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To Army Sub Commission.ACC.
Copy to 60 Sub Area.

MMIA.LO.
60 Sub Area
16.9.44.

Subject:- Italian military - reinforcements.

I. The application of the M.M.I.A. instruction that no Italian Military will be demobilised until their replacement is on the spot is giving rise to serious problems in this area.

2. On 7 July, I requested information and was later informed that between 15 June - 15 July, some 203 had illegally absented themselves from units of 209 Division, excluding engineering units.

3. I am now informed by 60 Sub Area, who are employing 503 Gd Bn, that 2 coy has had over 60 deserters and 4 coy over 40 deserters since 31 July, 44.

4. Another similar case is that of 5 coy, 120 Regt, which has had over 60 deserters since it came this area.

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5. It has now become the general impression that beyond a formal denunciation of the absentee, nothing further is done and the CCRR take no steps to collect him. As a natural consequence, the desertions increase.

6. The serious concern thus caused would be allayed if the replacements were forthcoming promptly and in sufficient numbers and if the Italian Military authorities took far more active measures in finding and collecting deserters.

J.H. Bourne Capt

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Subject. Discipline - 1089 Reparto Speciale Dur A.A.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.
HQ No 2 Dist.
C.M.P.
Ref: M.P. 101/1
16 Sep 44.

H.E. Gen.DINISIO
Commanding Mil H.Q. PUGLIA and LUCANIA.

1. Attached are copies of reports received from the C.O. No 1. Transit Vehicle Park to which 10 9 Reparto is attached for duty.

2. It will be observed from these reports that the position is highly unsatisfactory. The matter should be looked into immediately and discipline enforced.

3. It is requested that immediate action be taken to render the position satisfactory.

C.F. Churchill Maj. G.S.
35 Sep 44
C.F. MURCHILL Maj. G.S.
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
H.Q. No 2 District.

GFM/vtd

Copies to: MMIA
2 Veh GT

Marshall is entitled to [illegible] 19/5

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NOMINAL ROLL OF DETACHMENT OF 9TH COMPAGNE G.A.F.
ACTING AS GUARDS AT 1 T.V.P. (E)

Ten.	LUCIANO CUPPINI
Serg.	LEGA RAFFAELE
Aviere Scelto	LA GREZZA COSIMO
" "	SGURA SALVATORE
Aviere	DI PRESA GIOVANNI
"	TAURO NICOLA
"	FONTECCHIA ALBERICO
"	MONTANARO TOMMASO
"	CALANDRELLA VINCENZO
"	SEMERARO PIETRO
"	SCARAFILE GIUSEPPE
"	MEO CATALDO
"	NICOLI FRANCESCO
"	FALCONE SANTE
"	MOSCHETTI GIOVANNI
"	RISUCCI DOMENICO
"	AMATI ANGELO
"	AMATI DONATO
"	VITALE FRANCESCO
"	SUMA GIUSEPPE

Subject:- 9th Compag[illegible] G.A.I. COPY

Ref: TVP/C/195

T[illegible] Liaison Officer,
N.A.A.I.A.
HQ No 2 District.
C.M.F.

Copy to:- HQ 38 Veh. Coy.RAOC.

1. The a/m Company provide a detachment of 1 Officer and 19 men to guard our vehicle park: This is a 24 hour guard.

2. On numerous occassions it has been noted that thefts have taken place from our stock vehicles.

3. Today the permission was obtained from the Officer in Command S. Ten., Luciano Cuppini, to conduct in his presence, a search of the two tents and kits of his 19 men.

4. The following men were found to be in unlawfull possession of the following items of W.D. Vehicle Equipment.

(i) Di Presa Giovani. Class 1923 - One empty puncture repair outfit tin.
Four rubber seat cushions.
(ii) La Ghezza Cosino, Class 1923 - Two Yale padlocks (keys missing)
Two rubber seat cushions.
(iii) Calandrella Vincenso, Class 1924 - One driving mirror,
Five keys belonging to W.D. Padlocks.
(iv) Nicoli Francesco - Remains of a slashed leather seat. 3546
(v) Meo Cataldo, Class 1923 - One pair of tyre repair scissors,
One damaged leather matchet Scabbard. One M/cycle Strap.
(vi) Semeraro Pietro - ~~XXXX~~ One bonnet rug, One canvas seat cover cut as bathing shorts.
(vii) Tonecchice Alberico - One M/cycle strap.
(viii) Amati Angelo - One M/cycle Strap.

5. Also found in the two tents and surrounding ground, were found the following W.D. Articles:-
(i) Strip of leather apparently cut from a leather seat.
(ii) Five rubber seat cushions.
(iii) Two W.D. Padlocks and Keys.
(iv) Two one gallon Oil Cans.
(v) One two gallon oil Can.
(vi) Three four gallon Jerrie cans.
(vii) Two canvas seat covers cut into swimmimg shorts.
(viii) One tin of Dunlop dusting chalk.
(ix) One tin to contain spare Headlamp bulbs.
(x) One empty tin of tyre repair outfit.
(xi) Two Shovels.

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(xii) One Matchet.

6. A nominal roll of the guards in this detachment is attached herewith.

7. In view of the constant trouble we are experiencing and which is now assuming alarming proportions, may rigerous action be taken against the offenders and the Company.

In the Field
13 Sep 44.

Major, ROAC
Commanding 1 Transit Vehicle Park (E)
38 Vehicle Company, ROAC

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Subject:- 1009 Reparto Speciale. Ref: TVP/C/195/

CONFIDENTIAL

M.M.I.A. Liaison Officer,
HQ No 2 District,
C.M.F.

Copy to :- O.C. 38 Vehicle Company.

1. Reference conversation between O.C. 1 Transit Vehicle Park, (East) and the Senior M.M.I.A. L.O. on 12 Sep 44, the following points and difficulties were raised.

2. The a/m unit is attached to 1 Transit Vehicle Park (East) for the purpose of ferrying vehicles to forward parks. The convoys always consist of a British N.C.O. i/c and a percentage of B.O.R.s to Italian drivers. This, however, does not prevent certain acts of bad discipline taking place.

3. The following are constant examples of the general mis-behavior of the Italian drivers :-

(1) It is very difficult to make the Italian drivers parade at the Convoy Assembly Point punctually. It is necessary for the majority of our convoys to leave at 0600 hours daily. However, the 1009 drivers usually"drift" in, in ones and twos, any time up to three quarters of an hour late. It often happens that the numbers of drivers sent are below the detaillrequired, thus resulting in essential vehicles going forward 24 hours late.

(2) It is apparent that a certain amount of trade in the "black 3545 market" is taking place. The drivers are stopping along the roadside, purchasing food stuff and, apparently selling in their own town. It is impossible for the B.O.Rs toprevent this when a convoy stretches over a good few miles of road. Also, lifts are being sold to civilians. In one particular instance, happening 12 Sep, a convoy of 20 vehicles was drawn up along the roadside. The British N.C.O. i/c had a search and found 40 Italian civilians, complete with kit, inside the vehicles driven by Itali

(3) Numerous acts, which may be sabotage, have occured: theft of cushion seats, vehicle kits being rifled despite the bins being locked. In one case, the panel of a vehicle was broken away and valuable equipmen removed. Also, many traffic accidents are taking place, which appear to be without good cause.

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4. All the above means that, upon arrival at our forward parks, these vehicles again require workshop attention, thus delaying the issue to Army units.

5. On numerous occasions, the O.C. of the 1009 unit, a Capt Angelo, has been interviewed and requested to take disciplinary action against the offenders. This, however, does not seem to be having any effect. The crimes appear to be on the increase.

6. Due to the lack of information, or any instructions concerning any powers possessed by the O.C. 1 T.V.P. over this unit, the matter is brought to your notice for action.

7. It is strongly recommended that a certain Lieut. NARO CARLO DOMENICO, who appears to be an able officer, should be given the power of control over this unit. The present O.C. does not seem to be able to maintain discipline.

8. The present O.C. Capt.Angelo, has returned from leave and is awaiting posting, therefore, an early decision will be appreciated.

In the Field.
13 September 44.

********** Major,RAOC.
O.C. 1 Transit Vehicle Park (Bas
38 Vehicle Company,RAOC.

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3 District
Tel Ext 18
W.6/1A
14 Sep 44.

Subject:- Italian Army - persons in improper possession of WD property.

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A copy of SIB Report SIB/69B/A/44/35 dated 10 Sep 44 is forwarded herewith.

Please keep this HQ informed as to action taken by the Italian Army, and return SIB report to this HQ.

Maj Gen
Comd

FEBT/1AH.

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Subject: Italian Personnel - Officers.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6

15 Sep 44

Transportation Sub Commission

Lt. PUCCARELLI WITWEBER
2/Lt.NAPPO GIOV.BATTISTA. 247

Further to this HQ AQ/6 of 14 Aug (addressed to Ministry of War, copy to you).

1. Information has now been received from the Ministry of War that both these officers have been removed from 1025 (I)G.T.Coy and have been demobilised.

2. The Ministry of War also state that replacements have been appointed.

3/ If the replacement has not yet been implemented will you please inform this HQ when hastening action will be taken.

3343

SPA/hh

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

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from: M.O.U.
to: MMIA

Translation
uf. 300252/CA
Sept 14, 44

Subject: Trial of driver PAGNELLO. - 261

Reference your letter AQ/6 dated 22 Aug. 44

Inquiries are being made to ascertain the position of driver PAGNELLO + I will forward to MMIA any information that I will get.

In the meantime I inform you that the Italian military laws stipulate that in the case of certain offences judgement will be postponed "sine die". In the case of personnel belonging to "penal" units.

I further wish to point out that as Allied Authorities are well aware thousands of cases are pending trial by military Tribunals + the policy has been adopted of giving priority to trials dealing with offences to the prejudice of the Allied Armed Forces.

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OXILIA

(AVALLOTTI)

Tell Perkins about this.

Done 10/7

See Order 401 Hdqrs 4th Echt

- VE/p

M.M.I.A. AQ
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 30252/C.A P.M.151 li 14 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: Processo a carico autiere Pagnello

Trial of Pvte ...

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione per l'Esercito ROMA

Riferimento foglio AQ/6 del 22 agosto 3541

Sono in corso accertamenti per chiarire la posizione dell'autiere Pagnello e mi riservo di riferire a cotesta Sottocommissione appena mi saranno pervenute le notizie richieste, già sollecitate.

Faccio presente frattanto che la legge militare italiana prevede effettivamente che per taluni reati il giudizio sia sospeso se l'accusato appartiene a reparto mobilitato.

Faccio presente altresì che, come è noto alle Autorità Alleate, presso i Tribunali Militari sono in pendenza migliaia di processi e che di norma vengono celebrati con precedenza quelli per reati ai danni delle Forze Armate Alleate.

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Trieste
IPA 19/9

IL SOTTOSEGR.DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Generale G.B.Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

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Subject: Discipline.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6

14 Sep 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

48 Reparto Autonmo Fanteria.

1. The following extract from a report concerning a visit to the a/m unit made by our Liaison Officer in the Taranto area, is forwarded for information and necessary action.

"All except guards sleep and eat on H.Q. premises, which is a block of unfinished flats. The sleeping quarters were dirty and untidy, and no attempt had been made at a standardised kit lay-out. I inspected a rifle, and it was obvious it had not been touched for weeks. "

2. It is considered that such a state of affairs should not exist in a unit where there are six officers.

SPA/hh

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

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SUBJECT: Discipline.

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
AQ/6
14 September 1944

TO : Ministry of War.

273/1

Ref letter this HQ AQ/6 dated 4 Sept. 44.

1. Will you please inform this HQ whether you are now in a position to put forward proposals as requested in the a/q letter.

F. J. NOAKES, Lt. Col.,
for Major General
Army Sub Commission MMIA

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from: MOW
to MMIA

Transcription
ref. 20097/CA
Sept 13, 44.

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AQ/6

Subject: Food supplies

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In reply to your Gen AQ/6 dated Sept. 6?
Attached final copy of instructions issued by this Ministry to eliminate the irregularities complained of by MMIA.

Gen Oxilia

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from MOW
to: See addressees

ref. 300/03/CA
10/9/44

Subject: Illegal protection of food supplies

It often happens that Italian workers on leave or have recently returned from the Army are arrested by the Allied police because illegally in possession of Allied issued food. The Italian military justify their action stating that they have spared a part of their daily rations to have a small food reserve to take home -

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that of Allied supplied

10/9/44

Subject: Illegal possession of food supplies

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or have recently returned from the Army are arrested
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of Allied issued food. The Italian military justify their
action stating that they have spared a part of
their daily rations to have a small food reserve
to take home -

It cannot be tolerated that food stuffs supplied
by the Allied for the Italians be used for other
purposes, because it cannot be excluded that
of some of them illegally disposing of their
stocks. -

Since the ration is not in excess of the requirements of the Soldier, the establishment of a stock must be considered liable to irregular issues when not of illegal sources.

This abuse must not be tolerated

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Full rations must be issued & consumed daily.

Under no circumstances whatever will military be in possession of food-stuff the property of military admin-istration with the exception of special rations issued to personnel travelling on duty.

Unit Commanders will check upon regular issue of rations & will see that baggage of military leaving the unit is searched. Food-stuff not included in travelling rations will be impounded & issued to the unit, H.Q.s to which this circular is addressed are requested

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car is addressed are requested
to take efficient action in accordance
of these cases & will take ex-emplary
by disciplinary action against all
those found guilty of breaches of
this order.

The secretary
Ged CASATTI

AVALLOTTI

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MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

Gabinetto

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Prot. N. 301097/C. *Allegati*

Roma, 15 settembre 1944

Risposta al disp. del *Div.* *Sez.* *N.*

OGGETTO: Accantonamento viveri -

Al LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO

ROMA

Riferimento foglio AQ/6 in data 3 settembre .-

Trasmetto copia delle disposizioni emanate da questo Ministero per eliminare l'inconveniente lamentato da codesta Sottocommissione.-

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Gen.G.B.Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

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Traduction SPAATG/9

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Prot.N.300703/C.A. P.M.151, 10.9.44

OGGETTO: Illecito possesso di viveri -

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA	P.M.120
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA	P.M.50
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA	P.M.67
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SICILIA	P.M.126
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA	P.M.114
AL COMANDO VII CORPO D'ARMATA	P.M.112
AL COMANDO DEL LI CORPO D'ARMATA	P.M.410
AL COMANDO MILITARE DEL TERRITORIO DI	ROMA
AL COMANDO REPARTO AUTONOMO MINISTERIALE	SEDE
e,per conoscenza:	
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO	SEDE
AL COMANDO GENERALE ARMA CARABINIERI REALI	ROMA
ALLA DIREZ.GENERALE SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO	SEDE

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Non è però ammissibile che i viveri forniti dagli alleati per i militari vengano destinati ad altro uso,anche perchè non si può escludere che taluno se ne serva per esercitare illecito commercio.

Dato che la razione viveri non è superiore ai bisogni del soldato, si deve presumere che la costituzione di scorte sia resa possibile da irregolare distribuzione,quando non sia di illecita provenienza.

L'abuso non deve essere tollerato.

La razione viveri deve essere [illegible]

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e,per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO — SEDE
AL COMANDO GENERALE ARMA CARABINIERI REALI — ROMA
ALLA DIREZ.GENERALE SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO — SEDE

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La razione viveri deve essere distribuita ed immessa al consumo giornalmente.

In nessun caso i militari devono essere in possesso di viveri dell'Amministrazione Militare,tranne la razione speciale somministrata al personale che viaggia per servizio.

I comandanti di reparto controllino la regolare distribuzione delle razioni e facciano ispezionare il bagaglio dei militari in partenza.Viveri non compresi nella razione di viaggio siano sequestrati a beneficio del reparto.

Prego i Comandi in indirizzo di dare disposizioni per una efficace azione preventiva e perchè le infrazioni siano represse con esemplare severità.

IL MINISTRO
F/to A.Casati

P.C.C.
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col.S.M.E.De Michelis)

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Subject: Discipline Italian Military Personnel

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
AQ/6
13. September 1944

To : HQ Region XII, APO 394.

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Ref your RXIII/C34(1P) of 7 Sept 44.

1. A reply to your a/q letter was sent from this HQ on 29th Aug.

2. As this reply appears to have gone astray a copy is forwarded herewith.

S. P. ARCHER, Captain,
for Major General
Army Sub Commission MMIA.

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Encl: Copy AQ/6 of 29 Aug.

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

Tel. 478705.

Ref. ACC/14601/11/PS.

12th September, 1944.

SUBJECT : Use of hand grenades by CC.AR.

TO : The Commanding General, CC.AR.

1. Reference your 284/1, dated 31st August, 1944.

2. The regulations concerning the use of hand grenades by CC.AR were issued after very thorough investigation and discussion.

3. A case occurred recently at Taranto where the use of hand grenades was thought to have precipated disorder.

4. It is not considered advisable at the present time to revise the regulations on this subject.

A.E. YOUNG, Col.
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Copy to Army Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT: Capt. FICARA, Commandant.
Polignano Driving School.

