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AQ/6 - Discipline - 6th Cover

Opened Sept. 16, 1944 - Closed October 20, 1944

Subject: Discipline - Italian Military Personnel.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AO/6

20. Oct 64

HQ 64 Garrison
C. M. F.

Ref your PRO/3/2 of 8 Oct.

1. The two attached Traffic Reports have been returned by the Italian Ministry of War as they are unable to trace the units given by the offenders as their addresses.

2. Are you able to amplify the addresses, please, stating whether the units are British or American.

S.P. Archer

S.P. ARCHER Capt.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

SPA/hh

TRANSLATION

from: M.O.W. () AQ/6 ~~6~~ ref. 302823/c.c. (32)
to: M.M.I.A. 20 October 1944
Subject: Unauthorised entry into prohibited areas by Italian military. -

I have been informed that Italian military sent on leave to localities to which entry is allowed, sometimes & on their initiative, go to areas to which entry is forbidden where they are arrested by Allied Police that intern them in concentration camps without informing the ~~3023~~ on whose strength a pm military are. -

To avoid that Units, ignoring the cases of the military, denounce them as deserters, I beg you kindly to ask the Com.

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NO. Ann. Regt.
informing you
24/10 PA 24/10

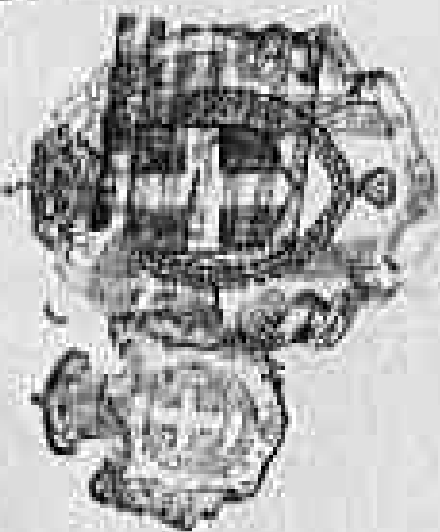
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See Goho 707/2 1 part

Police to inform CCRR of any arrest they make. CCRR will then inform MMIA.

I beg moreover MMIA to consider the possibility of handing over to Italian authorities the arrested military. Italian authorities will take strong disciplinary action against them.

Gen. OXILIA

VE/ps



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

Prot. N. 202823/C.A. Alligati

Roma, 20 ottobre 1944

Risposta al fido

Dir. Sec. V

Oggetto: militari che abusivamente si recano in zone proibite.

Unauthorized entry into prohibited zones by Italian military

Al
la M. M. I. A. = ROMA

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27.10.44

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

G. B. Oxilia

Translation

AG/6

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From M of W
to MMIA.

Ref No 302017/LA
Date. 20 oct 41.

Arming of Sworn Civilian Guards.

MMIA has already been notified that this Ministry has had to employ civilian Personnel (Sworn Guards) for the safe custody of Depots. and Powder magazines etc so as to render really efficient the service of such personnel against Civilian Aggressors posed by all intentions We Beg MMIA to authorise the said civilian guards to be issued with personal weapons (Rifle or Carbine) and ammunition this only when on duty at their respective port of duty. we Depots Powder mags etc
Bellarsfield

OX141A.

SO/ac



Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

Prot. N° 309017/C.A.
314-IV-2

P.M. 151, 20 ottobre 1944

OGGETTO: Armamento guardie giurate.

Arming of Civilian Guards

ALLA M.M.I.A.

R O M A

Come è noto a codesta Missione, questo Ministero ha dovuto provvedere alla custodia dei magazzini, depositi, polveriere, ecc. con personale civile, assunto con la qualifica di guardie giurate.

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA  
(Generale G.B. OXILIA)

*G. Oxilia*

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SUBJECT: Black Market Offences.

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY  
R O M E  
AQ/6  
20 October 1944.

Legal Sub Commission  
HQ ACC

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Ref. your ACC/4150/L of 16 Oct. and previous  
correspondence.

1. 2/Lt De Plato Giuseppe mentioned in para. 4 of your above quoted letter was an officer of the Italian Army.
2. He was discharged from the service as a result of his activities in the Black Market, as previously reported.
3. It is considered that this should not be the sole punishment awarded for this misconduct.
4. Will you please inform this Hq if additional punishment was awarded by the Bari Tribunal.

*FJ*  
F.J. NOAKES, Lt. Col.  
for Major General  
MMIA.

SPA/ag

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Subject: Discipline Italian Military Personnel  
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Military Mission  
Italian Army,  
R O M E  
AQ/6  
19 October 1944  
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To : HQ 3 District  
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Ref 146/1A of 15 Oct 44

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1. S.I.B. Report ref SIB/69B/A/44/35 dated  
10th ~~June~~ <sup>Sept.</sup> is returned herewith as requested.

SPA/wk

*S.P. Archer Capt.*  
S. P. ARCHER, Capt.,  
for Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

SUBJECT: Discipline of Italian Military Labour  
under Command of British Services.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/4385/G1 (Br).

17 Oct 44.

MMIA.

1. Attached are copies of No.2 District letter 30A dated 28 Sep 44, together with copy letter from DDL that HQ and enclosures.
2. It may well be that Italian standards of disciplinary punishment are different from our own, and that it would be unreasonable to expect that they be changed. Alternatively it may be that the offences are not being taken sufficiently seriously by the Italian Army, and that representation to that effect should be made.
3. It is accordingly requested that you will consider the matter and take such action as you think appropriate, informing this HQ of the position in due course.

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

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*[Signature]*  
Major General,  
DAG., G-1 (Br).

*Lee Folio 352*

C O P Y

SUBJECT: Discipline of Italian Military Labour under Comd of  
British Services.

HQ No 2 District, CTF  
30A  
28 September 44

AFHQ C-1 (Br)

The attached copy of letter from DDL this HQ is forwarded for your consideration.

1. There is no question that punishments at present being meted out in these cases to Italian military personnel by Italian military authorities is totally inadequate, more especially when it is compared with sentences which are now being given by FGCM against British troops for similar offences.
2. Could this matter please be represented to the Army Sub Commission ACC in order that some endeavour can be made to correct this evil.

(Sgd) ? ? ? ? Lt Col  
for Major General  
Comd No 2 District.

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DISCIPLINE of Italian Military Labour under  
Comd of British Services.

HQ No. 2 District CTF  
Tel: 12787  
DL/57/LAB  
21st Sept 44.

'A' HQ No. 2 District CTF.

Italian Military personnel employed by British Services are involved in a considerable amount of pilferage. I attach typical lists of cases on two days.

The only action that can be taken in these cases is that the Italian soldier is handed over to his unit to be dealt with, no powers of punishment of Italian Military being vested in the British Authorities. I have for some time endeavoured to obtain information as to the punishment awarded by the Italian Authorities as I have not been at all satisfied that such punishments bear any relation to those meted out to our troops. I have now obtained a statement of punishments awarded in four cases, with the explanation that according to Italian Military Law the severity of punishment is based on the value of articles stolen. Apart from the fact that this seems to be the wrong principle, the fixing of values in to-day's conditions can only be a fictitious one. On this occasion I would draw your attention to the fact that a pair of gloves is valued at only 100 lire. 2 tins of chocolate at only 60 lire.

Further I am not satisfied that even such punishments as are awarded are properly carried out in such a way as to prove a deterrent, which is really the only thing in which we are interested.

(Sgd) ? ? ? ? Lt Col  
for Major General  
Comd No 2 District.

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In my experience punishments are frequently hardly enforced. In other cases they consist of a forfeiture of many days pay which merely results in the man selling equipment or pilfering in order to obtain money. In other cases they are merely cruel. Recently in a unit allocated to this Service, a man was tied up in the sun for a whole day by order of his Coy Commander in addition to a forfeiture of 30 days pay.

I feel strongly that cases of pilferage of Allied Stores should be dealt with in a manner that will really prove a deterrent and that the Allied Military Mission with ACC should be instructed to enforce such a principle.

May this matter be taken up with high authority please.

(Sgd) S.B. Gordon-Smith.  
Colonel, DDL.

Copy to: DDL AFHQ for information.

C O P Y

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

LABOUR DIRECTORATE

SUBJECT: Discipline - Italian Military Labour

G.1(B)A3  
AFHQ

DL/144/1  
Tel No.  
VALLEY FORCE 25

1. Herewith copy of lists of pilferage cases referred to in IDL No.2 District letter IML/57/LAB dated 21 Sep 44 as requested.

5 Oct 44,

(Signed) F.C. ARNOLD Lt Col AML,  
for Brigadier,  
Director of Labour  
AFHQ.

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SUBJECT: Labour Shifts from 0800 hours of 14.9.44 to 0800 hours of 15.9.44.

Stopped by the M.P.

