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Subjects:- Discipline - 1003 (Italian) C.T. Coy

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMLA)
ROME.
AQ/6
29 Jul 44

Legal Sub Commission, HQ A.C.C.
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Ref our AQ/6 dated 9 Jul 44.

1. The sum recovered from the sale of half the Olive oil amounts to 100,000 lire, which is at present held by C.C. British Cadre to 1003 (Italian) C.T. Coy. The remaining half of the Olive oil was distributed to the Italian ops of the Coy as there was fear of its going rancid.

2. May an early reply please be given to our AQ/6 dated 9 Jul 44.

F.J. Noakes Lt Col
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

JB/jrp

Copy to:- HQ No. 2 District (your 4410/4/ST of 9 Jul 44 refers)

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Subject:- Discipline - 1003(Italian)GT Coy

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
ROME.
AG/6 —
24 Jul 44

HQ No. 2 District

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Ref your 4410/4/ST dated 23 Jul 44.

1. A reply has not yet been received from Legal Sub Commission as to the disposal of the proceeds from the sale of Olive Oil. You will be informed immediately a reply is received.

2. Enquiries are being made to ascertain the qualifications of the officer, whom the Ministry of War propose to make O.C. Further recommendations may be made when this known.

F J Noaken Lt Col
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

JB/jrp

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Subject:- Capua Pyrotechnic Factory

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMLA)
ROME.
AQ/6

1 Jul 44

HQ A.A.I.

1. The Italian Ministry of War report that between 1-10 July, the following materials were withdrawn without authority from the Capua Pyrotechnic Factory:-

(a) by 881 Ord, Civitavecchia

3 centrifugal pumps
2 ovens for technical treatment of fuse rings

(b) by RAF, Cacodimonte (Naples)

20 electric motors and other material

(c) by English and New Zealand Units

Typographical machine and other material

2. The Italian Ministry of War request permission to reoccupy the Capua Pyrotechnic Factory, which is almost empty of Allied personnel owing to the departure of 881 Ord.

3. In view of HQ AAI Routine Orders, Serial No. 9 dated 5 May 44 expressly forbidding Allied tps to enter and remove materials from the above factory, may consideration please be given to the Italian Ministry of War's request.

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F. J. Noakes

F. J. Noakes Lt.Col
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(MMLA)

JB/jrp

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Subject: Discipline

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA
R O M E
AQ/6

28 Jul 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. On 7 June 44 2/Lt. Di PLATO GUIS, 400 Inf Regt. Picca Barracks, BARI, and D'ONOFRIO VINCENZO, Maresciallo of CCRR were apprehended by British Military Police for misuse of Government vehicle, and for alleged unlawful traffic in grain. Both these men were handed over to Capt. FERRARI, Carabinieri, TERMOLI for disciplinary action.

2. Will the Ministry of War please forward to this HQ a full report of the disciplinary action taken.

Sel Italie 27/8 3rd Sheet

F. J. Noakes

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
(MMIA).

JB/hh

Copy to: HQ No.2 District (ref your 21/1A of 17 Jul 44)

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Subject: Discipline.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ 15MIA.
R O M E
AQ/6

25 Jul 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. A report from 'I' Provost Coy. is attached on a breach of regulations by 2/Lt. GENICK TRISTANO HQ. 514 Inf Regt.

2. The Ministry of War will take the necessary disciplinary action, and ensure that in future vehicles left unattended will be immobilised.

F J Noakes

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
(15MIA).

JB/hh

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Translation. AQ/6.

From SMRE Ref. 3096

To. MMIA Date July 26.

Subject COL. LEONARDI CATTOLICA, Commanding of BRINDISI Labor Unit Group

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Reply to AQ/6 dated 4th instant.

In fact the situation is as follows:

1. Col LEONARDI CATTOLICA assumed command of Brindisi Labor Unit group on June 14: this leads us to surmise that the remarks made refer to a period of approximately two weeks

2. On the 8th he inspected all the bns and groups of regiment under his command at their respective quarters with the exception of the detached bn at MESAGNE. He had inspected the troops at the port twice (the second inspection took place on the 3rd) 3540

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second inspection took place on the 3rd)
3. Col. LEONARDI CATTOLICI is an
officer of fine character, attached to
duty and a passionate in his work.
The proof of this is the more than
thirty years of service
of this activity as Commander of
the BRINDISI Group could have left
something to be desired, the cause
is probably due to contingent order
and especially the change of officers
at the Group Hq. and at the Allied

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argare at BRINDISI following the
transfer of the ~~7th~~ 15th Fusiliers group
to TARANTO.

I maintain also that here
characters are encountered in BRINDISI,
which has not contributed to
the good ~~extent~~ and ~~cordiality~~
understanding and reception of
the reports

Even though we are dealing of an
officer with an unblemished past
I have ordered the immediate
substitution of Cpl LEONARDI
CATTOLICA

Cpl. (2C) Berardi

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Trans. 25/7

S TO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ispettorato Truppe Ausiliarie

M.M.I.A.
FILE REF
Date Rec'd 7/31/44

N. 3096 di prot. P.M. 151, li 26 luglio 1944

OGGETTO: Col. ff.g.s. LEONARDI CATTOLICA, Comandante Raggruppamento Unità Lavoratori Brindisi.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.

Col. FFGS. LEONARDI CATTOLICA
COMMAND of LABOUR UNIT AT BRINDISI

Roma

Risposta al foglio AQ/6 del 4 corrente;

Da elementi di fatto risulta:

1.- Il Colonnello LEONARDI CATTOLICA ha assunto il comando del Raggruppamento Unità Lavoratori di Brindisi il 14 giugno u.s.; ciò induce a ritenere che gli appunti mossigli si riferiscano ad un periodo di circa due settimane.

2.- Il giorno 8 corr. egli aveva già ispezionato tutti i battaglioni e i gruppi dei reggimenti alla sua dipendenza presso i rispettivi alloggiamenti, meno il battaglione distaccato a Mesagne. Aveva poi ispezionato due volte la truppa al porto (la seconda volta il giorno 3 corrente).

3.- Il Col. LEONARDI CATTOLICA é un ufficiale di provata capacità, attaccato al dovere e appassionato del mestiere. Lo prova il suo passato di oltre trenta anni di servizio.

Se pertanto la sua attività nella carica di Comandante di Raggruppamento a Brindisi può aver lasciato qualcosa a desiderare, le cause vanno forse ricercate in ragioni di ordine contingente e specialmente nel contemporaneo mutamento di ufficiali, sia presso il comando raggruppamento, sia presso gli organi alleati a Brindisi in seguito al trasferimento a Taranto del Comando 18° gruppo pionieri.

Ritengo poi che a Brindisi si siano incontrati due caratteri sostenuti, il che non ha contribuito alla buona intesa ed alle cordialità dei rapporti.

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
-P. Berardi-

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Restitution & Impounding of the Proceeds of the Theft or Misuse of WD Property.

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HQ No.2 District CMF
A.12/1
July 1944

MMIA.

218.
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Reference your signal AQ.72/D of 22 July 44 and further this HQ even number of 17 July 44, herewith copy of SIB report.

Omission is regretted.

Leonard Ghost
Colonel
DA & QMG

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Ref No SIB HQ/H/44/35

HQ Special Investigation Branch,
C/O Provost Marshal's (Br) Office
A.F.H.Q.

SUBJECT:- Discipline - Restitution and impounding of the Proceeds of the theft or misuse of WD Property.

Distribution below.

Under letter GL/B/3020/6/A3 dated 23 May 44, provision is made whereby Bde, Sub-District, Sub Area or Garrison (HE) Commanders may make a special order with regard to money unlawfully obtained and found to be in possession of a soldier on arrest.

The provision applies to those cases where an order of restitution under Section 75 Army Act cannot be made, or when it is inexpedient to make such an order, and applies in particular to those cases where soldiers are found on arrest in possession of large sums of money which have clearly been obtained by the sale of or unauthorised use of W.D. Property.

Before making such an order, however, the Commander must be satisfied that the man has admitted that the moneybis the proceeds of such sale or use, or has failed to give an explanation of the way in which it was acquired which might reasonably be true.

In future, statements, taken from persons in possession of property or money concerning which a "special order" may be made, should include (when possible) an explanation by the person of his possession of such property.

An explanation of possession and history of the money or property must be included in the SIB Report.

Attention is drawn to SIB Handbook - SIB Reports, Note 5, and searching of prisoners and retention of property.

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It is pointed out that a Police witness should always be in a position to inform the Court of property found in possession of an accused person at the time of his arrest and traced to his possession since his arrest.

In the Field.
27 May 44.
WH/GWRT

(Signed) W. HEDDON, Major,

Assistant Provost Marshall,
HQ Special Investigation Branch.

APM, SIB, AAI.
All Sections, C.M.F., N.A.

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Rererence No.
SIB63/T/A/44/72.

Vasto Detachment, 63 Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
The Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Force.

SUBJECT:- Black Market Offence.

16th June 1944.

To:- The Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal,
Headquarters, 60 Sub Area.

The attached file, relative to the above quoted subject, is forwarded for information and such action as you deem necessary.

Vasto
FWT/WP.

(Sgd) F.W. TAYLOR, Lieut.,
Officer 1/c Detachment.

Copies to :- O.C. 64 Group Pioneer Corps.
DAPM, 63 Section SIB
Capt. Bourne, Liaison Officer, MMLA.
File.

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R E S T R I C T E D

Reference No
SIB63/T/A/44/72.

Termoli Detachment, 63 Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
The Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Force.

11th June 1944.

SUBJECT:- Black Market Offences.

TO:- The Officer i/c Detachment,
63 Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
The Corps of Military Police,

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Read and Submitted

(Sgd) F.W. TAYLOR, Lt
for DAPM Section.

Sir,

On Wednesday, 7th June, 1944, I received information from Sgt TOLMAN, 509 I.M.P.U., C.M.P., that a British soldier, No 13033248 Pte WILLIAMS Lewis, 64 Group Pioneer Corps, had been detained at the Military Police Office, TERMOLI, suspected of havi having attempted to transport grain unlawfully from PETTACIATO to BARI on a W.D. vehicle. It appears that a few hours previously, Sgt. TOLMAN, acting upon information received from the Carabinieri, had spoken to Williams at a vehicle park in TERMOLI. Williams was in charge of a 15 cwt WD truck No. Z4984072 which was loaded with several sacks of grain. Sgt. TOLMAN, being unsatisfied with the soldier's replies, accompanied him with his vehicle to the Section Police HQ.

Later, an Italian Officer, 2nd Lieut, Di Plato Guis, 400th Infantry Regiment, Picca Barracks, BARI, called at the CMP Office and stated that Williams was working under his instructions. He produced an authority to travel in a WD vehicle for the purpose of collecting canteen rations in the FOGGIA and TERMOLI Districts. It was signed by Capt. Holden, J., 64 Group Pnr Corps and bore an official stamp.

About 1400 hours the same day, in consequence of the above, I examined Williams' vehicle. It bore two numbers, the one referred to above and another Z5184407. The latter was hardly legible and had been painted over. In the back were eleven sacks each containing grain,

About 1500 hours on Wednesday 7th June 44, in continuance of the enquiry, I interviewed Pte Williams at the SIB Office TERMOLI. In consequence of something he said, I cautioned him

Distribution :-

Report and Statements.

DAPM 60 Sub Area
O.C. 64 Gp Pnr Corps
DAPM 63 Section SIB
Liaison Officer,
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About 1600 hours the same day I interviwed at this office 2nd Lieut. Di Plato Guiseppe. I told him who I was and said "I have reason to believe thatbyesterday you bought two sacks of grain at PETACCIATO and that you were intending to have them transported by a British W.D. vehicle to BARI." I also said "I have reason to believe too, that you gave Driver Williams 2,000 Lire following your last trip to TERMOLI for allowing you to stay a night longer than was necessary. Di Plato, who understands English, then made a statement to me

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In consequence of what was included in his statement at 1000 hours on the following day I accompanied Di Plato to PETACCIATO where he indicated to me the house of D'Onofrio Vincenzo, Maresciallo of Carabinieri. I interviewed this man and throough an interpeter I said "I have reason to believe that you unlawfully sold eleven sacks of grain to an Italian Officer two days ago". He replied "Yes", "He paid 1050 Lire per Quintal.

Enquiries into this case have revealed that the 11 sacks contained altogether about 8½ quintals. As the present AMGOT price is 250 Lire per quintal Maresciallo D'Onafrio made a surplus profit of 800 Lire per quintal, or about 6,800 Lire in all. In addition, of course, as the grain was controlled by AMGOT he ought not to have sold it.

Pte. Williams was returned to his unit by the Military Police under escort. The matter of the vehicle number was found to be a Unit error and has now been rectified as per the attached report from O.C. 64 Group Pioneer Corps.

The two Italians have been handed over to Cap ain Ferrari, Carabinieri TERMOLI, and disciplinary action will be taken by him.

TERMOLI.
JAP/WP.

(Signed) F.A. PONFRET, Sgt 63 Section
Special Investigation Branch.

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Subject :- Report on 15 cwt Dodge Truck bearing WD No Z4984072
which should be Z5184407

To:- Officer Commanding
64 Group Pioneer Corps

From:- The Lieut Quartermaster,
64 Group Pioneer Corps.

Sir,

I have to report that the 15 cwt Dodge truck bearing the number Z4984072 should READ Z5184407 which is now being adjusted and all formations affected notified accordingly.

The discrepancy appears to have arisen from the fact that this unit in March had four 15 cwt trucks, three of which had to be returned to the vehicle park, of the three this included a 15 cwt Dodge. The leader of the party was also driving a 15 cwt Dodge truck. It would appear that the Work Tickets were misplaced in the two Dodge vehicles consequently Dodge 15 cwt No Z4984072 was handed in bearing WorkTicket showing vehicle No Z5184407 and Dodge Vehicle 15 cwt No Z 5184407 conveying drivers back from the Vehicle Park carried Work Ticket with Vehicle No Z4984072, consequently when a new Work Ticket was required the particulars were taken as for Z4984072 from the expiring Work Ticket, similarly the numbers of vehicles for rendition of monthly census returns were also taken from the Work Tickets. Amendments to the returns are being adjusted under separate correspondence (Copy attached).

Recently the truck was repainted and again the number was taken from the Work Ticket containing a wrong number. It is regretted that this mistake sh should have occurred and not have been noticed earlier.

I have the Honour to be, Sir, 3333

Your Obedient Servant,

(Signed) ????? Lieut.,
for 64 Group Pnr Corps.

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From :- Officer Commanding
64 Group Pioneer Corps

To:- Officer Commanding
509 Indep Mob Provost Coy

Headquarters,
64 Group Pioneer Corps
Ref 64G/PC/TPT/6
9th June 44.

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Headquarters,
64 Group Pioneer Corps
Ref 64G/PC/TPT/6
9th June 44.

To:- Officer Commanding
509 Indep Mob Provost Coy
CMP.

The appended report from the Quartermaster of this Unit in respect of the discrepancy on the number on the 15 cwt truck of this unit is forwarded for information please.
It is regretted that this error has occurred.

(Signed)

(NJ REID) Lt-Col.,
Commanding 64 Group Pioneer Corps.

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S.I.B. Office, TERMOLI.

Statement of :-

2nd Lieut Plato Guiseppe
400th Infantry Regiment
Picca Barracks, BARI.

Who states :-

I have been stationed at BARI for about the last five months and I am attached to the Picca Barracks where I am in charge of supplies. Since the 25rd March 1944, I have visited TERMOLI on four or five occasions for the purpose of buying supplies for the officers mess as directed by Colonel Iudicibus, Commandant of the Picca Barracks. The first time I travelled on an American truck but afterwards I made the journey in a British vehicle.

About three weeks ago I came on one of these trips with a Pte. Williams who drove a W.D. vehicle. Permission was obtained in the form of a permanent permit from Captain Holden 64 Group Pioneer Corps to do this. We left BARI at 1030 hours and arrived at TERMOLI about 1730 hours. We did nothing that night. The following day we went to PETACCIATO where I bought 400 kg of grain from a farm and also some beans. I did not know that I was doing wrong when I bought it. We transported it to BARI on our vehicle the same day. At BARI I gave 2000 Lire to Pte. Williams because he allowed me to stay at TERMOLI with my wife for one night as she is living there for the present and for other reasons.

On the 5th May 1944 I again left BARI in a WD vehicle with Williams for the purpose of buying supplies. On the evening of that day we stayed at TERMOLI. I stayed at the house of my wife for the night. The following day in the morning I went with Williams to PETACCIATO where I bought 11 sacks of grain and 80 eggs in addition to a sack of flour. Afterwards we returned to TERMOLI. I learned there that a friend of mine had died so I stayed in TERMOLI with my wife although I could have returned the same night. 3382
told the following day that Williams had been taken to the Military Police Office so I went there and saw a Sgt. Later I was taken to the Carabinieri.

(Signed) 2nd Lieut. Di Plato Guiseppe.

I have read over this statement it is correct and true. I understand English.

(Signed) 2nd Lieut. Di Plato Guiseppe.

Statement taken and signature witnessed by Sgt Pomfret 63 Section Special Investigation Branch on the 7th June, 1944, at TERMOLI.

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61 Group Headquarters,
The Pioneer Corps, CMF.

AUTHORITY.

Ten Plato Guiseppe is hereby authorised to travel in W.D. Vehicles for the purpose of collecting canteen rations.

FOGGIA AND TERMOLI DISTRICT.

(Signed) ???? Lieut.,

for Lieut-Colonel,
Cmdg 61 Group HQ Pioneer Corps.

61 Group Pioneer Corps
Unit Stamp.

64 Group Pioneer Corps
Unit Stamp.

(Signed) J. HOLLEN, Captain,
Adjt 64 Group Pioneer Corps.
23rd May 44.

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Subject : TERMOLI TRUCK.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
P.W.E. BARI SUB-MISSION.

12th May 1944.

To:- Driver in Charge of Truck to TERMOLI District.

Authority has been given by Major HARRIS that one truck should be loaned to the Italian Mess for the purpose of drawing supplies from TERMOLI. Lieutenant Di Plato will be allowed to ride on the truck. On completion of loading the truck will return to BARI.

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Unit Stamp.

(Signed) J. HOLDEN, Captain,
Adjt 64 Group Pioneer Corps.
23rd May 44.

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(Signed) ?????
Adjutant.

PS/MK.

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Ref:- DG.1/111.

SUBJECT:- Italian Docks Operating Companies - Command.

TO:- Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.,
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A),
LEQUILE (LECCE).

1. 922 (Italian) Docks Operating Company has for the past six weeks been under the command of Maggiore Fumagalli Robustniano.

2. During this time the efficiency of the unit has decreased, and it is my opinion that Maggiore Fumagalli has not the control over the unit that is necessary to ensure good results. This unit requires strong and careful handling, and this at the moment is not being exercised.

3. It is requested that you will arrange for this officer to be replaced by a man who is a good disciplinarian, and one who is prepared to devote considerable time and energy to the improvement of the unit.

4. It may be recalled that Capitano Battiglia Renzo, late O.C. of this unit, was posted to the Italian War Office at a time when he was doing excellent work with the unit, and it is hoped that the Italian Staff may be able to find an equally good officer to take over this unit.

Lt-Col. R.E.
Commanding No.1 Docks Group, R.E.

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FIELD.
9 Jul.44.

COPIES:- Tn.(Docks), HQ No.2 District.
Master File.

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Subject: Curfew Passes. (Daily Bulletin 185 para 7)

Received Feb

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA
R O M E.
AQ/6.

30 Jul 44

To: Adjutant,
HQ. A.C.C.

Application for Curfew Passes is made for certain Officers of the Army Sub Commission (MMIA). Application has been restricted to the Senior Officers whose duties in connection with the Military Operations require them to be able to move between the Ministry of War, Stato Maggiore R Esercito and this HQ etc.

Passes are not required for any of the remaining officers of this Sub Commission.

Passes required :

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1971	U.S.	Colonel Clayton P. Kerr	O-164979 3049
1972	British	Colonel W. Pidsley	P/27386
1973	British	Lt.Col. F.J.Noakes	75763
1974	British	Lt.Col. J.F. Hampton	132579
1975	U.S.	Lt.Col. George A.Shipley	O-155785
1976	British	Lt.Col. B.L. Percival	50959
1977	U.S.	Major Tommy T. Rose	O-393618

The above officers are those whose presence is required during any emergency in connection with military operations.

1978	British	Major E.F. Byatt	181250
1979	British	Major C.F. Baumann	253995

The above two Officers are the Liaison Officers with

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the Ministry of War and Stato Maggiore R Esercito and who are required to travel after curfew in military operational emergency.

CLAYTON P. KERR Col.
2 i.c.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
(MMIA).

FJN/hh

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Subject: Curfew Passes. (Daily Bulletin 185 para 7)

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA
R O M E.
AQ/6.
30 Jul 44

To: Adjutant,
HQ. A.C.C.

Application for Curfew Passes is made for certain Officers of the Army Sub Commission (MMIA). Application has been restricted to the Senior Officers whose duties in connection with the Military Operations require them to be able to move between the Ministry of War, Stato Maggiore R Esercito and this HQ etc.

Passes are not required for any of the remaining officers of this Sub Commission.

Passes required :

Nationality	Name	Number 3327
British	Major General L.Browning	P/5253
U.S.	Colonel Clayton P. Kerr	O-164979
British	Colonel W. Pidsley	P/27386
British	Lt.Col. F.J.Noakes	75763
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Liaison Section
APO 512

25/7

23 July 1944

MEMORANDUM :

TO : Army Sub-Commission of Allied Control Commission.

Attached is a Report of Delinquency for onward transmission for proper action.

C.A. OLIVER, Lt.Col., GS,
for F.G. BEAUMONT-NESBITT,
Major General.
Chief of Section.

Sub Comm G W

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Ancellotti Giovanni Italian Soldier

2 Gruppo Batt F.I.

1800 17 July 1944 Aversa Highway

6x6 2½ton 329767

Carrying Unauthorized Persons

In that Giovanni Ancellotti of the 2 Gruppo Batt. F.I. on or about 17 July 1944 at 1800 hours, did wrongfully drive a Gov. Veh. carrying unauthorized persons.

Sgt. Louis Timmerman 1179th MP Co.

Released and delinquency forwarded

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Cpl Mack Vestine

1st Lt. Fred C. Ginther
Headquarters Command Allied Force

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HEADQUARTERS COMMAND ALLIED FORCE

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SUBJECT:- Traffic Offence.

MM Files 6 Date 11/8/44

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY
MM/104/88

29 Jul 44.

Army Sub Commission
M M I A
HQ ACC ROME.

Copy to:- APM 86 Area.(Ref. APM/3 of 25 Jul)

The attached report is forwarded to you as we are unable to trace 2675 Regt.

Possibly it is attached to an American unit.

3323

Lt-Col.,
Liaison Officer.

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Confidential

Subject: Discipline - Polignano Driving School.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA
R O M E.
AG/6.

24 Jul 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. You are requested to investigate and report to this HQ the circumstances under which Capt. Ficara, Italian O.C. Polignano Driving School, is alleged -

(a) to have been absent without leave from 0630 hrs on 15 July 44 until approximately 21 July 44.

(b) to have misused M.T. Transport, viz. Ford M.T. vehicle No. L5172964.

2. From information already received it would appear that very grave irregularities have occurred, and that strong disciplinary action may have to be taken.

3. Please forward your report as quickly as possible. 3322

Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

FAC/hh

See folio 272/23 3rd packet

See folio 245/2

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SUBJECT: Discipline - 1003 (Italian) Coy (G.T.)

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H.Q. No. 2. Dist. C.M.F.
4410/1/S1.

23 July, 1944.

M.M.I.A.

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Reference this office letter even no. dated 9 July 44.

1. It is understood from O.C. 1003 Coy. that no disposal instructions have yet been received for the sum of 100,000 Lire now held by him.

2. May the necessary disposal instructions please be given.

3. It is further understood that Lt. Cavenaghi has not been promoted to Captain to command the Coy. and it is believed that there is some question of another Captain being posted to this Coy.

4. It is particularly requested that Lt. Cavenaghi be appointed O.C. with the rank of Capt.

3321

Colonel.
D.D.S.T.

26/7

/AEM.
Copy to: 1003 (Italian) Coy (G.T.)

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Public Safety

ROME AREA COMMAND
APO 794, U.S. ARMY

Army-Air

MEMORANDUM TO: Public Safety
ACC
Adlo

Enclosed herewith a CMP report on a vehicle left unattended by an Italian soldier.

Perhaps it would be possible for you to forward a translated report to his unit?

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A. C. of S. Provost Mshl.
for Lt.
Rome Allied Command.

27/7/44

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TRANSMITTAL SLIP.

Ref No:- Pro 50.

621

Subject Vehs. unattended

From:- Office of the Provost Marshal, Rome Allied Area Command.

To:- DPM 3 District.
PM U.S. Forces.
APM RAF.
OC 111 Pro Coy.
OC 'T' Pro Coy.
OC Western Div.
OC 75 S.I.S.
OC 76 S.I.S.
OC 71 Coy CMP (TC)
SCAPO AMG.
DAD Claims.
G.1 RAAC.
Town Major.

For information.	
Necessary action, please.	
Investigation and report.	
Note and forward as indicated.	
Perusal and return.	
For report.	
For report and completion.	
Forwarded.	
Remarks	

Date 21.7.44 Signature Alan Cowlishaw Capt.
MAJOR APM HQ 1 A.A.C.