M.M.I.A. AQ2
File Ref. 6
Date Rec'd 14.9.44

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

12 Sept. 44.

M.M.I.A.

Ref: your AQ/6 dated 9 Sept. 44.

1. Attached heretwo copy of a statement by Major A. Izat in relation to allegations made by Capt. Ficara.

Colonel.
D.D.S.T.

MEM.

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Subject: Capt. FICARA, Commandant, [redacted] POLIGNANO DRIVING SCHOOL.

1006/34.

CONFIDENTIAL.

D.D.S.T.
Headquarters,
2 District.

Ref: your 4410/5/ST dated 11 Sep. 44.

Capt. FICARA was definitely told by me that he would not use W.D. transport for his personal use and fully understood this. He knew he would be held personally responsible for any breach of this order which had been given to him in writing.

The statement that C.S.M. Bryant knew about it as he had explained to FICARA how to complete the work ticket, is quite unfounded as FICARA had been responsible for the correct completion of work tickets for the duty vehicle for four months previously.

A. IZAT.
Sgd. Major. R.A.S.C.
Commanding British Cadre R.A.S.C.
1006 Italian Army G.T. Company.

Field.
11 Sep. 44.

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To Army Sub Commission.ACC.

MMIA.IO.
GO Sub Area
II.9.44

Subject:- Discipline.

MMIA
FILE REF A2 16
Date Recd 16/9/44

1. Ref: your AQ/5 of 2 Sep. 275
2. Attached report based on replyf Delegations ~~letter~~ to my letter asking for disciplinary action in the case of the incident at football match between an R.A.F. team and the Chieti civilian team.

J.H. Bowe Capt 3531

To:- Army Sub Commission.
Copy to:- 60 Sub Area.

MMLA.LO.
60 Sub Area.
12.9.44.

Subject: Discipline. Football field incident at CHIETI on 23 Aug. 44.

1. I have received a full report with attached statements from Delegazione "A", reference 2282/Pers of 9 Sept.

2. The report of Delegazione "A" states that it does not see any motive for disciplinary action against the CCRR for this football field incident. Further matches are now forbidden. The C/do CCRR have been told that the action of the CCRR should be prompt and energetic against those who disturb public order. Comprehensive and severe measures have been taken to enforce the AAI order on the carring of arms by Italian military.

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See para 3 on flag Ph

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   (d) The Commissario di P.S. states that when the CMP rfts arrived, the incident was closed and the agenti and CCRR were clearing the field. The C/do Presidio states while the stone throwing episode was in progess, the 4 CMP rfts arrived with Tommy Guns pointed towards the crowd who in a few seconds then cleared away from the field.

6. The CMP Cpl PHILIPPS, corroborated by Cpl GREEN, clearly states that he saw Italian soldiers with hand grenades. The attitude of the crowd was menacing and he had already seen two Allied officers struck with stones, and he with the other CMP had received

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6. Numerous kicks and punches. To restore order therefore, he fired two shots in the air.

7. P/O FLOWMAN stated that the Italian police present showed a marked unconcern of the whole affair. The two CMP Cpls stated that during the whole of this incident the CCRR who were on duty at the time just stood on the outskirts of the crowd and did not attempt in any way to render any assistance.

8. I submit that the assertion of the CCRR and the agenti " that they acted in a prompt, energetic and exemplary manner to stop an assault on Allied officers and personnel" is not tenable. I have not been informed that any arrests were made or charges prefered against anyone participating in this attack, which might have had far more serious consequences. The conduct which is alleged, in CMP report to have been followed by the CCRR inthe course of this football incident, corresponds closely to that of the recent incident where an Indian officer, improperly attacked by Italian soldiers, did not receive any assistance from CCRR, who stationed close by took no active steps.

J.H. Bourne.

Capt.
Liason Officer.
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Transmittal

Japn War Mem

Ref. 300.8/5/C.A

To: MMSA

Date Sept. 11, 1944

Subject: Officers of 1024 M.T. Coy.

AG/6

Ref. AG/6 dated Aug 12 — 247

On Aug. 24 the immediate substitution was ordered by Lt. Pieccarelli Valentine 1st 2nd Lt Nappo Lieutenant of 1024 M.T. Coy

It was also ordered that these men were to be demoted if they lived in liberated territories

Lt. Pieccarelli is being reported to the Tribunal as he is guilty of being AWOL for three days.

Cpl (2C)

2 Dist

already completed

above confirmed by

Byelitsky

SAT 14/7

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VE/ba. Invio 12/9/44

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 300815 /C.A. P.M. 151 li 11 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: Ufficiali della 1025 compagnia autieri -
Ufficiali 1025 Cop. 11/1

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO

ROMA

M.M.I.A. AQ
FILE REF 16
Date Recd 12/9/1

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Riferimento foglio AQ/6 in data 12 agosto.

In data 24 agosto è stato disposto per l'immediata sostituzione presso la 1025ª compagnia autieri del Tenente Pucciarelli Witweber e del Sottotenente Nappo Giovanni.

E' stato pure disposto che i due ufficiali, se aventi residenza in territorio liberato, siano collocati in congedo.

Aggiungo che per il Ten. Pucciarelli è in corso denuncia al Tribunale Militare perchè resosi colpevole di assenza arbitraria dal reparto.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA

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(Gen.G.B.Oxilia)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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ACC/4150/L. /ap.

11 September 1944.

SUBJECT : Discipline -Black Market Offences.

TO : Army Sub-Commission. 277

1. Reference your AQ/6 dated 9 Sep 44.

2. I have started an inquiry in order to answer your question. It may be several days before I can get the answer if obtainable locally. Otherwise, if I have to secure the answer through a legal officer in Bari it will take somewhat longer. In any event as soon as I get the answer I will let you know what it is.

Richard H Wilmer 3 Jan 6

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Colonel, CAC.
Chief Legal Officer.

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Subject: Discipline - Polignano Driving School.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6

9 Sep 44

HQ 2 Dist.

217/1 2 Misc Packet.

Your 4410/5/ST of 26 July refers.

1. Herewith copy of translation of a report received from Ministry of War.

2. The above is forwarded to you for information and any necessary action in view of the allegations made therein.

F-T Noone
Lt.Colonel.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

SPA/hh

Copy to: MMIA LO 2 Dist.

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Subject: Discipline - Black Market Offences.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6

9 Sep 44

LEGAL SUB COMMISSION, ACC

1. Attached hereto is a copy translation of the Ministry of War's reply shewing action taken in a case of Black Market offences in the BARI - TERMOLI area.

2. These two Italians have presumably been handed over to the Legal Authorities in BARI (or may be Termoli?)

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3. In view of your recent letter to this MG (ref ACC/4150/L of 4 Sep) on legal affairs in BARI, it would be of interest to trace this case through in order to check up on the sentences awarded.

SPA/hh

[illegible] Lt. Col.
For Major General
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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While question has been passed to Gen Oxilia who has a copy of the documents. Gen Oxilia is dealing with this case personnally. Action taken against him will be communicated later.

File 10.

Major

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPOT ADV 65

1455/1/GSI(b)

8 Sep 44

SUBJECT:- Brig.Gen. NGELICA Domenico

Army Sub-Commission (MMIA), ACC

1. Attached correspondence regarding subject has been passed to this HQ by G-2 RAAC.

2. Subject is still living at his home in SIENA and has been continually under the surveillance of FSS.

3. At the present time it cannot be said that subject is a danger to the security of our forces; consequently there are not sufficient grounds for his internment.

4. It is, however, most strongly felt that Subject should be called upon to answer for his flagrant disobedience to orders from his superiors which, in his case, was tantamount to co-operation with the Germans. Furthermore, his continued liberty is causing adverse comment among the local population.

5. It is recommended that subject's case be passed to the Italian military authorities with the request that appropriate disciplinary action be taken.

6. It is therefore requested that this be arranged and this HQ notified of action taken against subject.

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Louis Stewart. Capt

Brigadier,
BGS(I).

JWF

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G-2 (Advanced Intelligence) AFHQ
c/o Rome Area Allied Command
APO 794, U.S. Army

31 August, 1944.

SUBJECT: Attached correspondence.

TO : A. C. of S., G-2,
Rome Area Allied Command,
APO 794, U.S. Army.

Reference the attached correspondence, it is felt that this matter is for your attention.

A. J. GUTIERREZ,
Major, G.S.,
G-2 (Adv. Int.) AFHQ.

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SUBJECT: Brig Gen ANGELICA Domenico

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Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
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Date 31 AGO 44
* ITALY *

G 2 Adv Int "AFHQ" ROME

Copy to: Main 8 Army (Your M 330/4Ib of 23 August refers)

1. The attached documents and report in respect of Brig Gen ANGELICA Domenico, former garrison commander in SIENA were forwarded by GSI (b) EIGHTH Army to our Liaison Officer at Rear EIGHTH Army.

2. The documents reveal the Fascist activities of Gen ANGELICA and his co-operation with the enemy during the occupation of SIENA by the Germans.

3. In view of the fact that this officer is still at large will you please investigate his case and take the necessary action against him.

4. Please inform this Headquarters of action taken.

L. Browning

Maj Gen
Army Sub Commission

CGL.

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COMANDO SUPREMO SIM
SERVIZIO INFORMAZIONI MILITARE
Sezione C.S.presso 148^Armata inglese

N.2269/CS di prot.Seg. POSTA M.I35,li I4 agosto I944

OGGETTO: Generale di Brigata DOMENICO ANGELICA.=

ALLA I6^ SEZIONE F.S.S.....SUA SEDE
e,per conoscenza:
COMANDO SUPREMO SIM -SEZIONE ""BONSIGNORE"" P.M.I35
c/o G.S.I. (b) MAIN H.Q. EIGHTH ARMY..... SUA SEDE

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Dopo tale epoca assumeva la carica di ispettore provinciale della Protezione Antiaerea della provincia di Siena.=

Pertanto,a parere dello scrivente,si ritiene che il generale di brigata DOMENICO ANGELICA debba essere fermato ed internato in un campo di concentramento.=

IL MAGGIORE DEI CC.RR. CAPO SEZIONE
(Francesco Paolo Di Piazza)

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C O P I A

T E L E G R A M M A

Trasmesso il 10.9.1943 alle ore 1.15
Trasmittente Pisa

DAL COMANDO ZONA MILITARE PISA
AL DISTRETTO MILITARE DI SIENA

N.8127/Difes.

PER LA STRETTA OSSERVANZA DA PARTE DI TUTTI I MILITARI DIPENDENTI TRASCRIVO IL SEGUENTE FONO DEL COMANDO II CORPO D'ARMATA /./

CONFERMO ORDINE REAGIRE AD ATTI DI FORZA COMPIUTI DAI TE= DESCHI CONTRO NOSTRI ELEMENTI ISOLATI E CONTRO NOSTRI REPARTI /./OPPORSI COL FUOCO A QUALSIASI TENTATIVO DICARTTERE AUT DISARMO ASPORTAZIONI DI ARMI ET MATERIALI AUT OCCUPAZIONI IM= PIANTI QUALSIASI GENERE /./ COMANDANTI TRASGRESSORI SIANO ARRE= STATI E DEFERITI TRIBUNALE MILITARE

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F/to Gen.FERRERI

P. C. C.

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IL MAGGIORE DEI CC.RR. CAPO SEZIONE
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FONOGRAMMA URGENTE A MANO

I362/I4/Segr. 11.9.I943

DAL COMANDO PRESIDIO

AL COMANDANTE I°- 2°-3^-ZONA O.P.

AL COMANDANTE DEL 3I REGGIMENTO CARRISTI

AL COMANDANTE DEL I3I REGGIMENTO CARRISTI

AL COMANDANTE DEL DISTRETTO MILITARE

AL COMANDANTE TRUPPE AL DEPOSITO 5 REGG.BERSAGLIERI
ALLA SCUOLA ART.A.U.C. TRUPPE IN SEDE

SBLOCCARE I POSTI DI BLOCCO ALT TUTTE LE TRUPPE DEL PIANO O.P. NONCHE' QUELLE DEI POSTI DI BLOCCO SIANO IMMEDIATAMENTE RITIRATE ET CONSEGNATE IN CASERMA AD ECCEZIONE PERO' DI QUELLE DELLA CENTRALE ED ESPLIFICATRICE TELEFONICA OVE RIMARRANNO 20 UOMINI ET DUE UFFICIALI CON DUE FUCILI MITRAGLIATORI PER CIASCUN POSTO ALT EVITARE INUTILE SPARGIMENTO DI SANGUE ET QUINDI NON FARE ALCUNA RESISTENZA ALT AI POSTI DI BLOCCO RIMARRANNO SOLO UN UFFICIALE ET I CARABINIERI CON L'INCARICO DI DIRE AI TEDESCHI CHE EVENTUALMENTE VI SI PRESENTASSERO DI AVER RICEVUTO ORDINI DI ACCOMPAGNARLI AL COMANDO DEL II° CORPO D'ARMATA ALT LO STESSO DICASI SE TEDESCHI SI PRESENTASSERO IN QUALCHE CASERMA ALT RIPETO DI EVITARE RESISTENZA ET QUINDI NESSUNO ATTRITO ET NESSUNA DISCUSSIONE ALT FAR COMPRENDERE AI TEDESCHI CHE ESSI DEVONO PRESENTARSI AL COMANDO DEL II CORPO ARMATA CON IL QUALE AUTORITA' TEDESCHE HANNO AVUTO CONTATTO IN TAL SENSO AL PRESENTE ORDINE DEVE ESSERE IMMEDIATAMENTE ESEGUITO ALT

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Copia

PRESIDIO MILITARE DI SIENA
C O M A N D O

SEGUITO FONOGRAMMA URGENTE A MANO ODIERNO N° I362/I4/SEGR.
I365/I4/SEGR. AL COMANDO DELLA1^-2^-3^ ZONA O.P.
COMANDANTE DEL 3I REGGIMENTO CARRISTI
COMANDANTE DEL I3I REGGIMENTOCARRISTI
COMANDANTE DEL DISTRETTO MILITARE
COMANDO TRUPPE ALLE SEDI SCUOLA AUC DI ART.
COMANDO DEL DEPOSITO 5 REGGIMENTO BERSAGLIERI

Tutte le truppe consegnate in caserma con reparti sempre pronti ad intervenire specialmente per eventuali necessità di O. P.ufficiali presso i propri reparti.Ciclisti,motociclisti,autieri portaordini,attendenti,portalettere (ossia militari isolati oppure comandati per servizi vari),escono disarmati.=

Gli interpreti dicano che d'accordo col Superiore Comando Tedesco,se le colonne debbono andare a Roma la strada é quella che indicano loro.Se debbano andare verso Empoli lo stesso; la strada che indicano loro.=Se debbono parlare con il comando Italiano la strada é per Siena ed allora si danno indicazioni per trovare il comando del II° Corpo d'Armata.

Ritirare le armi automatiche dalle stazioni telefoniche.
Disfare il lavoro fatto per apprestamento materiali dei posti di blocco e liberare le strade da impedimenti.=

Mantenere sempre il collegamento telefonico per avere sempre notizie delle colonne od auto che passino.Comunicare con precedenza se colonne o isolati insistono per inviarsi a Siena città, pur dopo aver loro indicato la strada dell'itinerario 3516 circonvallazione e sempre lasciando libero il passaggio dopo di aver fatto opera di persuasione a passare per detto itinerario.

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uno a Font becci uno a Porta Pispini
uno a Porta Romana uno alla Colonna
L'interprete del deposito 5 Rgt.Bersaglieri si terrà in caserma a disposizione.

IL GENERAL DI BRIGATA COMANDANTE
F/to Domenico Angelica

P.C.C.
IL CAPITANO M.MATRANGA
F/to Matranga

P. C. C.
IL MAGGIORE D I CC.RR. CAPO SEZIONE
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Il Generale ANGELICA obbligò gli ufficiali del Presidio e del Distretto a funzionare.=Al Distretto ordinò che venisse=ro effettuati tutti i pagamenti,relativi agli acquisti fatti dalle FF.AA. tedesche.=

Parecchi ufficiali che tentarono di sottrarsi all'obbligo di servizio,li forzò con minaccie,nonché a mezzo dell'Arma dei Carabinieri.=Esempio: Maggiore Masaracchia Antonio.=

P. C. C.

IL MAGGIORE DEI CC.RR. CAPO SEZIONE
(Francesco Paolo Di Piazza)

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Subject: Discipline - Italian Officers - Black Market Offences.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
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H.Q. 2 District

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Ref 12/1A of 17 July, and further to this HQ AQ/6 of 28 July. 228 - 2nd Sect

1. Herewith for information copy translation of Ministry of War report as requested in the a/m letter.

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S.P.ARCHER Capt.
For Major General
Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

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Subject: Discipline.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
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Ref your letter of 31 Aug 44, addressed to Del. "A".