Fante Cerieglio Giovanni 403, 9 Coy in possession of 10 kilos coffee.  
Fante Barbuto Antonio, 406, 151 Coy - 3 salmon tins.  
Art. Capobianco Michele, 406, 172 Coy - tried to open a borax parcel, weight 18 kilos.  
Art. Brigante Gennaro, 406, 172 Coy, as above.  
Art. Barelli Oreste, 406, 8 Coy - 1 tin of meat, 3,500 kilos.  
Art. Boccino Palo, 406, 173 Coy - 1 tin of meat, 3 kilos.  
Art. Fuscio Giuseppe, 406, 173 Coy - as above.  
Art. Jacobino Antonio, all as above.  
Fante Di Giorgio Antonio, 403, 9 Coy, 6 batch boxes, 1 soap, 2 candy parcels.  
Art. Verri Angelo, 406, 173 Coy tried to open a sugar parcel.  
Fante Albanese Gaetano, 403 Reg. 131 Coy - tried to get dried fruit from a parcel.  
Fante Cancellieri Sabatino, 403, 129 Coy, 5 woolen vests.  
Dante Sblendorio Domenico, 406, 173 Coy - 500 cigarettes.  
Art. Romano Francesco, 406, 173 Coy - 200 cigarettes.  
Art. Gea Paolo, 406, 173 Coy - one packet of candies.  
Art. Massaro Nino, as above.  
Art. Binardi Carmine, 406, 174 Coy - tried to carry a parcel with 10,000 Yanks  
Art. Racconato Francesco, as above, for the same parcel. (cigarettes.  
Art. Bagnilo Vincenzo, as above, for the same parcel.  
Soldato Tripoli Antonio, 502 Smoke Coy - 1 parcel of sweets.

SUBJECT: Labour Shifts from 0800 hours - 11.9.44 to 0800 hours 12.9.44.

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SUBJECT: Labour Shifts from 0800 hours - 11.9.44 to 0800 hours 12.9.44.

Stopped by the MP.

Art. Rochira Lorenzo, 406, 171 Coy - in possession of sweets, value Lit 70  
Cap. Cro Michele, 403 Reg. 137 Coy, as above.  
Fante Di Giovanni Settino, 403 Reg. 139 Coy, as above.  
Fante Remolino Silvestro, 403 Reg. 9 Coy - in possession of 300 cigarettes/<sup>value</sup> Lit 300  
Fante Bolli Lacoonet, 403 Reg. 11 Coy - in possession of 270 cigarettes, value Lit 270.  
Fante Desisto Rocco, 403 Reg. 173 Coy, Kilo 1,300 of boiled beef value Lit.200  
Fante Ciraci Rocco, 406, 173 Coy - in possession of a shirt value Lit. 150  
Fante Frandini Benedetto, 403 Reg. 130 Coy - in possession of biscuits, value Lit.175.

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Ref: 320/Ris.

Date: 16 Oct

From: Delegazione "A" Stato Maggiore R. Esercito.  
To: Allied Forces.

For information to: WAR MINISTRY (ITALIAN)  
Disciplinarian Div.

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Angelo was punished with 10 days arrest for the  
following reasons:-

Was found driving a military vehicle without having  
the urgent necessity of such transport.

2. Was driving in disregard of road regulations.

By Order:  
Colonello Capo di S.M.  
GIORGIO LIUZZI.



*Pass to M.M.A.*  
*[Signature]*

Prev. Ref. \_\_\_\_\_  
Next Ref. 3014

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Colonello Capo di S.M.  
GIORGIO LUZZI.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
SOUTHERN REGION  
BARI ZONE

21 OCT 44

Ref. :- BZ/CA/1/43

Subject:- Inter Office Correspondence

To :- Air Force Sub-Commission, ACC. Bari, C.M.F.

1. The attached letter is forwarded as matters pertaining to your headquarters.

  
W.E. JONES, Capt.,  
Executive Officer.

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DELEGAZIONE "A" STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO  
Ufficio Personale

Prot. N° 320/Ris.

P.M. 185, 11 16 ottobre 1944

OGGETTO: Sottotenente COMAR Angelo della 184<sup>a</sup> Comp. Mortai Div. "Nembo".



AL COMANDO DI ZONA  
Forze Aeree Alleate

N° FBO/Fem.

e, per conoscenza:

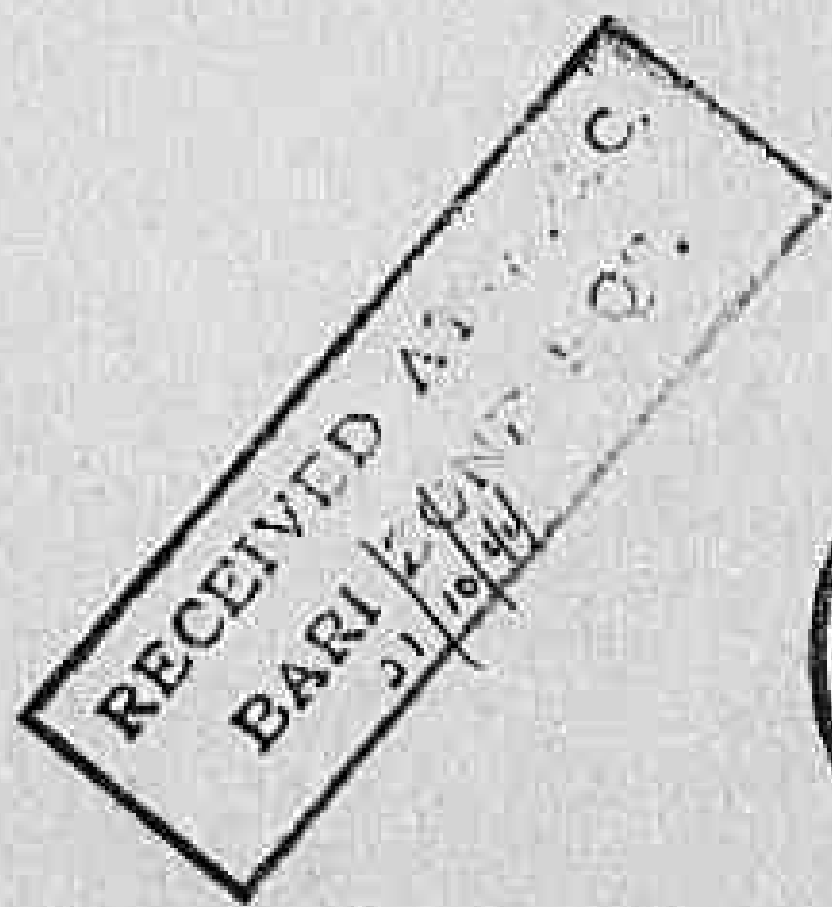
AL MINISTERO GUERRA

Dir. Gen. Pers. Uff. - Div. Disciplina - P.M. 151

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Ris. al n° 3747 Disc. del 14 luglio c.a.
2480/4

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In relazione alla segnalazione del 2/6/1944 diretta al Coman-  
do IX° Corpo d'Armata, si informa che il Sottotenente COMAR Angelo  
è stato punito con 10 gg. A.R. per il seguente motivo:

"Contrariamente alle disposizioni in vigore, senza che ve ne  
fosse l'urgente necessità, pilotava un autocarro militare e inol-  
tre, nel condurre l'autoveicolo, contravveniva alle norme 3011 poli-  
zia stradale".=



d'ordine  
COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.  
(Giorgio Liuszi)

*ghiusi*

*for Air Force Int. Commission  
not over  
inf. club*

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Col MANSUETTI does  
not appear on present

Reg Br Army lists.

See log dated 10 Nov

del 10/4

Subject:- Discipline - Italian Officers

70SA/203/143/A

MM2A

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|-----------|----------|
| M.M.I.A.  | AK       |
| FILE REF  | 16       |
| Date Recd | 21/10/44 |

Col. MANSUTTI

Reference the attached correspondence and reports relating to the improper possession by the a/n, in his capacity of Commandant of the Italian Refugee Centre at Reggio, of a surplus quantity of British Rations.

It is requested that full enquiry be made by the Italian Military authorities, and that if the allegations are proved appropriate disciplinary action be taken. If the attendance of British Military witnesses is required arrangements should be made direct with OC Tps MESSINA.

Please note that no copies of the enclosures have been retained in this office.

Please acknowledge receipt.

In the Field  
16 Oct 44.  
/CT.

Col.,  
Comd, 70 Sub 3610

Copy to:- (Less enclosures) OC Troops MESSINA.

See Folio 346  
9372 with packet

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION  
APO 394

AA/6  
17/10

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/rlp.  
16 October 1944.

ACC/4150/L.

SUBJECT : D'ONOFRIO Vincenzo, NCO of CC.RR.

TO : MMIA (Army Sub-Commission). ✓

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1. Reference your AQ/6 of 14 Oct 44.