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COPY REPORT

To : The OFFICER COMMANDING
"P" PROVOST COY.

Sir,

I have to report that at Rome on the 19th of July 44 at about 1520 hrs. I was on Mobile Patrol in Via Bartolomeo Eustachio when I saw a W.D. vehicle BEDFORD No Z4512141 15cwt unattended.

I stood by the vehicle for about five minutes when an Italian soldier 2/Lt GENICK TRISTANO H.Q. 514 Infantry Regt. Italian Forces, Military Post No 16. came from a house and stated that it was his truck.

He was not in possession of a work ticket and had no authority or permission to drive the vehicle, he also stated that he had asked the 61 Pioneer Group to which he was attached for a work ticket and was told he did'nt need one.

I conveyed him to Eastern Division H.Q. where his identity was checked and he was allowed to proceed.

Rome
19/4/44.

Signed: F. CROCK L/C
C.M. Police

Copy sent with letter. 3318

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Translation

Korean War Chronology AFPAC 15th Dtd July 19

To MMAA.

Subject: 1st Army Psychological Establishment at Capuan

During the first 10 days of July the following treatments received withdrawn from the Capuan Psychiatric Establishment

- 8 & 1 Ordnance Bn - located at Contaneda
  - 3 Centrifugal pumps
  - 2 ovens for electrical treatment of false rings
- RAF located at CAPODIMONTE (NAPLES)
  - 20 electric motors and starter - various ratings

3017

English and New Zealand Units.

1 typewriter machine and letter material

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It is our belief that all treatments effected treatment commencing ORD No. 9 Dated 27 May 45 by Hq. AAI contained in letter AG/6 dated May 10.

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[illegible] should be granted if it would appear to the Allied Auth. concerned in order to regularize the entitlements in question and to prevent [illegible] importation of materials

Moreover, given that the old establishment has been left almost [illegible] by the SOLOR Bn, which has been [illegible] and that [illegible] should be granted if MMA would [illegible] the occupation zone and establishing by the Prohibition Dir.

bearing in mind that the old establishment is free and unguarded and that importation of materials by civilians has also been exempted

Capt. RAIAGL

Cpl. (25).

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Originator | Date-Time of Origin | Office Date Stamp

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For Action

DTG 80

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

172D

Originator's No.

Message Instructions | GR 2/6

AQ (.) RESTRICTED (.) SEE REPORT WAS NOT ATTACHED TO THE 12/1/L OF
17 JUL (.) REJECT COPY

3310

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT / WIRELESS }

SIGNED

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

SIGNED

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Poignano Driving School.

H.Q. No. 2. Dist. C.M.F.
4410/5/ST.

21 July, 1944.

M.M.I.A.

1. Attached hereto copies of correspondence received from O.C. 562 Coy RASC (Arty) in respect of:-

   a. The absence of Capt. Ficara, Italian O.C. Polignano Driving School.

   b. The disappearance of the British vehicle allocated to the Driving School for domestic purposes.

2. It would appear that very grave irregularities have occurred and it is therefore requested that the matter be investigated immediately and that strong disciplinary action be taken.

3. In the meantime, it is requested that a new O.C. be posted to the Driving School forthwith and that should Capt. Ficara return, he be immediately put under arrest.

4. Since dictating the above paras., it has been reported that Capt. Ficara has now returned with the vehicle. This fact does not however alter the original request for disciplinary action to be taken.

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See Folio 288 3rd Packet

Colonel.
D.D.S.T.

/AEM.

Copy to: M.M.I.A. L.O.
562 Coy RASC (Arty).

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SUBJECT:- Theftt of WD Tr sport Ref: 66/4 P.

COPY

ST.,
2 District

I append herewith statements concerning the theft and mis-use of Ford W.D. vehicle No. L.5172964 by the Italian O.C. of the Driving School.

When the use of a vehicle was authorised for domestic purposes by the Italians the fact was stressed that the vehicle was for the purpose of collecting rations, Q stores and etc., and was NOT to be used for any other purpose.

May the strongest action be taken against the Italians concerned please ?

Signed H.M. Williams.
Major, R.A.S.C.
OC 562 Company R.A.S.C. (Artillery).

C.M.F.
HMW/FDR
19 July 44.

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C.S.M. Bryant.

Will state:-

On 2 Jul I received an order from Capt. Izat to immobilise all vehicles at the Driving School except 1 motor-cycle and the domestic vehicle. I saw this order complied with.

On 3rd Jul I saw Capt. Ficara and the domestic vehicle in the School yard.

On a previous occasion, about the middle of June I saw the domestic vehicle loaded up to take Capt. Ficara to Rome.

I saw the vehicle unloaded again after Capt. Izat had informed Capt. Ficara that he couldn't go on leave nor use military transport.

Cpl. West.

At 0630 hours on 15 Jul I saw the domestic vehicle in the School yard. I have not seen it since that time.

Cpl. Harley.

Will say:-

I came on duty at the School at 0730 hours on July 15. At that time the domestic vehicle was NOT on the premises, nor have I seen it since.

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Major H.M. Williams, R.A.S.C. 562 Company R.A.S.C. (Artillery)

Will say:-

On the 5th April I visited the Driving School and in the presence of Capt. Izat, RASC., informed Capt. FICARA, the Italian O.C., that a vehicle was being allowed the School for the sole purpose of collecting rations, clothing and other essential supplies.

I made it perfectly clear to Ficara that the vehicle was to be put to no other use.

On the 2nd Jul 44 I informed Capt. Izat that Ficara may have leave at the completion of the course then running but that under no circumstances may Ficara use W.D. transport.

Captain A. Izat. R.A.S.C.

Will say:-

When Rome fell Capt. Ficara made application for leave and use of W.D. transport so that he may find his wife. I informed him that leave was not practicable at that time and that W.D. transport would not be available for leave at any time.

A few days later the Comd. of 9th Regt. Aut: visited the School and in my presence Ficara asked him to be given a task to perform in Rome so that the journey from Naples may be made easier. Ficara stated his intention of going to Naples by train thence on to Rome.

It is within my knowledge that documents were received by Ficara from the Col: 9th Regt. the following day. 3312

On or about the 17th June I saw the domestic vehicle packed ready for departure to Rome with Capt. Ficara. I ordered him to have the vehicle emptied immediately and told him again that under no circumstances may he use W.D. transport for personal reasons.

On June 22 he made a further request for leave and transport. This was referred to O.C. 562 Coy. RASC (Arty). who wrote saying leave could not be granted then and that W.D. transport would NOT be available for Ficara. Capt. Ficara was made fully aware of the contents of the letter and there is no doubt that he completely understood it.

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On 3 July he was granted leave until 14 July while the School was closed.

On 2 July I ordered all vehicles at the School to be immobilized except 1 M/Cycle for use by C.S.M. Bryant and the domestic vehicle which was required for rations for the Italian personnel of the School and 70 students awaiting posting.

On my return to this School on July 10 C.S.M. Gardiner produced the work ticket of 1 vehicle, which shewed an abnormally high mileage. I reported this to O.C. 562 Coy. and it was then decided to take no action until Ficara's return. The work-ticket shews that the vehicle was away between 3 Jul and 9 Jul as it was signed by Ficara who was away on leave.

The vehicle was in the School yard from 9th July to 0630 hrs on 15 July. At 0730 hours on the same day it was missing and has not been seen since.

Capt. Ficara has not returned and S. Ten. Coppoler, S.t. Maj. Arrju and Aut: Sellaro are missing from the School since 0730 hours on 15 Jul. All are believed to have gone to Naples with the vehicle on Ficara's instructions.

(See letter from Tem. Minicatti attached).

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COMPAGNIA SCUOLA AUTERL. A.A.
COMMANDO

No 48/R, di Prof.

Polignano a Mare, 19/7/1944

AL SIGNOR COLONELLO COMMANDANTE DEL
9 RAGGRUPPAMENTO AUTERIA.

P.M.67.

Le comunico che a tuttioggi il Sig Capitano FIGARA non ha ancora fatto ritorni al Reparto.

Con lui a pure assento il S. Ten COPPOLLER che parti sabate 15 c.m. con la machina per andare a prend re a Napoli.

(Signed) S. TEN. A. Menicatti

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SUBJECT: Leave for Italian Trps.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA

ROME

AQ/ 6
19 Jul 44.

Ministry of War

copy to: MMIA LO 8 Army.

See folio 213

1. The attached leave passes taken from Italian soldiers are forwarded to you for disposal.

2. It is again stressed that leave to Eighth Army Area is forbidden, and you are requested to remind all Unit Comdrs that they will NOT issue leave passes to that Area.

F.R.C.

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

tvs.MC.

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CONFIDENTIAL

HQ No.2 District CMF
12/1.A
17 July 1944

AQ 16
21/7

MMIA.

SUBJECT: Black Market Offences.

1. Attached is copy of an SIB report received at this HQ.

2. DDL this HQ, has also given the following information:-

"64 Group Pioneer Corps at BARI have a number of Italian units at their disposal for work on docks and at installations. In an endeavour to improve conditions for these troops, and thereby their efficiency, OC 64 Group originally authorised a 15 cwt truck to proceed to TERMOLI once every two or three weeks to collect canteen stores from the Italian Depot in that town. Such stores were for the use of Italian OR personnel. I concurred with this in view of the fact that the Italian units themselves had no transport and the men were suffering considerable hardship. The arrangement worked very well in the beginning but has obviously been taken advantage of."

3. It is requested that this abuse of a privilege which was granted to these Italian Army Units, should be brought to the notice of the Italian Military Authorities, and that they should be asked to take strong disciplinary action against the officer concerned and vigorous steps to prevent any recurrence of such incidents.

4. If you agree, will you please inform this HQ in due course, the action taken by the Italian Army.

See folio 33976

for Colonel
DA & QMG

Copy to: 60 Sub-Area (ref 26/A of 28 June 44)
" DDL.

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Army 4/215

Subject:-Disciplinary Action.

HEADQUARTERS
1 9 LUG 1944
A. C. C.

L.O.,Army Sub-Commission,(ACC).,
XXXI Italian Corps,
Pontegrande-CATANZARO.

18th July 44.

Ref:-G.6/383.

A2/10
21/7

To:-Army Sub-Commission,A.C.C.,
Main H.Q., (M.M.I.A.).,
L E Q U I L E. (LECCE).

Ref. my G.6/352 of 4 July 44 to H.Q., 31 Corps, copy to you.

Herewith translated copy of a letter from General CORONATI, indicating the disciplinary action taken against Col. MARTINELLI, of 208 Infantry Depot, REGGIO, who was found to be responsible for giving leave passes to men due to depart with the 507 Smoke Coy. on 3 July 44 - an action which resulted in the departure of the Unit with 37 men missing.

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3308.

annesso

Capt.,
M.M.I.A. L.O.XXXI Italian Corps.

G/co

COPY.

COMANDO DEL XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA
S.M.Uff. Op. - Sezionz Ordinamento.

No. 06/3191 di prot. P.M. 114 9 July 1944.

Subject:-Disciplinary Action.

To:- L.O., ARMY SUB COMMISSION (A.C.C.)
XXXI ITALIAN CORPS
PONTEGRANDE - CATANZARO.

The action taken by the O.C., 208 Infantry Depot - Col. Clemente MARTINELLI, in granting passes to soldiers of the 507 Smoke Coy. would not have been blameworthy had the number of passes been within the prescribed limits, i.e. 10%, and had the number of soldiers alerted been made up accordingly; and - if this did not suffice - had available personnel been used to ensure the departure of the Unit complete.

But it emerges that these measures were not taken by Col. MERTINELLI even though he was informed. 3307

I have therefore inflicted on the officer, above named, 5 days arrest on the following charge:-

"As O.C. Infantry Depot, with a Unit prepared for the Allies awaiting the order to leave, notwithstanding the maximum imposed, granted permits to a considerable number of soldiers, without taking measures to safeguard the integrity of the Unit

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"As O.C. Infantry Depot, with a Unit prepared for the Allies awaiting the order to leave, notwithstanding the maximum imposed, granted permits to a considerable number of soldiers, without taking measures to safeguard the integrity of the Unit, thus causing on the sudden departure of the Unit, a deficiency of 37 soldiers with serious inconvenience also to the Allied authorities".

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE COMANDANTE
-Emilio Coronati-

(sgd.) Emilio Coronati.

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Translation. ~~RHO~~ R.H.Q. Order No. 1 (214

Subject: Enforcement of public order.

It so happens that sometimes in localities where troops under the command of Allied Armies (Example: Labor strife Boundaries - Taxes etc.) are located. That it will also have to occur that troops in order to enforce public order.

As maintenance of public order interests the Allied authorities, it is necessary that Br.-American authorities which it entrusts regulating its need, do NOT interfere in matters of said units unless 3506 even if it is exceptions for the time & circumstances strictly necessary.

Lewis

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Dear Mrs. Howard:

We would like to have
what you & Charles of the
in order to mind
and in the 24th. Concerned.

MAY 1921

Inglese

STATO [illegible]GGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ispett[illegible]o Truppe Ausiliarie

~~I~~ I/103/2
11/7

N. 2964 di prot. P.M. 151, li 10 luglio 1944

OGGETTO: Mantenimento di ordine pubblico.-
Enforcement of Public order

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.

Lequile

Accade talvolta che in alcune località ove sono dislocate truppe alla dipendenza di impiego degli alleati (esempio unità lavoratori di Brindisi, Taranto ecc.) le autorità militari italiane locali abbiano bisogno di ricorrere a tali truppe per garantire l'ordine pubblico.

Poichè il mantenimento dell'ordine pubblico é interesse della parte alleata non meno che di quella italiana, occorrerebbe che le autorità anglo-americane, che hanno a loro disposizione per l'impiego unità di truppe italiane, immedesimandosi di tale necessità non opponessero difficoltà a che elementi di tali reparti fossero distolti, sia pure in via eccezionale per il tempo e nella misura strettamente necessaria, dal loro normale impiego.

Si gradirà conoscere il pensiero di codesta Sottocommissione per impartire disposizioni ai dipendenti comandi interessati.

IL GENERALE ISPETTORE T.A.
(E. Mattioli)

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Attorney (213)

SUBJECT:- Discipline - Leave for Italian Tps.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/104/58

14 Jul 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main H Q (MMIA)
A C C ROME.

Copy to:- 505 Coy. CMP.(Ref.PRO/505/A/14 of 13 Jul.)
43 Coy. CMP(TC) (Ref.43/TC/12 of 13 Jul.)

The attached leave passes taken from Italian soldiers apprehended in EIGHTH ARMY area are forwarded. Since their units are not under command I F A HQ, will you please return these passes to the appropriate authorities with a reminder that EIGHTH ARMY still forbids leave in its area?

The passes were issued to:-

Sgt/Magg.	MARTINELLI Angelo	67 Inf.Reg.
Fante.	NATICCHIONI Silvio	3 Bn.Eng.Con.
Serg.	ALL.UFF. MONTEROSSO Mario	LL/567 Art.Reg.
Fante.	ZUCCHERI Vicenzo	590 Inf.Reg.
Fante.	PENIFINI Vincenzo	590 Inf. Reg.

3304

Lt-Col.,
Liaison Officer.

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Army Sub
V-7 5-4128/12

SUBJECT:- Discipline - Leave for Italian Tps.

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
(M M I A)
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/104/53

13 Jul 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
c/o A C C Main
NAPLES.

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11/7

Copy to:- 71 Coy. CMP (TC) (Ref 71/TCC/2 of 11 Jul.)

The enclosed CMP report and leave pass relating to Sgt.Magg. SORROZZI Secondo are forwarded to you for information and any action you consider necessary.

EIGHTH ARMY forbids leave to all Italian soldiers, and any found in EIGHTH ARMY area in possession of a leave pass are immediately returned to their units.

Major,
Liaison Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
16 JUL 1944
A. C. C.

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HQ 1 ARMD REPLACEMENT GROUP,
C.M.F.

AIR 20/7977 211

Tel:- Via Main Eighth Army.

File:- 48/63 /AQ.

Date:- 12 Jul, 44.

TO:- M.M.I.A.,
C.M.F. ✓

SUBJECT:- Powers of disciplinary action in respect of Italian Military Personnel.

1. A request has been received from a unit of this Group for a ruling as to whether GROs 532 and 533 of 1944 apply to Italian Military personnel of 1052 Italian Tank Bn who are working for this Group. In particular, do the powers of a British O.C. in respect of discipline, as outlined in GRO 533, apply.

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2. Our reply was to the effect that 1052 Italian Tank Bn personnel are not POWs and do not therefore come under the terms of GROs 532 and 533.

3. Could you please confirm this ruling.

Colonel,
Comd.

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Field.

JM/CM.

SUBJECT: Discipline - 1003 (Italian) Coy (G.T.)

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4410/4/ST.

9 July, 1944.

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M.M.I.A. (2) ✓

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Further to this office even reference dated 6 July 44.

Appended hereunder copy of A/20/163 dated 7 July 44 received from O.C. British Cadre.

It will be noted that a sum of 100,000 Lire is now in the possession of the British Cadre, and that the remainder of the oil has been recovered and issued to personnel of the Italian Coy.

Will you please give instructions as to the disposal of the sum in question. It is presumed that the amount required to rectify the deficiency in the Italian Coy's imprest account will be re-paid to this account. It is suggested that the balance should be expended under the supervision of O.C. British Cadre on the improvement of the Italian Coy's Mess.

Colonel.
D.D.S.T.

FAB/MEM. O.C.
Copy to: British Cadre 1003 (Italian) Coy (G.T.)
D.F.M. 2 Dist.
M.M.I.A. L.O.

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D.D.S.T.
H.Q., No. 2. Dist. A/20/163.

With further reference to my report in respect of Capt. Tortelli.

A sale has been effected of half the oil which had been purchased. For this the amount of 100,000 lire was received, and the whole of this money is now in my custody. It was impossible to effect a sale of the remaining oil, and as there was a fear of its becoming rancid, I gave instructions to Tenente Cavenaghi to distribute it amongst his soldiers for their use.

Tenente Cavenaghi has to-day gone to BARI to report to the 9th Corps in order that his temporary appointment as O.C. can be confirmed, and the necessary change over as regards the holding of the Imprest, etc. by Cavenaghi.

Sgd. A.C. Breakell.
Major R.A.S.C.
Cmd. British Cadre, R.A.S.C.
1003 (I) GT Coy.

Field.
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Subject: Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MRIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
AQ/6.

12 Jul 44

H.Q., A.A.I.

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Ref your AAI/3074/A(O) dated 6 Jul 44.

1. The Ministry of War, on instructions from this HQ has forbidden the carrying of arms or weapons of any kind, including daggers and knives, by Army personnel when off duty.

2. FOTALI and the Air Forces Sub Commission have issued similar instructions to the Ministry of Marine and the Ministry of Air respectively.

3. Copies of relevant correspondence are forwarded herewith.

for Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

JB/hh

Copy to: FOTALI, Area Combined Headquarters, TARANTO
Navy Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C.C.

Encls:
Copy of MRIA AQ/6 dated 3 Jul 44.
" " " AQ/6/a dated 3 Jul 44.
" " Flags Officer Liaison, No.T.A.105 dated 7 Jul 44
" " Air Forces Sub Commission AFSC/708/P1 dated 6 Jul 44.
Translation of Ministry of War Signal Message 10291/11 dated 9 Jul 44.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Gabinetto

DISPACCIO - IN CHIARO - PAPA

AT COMANDO SUPREMO
AT SUPREMESERCITO
AT COFAR CAMPANIA
AT COMILIT SARDEGNA
AT VII CARM
AT IX CARM
AT [illegible] CARM
AT XXXIII CARM
AT II CARM
AT COMANDO CO.R. ITALIA LIBERATA
AT COMANDO R.C.P. ITALIA LIBERATA
AT TUTTE DIREZIONI CENTRALI ED UFFICI AUTONOMI MINISTERO GUERRA
AT COLONNELLO BALZANI
AT PRESIDENZA CONSIGLIO MINISTRI
AT MINISTERO MARINA
AT MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
AT COMMISSIONE ALLEATA CONTROLLO A.C.C.

P.L.135 (via tele)
P.M.151 (a ½ corr.)
P.L.120 (via tele)
P.M. 50 (via tele)
P.M.112 (via tele)
P.L. 87 (via tele)
P.M.126 (via tele)
P.M.114 (via tele)
P.M.410 (via tele)
P.L.135 (via tele)
SALERNO (via tele)

S E D E (a mano)
R O M A (a ½ corr.)
SALERNO (via tele)
TARANTO (via tele)
B A R I (via tele)
LEQUILE (a ½ corr.)

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GUERRAGABINETTO NR. 10291/II ALT IER UNIFORMARE USO ATTEGGIAMENTO DA PARTE TRUPPE ITALIANE AI QUELLO REGII ALLEATI CON DECORRENZA IERI-DIET. DISPONGO CHE UFFICIALI SOTTUFFICIALI ET TRUPPA REGIO ESERCITO FUORI SERVIZIO NON DICO NON PORTINO ARMI DI SORTA COLTELLI PUGNALI ET COLTELLI ALT MINISTRO GUERRA CASATI

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P. C. C.
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

AT [illegible] CARM.
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AT COMANDO CC.RR. ITALIA LIBERATA
AT COMANDO R.C.P. ITALIA LIBERATA
AT TUTTE DIREZIONI GENERALI ED UFFICI
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P. C. C.
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col.ga S.E. E. De Licholis)

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In order to uniform the armament of our troops with that of Allies I order with immediate effect officers NCO's & men of the Army will not repeat not carry any arms daggers + knifes included when off duty.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
CASERTA. (LMSCH)
HQ/6[illegible]
9 Jul 44

HQ No.2 District

263.

Ref your 4420/4/SP dated 6 Jul 44.

1. The Italian Ministry of War have been informed of the position regarding Capt. TORTELLI and instructed to begin preliminary investigations.

2. The whole matter has been referred to Legal Sub Commission, ACC, in case they should wish to bring it before the Allied Military Court for trial, as it appears to involve the complicity of civilians and the Black Market.

3. It would appear that the Olive oil is the property of the Italian Ministry of War, since it was purchased from Italian Army Funds. But until a ruling as to rightful ownership has been given by the Legal Sub Commission, it is requested that HQ No.2 District hold the olive oil, or the proceeds from the sale thereof, whichever is recovered.

4. It is requested that this HQ be informed when recovery is effected.

5. The results of further investigation and action taken, will be notified to HQ No.2 District, as requested.

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F.T. Nugent Lt Col
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

JE/jrp

Copy to:- O.C. British Cadre, 1003 G.T. Coy
D.P.M. No.2 District
MMIA L.O. No.2 District

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H.Q. No.2 Dist. C.M.F.
4410/4/ST

6 July 1944

M.M.I.A.

1. The O.C. of British Cadre of the above Coy. has evidence to prove that the imprest account held by Capt. Tortelli is deficient of the sum of 42,600 Lire.

2. The explanation of this deficiency is that Capt.Tortelli purchased with imprest funds an amount of 700 Kgs of olive oil in the Bari area before the Coy. moved to Vasto.

3. On investigation by Major Breakell,O.C. British Cadre, it transpired that Capt. Tortelli had made arrangements for the sale of this olive oil to an Italian civilian in Penna for the sum of 210,000 Lire.

4. Capt. Tortelli stated as an aexplanation that his intention was to re-pay the deficiency thus caused in his imprest account and to purchase additional food for his troops with the difference between the purchase price of this oil and the price at which he sold it. That is to say, to expend the profit of 167,400 Lire on his troops welfare.

5. Major Breakell was not satisfied with this statement, and therefore forthwith relieved Capt. Tortelli of command of the Unit and placed Tenenti Cavenaghi in temporary command.

6. Copies of relevant statements are attached as at Appendices 'A' to 'F'. 3247

7. It is requested that a thorough investigation be made and the result of same reported to this office.

8. As a result of telephone call this afternoon, D.A.D.T this office and G(2) your Headquarters, Capt. Tortelli has been ordered in writing to report to Colonel Michelotti, Chief of Staff, Italian 9 Corps, and there to await further instructions to be issued by you.

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9. Major Breakell informs that the olive oil has, in fact already been delivered to Penna and that he has instructed a representative of the British Cadre to endeavour to obtain the agreed sale price of 210,000 Lire and to hold the whole of this money pending receipt of disposal instructions. Will you please inform what action should be taken to dispose of this money in the event of same being produced.

10. If the money is not forthcoming, Major Breakell has been instructed to endeavour to regain possession of the olive oil in question.

(sgd) - - - -
Colonel
D.D.S.T.

Copy to: O.C.British Cadre 1003 (Italian)Coy.(GT).
D.P.M. 2 Dist. For information.
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D.D.S.T.,
H.Q.s. 2 ARMOURED. A/20/

On the 3 Jul 44 I found evidence which tended to prove that Capitano Torbelli, O.C. of the Italian Coy of 1003 G.T. Coy, had been indulging in Black Market in olive oil, contrary to instructions issued by me in writing (attached), and also involving the improper use of M.T. Transport.

I taxed Capitano Torbelli with this evidence which at first he denied, later admitting that there was some truth. I removed him from office, appointing in his place Tenenti Cavenaghi. I have given permission for Capitano Torbelli to go to BARI tomorrow the 4 JUL in order to enter hospital, as he has shewn me a medical certificate stating that he is suffering from suspected appendicitis.

It may be considered sufficient to arrange his transfer to the Minister of Finance without taking any further action, and such a course would have my respectful approval.