1. Please advise this HQ as soon as possible, of the reply from Del "A" called for in para 5 of your letter.

SPA/hh

S.P.ARCHER Capt.
For Lt.Col.A.A. & Q.M.G.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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HEADQUARTERS REGION XII
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

TO : HQ, ACC, Army Sub-Commission 7 Sept. 44

SUBJECT: Discipline Italian Military Personnel

FILE No: RXII/034(IP)

M.A.I.A. A-58
FILE REF 16
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It would be appreciated if a reply might now be given to this HQ letter RZ/034 (IP) dated 20 August 44, copy enclosed for easy reference.

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Regional Commissioner

Encl. (1)

Copies to:- HQ, ACC for G-1 Br
Engineering Division (Tn)
Capt W.A. Buchanan, MM

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HEADQUARTERS REGION 'Z'
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

20 August 1944

TO : Army Sub-Commission (MMIA), HQ ACC

SUBJECT: Discipline - Italian Military Personnel

FILE NO: RZ/034(IP)

MMIA A. AG
FILE REF 16
Dest. CC 9.9

Dvr. AGOSTINO, Vittorio
9 Regt. Autisti Class 1924

(Home address: Via Grilla, Nocera Umbria, Perugia)

1. The a/m Italian soldier of No. 1 Truck Platoon, attached to this HQ, has been reported absent without leave w.e.f. 11 July 1944.

2. May this HQ please be informed wheter a Court of Inquiry should be held, as in British procedure, or if not, advised accordingly.

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for /s/ J.E.T. Ritchie, Major
Regional Commissioner

Copy to:

Engineering Division (Tn)
Capt. W.A. Buchanan, M.M.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

Pa/6

ACC/4150/1. /pa.

4 Sept 44.

Report : Tribunali Militari at Bari.

TO : Army Sub-Commission.

1. As you know, while the right has been reserved whereby Allied Military Courts may be held in Italian Government Territory, it was the determined policy of the Allied Control Commission that only cases of exceptional importance should be tried by such courts in that territory. That means that other cases affecting the Allied interests not so tried are referred to the Italian Civil and Military courts for trial. These cases generally are those of theft of Allied goods and injuries to Allied personnel. Generally the Italian Civil Courts have functioned satisfactorily in this regard, although the civil courts in Bari were for a long time the exception. However, with certain changes of personnel and the setting up of a special section to deal with that type of case it is believed that the civil court situation there will radically improve.

2. Under the Italian Military Code of War certain of these cases may be tried before Italian Military Tribunals. The Tribunal at Bari undertook to try some of these cases and because their procedure is more expeditious it was thought that they would be able to render valuable assistance in disposing of a large number of cases, which inevitably seem to arise at a seaport and military center such as Bari. However, it has developed that the work of this Tribunal was badly done and on the whole the results were most unsatisfactory. Those in direct charge proved to be most uncooperative as will be noted below. Unless the efforts now being made by Gen.TRAINA prove to be fruitful, it will mean that many of the cases which the Tribunal could easily dispose of will have to be tried by Allied Military Courts, although with a helpful and cooperative attitude on the part of the Italian Military Tribunal this could be avoided.

3. In order to ensure that the A.C.C. Legal Officer should have full information as to the progress and treatment of cases affecting Allied interests before the Italian Courts, it was arranged between Major Cohen, then Provincial Legal Officer at Bari, and Gen.Medin, the then President of the Tribunale Militare, that a report should be submitted to the Legal Officer every week showing the cases that had been disposed of during the past week with the exact sentences in each case, and a list of cases awaiting trial. However, as events occurring in the past few months have proved the Italian Military authorities have failed to carry out the agreement. 35.10

4. At the end of last June the Regional Legal Officer referred certain cases to this HQ for decision as to whether they should be tried by AMG or by the Italian Military Tribunal. These cases concerned sabotage at ammunition

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dam\ \nd as the Allied authorities took a grave view of them, trial by AMG Court was ordered and the necessary orders and charges forwarded at the beginning of July to Region II. But on communicating the charges to the Italian authorities the Provincial Legal Officer learnt for the first time that these cases had already been tried by an Italian Military Tribunal. No notification had been given to him that they were about to be so tried and in fact these specific cases were omitted from the list of cases declared to be tried by the Italian Military Tribunal during the periods covered by the list. On consulting the weekly reports the Legal Officer found that they had been dealt with not as sabotage but as petty theft and punished accordingly. e.g. removing and carrying away rope guy wire from shells was tried as "theft of a few pieces of rope", and was punished by a few months imprisonment .

The persons responsible seem to be :

(a) Lt.Col.FURIAN, the then Procuratore Militare, since he was the head of the office that made up the list of cases for trial by the Italian Military Tribunal, and a Major TRAVERSA who actually did the work and admits passing the case for trial by the Italian Courts but pleads over-work as an excuse, which since he has dealt with nearly two thousand cases this year, may well be true.

(b) Lt. SILIE who was responsible for preparing the list of forthcoming cases for the Provincial Legal Officer. He can give no reasonable explanation as to why these particular cases were omitted from the list and not brought to the notice of the Legal Officer.

(c) The members of the Italian Military Court who imposed such a ridiculous penalty and failed lamentably to grasp the full significance of the charges before them cannot be held free from blame. They are Lt.Col.MAMAE,President, and Lt.Col. BELLEI, technical member.

(d) In certain of these cases Allied Military witnesses who could have explained the same significance of the acts charged were not called by the Prosecution.

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While the fault for this may lie primarily with Major TRAVERSA it also lies with everybody connected with the case who apparently chose to ignore the six page report of the English Sergeant.

5. Investigations carried out by the Provincial Legal Officer consequent on discovering these cases brought to light what is regarded as a graver neglect of their agreement by the Italian authorities. The Legal Officer discovered that the Tribunale Militare had been making a practice of suspending sentences imposed in cases affecting Allied interests, thus effectively nullifying any deterrent effect. But the Legal Officer was not being informed that these suspensions were being allowed so that while from the weekly report he was under the impression that the guilty parties were serving terms of imprisonment they were in fact

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walking about to all intents free men. Strong representations to stop the granting such suspension of sentence would have been made at once and the Legal Officer been aware of it for the whole object of penalty in such cases is to deter other would-be offenders.

The person responsible for failing to bring this suspension of sentence to the knowledge of the Legal Officer would appear to be Lt.SILLI. It was his job to prepare the weekly report. He made the list of cases decided by the Tribunale Militare. He omitted in reporting sentences imposed to add that sentence had been suspended.

6. One more instance of the out lookdinical way in which Bari Tribunale Militare has carried out its duties in respect to the Allies is the matter of prosecutions for infringements of the night fishing regulations.

Night fishing was causing some anxiety to the Naval authorities and Capt. GRIMM, Legal Officer went to the then Procuratore Militare Lt.Col. FURLAN asking him to explain the matter to the Tribunale and to insist on heavy penalties being imposed by the Courts for any infringements.- Capt. German had to repeat his request and although Lt.Col.Furlan stated that he had advised his colleagues verbally he certainly never issued anything in the nature of a written "directive" to cover the matter.

7. From the above it will be seen that the Tribunali Militari at Bari are to put it mildly not co-operating to the full extent of their ability. The only other explanation is that the personnel there is so inefficient as to demand immediate replacement. Gen.MANCA retired on 1st July, Lt.Col.Furlan was suspended by Gen.MANCA, who has promised to do his best to remedy the disastrous state of affairs, of which, it should be added, he says he was in complete ignorance until it was brought to his notice by the Allied authorities.

It is felt that investigation should be made by the Italian Army into the whole matter and such disciplinary action taken as is deemed fit. We shall be glad to supply any further details that may be necessary.

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RICHARD H. WILBER,
Colonel, CAC,
Chief Legal Officer.

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Subject: Discipline.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q.A.C.C.
R O M E
AO/6

14 Sep 44

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The Allied Authorities are much concerned, as I know you are too, with the considerable desertion and absenteeism taking place in the Italian Army, which is not only detrimental to discipline and morale, but also reduces the effectiveness of their co-operation with the Allies. It is necessary, therefore, to examine all possible means to improve the position.

2. I am informed that the disciplinary powers of independent unit Commanders, including Corps Commanders, are limited to :-

(a) 15 days confinement to Barracks

(b) 15 days imprisonment, without loss of pay

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3. Commanders have, however, no disciplinary powers where charges are brought on grounds of desertion or prolonged absence without leave. These cases are referred to the Military Tribunals.

4. Military Tribunals are overworked and congested, and the resultant delay between arrest and trial means a loss of manpower and also the excellent effect of immediate punishment is missed.

5. I consider that greater disciplinary powers in the hands of unit and superior Commanders, which gave them authority to impose immediate and severe penalties in cases of desertion

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5. I consider that greater disciplinary powers in the hands of unit and superior Commanders, which gave them authority to impose immediate and severe penalties in cases of desertion and absenteeism, would produce a considerable reduction in the number of these cases.

6. I therefore request that you will examine the position urgently and make conrete proposals on the above basis. I shall be glad to discuss the matter with you if necessary.

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L. Browning

Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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Subject: Carrying of Arms by the Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AC/6

4 Sep 44

H.Q., A.C.C.(Public Safety
Sub-Commission)

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L.B. 4/9

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Major General.

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COPY OF TRANSLATION

3004/3/C.A.A.
29 Aug 44.

Subject: Carrying of Arms by the Italian Armed Forces.

From : M/W Gabinetto

To : MMIA.

Ref: Your AQ 16 of 23 Aug 44. 2644

I have taken action, and directives are being issued that personnel of the Royal Army (less CC. RR.) will only be armed in the circumstances quoted in your above.

As for the CC. RR. and the R.G.F., I am obliged, before proceeding to give the same instructions, to contact the Ministry of the Interior and the Finance Ministry under whose guidance the CC. RR. and R.G.F. are respectively placed, owing to their special duties towards the maintenance of public order.

I feel it my duty, however, to lay before you the fact, that, through orders of the Ministry of the Interior, going back to before the constitution of the Kingdom of Italy, the men of the CC. RR. and also those of the R.G.F., were considered always on duty, even if they were walking out. The reason for this was that the CC. RR. in uniform or in plain clothes, on duty or on leave, are obliged to intervene to fulfill their engagements whenever the law is broken or whenever requested to do so by public functionaries or private persons.

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This also falls in line with the preceeding directives from the Comd of the A.C.C. (letter R.P. 395/C.A.A./CC 250.1 of 12 Aug 44) and from MMIA (letter AE/6 of 13 Aug 44).

Signed Aldssendro Casati,
Minister.

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AQ/6

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 20041/3 /C.A. P.M. 107 li 29 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: ; Porto d'armi da parte delle FF.AA. Italiane.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione per l'Esercito

ROMA

Riferimento lettera AQ/6 del 23 c.m.-

Ho preso atto e sono in corso le direttive perchè il personale dell'Esercito (CC.RR. esclusi) sia armato solo nelle circostanze fissate dalla lettera in riferimento.

Per quanto si riferisce ai CC.RR. ed alla R.Guardia di Finanza, prima di procedere ad analogo provvedimento, ho l'obbligo di interessare i Ministeri degli Interni e della Finanza dai quali, per il particolare servizio d'ordine pubblico e d'istituto, i CC.RR. e la R.Guardia di Finanza stessi, rispettivamente dipendono. 3504

Ho però il dovere di far presente a codesta Sottocommissione che, per disposizioni del Ministero degli Interni risalenti a prima della costituzione del Regno d'Italia, gli appartenenti all'Arma dei CC.RR., e analogamente quelli della R.Guardia di Finanza, anche se a diporto, sono considerati sempre in servizio, ciò perchè i CC.RR. sia in uniforme che in abito civile, sia in servizio che in licenza, hanno l'obbligo di intervenire ogni qualvolta si verifichino infrazioni alla legge ovvero siano richiesti da pubblici ufficiali o da privati per disimpegnare le mansioni che loro competono

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Questo principio costantemente osservato e che è quello che dà il tono all'Arma e ne costituisce la sua solidità, ha anche lo scopo d'attribuire ai CC.RR., come alla R.Guardia di Finanza, un particolare ascendente.

Mi permetto quindi di prospettare il lato morale oltrechè militare della questione, affinchè codesta Sottocommissione voglia riesaminare la possibilità di lasciare in vigore le vecchie disposizioni che datano da secoli e cioè che i CC.RR. e la R.Guardia di Finanza - in uniforme - siano sempre armati.

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Quanto sopra si ispira anche alle precedenti direttive sia del Capo della Commissione alleata di controllo (lettera R.P.395/C.A. A/CC 250.1 del 12 corrente mese) sia di codesta Sottocommissi one (lettera AQ/6 del 13 c.m.).-

IL MINISTRO

Alessandro Casati.

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SP.20

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Minister.

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Subject: Storing of Rations.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6

3 Sep 44

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. It is understood that the custom exists in parts of the Italian Army for soldiers to save part of their daily ration to take home on leave.

2. Cases have occurred when Allied Police have, in course of their duties, found soldiers either on leave or recently demobilised, in possession of Allied tinned rations. These rations being in excess of the authorised travelling ration.

3. This indicates that either the ration scale is in excess of that needed by the soldier to carry out his duty, or that additional irregular issues are being made.

4. Will you please issue clear orders that under no circumstances will other than the correct travelling ration be in possession of any member of the Armed Forces when on leave or demobilised. Rations issued to the Italian Army, except the special ration issued to personnel travelling on duty, are for consumption in the Mess only, and are not to be removed from the Mess under any conditions.

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F. J Noakes Lt Col

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For Major General.
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Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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HQ AAI for G4.
HQ Rear Eight Army.
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Translation

Ref:- 300616/C.M.

Date:- 2 Sept. 44.

From:- III A.F.W.

To:- III ARMY HQ.

Subject:- Capt. FICHRH, Commandant Driving School Polignano

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Ref. AG/6 of 26 July and 12 Aug.

From enquiries made on Capt. FICHRH 245/2

Granaffe, Commandant Driving School Polignano it appears that:-

~~following has been noted:~~

After the liberation of Sulmona, the officer asked for a leave to go to see his family but this was refused by 2 Austrek.

On 2 July the school was granted a weeks leave and Capt. FICHRH took advantage of this to go to Sulmona leaving, as advised by Capt 12th Bde duty Army of the school. Sgt Bryant knew about it as he explained to Fichrh how to complete the ~~requisite~~ necessary documents.

He proceeded on the 3rd arrived at Sulmona the 4th where he found his son affected with Typhus. On the doctors advise he went to Naples on 6th

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to cure his son. He sent the lorry back to Pobiano on the 8th informing S/T. MENICATTI, his substitute, that owing to the serious condition of his son, he would remain in Naples and asked him to send the lorry back to him on the 16.

The lorry returned to Naples on 15th but Capt Fiennes, owing to the serious illness of his son, left on the 13th arriving at Pobiano the night of the same day.

Capt. Fiennes, who has been substituted in the School ~~w.e.f.~~ the 24 July, has been ~~awarded 28 days (28 to R.H. 28 to N.S.) but has been recommended for discharge~~ awarded the maximum punishment allowed i.e. 10 days imprisonment + 15 days arrest. Furthermore he has recommended (Gen. G.B. OXLEY) for discharge.

Sgt KEARE

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Date Recd 3/9

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 300616 /C.A. P.M.151 li 2. settembre 1944

OGGETTO: Cap. FICARA, già comandante scuola autieri di Polignano.
Ex Comandante of Driver School D

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO

ROMA

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L'autocarro tornò a Napoli il 15 ma il FICARA, perdurando le gravi condizioni del figlio, partì il 19, giungendo a Polignano la sera

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del giorno stesso.

Il Capitano FICARA, che è stato sostituito nel comando della Scuola fin dal 24 luglio, è stato punito con il massimo della punizione dispiplinare (gg.10 A.R. e gg.15 A.S.) ed è in corso la pratica per il suo collocamento in congedo.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 300591/C.A.
312-3-8

P.M.107 li 2 Settembre 1944

OGGETTO Porte d'armi da parte delle FF.AA. italiane -
Comunicazione al Capo di Stato Maggiore

Allegato : 1

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO

R O M A

Riferimento lettera AQ/ 6 del 23 c.m. 3495

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p.c.c. 290844

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col.di S.M. E. De Michelis)
Ten Col Luigi Calcagno

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Subjects:- Incidents involving Allied Soldiers and Italian Civilians

Army Sub Commission (MIA)
HQ. A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6
1 SEP 44

H.Q. P.B.S.

1. The attached translation of a report from the Italian Ministry of War, is forwarded to you, to cover the possibility of your not having been informed of the incident through other sources.

F.J.Noakes.Lt.Col.
for Major General
Army Sub Commission(MIA)

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TRANSLATION.