2. Public Safety Sub-Commission started an inquiry concerning D'ONOFRIO Vincenzo and has recently received a reply from the Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali. According to this last mentioned communication, D'ONOFRIO, when he committed these illegal acts, was not in the Service, but was then and still is on convalescent leave. Apparently the Hq of the CC.RR. at Naples denounced this man to the Procuratore del Regno at Larino in Campobasso Province and presumably the case is being proceeded with. I understand the position of the accused as to what concerns his permanency in the Carabinieri Corps will be judged by that service after penal proceedings have been completed.

3. It has now become necessary for me to secure further information as to penal proceedings through the Regional Legal Officer of the SOUTHERN Region. As soon as I receive a reply I will let you know.

4. In the enclosure of your letter of 9 Sept. a 2d Lt DE PLATO Giuseppe was also mentioned. I understand that he is a member of the Army and not of the CC.RR.

*Richard H. Wilmer*  
RICHARD H. WILMER,  
Colonel, CAC,  
Chief Legal Advisor. 3009 ✓

cc: Public Safety S/C.

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*R. H. Wilmer*  
19/10/44

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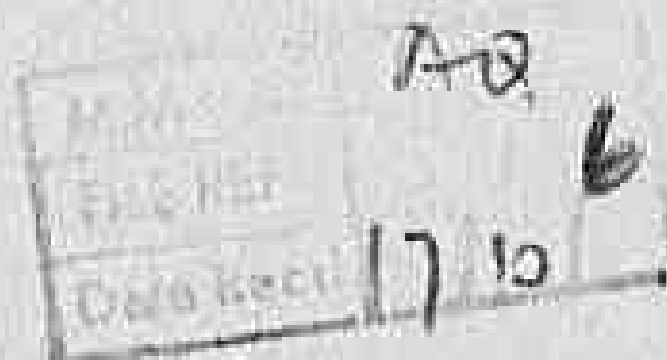
SUBJECT: Italian Army - persons in improper possession of WD property.

CONFIDENTIAL.

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3 District,  
Tel Ext 17,  
146/1A.  
15 Oct 44.

MMIA.



Reference your AQ/6 of 10 Oct 44. *328*

It is requested that the SIB report SIB/69B/A/44/35 dated 10 Sep 44 enclosed with this HQ letter of even number dated 14 Sep 44 be returned. *295*

AGS/SM.

*Returned  
19/10/44*

*M. H. H.*  
Maj Gen.  
Comd.

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*See Folio 336*

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Subject: Discipline - Black Market Offences.

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Military Mission  
Italian Army,  
R O M E  
AQ/

To: Legal Sub Commission, ACC

your ACC/4150/L of 11 Sep. <sup>Ref. this HQ letter AQ/</sup>

of 9 Sep 44. and

May this HQ please be informed whether a reply may now be given to the above quoted letter.

hh.

See Folio 334

SP/Archie GKV7  
F. J. NOAKES Lt. Col. AOD.  
For Major General.  
M. M. I. A.

Subject :- Traffic Accidents

C O N F I D E N T I A L

51 British Liaison Unit

A/R 10/10

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AQ/6

(330)

To :- HQ MMIA

1. Now that the CREMONA GRUPPO is beginning to hold increasing quantities of tpt the question of Traffic Accidents looms menacingly on the horizon.
2. Whilst every effort is being made by this HQ to curb the normal Italian Driver's enthusiasm to keep his foot on the accelerator at all costs, there is no doubt but that the nature of the roads and the presence of other vehs will prove to be the undoing of the less lucky individuals and - possibly more important - of his veh.
3. May a ruling please be given as what steps are to be taken by the Italian staff in cases of Traffic Accidents, and particularly with regard to Traffic Accidents Reports, Courts of Inquiry and recovering costs of damage.

Field  
12 Oct 44  
RWH/WWH

*See H/A 18 Oct  
May answer be sent separately*

*R. Hatch*

Major,  
DAA & QMG.

3606

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Absentees & Deserters.

Military Mission Italian Army  
R O M E  
AQ/6  
11 October 1944.

TO: MHIA LG No. 1 District.

1. Whilst with 60 Sub Area you reported that there were many absentees and deserters from Italian Units within the Sub Area due to the men being given demobilisation papers before replacements arrived.

2. The Ministry of War has now replied to this HQ letter AQ/17 of 25 Sept. (copy to you), stating that Delegazione 'A' has been instructed to deal with absentees expeditiously, to investigate the present position, and to issue such orders as are necessary to effect improvement in the situation.

SPA/ri  
Copy for file AQ/17

*S.P. Archer-Coyor.*  
S.P. ARCHER, Capt.  
For Lt. Col. AA & GMG  
M. H. I. A.

3005

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Subject: Italian Military Personnel - improper  
possession of W.D. property.

Military Mission  
Italian Army,  
R O M E  
AQ/6

10 Oct 44

HQ 3 District,  
C. M. F.  
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Ref your 146/1A of 3 Oct.

1. The Italian Ministry of War has ordered that the men of 246 Pioneer Coy involved in the cases of theft reported by your HQ, shall be brought to trial as soon as possible.
2. Ministry of War will advise this HQ of the action taken, which information will be forwarded to you upon receipt.

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*fr.*  
P. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.  
For Major General.  
M. M. I. A.

SPA/hh

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514 Subject

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

Subject:- 1009 Reparto Speciale per A.A. 0327

*Ad 6*  
Liaison Officer  
Military Mission  
Italian Army.  
HQ No.2 Dist.CMF.  
MF/101/1

*71 10*  
9 OCT 44

Military Mission to Italian Army.ROME.

*313* Further to my MF/101/1 of 16 Sep and ref *297*  
your AQ/6 of 26 Sep 44, herewith translation of reply  
received from Mil. HQ. PUGLIA and LUCANIA to my  
MF/101/1 of 16 Sep 44.

CFM/jmr

*C. F. Murcell*  
C.F. Murcell Maj.G.S.  
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.  
H.Q. No. 2 District.

Copy to:- 2 Veh Gp. C.M.F.

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*N.A.  
FA 12/10*

COMANDO MILITARE ELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA  
UFFICIO S.M. - ORDINAMENTO

P.M. 17 - 26/9/1944

No. 4993/Ord.

SUBJECT: Discipline - IO09 A.A. Unit-

To : Major Murcell - M.M.I.A. LO - H.Q. 2 District- B A R I

I forward copy of the report which Lt.Col.BARBONE - O.C.  
9 M.T. Rgt.- drafted, following my instructions to personally hold  
an inquest on the matter you referred to me with your letter  
No. IOI/I dated Sept 16.-

This report explains in the majority of cases, how the  
inconveniences occurred and what steps have been taken by Lt.Col.  
BARBONE, in agreement with the new English Commander of the  
Monopoli Park, to eliminate them.

The eight soldiers, in whose possession the various arti-  
cles belonging to the unit were found, do not belong to the IO09  
A.A. special Coy, but are guard personnell furnished by the Royal  
Air Corps.-

For the latter, therefore the Comando Presidio of Monopoli  
was asked to take the necessary action.-

With the occasion I deem it suitable to inform you (V.S.)  
of the necessity that the Allied Officers in charge of the various  
units, inform from time to time and directly, the Italian O.Cs.  
involved so that they can immediately take the necessary action.

That is, let it be understood, without hindering the  
reports that you would make to this H.Q. so that it can intervene  
and control the action of the dipendent Headquarters.

The Commanding General  
Ismaele DI Nisio

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9th M.F. REGIMENT  
HEADQUARTERS

P.M. 67 - 20/9/1944

No. 6184/14/R

SUBJECT : 1009 Special Unit for A.A.

TO : COMANDO MILITARE FUGLIA E LUCANIA  
Ufficio Ordinamento

After having forwarded that the 1009 A.A. M.F. Coy is on duty for the Allies for ~~over~~ <sup>more</sup> than a year without any discrepancy (it was constituted the 16/9/1943), I inform you of the results of my personal inquest: -

1) The lack of punctuality on part of the driver leaving daily is due exclusively to the fact that - while the drivers are ordered to present themselves at 5.45 or 6.00 hrs., - the vehicles are turned over only at 8.00 hrs.. The drivers, have been stationed there for a long time and therefore know this custom very well, and as they need an extra hour of sleep ( they often work 18 hrs out of 24) they show up a little late- Orders have been issued instructing the orderly officer to accompany the drivers on duty thus eliminating this inconvenience. Such procedure had not been yet followed because it is not in use in the English Army.

2) The duties of the men of the 1009 Unit consist in driving daily to various localities. - LUCERA, BARLETTA, SAN SEVERO, TERLIZZI- and often also to the front line, new or repaired vehicles.

On this service, civilian and English drivers are mixed up with ours. The convoy thus formed, with an Italian Officer and one or two Italian N.C.O's on board but at the orders of an English N.C.O. arrives at its destination, without giving abusive transport.