I strongly recommend that the command of the Company should rest with Tenenti Cavenaghi who should be promoted to Captain, as this officer has proved himself loyal, capable and a willing link in the chain of command.

(sgd) A.C. Brackell. Major, R.A.S.C.
Staff British Cadre, P.A.O.C.
1003 (I) G.T. Company.

Field
4 JUL 44.

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[illegible] Medical Inspection.

TO: ALL OFFICERS - 4 British
20 Italian.

It has come to the notice of the British Authorities that there has been a great increase lately in the use of Army transport for the carriage of civilian goods for the personal gain of the soldiers or officers to whom this transport was entrusted.

It is pointed out that offences of this nature can incur most severe penalties, in some cases death.

It is also noticed that there has been a number of cases of the illegal disposal of Government petrol to civilians for gain, and here also the penalties are extremely severe.

I want it made known to all soldiers, Italian and British, of 2603 (I) C.T. Coy that in the event of any such irregularities occurring, I shall have not the slightest hesitation in recommending the maximum penalty, even though this should be the penalty of death. I shall have no mercy whatsoever on anyone of my Company who so betrays the trust which has been reposed in them. It is the duty of every officer to keep a careful watch and to report any cases of a misuse of M.T. Transport to me.

(sgd) A.J. Pennell. Major, R.E.M.E.
Cmd. British Units, 2603.
2603 (I) C.T. Company.

P.W.3.a
22 JUN 44.

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Al Comando Inglese 1003 (I) G.T. Coy.

In occasione del passeggio delle consegne della 1003 Comp. il Cap. Tortelli Mario Comandante codesta rende noto al Ten. Cavenaghi Cesare Subentrante di avere acquistato al Pelo del Colle Kg 720 di Olio d'oliva per l'importo di Lire 42,600 = adoperando i soldi di miglioramento rancio della truppa.
Detto olio attualmente si trova presso il Sig CHIARENZI di Canal a PRIMA portategli dal Sottotenente Pivetti Giovanni incaricato della vendita e relativa riscossione dell'importo della vendita dell'olio.
Il ricavato va tutto a profitto del miglioramento rancio dei soldati della 1003 Comp.

Il Cedente
(Cap. Tortelli Mario)

Il Subentrante
(Ten. Cavenaghi Cesare).

Montemurro 4 Luglio 1944.

Comdg British Coline MACC
1003 (I) G.T. Coy.

(sgd) A.G. Brookhill, Major.

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"C"

Al Comando Inglese 1003 (I) G.T. Coy

In occasione del passaggio delle consegne della 1003 Comp. il Cap. Tortelli Mario Commandante cedente rende noto al Ten. Cavenaghi Cesare Subentrante di avere acquistate al Palo del Celle Kg 710 di Olio d'oliva per l'importo di Lire 42,600 adoporando i soldi di miglieramento rencio della truppa.
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Il Cedente
(Cap. Tortelli Mario)

Il Subentrante
(Ten.Cavenaghi Cesare)

Montenero 4 Luglio 1944

Comdg British Cadre RASC
1003 (I) G.T.Coy.

(sgd) A.C.Breakell, Major

"D"

L'ANNO 1944 MILLENOVECENTOQUARANTAQUARTRO
Addi quattro dei mese di.
Luglio.

SIA NOTO

A chi di dovere che in seguito ad ordine impartite dei HQ British CADRE 1003 (I) GT Coy si e addivento oil passaggio di consegna della 1003 Compagnia Speciale Autieri fra il Capitano Tortelli Mario ricoverato all' copedale militare di BARI, cedente ed il tenente Cavenaghi Cesare subentrante.
Il Subentrante grenda in consegna:-
1) Bagistro di CASSA con una risomenza di L.596,627 3293
2) Quaderno di carlce mod. 547 gruppo B.
3) " " " " " C.
4) Registro di armamento e casermaggio.
5) " " riparazione calasture.
6) " " decade arretrati per un importo di L.269,980
7) " puniti.
8) " conte corrale
9) Parolino tassibile al corrente

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Addi quattro dei mese di.

Luglio.

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9) Parolino tassibile al corrente
10) Giornale di contabilita
11) Registro aggetti di corredo
12) Tutto il materiale ricevuto dal Commando Inglese
13) No.10 brande, 10 perta matterassi, 10 federe di canaga, 10 fodere di cottone, he. 110 di crine e No.20 lamuala come da buono di prelevamento allegate. Si ricoveno in compagnia i materiali dal gruppo B come da No.7 Buoni prelevamento allegati ni quaderno 547.
Si riceveno in consegna i materiali del gruppo C come da No.2 buoni de prelevamento e No, un buono di versamento allegati al 547.
Si riceveno in consegna gli oggetti di corredo come da registro regolamente chiase.
All'uope ni conseguane No.8 buoni di prelevamento e No.4 versamento oggetti di corredo.
Si consegna la practica concamente i militari assenti arbitrari gia denunciati al Tribunale militare per ottenore il regolare scarico del materiale del gruppo B o del gruppo C._

Il presente verbale reddato in triplice copia viene lette approvato e sottoscritto all data di cui sopra.

Il codente
(Capitani Tortelli Mario)

Il subontrante
(Tenante Cavenaghi Cesare)

COMDG.BRITISH CADRE RASC.
1003 (I)CT Coy. (sgd) A.C.BREAKELL
Major

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'E'

Having been requested by the British HQ of the 1003 Coy Speciale Autieri A.A. I declare the following :-

Since several days the Capt. Tortelli Mario asked me to be interested in the sale of 2 barrels of olive oil containing 700 litres which he had brought from MALO DEL COLLE during the detachment of the company, on a car of the Coy.H.Q.

Some days ago I heard that at GISSY there was the possibility of the sale of the oil and together with Capt.Tortelli I went there and we made the acquaintance with Mr.

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L'ANNO 1944 [illegible] addì quattro del mese di luglio

SIA NOTO

A chi di dovere che in seguito ad ordine impartito dal H. Q. British CAIRO 1003 (I) C.M. Cgv. si è addivenuto al passaggio di consegna della 1003 Compagnia Speciale Addetti fra il Capitano Tortelli Mario ricoverato all'ospedale militare di Bari, cedente ed il tenente Cavenaghi Cesare subentrante.

Il subentrante prende in consegna:-

1) Registro di cassa con un fondo di L. 536,627
2) Quaderno di carico mod. 347 gruppo B.
3) " " " " " C.
4) Registro di armamento e casermamento
5) " " rifornimento calzature.
6) " " Quaderno arretrati per un importo di L. 280,300
7) " punizioni
8) " carico carreolo
9) Foglino matricolare ai coloniali
10) Giornale di contabilità
11) Registro oggetti di corredo
12) Tutto il materiale ricevuto dal Comando Inglese
13) No. 10 lenzuola, 20 paia mutandoni, 10 federe di cuoio, 10 federe di cotone, he. 136 di crine e No. 20 lenzuola cose da buono di prelevamento allegato.

Si ricevono in consegna i materiali del gruppo B cose da No. 7 buoni prelevamento allegati al quaderno 347.

Si ricevono in consegna i materiali del gruppo C cose da No. 2 buoni di prelevamento e No. un buono di versamento allegati al 347.

Si ricevono in consegna gli oggetti di corredo come da registro regolarmente chiuso.

All'uopo si consegnano No. 8. buoni di prelevamento e No. 4 versamento oggetti di corredo.

Si consegna la pratica concernente i militari assenti arbitrari già denunciati al Tribunale militare per ottenere il regolare scarico del materiale del gruppo B e del gruppo C

Il presente verbale redatto in triplice copia viene letto approvato e sottoscritto alla data di cui sopra

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Il cedente
(Capitano Tortelli Mario)

Il subentrante
(Tenente Cavenaghi Cesare)

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13) No. 10 brande, 20 parte sahariani, 10 foderi di canapa, 10 foderi di cotone, no. 130 di crine e No. 20 lenzuola con da buono di prelevamento allegato.
Si ricevono in consegna i materiali del gruppo B come da No. 7 buoni prelevamento allegati al quaderno 347.
Si ricevono in consegna i materiali del gruppo C come da No. 2 buoni di prelevamento e No. un buono di versamento allegati al 347.
Si ricevono in consegna gli oggetti di corredo come da registro regolarmente chiuso.
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Il presente verbale redatto in triplice copia viene letto approvato e sottoscritto alla data di cui sopra

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Il cedente
(Capitano Tortelli Mario)

Il subentrante
(Tenente Cavaggioni Cesare)

COMD. MILITARY GOVT. U.S.C.C.
1003 (I) C.T. CTZ.

APO A.C. BRANCH, Major.

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Having been requested by the British E.O. of the XXX Cdp Special Subject A.A. I declare the following:-

Since several days the Capt. Tortelli Paolo asked me to be interested in the sale of 2 barrels of olive oil containing 700 litres which he had brought from [redacted] during the debarkment of the company, on a car of the Cap. E.O.

Some days ago I heard that at [redacted] there was the possibility of the sale of the oil and together with the Capt. Tortelli I went there and we made the acquaintance with Sr. Cacciboli Oreste, a refugee from [redacted]. ORESTE

Last Tuesday I have been ordered to go to [redacted] in order to be informed about the prices of oil; I did not go there because the car was not roadworthy enough to be sure to reach the locality.

After having returned, I informed him about all the things. The same evening at 21.00 hrs, he informed me that it was necessary to go the next morning to [redacted] in order to buy nails and photo-stand for the repair of shoes and in the same time to carry the oil to [redacted] and that at 5.30. here the CHEMIN would be met who had to provide for the sale. He ensured me that he had the authorization for the transport from Major Tortelli.

I don't know the price which had been agreed before, but I knew later on that the price was about Libre 300 per Kg. I do not get any amount, because Sr. CHEMIN wanted to consign it personally to Capt. Tortelli Paolo.

About all had the Lieut. Overnight knowledge who was informed from me before. 3250

Last Friday about noon today Capt. Tortelli asked me for what reason Sr. CHEMIN had not consigned the money to me, and I answered that Sr. Cacciboli would consign the money to him personally, because I did not bother upon getting the money, the matter not regarding myself.

Inside it he consigned to me a declaration, signed by him, reading as follows:

" I declare to have sent the S. Lieut. Tortelli Giovanni to [redacted] in [redacted] to sell 2 barrels of olive oil and to cash the amount in order

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...ning at 1.00 hrs, he informed me that it was necessary to go the next morning to [redacted] in order to buy milk and pro-dismal for the repair of shoes and in the same time to carry the oil to [redacted] and that at 5.30. here the [redacted] would be not who had to provide for the sale. He assured me that he had the authorization for the transport from Major Marshall.

I don't have the price which had been agreed before, but I hear later on that the price was about Lire 300 pro Kg. I do not get any account, because Lt. [redacted] wanted to consign it personally to Capt. Martelli Mario.

About all had the Asst. Commissariat knowledge who was informed from me before.

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Next Even a short hour today Capt. Martelli asked me for that reason he. [redacted] had not consigned the money to me, and I answered that he. Comandini would consign the money to him personally, because I did not insist upon getting the money, the matter not regarding myself.

Beside it he consigned to me a declaration, signed by him, reading as follows:

" I declare to have sent the S. Lieut. Piccioli Giovanni to [redacted] in order to sell 2 barrels of olive oil not to cash the amount in order to apply it for the food improvement for the soldiers of the Company."

He informed me moreover, that the British H.Q. got notice of the matter and that it was necessary for him to save himself.

He told me that Major Marshall would not proceed against him, if he would demonstrate that the sale of the oil had to serve exclusively for the benefit of the soldiers, and he asked from me a declaration confirming that I had gone to [redacted] in order to sell the oil for improvement of the food for the soldiers.

I signed such a declaration only for the a/a reason.

In truth

S. Lieut. Giovanni Piccioli.

P.M. 103 4 July 1944.

I declare to say the pure truth writing the following :-

Some days ago came the Captain Tartelli in order to know if I wanted to buy about 700 chile of olive oil. Because I was not buyer of oil, I told to Capt Tartelli, as he insisted, to send the 700 chile to Mr. Orsini Venfrede and to Mr. Chiffo Enrico at the of Penna there the oil would be sold at the best possible price. The oil is in this moment at Penna for the sale.

I made this favour to Capt Tartelli because Capt. Tartelli told me to be the friend of the British Major by means of whom I could have the authorisation for the transport of PECORA wine by regular British authorisation. Today, the 2nd July 1944, the Capt. Tartelli came to my house in order to cash the amount of the sale of oil. I declare that I have not paid and I declare also that I shall not pay the amount until the British Authorities will give me the authorisation.

(Signed)

CHARGING OFFICER
CETRO.

I declare that the Capt. Tartelli has sent yesterday, the 1st July 1944, to Penna 700 chile of olive oil by means of a big English autocar.

(Signed)

CHARGING OFFICER.

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SUBJECT: Discipline - 100[illegible] (Italian) Coy (G.T.)

H.Q. No. 2. Dist. C.M.F.
4410/4/ST.

9 July, 1944.

M.M.I.A. (2)

Further to this office even reference dated 6 July 44.

Appended hereunder copy of A/20/163 dated 7 July 44 received from O.C. British Cadre.

It will be noted that a sum of 100,000 Lire is now in the possession of the British Cadre, and that the remainder of the oil has been recovered and issued to personnel of the Italian Coy.

Will you please give instructions as to the disposal of the sum in question. It is presumed that the amount required to rectify the deficiency in the Italian Coy's imprest account will be re-paid to this amount. It is suggested that the balance should be expended under the supervision of O.C. British Cadre on the improvement of the Italian Coy's Mess.

Colonel.
D.D.S.T.

FAB/MEL. O.C.
Copy to: British Cadre 1003 (Italian) Coy (G.T.)
D.P.M. 2 Dist.
M.M.I.A. L.O.

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COPY.
Subject: Discipline - Italian Officers.

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COPY.
Subject: Discipline - Italian Officers. CONFIDENTIAL.

D.D.S.T.
H.Q., No. 2. Dist. A/20/163.

With further reference to my report in respect of Capt. Tortelli.

A sale has been effected of half the oil which had been purchased. For this the amount of 100,000 lire was received, and the whole of this money is now in my custody. It was impossible to effect a sale of the remaining oil, and as there was a fear of its becoming rancid, I gave instructions to Tenente Cavenaghi to distribute it amongst his soldiers for their use.

Tenente Cavenaghi has to-day gone to BARI to report to the 9th Corps in order that his temporary appointment as O.C. can be confirmed, and the necessary change over as regards the holding of the Imprest, etc. by Cavenaghi.

Sgd. A.C. Breakell.
Major R.A.S.C.
Cmd. British Cadre, R.A.S.C.
1003 (I) GT Coy.

Field.
7 Jul 44

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Subject:- Discipline - 1003 (Italian) G.T. Coy

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ. (BARI)
LECUILE. (LECCE)
AC/6
9 Jul 44

Legal Sub Commission, HQ ACC.

1. Information has been received from HQ No.2 District that Capt TORTELLI, Italian Comd, 1003 (Italian) G.T. Coy is suspected of being engaged in irregular traffic in Olive Oil. Copies of No.2 District letter and relevant statements are forwarded herewith.

2. The question of the irregular use of Allied Transport would normally come under the jurisdiction of the British Comd of 1003 G.T. Coy. The misappropriation of Italian Army Funds is a matter for the Italian authorities.

3. However, in so far as there would appear to be evidence to suggest dealings in the Black Market, in which civilians may be involved, the whole case is referred to the Legal Sub Commission, in case it should be desired to transfer proceedings to the Allied Military Courts.

4. Meanwhile the following action has been taken:-

a) Capt TORTELLI has been ordered in writing by HQ No.2 District to report to HQ IX Italian Corps, and there to await further instructions from this HQ.

b) The Italian Ministry of War has been instructed to start preliminary investigations.

c) HQ No.2 District have been requested to hold the Olive Oil, or the proceeds from the sale thereof, whichever is recovered, until a ruling has been given by the Legal Sub Commission, as to the rightful ownership.

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5. It is requested that the Legal Sub Commission give a ruling on para 4(c) above, and inform this HQ urgently of any further action they may intend to take, and whether it is intended to bring Capt TORTELLI before the Allied Military Courts.

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for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

JB/jrp

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Copy to:- HQ No. 2 District (your 4410/4/ST of 6 Jul 44 refers).
MMIA L.O. No.2 District.

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Subject:- Discipline - 1003 (Italian) G.T. Coy

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (MOLA)
LEQUILE. (LECCE)
AG/6(a)
9 Jul 44

Ministry of War

1. Information has been received from HQ No.2 District, that Capt TORTELLI, Italian Comd, 1003 G.T. Coy is suspected of having committed the following offences:-

a) Misuse of Allied Transport, contrary to orders.

b) Misappropriation of Italian Army Funds, under his charge.

c) Traffic in the Black Market.

2. Capt TORTELLI has been relieved of his command, and ordered in writing by HQ No.2 District to report to HQ IX Corps, pending further instructions from this HQ. Capt TORTELLI will continue to remain at HQ IX Italian Corps till further instructions are issued.

3. The whole matter has been submitted to the Legal Sub Commission, ACC, in case they should wish to bring it before the Allied Military Courts for trial, in so far as it appears to involve the complicity of civilians, and the Black Market.

4. The Ministry of War will be informed immediately of [illegible] decision, and meanwhile will start preliminary investigations. No action will be taken, however, which may prejudice such future proceedings as may be necessary.

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for Major General

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for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

JB/jrp

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Copy to:- HQ No.2 District (your 4410/4/ST of 6 July refers).
Legal Sub Commission, ACC.
MMIA L.O. No.2 District.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
AREA COMBINED HEADQUARTERS,
TARANTO.

7th July, 1944.

No. T.A. 105.

MINISTER OF MARINE,
MARISTAT, PALAZZO RESTA,
TARANTO.

CARRYING OF ARMS.

Instructions have been issued to Italian Army personnel that no arms or weapons should be carried except when on duty. It is requested that similar instructions be issued to Naval personnel.

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REAR-ADMIRAL.

(Copies to:
Army Sub-Commission.
Navy Sub-Commission.)

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Translation

From SMAE
To: WAR MIN. 10/7 9/11 Ref. 75 W/2 3/2
Subject Transfer of Lt. officer Date July 8

Please order that Col. LEONARDI CATTOLICA take command of 4th Anty Regt. Brig. of Lab. Unit Group. BRINDISI and that he be replaced at your disposal.

Please order that Col. Freda GIUSTINO C.O. of 404 Anty Regt to assume Temporary Command of 3rd Lab Group.

The transfer requested is absolutely urgent

10/7 File 9/11 Her communication will follow.

Translation 1947 JJP

STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
Ufficio segreteria e personale

AG
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N° 25.94/217 SP. di prot. P.M.151,lì 8 luglio 1944

OGGETTO: ~~trasferimento colonnello i.g.s. LEONARDI Cattolica~~ — colonnello FREDA Giustino.-

Transfer of

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = P.M. 107
-Dir.gen.pers.ufficiali -

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C. = LECCE

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(Cap.Cavani Inc)

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SUBJECT:- Italian Armed Forces. HQ, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

AAI/3074/A(O).
6 Jul 44.

Army Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission.

1. It has been represented to this HQ that in a number of cases when disturbances have arisen, both Allied Military personnel and Italian civilians have been injured owing to the use of firearms, daggers etc by members of the Italian Armed Forces who were not on duty at the time.

2. Allied Troops off duty do not normally carry arms in the rear areas, and it does not appear necessary that Italian Troops should do so.

3. Will you please examine this matter and inform this HQ whether you consider that an order could be issued to the Italian Armed Forces to the effect that when off duty firearms, knives and daggers will not be carried, thus conforming with the practice of the Allied Forces.

C.H. Dalton Brig

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

CAF/GG.

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SUBJECT: Discipline - 1003 (Italian) Coy (G.T.)

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H.Q. No. 2. Dist. C.M.F.
4410/4/ST.

6 July, 1944.

M.M.L.A. (2) ✓

AQ
6/7

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1. The O.C. of British Cadre of the above Coy. has evidence to prove that the imprest account held by Capt. Tortelli is deficient of the sum of 42,600 Lire.

2. The explanation of this deficiency is that Capt. Tortelli purchased with imprest funds an amount of 700 Kgs. of olive oil in the Bari area before the Coy. moved to Vasto.

3. On investigation by Major Breakell, O.C. British Cadre, it transpired that Capt. Tortelli had made arrangements for the sale of this olive oil to an Italian civilian in Penne for the sum of 210,000 Lire.

4. Capt. Tortelli stated as an explanation that his intention was to re-pay the deficiency thus caused in his imprest account and to purchase additional food for his troops with the difference between the purchase price of this oil and the price at which he sold it. That is to say, to expend the profit of 167,400 Lire on his troops welfare.

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5. Major Breakell was not satisfied with this statement, and therefore forthwith relieved Capt. Tortelli of command of the Unit and placed Lt. Tenenti Cavenaghi in temporary command.

6. Copies of relevant statements are attached as at Appendices 'A' to 'E'.

7. It is requested that a thorough investigation be made and the result of same reported to this office.

8. As a result of telephone call this afternoon, D.A.D.T. this office and G (2) your Headquarters, Capt. Tortelli has been

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9. Major Breakell informs that the olive oil has, in fact already been delivered to Penna and that he has instructed a representative of the British Cadre to endeavour to obtain the agreed sale price of 210,000 Lire and to hold the whole of this money pending receipt of disposal instructions. Will you please inform what action should be taken to dispose of this money in the event of same being produced.

10. If the money is not forthcoming, ~~Capt. Tortelli~~ Maj. BREAKELL has been instructed to endeavour to regain possession of the olive oil in question.

Colonel.
D.D.S.T.

FAR/DDM.
Copy to: O.C. British Cadre 100% (Italian) Coy (C.T.)
D.P.W. 2 Dist. For information.
MMIA (LO)

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MEMORANDUM TO : THE MINISTER, ITALIAN AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

AQ/6
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CARRYING OF ARMS

Italian Air Force personnel, Officers and Men, will not carry arms or weapons of any kind, including daggers or knives, except when on duty. The carrying of arms or weapons when off duty is forbidden.

J. Waiton s/l

J.WAITON, SQUADRON LEADER,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
6th July 1944.
Ref. AFSC/708/F1.

Copy to : Army Sub-Commission for information.
(Letter AQ.6 of 3rd July 1944 refers)

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Subject: Col. Leonardi, Commanding
Regt. Law Enforcement.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MAIA)
LEGUIA (LEGCO)
AFO/6.

4 July 45.

To: H.E. MINISTER FOR WAR.
H.E. CHIEF OF STAFF, SMRE.

1. A complaint from Pioneer Corps HQ at Bujumbura regarding above named officer has investigated by an Officer of this HQ and the following facts developed.

(a) In this town where he has been in command Col. Leonardi has not visited his units and has visited the European only on one occasion when inspected by a British Officer.

(b) Col. Leonardi has evidenced no interest in his work.

(c) [illegible]

2. It is decided that, in view of the above facts, Col. Leonardi is not an effective member of the Italian Army, and it is desired that you forthwith relieve him from his command and remove him from the Army.

3. Please send a copy of your order in this regard to this HQ.

Colonel for Major General
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

CPK/bm.

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2nd I/C. 4/Jan/44

Re Leonardis
Commander Rogerson's Command
Brindisi.

On a visit to the Premier Corps HQ at Brindisi yesterday, A Complaint was made in respect of the above named. He has been in Command for some 4 weeks during which time he has shown no interest in the Command. He has not visited his units' lines nor has he visited the docks, except on one occasion when [illegible] by a British Officer. In consequence of this such officer left the docks and the work of the soldiers is determining [illegible]

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NAPLES, Via Roma	N210520	NAPLES 16040	
PARCLANET / Airfield	N278695		
San GUISEPPE	N420485		
MILANO	N510610		
CHIETILE, 134 Via Nazionale	N443598	Bassoon 19	

HQ 5th Army

Signal Master
DACG
Rev THORPE
JAG
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War Diary (2)

for (C.R.B. KNIGHT) Colonel,
DDL.

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Subject:- Carrying of Arms

Army Sub commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MAIA)
LECUILE. (LECCE)
10/6
3 Jul 44

FOTALI, Area Combined Headquarters, TARANTO.
Navy Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Air force sub Commission, A.C.C.

1. In order to avoid the recurrence of serious incidents, I have ordered the Italian Ministry of War, to forbid the carrying of arms or weapons by Italian Army personnel, except when on duty. A copy of my letter dated 3 July 44 is attached.

2. You may feel it is desirable to take similar action with the Ministry of Marine, and Ministry of Air.

3. I should be grateful if you would let me have your views, and inform me of any action you may take.

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Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

JB/jrp

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C O P Y

Subject: Carrying of Arms.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AG/6 /a

3 Jul 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Italian Army personnel, officers and men, will not carry arms or weapons of any kind, including daggers or knives, except when on duty. The carrying of arms or weapons when off duty is forbidden.

2. The Ministry of War will issue immediate instructions to this effect, and forward one copy of these instructions to this HQ.

(sgd) CLAYTON P KERR Col/

for Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

Copy to: S.M.R.E.

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c o p y

Subject:- carrying of knives and weapons by Italian Military personnel off duty. 198

AGR 1/7

To : Liaison Officer, M.M.I.A. HQ 2 District

29 JUN 44.
6 BSA/70/Pro.

1. It has been observed that many Italian Military personnel especially paratroopers, carry knives and weapons when walking out off duty.