From Rome to

to Rome, NARA

Ref n° 3000397

Dated 31/8/44

Attempted assassination of Alcide De Gasperi

Communist clandestine Committee
of three has in the office of the
Rome Society of Rome di Esercizi (Rome Bath)
a Black member of the American military Police
entered the house of Alcide De Gasperi aged
20 and without another fired three seconds of an
automatic weapon striking Alcide De instantaneously
Some Americans who executed the subject
order was found and identified as Pat
Otis Cullum. Those military provided the
transport of the corpse to the American 3492
of Regionerie di Rome di Esercizi.

for notice the Red commissioner to
to obtain collaboration and to pay them

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to give me the information so that
we can eliminate or reduce to a minimum
unnecessary incidents

Sincerely

R Mansfield.

American

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30/cc.

N.°

Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

M.M.I.A. 42
FILE PSF 16
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n° 300397/C.A. P.M.107, 31 agosto 1944

OGGETTO : Omicidio commesso da militare alleato.
murder committed by Allied soldier

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO

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(Gen.G.B.Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

Trasl. Corte
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Transfer

Ref case 300 MC/F/19

Date 31/Jan 46

Reference to letter A.O.C. dated 30th Jan 46

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From H.Q. 1 A.A.D.

The Commanding Officer 2nd Field Coy

De Pass Training and H.Q Company Kenneyjo

CCRE Have been Awarded over the Esc

Royal Certificates charged with Deserting

Patrick.

From Headquarters 2nd Lieut De Pass has

been discharged from the services

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Dec 46

Robertson Scots

2 East Lancs

JPH 1/1

A/G 1) Shall we note Lyal

that Court to charge was as to

punishment awarded?

Yes DAG 1/1 JPH SCA

VE/ba MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

Gabinetto

Prot. N° 300316/eg Allegati

Risposta al disp. del

Roma, 31 agosto 1944

Div. Sez. N°

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Date Rec'd 3 9

OGGETTO: Disciplina -
Descrizione

Al LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO
S E D E

Riferimento foglio AQ/6 in data 28 luglio di cotesta Sottocommissione.

Comunico che il Sottotenente DE PLATO Giuseppe e il Maresciallo CC.RR. D'ONOFRIO Vincenzo sono stati deferiti all'autorità giudiziaria per reato annonario.

Il S.Ten. DE PLATO , inoltre, è stato collocato in congedo.-

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Gen.G.B.Oxilia)

Gatti

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Riferimento foglio A3/6 in data 26 luglio di codesta Sottocommissione.

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(Gen.G.B.Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

Thaus 8/9 RM

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Date Recd 3 9 / Aug 6

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To:- Delegazione 'A'.
Copies to:- Army Sub Commission. (MMIA).
60 Sub Area.

MMIA. L.O.
60 Sub Area.
31 August 1944.

Subject:- Discipline - Italian Military carrying Arms.

1. Attached police reports state that at CHIETI on 23 August: there was a football match between an R.A.F. Regt. and a local team. Owing to the unruly activities of the crowd, the referee was informed that the game would have to be abandoned. F/O Mason called his team off the field.

2. An ugly incident then developed. When the R.A.F. embussed they were stoned, and only with the arrival of C.M.P. rfts. with Tommy Guns was the crowd dispersed.

3. The following points are for your attention and action.

(a). The C.M.P. noticed that several of the spectators, who were Italian Military personnel, were carrying arms and also hand grenades.

(b). During the whole of this incident, the CCRR who were on duty at the time, just stopped on the outskirts of the crowd and did not attempt in any way to render any assistance.

4. You informed me that you had given orders for Italian Military not to carry arms except when on duty - 435/P/pers of 15 July. I have further communicated to you the recent AAI order, relating to the carrying of arms.

5. As appears from this incident, the measures taken by you are either insufficient or are not being put into effect. Will you forward to me the steps you propose to take in this matter. Will you also enquire into the neglect of their duty on the part of the CCRR, who were there presumably to secure order and discipline, and inform me of the action taken.

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Liaison Officer.
Army Sub Commission. ACC.

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Subject: Discipline - Italian Military Personnel

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AC/6

29 Aug 44

H.Q. Region 'Z', A.C.C.

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Ref your RZ/034(IP) dated 20 Aug 44.

1. Discipline of Italian Units, including those under command of the Allies, is the responsibility of the Italian Comd. Where the case is of a serious nature, he will refer it to his superior Comd.

2. Grave breaches of discipline, where adequate action has not been taken by the Italians, or in cases where Allied personnel or stores are involved, should be referred to this HQ for further action through the Italian Ministry of War.

3. In the case of absence without leave, it is the duty of the Italian Comd to inform his superior Comd, and to inform the CC.RR.

4. It is not considered necessary to hold a Court of Inquiry, as no Allied personnel or stores are involved.

J Bird, Capt

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J.B.BIRD Capt.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

JB/hh

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Maj. Cole are you interested?

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MA 240 22 Oct. SPK 22/9.

Translation

Ref n° 940 - 5/1/15

Date 20/8/44

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to MMIA copy.

Circular Letter

NT.

With circular letter n° 6100-1/20.26 of the 16 april the use of Distinctive flashes for the occupation of Albania and for the Italo-Greco campaign was forbidden.

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With a later circular n° 561/RIC 8.1.15 of the 15th of july reminded all the Military Personnel of the a/m restriction of the precedent circulars.

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in view of these signs -

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by Commands at other similar units so
that infractions to the rule cease immediatly

That all infractions to the rule will
have severe disciplinary actions taken against

NT.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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nº di prot. 940
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P.M. 107, lì 28 Agosto 1944

O G G E T T O: Distintivi per benemerenze di guerra, onorifici e commemorativi per l'occupazione d'Albania e per la campagna italo-greca.=

AL COMANDO 7ª CORPO D'ARMATA P.M. 112
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA P.M. 120
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA P.M. 50
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AL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE A. DELLO S.M.R.E. P.M. 185
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A S.E. IL Iº AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE DI S.M. IL RE D'ITALIA NAPOLI
A S.E. IL Iº AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO ROMA
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ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE P.M. 135
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ALL'ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO R O M A
ALLE DIR ZIONI GENERALI E UFFICI AUTONOMI
DEL MINISTERO S E D E

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Con circolare nº6100/1/20.2.6 del 16 appile c.a. sospendevo l'uso di fregiarsi dei distintivi in oggetto.

Con successiva circolare nº561/Ric.8.1.15 del 18 giugno richiamavo tutti i militari alla stretta osservanza delle disposizioni della predetta circolare 6100 del 16 aprile c.a.

Poichè mi risulta che non tutti i militari hanno ottemperato

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agli ordini sopra ricordati, invito i comandi in indirizzo a disporre:

- che, a cura dei comandanti di reparto, siano portate a conoscenza di tutti i militari dipendenti le disposizioni in parola;
- che, sia attuata assidua sorveglianza, da parte dei comandanti di reggimento ed equivalenti, perchè le infrazioni sopra rammentate cessino senz'altro;
- che, siano adottati, a carico dei trasgressori, severe sanzioni disciplinari.

Assicurare.=

IL MINISTRO
A. Casati

COMANDO GENIO DEL TERRITORIO DI ROMA

P. C. C.

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COMANDO DEL 3 °/IO D.T.
Territorio di Roma
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Roma, li 7 settembre 1942 - Anno

Al

M.M.I.A. AQ
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Date Recd 21/9

Prot. N. 182/1 Allegati

Risposta al foglio del

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Distintivi per benemerenze di guerra onorifici commemorativi per l'occupazione dell'Albania e per la campagna Italo-Greca.-

ALL'UFFICIO STRALCIO 3° C.I.O. ROMA
ALL'UFFICIO REQUISIZIONE BENI EX ANGLO-AMERICANI EX ROMA
ROMA
FIRENZE
PALERMO
ANCONA
NAPOLI

Si trasmette l'allegato circolare 940/3-1-13 del Ministero della Guerra - Gabinetto -.-

per norma.-

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IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA COMANDANTE
(R. Cortellessa)

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HQ/MMIA

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AUG 28 1944

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - 1003 (I) GT Coy

ST 3 District

MMA
FILE REF 16
Date Recd 28/8

HQ 2 District,
C.M.F.
ST 4410/4

27 Aug 44.

Further to, this office letter of even reference dated 8 Aug 44.

1. Herewith further copies of correspondence relating to the former Italian OC 1003 (I) GT Coy.

2. MMIA are being requested to pass all subsequent correspndence directly to you, since this company is now under command.

NOTED BY ST [illegible] Comm Sec

To: Hq MMIA & 4/2/9

Colonel,
D.D.S.T.

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Copy to:- MMIA (May future correspondence in the matter of 1003 (I) Coy please be passed to 3 District)

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To:- Army Sub Commission. A.C.C.
Copy to:- Delegaione 'A'.

MMIA. 10.
60 Sub Area.
26 August 1944.
JB/3.

AQ. 6 30 8 44

Subject:- Rations.

1. The Legal Department of Delegazione 'A' informs me that in normal times, soldiers in the Italian Army were permitted to save part of their rations in order to take them home on leave.

2. Cases are now occurring when C.M.P. have searched houses where soldiers are on leave, or have been recently demobilised, and have found quantities of W.D. tinned rations. These rations have been in excess of the two days travelling rations to which they are entitled.

3. The Military Legal Department of Delegazione 'A' would like a ruling as to the legality of their thus saving rations to take home. According to the C.M.P. they are in unlawful possession.

4. Such cases are now becoming fairly frequent.

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J. H. Bourne
Capt.
Liaison Officer.

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STATEMENT BY CAPT.J.A. ALEXANDER
243/78th H.A.A.REGT.R.A.

At approximately 1000 hrs 12th Aug '44 I entered an empty yard adjoining a bombed Italian house which had been occupied up to about 1st Aug '44 by an American unit, in this yard were several drums of green dye. As there was no guard on these drums and as far as I was aware no one in occupation of the house and no personnel in the vicinity who had any knowledge of these drums, I took 2 for the camouflage of tents. At approx. 1400 hrs I received an enquiry regarding these 2 drums which I returned at once to the above mentioned yard and gave my apologies for the trouble caused, explaining that these would not have been removed if I had thought they were likely to be required.

Signed:- J.A. Alexander
Capt.R.A.
243 H.A.A. Battery. R.A.

26.8.44

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Subject:- Removal of Stores.

Army Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A),
H.Q., A.C.C.
ROME.

HQ 70 HAA REGT RA.
C I F.
REF. /6956.
DATE. 27 AUG 44.

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Date 28 8 /

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Reference your A/Q of 18 Aug 44.

1. The attached statement, in respect of the removal of 2 drums of dye from a depot at CIVITAVECCHIA, by Capt. Alexander, is forwarded for your information.

2. This officer was apparently under the impression that the stores had been left by a unit and were not required.

3. The Commanding Officer has spoken to the Officer concerned, and he has been warned not to interfere, or make off with stores without proper authority in future.

4. The subsequent deficiency in shipment of the stores is regretted and it has been impressed on this Officer that his act has caused inconvenience and delay and that the irregularity could have been detrimental to the War Effort.

29/8 MP.
GCB/EMH.

f. C Bham.
Lt. Col. RA.
Cmdg. 70 HAA REGT RA.

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

Tel:- Via Main Eighth Army.

File:- 48/84/AQ.

Date:- 26 Aug, 44.

SUBJECT:- Italian personnel.

TO:- M.M.I.A., HQ AAI.

COPY TO:- HQ 1 ADR.
274 Armd Dely Sqn.

M.M.I.A.	AQ	
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Date Rec'd	29	8 44

2/Lt. VALENTE RENATO di MICHELE

Reference attached copy report on the above named Italian officer.

May arrangements please be made for 2/Lt VALENTE to be replaced by another officer more likely to carry out his duties in an efficient manner.

Letter of
Instruction
2 Sept
GAA

Lieut Colonel
Comd.

Field.

TMM/CWM.

Enc.

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COPY.

SUBJECT:- ITALIAN DETACHMENT. Ref: AA/241

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H.Q., 1 Armd Dely Regt 22 Aug 44.

2/Lt. VALENTE RENATO di MICHELE.

It is requested that representations may be made to the authorities concerned for the replacement of the a/n ITALIAN Officer, who is at present in charge of the ITALIAN Detachment with this Sqn.

He does not supervise the work of his men satisfactorily, nor does he ensure that my orders are correctly understood by his personnel, and as a result many working hours are lost and much time spent by personnel of this Sqn tracing ITALIANS.

If a replacement could be effected, it is hoped the Officer replacing can understand English or French, as the present situation is almost impossible.

(Sgd) A. R. HAMMOND, Major,
O.C., 274 Armd Dely Sqn. (R.A.C.)

COPY.

SUBJECT:- ITALIAN PERSONNEL. AER/8/3.

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23 Aug 44.

H.Q., 1 A.R.G.

Reference above copy of 274 Armd Dely Sqn letter AA/241, dated 22 Aug 44, may 2/Lt. VALENTE RENATO di MICHELE please be replaced by another, and more suitable, Officer at the earliest possible moment.

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C.M.F.
IFCS/CD.

(Sgd) I.F.C.SMITH, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding, 1 Armoured Delivery Regt. (R.A.C.)

Copy to:- 274 Armd Dely Sqn.

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO No. 794 U.S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

M.M.I.A.
FILE REF 16
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RAAC/S/62/G3(Br). 25 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: Guards: Personal Weapons and Ammunition.

TO: OC 1 Battaglione Speciale Granatieri Di Sardegna. (Through 50 Cheshire)

1. I am directed by the Commander, Rome Allied Area Command to inform you of the policy of the carrying of Arms and Ammunition by Italian Troops, and the orders affecting the two Coys of GRANATIERI as a result thereof.

2. The practice of carrying arms by Italian Troops when on patrol or point duties will cease immediately, with the exception of the Carabinieri and those Italian Units FORWARD of Corps Rear Boundaries.

3. No ammunition whatsoever, will be in the possession of Italian Troops behind Corps Rear Boundaries, with the exception of Guards authorised by the Commander, Rome Allied Area Command, and by the Carabinieri.

4. The Commander, Rome Allied Area Command has authorised that the Guards as enumerated below, are permitted to carry arms and ammunition whilst actually carrying out their tours of duty:-

(a)	Italian Guards at:	LITTORIO Railway Station.
(b)	" " " "	98 GT Coy.
(c)	" " " "	92 DID.
(d)	" " " "	11 MPSC Petrol Point.
(e)	" " " "	6 BPSC.
(f)	" " " "	12 Field Bakery.

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5. Italian Guards at 557 Main Gun Park will cease to carry arms and ammunition with effect immediately on receipt of these orders.

6. Italian Guards, other than those as stated in paragraph 4, will NOT carry arms and ammunition unless and until ordered by the Commander, Rome Allied Area Command.

7. As new details for Italian Guards are issued, it will be clearly stated

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Commander, Rome Allied Area Command, and by the Carabinieri.

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6. Italian Guards, other than those as stated in paragraph 4, will NOT carry arms and ammunition unless and until ordered by the Commander, Rome Allied Area Command.

7. As new details for Italian Guards are issued, it will be clearly stated in the orders issued by this Headquarters, whether these Guards will or will not carry arms and ammunition.

8. A certificate to the effect that arms and ammunition have been withdrawn from the Italian Guard at 557 Main Gun Park will be forwarded to this Headquarters not later than 28 August.

E. SEDGWICK,
Major,
G-3 (British).

Copy to:-

Commander, Comando Territorio di Roma.
(Via 24 Maggio).
30 Cheshire.
ADST, Rome Area.
ADOS, Rome Area.
Army Sub-Commission (MMIA).
AAI, Adv. (your 16/1/G(ops) of 16 Aug refers).
AAI, Main.
3 District.

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Adv Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

16/5/G(Ops)

26 Aug 44

SUBJECT :- Carrying of arms by Italian Tps.

Fifth Army
Eighth Army
1 District
2 District
3 District
CG SARDINIA
P.B.S.
R.A.A.C.
A.C.C.

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Reference this HQ letter 16/1/G(Ops) of 16 Aug.

In order that there can be no ambiguity over the question of carrying of arms by Italian tps, a copy of the Instructions given by M.M.I.A. to the Italian Minister for War are attached.

for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

PDM/lawd

Copy to :- M.M.I.A.(ref their AQ/6/LB of 23 Aug)
MA to CAO
DCGS
GSI(b)
'A'
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See folio 300
605 Hatfield

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SUBJECT: Carrying of Arms by JUGOSLAV personnel when not on duty

MAA/A FILE REF Date Recd 16

HQ '2' Military Mission, CMF

A/212/1

HQ 2 District

25 Aug 44

Army Sub-Commission ACC

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Reference your 2049 G3I of 22 Aug 44.

This matter will again be taken up with the Partizans and the points in your letter fully explained to them.

W.S. Macaulay.

Lt Col
G.S.

/CJE

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Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6

24 Aug 44

MINISTER FOR WAR

1. By orders of the C-in-C.

I have again to draw your attention to another disgraceful case of misbehaviour by Italian paratroops and soldiers.

2. This case occurred in the NAPLES area against American soldiers and the relevant testimony is attached.

3. The C-in-C takes the most serious view of this case. Moreover the number of such cases continues to increase. I have sent you today a letter AQ/6 defining the C-in-C's orders as regards carrying of weapons by Italian personnel.