On the return trip, though, the English N.C.O. invites the Italian Officer and the Italian N.C.O's, together on board of the first vehicle that is returning and sends them to Monopoli.

The Italian driver take them place on the lorry <sup>3601</sup> that at intervals, sometimes ~~long~~ <sup>by</sup>, leave for the some destination without being subject to any inspection and therefore are in the ideal condition to buy or sell or abusively transport persons.

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The M.C.O. of the 1009 Unit has often stated to the English Commandant the necessity of giving the Italian Officer a more rapid means of transport in order to inspect the returning convoy, up to now it not been available.

I have spoken with the new English Major about it and he has promised to give our Officer a motorcycle.

He has also assured me that our Officer would follow and check the lorries on the return trip.

3) As I have already pointed out the lorries are also conducted by civilian drivers who, besides their good pay, are given an additional 80 lire per extra hour they employ on the trips. This special treatment induces them to create incidents along the road causing delay vehicle enables them to draw a longer sum; one of the systems used is to open the oil distributor, let some oil drip thus starting a fusion and therefore have to travel at a very low rate of speed.

The military drivers are blamed for the C.V. M. incidents because during the check of the vehicles it is not borne in mind that the drivers are mixed, both military and civil.

To avoid such inconveniences I have requested and obtained from the English Major that the M.C.O. Unit be turned over complete to the Italian military, even if it has on board English M.C.O. for checking.

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The civilian drivers must either precede or follow our convoy in order to avoid mixing in.

4) The soldiers referred to in 2 District's letter and accused of sabotage or theft do not belong to the 1009 Unit but are our Corp personnell furnished by Monopoli's Presidio for guard duties. The 1009 Unit has always, only had drivers who are billeted - not camped - for away from the parking place.

5) Since last June there have been 14 road incidents, 5 of vehicle were of a certain entity.

With an average of 50 lorries moving daily and therefore of 6000 in 4 months, the percentage is really small. It has to be borne in mind that the Italian drivers even if they have the license N.2, need a certain time to get accustomed with Allied vehicles.

I have often requested to be allotted with 2 or 5 Allied vehicles in order to instruct drivers but have never been given any even though I have to send replacements to all A.A.Units working for the Allied.

6) Capt. ANGELO CECCHETTI is O.C. of the Unit since last June and has done his duty pretty well. Besides punishing the drivers and making them pay for losses he has substituted undesirable element.

This procedure will continue until all those drivers that set bad example have been sent away. The English Commander has given his approval.

The A.A. Captain has to go on the reserves because he has reached the age limit and I have ordered 2/Lt. CUMMINGS RAYMOND to take over the 1009 Unit until the new O.C. arrives.

I have also introduced to the English Major, Lt. Col. BOWEN, inspector of A.A.Units, who will remain there to inspect the Unit until the new O.C. arrives and to report all the faults that eventually came to his notice.

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

Subject:- Discipline - Italian Officers.

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Liaison Officer  
Military Mission  
Italian Army.  
HQ No. 2 Dist. CMF.  
ME/101/1  
9 OCT 44

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Military Mission to Italian Army. ROME.  
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The attached copy of letter from OC 769 Italian Forestry Coy RE is sent to you for action as necessary ref para 3.

VTD/jmr

*C.F. Murcell*  
C.F. Murcell Maj.G.S.  
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.  
H.Q. No. 2 District. 3588

C O P Y

EXTRACT from OC 769 Italian Forestry  
Coy letter ref 17/505 dated 29 Sep 44.

The Italian Personnel of this unit are Co-Belligerents posted within the WE of this unit. The Italian Officer is himself on the posted strength of the unit, shown in the WE as in the HQ Platoon. As such he is, or should be, subject in all matters to the orders of the OC Unit, and should conform to British Military Law and customs.

Recent misunderstandings tend to show that the Italian Officer considers that he has an independent command, and that, e.g. he himself is at liberty to be absent at his own discretion without permission of the OC Unit. Being absent the other day for over five hours, the Italian Officer on being asked for an explanation stated in writing that 'in conformity with the regulations of the Italian Army an officer can leave his place (of duty?) for a period of a few hours without a special permission of his superiors.'

It is requested that you obtain from the MMIA a ruling that the Italian Officer of the unit be subject in all matters to the authority of the O.C. Unit.

(Sgd) R A HODGE  
Major RE  
OC 769 Italian Forestry Coy RE

769 Forestry Coy

2 Dist Tps. (New 2 Dist Tps  
in new system?)

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Translation

From: H of W

Ref: 302067/C.A.

To : MMIA

Date: 8th Oct 44.

Subject: Incident between Allied and Italian Soldiers in Naples.

Ref AQ/6 dated 24th Aug 44.

Herewith the results of the enquiry I ordered in respect of the unfortunate incident which occurred in Naples on 15th July, between Italian and American soldiers.

It has been impossible to ascertain whether Capt MARINI VINCENZO (and not MARIANA) was in charge of the soldiers who assaulted ANTHONY ESPOSITO and his girl friend MARIA IODICE.

This officer, who lives in the same street where the incident happened, says that as soon as he came out of his home, he found himself unwillingly on the scene of the incident and participated in putting an end to it. He also added that about 20 days later, he met ESPOSITO and his girl friend IODICE in Via KERBAKER who thanked him for the trouble he took in ending the incident and invited him to supper.

However, it was ascertained that this officer had insulted and struck Signorina IODICE.

Capt MARINI was sentenced to 10 days close arrest and 15 days simple arrest.

The other Italian soldiers who took part in the aggression, could not be identified. It is thought that these soldiers were not permanently stationed in Naples but only passing through.

The constant repetition of such incidents of which MMIA justly complained, finds its explanation in the Italian soldiers' psychology and the bad habits which are common in certain parts of Naples.

From enquiries made, it appears that a few days before 15th July, notices appeared in Naples streets condemning extortion of prostitution with threats of cutting the hair of women going about with Allied soldiers.

It is to be presumed that such incidents, provoked by the general public opinion, has made some soldiers act violently in justifiable cases.

I have ordered units commanders to take the necessary steps to prevent such incidents happening in the future.

sgd A. CASATI.  
Minister for War.



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Lt. A. CASATI  
Minister for War

Lt. CASATI

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*Translated*

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

N. 302067/C.A.

P.M. 151, 8 ottobre 1944

OGGETTO: Incidenti tra militari italiani e alleati a Napoli.

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Riferimento foglio AQ/6 in data 24 agosto.

Comunico il risultato dell'inchiesta da me ordinata in merito al deplorabile incidente verificatosi a Napoli il 15 luglio fra militari italiani e americani.

Non é stato possibile accertare se veramente il Capitano paracadutista MARINI Vincenzo (e non MARIANA) fosse a capo dei militari che hanno aggredito il soldato Anthony Esposito e la sua amica Maria IODICE.

L'Ufficiale, che abitava nella stessa strada in cui é avvenuto il fatto, ha asserito di esservi trovato presente per ~~3394~~ appena uscito dalla sua abitazione, e di essere intervenuto per metter fine all'incidente. Egli ha aggiunto che una ventina di giorni dopo, in via Kerbaker, ha incontrato l'Esposito e la Iodice che lo ringraziarono per il suo intervento e lo invitarono a cena.

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E' tuttavia accertato che il MARINI ha insultato e percosso la signorina IODICE.

Il Capitano MARINI é stato punito con 10 giorni di arresti di rigore e 15 giorni di arresti semplici.

Non si sono potuti purtroppo identificare gli altri militari italiani che presero parte all'aggressione; pare si trattasse di militari non di stanza a Napoli ma di passaggio per quella città.

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Il ripetersi di incidenti del genere, giustamente deplorati da codesta Missione, trova la sua spiegazione nella psicologia del soldato italiano e nel mal costume che si riscontra nei principali centri urbani e segnatamente a Napoli.

E' risultato dall'inchiesta che alcuni giorni prima del 15 luglio erano apparsi per le vie di Napoli manifestini, fatti affiggere da un gruppo di moralisti, che deploravano il dilagare della prostituzione e minacciavano del taglio dei capelli le donne sorprese con militari alleati.

E' da presumere che tale fatto, indice di un sentimento di generale riprovazione diffuso nel popolo, abbia indotto alcuni militari a trascendere a violenze di cui si ritenevano in qualche modo giustificati.

Ho disposto perché a cura dei comandanti di reparto sia svolta opera persuasiva intesa a prevenire altri incidenti della stessa specie.

I L M I N I S T R O

F.to (A.CASATI)

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

Subject: Discipline - Italian Military

Office of S/Lieut (Pro).  
HQ 64 Garrison.  
Ref: PDD: 3/2.  
8 Oct 44.

To: - M.M.I.A.  
Rome.