2. British soldiers are forbidden to carry arms off duty and I consider that many nasty incidents would be avoided if similar orders could be given to Italian personnel.

(s?) Major.
Asst Provost Marshal
Headquarters 6 Base S.A.

In the Field ..
AWS/GL.

Capt C.F.MURCELL.
M.M.I.A. L.O.
C/o HQ N°2 District
Ref : MF/101
30 JUN 44

Army Sub Commission, ACC
LEQUILE (LECCE)

Please pass on to S.M.R.E. or W.M. and let me know what action they will be taking.

C.F.Murcell.
Capt.
M.M.I.A.LO.

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Order to above effect to be sent to Monopoli & Bisceglie (orders) 2½)

See folios 199 200

SUBJECT: Behaviour of Italian Military.

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

H.E. General BERARDI,
Chief of Staff,
Stato Maggiore R. Esercito.

Further to my AQ/6 dated 7 June 44.

1. (a) The Commander-in-Chief Allied Armies in Italy has instructed me to make quite clear to you that the ruling given by him last Autumn against the use of firearms by Italian troops on Allied troops still obtains.

(b) He will not tolerate any order by the Italian Military authorities contrary to this ruling.

2. (a) He is not aware that circumstances justify the opening paragraph of your order to your Commanders, Nr. 95/Ris. S.P. di prot dated 27 March on this matter.

(b) He considers that it is not necessary for you to issue any instruction in substitution of your order of 27 March.

(c) On the other hand he wishes to assure you that drastic action will be taken in all cases where misbehaviour by Allied troops towards Italian troops is substantiated.

3. (a) I note that in your cancellation order of 13 June you use the words, "deve intendersi annullato."

(b) The Commander-in-Chief has requested confirmation that your order has definitely been cancelled.

(c) In view of this, the great importance of this matter and the slight vagueness of the words, "deve intendersi annullato", I must request that you now make quite clear to your Commanders:

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(ii) the fact that your order of 27 March is definitely and finally cancelled.

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(b) The Commander-in-Chief has requested confirmation that your order 3274 has definitely been cancelled.

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(i) the contents of this letter AQ/6 dated 29 June.

(ii) the fact that your order of 27 March is definitely and finally cancelled.

4. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, AQ/6 dated 29 June, sending me a copy of the letter you issue as per para 3 (c) above, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief.

L. Browning

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

tvs.LB.

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Subject:- Detention barracks at [redacted]

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (MTA)
LARIFLE. (LFCOE)
AG/6
26 June 44.

Ministry of War

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Ref your 25[illegible]/G dated 27 May 44.

1. That part of the [redacted] prison now used as an Allied military prison cannot be given up, but the remainder of the building is available for Italian use as a detention barracks.

2. The Ministry of War will make the necessary arrangements with HQ 57 Area, through [redacted] Liaison Office at NAPLES.

F. J. Noad
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

JE/jrp

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Copy to:- HQ No. 3 District (ref your 162 A dated 12 Jun 44)
HQ 57 Area.
[redacted] HQ Naples.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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24 June 1944

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SUBJECT: Behavior of Italian Military

TO : Headquarters, M.M.I.A.

1. Your memorandum AQ/6 of 7 June 1944 was forwarded to A.A.I. with memorandum, copy of which is attached. In reply I have received the inclosed instructions which appear to be clear.

2. Will you kindly convey them to General BERARDI.

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
A/Chief Commissioner

Inc: cy. Ltr. CC/G/391
cy. Ltr. 5022/CAO

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Ref. CC/C/391. 12th June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Headquarters, A.A.I.

Reference attached memorandum from Army Sub-Commission.

1. This is the first that I have heard of this most objectionable order which goes against General Alexander's ruling last autumn that under no circumstances would Italian troops use fire-arms against Allied personnel.

2. I approve General Browning's action in his para 3.

3. I leave Para 4. to you but I am inclined to suggest that any order issued on this subject should be confined to a directive to Italian service personnel to be particularly careful to avoid incidents of any sort with Allied service personnel.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

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Subject:- Behavior of Italian Military

Tac Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
C.M.F.

5022/CAO

19 Jun. 44.

H.Q., Allied Control Commission (2)

Reference your CC/C/391 of 12 Jun. 44.

The Commander-in-Chief agrees that the action taken by General Browning was correct.

He wishes it to be made quite clear to the Italian Military Authorities that the ruling given by him against the use of firearms by Italian troops on Allied troops will obtain. He will not tolerate any order by the Italian Military Authorities contrary to this ruling. He requests confirmation that the order issued by General Berardi has been cancelled.

He is not aware that circumstances justify the opening paragraph of General Berardi's order, and he considers, therefore, that it should not be necessary for General Berardi to issue any instruction in substitution for the one which is to be cancelled. On the other hand, he wishes you to assure General Berardi that drastic action will be taken in all cases where misbehaviour by Allied troops towards Italian troops is substantiated.

/s/ B. H. ROBERTSON

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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BHR/emb

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SUBJECT: MONTESARCHIO (BENEVENTO) Italian Barracks. 195

AQ/6

3 District CMF,
Tel Ext 18,
162 A.
19 Jun 44.

Army Sub Commission ACC,
Main HQ,
LEQUILE.
"A" 57 Area.
Q.

186 — also 177

Reference your AQ/6 dated 5 Jun 44.

1. The part of MONTESARCHIO prison now used as an Indian Military prison cannot be given up, but the remainder of the building can be handed back at once.

2. Will you make any arrangements you wish about this direct with 57 Area.

HBT/SM. 25/6

File 196

H Maitland 3269
Maj Gen.
Comd.

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SUBJECT: Italian Prisoner of War Military Police Unit.

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

To: H.Q. 56 Area, CMF.

1. I would be grateful if you would inform me of the present status and future plans of the Italian Prisoner of War Special Military Police. It is understood that the personnel of this unit were P.W. and were used to assist the British C.M.P. as interpreters. It is believed however that these P.W. personnel are charged with giving orders to personnel of the Italian Co-belligerent Army within King's Italy. No. 1 District letter, ID/11/21/A of 3 June to SABAUDA Div is relevant in this respect.

It would appear that this may not be in conformity with International Law.

2. You may consider it desirable to release these personnel from P.W. status and apply to H.Q. AAI for the authorisation of the unit as part of the Italian Army working under Allied cond.

3. This would regularise the unit and the position and enable a legal authority to be given to authorise the personnel of the unit to give orders to the Italian Army. Non compliance with these orders by the Italian Army would then be punishable under Italian Military Law.

4. I should be grateful for your comments.

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F.F. Noad
Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

tvs.FJN.

Copy to: 'G' MMIA.

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Military Academy HQ
To: MMIA

TRANSLATION

1763/ORD
15 June 44

Subject: Sgt A.V. SANSO' OTTORINO

The afore NCO has been recently judged by the Gen. Allied Mil Court and during the procedure was kept in the local fence jail. Now liberated he applied to our HQ in order to be admitted to follow the 2nd Course.

He presented a declaration from his Lawyer Luigi de SIMONE which states that he was found NOT GUILTY by the Court which dismissed his case.

We require an official declaration from the Allied Court confirming the result of the judgement.

Could you please obtain that the Allied Court supply us with the Copy of the cased judgement.

Col S. SALVONI

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Spett. 18/6 AP

Original sent to ACC LECCE 18/6/44

Riservata Personale (193)

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE

P.M.151 13 giugno 1944

N. 114/Ris.Pers. SP

AQ/6

Risposta al foglio N. ....

del ....

Allegati 1

OGGETTO: contegno dei militari italiani in caso di incidenti con militari alleati.-

AL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE

L. BROWNING

-Sottocommissione per l'Esercito A.C.C.-

= L E Q U I L E =

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In seguito ad ordine di S.E. il capo di S.M., Vi trasmetto il foglio n°113/Ris.Pers.SP. in data odierna, all'oggetto : "contegno dei militari italiani in caso di incidenti con militari alleati", diramato dall'Eccellenza stessa in seguito al Vostro foglio AQ/6 in data 7 c.m..-

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Following order received from H.E. The Chief of Imperial Staff.
I enclose copy of letter 113/Ris. Pers. SP. of to day's date issued by his ... of your

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
-G.B.Oxilia-

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Following orders received from H.E. The Chief of Gen. Staff. I enclose copy of letter 113/Ris. Pers. SP. of to day's date issued by his Excellency on receipt of your AQ/6 dated 7th. inst. the subject being "Behaviour of Italian Military in case of incidents with Allied troops".

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
-G.B.Oxilia-

G. Oxilia

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Riservato Personale

sg/G.

STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
-Ufficio Segreteria e Personale-

Nr. 113/Ris.Pers.SP.di prot. P.M.151, 13 giugno 1944

OGGETTO : contegno dei militari italiani in caso di incidenti con militari alleati.-

A S.E. IL COMANDANTE DELLE FF.AA.DELLA CAMPANIA P.M. 120
A S.E. IL COMANDANTE MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA P.M. 50
A S.E. IL COMANDANTE DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA P.M. 67
A S.E. IL COMANDANTE DEL XII CORPO D'ARMATA P.M. 126
A S.E. IL COMANDANTE DEL XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA P.M. 114
A S.E. IL GEN.DI C.d'A.DE STEFANIS Giuseppe P.M. 185
-delegazione "A" S.M.R.E.-

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
-P.Berardi-

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14/6

Subject:- Confidential Report- Italian Officer

H.Q. 71 Sub Area
Q/27
June '44

2 District

Col. FREDA J. 404 Regt. Artiglieria

I forward the attached report by my Labour Adviser as I am convinced that this officer is not acting in the interests of the Allies or the Italian authorities.

I consider it highly undesirable to retain this officer in the service of the Allies. The Regt. under his command has always given the greatest trouble.

I must most urgently request that the successor for Col. FREDA be produced without further delay.

Harcourt-Smith
Colonel. Inf. Bn.
Commanding 71 Sub Area
(Acting Brig. Gen. Staff)

L.W/WH.

Copy to H.Q. 52 Area
M.M.I.A. ——

14/6 OK.

Wait for 2 District's report 3264
They may arrange through Mattioli.

Subject:- Confidential Report.

CONFIDENTIAL

TO/ H.Q 7I Sub-Area.

Detachment
I8 Group
Pioneer Corps
Ref: I8/A/I/I8I.

Re Col. FREDA J.
404 Regt. Artiglieria.

I have to report that since the above named Officer assumed command of the Raggruppamento Unita Lavoratori at this Port on the 29th May last, the work of the Italian Military Labour has steadily deteriorated.

There have been a succession of complaints from the Docks Superintendent regarding slackness at work of the Italian Military personnel. This HQ has also had occasion to make several complaints regarding non-arrival of numbers demanded, and in one case, on the 5th June,44 the absence of an entire working party of 60 men. This case concerned the above named Officres' own Unit. Although the labour demand had reached the Unit, no effort had been made to detail the party.

No apparent effort has been made to improve the existing conditions.

The Officer concerned has not once visited the labour on the Docks, or at any of the Depots since he assumed command, neither has he endeavoured to liaise with this HQ.

In the interest of all concerned, I would submit the early appointment of a strong, energetic Officer, with a desire to co-operate. An Officer of the calibre of the late Commander of the Raggruppamento is urgently needed.

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(P.W.Suys) Major
Commanding Detachment
18 Group Pioneer Corps.

Field
9th June 44

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Army S.C. (Lecce) 141

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 6

5 June 1944

09/6 4916 9380.

TO: Army Sub-Commission Representative in Sardinia.

SUBJECT: Exchange of Italian Military Personnel

REFERENCE: HQ/2125

1. With reference to your communication of 30 May 44 on the above subject enclosing copies of correspondence between the Commanding General VII Corps (Italian) and the Provincial Commissioner, Sassari Province, I thought that this matter would have been settled on the request made by the Provincial Commissioner.

2. With reference to Para.2 of your letter, when Major DOLLAR stated that disciplinary action would be taken against the two soldiers concerned there was no indication or intention that this action would be taken by a British Officer or that any irregularity would be committed. No irregularity has taken place. This H.Q. and all Provincial H.Qs. have Italian Officers attached to their staff through whom any disciplinary action is taken if required against Italian personnel attached to A.C.C.

Major DOLLAR has two Italian Officers attached to his H.Q.

3. Major DOLLAR, in his letter of 14 May 44, in consultation with me, made the request that these two soldiers be given another chance, which seemed to me to be perfectly normal and reasonable especially in view of the fact that they had given excellent service and that apparently it was their first offence. It was further pointed out that if any future cases of this nature arose the matter would be viewed in a different light.

4. One of these soldiers has already left Provincial H.Q. on transfer to the mainland. I am of opinion that the other soldier should remain with the Provincial H.Q.. SASSARI subject to the overriding consideration that should he at any time commit a similar offence he would be immediately returned to his unit.

5. I gather that this is an isolated case and that there is no question of stamping out a prevalent offence or one likely to become prevalent. The matter is not, therefore, one of major importance.

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For your information it is a matter which, in my opinion, would never have been magnified to the extent which it has reached had the Italian military authorities adopted a normal attitude. I consider that it would be derogatory to the prestige of Allied Officers on the Island if the reasonable [redacted] of the A.C.C. Provincial Commissioner was now withdrawn.

(decision)

9/6 JP

HEADQUARTERS
7 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

MC/gdh 9/6

M. Carr Brigadier

M. CARR.
Brigadier.
Regional Commissioner.

Copy to: Army Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.C.C.

This has been settled by order to RC Sardinia from allied to remove the men concerned (K) 11/6

see folios 190 & 182

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SUBJECT: Boundaries SECRET AQ/6

The following changes in bdys are effective from 2359 hrs 30 May:-

(a) BETWEEN 5 CORPS and 8 ARMY

All exclusive 8 Army road junction H200331 - 1141 - 0943 - 0244 - QFIG8653 - thence line of road to PESCINA G7381.

(b) NEW 5 CORPS REAR BOUNDARY

All exclusive 5 Corps and inclusive 2 District VASTO lateral road to road junction 261459 thence road through PESCOLANCIANO - SESSANO - CARPINONE to road junction 200331.

(c) NEW 8 ARMY REAR BOUNDARY

All exclusive 8 Army inclusive 2 District road junction 200331 - H2015 thence Provincial boundary to H 4013.
All exclusive 8 Army all inclusive 3 District H4013 to FAICCHIO H3997 road to S. SALVATORE H4193 road to AMOROSI H3888 - road through CHIAZZO to road junction with Highway 6 at N170796.

(d) BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2 DISTRICT and 3 DISTRICT

Extended along Provincial Boundary from H6914 to H4013.

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To File

Cpl.

F.K. Selby Capt
Maj Gen.
Army for Comm A.C.C.

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File 820

Subject: Discipline - Italian Army

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
Lequile (Lecce)
AG/6
9 June 44

Executive Commissioner,
A.C.C.

1. We need your help on a question of principle regarding discipline and administration of ITALIAN Army personnel attached to Regional Commissioners.

2. The case in point is in Region VI where the Italian Corps Commander requires two Italian soldiers(who defiantly failed to salute him)to be withdrawn from attachment to the Regional Commissioner, who considers that he requires direction from you before accepting this request.

3. We feel that according to agreed policy all internal questions affecting Italian soldiers qua soldiers must be settled by their own officers and that, if for disciplinary reasons, it is necessary to exchange or transfer them, this should be affected by the Italian Comd, confirmed if necessary by MMIA representative on the spot.

4. If you agree, would you notify Regional Commissioner?

Col Pidsley.

WP/CC

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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Col Pidsley phoned and stated orders had been issued by Brig. Person on 9 June (K)

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(1) (2) File 189

Subject:- Behaviour of Italian Military

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (BMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AG/6
7 June 44

H.E. General Berardi,
Chief of Staff,
Stato Maggiore R. Esercito

178/1

Reference your 106/RP of 31 May.

1. Due to the possibilities of friction and misunderstanding which has arisen as a result of your order No. 95/Ris.Pers. SP di prot. of 27 March 1944, copy of which you have furnished me, I must ask that you forthwith withdraw and cancel your order. I am sending a copy of your order to higher authority for decision.

2. In the future, when you desire to issue such an order to Italian troops, it is desired that you submit a draft to this Headquarters, in order that confusion and misunderstanding, especially in translation, will be eliminated.

3. Please forward me a copy of your instructions cancelling the above referred to order.

L. Browning

3259

Major General
Army Sub Comm ACC

gsl/ld

Seen by AHQ 7/6

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Subject:- Behaviour of Italian Military

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AC/6
7 June 44

AAI (through ACC)

1. On 27 March General Berardi, Chief of Staff of the Italian Army, issued an order to Italian troops. This order was copied in AFHQ PWB 'Report on Conditions in Liberated Italy No. 19' dated 2 May, and the text of the translation has caused comment from Allied Commanders.

2. (a) Gen Berardi was asked to furnish a copy of his order and the translation of this is attached as Appendix 'A'. This is considerably toned down compared with the text reported by P.W.B. (see Appendix 'B')

(b) Nevertheless, there are potentialities for trouble even in the toned down version, particularly in the sentence "ready to make use of arms if necessary" in the third paragraph (Appx 'A').

3. I have therefore ordered Gen Berardi to :-

(a) cancel his order pending approval by you.

(b) submit a draft in future of any order which may affect relations with Allied troops.

4. I should be glad if your decision as to:- 3258

(a) what alterations should be made to the order (Appx 'A') before issue by Gen Berardi.

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Major General
Army Sub Comm ACC

gsh/LB

copy to HQ 2 District (ref your 2022/71/GSI dated 26 May)

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Appendix 'A' to A/6 dated 7 June 44.

OPTIMASKON

Chief of Gen Staff to all Corps Comds
Aren Hqs
Army Comp

Cases are being reported to me with a certain frequency of assaults by Allied tps, more often than not in a state of drunkenness, at the expense of our tps, who have been ill-treated and have received wounds, which at times have been quite serious.

It is desirable that our soldiers avoid any occasion which might lead to an incident of this kind.

If, however, they should unavoidably find themselves in situations in which attacks might be expected (at night, in the neighbourhood of billets or camps of Allied units, or casual meetings with groups of soldiers under the influence of wine) they should proceed with the necessary caution, watchful and alert, and ready to make use of arms if necessary. There must be no provocation; but if they are faced with acts of violence or abuse they should react for their legitimate defence with firmness and decision, and see to it that they are not overpowered.

The above should be brought to the notice of the troops - with proper discretion - so that all may know what the bearing of an Italian should be under such circumstances.

(sgd) Bernard
Chief of General Staff.

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Appendix "H" to 16/6 dated 7 June 44

Text of Order issued in para 21 P.W.B. 'Report on conditions in Liberated Italy No. 12 dated 2 May 44.

There have come to my knowledge frequent instances of aggressive acts on the part of Allied troops, for the most part drunk, against our soldiers, who have been manhandled and occasionally seriously hurt.

Our troops must avoid all occasions that might give rise to incidents of this nature.

Where our soldiers may expect to find themselves the victims of aggression, (after night-fall, vicinity of their quarters or billets to settlements of Allied troops, casual encounters with Allied troops under the influence of drink), they should proceed with accustomed caution, ready to make use of arms if necessary.

Italian soldiers must not use provocation, but in the event of violence they may react in their own defence with firmness and decision, putting themselves in such a position that they do not get the worse of the encounter.

The above instruction should be brought to the attention of the troops - in the accustomed manner - so that all may know what the attitude of the soldier should be in such circumstances.

(sgd) Chief of the General Staff
ROATTA

ARMY FORM C 2'36 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. AG/6187

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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FROM (A) NMIA — *Originator* — *Date-Time of Origin.* 0611456 — *Office Date Stamp*

For Action.

TO AGS

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

AG1289 RESTRICTED. For Simmons from Browning. Reference your letter 2 June regarding two Italian soldiers. Please advise if these soldiers have been turned back to Italian Army. If they have not been turned back to Italian Army please inform Brigadier Carr for me confidentially ~~text~~ as follows quote I consider the two Italians must be turned back to the Italian Army in order to maintain the authority of first the senior Italian commanders in Sardinia and second the Italian Army generally in accordance with policy approved by Chief Commissioner and AAI unquote. Advise action.

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P.S.S. «A» A.F.C. 2126 - 1-44.

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ARMY FORM C 2'36 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. AQ 16

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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FROM (A) MMIA — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. 061230 B — Office Date Stamp

For Action.

TO ACC Rear

(W) For Information (INFO) 185

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No. AQ1290

Confidential. For Public Safety Sub Commission from Browning. Your 2851 of 4 June. First. You have been misinformed. Second. My AQ 8 of 23 May has been approved by Chief Commissioner and remains effective. Third. Italian Army penal battalions are not repeat not being or to be formed. Fourth. Italian Army feeds and guards its own prisoners sentenced to 30 days or less but will neither feed or guard longer term. Fifth. War Ministry paren with which MMIA is the recognized channel paren understands this policy completely and is putting it into effect.

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P.S.S., «A» A.F.C. 2136 - 1-44.

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Subject:- MONTESARCHIO (BENEVENTO) Italian Barracks.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MAIA)
[illegible] (LECCE)
AG/6
1st June 44.

HQ. 3 District.

1. Owing to the overcrowding of Italian jails, pressure has been put on the Italian Ministry of War to find further accomodation for use as an Italian Military Prison.

2. It is understood that the above premises are occupied by Allied Formations as a Detention Barracks.

3. Would you please say if it will be possible now or in the immediate future for all or part of this barracks to be made available for the Italian Armed Forces.

for Major General
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Copy to: MMIA.IX Corps.

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SUBJECT: Military Prisons - Italian Army

1D/2701/A/9

4 June 44.

M.M.I.A.
'A'

The attached copy letter from A.A.I. under ref AAI/5065/22/A(PS) dated 1 June is forwarded for information.

3252

Major-General,
Commanding,
No. 1 District.

C.M.F.
/ASP

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C O P Y

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SUBJECT: Military Prisons - Italian Army

Allied Armies in Italy

AAI/5065/22/A(PS)

1 June 44

1 District

Reference your LD/2701/1/3 dated 24 May 44.

This H.Q. has no objections to the Italian Army establishing a military prison in the LIPARI Islands, provided that they can supply their own transport and maintenance. In this connection it is believed that there is an acute shortage of water in the Islands.

Sgd ?????? Lt. Col.,
for Brigadier,
DAG.

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For Action.

MMIA for Maj. Gen BROWNING

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2851 Confidential ⊙ Ref 2843 of 2 June subject prisoners in civil jails, and your reply AG 1270 to Lt Col Campbell of 3 June ⊙ The statement that members of Italian armed forces absent from Army for 30 days on account of being in jail are struck off the active rolls of the Army and therefore become a civil responsibility is not understood ⊙ This is

(1) (2) contrary to declared policy of the commission as agreed with the War Ministry (Italian) ⊙ In fact, arrangements are in hand by War Ministry to form

(3) two penal battalions from Italian military prisoners in civil jails ⊙ It is agreed that after 30 days

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(5) of the 470 military prisoners from ADRI to TUTURANO and the provision of an Italian military guard there is most urgent ⊙ The effect of the policy

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Macfarlane ad the statement that members of armed forces absent from army for more than 240 days on account of being in jail are struck off the active rolls of army and therefore become a civil responsibility is not understood nor understood that is contrary to declaration and policy of the commission as agreed with Italian War

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Italian Troops.

1D/11/21/A

3 Jun 44

Headquarters,
SARAUDA Division

Reference your letter of 27 May 44 referring to certain incidents which occurred recently in SYRACUSE.

1. You are requested to issue instructions to the effect that orders issued by members of the British Military Police, while on duty, and by Italian Special Military Police, attached to and working with British Military Police, are to be obeyed and that failure to comply with this order will lead to disciplinary action being taken.

C. A. Heydeman
Major General,
Commanding,
No 1 District.

C.M.F.
RAC/RH.

Copy to :- HQXII Corps (through MMIA)
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THE ATTACHED LETTER WAS WRITTEN BY CAPT HAMILTON, HIGHWAY SECTION, PBS IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER DATED 31 MAY (INSTEAD OF 21 MAY) FROM THE ARMY SUB-COMMISION, SIGNED "W. PEDLEY (?) COLONEL, FOR MAJOR GENERAL, ARMY SUB-COMMISSION."