4. I am to request that you will have immediate steps taken to deal with this case and to bring the offenders to the sternest and most exemplary justice, reporting action taken to me for the information of the C-in-C. in Italian in text.

f. Captain Montana Vecengo.

L.B.
Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

LB/hh

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Copy to: Maj.Gen.L.L.LEMNITZER
U.S. Army,
Deputy Chief of Staff
H.Q., A.A.I.

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3rd Ind. LLL/tjg

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY ADV, APO 777, U.S. Army, 22 August 1944.

TO: Army Sub-Commission, MMIA, HQ Allied Control Commission, ROME,

1. Attention is invited to the basic letter and the attached reports of attacks against Allied troops by Italian paratroopers and Italian soldiers in the Naples area. It is desired that you instruct the Italian military authorities to issue the necessary orders to their local commanders to take such measures as are necessary to stop these incidents forthwith.

2. It is further desired that inquiry be instituted, and report made to this headquarters, to determine what action was taken by the Italian authorities against Captain Mariana Vencenzo, who is apparently a ring-leader in these attacks.

3. Please expedite.

For the COMMANDER-in-CHIEF:

L. L. LEMNITZER,
Major General, U.S. Army,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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S - 14 September 1944

AG 333.5/640 A-O 2d Ind /gcb
HEADQUARTERS NATOUSA, APO 534, 14 August 1944.

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy.

1. It is requested this matter be brought to the attention of the Allied Military Government in view of request contained in paragraph 3, Inclosure Number 2.

2. It is further requested that a report of action taken be forwarded to this headquarters.

For the Theater Commander:

Jack Carter.
JACK CARTER,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

Rec'd
AUG 16 1944
1645 hrs.

9 Incls
(not previously listed)
1 - Ltr, Hq 62d Ftr Wg
2 - Ltr, Rpt of Inv, 62d Ftr Wg
3 - Exhibit A
4 - Exhibit B
5 - Exhibit C
6 - Exhibit D
7 - Exhibit E
8 - Exhibit F
9 - Exhibit G

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
A. P. O. 782

JWL/vr
AG-250.1 (BPLNO) 29 July 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation of Incidents between American and Italian Troops.

TO : The Commanding General AAI.

THRU : The Commanding General S.O.S. NATOUSA.

1. The inclosed report of investigation, covering assaults and threatened assaults on American personnel by Italian soldiers is forwarded in view of the fact that the Italians involved are not under the jurisdiction of this headquarters.

2. According to available records the Italian soldiers are under Eighth Army jurisdiction.

For the Commanding Officer:
9 Incls: n/c

L. J. ROBERTS,
1st Lt., AGD.,
Asst Adj. Gen.

333.1 (SSPMG) 1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, SOS NATOUSA, APO 750, U. S. Army, 7 August 1944.

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TO: Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534, U. S. Army.

For the Commanding General:

J. V. SHELDON
Major, A.G.D.
Asst Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 62ND FIGHTER WING
APO 650

SJA:RLK/jp
24 July 1944

SUBJECT: Investigation of Incidents between Italians and U. S. Military Personnel.

TO : Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782.
Attention: Provost Marshal.

1. Inclosed is report of investigation of incidents between personnel of this headquarters and Italians, occuring in the Vomero district, Naples, Italy, July 15th and 16th, 1944.

2. An Italian Captain, Mariano Vencenzo, was apparently leading the disturbance. He was apprehended but it is believed he was released after being detained at the 1st District Military Police Headquarters.

3. Request information as to action taken in this matter.

Robert S. Israel, Jr.
ROBERT S. ISRAEL, JR.,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 62ND FIGHTER WING
APO 650

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22 July 1944

SUBJECT: Investigation and Report of Incidents between Italians and U. S. Military Personnel of this Command.

TO : Commanding General, 62nd Fighter Wing, APO 650, U. S. Army.

1. On the night of July 15, 1944 about 1900 hours, a soldier of the United States Army was definitely assulted in the most vicious manner by Italian troops led by an Italian officer mamed Captain Mariana Vencenzo. The Captain is a member of the Italian paratroopers. The following evening, July 16, 1944, another assault was attempted by the same person upon another member of the U. S. Army. The Military Police were notified and through the efforts of several officers of the U. S. Army who were in the vicinity, the Italian Captain, Mariana Vencenzo, was apprehended and taken into custody of the Military Police of the 1st District Military Police Headquarters.

2. The 1st District Military Police Headquarters released the Italian Captain, Mariana Vencenzo, to his Italian unit. Apparently the Military Police have no jurisdiction over cases of this sort.

3. In view of the fact that the whole procedure was handled in an orderly manner by soldiers of the U. S. Army, and because no apparent action was taken to prevent a recurrence of this kind of incident, I recommend this case be brought to the attention of A.M.G.O.T. for immediate investigation and action.

Leonard J. Swiger

LEONARD J. SWIGER,
1st Lt., Air Corps

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7 Incls:
Exhibits "A","B","C",
"D","E","F", "G".

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HEADQUARTERS 62ND FIGHTER WING
APO #650

KAC:LMJ/ma

17 July 1944

SUBJECT: Letter Order.

TO : 1st Lt LEONARD J. SWIGER, O-855209, AC, Hq 62nd Fitr Wg.

1. UP AR 420-5 and Sect I, Cir 74, MATOUSA, 23 May 1944, you are appointed as a board of one (1) O for this Hq, to investigate and report upon alleged incidents arising between Italian civilians and United States Military personnel, occurring on or about 15 July 1944 in the Vomero Section of Naples, Italy.

2. The investigation will be conducted with complete and careful compliance with provisions of par 6, Sect I, Cir 74, MATOUSA, and par 8, AR 25-20.

3. Report of Investigation will be prepared in quintuplicate and forwarded so as to reach this Headquarters not later than 22 July 1944.

By order of Colonel ISRAEL:

Lawrence M. Jack
LAWRENCE M. JACK,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutent.

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Exhibit "G"

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A-F-F-I-D-A-V-I-T

Naples, Italy
(Place)
22 July, 1944
(Date)

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authorized to administer oaths in cases of this character, one William Laforce (Name of Deponent), who having been read AW 24 and his rights thereunder explained to him, and being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

As I was sitting out in front of a small shop, a friend of mine with his Italian girl came past. After they were about twenty feet beyond us, they were stopped by eight or ten "Itie" paratroopers. Then I noticed the girl holding her hair out as though to cut it off. Then all of a sudden the group of Italians struck at them, knocking both soldier and girl down. Then the Captain, leading the Ities, and one other ran over to him and hit him again in the face while he was still laying on the side walk.

My friend jumped up then and up and grabbed one of out chairs and started back at the Italians. Captain Whittier came up and told him if he took another step he would put him under arrest immediately. So the soldier came over to us and the Italians went on their way.

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and the Italians went on their way.

(s) William J. LaForce
(Signature)
WILLIAM LAFORCE
(Name typed)
Pfc. 13066073
(Rank or Grade, & ASN)
Hq. Sq. 62nd Fighter Wing.
(Organization)

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this 22nd day of July,
1944.

(s) Leonard J. Swiger
(Signature)
LEONARD J. SWIGER
(Name typed)
1st Lieut., Air Corps, O-855209
(Grade, organization & ASN)

(Capacity--Investigating Officer,
[redacted]

Exhibit "A"

Ans #3

Hq. 62nd Fitr Wg.- Affidavit Form.
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A-F-F-I-D-A-V-I-T

Naples, Italy
(Place)
22 July, 1944
(Date)

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authorized to administer oaths in cases of this character one Russell A. Parish
(Name of deponent),
who having been read AW 24 and his rights thereunder explained to him, and being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

I M/Sgt. R. A. Parish, ASN 37146712, was standing in front of a magazine stand with two other soldiers on the evening of July 15, 1944 at approximately 1900 hours. The address of the magazine shop is 42 Via Bernini. The name of the two soldiers with me at the time are Pvt. William Laforce and Pvt. Donald Emment.

T/5 Tony Esposito came walking up the street with his girl friend. They stopped and spoke with me, then continued walking up the street. They stopped again approximately 50 feet from us to speak with two Italian women. At this same time, approximately ten Italian paratroopers came up the street, when reaching Esposito, they stopped and said something to him. These Italian paratroopers were wearing trench knives. The blades of these knives were approximately 14 to 16 inches long.

Tony turned around and hollered to me, "Get the MPs". I ran to the 62nd Fighter Wing Enlisted Mens Club and called the police. When I returned the Italians paratroopers had left.

T/5 Espositio face was red on the left side, where he had been hit. His girl friends face was red on both sides and she was crying.

When the MPs arrived, we got on the truck with them and drove around for about 20 minutes looking for the Italian paratroopers, but was unable to locate them.

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(s) Russell A. Parish

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(s) Russell A. Parish
(Signature)
RUSSELL A. PAWS
(Name typed)
M/Sgt. 37148712
(Rank or Grade, & ASN)
6506 Hq. Sq. Fighter Control Area.
(Organization)

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this 22nd day of July,
1944.

(s) Leonard J. Swiger
(Signature)
LEONARD J. SWIGER
(Name typed)
1st Lieut., Air Corps, O-855209
(Grade, organization & ASN)

(Capacity--Investigating Officer,
[redacted]

Exhibit "B"

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Hq. 62nd Fitr Wg.- Affidavit Form.
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A-F-F-I-D-A-V-I-T

Naples, Italy
(Place)
22 July 1944.
(Date)

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authorized to administer oaths in cases of this character, one Anthony Esposito,
(Name of Deponent)
who having been read AW 24 and his rights thereunder explained to him, and being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

"I, Technician Fifth Grade Anthony Esposito, 33025954, of the 6506th Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Fighter Control Area (Provisional), was, on 15 July 1944 at about 1900, walking down the street near the headquarters of the 62d Fighter Wing with my girl friend with whom I have been going for eight months.

"We met Master Sergeant Russell A. Parish, 37146712, of the 6506th with whom I stopped to talk. When we completed our conversation, I walked about fifty (50) feet on up the street to where my girl friend was talking with two girls she met there. At this time an Italian officer and about fifteen (15) Italian soldiers came abreast of us and stopped. The Italian officer, a Captain, gave orders to the men with him to cut off the hair of my girl friend.

"I asked the Captain, quietly and civilly, for what reason he was going to cut off my girl's hair and he then ordered four of his men to hold me. The Captain then kicked me, hit me in my private parts, knocked me to the ground, and as I was falling to the ground one of his men struck at me with a knife. Fortunately, the knife only when through my shirt over my shoulder; the soldier was either trying to strike me in the face, throat, or chest with the knife.

"While one group was beating me, another was beating my girl. When the Captain thought that we had had enough, he ordered his men to stop and made a statement substantially as follows: 'You can tell all American officers and men that they can expect this to happen to them if they are seen with an Italian girl. Further, I will be back here tomorrow night at seven o'clock." He and his men then ran.

"While this was occurring, Sergeant Parish had gone after the Military Police, but the trouble had ended and the Italians were no longer present when the Police arrived.

"The following evening, 16 July 1944, at about 1900, I was walking by the same place alone when I saw the Captain and the same group of men beating up a Corporal and his girl.

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(Cont'd)

(s) _____
(Signature)
ANTHONY ESPOSITO
(Name typed)
Tec 5, 33025954
(Rank or Grade, & ASN)
6506th Hq & HqSq, FCA (P)
(Organization)

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 22nd day of July, 1944.

(s) Leonard J. Swiger
(Signature)
LEONARD J. SWIGER
(Name typed)
1st Lt., Air Corps, O-855209
(Grade, organization & ASN)
Investigating Officer
(Capacity--Investigating Officer, Summary Court, Adjutant, etc.)

Exhibit "C"

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A-F-F-I-D-A-V-I-T

Naples, Italy
(Place)
22 July 1944
(Date)

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authorized to administer oaths in cases of this character, one **Anthony Esposito**
(Name of deponent),
who having been read AW 24 and his rights thereunder explained to him, and being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

Statement of Tec 5 Anthony Esposito continued from page 1:

"I went after the Military Police, returned with them, and they placed the Captain under arrest, but he broke away from them twice. The second time, he ran to his apartment and the police followed him there. The Captain refused to come out of his apartment, declaring that he would not submit to arrest unless an officer of higher rank than himself was the arresting officer. I was unable to find a higher ranking officer, but four Lieutenants went into the apartment and took him into custody. He was turned over to the Provost Marshal and placed in jail. The following morning he was released.

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(s) Anthony Esposito
(Signature)
ANTHONY ESPOSITO
(Name typed)
Tec 5, 33025954
(Rank or Grade, & ASN)
6506th Hq & Hq Sq, FCA (P)
(Organization)

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this 22d day of July,
1944.

(s) Leonard J. Swiger
(Signature)
LEONARD J. SWIGER
(Name typed)
1st Lt., 62d Fighter Wing, O-855209
(Grade, organization & ASN)
Investigating Officer
(Capacity--Investigating Officer,
Summary Court, Adjutant, etc.)

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NAPLES, ITALY
(Place)
22 JULY, 1944
(Date)

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authorized to administer oaths in cases of this character, one JULIAN SALAZAR,
(Name of deponent)
who having been read AW 24 and his rights thereunder explained to him, and being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 17 1944 AT MIDNIGHT, I WAS RETURNING TO MY QUARTERS FROM MY DUTIES AS TELEPHONE OPERATOR, GASPAR EXCHANGE, LOCATED IN THE 62ND FIGHTER WING HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, WHEN TWO ITALIAN SOLDIERS STARTED TO CHASE ME.

I WAS WALKING ALONG VIA BERNINI NEAR THE PIAZZA VANVITELLI WHEN I NOTICED ONE OF THESE SOLDIERS COMING OVER TO MY SIDE OF THE STREET. I CONTINUED WALKING UNTIL ANOTHER SOLDIER CAME RUNNING AFTER ME. BEING ALONE AND UNARMED, I CONSIDERED MYSELF NO MATCH FOR THREE MEN, NOT KNOWING WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE ARMED. I THEN STARTED TO RUN AND MADE THE BARRACKS WITHOUT ANY OF THEM CATCHING ME.

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(s) Julian Salazar
(Signature)

JULIAN SALAZAR
(Name typed)

PFC., 18033452
(Rank or Grade, & ASN)

62ND FIGHTER WING
(Organization)

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this 22nd day of July,
1944.

(s) Leonard J. Swiger
(Signature)

LEONARD J. SWIGER
(Name typed)

1st Lt., 62nd Fitr Wg, O-855209
(Grade, organization & ASN)

Investigating Officer
(Capacity--Investigating Officer,
Summary Court, Adjutant, etc.)

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Naples, Italy
(Place)
18 July 1944
(Date)

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authorized to administer oaths in cases of this character, one George B. Consovoy (Name of deponent), who having been read AW 24 and his rights thereunder explained to him, and being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

I have a female acquaintance whom I see quite often. Outside of real good friendship there is nothing between us. One day about 6 weeks ago she received an anonymous letter, threatening her. The letter said if she were seen with me again, she would have her hair cut. Two weeks after that we were talking on the street, and when it was over she started to walk away. Four Italian paratroopers followed immediately, two of them flashing scissors. I followed them, and halted them when they were picking up a crowd of civilians. I called the MP's and they were hauled into jail. Another soldier identified one soldier as the soldier who cut off a girls hair the night before, and he swore a statement, to that effect. I showed them the anonymous letter the girl friend got, and also wrote out a statement. The MP Officer said I was right, but he was powerless to act, and he had to turn them over to the Italian Police, who would definitely release them, as they had done in the past. After staying there for about 2 hours, answering questions, I left. The next day I saw the same Italian soldiers on the street.

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(s) George B. Consovoy
(Signature)
George B. Consovoy
(Name typed)
Tec 4, 32209562
(Rank or Grade, & ASN)
Hq & Hq Sq, 6506th FCA (P)
(Organization)

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 22d day of July, 1944.

(s) Leonard J. Swiger
(Signature)
LEONARD J. SWIGER,
(Name typed)
1st Lt., 62d Ftr Wing, O-855209
(Grade, organization & ASN)
Investigating Officer
(Capacity--Investigating Officer, Summary Court, Adjutant, etc.)

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NAPLES, ITALY
(Place)
22 JULY 1944
(Date)

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authorized to administer oaths in cases of this character, one JOHN MITCHELL, 1ST. LT. MAC,
(Name of Deponent)
who having been read AW 24 and his rights thereunder explained to him, and being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

WHILE RETURNING FROM THE WING THEATER ONE EVENING, I WAS ESCORTING ONE OF THE NURSES TOWARDS THE 106TH STATION HOSPITAL NURSES' QUARTERS. AS LT. NEUDECKER AND I LIVE TOGETHER, ONE BLOCK ABOVE THE 106TH STATION HOSPITAL, LT. NEUDECKER WALKED ALONG WITH US. WE TURNED UP VIA SCARLATTI AND AS WE NEARED THE CORNER ON WHICH THE WH NURSES' QUARTERS ARE LOCATED, A GROUP OF ITALIAN SOLDIERS (15 OR MORE), ARMED WITH CLUBS, STARTED FOR US. AS THEY WERE WITHIN FIVE FEET OF US, THE LEADER SHOUTED ,"AMERICANA", AND THE GROUP STOPPED, MUTTERING LOUDLY AMONG THEMSELVES. IMMEDIATELY I NOTIFIED THE MP HEADQUARTERS AND WAS INFORMED THAT A SCOUT CAR WOULD BE SENT OUT TO PICK THEM UP.