Attached Military Police report forwarded for  
information and necessary action, please.

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*[Signature]*  
Staff Lieut (Provost).  
HQ 64 Garrison.

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REPORT

To:-

The Officer Commanding,  
"R" Provost Company.

Sir,

I have to report that at CAPUA on the 5th October 1944 at about 0145 hours, I was on duty at the Check Point near the Junction of Routes 3 and 7 when I had occasion to stop a Civilian Vehicle on which the under mentioned Italian Soldiers were travelling as passengers:-

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|-----------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| 1/ D'Angelo Bruno di Alessandro,  | age | 21 years. |
| 2/ Carlo Paolo di Artile,         | "   | 35 "      |
| 3/ Polini Giovanni di Francesco,  | "   | 21 "      |
| 4/ Allegretti Luciano di Ernesto, | "   | 20 "      |
| 5/ Paparelli Bruno di Paolo,      | "   | 25 "      |

All the above named Soldiers belong to the 20 Compagnia Teleradio, Gruppo di Combattimento Friuli. S. Giorgio, (Prov. Benevento) and they were in possession of thirty four (34) Tins of WD Milk and one (1) Tray of Spam which was already cut up.

They stated that they had purchased the above WD property from some British Soldiers at Santa Maria on the 4th October 1944 between the hours of 2250 and 2350.

I obtained their full particulars for report, and arrested and conveyed them to the CC.IR. Capua to be detained. The property is held at Detachment HQ.

FIELD.  
8th Oct 44

10525938 *H. G. Lake* L/Cpl  
O. M. POLICE

*See Folio 340*

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**Transmittal Slip.**

PM/RA/PF 3 <sup>324</sup>

Subject

*Traffic offences*

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

Ref N. PRO 15/50/1432

To: — PM. HQ AAI.  
PM. U. S. Forces  
DPM. 3 District.  
DPM. R.A.F.  
APM. Canadian Corp.  
APM. U. D. F.  
G. 1 (Br) RAAC.  
Chief of Public Safety.  
HQ. A. C. C.  
Commandant French Forces HQ.  
D. A. D. CLAIMS.  
OC. 111 Provost Coy.  
OC 'T' Provost Coy.  
OC 76 Section, S. I. B.  
OC. 76 Coy CMP. (TC).  
*MMIA. RAAC.*

For information \_\_\_\_\_ ✓  
Necessary action, please \_\_\_\_\_  
Investigation & report \_\_\_\_\_  
Note & forward as indicated \_\_\_\_\_  
Perusal and return please \_\_\_\_\_  
For report \_\_\_\_\_  
For report & completion \_\_\_\_\_  
Forwarded \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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| Date Recd | <i>10/19</i> |

Date 8/10/44

Signature

*3081*

*Alan Cherlion*  
Capt. & DPM.  
1st Lt. Col.  
Provost Marshal.  
(Alan Cherlion)

TO: THE OFFICER COMMANDING  
"T" PROVOST COMPANY  
C.M. POLICE C.M.F.

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| FILE REF  | /        |
| Date Recd | 10/10/44 |

Sir, I have to report that at ROME on the 1, Oct. 1944 at about 1125 hrs. I was on duty in VIALE MAZZINI accompanied by L/Cpl. GRIFFIN-CMP. where I saw a WD. vehicle CHEVROLET 3 Ton No. 4973480 standing unattended and mobile.

I kept observation on the vehicle for about 15 minutes during which time the driver did not appear, the vehicle was then driven to WESTERN DIV. for safe custody. In the vehicle were:-

- 1 - Bag of Flour (140lbs.)
- 1 - Small bag of Beans
- 1 - 4Gall; Container of wine (Italian)

At about 1215 hrs. an Italian soldier reported to this HQ. and stated that he was the driver of the vehicle, his particulars are:-

GALLERAIM FERUANDO  
105 COY. ITALIAN PIONEER CORPS  
ANCONA.

After his particulars had been obtained he was allowed to proceed with the vehicle, documents in his possession were all in order.

Field.  
1, Oct. '44.

*C. Smith* L/Cpl.  
"T" Provost Company.

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Subject: Discipline - Italian  
Military Personnel  
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Military Mission  
Italian Army,  
R O M E  
AQ/6  
8 October 1944  
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To : HQ No. 1 District  
CMF  
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Capp Magg CANDUCCI Riccardo

313/1

Ref your 700/10/GSI of 27 Sept

1. The information contained in your a/q letter has been passed to Ministry of War, who will take necessary action both against the a/m O.R. and his C.O.
2. You will be informed of the action taken when the information is received by this HQ.

*F. J. Noakes*  
F. J. NOAKES, Lt Col,  
for Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

SPA/wk

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Translation

From: M of W

To : Circular

Subject: A. W. O. L.

Ref: 102871/I

Date: 5.10.44

Further to Circulars 13900 dated Aug 18th last and 13950 dated 26th August last.

The serious offense of A. W. O. L. shows no signs of diminishing. On the contrary, recently the cases of large groups of military deserting from their units have increased considerably.

~~With~~ MMIA have noticed this and have expressed their concern at the slackening of cooperation in the war effort that these desertions point to.

It is necessary that this regrettable state of affairs should cease.

The a/m circulars establish special measures affecting disciplinary action and others are suggested with a view to avoiding these desertions.

All H.Q.'s concerned are reminded of the need to apply promptly and strictly all regulations now in force. Particularly Art. 4 of Royal Decree Law No. 668 of July 29th, 1943 which allows for the establishment of extraordinary Courts Martial to deal with military charged with any crime punishable with detention and consequently that of desertion.

Furthermore, Instruction No. 26 dated May 26th last, issued by the General Chief of Staff authorizes the establishment of extraordinary Courts Martial by order of the Commander of a military garrison having the rank of general, should there be no Div H.Q. or higher unit within the area of the garrison.

Consequently, military found guilty of desertion or not reporting on being called to arms will be tried direct by extraordinary Courts Martial and awarded severe sentences without binding over or delay in carrying out of sentence.

A few examples will no doubt act as a deterrent to all.

I must issue a warning, furthermore, that a new decree is being drafted increasing disciplinary punishment.

The Minister.

(Sgd) A. CASATI.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Gabinetto

N°102871 /I  
117.4.1

P.M. 151 = 11 5 ottobre 1944

OGGETTO: Assenze arbitrarie.

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO  
AL COMANDO GENERALE CC.RR.  
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA  
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA  
AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E IUCANIA  
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA  
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SICILIA  
AL COMANDO MILITARE LAZIO UMBRIA E ABRUZZI  
AL COLANDO ITALIANO 212

ALLA PROCURA GENERALE DEL REGNO PRESSO IL TRIBUNALE  
SUPREMO MILITARE

AL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "A" DELLO S.M.R.E.  
AL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "T" DELLO S.M.R.E.  
AL COMANDO CENTRO RACCOLTA E RIORGANIZZAZIONE

SETTORE ADRIATICO ( CERSA )

AL COMANDO CENTRO RACCOLTA E RIORGANIZZAZIONE

SETTORE TIRRENICO ( CERSETI )

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE  
ALL'UFFICIO DEL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE  
DI S.M. IL RE D'ITALIA  
ALL'UFFICIO DEL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE  
DEL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO  
ALL'UFFICIO DEL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO DI S.A.R.  
IL DUCA D'AOSTA  
AL MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA  
ALL'UFFICIO DELL'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER I PRIGIONIERI

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AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E LUCANIA  
 AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA  
 AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SICILIA  
 AL COMANDO MILITARE LAZIO UMBRIA E ABRUZZI  
 AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212  
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 DI GUERRA  
 AL COMANDO GENERALE R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA  
 ALLA COMMISSIONE INTERROGATORIO DEGLI UFFICIALI  
 REDUCI DA PRIGIONIA DI GUERRA  
 ALLA COMMISSIONE MILITARE SCIoglimento MILIZIA  
 ALL'UFFICIO ASSISTENZA PROFUGHI CIVILI  
 ALLE DIREZIONI GENERALI E UFFICI AUTONOMI DEL  
 MINISTERO

( Seguito circolare 13900 in data 18 agosto c.a. e circolare  
 13950 in data 26 agosto c.a. )

Il grave fenomeno delle assenze arbitrarie non accenna a

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diminuito, anzi, in questo ultimo periodo gli allentamenti dei reparti di gruppi numerosi di militari sono sensibilmente aumentati.

Anche la Commissione Alleata ha rilevato l'inconveniente ed ha espresso le sue preoccupazioni per la diminuzione del concorso allo sforzo bellico, conseguente all'estendersi del fenomeno.

E' necessario stroncare l'increscioso inconveniente.

Con le circolari citate sono state disposte speciali misure repressive e sono stati suggeriti provvedimenti atti a prevenire gli allentamenti lamentati.