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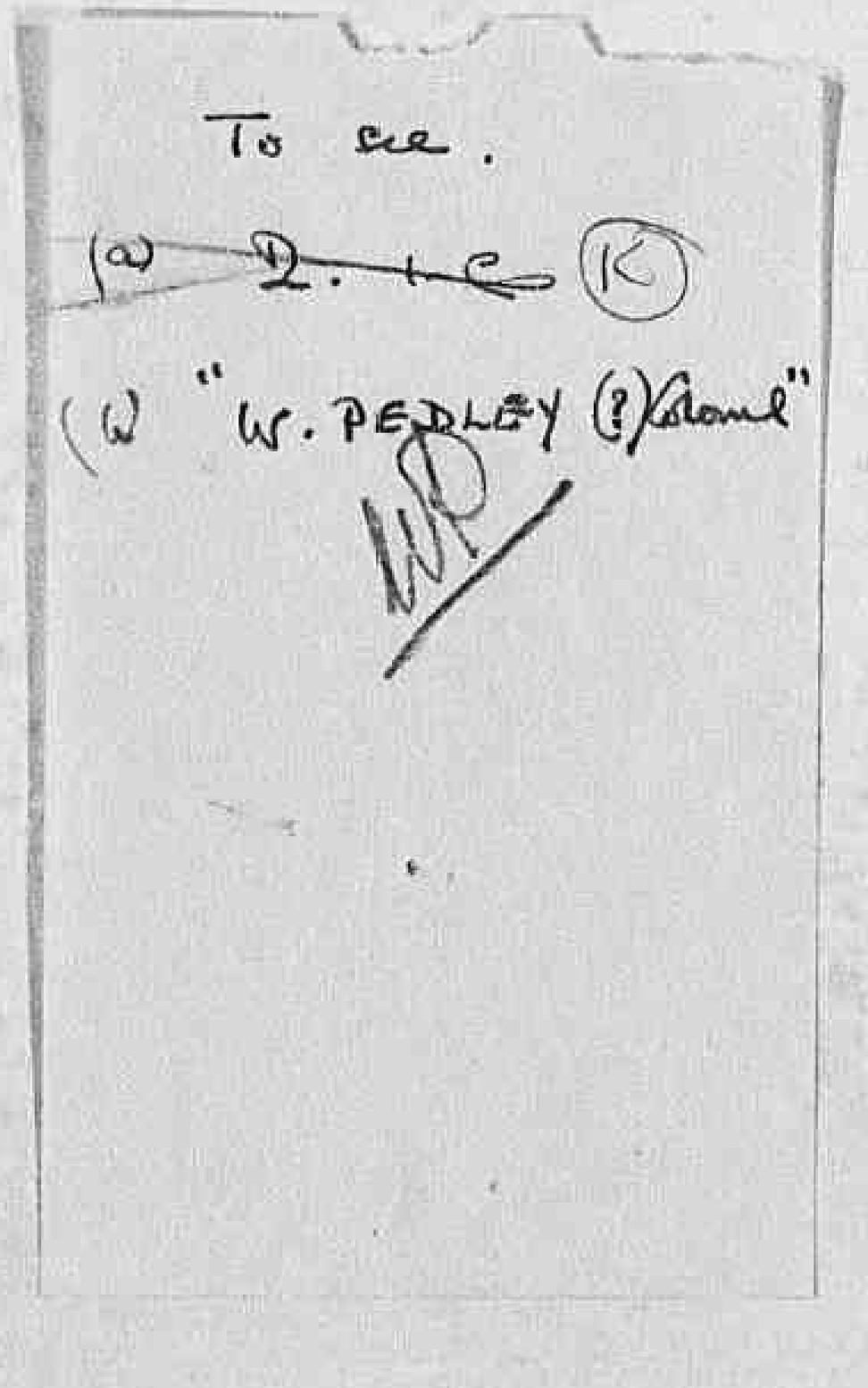

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(W "W. PEDLEY (?) Colonel"

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

AG 563.52 BPTPN (2 June 44) 2 June 1944

SUBJECT: Pilferage of Italian Supplies

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, APO 394

1. Reference letter from your Headquarters, dated 21 May 1944, subject: "Loss by Pilferage of Italian Clothing and Supplies between Naples Port and Depot".

2. The loss of cargo through pilferage, while enroute between the port and supply depots, constitutes a problem which this Headquarters has for some months been studying and attempting to combat.

3. The only satisfactory protection which can be furnished cargo while enroute from port to depot is the placing of armed guards on the trucks. This has been done, and will continue to be done insofar as possible. However, shortages of personnel to serve as guards have been responsible for somewhat less than maximum coverage.

4. All cargo, whether U. S., British, French or Italian, which is transported from port to depot is protected to the maximum extent of guard availability.

5. Attempts have on several occasions been made to obtain supplementary guard coverage for Italian material from the Italian Army, however, there appears to be a shortage of Italian troops available for this function since the majority of such troops in this area are attached to Allied units and are engaged in specific duties.

6. Every effort will continue to be made to protect pilferable Italian cargo but it is again pointed out that only limited guard coverage can be furnished by this Headquarters, and that if there is to be an armed soldier on every truckload of Italian material proceeding from port to depot, such personnel must of necessity be furnished by the Italian Army.

For the Commanding General:

L. F. Nickel 3243

L. F. NICKEL,
Lt Colonel, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS
4 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

A very polite letter but it doesn't get us any place.

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULA BASE SECTION
APO 782

AG 250.1 BPSPM

31 May 1944

Subject: Carrying of Unauthorized Weapons.

To : See Distribution.

1. Paragraph 62f (Page 278), Section XXIII, Circular No 68, this Headquarters, dated 28 May 1944, prohibits the carrying of weapons and ammunition by military personnel whose duty does not require them.

2. Marked laxity on the part of unit commanders is noted in the number of soldiers apprehended by Military Police carrying guns, knives, and other weapons, both Government issue and otherwise, and in the resulting increased number of shootings and stabbings of military and civilian personnel.

3. A show-down inspection and thorough search of quarters will be made by all unit commanders, and all unauthorized weapons in possession of personnel will be taken up. Weapons other than Government issue will be confiscated and turned over to the Military Police. The Provost Marshal, PBS, is designated to receive such confiscated weapons from units outside the Metropolitan Area; the Provost Marshal, Metropolitan Area, for these units in that area. Both Provost Marshal, Metropolitan Area, for those units in that area. Both Provost Marshal officer are located in the Questura Building.

4. The inspection directed in paragraph 3 will be completed by 5 June 1944. Report of completion will be made to this Headquarters by not later than 8 June 1944.

5. All Government-issued weapons, when not being used for training or guard duty, are to be kept under guard or under lock and key and issued only upon the order of a commissioned officer.

by command of Major General WILSON:

/s/ L. F. Nickel
L. F. NICKEL
Lt Col, A.G.D.
Adjutant General

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

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2 June 1944

SUBJECT: Discipline, Italian Military Personnel

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, A.C.C., Lequile

1. With reference to subject of conference in Lequile 23 May 1944 between Colonel C. P. Kerr, Infantry, and the undersigned, copy of all correspondence between Comando Militare della Sardegna and the Allied Regional Commissioner is inclosed together with copy of letter from this office to the Allied Regional Commissioner requesting the return to the Italian command of the two soldiers concerned.

2. The Commanding General, Comando Militare della Sardegna has been advised of action taken and is expecting early compliance with request. Discipline of Italian Forces here will be severely jeopardized if Italian commanders are not supported in this and similar instances.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

30 May 1944

SUBJECT: Exchange of Italian Military Personnel.

TO : Allied Regional Commissioner, A.C.C., Cagliari.

1. Copies of correspondence between the Commanding General VII Corps (Italian) and the Commissioner, Sassari Province, A.C.C., relative to the replacement of two Italian soldiers now on duty with the latter, have been forwarded to this office by the Commanding General, Comando Militare della Sardegna with the request that General Pasolli be permitted to proceed with the substitution. Copies of all correspondence are inclosed herewith.

2. At the time of our informal conference of 21 May 1944 the correspondence had not reached me and some of the details had not been brought to my attention. One important point is the statement by Major Dollar in his letter of 14 May 1944 to the effect that he would assure that disciplinary action would be taken against the two soldiers concerned. Manifestly, this is quite irregular since all disciplinary matters pertaining to Italian military personnel are a responsibility of Italian officers. Reference is made to paragraph 5 (c), letter A.F.H.Q. dated 8 May 1944, file number B30/424, subject - "Employment of Italian Army units and personnel with British forces" (copy inclosed).

3. In view of the above it is requested that the two Italian soldiers concerned, Umberto Cassaghi and Ambrogio Mareiano, be released from duty with the Allied Control Commission and returned to duty with Headquarters VII Corps (Italian), Sassari. It is understood that they will be replaced by personnel appropriate to the requirements of the assignments they are at present filling.

F. L. SIMMONS 3240
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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CG, Army Sub-
Commission, A.C.C.

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TRANSLATION VJT/FTO

MILITARY HEADQUARTERS OF SARDINIA (XXIII A.C.)
Secretary's Office

No. 00689 APO 50, 29 May 1944

SUBJECT: Disciplinary Offence by Italian Soldiers Working with the Sassari Section of the Allied Control Commission.

TO : Allied Garrison of Sardinia.
(Office of Colonel Simmons).

I have read letter No. 00672 dated 24 May, same subject, addressed to your headquarters by General Boselli, temporary Commander of Commando Militare Sardegna.

I agree with the thought expressed in the above mentioned letter by General Boselli.

The retention in service of undisciplined servicemen at the Headquarters of the Allies may bring about a serious situation in regards to the structure of the Italian Army, as well as for the Allies, who are undoubtedly concerned that the Italian Armed Forces maintain correct discipline.

Therefore, I would be very grateful if the two Italian soldiers in question be returned.

They will naturally be substituted immediately with men selected for discipline and ability.

Commanding General
/t/ GIOVANNI MAGLI
/s/ MAGLI

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COPY VJT 24 May 1944

MILITARY HEADQUARTERS OF SARDINIA (XIII A.C.)
Secretary's Office

File No. 00672 APO 50, 24 May 1944

SUBJECT: Disciplinary Offence by Italian Soldiers Working with The Sassari Section of the Allied Control Commission.

TO : Allied Garrison Headquarters Sardinia. CAGLIARI

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In the afternoon of May 11, at about 1600 hours, Pvts Umberto Casaghi and Ambrogio Marciano, working with the Allied Control Commission, Sassari, purposely failed to salute me and were unable to give any explanation, when called to order.

Having been questioned as to the organization they were working with, since at the time of the above incident I did not know they were serving with the Allies, one of them answered, "Allied Control Commission," in a tone which clearly meant, "You won't get us."

I informed the Chief of Staff of my Headquarters (VII A.C.) about the matter, directing him to provide for the identification of the above soldiers; at about 1700 hours of the same day, a field officer contacted Major Dollar, British Army, Head of the Provincial Control Commission, in order to arrange for the replacing of the two above soldiers by others who might be as skilled as they but disciplined.

I followed an almost friendly and undoubtedly cordial way, in order not to make a long story, on account of my rank, of a question which I thought would quickly be settled.

Major Dollar made no objections at the time, but on the morning of May 12, shortly before noon, by a letter, copy of which I attach hereto (Inclosure No. 1), requested me kindly to desist from my intent, adding however that, if I deemed my decision to be final he would not object to granting my request.

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I answered the Major with a letter (Inclosure No. 2), which was delivered and explained personally by the Chief of Staff, VII A. C., in the morning of 13 May.

Major Dollar seemed satisfied and affirmed he would have asked his superior for proper authority; he also tried, in the presence of the Chief of Staff, to contact Brig Gen Carr by phone, but failed. (Inclosure No. 3)

On 14 May, by letter (Inclosure No. 4) he informed me that his general would not give his consent. I cannot, for obvious reasons, accept Major Dollar's and General Carr's decision.

As to the above two soldiers' offence and wish to offend there are no doubts whatever: they did not salute in open rebellion to the spirit of Army regulations, and fully convinced to be able to do so, since, they thought, their position made military intervention difficult.

Having come to this Headquarters as temporary Commander of the Military Headquarters of Sardinia, I made a fresh attempt, not to enlarge the incident, awaiting of the cordial relations between the Italian and Allied Headquarters.

I hereby renew my request that the Italian soldiers, Cassaghi and Marciano be returned and consigned to the Headquarters of the VII A.C., Sassari; whereupon I shall at once provide for their replacement.

I thank you.

The Temporary Commander
Gen Guido Boselli

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ALLEGATO N. 4/D

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SASSARI PROVINCE

14 May 1944

Dear General,

I located Brigadier Carr, my Commanding Officer, last night at Macomer, and went there to discuss the matter of the two soldiers with him.

Whilst fully appreciating your point of view but also talking into consideration:

1. The good work accomplished by these soldiers with the Allied Control Commission.

2. So far as we know this being the first offence of this kind we have had.

It was decided to give these soldiers another chance and retain them with the Allied Control Commission.

I assure you that disciplinary action will be taken against the two soldiers concerned, and that in the future, when evidence is produced of a similar offence, we will consider what further severe action can be taken.

I trust you will concur with our decision in the light of the above.

With kind regards

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ALLEGATO N. 3/b

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SASSARI PROVINCE

bcg
13 May 1944

Dear General.

Thank you so much for your letter and for the call made by your Chief of Staff.

Whilst thoroughly appreciating your views, I must obtain authorisation of my General, Brigadier Carr, under whose orders I work and also who commands all soldiers attached to this Commission.

I have tried to telephone him, but he is away, and will not return until Monday, when I will telephone him again.

And therefore, I hope by Monday in the forenoon to give you my Generals' reply.

With kind regards,

D. DOLLAR
Major
Provincial Commissioner

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File No. 04/3497 APO 112, 12 May 1944

Major,

While thanking you cordially for your letter in which you hinted at something relating to the disciplinary offence by Pvts Umberto Cassaghi and Ambrogio Marciano, working with this Commission, I wish to state as follows:

—the two above soldiers, sitting on the ground on the step at the warehouse entrance, noticed me from the moment I came out of my house and kept looking at me until I crossed the road to pass from the sidewalk to the one where they were sitting.

—they looked on and, after having looked at each other, while still sitting, turned their heads the other way so that, while I slowly passed them, almost as if they keptpace with the noise of my steps, their heads were almost completely turned.

—having been questioned and reproached, they were unable to give any explanation.

—having been asked with which organization they were working (I did not know they had been detailed with the Allied Commission), one of them answered, "Allied Control Commission", and in the tone of his voice, you could clearly feel he wanted to say, "You will never get me".

There is no doubt whatsoever that the servicemen have deliberately committed the offence of failing to salute the Army Corps Commander and that means an open rebellion to the spirit of Army Regulation; they did it with this conviction of beingable to do so, since their position made by disciplinary intervention difficult.

Major, you are a soldier and will certainly realize my position and also that this matter cannot be left unfinished.

With this conviction I thank you and assure you that the two above soldiers will be replaced by others, who, besides being fully qualified, will also excel as to discipline and military deportment.

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Please accept the expression of my consideration and my best regards.

/s/ G. Bosalli

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ALLEGATO N. 1/b

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SASSARI PROVINCE

bcg
12 May 1944

Dear General.

With reference to your staff officers call yesterday.

May I say streightway how much I regret the incident of the failure to salute you, by two Italian soldiers working here.

When your Staff Officer called on me, it was the first time I had heard of the incident, and a very quick check of the names was made and I regret I was misinformed.

The men I know well

(1) Cassagli Umberto, aged 36, 15 months service and he is our plumber.

An excellent man in every way, who seldom if ever goes out in the evening. A real hard worker and we have had a lot of difficulty with our Headquarters at Cagliari in retaining his services here, as they are continually asking for him.

(2) Marian' Ambroglo, aged 23, three and one-quarters years service. A general duty man, a very hard working boy.

Naturally if you desire it the men will be turned over to you, but may I, without in the least way try to thwart your wishes, put in a plea for their retention by us.

I will see that any punishement you desire to inflict on them is rigorously carried out, and I will also confine them to barracks.

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I may add neither men have ever seen you before and also that yesterday one of my own officers nearly failed to recognize you, since it was the first time he had seen you in khaki.

I hope you are keeping well,
With regards

G. DOLLAR.
Major.
Provincial Commissioner

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EXTRACT

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

8 May 1944

FILE NO : HSD/4121

SUBJECT : Employment of Italian Army Units and Personnel with BRITISH Forces

TO : HQ A AI (Copies 1 - 5)

Para 5 (Command and Punishment)

Sub para (c) All personnel of the ITALIAN Army will remain subject to ITALIAN Military Law which will be administered by ITALIAN Officers in accordance with the ITALIAN code.

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signed J.A.H. GAMMELL
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

AQ 1276

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TO ACC Rear for Campbell

(W) For Information (INFO)

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Originator's No. AQ 1276

CONFIDENTIAL. Your 2843 of 02 June. Subject Prisoners in civil jails. Our AQ/2 of 23 May to Minister of War with copy of Hq ACC covers situation. Members of Italian armed forces who are absent from Army for thirty days on account of being in jail are struck off the active rolls of army and therefore become a civil responsibility. Army authorised to establish Army prisons to confine prisoners not to exceed thirty days. This has been fully explained to prison officer of Region II. Army guards on civil prisons not authorized.

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Originator's No. AQ 1270

CONFIDENTIAL. Your 2843 of 02 June. Subject Prisoners in civil jails. Our AG/8 of 23 May to Minister of War with copy of Hq ACC covers situation. Members of Italian Armed ~~forces~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ forces absent from Army for thirty days on account of being in jail are struck off the active rolls of army and therefore become a civil responsibility. Army authorised to establish Army prisons to confine prisoners not to exceed thirty days. This has been fully explained to prison officer of Region II. Army guards on civil prisons not authorised.

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Information wanted. (Reference AQ 8 of 23 May.)

1. Is it quite clear to Ministry of War that custody and feeding of members of Armed Forces sentenced to over 30 days imprisonment (or detention) is a civil responsibility? YES

2. Is it quite clear to Ministry of War that custody and feeding of members of Armed Forces sentenced to 30 days or less is a military responsibility?

3. Will they confirm that no steps are being taken to maintain a form of any military organisation (such as penal battalions) for prisoners in Italy.

4. If such organisation is found to be in force who authority? (give particulars)

5. What organisation or body found to maintained (other than civil guards) for prisoners in Italy

Are any Allied guards being used in civil

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and feeding of
to 30 days or less in a military confinement

3. Will they confirm that no steps are to be taken to maintain a form any military organization (such as penal battalions) for prisoners in future.

4. If such organization is formed a brief [illegible] by whose authority? (give particulars)

5. What organizations are being formed or maintained (other than unit guard rooms) for prisoners [illegible]

6. Are any guards being used in civil prisons? If so where, how many & by whose authority?

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TO MMIA for BROWNING

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
ACC REAR from CAMPBELL	2843	—	—

CONFIDENTIAL	Appreciate	470	Military	Prisoners	on BARI
jails causing	anticipating	Hut	authorities		face
outbreak of	Encl one	Coe Finding	DISPER BARI Les	Army Guards	offered
accommodation at	TUTURANO Camp	Area Motion.	Public Safety	Officers	Region II
Necessary.	If you agree	transfer	give every	assistance	by unit
can					
concentrate	your HQ. and				

This message may be sent As Written by any means (except) (.....) Wireless

Signature.....

Originator may delete "except" and insert "only".

This message must be sent In Cipher if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands

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Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority 3230

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

action as prisoners of war instructed

is necessary for transfer from BARI jails to Italian Civil Police. The immediate removal of TUTURANO Safety Officers will be effected immediately.

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

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 25/2

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FROM (A) MJCS — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. 021245B

For Action.

MEYT

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR 100

Originator's No.

Ref nr two eight four three classify confidential approximately four seven zero military prisoners in BARI fails causing such overcrowding that authorities fear outbreak of small pox fol COL FINCLAY Director BARI Has offered accommodation at TUTURANO CAMP where italian army guards will be necessary fol if you agree transfer Public safety officer region two can contact your HQ and give every assistance if such action as is necessary for the immediate removal of prisoners 3228 from BARI fails to TUTURANO fol to MIDIA for BROWNING

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from BARI fmiso to TUTORANO fm to MDIA for BROWNING
from ACC REAR from CAMP BELL SIGNED MACFARLANE fm
Please say if you agree then public safety officer will
be instructed visit your HQ immediately

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Appx "A"

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TRANSLATION

S M/R E to ARMY Sub Commission 31 May 44

Subject: Behaviour of Italian tps

Following the request made on your behalf by Maj Baumann, I am sending a copy of the confidential cicular sent out by the Gen Staff on 27 Mar ref 95.

For a proper understanding of this circular I am attaching the following:

- figures relating to assaults suffered by Italian tps at the hands of Allied tps (appx 1)
- a table showing the crimes committed by Allied tps towards civilians after 1 Feb, for the region of CAMPANIA alone (appx 2)

I wish to state, also, that, as is known, Italian tps NOT on duty, but out on pass, are NOT armed.

I am sure that this circular will meet with full understanding on the part of the A.C.C., judged by international standards of legitimate self-defence, by the prestige of the uniform of co-belligerent armies, as well as by the need to maintain as high as possible the morale and spirit of Italian tps.

Signed BERARDI

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Travel Letters
Veterans

TRANSLATION

27 Mar 44

Chief of Gen Staff to all Corps comds
Area HQs
Reorg Camp

Cases are being reported to me with a certain frequency of assaults by Allied tps, more often than not in a state of drunkenness, at the expense of our tps, who have been ill-treated and have recd wounds, which at times have been quite serious.

It is desirable that our soldiers avoid any occasion which might lead to an incident of this kind.

If, however, they should unavoidably find themselves in situations in which attacks might be expected (at night, in the neighbourhood of billets or camps of Allied units, or casual meetings with gps of soldiers under the influence of wine)they should proceed with the necessary caution, watchful and alert, and ready to make use of arms if necessary. There must be no provocation; but if they are faced with acts of violence or abuse they should react for their legitimate def with firmness and decision, and ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ see to it that they are not overpowered.

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The above should be brought to the notice of the tps - with proper discretion - so that all may know what the bearing of an Italian should be under such circumstances.

Riservata Personale

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE

AU 02/6

P.M.151 li 31 maggio 1944

N. 106/R.P. prot. Risposta al foglio N.

Allegati 3 del

OGGETTO: contegno militari italiani.-
Behaviour of Italian Military

ALTA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.

= L E Q U I L E =

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In seguito alla richiesta fatta a nome di codesta A.C.C. dal maggiore Baumer, trasmetto copia della circolare di questo S.M. n° 95/riservata personale in data 27 marzo c.a..

Per l'esatta comprensione di essa, ritengo opportuno enettere :

- una statistica delle aggressioni subite da militari italiani da parte di militari alleati (allegato 1);
- una statistica dell'attività delittuosa verso civili da parte di militari alleati dal 1° febbraio 1944, per il solo territorio della Campania (allegato 2).

Metto poi in evidenza che, come è noto, i militari italiani non di servizio, ma in libera uscita, sono tutti disarmati.

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Sono sicuro che la circolare di cui trattasi troverà la maggiore comprensione da parte di codesta A.C.C. nei concetti internazionali della legittima difesa, del prestigio delle uniformi delle forze armate cobelligeranti, nonchè nella necessità di mantenere alto il morale e lo spirito delle truppe italiane.-

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
-P.Berardi-

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COPIA

RISERVATA PERSONALE

STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
-Ufficio Segreteria e Personale-

Nr.95/Ris.Pers.SP di prot. P.M.151, 27 marzo 1944

OGGETTO : contegno dei militari italiani in caso di incidenti con militari alleati.-

A S.E. IL COMANDANTE DELLE FF.AA.DELLA CAMPANIA P.M. 120
A S.E. IL COMANDANTE MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA P.M. 50
A S.E. IL COMANDANTE MILITARE DELLA SICILIA P.M. 129
A S.E. IL COMANDANTE DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA P.M. 67
A S.E. IL COMANDANTE DEL XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA P.M. 114
A S.E. IL COMANDANTE DEL LI CORPO D'ARMATA P.M. 410
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E' opportuno che i nostri soldati evitino ogni occasione 3224
possa dar luogo ad incidenti del genere.

Qualora peraltro essi venissero inevitabilmente a trovarsi in circostanze nelle quali siano prevedibili aggressioni (notte, vicinanze di alloggiamenti o di accampamenti di reparti alleati, incontri casuali con gruppi di militari avvinazzati) procedano con la dovuta cautela, scaltri e guardinghi, pronti a far uso delle armi se necessario.Nessuna provocazione; ma ove fossero fatti segno ad atti di prepotenze ad e soprusi reagiscano per l'ottima

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Quanto sopra sia portato a conoscenza delle truppe - con le dovute forme - in modo che tutti sappiano quale deve essere il contegno del Soldato italiano in simili circostanze.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
F/to F.Berardi

F. C. C.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
-Roberto Triglia-

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Allegato n° 1 al foglio n° 106 R.P. SP
in data 31.5.1944 dello S.M.R.E..

STATISTICA DELLE AGGRESSIONI SUBITE DA NOSTRI MILITARI
DA PARTE DI APPARTENENTI DELLE FF.AA. ALLEATE NEL PERIODO
10 GENNAIO 1944 - 30 MAGGIO 1944.

Figures relating to assaults on our ths by members of Allied forces between 1 Jan - 30 May 44

FORZE ARMATE CAMPANIA

Aggressioni patite	Assaults	n°	31
Morti	Dead	"	4
Feriti	Wounded	"	21

IX CORPO D'ARMATA

Aggressioni patite	Assaults	"	33
Morti	Dead	"	2
Feriti	Wounded	"	28

XXI CORPO D'ARMATA

Aggressioni patite	Assaults	"	2
Morti	Dead		—
Feriti	Wounded		—

XXII CORPO D'ARMATA

Aggressioni patite	Assaults	"	1
Morti	Dead		—
Feriti	Wounded	"	1

LI CORPO D'ARMATA

Aggressioni patite	Assaults	"	2
Morti	Dead		—
Feriti	Wounded	"	6

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TOTALE AGGRESSIONI PATITE	Total assaults	IT.	69
TOTALE MORTI	" dead	"	6
TOTALE FERITI	" wounded	"	56

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Aggressioni patite	Assaults	"	2
Morti	Dead		-
Feriti	Wounded		-

XIII CORPO D'ARMATA

Aggressioni patite	Assaults	"	1
Morti	Dead		-
Feriti	Wounded	"	1

LI CORPO D'ARMATA

Aggressioni patite	Assaults	"	2
Morti	Dead		-
Feriti	Wounded	"	6

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TOTALE AGGRESSIONI PATITE	Total assaults	NR.	69	
TOTALE MORTI	" dead	"	5	
TOTALE FERITI	" wounded	"	56	
AGGRESSIONI SUBITE DA UFFICIALI	assaults on offrs	"	9	sul totale di cui sopra.
UFFICIALI MORTI	offrs killed		-	
UFFICIALI FERITI	offrs wounded	"	4	

Esclusi gravi incidenti saltuari con civili ; tutti i numerosi investimenti automobilistici con notevole numero di morti; violenze e soprusi specie da parte di marocchini.

