceva il Martinus era targato E/44086.

IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE
f.to Aldo Giannone

2046

C. T. C.
IL TENENTE COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO "I"
(Vincenzo Pendeni)

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SECRET

Received 9/10/43

Main H.Q.,
Eighth Army, C.M.F.
M 347 I(b).
2 Oct 43.

Subject:- ITALIAN 31 Corps.

G.2,
British Military Mission.

1. Confirming conversation, Capt. Ogden - Capt. Monico, of to-day.

2. The following is the text of a signal dated 1 Oct 43 received from 30 Corps :-

"Increasing numbers ITALIAN soldiers up to 300 daily crossing to SICILY in fishing boats. Greater part these from Divisions of 31 CORPS. Unable collect and return to CALABRIA from this side. Request immediate steps to prevent embarkation from CALABRIA."

3. The u/m was sent in reply :-

"31 CORPS informed and taking steps to prevent embarkation from CALABRIA."

4. 30 Corps have already been informed by this HQ of the terms of the draft declaration concerning the reporting of ITALIAN soldiers to formations of 31 Corps by 6 Oct 43.

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C.N. Ogden Capt
for Lt. Col.
G.S.I.

Field.
CNO/DB.

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SUBJECT: Discipline.

British Military Mission
Ref.No.AQ/6.

11 Oct 43.

H.Q. 7 ITALIAN ARMY.

The following text of a signal from H.Q. 30 BRITISH CORPS was received from Main H.Q. EIGHTH ARMY yesterday:

1 Oct 43.

Increasing numbers ITALIAN soldiers up to 300 daily crossing to SICILY in fishing boats. Greater part of from divisions of 31 CORPS. Unable to collect and return to CALABRIA from this side. Request immediate steps to prevent embarkation from CALABRIA.

May XXXI ITALIAN CORPS please be instructed to take the necessary steps?

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for Brigadier,
Comd. British Military Mission.

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MESSAGE FORM

31c/AQ/6

Serial No. 2

CAU AND INSTRUC-TIONS	IN	No. of Groups GR.	Office Date Stamp
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(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO G 1 Comp

FROM 31 Italian corps control | Originator's Number 401 | Date 19 | In Reply to Number

all	ITALIAN	banks	in	ITALY	are
out	of	bounds	to	all	ranks

1483a. GHQP/1-43

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means

* (Except)
(Wireless)

Signature

This Message must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands

Signature

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time of Origin 2013

T.H.I:

T.O.R.

* Originator may delete "Except" and insert "Including." (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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SIGNAL MESSAGE.

To ~~5 Corps 13 Corps 30 Corps~~ 31 Corps ~~88 Bde 62 AA Bde 3 AA Bde 2 AA Bde 4 Armd Bde 86 Area MNBDO II RM Area 6 Base Sub Area~~

rptd ~~A 15 Army Gp~~ DAF ~~CP 8 Command Pay Office~~ AMGOT EIGHTH ARMY ~~A FORWARD~~

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From:- REAR EIGHTH ARMY A 3084 18/9

ALL ITALIAN RANKS IN ITALY ARE OUT OF BOUNDS TO ALL RANKS (.) AIL INFORMED

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means

This message must be sent in CIPHER

Priority IMPORTANT

2000 THI 1210 TOR 1640

G-So 1 Camp

Regtd 19/9.

A.H. Pritchett Lt-Col DAAG

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