Richiamo ora l'attenzione dei Comandi interessati sulla pronta e rigorosa applicazione delle disposizioni in vigore. In particolare, ricordo che l'art. 4 del R.D.L. 29 luglio 1943, n. 668, consente la convocazione di tribunali militari di guerra straordinari, per giudicare militari imputati di qualsiasi reato punibile con pena detentiva, e quindi anche del reato di diserzione.

Inoltre il bando n. 26 in data 26 maggio o.s. del Capo di Stato Maggiore Generale autorizza la convocazione dei ~~Tribunali straordinari~~ anche per ordine dei Comandanti di presidio militare che rivestano il grado di Ufficiale Generale, qualora nei limiti del presidio non risieda un comando di divisione e di altra maggiore unità.

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allontanamenti lamentati.

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Qualche esempio servirà certamente di norma per tutti. <sup>3586</sup>  
Preavviso inoltre che è in corso la preparazione di uno schema di decreto per l'aumento delle punizioni disciplinari.

P. C. C.

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

(Col. di S.M. E. De Michelis)



I L M I N I S T R O

A. Casati

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Subject: Discipline - Italian Military

To: - M.M.I.A.  
Rome.

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Office of S/Lieut (Pro).  
HQ 64 Garrison. 321/1  
Ref: Pro:3/2.  
5 Oct 44.

Attached T.V.R. Forwarded for information  
and necessary action, please.

*Handwritten:*  
20 A BLU  
PD 9/10

*Signature* 3085  
Staff Lieut (Provost).  
HQ 64 Garrison.

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

M.M.I.A. ✓

Pro (your Pro 421/3 of 1 Oct 44 refers)

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Ext 17.

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3 Oct 44.

Ref your AQ/6 of 18 Sep 44 (copy to this HQ).

May a reply now be given to this HQ letter of even no. dated 14 Sep 44.

AGS/APR.

attach.  
L. J. Gen  
Comd

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 394

3 October, 1944.

AGC/14601/11/PS

SUBJECT : Carrying of Arms by Italian Armed Forces.

TO : G-5 A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference our AGC/14601/11/PS dated 13 Sept. 1944 addressed to you on the above subject.

2. May we be informed how this matter now stands please.

GERALD R. UPJOHN,  
Brigadier,  
V.P. Civil Affairs Section.

Copy to : H.Q. A.A.I.  
Army Sub-Commission. ✓

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Subject: Discipline - Courts of Inquiry.

Military Mission  
Italian Army.  
R O M E ✓  
AQ/8

2 Oct 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

2425 Cpl Dalbo Alfredo di Vergini.  
541 Regt Ftr. 447 Bty Bersaglieri.

1. In the opinion of a Court of Inquiry held on 16 July 44 the a/m Italian soldier was considered to be responsible for the death of a British soldier, 178490 Gnr Bute W., who had been knocked down by a vehicle driven, without due care and attention, by Cpl Dalbo.
2. Copy of the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry are forwarded for your information in order that necessary disciplinary action may be taken against Cpl Dalbo.
3. Please return the proceedings in due course and advise this HQ of the disciplinary action taken in this case.

SPA/hh

*F. J. Noakes*  
F. J. NOAKES - Lt. Col.  
For Major General.  
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: MMIA LO 2 Dist.

See Folio 386/1  
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401/204

Subject: -Black Market Activities.

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Military Mission  
Italian Army.  
R O M E.  
AQ/6.

29 Sept 44.

To: -Black Market Sub Commission,  
H.Q. A.C.C.

1. The attached report, received by this H.Q. from Italian Ministry of War, is forwarded to you for information and necessary action *please*.
2. The information, contained in the report, appears to concern activities which are controlled by your organisation.

*SP Archer Capt.*  
~~F. J. NGAYES, Lt. Col., A.O.~~  
for Major General  
M.M.I.A.

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Subject. Court Inquiry-Death of 1784907 Car BUTE.W.

Liaison Officer *317*  
Military Mission  
Italian Army.  
HQ No 2 Dist.CMF.  
M.E. 101  
28 Sep 44.

Military Mission Italian Army.

The attached correspondence  
from H.Q. 2 District is forwarded to you for action  
as necessary.

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*C. F. Murcell*  
Maj G.S.

C.F.MURCELL Maj G.S.  
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.  
H.Q. No. 2 District.

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*Letter to be given  
copy 11/10/44. J.P.A.*

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SUBJECT:- Court of Inquiry - Death of 170,907 Gnr BUTE, W.

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HQ No 2 District GMP.  
25/395 A.

24 Sep 44.

MEMO LO,  
HQ 2 District.  
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1. Enclosed herewith copy of the proceedings of a court of inquiry held to investigate the death of Gnr BUTE of 51 IMA Regt RA, at present located in ROME Area.
2. The Brigade Commander has recorded the opinion that 2.25 Gpl Dalbo Alfredo de Vergine of 541 Regt 4.7 Bty, was to blame for the accident.
3. It is understood that this unit is somewhere near VASTO and the proceedings are forwarded for necessary action.

*J. M. S.*  
Colonel,  
DA & GME.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY,  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
HEADQUARTERS, ROME.

26 September 1944.

No. L. 41/2.

MINISTRY OF MARINE, ROME.

Ad  
30-9  
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ARMS AND AMMUNITION - CARRYING OF

1. A copy of Army Sub-Commission, WHIA letter AC/8 of 23 August 1944, to the Italian Ministry of War which directs that orders be issued prohibiting any member of the Italian Armed Forces situated behind Corps rear boundaries under any circumstances whatsoever when off duty to carry any fire-arms, bayonet, knife or other weapon, is forwarded herewith. These instructions are applicable to Italian Navy personnel.

2. It is requested that instructions be issued prohibiting the carrying of weapons by Italian naval personnel when off duty and that a copy of the order be furnished for the information of the Naval Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Copy to:  
CinC, Med.  
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Hq, AAI (Adv HQ)

Hq, AAI (Main HQ)

Army Subcomm, Hq, AGC

Public Safety Subcomm, Hq, AGC.

(Sgt) L. M. PALMER

for REAR ADMIRAL. 3578

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(Sgt.) L. M. PALMER.

for REAR ADMIRAL.

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CinC, Med.

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HQ, AAI (Adv HQ)

HQ, AAI (Main HQ)

Army Subcomm, HQ, ACC

Public Safety Subcomm, HQ, ACC.

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SECRET

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

ROME

AO/6  
23 Aug. 44

THE MINISTER FOR WAR

Your Excellency.

1. On receipt of further orders from H.Q., IAI, my AO/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 fire-arms, bayonet, knife or other weapon. This applies equally to members of the C.C.R.

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 carried for training purposes are not discharged so as to cause injury to Allied personnel.

5. Arms and ammunition will only be carried by guards on installations where the guard has been specifically authorized 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.

7. Severe disciplinary action will be taken by you if any Italian personnel are found in possession of arms and/or ammunition.

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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 returned 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.

L. MONTAGNA  
Major General.  
Army Sub Comm, A.S.C.

Copy to: HQ AAI (Adv HQ) ref 16/5/48 (Ops) dated 21 Aug.  
HQ AAI (Main HQ)  
Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.S.C.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Legal Sub-Commission  
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27 Sept. 44.

SUBJECT : Discipline.

TO : Military Mission Italian Army.

See file 308 1. Reference your AQ/6 of 25 Sept. 44. — 211

2. The proposals of the Minister of War appear satisfactory in themselves, but in order to ascertain whether the proposed legislation actually carries them into effect it would be necessary to peruse the text of the special decree referred to.

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*Richard H. Wilmer*

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

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM (A) MMIA

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN

TO (FOR ACTION) ADV. AAI

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REF YOUR DOGS 286 OF 25 SEPTEMBER (.) PAREN ROME AREA \_\_\_\_\_ PAREN (.)  
REPORT ON CAPTAIN MARIANA VENCENZO NOT YET RECEIVED THIS HQ (.) MINISTRY  
OF WAR TOLD TO EXPEDITE

PRECEDENCE: Imp. p. Min.

ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION: JP Avraham

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SUBJECT : Discipline - Italian Military

Army Sub-Commission,  
(M.M.I.A.) Hq., A.G.C.

700/10/GSI

27 Sep 44

The owner of the attached identity card (No. 57/13) and leave pass, Cap. Magg CANDUCCI Riccardo, was detained on 31 Aug 44 by F.S. in ESI (Prov. ANCONA) while on short leave. He asked permission to return to his lodging in town for his belongings, leaving his documents, but has never returned.

It is requested that appropriate disciplinary action be taken against CANDUCCI Riccardo, and also against his C.O. for issuing a leave pass against the order of EIGHTH Army. (Eighth Army Instruction dated 10 Feb 44 enclosed in GSI(b) Adv Hq A.A.I. letter 1401/10/GSI(b) dated 30 Aug 44 refers).

C.M.F.