THE NEXT MORNING, GOING TO WORK, THE SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO LED THE GROUP THE PREVIOUS NIGHT WAS STANDING BEFORE THE NURSES' QUARTERS.

I IF ACTION LIKE THIS CONTINUES AS IT HAS BEEN AND AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS ARE BEING BEATEN UP BY ARMED MOBS, THE UNDERSIGNED FEELS THAT THE MP'S SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT NOT ONLY THE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED, BUT THE AMERICAN UNIFORM AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR.

I FEEL THAT I WOULD RATHER STAND A COURTS MARTIAL FROM PBS FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS THAN BE BEATEN UP BY A MOB OF DEFEATED HOODLUMS WHO ARE THE CAUSE FOR OUR BEING HERE.

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CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS THAN BE BEATEN UP BY A MOB OF DEFEATED
HOODLUMS WHO ARE THE CAUSE FOR OUR BEING HERE.

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(s) John Mitchell
(Signature)
JOHN MITCHELL
(Name typed)
1ST. LT. MAC
(Rank or Grade, & ASN)
62NQ(Organization)NG

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this 22nd day of July,
1944.

(s) Leonard J Swiger
(Signature)
LEONARD J. SWIGER
(Name typed)
1st Lt., 62nd Fighter Wing, 0-855209
(Grade, organization & ASN)
Investigating Officer
(Capacity--Investigating Officer,
Summary Court, Adjutant, etc.)

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Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q., A.C.C.

MMR.

AQ/6
23 Aug 44.

THE MINISTER FOR WAR

Your Excellency,

1. On receipt of further orders from H.Q., AAI, my AQ/6 dated 19 Aug is cancelled. The under-mentioned orders are substituted in lieu.

2. The Commander-in-Chief has directed me to inform you that he orders that immediate and drastic steps are taken to avoid the recurrence of disturbances such as have recently occurred in various parts of Italy, particularly in the BRINDISI and TARANTO areas.

3. In consequence you will forthwith issue clear and specific orders and insure that these are enforced to forbid any member of the Italian armed forces, situated behind Corps rear boundaries under any circumstances whatsoever when off duty outside their barracks or camp to carry any firearm, bayonet, knife or other weapon. This applies equally to members of the CC.RR.

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4. This restriction does not preclude Italian troops carrying arms and ammunition for training purposes under their officers. The senior officer will be held personally responsible that arms are carried for training purposes are not discharged so as to cau[redacted]ury to Allied personnel.

5. Arms and ammunition will only be carried by guards on installations where the guard has been specifically authorised by the local Allied Commander to be an armed guard.

6. Allied Commanders are issuing orders to the local Italian Commanders as to which guards are to carry arms and ammunition. In any instance where in the opinion of the Italian Commander an armed guard is required, immediate application will be made to the local Allied Commander for the necessary authority before the guard is armed.

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7. Severe disciplinary action will be taken by you if any Italian personnel off duty or on leave are found in possession of arms and/or ammunition. If it is necessary for Italian personnel in small parties when in transit to carry their arms, ammunition will be withdrawn and reissued if necessary upon arrival.

8. You will forward to me at once, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, a draft of your proposed order.

See folio 273
also 272/1 . 9342

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

tws.I.B.
6.c.

copy to: HQ AAI (Adv HQ) ref 16/5/G (Ops) dated 21 Aug.
HQ AAI (Main HQ)
Public Safety Sub Commission, A.C.C.

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Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q., A.C.C.

ROME.

AQ/6/LB.
23 Aug 44.

Dear

1. Thanks for your letter, 16/5/G (Ops) dated 21 Aug.

2. I have cancelled my AQ/6 of 19 Aug, which had not yet been acted on by Minister of War - so all is well.

3. In view of the necessity for exactness in the terms, I would suggest that you or I send to all addressees of your 16/1/G (Ops) dated 16 Aug a copy of my AQ/6 of 23 Aug attached. i.e. your actual draft for me.

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yours

L.B.

Brig. L. MAINWARING.
G (SD)

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yours

L.B.

Brig. H. MAINWARING.
G (SD)
AAI.

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Subject:- Discipline - Italian Military Personnel

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

22 Aug 44

Ministry of War

1. It has been reported to this HQ that the case of an Italian Soldier who was Remanded by his C.O. for trial by the Military Tribunal on a charge of neglect of duty, which occurred in April of this year, has been adjourned indefinitely.

2. A letter recently received by the Italian Coy Comd states that the case has been indefinitely adjourned for the following reason. "The trial of Driver Pagnello of 1000 (Ital)Coy (G.T.) is suspended as he is a member of a Mobilised Coy, and is no longer at the disposal of this Military Tribunal. Please advise this office as soon as he ceases to be a member of the aforementioned Coy, so that his trial may be continued".

3. The man therefore is still with his Coy, unpunished for an offence committed in April 44.

4. Please inform this HQ urgently whether the action of the Military Tribunal as detailed above is correct.

5. If the Military Tribunal have no authority to try a member of a mobilised Unit, please state who is the correct authority to try Dvr Pagnello forthwith.

6. It is obvious that the above mentioned practice is bound to have an adverse affect on Unit Discipline, as it permits offenders to go unpunished for several months.

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F.J. Noakes

F.J.NOAKES Lt Col

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F.J.Noakes

F.J.NOAKES Lt Col
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(MMIA)

SPA/jrp

See folio 274

Copy to:- HQ 2 District (your 4410/1/ST of 17 Aug refers)
MMIA LO 2 District

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HQ 2 District CMP
2049 GSI

12 Aug 44

Subject: Carrying of Arms by Jugoslav personnel when not on duty

M.N. AQ
FILE REF 16
Date Recd 25/8/44

To Military Mission

At my request AAI through ACC, has forbidden carrying of arms by Italian service personnel when not on duty. I append a copy of their letter.

It has been reported to me through the Army Sub Commission (AAI) ACC that Jugoslav patrols in 2 District go about armed when off duty.

In order that there may be uniformity in this matter and to prevent possible incidents I would be obliged if you would arrange for instructions to be issued to the Partisans that as Arms are never carried by Allied forces when off duty, they will conform to this practice, and only carry arms when engaged on recognised and specifically authorised duty.

E. Naus
Major General
Commanding

VJ

Copy to: Army Sub Commission ACC.

See folio 266.

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COPY

Subject: Italian Armed Forces

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/3074/A (O)

17 Jul 44

HQ 2 District

Reference your 2049 GS1 of 20 Jun 44.

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

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

(Sgd)

Brigadier
DAG

MHR/VRT.

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SECRET

Adv Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

16/5/G(Ops)

21 Aug 44

Major General L. BROWNING
Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
ROME.

Reference telephone conversation this morning Gen. BROWNING - Brig. MAINWARING, the attached is a proposed letter for you to send to the Minister for War.

for LIEUT.-GENERAL,
CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF.

HSKM/lk

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THE MINISTER FOR WAR

Your Excellency,

1. The Commander-in-Chief has directed me to inform you that he orders that immediate and drastic steps are taken to avoid the recurrence of disturbances such as have recently occurred in various parts of Italy, particularly in the Brindisi and Taranto areas.

2. In consequence you will forthwith issue clear and specific orders and insure that these are enforced to forbid any member of the Italian armed forces, situated behind Corps rear boundaries, under any circumstances whatsoever when off duty outside their barracks or camp to carry any firearm, bayonet, knife or other weapon. This applies equally to members of the CC RR.

3. This restriction does not preclude Italian troops carrying arms and ammunition for training purposes under their officers. The senior officer will be held personally responsible that arms carried for training purposes are not discharged so as to cause injury to Allied personnel.

4. Arms and ammunition will only be carried by guards on installations where the guard has been specifically authorised by the local Allied Commander to be an armed guard.

5. Allied Commanders are issuing orders to the local Italian Commanders as to which guards are to carry arms and ammunition. In any instance where in the opinion of the Italian Commander an armed guard is required, immediate application will be made to the local Allied Commander for the necessary authority before the guard is armed.

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4. Arms and ammunition will only be carried by guards on installations where the guard has been specifically authorised by the local Allied Commander to be an armed guard.

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6. Severe disciplinary action will be taken by you if any Italian personnel off duty or on leave are found in possession of arms and/or ammunition. If it is necessary for Italian personnel in small parties when in transit to carry their arms, ammunition will be withdrawn and reissued if necessary upon arrival.

7. You will forward to me at once, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, a draft of your proposed order.

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Subject: Grave incidents provoked by French Sailors.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6

21 Aug 44

H.Q., A.A.I for 'A'.

I do not know whether the attached is correct or not, but I feel you should see it for information.

LB/hh

Major General
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

SPAB. 24/8.

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COPY TRANSLATION

From: M of W.
To: MMIA

Ref. 12017/C.A.
Date: 18 Aug 44

Subject: Grave incidents provoked by French sailors at Martina Franca

At Martina Franca (Prov. of Taranto) a few incidents took place there during the last decade of July between French sailors, civilians and Italian sailors, generally provoked by the French who more or less were in a drunken state.

During the beginning of this month, a more serious incident happened at Martina Franca due to a punishing expedition formed by a French Unit (40 men armed with automatic rifles commanded by a Major and mounted on lorries) that had to take as hostage several officials of the locality (Sindicate, Commissario P.S., Parroco, Commandant of the CCRR) to be shot at dawn the next day if the Italian sailor responsible for the murder of a French sailor was not handed over. The incident became more serious when the French opened fire with automatic rifles on the CCRR Barracks and in doing so provoked re-action on the part of the CCRR.

From the firing of the French, 5 civilians were wounded, one of whom seriously, who were at the time of the firing in CCRR Barracks and from the CCRR re-action, 3 French sailors were wounded.

Allied and Italian Authorities of Taranto as well as those who has jurisdiction on the province, took interest in the case and the situation improved.

HQ 52 Area (Taranto) has arranged that all sailors on shore, sentries on duty outside Military Buildings and CCRR on duty or off duty, be disarmed.

3:51

It is appreciated that Commandant, 2 Dist. in expressing to the Allied Authorities his disappointment on the frequent incident which happens between civilians, Italian sailors, and French troops, informed us, confidentially, that the necessary measures will be taken against the officer and the French unit.

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From the firing of the French, 5 civilians were wounded, one of whom seriously, who were at the time of the firing in CCRR Barracks and from the CCRR re-action, 3 French sailors were wounded.

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As regards to dispositions taken by 52 Area, which are mentioned above, it is brought to notice to MMIA that it is suggested that the French soldiers be invited to disarm when not on duty as the Allied and Italian soldiers and the necessity of re-arming the CCRR on account of their special duties and their prestige.

It is also necessary, in order to avoid provokation, that small groups do not take their own initiative in organizing punishing expeditions, which wrong initiative cannot but provoke justified re-action. It is believed that the local authorities are in agreement and that necessary dispositions in respect of the sale of alcohol (under the influence of which to often incidents happen) have been taken by the local R.Prefettura in agreement with Allied Authorities.

The Under-Secretary of State
Gen. G.B.Oxilia

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Translation.

From:- M of N Gabinetto.
To:- MMIA.

Ref:- 12017/C 22.
Date:- 18 Aug. 44.

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From the firing of the French, 5 civilians were wounded, one of whom seriously, who were at the time of the firing in CCRR barracks and from the CCRR reaction 3 French sailors were wounded.

Allied and Italian Authorities of Tenda as well as those who has jurisdiction on the province, took interest in the case and the situation improved.

H.Q. 52 Corps (Tenda) has arranged that all sailors on shore, sentries on duty outside

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It is appreciated that Commandant 2 Instr. in expressing to the Allied Authorities his disappointment at the frequent incident which happens between civilians, Italian sailors and French troops, informed us, confidentially, that the necessary measures will be taken against the officer and the French unit.

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The Under Secretary of State
(Gen. G.B. OXILIA).

Sgd. FABRE.

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SO/t

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 12017/C.A. P.M.107 li 18 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Grave incidente provocato a Martina Franca da marinai Francesi.-

Grave incident provoked by French sailors

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione per l'Esercito
R O M A

A Martina Franca - prov. Taranto - hanno avuto luogo nell'ultima decade di luglio alcuni incidenti tra marinai francesi, civili e marinai italiani provocati quasi sempre da soprusi e vessazioni fatte dai francesi più o meno in stato di ubriachezza.

Il primo corrente mese si è verificato un più grave incidente, pure a Martina Franca, dovuto alla spedizione punitiva effettuata da un reparto francese (40 uomini armati di moschetti automatici comandati da un maggiore e montati su autocarri) che aveva lo scopo di prendere come ostaggi alcune personalità del luogo (sindaco, commissario di P.S., parroco, comandante dei cc.rr.) da fucilare all'alba del giorno dopo se non fosse stato consegnato il marinaio italiano responsabile dell'uccisione di un marinaio francese. Tale incidente ebbe il suo culmine con lo schieramento [illegible] francesi davanti alla caserma dei cc.rr. ove apriro-

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A Martina Franca - prov. Taranto - hanno avuto luogo nell'ultima decade di luglio alcuni incidenti tra marinai francesi, civili e marinai italiani provocati quasi sempre da soprusi e vessazioni fatte dai francesi più o meno in stato di ubriachezza.

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Dal fuoco dei francesi rimanevano feriti 5 civili, di cui uno grave, che al momento del conflitto si trovavano nell'interno della caserma e dalla reazione dei carabinieri sembra rimanessero feriti 3 marinai francesi.

Del fatto si sono interessate le autorità alleate ed italiane di Taranto e quelle aventi giurisdizione sulla provincia stessa, ottenendo un miglioramento nella situazione.

Il comando della 52ª Area (Taranto) ha ritenuto opportuno di-

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sporre che i militari della R.Marina a terra, tutte le rondè e le sentinelle poste fuori degli edifici militari ed anche i CC.RR. in servizio e fuori servizio fossero disarmati.

Molto apprezzato è stato il contegno del comandante il 2° District, che, nel manifestare alle autorità italiane il suo disappunto per i frequenti incidenti che si verificano fra civili, marinai italiani e truppe francesi ha fatto conoscere, confidenzialmente, che saranno adottati provvedimenti a carico dell'ufficiale e del reparto francese.

Per quanto riguarda le disposizioni prese dalla 52ª Area - di cui è fatto sopra cenno - rappresento a codesta Sottocommissione la opportunità che anche i militari francesi siano invitati ad uniformarsi all'uso delle forze alleate e italiane di non portare armi fuori servizio e la necessità per i CC.RR., dato il loro speciale servizio che debbono svolgere e per il loro prestigio, che non siano mai disarmati.

Ritengo sia altresì necessario di evitare le provocazioni ed ottenere che i singoli non prendano iniziative di spedizioni punitive od altro. Tali errate iniziative non possono che provocare reazioni giustificate. Credo che le autorità locali siano già in questo ordine di idee ed opportune disposizioni circa la vendita degli alcolici (sotto l'influsso dei quali troppo spesso sorgono incidenti anche sanguinosi) sono state già emanate dalla R.Prefettura locale d'intesa con le autorità alleate.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
(Gen. G.B. Oxilia)

Oxilia

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HEADQUARTERS REGION 'Z'
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

MMIA
FILE REF 70
Date Rec'd 21/9/44

20 August 1944

TO : Army Sub-Commission (MMIA), HQ ACC

SUBJECT: Discipline - Italian Military Personnel

FILE NO: RZ/034(IP)

Dvr. AGOSTINO, Vittorio
9 Regt. Autisti Class 1924
(Home address: Via Grilla, Nocera Umbria, Perugia)

1. The a/m Italian soldier of No. 1 Truck Platoon, attached to this HQ, has been reported absent without leave w.e.f. 11 July 1944. 3448

2. May this HQ please be informed whether a Court of Inquiry should be held, as in British procedure, or if not, advised accordingly.

for Regional Commissioner

Copy to:

Engineering Division (Tn)
Capt. W.A. Buchanan, M.M.

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Subject:- Arms - Carrying of, by Italian Tps.

Main HQ Eighth Army.
M 1202 C.

20 Aug 44.

5 CORPS.
10 CORPS.
1 CDN CORPS.
2 POLISH CORPS.
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Tac Army.
Rear Army.
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Attached letter from MMI is forwarded for information and action where necessary.

AJC Teacher
for Maj. Gen.,
Chief of Staff.

EMB.

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Adv Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

16/1/G(Ops).

To : M.M.I.A.

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H.S.