From above are excl assaults on civilians; the numerous motor accidents with large number of dead, cases of violence of gen character, especially on the part of moroccans.

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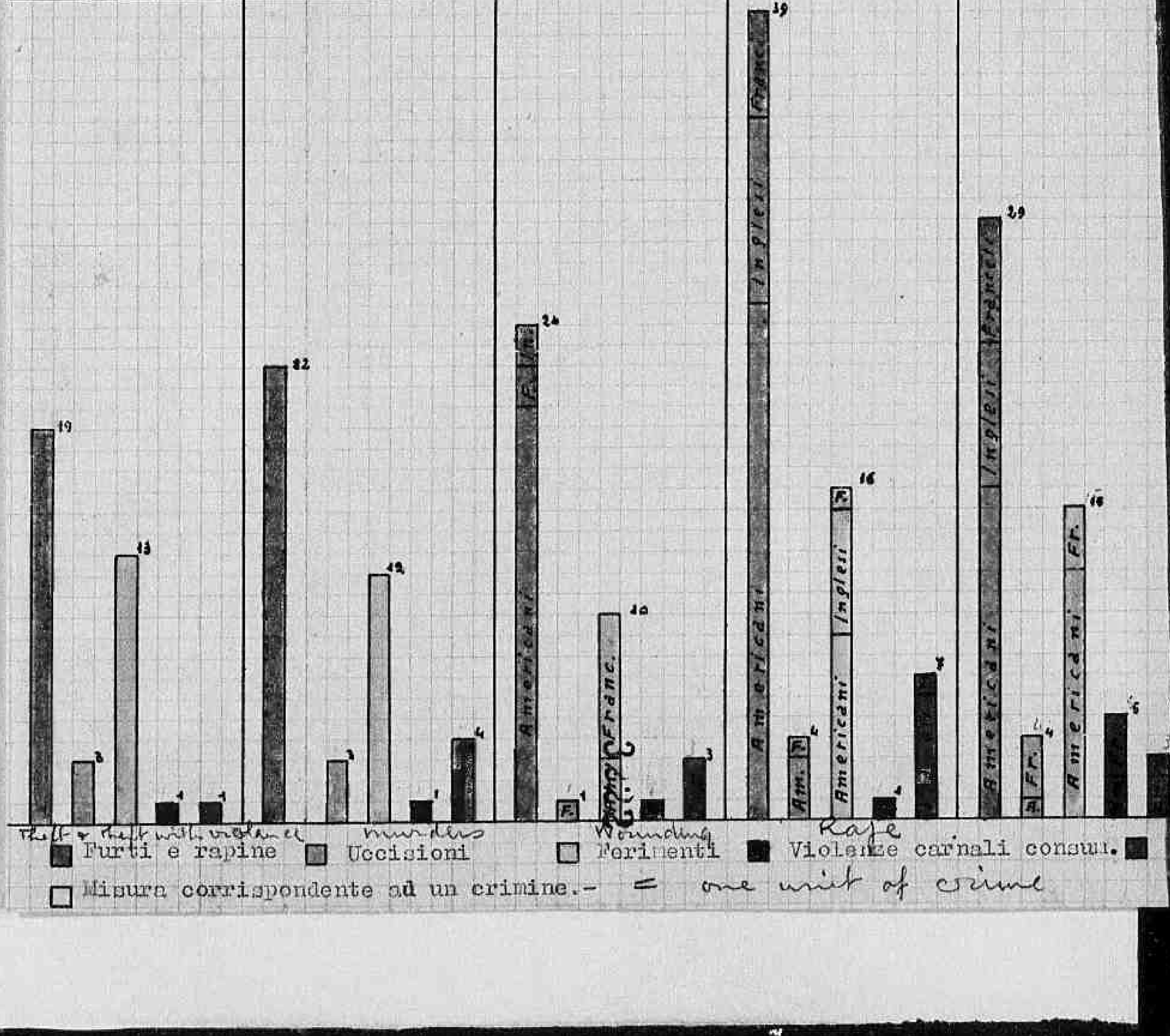
Allegato n°2 al foglio n° 106 /RR SP

QUADRO STATISTICA QUINDICINALE indicante i crimini commessi dalle Truppe
Table to show crimes committed by Allied Forces towards C
1°/2 al 15/5/44 nel solo territorio di giurisdizione del Comando Forze Armate C

dal 1° al 15 febbraio 1944	dal 16/2 al 29/2/944	dal 29/2/ al 15/3/1944	dal 16/3 al 31/3/1944	dal 31/3/ al 16/4/1944



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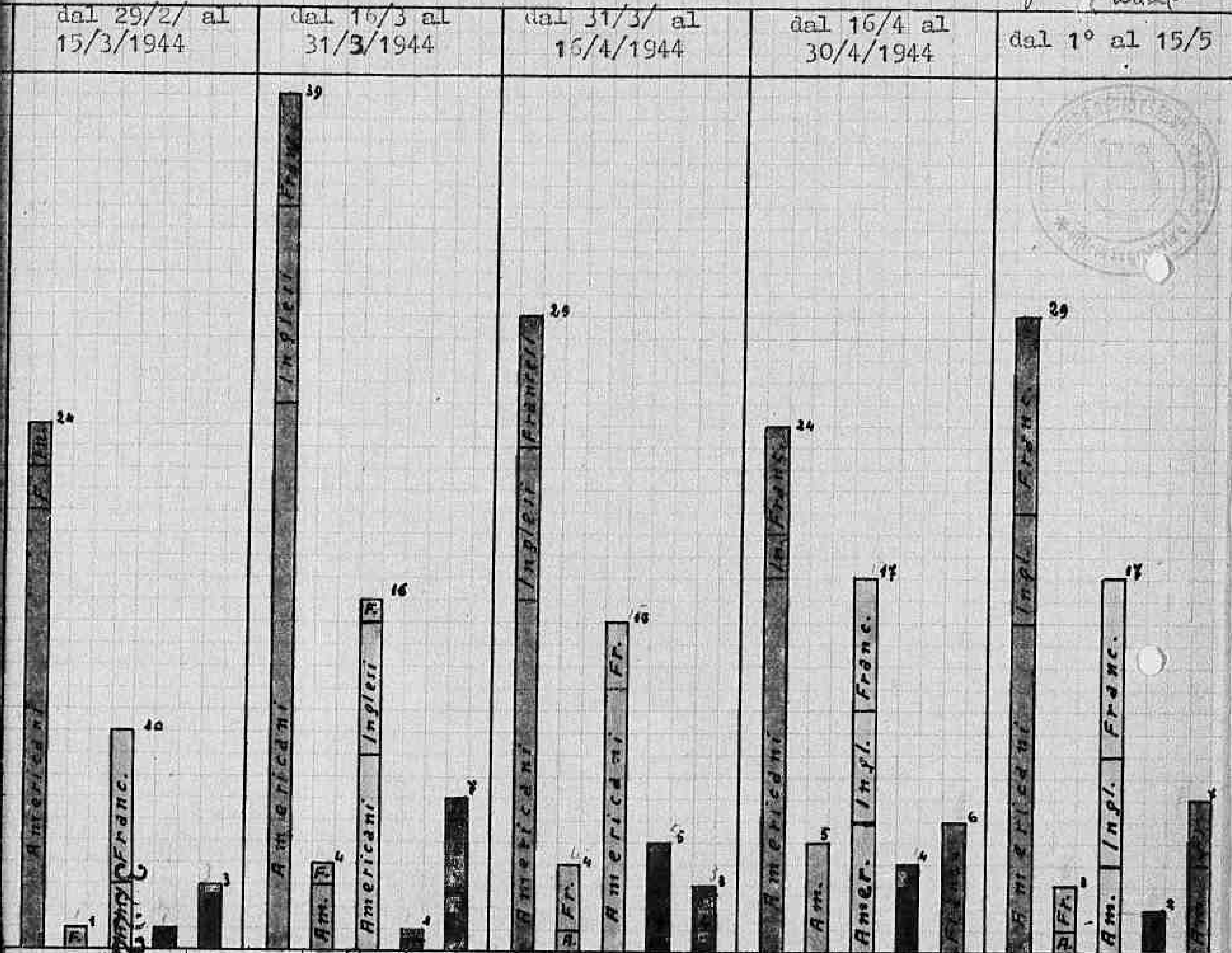
Allegato n°2 al foglio n° 106 /RP SP in data 31.5.44 dello S.M.R.E.

...CINALE indicante i crimini commessi dalle Truppe Alleate verso civili dal
crimes committed by Allied tps towards civilians from 1 Feb - 15 May 44
...orio di giurisdizione del Comando Forze Armate Campania.- in area of FFHA Campania alone



Wounding / Rape / Attempted rape

☐ Ferimenti ■ Violenze carnali consum. ■ Violenze carnali tentate

...imine.- = one unit of crime

CENNI SULLE AGGRESSIONI PIU' GRAVI SUBITE DA MILITARI ITALIANI DAL 10 GENNAIO 1944 AL 30 MAGGIO 1944 :

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NAPOLI - 20 gennaio : Tre militari americani penetrano nei locali del comando deposito "Lanciari Isotta"; insultano e sputano in faccia a due sottufficiali. Interviene il comandante del deposito ten.colonnello s.p.e. ARCIDIACONO, il quale viene schiaffeggiato da uno dei militari alleati.

S.MARIA AL FAUNO(FOGGIA)

10 gennaio : Il s.tenente CARESE Marco, recatosi a trovare la fidanzata nel villaggio di S.Maria, è fermato da una sentinella inglese che, con l'aiuto di due compagni, tentano strappargli la pistola. Interviene il sergente comandante la guardia inglese che lo invita a seguirlo nel corpo di guardia. Qui l'ufficiale viene colpito con diversi pugni e cade tramortito. Ripresi i sensi viene spinto con urti e calci in un vicino cortile ove viene nuovamente percosso selvaggiamente. Dopo è obbligato ad attraversare la piazza accompagnato da una sentinella con baionetta innestata e rinchiuso in una stanza. Viene liberato dall'intervento di un maresciallo della M.P..

FOGGIA - 26 marzo : Il maggiore CORTESE Michele, rincasando col suo attendente, viene aggredito senza motivo da tre militari inglesi e colpito con pugni e percosse.

SALERNO - 15 aprile : Il militare BONO Battista, mentre entra al cinematografo "Odeon" viene pugnalato alle spalle da un soldato alleato. Ricoverato con prognosi riservata.

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TARANTO - 2 aprile : Geniere RICCI Guido, intervenuto in difesa di un ragazzo maltrattato da un militare sud-africano, viene, senza alcuna preventiva colluttazione, freddato da un colpo di fucile.

NAPOLI - 25 aprile : Carabinieri MASTRILLI Euclide e DORINI Silvio, in servizio di pattuglia, sono fatti segno a colpi di fucile automatico alle spalle, senza alcuna provocazione. Il MASTRILLI decede ed al DORINI viene amputata la gamba destra.

PETACCIATO(CAMPOBASSO)
28 gennaio : Tre militari ubriachi tentano entrare nell'abitazione della signorina FALCONE Ersilia allo scopo di violentarla. Interviene il sergente CANTELLI Mario per far desistere i militari dal loro intento : viene percosso brutalmente e schiaffeggiato e gli viene asportato il fucile.-

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ARMY SUB COMMISSION

1796

31 May 1944

Subject : Loss by pilferage of Italian clothing and supplies between Naples port and Depot.

To : Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section APO 782, U.S. Army.

1. During the discharge of the S/S Nina Villa and Jean Crawford on May 22/29, 2353 bales of comforters were actually dispatched from the docks, but only 2157 were actually received at the Italian clothing depot. A loss of 96 bales.

2. This discrepancy can be directly traced to organized and determined pilferage outside the docks. The Italian driver himself can go ten lorry on which 90 bales had been dispatched and only 30 were received, a loss of nearly 25% in this instance.

3. All these lorries were unescorted. Previous to this a few carbinets and Carbis di Fiamma have been available, but not in sufficient quantities. These have apparently now been withdrawn for other duties.

4. As the Italian Army only give receipts for these goods on Depot Receipt figures, it would appear that the safe conduct of these lorries is an Allied responsibility.

5. Further quantities of both clothing and foodstuffs are expected to arrive at this port in the near future.

W.P.
Lt. Col.
Army Sub Commission

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TRANSLATION

From: Min. of War - Cabinet Ref. 2560/C

To: M.M.I.A. File A9/12 Date 27 May 44.

Subject: Detention Barracks at MONTESARCHIO

In order to have at disposal a proper detention barracks for the soldiers on detention, instruction were issued to carry out repairs to the MONTESARCHIO (BENEVENTO) Barracks.

Once the scheme for the repairs was prepared, those could not be started immediately, part of the barracks having been occupied by the Allied Hqrs. for the detention of Canadians & Indians.

We have been now informed that since a few days the remainder of the barracks were also requisitioned & occupied by the Allied HQ.

As No other adequate premises ~~being~~ exist on the Lib. liberated Territory and considering the urgent necessity of disposing of such Det. Barracks for the Army, We would kindly ask you to obtain from the Allied HQ concerned the return of the whole barracks or at least of the premises lately occupied.

Gen. ALIBERTI

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO
Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

N. di prot. 2560/c P.M.107 li 27 maggio 1944

OGGETTO: Reclusorio militare di MONTESARCHIO.
Military Prison of MONTESARCHIO

Alla ARMY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.C. - Main HQ (MMIA) - LEQUILE

e, per conoscenza:

Al G A B I N E T T O SEDE
(rif.f° 7835/I del 25.5.1944)

Allo scopo di poter disporre di un adatto reclusorio per i militari in espiazione di pena, erano stati ordinati alcuni lavori di restauro al reclusorio di Montesarchio (Benevento).

Ultimato lo studio per la sistemazione dell'edificio ed appaltati i lavori non fu possibile dare subito inizio ad essi, perchè parte del reclusorio era stato occupato dal Comando Alleato per la detenzione dei militari canadesi ed indiani.

E' stato, ora, segnalato che lo stesso Comando Alleato ha, da alcuni giorni, requisiti ed occupati anche i rimanenti locali del reclusorio.

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GENERALE ALIBERTI

Aliberti

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Subject: Camp Confit - Bn. Inf.

Army Sub Command, AGO
Fmdn 181 (SWPA)
APO [illegible] (LNCOM)
AG/6
25 May 44.

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Brig Gen
Army Sub Comd, AGO

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Distribution:- Lt Col H B FINCH, HQ
Camp Comdt
Capt E F CONANT
Circulator copy to all officers
See Diary (2).

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File for future reference 18/6.

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Major	Hubbard	
Major	Hall	
Major	Archdale	
Major	Van Kirk	
Major	Cole	
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Major	Tommy Rose	
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Capt	Fox	
Capt	Craig	
Capt	Selby	
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Subject:- Camp Comdt - H.M.I.A.

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
[illegible] (LMCOS)
A4/6
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Maj Gen
Army Sub Comn, ACC

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TRANSLATION.

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War Ministry Circular No 7600/I dated May 20th. 1944.

Subject: Instruction on discipline and training in present times.

Recently some military belonging to a labour unit employed in forward areas refused to carry on with their duties when they came under enemy fire alleging that they had been told they would only be employed in base areas. H.E. the General Chief of Staff asked all Commanding Officers to take every action against such a base mentality.

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The Chief of Staff on the other hand, bearing in mind the disappointment and unrest which was noticeable even in the ranks, owing to the slow settling down of war and political events, urgently [illegible] in order to

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It is evident that in this enthusiasm for the reconstructive programme, Military Chiefs, leading the spiritual and professional preparation of officers and men with a steady hand, have adapted action of command and educational methods to present needs and to the reactions of the atmosphere in which their work takes place.

But I maintain that we have arrived

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at a point in our military preparation where it is necessary to make clear even to the officers that the supreme interests of the Nation do not allow for doubts or expectations as regards the clearly defined path to be followed.

After the collapse and disbanding that followed it as a consequence of the events of Oct. 8th. we have endeavoured by means of persuasion and ~~by creating an instrument~~ a paternal interest, to awaken in all a sense of duty.

Nevertheless, today, the first National Government having been formed, representing all parties but with only one item in its programme, that of chasing the enemy out of the sacred soil of the Nation, we can and must consider this phase, which we may call temporary, as definitely closed.

The truth is this.

In Central and Northern Italy our brothers suffering the most heartless persecution are waiting for us to liberate them.

In liberated Italy we have entered a

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In liberated Italy we have entered a definite period of National revival. They are already very definite symptoms noticeable everywhere of a deep spirit of renovation and a firm will for victory. If this will the Army is the supreme exponent and, at the same time, the providential instrument.

But precisely because the whole hopes hopefully upon the army we must unwaveringly sever those dried branches which have escaped the general weeding; we must strike without pity at that handful of civics who put

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age, category or employment while two thirds of the Italian people suffer persecution, pain, suffering.

To be indulgent with such would be a profanation of the pure memory of those of our brothers in arms who at the moment of the revival of the Nation offered their lives in supreme sacrifice; the sacred memory of those fine men who chose the firing squad rather than slavery of thought.

To be indulgent with such would sound like an insult towards the deeds of courage carried out by our troops fighting side by side with our Allies and thus winning their admiration.

A fierce discipline must equalize all those who are called upon, in one way a another, to play their part in the massive effort of the Nation. 3213

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This discipline will be achieved by C.O's with an enthusiastic and tenacious educational action but where necessary ~~and~~ an immediate disciplinary and repressive action will be taken against those who remain unresponsive to the call of the Nation.

He Who cannot obtain this discipline cannot continue to hold a command.

I wish this circular to be explained by all Corps Commanders to their officers.

Army Corps Commanders will ensure

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that these telegrafic orders are carried out.

The Minister
TADDEO ORLANDO.

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Uffici Collegamento
Alleati

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

RSVAGL

N. di prot. 7600/I
7-3-11

Lecce, 20 maggio 1944.

OGGETTO: ***Indirizzo disciplinare ed addestrativo nell'attuale momento.***

Al Comando Forze Armate della Campania	*Napoli*
Al Comando Militare della Sardegna	*P. M. 50*
Al Comando VII Corpo d'Armata	*P. M. 112*
Al Comando IX Corpo d'Armata	*P. M. 67*
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Al Comando XXXI Corpo d'Armata	*P. M. 114*
Al Comando LI Corpo d'Armata	*P. M. 410*
Al Comando Campi di Riordinamento	*P. M. 107*
Al Comando Arma CC. RR. dell'Italia Liberata	*P. M. 151/A*
Al Comando R. Guardia di Finanza per l'Italia Liberata	*Salerno*
Alla Commissione Scioglimento Milizia	*Bari*

e, per conoscenza:

A S. E. il Primo Aiutante di Campo Generale di S. M. il Re d'Italia	*P. M. 151/A*
A S. E. il Primo Aiutante di Campo Generale di S. A. R. il Principe di Piemonte	*Napoli*
A S. E. il Primo Aiutante di Campo di S. A. R. il Duca D'Aosta	*Taranto*
Al Comando Supremo	*P. M. 135*
Allo Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito	*P. M. 151*
All'Ispettorato Generale dell'Esercito	*P. M. 151/A*
All'Ufficio di S. E. il Generale d'Armata Alessandro Pirzio-Biroli	*Lecce*
All'Ufficio del Commissario Straordinario dell'U.N.U.C.I.	*Lecce*
All'Ufficio di S. E. il Generale D. d'Armata Pietro Gazzera	*Cava dei T.*
All'Ufficio di S. E. il Generale designato d'Armata Mario Arisio	*Monteroni*
Alla Sezione di Tribunale Supremo Militare	
Uffici Presidenza	*Ostuni*

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Alla Sezione di Tribunale Supremo Militare — R. Procura Generale	*Ostuni*
Alla Commissione per l' interrogatorio Prigionieri Guerra	*Maglie*
All'Ispettorato dell'Arma di Artiglieria	*P. M. 151*
All'Ispettorato dell'Arma del Genio	*Sede*
All'Ufficio A.P.C. (presso Comando FF. AA. Campania)	*P. M. 120*
Alle Direzioni Generali e Uffici Autonomi del Ministero	*Sede*
All'Ufficio Stralcio Contabilità Revisione 7ª Armata	*P. M. 107*

Recentemente, prendendo lo spunto dalle giustificazioni di alcuni militari di un reparto impiegato in servizio di manovalanza sulle linee avanzate che, colpito dal tiro nemico, si era rifiutato di proseguire nel compito perchè asseriva avere avuto assicurazione che sarebbe stato impiegato solo in servizio di retrovia, S. E. il Capo di S. M. Generale invitava i comandanti a reagire con ogni mezzo contro questa deleteria mentalità.

Il Maresciallo Messe ha voluto mettere in evidenza come nella gravità dell'ora che volge, sarebbe delittuoso tollerare crisi di coscienza o qualsiasi discriminazione.

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Il Capo di Stato Maggiore Generale concludeva con un nobile, vigoroso incitamento a combattere come un sol blocco contro l'odiato nemico, fino a scacciarlo dall'ultimo lembo del sacro Suolo Patrio.

Da parte sua il Capo di Stato Maggiore del R. Esercito in vista dello stato di delusione e d' irrequietezza diffusosi un po' ovunque e però anche nelle stesse file dell' Esercito, per il lento maturare degli eventi bellici e politici, consigliava opportunamente di allentare la tensione di lavoro, ed esortava a gradualmente restituire all' inferiore la fiducia necessaria à fargli sentire lo stimolo e, al tempo stesso, l'orgoglio dell' iniziativa personale.

Evidentemente i Capi militari nella loro appassionata opera di ricostruzione, guidando con pugno sicuro la preparazione spirituale e professionale dei quadri e delle truppe, adattano l'azione di comando ed i metodi educativi alle realistiche necessità ed alle reazioni degli ambienti in cui l'opera loro si sviluppa.

Ma io ritengo che noi ci troviamo ad una svolta nella nostra preparazione militare che impone anche chiarire ai quadri come i supremi interessi del Paese non consentono riserve od indeterminatezze sulla chiara via da seguire.

Dopo il collasso e lo sbandamento seguiti agli eventi dell' 8 settembre noi abbiamo cercato attraverso l'opera di persuasione e di interessamento paterno di risvegliare in tutti la voce del dovere.

Senonchè oggi, coll'avvenuta costituzione del primo Governo Nazionale, esponente di tutti i partiti e che ha solennemente affermato come scopo e dovere di ognuno sia quello di cacciare il tedesco dal sacro suolo della Patria, noi possiamo e dobbiamo considerare definitivamente chiusa questa fase che chiameremo transitoria.

La realtà è questa.

Dall' Italia centrale e settentrionale i nostri fratelli esposti alla più spietata persecuzione attendono da noi l'ora della liberazione.

Nell' Italia liberata siamo entrati ormai in un periodo risolutivo della rinascita Nazionale. Si avvertono ovunque segni non dubbi di un vasto e profondo fermento rinnovatore e di una decisa volontà di vittoria. Di questa volontà l'esercito è l'esponente supremo e, al tempo stesso, lo strumento provvidenziale.

Ma proprio perchè tutto il paese appunta fiducioso lo sguardo ad esso, dobbiamo senza indugio recidere quei rami secchi che sono sfuggiti alla bonifica generale; dobbiamo colpire senza pietà quel pugno di cinici che sollevano discriminanti di età, di categoria, di funzioni quando due terzi del popolo italiano vive nella persecuzione tra le sofferenze e nel dolore.

Indulgere verso costoro sarebbe profanare la memoria purissima di quei prodi nostri compagni d'arme, che alla rinascita della Patria hanno offerto in olocausto la loro vita; di quegli uomini liberi, che alla schiavitù di pensiero hanno preferito il plotone di esecuzione.

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Senonchè oggi, con avvenuta costituzione del primo Governo [illegible]

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Una fiera disciplina deve accomunare quanti sono chiamati a contribuire, in un modo o nell'altro, allo sforzo bellico del Paese.

Questa disciplina i comandanti debbono ottenere con appassionata e tenace azione educativa ma anche con una immediata azione repressiva verso quegli elementi che si mostrano insensibili al supremo appello della Patria.

Chi questa disciplina non sa ottenere non può restare ai posti di comando.

Desidero che questa mia circolare sia commentata dai Comandanti di corpo a tutti gli ufficiali dipendenti.

I Comandanti di C. A. si assicurino della precisa esecuzione di questo mio tassativo ordine.

IL MINISTRO
TADDEO ORLANDO

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SUBJECT:- Italian Military Guard

HQ 52 Area CMF
G 25

12 May 44

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Ref this HQ letter G 25 dated 6 May 44. Copy of letter prot/1829 dated 11 May 44 from 1/120 Inf Regt is forwarded for your information.

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W.L. Daniel major
Brigadier
Commander

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SUBJECT:- Guards

prot/1829

GENERAL STAFF,
HQ 52 Area

Reference your letter G 25 of the 6/5/44.