Lt. Col.,  
G.S.O. 1.,  
No. 1 District.

Copy to : GSI(b), Adv. Hq A.A.I.

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See Folio 322

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Subject: -Discipline -  
IOO9 Reparto Speciale per A.A.

Military Mission  
Italian Army.  
R O M E.  
AC/6.

26 Sept 44.

To: -M.M.I.A., L.O.,  
No. 2 District.

Ref. M.F. IOI/I of 16 Sept 44.

Will you please advise this H.Q. of the  
reply you receive from H.Q., PUGLIA and LUCANIA  
and any further information.

SPA/wvj.

*SPM. Cup*  
~~R.J. NOAKES Lt. Col.~~ 1900  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

*See Folio 327*

To Military Mission Italian Army.

MMIA. AD  
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MMIA.LO. 312  
Vasto.  
25.9.44. /

Subject:- Discipline.

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1. Ref your AQ/6 of 8 Sep.
2. General de STEFANIS of Delegazione A has written to the Colonel of the CCRR stating that (Le Autorita Alleate non sono affatto soddisfatte nei riguardi del servizio d'istituto svolto dal CCRR, specialmente da quelli di CHIETI. In relazione anche a quanto ebbi a fare presente verbalmente a V.S. prego provvedere perche l'azione del CCRR sia in ogni circostanza pronta, imparziale, energica e decisa, conforme cioè alla tradizione dell' arma.)
3. General de STEFANIS instructed personally the CCRR colonel to take disciplinary action against the CCRR on duty at the football match in question.

The Allied Authorities are not at all satisfied in regard to the service performed by the Carabinieri, especially by those in Chieti. In regard to what is reported, please see what the action of the Carabinieri in every circumstance is prompt, impartial, energetic, and decisive and that it conforms to the tradition of the service.

*Di* *rd*

*J.H. Bourne*  
Capt.

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TO LINDA ROSE

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CONFIDENTIAL X REF THIRD IND TO LT// LETTER FROM PBS DATED 14  
AUG SUBJECT REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENTS BETWEEN AMERICAN  
AND ITALIAN TROOPS X COPY OF YOUR LETTER TO MINISTER OF WAR ON  
THIS SUBJECT DATED 24 AUG HAS BEEN RECEIVED HERE X HOWEVER  
NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE REGARDING THE ACTION TAKEN  
BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES IN THE CASE OF CAPTAIN MARIANA VENCENZO X  
REQUEST THIS INFORMATION EARLIEST

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See Folio 314

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Subject: Discipline.

Military Mission  
Italian Army,  
R O M E  
AQ/6 —

25. Sep 44

LEGAL SUB COMMISSION, ACC  
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1. HQ AAI are disturbed by the increasing incidents of desertion and absenteeism in the Italian Army.
2. It is hoped to obviate this by increasing the disciplinary powers delegated to Regional Commanders.
3. The Ministry of War proposals are as shown in the attached copy translation.
4. The G.O.C. MMIA has asked that you will please give these proposals your consideration and forward your comments.

*SP Allen Cyp.*  
~~F. J. LOAKES~~ Lt. Col. *A.D.*  
For Major General.  
M. M. I. A.

*See Folio 315*

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Translation

From M06W

to MMIA copy.

Ref WFO 301527/C.H.

Dated 24 Sept 44

Shift by Personnel of 246 Pioneer Coy  
of the 576 Arty Regt.

The MMIA has sent us a report, of which we  
are sending you a translation: referring to ~~theft~~  
from the Allied Administration, by 23 Military of  
the 246 Pioneer Coy. of the 576 Arty Regt (227 div)

Please arrange, if not already done so, to  
bring forward to the Military Tribunal the Personnel  
responsible and give us rapid information on the  
steps taken.

Please clarify the eventual Responsibility  
of the Commanding Officer of Campania.

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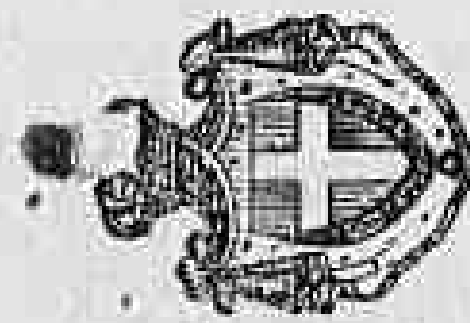
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URGENTE

Ministero della Guerra

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GABINETTO

N. 30622/C.A.

P.M.151, 24 settembre 1944

*7 lettr. by military of 246 Pioneer Coy  
of 576 Artillery Regt.*

OGGETTO: Furto a danno amministrazione alleata da parte di militari della 246<sup>a</sup> compagnia pionieri del 576 Rgt. Artiglieria -

AL COMANDO MILITARE CAMPANIA

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO  
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO  
(rif. foglio 40/6 del 18 settembre)

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La Sottocommissione per l'Esercito mi ha fatto pervenire un rapporto, di cui invio traduzione, in merito a furto continuato a danno dell'Amministrazione Alleata da parte di 23 militari della 246<sup>a</sup> compagnia pionieri del 576 reggimento artiglieria (227<sup>a</sup> divisione).

Prego provvedere, ove non sia stato già fatto, a denunciare al Tribunale Militare i responsabili, dandomi urgente comunicazione dei provvedimenti adottati.

Prego chiarire eventuali responsabilità del Comandante della Compagnia.

AL COMANDO MILITARE CAMPANIA

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO  
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO  
(rif. foglio AQ/6 del 18 settembre)

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te della Compagnia. -

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA

(Gen. G.B. Oxilia)

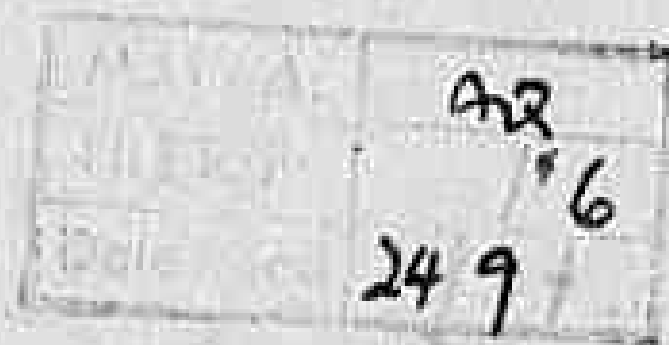
*G. Oxilia*

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Subject : Discipline

HQ.MMIA.  
NAPLES SECTOR  
Ref. AQ/6  
23 September 1944

To : HQ.MMIA ROME.



Reference your AQ/6 of 20 September .  
Letter referred to not received here.

*George D. Smith Jr.*  
GEORGE D. SMITH Jr.  
Major Infantry  
Senior Liaison Officer

VCJT/ap

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Naturally

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Innovation

From - M of W

Ref No 201354/CA

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Date 23 sept 44

Discipline

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Ref to letter A2/6 of the 4<sup>th</sup> of sept.

I fully understand the preoccupation that this ministry also undergo because of the numerous cases of illegal absences amongst the military personnel such absences become, after a certain amount of days, undue and military laws, known as desertion.

I also realize the position in which are the military tribunals and the C.C.R.R who are relatively in small numbers for the arrests and detaining of the detainees.

Go as to obviate all those inconveniences and considering the gravity of the situation <sup>3066</sup> I have thrice the regional command to call upon

This meeting also was held because of the numerous cases of illegal absences amongst the military personnel such absences become, after a certain lapse of days, under our military laws, known as desertion.

I also realize the position in which are the military tribunals and the CC&R who are relatively in small chambers for the arrests and detaining of the delinquents.

So as to obviate all those inconveniences and considering the gravity of the situation <sup>3266</sup> I have authorized the regional command to call upon a special war tribunal in case of long absentees, those tribunals have been formed to deal with very serious cases and can inflict the penalty of death.

Those tribunals in their special juridical form, are to inflict serious punishment without chance of appeal and their sentences will not be rescinded at the end of the Hostilities.

We hope that a few examples will serve

as a lesson to all and help to reduce to a minimum the painful predicament.

We have studied the matter because a special decree approved by the Council of Ministers is needed to increase the length of the punishment that can be given by O/C corps or detachment as it was requested by MMIO.

Casati

Re annexed

Good copy to be sent to the  
Legal Office for the  
review of the  
matter.

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# Ministero della Guerra

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P.M. 151, 23 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: Disciplina -*Disciplina*

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO  
= SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCIZIO =

R O M A

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Riferimento al foglio AQ/6 del 4 settembre 1944.

Mi rendo perfettamente conto delle preoccupazioni, che sono pienamente condivise da questo Ministero, per il numero considerevole di assenze arbitrarie che si verificano tra i militari di truppa, e che, oltre un certo numero di giorni, vengono considerate, in base alla nostra giurisdizione penale, come diserzioni.