A.B.C. Teacher
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C O P Y.

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Allied Armies in Italy.
16/1/G(Ops).

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(Sgd) H. HARDING, Brig.
for. Lt. Gen.,
Chief of General Staff.

16 Aug. 44.
HSH/JH.

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Army Sub Commission(SMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AC/6.

19 Aug 44

THE MINISTER FOR WAR

Your Excellency,

1. The C-in-C has directed me to inform you that he orders that immediate and drastic steps are to be taken to avoid the recurrence of disturbances such as have recently occurred in various parts of ITALY, particularly the BRINDISI and TARANTO Areas.

2. In consequence you will forthwith issue clear and specific orders, and ensure these are enforced, as indicated below.

3. NO member of the Italian Army will under any circumstances whatsoever carry any firearm, bayonet, knife or other weapon unless :-

either

(a) he is a bona fide member of CC.RR

or

(b) he is forward of CORPS rear boundary

or

(c) he is detailed and actually on duty as a member of a guard on an installation where the guard has been specifically authorised by the local Allied Commander to be armed.

4. No member of the Italian Army will be in the possession of any ammunition whatsoever unless he is authorised at that particular time to be in the possession of arms under the order in para 3 above.

5. You will hold local Italian Commanders of any grade personally responsible that the orders given in paras 3 and 4 of this letter are carried out. This will be made clear in the orders you issue.

6. Allied Commanders are issuing orders to the local Italian Commander as to which guards on installations may carry arms and be in the possession of ammunition. In any instance where, in the opinion of the Italian Commander, an armed guard is required, immediate application will be made to the local Allied Commander for the necessary authority.

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7. You will forward me at once for the information of the Commander in Chief a draft of your proposed order.

F.J.N.

FJN/hh

Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA).

Copy to: HQ. AAI (Adv HQ) Ref 16/1/G(OPS) of 16 Aug.
HQ. AAI (Main HQ)

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SUBJECT:- Civil Disturbances or other Emergency in RCME Allied Area Command

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.
S/G/2
19 Aug 44

Camp Commandant
M.M.I.A.

Copy to :- "Q" (Int)

Ref paras 6 to 20 of R.A.A.C. Op Memo No 6 dated 14 Aug 44, copy of which is in your possession.

You are instructed to ensure that such provisions of the above paras as are applicable to OR's of MMIA are fully complied with in the event of receiving either of the Code words "CLOUDY" or "THUNDER".

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Lt Col
GS

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: Removal of Drums of Dye.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q.,A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6

18 Aug 44

To: Officer Comd.
78 HAA Regt.
C.M.F.

The att report is forwarded for information.

FJN/hh

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

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Subject:- Shipment to Napl[illegible] of 46 Drums of Dye Instead of [illegible]

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This copy for [illegible]

To:- Captain Monck-Mason.
Sector Laison Officer.
Rome Area.

17 AUG 1944

Sir,

Herewith report :-

Drums were being transported from Depot at 11 Via Buonarrati, Civitavecchia, to Port Railhead on 12 August 1944.

Whilst proceeding to the Depot from Port Railhead at approximately 1000Bhrs, I saw a Dodge 15 cwt Truck with A.A. markings draw out of the Depot.

An officer was sitting beside the driver.

I drew into the Depot and discovered two drums of dye were missing. The Italian personnel told me that a British Captain had taken the two drums.

I informed and gave particulars to the American Military Police.

On my own investigation I found out that Brigade Headquarters was in San Marinella, and I proceeded there and reported the matter to the W.O. i/c R.A. Clerks, the Staff Captain not being available.

At approximately 1500B hrs., Captain Alexander of 243 H.A.A. Bty. 78 Rgt. R.A., returned the two drums of dye to the Depot.

By this time the train had left the Port Railhead and consequently the shipment was effected with two drums deficient.

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In the Field.
13.8.44.

Seen by Q(AE)
Vide Qpl Pencil 14/8/44

S/117392 SQMS LAING. A. R.A.S.C.

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SUBJECT: Disciplin - Italian Personnel.

H.Q. No. 2. Dist. C.M.F.
M/10/1/ST.

17 Aug, 1944.

M.M.I.A.

1. Attached hereto copy of A.D.S.T. 52 Area letter ST/29/1 dated 15 Aug 44.

2. It is requested that disciplinary action be taken forthwith since if cases of this kind are allowed to be deferred, the operation of the Coy. might well be impaired.

21/8. JPA

Colonel.
D.D.S.T.

DEA.

Copy to: M.M.I.A. L.O.

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COPY.

SUBJECT: Discipline - Italian Personnel.

ST 29/1.

D.D.S.T.
H.Q., No. 2. Dist.

Dvr. PAGHELLO - 1000 (Ital) Coy (GT)

1. The above named driver was remanded by the O.C. 1000 (Ital) Coy (GT) for trial by Military Tribunal for neglect of duty. He was found asleep and away from his post as a sentry by a member of the British Cadre.

2. In a letter recently received by OC Italian Coy. the Territorial Military Tribunal state they adjourned the case indefinitely for the following reason:

> "On the 20.5.44. orders were given to suspend the trial of Driver PAGHELLO because he is a member of a mobilised Company. As the above mentioned man is no longer at the disposal of this Tribunal, please advise this office as soon as he ceases to be a member of the aforementioned Coy so that his trial may be continued."

3. The man accordingly still remains in the Coy. unpunished for an offence committed in April.

4. This HQ. is at a loss to understand how being a member of a mobilised Coy constitutes sufficient ground for allowing a man to go unpunished for a considerable time.

5. It is appreciated that discipline is the concern of the Italian authorities but a case such as this cannot help but have repercussions in the unit as a whole. Indeed, if such cases re[illegible] they might well impair the efficiency of the Coy. 3/40

6. In view of this possibility, it is felt that an explanation for the course of action adopted should be sought from the Italian authorities through LMIA.

Headquarters.
In the Field.
15 Aug 44.

Sgd. Lt. Col.
A.D.S.T.
52 Area.

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

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q.,A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6.

17 AUG 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

Further to this HQ letter AQ/6 dated 9 Jul 44.

1. A reply has been received from the Legal Sub Commission on the legal aspects of the case of Capt. TORTELLI. That part of the letter as is relevant to Capt. TORTELLI is forwarded herewith. The Legal Officer, Region 5 is instituting such proceedings as may be necessary against the civilians involved in the case.

2. The Ministry of War will accordingly issue instructions that Capt. TORTELLI will be tried by an Italian Military Court in connection with his alleged "Black" Market transactions, and such other charges as may be preferred against him by the Ministry of War for violations of Italian Military Law.

3. The Italian Military Court will be requested to give a ruling on the disposition of the sum of 100,000 lire, representing the proceeds of sale of the olive oil, and which is at present held by Maj. Breakell, OC. British Cadre, 1003 G.T.Coy. £ 3439

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F.J.NOARES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

Copy to: HQ No.2 District (for ST)
MMIA LO No.2 District.

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Subject: Disciplina - 1003(Italian)C.T.Cox.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q.,A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6a.

17 Aug 44

H.Q.No.2District

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2. The Italian Ministry of War have been instructed to take action against Capt. TORTELLI in accordance with the attached letter, and to forward a full report of the proceedings to HQ No.2 District.

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4. It is requested that HQ No.2 District give direct to the Italian Ministry of War or Italian Military Court, and to RLO Region 5, such additional information as may from time to time be requested by them.

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

JB/hh

Copy to: Legal Sub Comm.ACC.
HQ AMG Region 5 for RLO (our AQ/6b dated 17 Aug 44 refers fully)
MMIA LO 2 District(plus copy of Legal Sub Comm. letter ACC/4011/4/L dated 11 Aug 44)

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Subject: Discipline - 1093(Italian)C.T.C.M.M.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
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R O M E
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Subject: Discipline - 1003 (Italian) G.T.Cov.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q.,A.C.C.
ROME.
AC/6b

17 Aug 44.

To: H.Q.,A.M.G.Region 5
(for H.L.O.)

1. An incident, which appeared to show transactions in the "Black" Market, was reported to this HQ by HQ No.2 District. Legal advice was sought from the Legal Sub Commission, ACC.

2. It was considered by the Legal Sub Commission that whereas Capt. PORTELLI should be tried by Italian Military Court, the case against the civilians involved, was more properly the concern of RLO, Region 5 (ACC/4011/4/L dated 11 Aug 44 att. refers). 243

3. Accordingly copies of relevant correspondence dealing with the case are forwarded herewith.

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HQ No.2 District 4410/4/ST dated 6 Jul 44 (incl Appx A-F)

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F.J.BOARD Lt.Col.

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F.J.BOARER Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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MMIA LO No.2 District.
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Adv Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

16/1/G(Ops)

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16 Aug 44
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sd H. Stanley Booth
for Lt.-Gen.,
Chief of General Staff.

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Eighth Army
1 District
2 District
3 District
CG SARDINIA
PBS
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} Who will inform local Italian Comd of any essential installations guarded by Italian troops where arms should be carried and ammn issued.
ACC
MA to CAO
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A - ref their AI/3074/A(O) of 8 Aug.
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Subject: Militari HQ PUGLIE and LUCANIA
Commissariat

M.M.I.A. D.C.
HQ 2 District
C.M.F.
Ref: MF 101/I
16 Aug 44

To: M.M.I.A.

M.M.I.A. A.D.
FILE REF 16
Date Recd 18 AUG

1. The Commissariat is a HQ that must be thoroughly purged. Col LA ZARA the C.C. is a weak-minded man who, although thoroughly conversant with the fact that dishonesty, contraband and theft surround him he is powerless to do anything about it as the clique is too well organised.

The rot begins at the Ministry of War with Col BASTIE, previously i/c BARI Commissariat, who is the main link in the foul chain.

2. In BARI we have as adjutant to the Commissariat a Capt CHIECO who is the king pin in the local racket. A prominent fascist he has been in the business for the last four years and lacks nothing in the way of comfort.

Around him is a small body of NCO's, all first class thugs who are the ones who actually do the contraband and the stealing, when they are caught nothing ever happens to them because CHIECO has all the necessary contacts.

It is essential that this man be removed. It is NOT sufficient to throw him out of the Army as he would carry on in BARI in the same way. The only thing is to have him transferred either to SICILY, SARDINIA or CIL where he can do less harm.

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3. Another uncooperative offr is Maj DE TOMA C.C. the food section of the Commissariat. Besides being a racketeer he is also inefficient, possibly purposely so. He too should be removed.

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(C.F. AURORLI)
Maj G.S.

A/Q.

1) Chicco Cfd. by clan & tolerated under Defascism. + also punished by Court.

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A - ref their AAI/3074/A(O) of 8 Aug.
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} Who will inform local Italian Comd of any essential installations guarded by Italian troops where arms should be carried and amn issued.

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Sen O IC Comd

4h 19/8

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Subject: Discipline - Carrying of Arms.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q.,A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6.

Ref. 250

16 Aug 44

H.Q. No.2 District

1. The Italian Ministry of War have reported to this HQ that Yugo Slav Patriots are being permitted to proceed to BARI carrying pistols when not on duty.

2. In view of the fact that Italian Mil. Personnel have been ordered not to carry arms except on duty, it is suggested that you might wish to consider placing Yugo Slav Patriots under the same restrictions.

3. Please advise this HQ of your decision in this matter, in order that a reply may be made to the Italian War Ministry's Report.

SPA/hh

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

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Data Recd 15 8 44

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 11386/C.A. P.M. 107 li 13 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Partigiani slavi.
Magg. Stat. Patrucco

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO

R O M A

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Ciò provoca sfavorevoli commenti della popolazione, in relazione all'ordine dato alle Forze Armate italiane di non portare armi fuori servizio.

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
(OXILIA)

F. Oxilia

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FREEDOM for G5

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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AQ 4793 CONFIDENTIAL (.) Ref G-5 33 (.) 12-1 of 5 Aug (.) Have checked with Italian War Ministry(.) NO rpt NO orders given on paying of compliments to Allied officers

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Subject:- Italian Personnel - Officers

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Army Sub Commission MMIA
HQ A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6
14 Aug 44

Ministry of War

1. An adverse report has been received from Transportation Sub Commission on the following two officers of 1025 Coy.

Lieut PUCCARELLI WITWEBER
2/Lieut NAPPO GIOV_BATTISTA

2. Lt PUCCARELLI WITWEBER has already been reported by Capt CAMINOTT, GIOVANNI, 1024 Coy, as being incompetent. No action has however, been taken. On 21 Jul 44, he was sent on duty to Naples and did not return, stating that he was ill. Generally he has proved uninterested, incompetent and unreliable.

3. 2/Lieut NAPPO GIOV_BATTISTA does not discipline his men, or see that orders, which are given, are carried out. He takes no interest in the work of his company.

4. The work of 1025 Coy which entails the distribution of civil supplies, requires officers, who are reliable and energetic, with a strict obedience to orders.

5. The above two officers do not come up to these requirements. Therefore the Ministry of War will demobilise them and replace them by more suitable officers.

6. The Ministry of War will inform this HQ when this action has been taken.

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Col Italie 290+296

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See Folii 290+296

F.J.Moakes
Lt Col AA &.QMG
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(MMIA)

JGB/jrp

Copy to:- Transportation Sub Commission ACC.

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5) Translation.

From:- HQ of W.
To:- ADMIN (for information)

Ref:- 19932
Date:- 13 Aug. 44.

Subject:- Sailor IARZONI ROCCO.

1/ The accn has been sentenced to 10 days detention for the following offences:-
" He was sending a letter to civilians in a locality not yet allowed postal services, addressing it to a soldier, thereby in such way the regulations on censorship and postal services."

2/ This punishment has been recorded on his documents as well as by the administration office concerned.

(Sgd) L. DARETTI)

Sgt FABRE

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Catalogo N° 1831 b.

TVa S/M
29/8 '90

Comando Militare Marittimo
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Uff. Serv. - Sez. II^
INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: Marina Brindisi

Brindisi li 13 Agosto 1944

M.M. A. A.S.
FILE REF 1
Date Recd 29/8

Al MARIDEPO = S E D E
e,p.c. MARISTAT S.I.S. ROMA
(Rif.dp.3250/S del 30.7.'44)
e,p.c. SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER
ESERCITO A.C.C. = LEQUILE

Prot. N° 1932 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Marò LARLONI Rocco. -

Punizione di 10 g.

1.- Infliggo al militare in argomento dieci giorni di segregazione di rigore con la seguente motivazione:

"Inviava lettera a civili in località non ancora ammessa al servizio postale, indirizzandola ad un militare, evadendo in tal modo le norme sulla censura e sul servizio postale". =

2.- Di tale punizione sia presa nota nel foglio matricolare dell'interessato, provvedendo inoltre alla prescritta variazione amministrativa. =

IL CONTRAMMIRAGLIO
Comandante
(Lorenzo DARETTI)

Litografia Artistica Fascista

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COMANDO REGIONALE MARITTIMO DI EMILIA

19932

SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.

Army S. C

LECCE (Lecce)

Roma

POSTA D'UFFICIO - N° FRANCHIGIA

L'AMMINISTRAZIONE SPEDIZIONE

POSTA

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Subject: Carrying of Arms - CCRR and GCFF.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q.,A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6

MINISTRY OF WAR

234/1

13 Aug 44.

Ref your 200235/11 dated 6 Aug 44.

1. It is agreed that the CC.RR. and R.Guardia di Finanza may at all times when in uniform, be considered on duty, and as such may carry arms.

F.J.Noares

F.J.NOARES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

FJN/hh

Copy to: Public Security Sub Commission,ACC.

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Subject: Discipline - Poligrano Driving School.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q.,A.C.C.
R O M E
AC/6.

14 Aug 44.

MINISTRY OF WAR

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Further to this HQ letter AC/6 dated 24 Jul 44.

1. Copies of HQ No.2 District letter 4410/5/3F of 4 Aug 44 and MMIA LO 2 District letter 101/1 of 7 Aug 44 are forwarded herewith.

2. It is obvious that Capt. FICARA is not co-operating with the Allies, and cannot therefore be considered an effective member of the Italian Army.

3. The Ministry of War will discharge Capt. FICARA from the Army, and report accordingly to this HQ.

JB/hh

For Major General.
Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

Copy to: MMIA LO No.2 District.

See folio 3126

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Subject: Discipline - Town of Jesi.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q.,A.C.C.
R O M E
AC/6

12 Aug 44

Public Safety Sub Commission,ACC.

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1. A copy of a letter received from MMIA LO with C.I.L. is forwarded for information and action as necessary.

2. It is confirmed that orders have been given to all Italian Army personnel, forbidding both the use of arms against Allied personnel, and the carrying of arms when off duty.

JB/hh

J.J.Bird, Capt.

J.G.BIRD Capt.
For Lt.Col.A.A.& Q.M.G.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA).

Copy to: Capt.Philip MMIA LO CIL.

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Subject: Discipline.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6

12 Aug 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

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1. A copy of HQ 68th Military Policy Coy letter dated 8 Aug 44 is forwarded herewith.