1. Prv. ZITO Alessandro has been punished with 15 days hard prison and 30 of light prison.
2. The duty platoon has been changed.
3. The troops have been severely warned that these incidents must be avoided.
4. An inspecting offr has been appointed in addition to the guard c.o. living on place.

(SGD) F. BERNINI,
Major Commander

Taranto 11/5/44.

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SUBJECT: Att papers concerning CIVILIAN Internees.

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

To: HQ. A.C.C.

Att papers are forwarded as a matter NOT pertaining to Army Sub Commission.

for Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

tvs.FJB.

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Subject:- Discipline - CAPUA Depot.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MMIA)
LEQUILE. (LECCE)
AQ/6
10 May 44.

Ministry of War.
Stato Maggiore R Esercito.

The following order has been published in AAI. Routine Orders Serial No.9 Dated 5 May 44.

"93. Italian Ordnance Depot Capua.

I. The Italian Ordnance Depot at Capua is out of bounds to all ranks.

2. Disciplinary action will be taken against any officer or OR attempting to carry out unauthorised requisitions at the above depot. "

for F.S. Noad
Major General.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Copy to:- MMIA. ORD.

FORGOTTEN ABOUT No. 10

TRANSLATION

Ref. 2124/C.

From Min. of War - Cabinet...

File AG 16

Date 9 MAY 44

To: M.M.I.A.

Subject. Request that the purchase of foodstuff by Allied Soldiers be forbidden.

We have been informed that the reduction of foodstuffs available in the country is also due to a certain extent to the fact that allied soldiers in spite of the orders issued continue purchasing foodstuff from the public shops but from civilians.

The purchases in the public shops being under possible control, the soldiers usually purchase the items from the country using sometimes the effect produced by the sight of arms, ~~used~~ to frighten old peasants, women or children.

One amongst the last cases is the one which took place at the farm of ISOLDI Vincenzo (contrada MARTOLANA) where an American NCO accompanied ~~with~~ by a few men and with their trucks bearing No. C.A 32910 tried to purchase ~~cattle~~ sheep. The farmer's wife who was alone with his son, a boy of 12, having refused to sell was challenged by the NCO with pistol in hand who having taken one of the sheep left the place together with his mates and ~~driving~~ drove towards SALERNO.

When the stores are sold with the consent of the owners, 3609 the prices which are charged are those of the black market. This result with a decrease of items available and at the same time with an increase of prices, the allied soldiers are ready to pay a higher price and the sellers to take advantage of it.

In order to limitate such a serious ~~encouragement~~ nuisance which Coincides with the present foodstuff and economical crisis, we would highly appreciate if you could approach the Allied H Qrs in order to obtain

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In order to limitate such a serious ~~encouragement~~ nuisance which coincides ~~coupe~~ with the present foodstuff and economical crisis, we would highly appreciate if you could approach the Allied HQrs in order to obtain a reinforcement of the orders forbidding the purchase of foodstuff from the civilian population.

Gen. ALIBERTI

Sept. 15/15 9th

No action, unofficial.

Instructed to take action. Message to stand OK!

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

N. di prot. 2124/c.

P.M. 107, li 9 maggio 1944

OGGETTO: Divieto per gli Alleati di acquistare generi alimentari.
Forbidding of Allies to buy foodstuffs.

Alla ARMY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.C. - Main HQ (MMIA) - LECCE

e, per conoscenza:

Al Gabinetto SEDE

E' stato segnalato che al depauperamento delle risorse alimentari, concorre l'inosservanza, da parte di militari alleati, del divieto loro fatto di acquistare generi e derrate sia negli esercizi pubblici, sia presso privati.

Più che negli esercizi pubblici, facilmente soggetti a controllo, gli acquisti si verificano nelle campagne, ove talvolta assumono forme di vera e propria incetta, non escludendo casi di atti di imperio e di minacce a mano armata contro contadini inermi o contro donne e bambini.

Uno dei casi più recenti si è verificato nella masseria di un certo ISOLDI Vincenzo in contrada "Martolana" dove si presentarono un sottufficiale con alcuni militari americani, con l'autocarro C 432910, allo scopo di far acquisto di ovini. La moglie dell'agricoltore, che trovavasi sola col figlio dodicenne, si rifiutava di aderire alla richiesta; ma il sottufficiale, minacciando la donna ed il bambino con la pistola, si impossessava di un montone e si allontanava con gli altri militari, dirigendosi alla volta di Salerno.

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Quando invece i generi alimentari vengono ceduti col consenso dei proprietari e regolarmente pagati a prezzo, naturalmente, di mercato nero, all'inconveniente della sottrazione di tali generi dal mercato normale si ag-

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Allo scopo di limitare questo grave inconveniente che concorre all'attuale crisi alimentare ed economica, si sarà grati a codesta Sottocommissione se vorrà intervenire presso i competenti Comandi ed Organi militari alleati al fine di rinnovare alle truppe il divieto per essi vigente di acquistare generi alimentari dalla popolazione civile.-

GENERALE ALIBERTI

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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QS412

9 May 1944

SUBJECT: Military Italian prisoners in civil jails.

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

A meeting was held at Rear HQ. A.C.C. on the 5th of May. Representatives of the various interested Sub-Commissions were present also the Executive Commissioner and Lt. Col. PHILIPP from Army HQ. At this meeting Army Sub-Commission were asked to assist in this matter by

> "taking steps with Italian Government to remove Italian military prisoners from civilian jails and prisons and place them in camps. (Prison or penal battalions)".

In April the Deputy Chief of General Staff, Comando Supremo informed me that orders were being issued to free civil jails from Italian military prisoners. The Ministry of War at an interview at A.C.C. Rear HQ. on the 5th stated that the Italian Army were forming 2 penal Bns. of which would go a long way towards removing the congestion. In view of the urgency of this matter he was submitting proposals in the near future. It would be appreciated if any necessary acceleration could be carried out and this office informed of the result so that HQ. A.C.C. can be informed.

In February last the Italian Government applied to use the TRIMITI Islands as a camp for military prisoners. This was not acceded to by Army HQ. who suggested that another location should be found. It was understood that as the LIPARI Islands had been used in the past for military prisoners the question of the location of a camp there would be investigated. On the 27th of April Gen. ROSSI in a letter to this office stated that the "Ministry of Navy has for some time been interested fully in reconsidering the possibility of meeting the use of those penal institutions". This appears to be as far as the matter has progressed.

I attach some data regarding the prisoners situation which was produced by Col. YOUNG at the above meeting. This for information.

T. W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

12/5 GP (K)

Encl. as above.

QS/mms

Col KERR. I will take QS up with the Comd's letter etc on the budget. A/Q (11)

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PRISONS

	ACC Territory	AMG Territory	Totals
Number of Prisons (Penal & Judicial)	60	15	75
Maximum Accommodation	14804	2666	17470
Present population	15940	4093	20233
Extent of overcrowding	1036	1427	2463
Italian military prisoners (included above)	1720	64	1784

Data re Prison Statistics

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PRISONS REQUISITIONED

In ACC Territory

Region	Location	Capacity	Remarks
1	Augusta	400	Occupied by R.N. Needs complete refitting and repair.
1	Aciraale	125	Occupied by British Army.
2	Taranto	85	Occupied by British & Poles.
	Total	610	

In AMG Territory

3	Benevento	50	Requisitioned
3	Poggioreale	400	20th Courts-martial & Holding Centre.
3	S. Efraeo	200	P.P.C.
3	S.Maria & Capua Vetere	50	American M.P.
3	Pesticci	100	British Detention Camp
3	Nisida	350	British
5	San Severo	100	unknown.
	Total	1250	
Total ACC & AMG Territories		1860	

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DAMAGED AND UNUSABLE PRISONS

Region	Location	Possible Capacity [illegible]
1	Caltanissetta	126
7	Palma	215
1	Favignana (150 places damaged, prison closed as unsanitary)	550
9	Naples	100
1	Colombaia (Repairs in progress to make 300 places available by 1st of June and remainder in 4 months)	700
		1691

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ACTION SLIP.

This Slip will not be removed.

To:

Maj Fleming.	We cannot trace the relevant signal or details in our Files. 2 views of the slip attached, could you, please, make reply to GCHQ Lt. 12/5
Capt Bird	As trace proves Queen in Signals Office to passed back to you. Lt. 14/5
G(SD)	Can you throw any light on this please? None of the signals seen available now.
Capt Bird	No - I have no idea what it is all about, nor can the relevant file be traced. 14/5 3/5/43
	or file copy S/Q644. If it is your intention not to do, instead of passing a lot of buck including an improperly signed slit by some S/Sqn. GT 14/5
	MPA/Q.

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Sir
This matter has been investigated by Sig? and a state that all correspondence referring to the matter has been destroyed. Major Fleming suggests that somebody is "flogging a dead Horse"

HFS
9/Sept

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
.....

HQ/6
QS392

T376
G/II/1

G. 11/5

8 May 1944

SUBJECT: Your Q644 dated 25th Feb. addressed ACMF concerning Directive on Discipline for Italian Troops in Allied Employment etc.

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

Short history of the communications is as follows:-
As points raised were of interest to HQ. A.C.C. in regard to troops employed by them and in Regions, we signalled A.A.I. asking if they had answered points you raised (copy to you). They replied that they had not received the signal and you replied that you had not received above copy. Both originators repeated their signals.

We traced our signal to BRINDISI but in spite of a second query to No. 3 District records of the case are reported "destroyed".

On March 25 FLAMBO cabled (SD1973 of 25 March) that the matter was still under discussion.

As we still do not know what is the result of the points you raised (if any), it would be appreciated if you would state how the matter now stands.

G. W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.

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(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

QS/mms

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SUBJECT:- Italian Military Guard

HQ 53 Area CMP
G 2

6 May 44

MMIA

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1. The attached copies of correspondence concerning the conduct of the Italian Guard at 53 DID, TARANTO and evidence of pilferage by one of the guard are forwarded for your information.

2. 1/120 Inf Regt has been ordered to send a report to this HQ stating what action they have taken concerning this matter.

For 'G' to sign
/DIH
Ltr return to Adj
& Rec MM
Return to Adj

M. Daniel
Lt Brig
Cond

COPY

(17A)

SUBJECT:- Italian Military Guard.

53/17/6

A.D.S.T.
52 Area.

The gd recently provided by the 1/120 Infty Regt has been very unsatisfactory, they have been reported repeatedly for slovenliness, a sentry while supposed to be on duty was found urinating against the wall of the Depot. They have been slack in their duties generally during the period they have been on duty here.

Petty pilferage of supplies in the lower shed has been noticed since they have taken over duty and last night one of the gd was caught inside the shed by one of the DID personnel and he was in possession of 3 x 50 tins of cigarettes, apparently pilfered from Patrol Packs, and 12 boxes of matches.

He was handed over to the gd Commander, whose report is attached together with the repot from Pte. A. Taylor who discovered the man inside the shed.

May this matter be taken up through the proper authorities please and information be given as to what action has been taken against the man as the Officer i/c gd states that the man has been dealt with by his Commanding Officer.

(Sgd) A. Champoin.
Captain, R.A.S.C.
Officer Commanding,
53 D.I.D. R.A.S.C.

2 May 44.

P.S. Since writing the above I have had a complaint from O i/c Petrol Supply Point of the slackness and slovenliness of the present Guard.

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Guard Duties.
At Supply Depots.
2 May 44.

TRANSLATION.

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NOTICE Last night the soldier ZITO ALESSANDRO was seen by an English soldier taking from a box 3 tins of cigarettes and 12 boxes of matches. In fact I was in the place on a round of inspection, and I immediately detained the soldier while waiting for further orders.

The Officer i/c

COPY

STATEMENT BY PTE TAYLOR A.

At approximately 1930 hours, 1 May 44, I went into the Butchers shop to get a bandage for my arm and heard footsteps in the room at the rear of the shop. I waited a minute, and a soldier of the Italian guard came out. I asked him what he was doing and he said 'nothing'. I then searched him and found 3 tins x 50 cigarettes and one packet of a dozen matches. I made him go to the Italian Serjeant and asked the Serjeant for the name of the soldier. His name was ZITO ALESSANDRO. I then reported the occurrence to Sjt. Gallettie and handed over to him the cigarettes and matches.

(Sgd) A. Taylor.

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Subject:- Soldiers of Ite lian Army in Jail.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MAIA)
LEQUILE. (LECCE)
AQ/6
6 May 44.

HQ. ACC. (Naples)

The attached Army Sub Commission letter, AQ/6 dated 20 April 44, which was borrowed by Maj. Gen. BROWNING on his recent visit to H.. ACC, is returned herewith.

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Maj, Capt
Major Cons rel.
Army Sub Comm A. C. C.

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SUBJECT: Claims.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H. (MEIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/6.
~~Number~~ 44.
~~1st~~ May.

HQ A.C.C.

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Reference att correspondence under your letter ADJ/150 dated 29 Apr 44. The SANTA CESAREA PALACE HOTEL was NOT used by any members of the Army Sub Commission.

It is not known what agreement was made by the officers of HQ A.C.C. who used the building and it is regretted that no information can be offered.

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

tvs.FJN.

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To Sec' Secn

ADC for Cond

Col Kelr (K) 1/5

Lt Col Hampton 2/5

Lt Col Noakes

Lt Col Finch

Lt Col Morierty

Lt Col Shipley

Major Van Kirk

Major Cann

Major Moglein

Major Butterworth 2/5

Major Phillips 2/5.

Major Fleming 2/5

Major Cole 2/5

Major Dobbs

Major Gregson

Major Hubbard

Major Heggie 2/5

Major Hall

Major Archdale

Major Byatt 2/5

Major Baumann 2/5

Capt Bird 2/5

Capt Selby 2/5

Capt Fox 2/5

Capt Craig

Capt Robbins

Capt Lord Westbury

Capt Collett

Lieut Freeland.

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AQ/6

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject: - Officers Behaviour.

H.Q. 71 Sub Area.
47/18/A.
1 May 44.

To:- Commanding Officers.

1. I forward herewith a personal letter from Major-General E.P. NARES, OBE, MC, Comd No 2 District.

2. The chief cause for all bad behaviour is drink, and in this country this has been aggravated particularly at Officers' Clubs through the sale of mixed drinks of Vermouth and Cognac. with the consequent result that Officers' Clubs on many occasions become bear-gardens. Such mixed drinks will be discouraged. The Club Committee of the Brindisi Club are free to limit such mixed drinks in the interests of maintenance of their stock of supplies at any time. I am loath to curtail the liberty of officers in this matter but, with a fluctuating membership, it may be necessary if rowdyism should develop.

3. I am not opposed to, but approve of, cheerful singing in the Club (but not in the streets) and this must not be confused with rowdyism. Dance floors must be kept clear for those dancing and not obstructed by non-dancers. Duty officers must insist on this.

4. In this respect I would like to record my appreciation of the various duty officers at the Club. Some have had some difficult situations to contend with. Such incidents should be reported if they get beyond control and this duty must be done in the interests of all concerned and of the good name of the Empire and Services.

5. Commanding officers will note that G.O.C. 2 District has ordered that all officers charged with drunkenness will be tried by Court Martial and this crime will not repeat not be glossed over in future.

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7. I feel sure that this Sub Area has not earned a bad name in the above respects and I am confident the Garrison will not do so. I must impress on all officers that each one of us must see to it that no one - ourselves or visiting officers - is allowed to give us a bad name.

L J Wood Lewis

Colonel,
Commanding, 71 Sub Area.

LJW/KWM

M.M.I.A.
Tequila.

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SUBJECT Officers' Behaviour.

CONFIDENTIAL
HQ No. 2 District, CMF.
34/2 A.
4 Apr 44.

To: All Commanding Officers.

1. The behaviour of some officers in 2 District is causing me considerable concern, and it is regrettable that I should have to write to COs to draw their attention to their responsibility as to the conduct of their officers.

2. Cases are continually occurring of officers creating disturbances at Officers' Clubs through drunkenness.

3. Officers' Clubs are a new development and have been started with the primary object of providing a meeting and recreational centre for officers and their guests when off duty. An Officers' Club is a public place and not a private Officers' Mess, and I desire that COs will bring this to the notice of all their officers so that the disgraceful sights which can now be seen in Officers' Clubs will stop.

4. Abroad British Officers, in fact all ranks - but this particularly applies to Officers - are their country's Ambassadors, and their conduct as at present seen in the L of C leaves much to be desired.

5. I also wish to mention the question of officers' dress. While certain liberties may be taken within formations in the operational area, there is no reason why officers in the L of C should not be properly dressed at all times, with due regard to the job they have to do, and no excuse whatever why officers on leave or off duty visiting towns should not be properly dressed in accordance with Dress Regulations.

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6. I look to all COs to give me their full support in putting these matters right and have instructed area commanders that all officers charged with drunkenness shall be tried by court martial and that cases of misbehaviour by officers in public shall be reported to me.

E.I.Nos.

Major General,
Comd. No. 2 District.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

ELC/mrh

29 April 1944.

Adj. 150.

SUBJECT: Claims

TO : Army Sub-Commission, Lecce

1. Attention invited to attached correspondence.

2. Request that this office be furnished with any other pertinent information available to determine validity of this claim.

E. L. CLOUGH
Lt Col, AGD,
Executive Officer.

Incl
Ltr and trans
Invoice

SUBJECT: Discipline and Control of the Italian Army - Exemption Policy for Conscripts.

SECRET

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MAIA)
LECUIRE (LECCE)
G/6/1
28 Apr 44.

AQ/b

A.A.I.

(Copy to: Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.)

1. Ref your 3110/A(O) of 17 Mar and 3074/A(O) of 20 Mar 44, I wish to raise the whole question of the exemption policy for conscripts of the Italian Army.
My G/6/1 of 22 Apr also refers.

2. If large numbers of exemptions are granted by the Allied authorities, S.M.R.E. will be unable to provide sufficient men by the call up of 1923 Class for the execution of your programme for the Italian Army.

3. (a) The most important aspect of the matter is the case of truck drivers.

(b) Large numbers of these of the 1923 class are being exempted (and presumably the same will apply to the 1920 - 22 classes in due course) as Allied formations desire to retain these men, now hired as civilians. 3194

(c) The result will be, in increasing degree, that S.M.R.E. will be unable to replace wastage in Italian Army Driver units now working under Allied command. The only source of replacement is the men provided by the call up of classes. In time, these Italian Army Driver units will be so reduced as to be ineffective.

4. I consider that, except in extreme cases where key men cannot readily be replaced by civilians : -

(a) The call up of all men liable to military service should be allowed to take its course.

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(b) Orders should be issued to Allied Formations that exemptions be granted only in vital cases.

(c) Such exemptions should be on a temporary basis, renewable monthly. Otherwise a man may get a year's exemption and disappear.

(d) Lists of exempted men liable to call up should be sent forthwith to M.M.I.A. who will arrange for these men :

(i) to be called up and remain where they are as soldiers where possible, or

(ii) to be replaced by soldiers to avoid mixed units of all arms.

5. (a) It is natural that, from the parochial point of view, Allied commanders should want to exempt and retain the men they know and who may be working well and willingly for them close to their own homes.

(b) But, from the wider aspect, my proposal in para 4 above would:

(i) eliminate injustice in the difference between soldier and civilian pay for the same work

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5 (b) (ii) ensure "mobility" of labour as necessary and replacement of wastage in Italian Army units working under Allied command.

(iii) cost the Allies less.

(iv) strengthen the prestige and control of the Italian Army.

6. I therefore request that you give approval at an early date.

hrs.LB.

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Major General
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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ACTION SLIP

This slip will NOT be removed

To:

CG

It appears that Winston Smith is doing his part. It is up to the Statesmen to put along funds. If the Statesmen can do that, then Something like a change of officers might be instituted. Obviously a little hard work sometimes the Statesmen. I would like very much to see them functioning. The Commander of the higher British formation might investigate.

(K)

2nd Lt

Hold this up till I get an answer to Acc to my 8/6/41 dated 3192 May 7th DIRECTION. Then I'll send the report along with the DIRECTION letter to A.A.F. It will have to be moved!

L B Gray

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To A/Q. (1661)

TRANSLATION

From...5ª AF..... Ref. 153/213/Pers..

To: M.M.I.A. File. A/2 11a Date .....

Subject. Report on Morale of Italian Unit with 7 Inter Regt. RA...

Herewith copy of a report on the State of Discipline and morale of the Italian unit in 7 Inter Regt. RA sent to me by the O.C. Capt VALLE Ennio.

I am confident that the G.O.C. of this Sub. Comm will wish to intervene by issuing instructions which will put an end to the complaints registered - complaints which have a bad influence on the morale of the men in this unit - thus with a view to establishing firm bonds of friendship amongst soldiers who share sacrifices and hardships in the tough fight against the common foe, with every advantage to the good relations of co-belligerency.

C.C.S.
P. Berardi.

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2/5 AQ For AQ

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Appx "A"

TRANSLATION

From..... Ref.....

To: M.M.I.A. File..... Date .....

Subject....Precis of Complaints forwarded by Capt VALLE - O.C. unit.

1) Italian Officers cannot give orders to British tps at any time, yet they must at all times see that Italian tps carry out orders given by Br: Offrs.

2) Italian Offrs have to walk - Br: Officers ride on horses.

3) Orders given by It: Offrs & N.C.O's to It: tps are often countermanded by a Br: N.C.O

4) There have been occasions when It: Offrs have received rude treatment from Br: Offrs

5) It: N.C.O's receive very little consideration Br: Offr: punished an It: N.C.O. for laziness by making him march with 2 Br: Rifles as well as his pack.

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6) Italian soldiers are made to do all the heavy and dirty work on the animals & guns, while Br: tps: shirk.

7) Often, after a long march and heavy going It: soldiers are not given time even to wash

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British troops handling own caring their packs or Rifles, but Local Press on the horizon.

& Rn. Officers have poor control over their men. There is bad feeling between Rn & Offrs.

Complaints registered by the Italian Padre from conversations with the men.

Padre found the men in a very poor state - morale low - bad feeling - discontent - fatigued.

(a) men had to march for 2 or 2½ hrs without a rest.

(b) men start out for manoeuvres at 0830 hrs - they arrive at R.V. late in afternoon - they return very late.

(c) men complain that after a long, hard march Rn Offrs & N.C.O. ride up on home-back.

(d) men often have to work after 2000 hrs.

(e) By: Soldiers have less to do.

(f) The 1st Armn: Coln has not yet had a rest period.

RISERVATA

N. 2909 (208) del Catal.
(R. 1941 - Anno XIX)

P.M.151, 27 aprile 1944 - Anno

STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
-Ufficio Segreteria e Personale-

Prot. N. 153/2/3/uis Allegati 1

Risposta al foglio del

Div. Sez. N.

Alla SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.
LECCE

OGGETTO : Relazione sullo stato disciplinare e morale del reparto italiano del 7/th Mountain Regiment R.A..

Report on morale of Italian unit with 7th. Mountain Reg.

e, per conoscenza : AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA -Gabinetto- P.M. 107
AL COMANDO SUPREMO P.M.151/A

Trasmetto copia di una relazione sullo stato disciplinare e morale del reparto italiano aggregato al 7/th Mountain Regiment R.A., qui inviata dal comandante di esso - capitano VALLE Armes.

Confido che il Generale presidente di codesta Sottocommissione vorrà intervenire provocando disposizioni atte ad eliminare gli inconvenienti segnalati, i quali influiscono dannosamente sul morale degli uomini del reparto.

Ciò allo scopo di determinare tra soldati che dividono sacrifici e disagi nella dura lotta contro il comune nemico saldi vincoli di cameratismo, a tutto vantaggio delle buone relazioni di cobelligeranza.-

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Si attua un solo argomento ed indicare nella risposta il numero di protocollo e l'ufficio cui si risponde.
Per telegrafico: ..... s/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: _____ e cifr. povate n. _____

e, per conoscenza : Vedi F.M. Mediterraneo 1-5

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
-P.Berardi-

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C O P I A

COMANDO DEL REPARTO ITALIANO
del
"7/th Mountain Regiment R.A."

Nr.3 di prot.Segreto C.M.F., 14 aprile 1944

OGGETTO : relazione sullo stato disciplinare e morale.-

AL COMANDO DEL CORPO DI STATO MAGGIORE = L E C C E =

a)-UFFICIALI - Agli ufficiali italiani è vietato dare ordini ai militari inglesi anche in assenza di ufficiali inglesi.
L'ufficiale ha il cosiddetto compito di assicurarsi che i militari italiani eseguano l'ordine impartito dagli inglesi anche se i militari inglesi non si attengono alle disposizioni.
L'ufficiale italiano non ha cavallo mentre tutti gli ufficiali e sottufficiali inglesi ne sono forniti. L'unico ufficiale fornito di cavallo è il sottoscritto per dar lui la possibilità di ispezionare i reparti, non è però fornito di guida.
Spesso avviene che un ordine dato da un ufficiale italiano a militare italiani viene contrastato da un sottufficiale inglese.
L'ufficiale italiano è stato qualche volta investito violentemente da qualche ufficiale inglese, talvolta anche per ingiustificato motivo.
I soldati inglesi di massima non salutano gli ufficiali italiani, è preteso dai militari italiani il saluto.

b)-SOTTUFFICIALI - In genere poco considerati. Sono costretti spesso ad eseguire ordini impartiti loro da graduati inglesi.
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ufficiali inglesi ne sono forniti. L'unico ufficiale fornito di cavallo è il sottoscritto per dar lui la possibilità di ispezionare i reparti, non è però fornito di guida.
Spesso avviene che un ordine dato da un ufficiale italiano a militari italiani viene contrastato da un sottufficiale inglese.
L'ufficiale italiano è stato qualche volta investito violentemente da qualche ufficiale inglese, talvolta anche per ingiustificato motivo.
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Lo stato morale della truppa si è mantenuto ottimo sino ad una ventina di giorni fa.
Le prime discordanze e malintesi nei reparti sono sorte in seguito all'assegnazione degli incarichi.
I soldati italiani pur sapendo che la mansione di conducente comporta molto lavoro, hanno avvertito il poco impegno dei militari inglesi nel compiere le operazioni a loro affidate per la disconsuetudine cenesta dai molteplici pasti, la quasi normale assenza nelle ore di servizio.
A ciò deve aggiungersi il ritardo nell'inizio delle operazioni, il dilungarsi, qualche volta ingiustificato, nel caricare i pezzi o nella assegnazione dei quadrupedi ai vari impieghi; inconve-

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nienti tutti che impegnavano i soldati italiani ad un lavoro prolungato, ad un ritardo normale della distribuzione del rancio ed a commenti sul loro trattamento rispetto ai militari inglesi.
In ogni modo dopo qualche tempo si è rimediato anche a questi inconvenienti. Le batterie si sono adattate alle nuove esigenze, gli ufficiali si sono adoperati ad opera di persuasione e come risultato si è avuto un miglioramento dei rapporti.
La cura assidua degli uomini, l'avere ottenuto di fornirli di un equipaggiamento simile a quello inglese, l'accurata e scrupolosa confezione del rancio, la distribuzione di premi ai più meritevoli e le tempestive punizioni sono valse a creare nei militari un vero e proprio spirito di corpo, tanto che alcuni uomini, dichiarati non idonei alle fatiche di guerra e destinati ai depositi, hanno fatto domanda di rimanere al reparto.
La colonna munizioni è stata la meno privilegiata come orario di servizio.
La cura di due quadrupedi per uomo, la manutenzione dei materiali di selleria, lo svolgimento di altri incarichi e la scarsità degli uomini inglesi guidati da un capitano poco comprensivo e dotato di insufficiente capacità direttive, hanno influito in modo deprimente sul morale degli uomini.
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Di contro a tutti questi sacrifici si è verificato per esempio che pochi soldati inglesi seguivano la colonna in marcia, pochissimi con lo zaino in spalla e con il fucile.
I militari italiani stanchi, ad ogni tappa si trovavano nella necessità di dover scaricare i quadrupedi, per mancanza dei serventi inglesi, fare l'abbeverata ai quadrupedi con il secchiello; mentre gli inglesi che avevano il cavallo in consegna, dei quali se ne servivano per cavalcare durante la marcia, li abbeveravano direttamente al fiume con risparmio di energia e di tempo, fare la foraggiata e la terza e quarta abbeverata, spesso rimuovere filari male impiantati dei sottufficiali inglesi.
Al mattino alla partenza, si avevano gli stessi inconvenienti e come conseguenza i soldati italiani appena imbastato dovevano caricare ed appena il tempo di affardellare lo zaino e rimuovere la tenda.

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Alle fatiche materiali dei soldati si aggiungeva la depressione morale per la trascuratezza da parte degli ufficiali inclusi nel controllo dei propri uomini, per la mancata repressione degli inadempienti e per permettere ai soldati di cavalcare o di essere presi a bordo di ogni automezzo.

Sono tutti questi i fattori che nei militari italiani hanno causato depressione, sfiducia e pessimismo ed intaccato quel senso di spirito di corpo che già affiorava e l'abnegazione che spingeva i più volonterosi a ben custodire i quadrupedi in consegna, alla buona conservazione del materiale ed alla scrupolosa osservanza della disciplina.

La maggior parte dei su citati inconvenienti si sono verificati alla colonna munizioni, in maniera minore alla 479^ batteria, quasi nulla alla 456^ quasi perfetta la 457^.

E tale stato d'animo doveva per forza traboccare l'altro giorno quando all'ordine di fare governo a torso nudo tre militari della colonna munizioni si sono rifiutati.

In conseguenza di tutto ciò ho dovuto provvedere alla denuncia dei tre militari ed ho inviato al comandante del reggimento una lettera di cui accludesi copia.

Il sottoscritto nutre fiducia che alcune delle richieste siano accolte favorevolmente.

Ciononostante ritengo mio dovere segnalare che non ritengo più possibile la creazione di uno stato tale da generare la fiducia necessaria per portare gli uomini al combattimento.

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F/to capitano Valle Enrico

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IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
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Allegato al f° n° 3 di prot.Segreto del Comando del Reparto Italiano del 7/th Mountain Regiment R.A.

C.M.F. 13 aprile 1944

Illustrissimo Colonnello Com/te il
7° Mountain Regiment.R.A.

Ho il dovere di informarvi che le condizioni morali delle truppe italiane poste ai miei ordini, non sono più soddisfacenti come per il passato.

Con l'efficace aiuto del Cappellano, ho potuto constatare che tra le varie cause, tra cui quelle profondamente sentimentali che affiorano sempre quando le condizioni fisiche sono un po' alterate per uno sforzo od un malessere, quella che maggiormente influisce in senso negativo é il cambiamento assoluto nelle abitudini dei militari.

Abitudini date dalla consuetudine e sanzionate dai regolamenti scritti sulla base del carattere delle truppe italiane.

Elenco le principali cose che contrastano maggiormente:

a) camminare nelle marce per due ore o due ore e mezza senza sosta (nell'esercito italiano 10' di alt dopo 50' di marcia);

b) partenza non prima delle ore 8.30 e conseguente arrivo alla tappa ad inoltrato pomeriggio dimodoché le operazioni terminano troppo tardi (nell'esercito italiano partenza nelle prime ore del mattino ed arrivo alla tappa di massima prima del primo rancio);

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d) viene osservato e preteso l'inizio puntuale delle operazioni ma non si rispetta il termine. Spesso alle ore 20 ed anche più il soldato lavora;

e) i vostri soldati sono molto meno impegnati di quelli italiani.

f) la colonna munizioni dopo cinque marce non ha ancora avuto un istante di respiro.

A ciò deve aggiungersi la diversità di trattamento che noi

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A conclusione di tutto ciò desidero chiarire che il soldato italiano facile agli entusiasmi é pure facile alle depressioni morali e con il soldato depresso può essere pericoloso entrare in combattimento.

E' solo nell'interesse del reggimento che io mi sono deciso a rendervi noto quanto sopra, persuaso che voi apprezzerete la mia lealtà e che deciderete nel modo che riterrete più opportuno che sarà certamente il migliore.-

P.C.C.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Roberto Griglio)

IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE DEL
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f/to Valle Ermes

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO
Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

N. 1858/c di prot. P.M. 107, li 27 aprile 1944

OGGETTO: RICHINI Luigi.

Alla ARMY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.C.
- Main HQ (MMIA) -

L E Q U I L E

Si trasmette: Heavenly statement by Ay Fgtman RICHINI Luigi on the road accident which occurred on 19.1.44 at the road junction Pomigliano-Casoria as asked for verbally by the Sublommission

- un rapporto dell'artigliere RICHINI Luigi relativo all'incidente stradale verificatosi il 19.1.1944 al bivio Pomigliano-Casoria, ... a richiesta verbale di codesta Sottocommissione.-

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO ADDETTO
(M. Ravagli)

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TRANSLATION

From. Ministry of War Ref.....

To: M.M.I.A. File..... Date 27 Apr 44

Subject.....Richini Luigi.....

Report on the car accident of 19 Jan. on road Pomigliano - Caserta.

Artillerygunner RICHINI Luigi of HQ. Coy 1/516 Arty Group states:- " On 19 Jan at about 12.30 hrs I was on sentry duty at the Petrol Depot at the point where the Caserta - Pomigliano road crosses the one leading out from the camps. An Allied military lorry was coming out of the camp at an average speed and was about to enter the main road and cross it making straight for Caserta Station. At the same time another Allied truck approached at great speed from the direction of Pogliano. This vehicle could not draw up in time because of the speed at which it was travelling, and the two vehicles crashed violently.

Nobody was hurt; damage to the vehicles was not great. The driver of the first vehicle came over and asked my name, thinking perhaps 3184 I was on traffic control duty. I informed him however that I was on sentry duty at the Petrol Dump, that I had a large area to patrol and guard, and that it was quite by chance that I happened at that particular spot at the time of the accident

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The two vehicles were able to proceed home.
I cannot make any statement as to which
driver went to Glamis.
Probably the driver who was coming out
of the Dump did not halt and I made no
sign to him and he therefore presumed
the way clear.

Signed. RICCIVI Luigi.

SUBJECT: Discipline & Control of the Italian Army - Formation of new Italian Units.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
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27 Apr 44.

A.A.I.

1. Information has been received that the Marshal of Italy, MESSE, has authorised the organisation of a "DUCA D'AOSTA" battalion of Arditi from personnel of the Italian Air Force, and it is now organised and presented to the Allies for inclusion into the Italian Combat Division (CIL).

2. (a) During the process of organisation such personnel could not have been "in fact effective" personnel of the Italian Army Force within the meaning of FAN 330, unless the Italian High Command had been given permission by the Allies to proceed with organising this unit. Nothing is known here of such permission being granted by the Allies.

(b) In this case if one thousand men can be spared from duty with the Air Force, the strength of the Air Force exceeds by one thousand the number which is in fact effective. Such men cannot become effective until their services are desired by the Allies. That they have been so organised does not make them in fact effective.

(c) Moreover the inclusion of this additional Battalion in the CIL will increase the strength of that Division over the figure recommended to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

3. Unless this practice is stopped forthwith, the process of putting Italian units to work in accordance with your programme will be seriously impeded, and M.M.I.A. will be unable to plan accurately or effectively. While it may be desirable to place more Italians in Combat or to work, it is clear that all action to organise new units must originate at your Headquarters, be approved by you and executed by M.M.I.A.

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(b) details of any units already so organised or in process of being organised which are not authorised by you (see App."A" to my G/6/19 "Priority List of Italian units required") will be submitted to you, forthwith for approval.

(c) The organisation of all new Italian units will be carried out through the one channel of M.M.I.A.

5. In this connection, my G/6/1 dated 22 Apr. also refers.

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Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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(Copy to: H.Q., A.C.C. - with reference to paras 3 and 4. I presume that all A.C.C. demands for new military units are put to H.Q., A.A.I. and NOT arranged unilaterally with S.E.A.C. You will agree that there must be one channel for such demands.)

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SUBJECT: Discipline and Control of ITALIAN Army. SECRET

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
22 Apr 44.

A.A.I.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. GENERAL.

The discipline of the Italian Army is a matter of grave importance to the Allies and to the Italian Government not only now but also for post-war. The prestige and authority of the Italian Army must, therefore, be re-established by every means possible and as soon as possible in order that it may function properly. Major factors in this are that : -

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(c) Italian deserters employed by Allied formations were recognised by Italian officers and placed in jail awaiting return to their units; these deserters were removed from jail by Allied intelligence personnel at once, have not been returned to their units, and have disappeared.

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3. FACTS.

(a) It is well understood that many Italian soldiers will go to great lengths to remain attached to Allied formations on account of the better living conditions, rations etc. No doubt the interest of the Allied officers in these individuals is to some extent inspired by these Italian soldiers themselves.

(b) Certain classes of Italian civilians are now being called or recalled to the Colours, either to fulfil Allied demands or to permit older men now in the Italian Army to be released from military duty.

(c) In a country where the Army is founded on universal conscription there is always the danger that only those men without influence, power or money, will be required to serve in the Army.

(d) The fact that many civilians now employed by the Allies will be exempted from the call-up on the certificate of the Allied employer increases the opportunity for certain Italians to evade the law, under the cloak of performing essential service for the Allies.

(e) The retention by Allied officers of such individuals, or attempts to retain such individuals, is really tantamount to conspiring with the Italian deserters in their evasion of military duty.

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5. CONCLUSION.

(a) I fully realise that under the conditions existing to date the situation as outlined above was bound to have occurred. But I am strongly of opinion that the whole business should be "tidied up" forthwith.

(b) I therefore request that you will issue orders at an early date that : -

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5. CONCLUSION. (Contd.)

(i) All Allied officers at once examine all Italian personnel employed by them as "civilians" (i.e. not in authorised units) to ensure that all Italian officers and soldiers who are in fact absent without leave or in desertion are turned over at once to the Italian Army for return to their units.

(ii) Allied officers do not in future employ any Italian on any work until it is definitely established that such Italian is not a member of the Italian Army absent either with or without leave, or liable to recall.

(iii) Allied officers do not intervene with Italian authorities on behalf of Italian soldiers who have deserted or are absent from the Italian Army, in order to employ such soldiers or continue such absence.

(iv) A return be furnished forthwith (and thereafter monthly) to the Italian Government, through M.M.I.A. shewing : -

Numbers of Italians, not in authorised units, employed by the Allies.

Details in regard to each individual who has been given a certificate of exemption from Military service by any Allied Formation.

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I could then take action to organise all such personnel into units and ensure that the issue of rations etc does not exceed the ceiling proposed by you to A.F.H.Q. for approval of the C.C.S. This at present I cannot do.

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Sgd: L. BROWNING.

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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Apr 44

1. Lt Col H.B. FINCH, MC is appointed C.C. Tps, HQ, MMIA w.e.f. 23 Apr 44 and will exercise, on behalf of the Commander, the powers of Commanding Officer, as defined in the Kings Regulations as amended, in all matters of Discipline affecting the Interior Economy of the HQ.

2. The senior officer of Branches of the Staff and Services will continue to be responsible to the Commander in the normal manner for the proper conduct of the Branch or Service concerned.

3. The powers of discipline exercised by the Camp Commandant will be those of a Company Commander as defined in Kings Regulation 592 as amended.

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

cc/FJH

Distribution:- Lt Col H.B. FINCH, MC.
Camp Commandant
Circulator copy to all Officers
War Diary (2)

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A.G. Herewith draft of proposed circular instructing civilians to hand in arms. The Brig had asked for it.

Q. Any comments, please? What is the 'I' aspect?

A.Q. What has 'civilians handing in arms' got to do with M.M.I.A? Surely this is A.H.Q. & they have already issued many orders on this subject. 3178

Q. Agreement must certainly be agreed by A.C.C (NOT A.H.Q.) we are only interested in the result!

Noted.

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Handing in of arms and explosives.

Order n° ____. 161

In accordance strict instructions laid down by the Penal Code and Single Text of the Laws on Public Security.

1. All civilians who, without due authority from the competent Authorities hold for any reason whatsoever any firearms or parts thereof, ammunitions & explosives of any kind or type whatsoever, are bound to deliver same to the nearest Carabinieri Station or Military Command within 10 days of the publication of this Order.
2. Those who, within the aforementioned period of 10 days shall have effected delivery as indicated herein shall be exempt from punishment for disobedience to previous similar orders.
3. Upon expiry of the period stipulated 3177 in para 1., those not having complied with this order will be proceeded against according to the laws.
4. The Carabinieri and members of the Public Security are responsible for the ~~exact~~ fulfilment ~~respect~~ of this order.

VERSAMENTO DI ARMI MUNIZIONI ED ESPLOSIVO

ORDINANZA N°_____

Viste le disposizioni del Codice Penale e del Testo Unico delle leggi di Pubblica Sicurezza.

1° - E' fatto obbligo ai civili che senza valida autorizzazione rilasciata dalle competenti autorità detengano per qualsiasi ragione armi o parti di armi da fuoco, munizioni o esplosivi di qualsivoglia specie, di effettuarne entro giorni 10 dalla data di affissione della presente ordinanza il versamento alla stazione dei CC.RR. o al comando militare più vicini.

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2° - Coloro che entro il predetto termine di giorni 10 avranno effettuato il versamento di cui alla presente ordinanza, andranno esenti da pena per l'eventuale inadempienza ad analoghe precedenti disposizioni.

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To:

Comm (K)

AK-S 11/4

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From: H. of W. (Colonel) Ref. 196/II.15/8

To: M.I.A. File A.6/6 Date 15.4.44

Subject.....H.Q. Military Penal Establishments.....

We wish to inform you that soon will be formed, attached to the department dealing with call up of N.C.O's & men, an H.Q. Military Penal Establishments, who will be responsable for dealing with all matters concerning riorganisation and discipline of military penal establishments.

We found it necessary to form this department also, in order to deal with your request for removing prisoners from civil jails

Sd. Col FIORE - VERNAZZA

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Ci/ro

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 4796/II P.M. 107 li 15 aprile 1944

OGGETTO: Comando Stabilimenti Militari di pena.-
H-Q. Military penal establishments.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELL'A.C.C. - LEQUILE

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Si preavvisa che sarà prossimamente costituito, alla dipendenza della Direzione Generale Leva Sottufficiali e Truppa di questo Ministero, un " Comando stabilimenti militari di pena " al quale sarà affidato l'incarico di trattare tutte le questioni relative alla riorganizzazione e disciplina degli stabilimenti militari di pena.-

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MILITARY MISSION.
Date
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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

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To: Major Hyatt.

Ref. removal of Italian military prisoners from civil prisons. Could H of W be asked to state latest position in this case?

15 Pls. 17/4

A.G. Log dated 18 April refers

Jul 18/4.

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To: AIO

Ref attached.

Are you taking any action re clearance of Italian military from civil pursuits please?

If not, this must be my responsibility & I will give H.Q.M.G. another jerk, upld

P. Smith

Maj Byatt. ?

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

QS/mm

QS211 5 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Military Prisoners in Civil Prisons.

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

Reference letter sent to you (unnumbered) on 20 Mar. by Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

The Legal Sub-Commission here have strongly represented the fact that unless some considerable proportion of the Italian military prisoners are removed from the civil jails, prosecution in the Heel of Italy will be definitely held up.

I forwarded with QS163 of 29 Mar. a copy of a letter (ACC/14043/PS) of 24 Mar.) from Administrative Section, A.C.C. to Ministry of Grace and Justice.

Region 2 have sent a representative of their Legal Sub-Commission to SALERNO with express purpose of pressing this matter. It is realised that long term military prisoners are probably not suited for detention in barbed wire cages. At the same time the majority of cases are all short term sentences and might be confined in camps. 3169

Region 2 suggest that there are a number of cages which could be made suitable for military criminals around BRINDISI and TARANTO.

It is assumed that the organisation of military houses is in the hands of the Italian Army.

It is to be noted that in January, General ROSSI asked for permission to build a military detention camp on the TRIMITI ISLANDS. This was NOT authorised and it was suggested the Italian Army would select another location (ACC letter of 8 Feb.). Comando Supremo wrote to Ministry of Marine who said they would discuss it with Ministry of the Interior. No reply has yet been received by Comando Supremo for Ministry of Marine.

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

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CG -

Recommend approval

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Sigfus
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2 - AFs

Craig Alexander

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2. The War Establishment should allow sufficient detail so that the duty being performed by each officer and Soldier may be determined, and must be within the rating ceiling specified in the above ~~citation~~ citation.

3. Prompt action is requested.

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Subject:- Soldiers of Italian Army in Jail.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C
Main HQ. (AMIA)
LECQUILE. (LECCE)
AQ/6
20 April 44.

Chief Commissioner.
A.C.C.

Reference your SG 250 of 10 April 44.

1. Italian soldiers who are in prison, either awaiting trial or after sentence, are not deemed to be in any class of "Italian troops who are in fact effective" and are not, therefore, entitled to any rations made available to the Italian Army under the provisions of FAN 338 of 26 Feb 1944.

2. In order to implement your decision that Italian soldiers who are imprisoned be provided with the same rations as those issued to civilian prisoners, I propose issuing instructions to the Italian War Minister that all Italian soldiers in prison will be dropped from the ration strength of the Italian Army, and will not hereafter be issued any rations made available by the Allies to the Italian Army, but will be rationed as civilians through the normal civil prison ration system.

3. The AMIA proposes that some eight hundred of these imprisoned soldiers be formed into a Labour Battalion to be used in the AAI program. Should this proposal be approved by AAI, this will be done and these 800 would then be issued Army rations. However, the remainder not so used will have to remain in civil prisons on civilian rations, for they will be dropped from the rolls of the active army. The proposals to build stockade camps would not then be a function of the Minister of War inasmuch as he has no control of civilian rations, and soldiers confined in stockades and their guards are not eligible to draw Army rations.

4. Do you agree?

A/B-

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Major General.
Army Sub Com. A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Secretary General

APO 394

MSL/JG/dfe

SG 250. 10 April 1944

Subject: Soldiers of Italian Army in Jail.

To: Director, Army Sub-Commission.

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 13 Apr. 1944
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

I refer to your QS214 of 6th April 1944.

1. I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to state that he has decided that all soldiers who are imprisoned whether awaiting trial or after sentence will be provided with the same rations as those issued to civilian prisoners.

2. The Chief Commissioner is glad to hear that steps have been taken to accommodate military prisoners and soldiers awaiting trial. He hopes that these arrangements will be completed as soon as possible in order to liquidate the congestion in the jails.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

14/4 GB.

This is on Div HQ. Loc no.
and this is N.T. in our file.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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QS214

6 April 1944

SUBJECT: Soldiers of Italian Army in Jail.

TO : Secretary General, Main HQ. A.C.C., Naples.

Herewith copy of G/6/1/32 of 24 Mar. which you stated today had not been received in your office.

1. I had a signal yesterday from Army Sub/Comm., Main HQ. asking me to find out if there are any special reasons why they had not received an answer.

2. With regard to questions put to C.C., my own opinion is:-

a. Soldiers who are in prison but who have not been convicted must be considered a part of the Army for all purposes including rations.

b. Soldiers who have been sentenced:
This involves questions of status. Legally they are soldiers till their classes have been demobilised..On the other hand, we say they must be "effective" in order to qualify for rations. I do not consider a long-term prisoner is effective even though he still remains on Army rolls. It seems that we should set a period at which a prisoner is contractually considered ineffective for rations and, recommend six months as the dividing line.

3. In the British Service a man given imprisonment or penal servitude is usually discharged with ignominy and this automatically takes him off the Army books. On the other hand, for purely military offenses, he is given detention (not in civil jail) which can be up to maximum of two years. In practice, however, more than six months detention is seldom given, imprisonment then being awarded.

4. If the C.C. agrees, I will inform Army Sub/Comm., Main HQ. or I can obtain an opinion from the Legal Sub/Comm. on the question of status.

5. I believe the C.C. is aware of the extreme congestion of civil jails by military personnel. It has been proposed that stockade camps be set up to take all short-term military prisoners and others awaiting trial. If this is adopted it will mean that, at most, only military prisoners sentenced to periods above six months will remain in civil prisons and will, in fact, be on civil rations.

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

1 Incl. as above.
Specially copied 7 April
for info.
TO: Army Sub/Comm. Main HQ.
Legal Sub/Comm., ref. para 4.
Public Safety Sub/Comm.

Consd Tosec 13/11 Apr

(COPY (Amended by signal [illegible]46 of 28 Mar) attached.

SUBJECT: Members of Italian Army in Jail.

Army Sub-Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA) LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1/32 24 Mar 44

Chief C[illegible]missioner A.C.C.

Copy to: HQ. A.A.I.
A.A.I. (Adm Ech)

1. Information having reached this HQ. that large numbers of Italian soldiers were held in jails, an investigation was initiated, and facts regarding three groups have been verified as follows:

a. In LECCE Jail

(1)	Men tried and sentenced, penalties ranging from a few months to death		219
(2)	Men awaiting trial for		
	Desertion	114	
	Insubordination	20	
	Theft	11	
	Murder	3	
	Misc	2	150
	Total		369

b. In NICASTRO Jail

(1)	Men tried and sentenced	41
(2)	Men awaiting trial	17
		58

c. In CATANZARO Jail

(1)	Men tried and sentenced	6
(2)	Men awaiting trial	44
		50

d. In BARI Jail

Total held (unconfirmed) 608

e. In TARANTO Jail 125
f. In MARTINA FRANCA Jail 43

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NOTE: Of d.e.f. 256 have been convicted

2. The investigation as far developes the following facts:

a. In addition to the numbers shown in para 1, above, an unknown number of Italian soldiers are held in other jails. The Ministry of War is attempting to secure the exact figures, and until the investigation was started by this HQ had no apparent knowledge of

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b. Italian soldiers who have been convicted and sentenced are carried on the active rolls of the Army until their classes are demobilised, at which time they are transferred to civil authority. All of the Italian soldiers listed in para 1a, b, & c, above, are carried on the active rolls of the Army.

c. Italian soldiers in jail are included in the ration strengths submitted to the Ministry of War to this HQ. Rations are issued to the jails by Italian Army Depots from stocks made available to the Italian Army by the Allies.

3. Decision is requested as to the policy to be adopted:

a. Are condemned soldiers to be considered as active soldiers of the Italian Army for the purpose of drawing Allied rations?

b. Are Italian soldiers held in jail awaiting trial to be considered as active soldiers of the Italian Army for the purpose of drawing Allied rations?

Brigadier,
Army Sub-Comm ACC.

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FROM: MMIA 271200A
TO : FATIMA FOR MACFARLANE
SD446 27

28 March

ADDITIONAL TO OUR G/6/1/32 of 24 March. TOTAL IN BARI JAIL IS 608. IN TARANTO JAIL IS 125 IN MARTINA FRANCA JAIL IS 43. OF THESE 256 HAVE BEEN TRIED AND ARE SERVING SENTENCES. OTHER FIGURES TO FOLLOW WHEN AVAILABLE

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