2. The Ministry of War will investigate the circumstances of the letter and report the result of the enquiry and any disciplinary action taken to this HQ without delay.

JE/hh

J.G.BIRD Capt.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommission
APO 394

AQ
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Date Recd 12/8/44

ACC/4011/4/L

WEB/ap
11 Aug 44

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

TO : Army Sub-Commission

1. The case of Capt. Tortelli, referred to in your AQ/6 of 9 July 44 and other correspondence has been considered.

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2. The 100.000 lire representing the proceeds of sale of the olive oil by Capt. Tortelli is the property of Capt. Tortelli until a duly constituted court has given a contrary ruling. Capt. Tortelli will presumably be brought to trial before an Italian Military Tribunal in connection with (among other charges) the deficiency of 42,600 lire on his imprest account. This court should be informed that the sum of 100,000 lire is held by Major Breakell for disposition in accordance with the ruling of the Court. If at the trial the court omits to make any ruling an order should be specifically requested, but in the absence of any order to the contrary the money should be returned to Capt. Tortelli.

3. It is considered that action should be taken against Capt. Tortelli in connection with his black market transactions. This action could more properly be taken in an Italian Military Court than in an AMG Court, and provided that such action is taken by the Italian Military Court, it is not desired to take proceedings against him in an AMG Court.

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4. It is considered that the case of the civilians who sold and bought the oil should be further investigated with a view to proceedings being taken against them in the appropriate Court. It would be appreciated therefore if full details could be sent to RLO Region 5 for him to consider whether any prosecution should be instituted, and if so in what court. On the facts as known at present it is not certain that the purchaser will be convicted, since apparently Major Breakell ratified the sale. The position could be considered by RLO Region 5 if more information could be supplied as to :-

(a) the details and circumstances of the purchase of the oil by Capt. Tortelli.

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(b) the details and circumstances of the sale of the oil by Capt. Tortelli.

(c) the exact nature of the transaction between Major Breakell and the purchaser of the oil.

W. E. BEHRENS, Colonel,
Acting Deputy Chief Legal Officer.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Sussistenze

N. 8131/S di prot. P. M. 107. li 9 Agosto 194

Risposta al foglio N. ..... del ..... Carte annesse .....

OGGETTO: S.Tenente CENCHIALTA Carlo

AlLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
PER L'ESERCITO DELL'A.C.C. R O M A

Trasmetto, per informazione, copia del foglio 8131/S in data 8 agosto c.a. con il quale ho inflit= to 5 giorni di Arresti Semplici al Sottotenente CENCHIALTA Carlo - Comandante il Distaccamento di Littoria.

PEL MINISTRO

Copy of 8131/S dated Aug 8 awarding 5 days of light arrest to 2nd Lt. CENCHIALTA CARLO Co of LITTORIA Detachment.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Sussistenze

N. 8131 /S di prot. P. M. 107, II 8 agosto 1944

Risposta al foglio N. ..... del ..... Carte annesse .....

OGGETTO: S.TENENTE CENCHIALTA CARLO

Alla DIREZIONE DI COMM/TO DEL C/DO TERRITORIO MIL.
ROMA

Comunico di aver inflitto al S.Tenente CENCHIALTA Carlo, comandante del Distaccamento di L Littoria, 5 giorni di A.S. per il seguente motivo:

""Ufficiale incaricato del ritiro di derrate per
""le FF.AA. italiane dava informazioni non esatte
""circa l'impiego degli automezzi disponibili per
""le operazioni da effettuare"".

Please note, I have given Lt Cenchialta Carlo CO of LITTORIA Det. 5 days of light arrest for the following reasons:

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
Fto PELLIGRA

P. C. C.
IL DIRETTORE CAPO DI VISIONE ff.
CAPITANO COMMISSARIO
(Vincenzo Vetrella)

said officer, charged with withdrawal of food stuffs for Ital. Armed Forces and giving false information concerning the use of vehicles available for the operations to be effected

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HEADQUARTERS
68th MILITARY POLICE COMPANY
APO 782 U.S ARMY

8 August 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Arrest

TO : Major Luckman, Public Safety Officer, ACC.

1. Pfc Elmer Pichan, 68th M.P. Company, noticed a GMC 6x6 truck parked in a field on Highway #87, 5 August 1944, at 1115 hours. Investigating, he found approximately 70 gallons of gasoline in the rear of the truck. Two Italian soldiers, Care Vincenzo, and Zana Maurizia, of the 1025th Company, Autiere, were found with the vehicle, and could give no satisfactory explanation for their presence in the field. The vehicle and men were brought to this headquarters for further investigation. Vehicle No. 4278625; Bumper markings - AMG 3A 675 1048.

2. Investigation revealed that the men are stationed above Rome. This case is being turned over to you for further investigation and proper disposal.

WILLIAM F. NORRIS JR.
Captain, Infantry
Commanding

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APO 732 U.S ARMY

8 August 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Arrest

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6/Augt/44

On Augt 5/44 at approximately 1115 hrs I was on my motorcycle patrol on Hy 87 going from Laselita toward Cassino when I had looked towards the field on the right side of the road. I saw a truck in the field so I went to check on it. I then saw two Italians there names are Luca Vincenzo - 1025 Co - AUTIORE and the other one is Gana Mariggia 1025 Co AUTIORE The first thing I did was to check the trip ticket and asked him what they were doing there. I looked in the back of the truck and found 70 gallons of gas. I told them to follow me into MP Hqs

Pfc Elmer Pucker
36570393 68 MP Co

Region 3

1024 - 1025 - Compagnia Autieri
Servizio - Roma Region ACC
S. Paolo Via della Vasca Navale 58

Trip Ticket
Foglio di marcia

Data 5/8/44

Driver
Conduttore Carl Lavara

N. truck
N. macchina 1028

Starting point
Partenza da Rome

hrs
ore

Destination
Destinazione Napoli

On service for
Servizio per ACC

3-17

Hour service ended
Fine servizio ore

Officer who has ordered service
Uff.le che ha ordinato il servizio
Sotto Lorenzo Dinardi

Reasons for which the truck has not returned
Ragioni del mancato rientro della macchina

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Starting point
Partenza da Roma hrs
ore

Destination
Destinazione Napoli

On service for
Servizio per Ace

3-17

Hour service ended
Fine servizio ore

Officer who has ordered service
Uff.le che ha ordinato il servizio
Sotto Lorenzo Angeli

Reasons for which the truck has not returned
Ragioni del mancato rientro della macchina

Control: Reports on the service and the efficency of the truck
Controllo: Novità sul servizio e sull'efficienza del truck.

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1024 - 1025 - Compagnia Autieri
Servizio - Roma Region ACC
S. Paolo Via della Vasca Navale 58

Trip Ticket
Foglio di marcia

Data 6/8/44

Driver
Conduttore Paul Komma

N. truck
N. macchina 1048

Starting point
Partenza da Rieti

hrs
ore 0900

Destination
Destinazione Rome, Hayles

On service for
Servizio per ACC. 3416

Hour service ended
Fine servizio ore

Officer who has ordered service
Uff.le che ha ordinato il servizio
Ten Jno d'Angelo

Reasons for which the truck has not returned
Ragioni del mancato rientro della macchina

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Driver
Conduttore Law Jr Jamma

N. truck
N. macchina 1048

Starting point
Partenza da Siena

hrs
ore 0900

Destination
Destinazione Rome, Naples

On service for
Servizio per ACC. 3416

Hour service ended
Fine servizio ore

Officer who has ordered service
Uff.le che ha ordinato il servizio
Ten Jr Amd

Reasons for which the truck has not returned
Ragioni del mancato rientro della macchina

Control: Reports on the service and the efficency of the truck
Controllo: Rovità sul servizio e sull'efficienza del truck.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
NAPLES OFFICE

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8 August 1944.

army 5-C

SUBJECT : Report of Arrest.

TO : HQ. A.C.C. ROME

M.M.I.A. AD
FILE REF 16
Date Recd 10/8/44

The following report is forwarded to you for your necessary action.

HEADQUARTERS 9 AUG 1944 A.C.C.

Lt.Col.
ARMY SUB COMMISSION A.C.C.

11/8 AB

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FILE REF A2 / 62
Date Rcd 10 / 8 / 44

SUBJECT :- CAPUA - Pyrotechnic Factory.

HQ AAI.
CMF.

2115/Q2.

7 Aug 44.

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Reference attached copy of MMIA AQ/6 dated 29 July, 44.

Action has been taken by this branch in respect of paras 1 (b) and 1 (c).

Would you please accept action on paras 1(a) 2 and 3, as the unit concerned and the factory are under U.S. jurisdiction.

J. Mitchell
Brigadier. Maj.
D.Q.M.G.

Copy to :- Army Sub-Commission ACC
A- reference 5063/23/APS dated 2 August 44. } without enclosures.
Local Resources Section.
(with copy of above quoted letter).

A 12/8

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M.M.I.A.
FILE REF 5A 161
Date Recd 9 5 44

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Subject: Discipline - POLIGNANO Driving School.

M.M.I.A. L.
HQ 2 District
CMF
Ref: 101/I
7 Aug 44

To: The Commander,
Military HQ PUGLIE & LUCANIA

Copy to: HQ 2 District
MMIA ✓ (Ref: dist 4410/5/ST 92 Jnl)

1. Attached you will find correspondence relevant to a serious breach of discipline by Capt FICARA, previously the C.C. to the Driving School at POLIGNANO.

2. No action has as yet been taken by the Ministry of War so that Capt FICARA is still at large.

3. 2 District letter 4410/5/ST of 4 Aug shows how dangerous to the maintenance of discipline Capt FICARA's presence is.

4. It is requested that this offr be removed immediately to a place where he can do no harm and that an enquiry into his conduct be made.

5. It is rumoured that Capt FICARA has been chosen to command 1006 G.T. Coy. You are informed that his services are NOT any longer required by HQ 2 District, Capt FICARA will NOT therefore command 1006 G.T. Coy. 213

C.F. Murcell Major
(C.F. MURCELL)
Maj G.S.

11/8 MB See also Folio 223

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5 Agosto 1944 7 AGO 1944

SUBJECT: Discipline - Polignano Driving School. CONFIDENTIAL

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

4 Aug.44

M.M.I.A.L.O.

Ref: conversation Major Mercel- myself, yesterday.

I. It is confirmed that when Capt.Ficara returned from leave he was relieved of his command by O.C.562 Coy with a view to disciplinary action being taken on a charge of the illegal use of British W.D. transport. Despite this, he returned to the School on the 31 July after the British personnel had left, and paraded the Italian staff and addressed them. He told them would never qualify for the additional 20 lire per day granted to other drivers i/c whilst the British were in control of the School, but that he would arrange for their posting to his new Coy. where they would receive the additional pay.

2. It will be appreciated that such action is likely to result in a breach of discipline, and it is requested that consideration be given to disciplinary action being taken against this officer for this offence

MEM

Colonel
D.D.S.T.

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Subject: Curfew - ROME Area.

CONFIDENTIAL

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q.,A.C.C.
R O M E.
AQ/6.

5 Aug 44.

To: ALL BRITISH OFFICERS at HQ. MMIA.

1. The normal curfew hour in ROME is 2300 hrs.

2. After 2300 hours all Officers (less Duty Officer at HQ) will, except in cases of emergency, be in billets unless in possession of a duly authorised Curfew Pass.

3. Curfew Passes have been applied for on behalf of certain Officers who may be required in the event of an emergency.

FJN/hh

F J Noakes Lt-Col

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

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Major R.M.Phillips.
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Capt.J.Spearing.
Capt.E.L.Monck-Mason.
Capt.G.F.Hyde.
Lieut.J.M.M.Horlick.
Lieut.A.W.G.Cooper.

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SECRET
4 Aug 44

To:- MMIA, G Ops, Army Sub Comm, ACC
and for infm EIGHTH ARMY, APM

From:- LO, CIL

M.M.I.A. 29
FILE REF 1
Date Recd 7/8/44

Discipline - Town of IESI

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2. It is forbidden for Italian MP to make use of arms against Allied tps (ref below). Therefore CIL leaves discipline entirely to the civil authority in towns where Allied tps are present.

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J. A. Philip Capt.

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See Note 245

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Passed to P.S. Philip 15/10/44

Note. Italian force is forbidden to use arms against Allied tps by letter of 15 Jul 44, (441/2/P) of delegation A, repeating letter of Italian GHQ.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

A.C.A. A2R
FILE REF. 370.6 /
Date Recd 8 8 Aug

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G-5: 335.12-1

5 August 1944

SUBJECT: Saluting.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394

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For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN
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8 AUG 1944
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Translation

Roman War Ministry

To: MMMA

Dep. 0 DCA 2374

Date August 6

Subject Arming of mil. Belonging to the Army of Canadians on Armed Guards

The ampance regulates of the Canadian & Finance Guards for said military members always on duty. (even during leaves on military pass). They are obliged to entertain any time an infraction of the laws is committed or when requested by possible offenders or Centurion to fulfill their duties + the order forbidding the carrying of arms when NOT on duty shall NOT be extended to said military

(Col De MMM rebels)

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Cpl RC

Ra/zo

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

M.M.I.A. AQ
FILE REF 1
Date Recd 8 18 44

N. di prot. 200255 II

P.M.107 li 6 Agosto 194 4

OGGETTO: Armamento dei militari appartenenti all'Arma dei CC.RR. ed alla R.Guardia di Finanza.-
Armament of mil. belonging to Arm of Carabinieri & finance Guards.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO
DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO = ROMA

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Sez Mobo 246

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Subject: Curfew Passes (Daily Bulletin 185 para 7)

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q.,A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6.

5 Aug 44

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

Reference this HQs letter AQ/6 dated 30 July 44, application is hereby made for Curfew Passes for the following Officer and O.R. of the Army Sub Commission (MMIA), whose duties as M.A. and Driver respectively to General Browning necessitate them being able to move between Ministry of War, S.M.R.E, this HQ etc., during any emergency in connection with military operations.

Nationality	Name	Number
British	Capt.C.W.D.Chaytor	88322
British	Sgt.T.Greenall	T/92538

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Sub-Commission
APO 394

M.M.A.	AQ
FILE REF	AQ/6
Date Recd	4/8/44

ACC/4011/4/L. RHW/pa.
3 Aug 44.

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

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TO : Army Sub-Commission .

1. Reference to your AQ/6 dated 29 July 1944.

2. There is no record in this Sub-Commission of receipt of your letter of 9 July 1944 and statements referred to.

3. According to the few facts stated in the letter (spare copy of which was obtained from your office) the offence occurred in Italian Government Territory where Allied Military Courts are permitted to sit only in cases involving unusual and special circumstances. In order that any recommendation to that end may be acted upon here the RC Region 2 should forward to the Executive Commissioner a complete statement of the case with his recommendation together with the recommendation of the Allied Military Commander of the District. In that way the matter may be sifted here and determination made. 3-105

4. On the meager facts submitted it would appear that Capt.Tortelli should be brought to trial before an Italian Military Tribunal. If there are civilians involved the same Court may have jurisdiction to try them depending upon the facts. However do not consider this as a ruling, for without all facts before me I would not be in a position to make any recommendation to the Acting Head of the Admin.Section who now makes the final determination as to whether or not a particular case arising in Italian Government Territory shall be tried by an Allied Military Court.

5. Without full information, this Sub-Commission can give no consideration to the disposition of the olive oil or proceeds of sale thereof.

Richard H. Wilmer
RICHARD H. WILMER,
Colonel, CAC,
Acting Chief Legal Officer.

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Translation AQ/6 235/2

From War Ministry Ref. Let 1m/10z

To. WMMA Date 1 August

Subject Arrest of Cpl CHINNI GIUSEPPE

The English police have recently arrested Cpl CHINNI GIUSEPPE, C.O.of 8th Transit Camp at BARI, and ordered him to stay at home and not have any external contact at all.

We should be grateful to WMMA if it could find out the important reason on this matter & particularly the reason for the measure.

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2 Dup requested Dr MICHE 3:04

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N.M.I.A.	A12
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N.145/1/COI di prot. P.M. 107 li 7 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: col. CHINNI Giuseppe.

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ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA CONTROLLO - a mezzo dell'Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

S E D E

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Risulterebbe che la polizia inglese ha proceduto in questi giorni all'arresto del col. CHINNI Giuseppe, comandante dell'8^ Tappa di Bari, rilasciando poi il predetto ufficiale contro impegno di rimanere nella propria abitazione a disposizione della polizia stessa e di non avere contatti esterni di sorta.

Si sarà grati a codesta Sottocommissione se vorrà compiacersi comunicare qualche maggiore notizia al riguardo ed in particolare le ragioni del provvedimento.=

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col. di S.M. E. De Michelis)

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SUBJECT: Traffic Offense

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
AG 16
2 Aug 1944

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regt ACC

The attached report is forwarded for action as necessary.

J.G. Bird, Capt 3.101

J.G. BIRD, Capt
for Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC

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