Mi sono del pari note le difficoltà in cui si dibattono i Tribunali militari, nonché i CC.PP. relativamente scarsi di numero, per la ricerca e l'arresto dei militari assentatisi.

Allo scopo di ovviare a tutti questi inconvenienti e considerando la gravità del fenomeno, ho autorizzato i comandi di regione e presidio a convocare in caso di assenze e allontanamenti arbitrari il Tribunale straordinario di guerra previsto dalla nostra legislazione solo per reati gravi per i quali era contemplata la pena di morte.

Tali Tribunali, per il carattere di straordinaria, giudica-

ROMA

Riferimento al foglio AQ/6 del 4 settembre 1944.

Mi rendo perfettamente conto delle preoccupazioni, che sono pienamente condivise da questo Ministero, per il numero considerevole di assenze arbitrarie che si verificano tra i militari di truppe, e che, oltre un certo numero di giorni, vengono considerate, in base alla nostra giurisdizione penale, come diserzioni.

Mi sono del pari note le difficoltà in cui si dibattono i Tribunali militari, nonché i CC.RR. relativamente scarsi di numero, per la ricerca e l'arresto dei militari assentatisi.

Allo scopo di ovviare a tutti questi inconvenienti e considerando la gravità del fenomeno, ho autorizzato i comandi di regione e presidio a convocare in caso di assenze e allontanamenti arbitrari il Tribunale straordinario di guerra previsto dalla nostra legislazione solo per reati gravi per i quali era contemplata la pena di morte.

Tali Tribunali, per il carattere di straordinarietà, giudicano per direttissima ed adottano pene severe senza condanna condizionale e senza rinvio della esecuzione della pena a fine dello stato di guerra.

Spero che qualche esempio salutare serva di norma per tutti e riduca almeno i dolorosi inconvenienti.

Ho tuttavia messo allo studio, perchè allo scopo si richiede apposito decreto approvato dal Consiglio dei Ministri, l'aumento della durata delle punizioni con perdita di ogni assegno, che possono infliggere direttamente i comandanti di corpo e distaccamento, come proposto da cotesta A.S.C.

IL MINISTRO

*Alasax*

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION  
APO 394

ACC/14601/11/PS

22 Sep 44

SUBJECT : Carrying of Arms by Italian Armed Forces.

TO : Director, Army Sub-Commission.

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1. Reference your <sup>303</sup>AC/6 dated 18 Sept 44.
2. This matter was taken up with G-5 AFHQ by letter reference ACC/14601/11/PS dated 18 Sept 44, copy to you.
3. You will be informed of the result.

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*G. R. Upjohn*  
G.R. UPJOHN Brig.  
V.P. Admin Section

Ext 525  
GRU/jrf

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
GABINETTO

Sezione 3 - L.C.

Prot. N. 5328/c Allegati

Roma, 22 Settembre 1944

Risposta al f. del

Div.

Sez.

N.

OGGETTO: Large thefts of Allied Army Property by 23  
soldiers of 246 Italian Pioneer Coy. 576 Hext. Artillery

Al L'ARMY SUP COMMISSION, A.C.C.

Palazzo delle Corporazioni

(Rit. Follis n. 43/6 del 18 settembre '44)

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Come da vostra richiesta si restituisce  
l'originale inglese del rapporto di cui all'ogget-  
to.

IL CAPO SEZIONE  
(Mare. E. Guida)

*Ney Hans*

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SPIT  
22/9*

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Subject: Carrying of Arms - ITALIAN ARMY.

Military Mission  
Italian Army,  
R O M E  
AQ/6

21 Sep 44

To: Adv HQ AAI  
For Brig. MAINWARING.

Further to your 16/5/G(OPS) of 21 Aug 44.

1. I am attaching a copy of the order issued by the Minister covering the carrying of arms by the Army.

2. A special request was put forward by the Italian Government in the case of the CC.RR and GG.FF. There was much sound reasoning in their plea that a modification of the order should be permitted for these bodies.

3. The Acting Chief Commissioner in his 300- ACC/1460/11/PS of 18 Sep has put this forward to G5 AFHQ and is awaiting a reply.

4. I am mentioning this so that you will know the position both for the Army itself and the CC.RR/GG.FF.

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Major General.  
M. M. I. A.

FJN/hh

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FOR MMIA LO (.) PAREN ROME AREA \_\_\_\_\_ PAREN (.)  
ITI ARMY BEHIND REAR CORPS BOUNDARY MAY NOT RPT NOT CARRY ANY  
FIREARM BAYONET KNIFE OR ANY OTHER WEAPON WHEN OUT OF BARRACKS  
OR CAMP WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS (.) TRAINING UNDER OWN  
OFFICERS (.) GUARDS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORISED TO BE ARMED BY THE  
LOCAL ALLIED COMB

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*Routine*  
*F. Marshall*

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

Subject: Discipline - 1009 Reparto Speciale per A.A.

Military Mission  
Italian Army,  
R O M E  
AQ/6

16 Sep 44

To: MMIA LO NAPLES

Ref MF 101/1 of 16 Sep. *297*

Will you please advise this HQ of the  
reply you receive from HQ Puglia and Lucania  
and any further information.

*[Signature]*  
F.J. NOAKES Lt. Col.  
A.A. & Q.M.G.  
M. M. I. A.

FJN/hh

*[Signature]* Folio 209  
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**CONFIDENTIAL** 303/1

**SUBJECT:- Discipline - Italian Officers -  
Black Market Offences.**

MMIA. AQ  
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HQ No 2 District, CMF  
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19 September 44

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

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Reference your letter AQ/6 of  
8 September 44.

Report from the Italian Ministry of  
War is noted. Will you please inform  
this HQ in due course of the punishment  
awarded to the two officers concerned.  
It is presumed that dismissal from the  
service is not the sole punishment  
which 2/Lt PLATO will suffer.

See File 289

Response to HQ

PA 23/9

Colonel,  
DA & QMG.

Note: reply  
to 3 Regt HQ

See 331  
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SUBJECT: Carrying of Arms by the Italian Armed Forces.

Military Mission Italian Army.  
ROME.

AQ/6 ✓  
16 Sept. 44.

H.Q. ACC.  
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Ref my AQ/6 of 4 Sep - 273

Can you tell me how the matter stands ?

It is important that a decision should be reached  
and communicated to all concerned as soon as possible.

trs.LB.

*L. B.*  
Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

*See Folio 307/1*

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*20/9*

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Subject: Large thefts of Allied Army Property  
by 23 soldiers of 246 Italian Pioneer  
Coy. 576 Regt. Artillery.

Military Mission  
Italian Army,  
R O M E  
AQ/6

18 Sep 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. I enclose a report of large thefts of Allied  
Army property by the above Coy.

You are requested to -

- (1) return the report to HQ MMIA immediately  
after examination.
- (11) Report to this HQ the action taken by the  
appropriate Italian Army Authorities.

FJN/hh

*[Signature]*  
Major General.  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: HQ 3 District (your 146/1A of 14 Sep refers)

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See Folio 321

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SUBJECT: Discipline.

Military Mission Italian Army.  
R.M.F.

AQ/6 ✓  
18 Sept 44.

Ministry of War.

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Ref my AQ/6 dated 4 Sep.

1. Please let me know how the matter stands.
2. (a) I have had more than one complaint recently that the powers of punishment of local Italian commanders are inadequate to prevent crime.  
(b) A case in point was when certain Italian drivers of 7 Mountain Regt went absent for 2 days because it was raining.

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L. B.  
Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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| M.M.I.A.  | Ad      |
| FILE REF  | 16      |
| Date Recd | 18/9/44 |

AGC/14601/11/75

28 Sep 44

SUBJECT: Carrying of Arms by Italian Armed Forces.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

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1. In accordance with orders of HQ AAI the Director of the Army Sub-Commissions by his AG/6, dated 23 Aug issued instruction to the Minister of War regarding the carrying of arms by Italian Armed Forces. Para 3 of this instruction ran: "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, rifle or other weapon. This applies equally to members of the CC.IR."
2. Attached are copies of letters thereon dated 29 Aug 44 received by MIA from the Minister of War pressing for a revision of the orders by HQ AAI in so far as the CC.IR & BIF are concerned, and a letter dated 4 Sep from MIA to this HQ supporting the views expressed in the Minister's letter.
3. It is most strongly urged that the request of the Ministry of War be granted. The CC.IR & BIF are now called upon to carry out as difficult, arduous and responsible task, as any during the whole of their history, any of them may be called in to preserve law and order including dealing with armed bands even when off duty and finally by age old custom they have always carried arms when off duty in uniform.
4. It is the considered opinion of this HQ that at this time to prohibit the carrying of arms by these forces when off duty would seriously affect the morale and efficiency of these important bodies.
5. It is therefore requested that the directions of HQ AAI be modified accordingly.

G.R. *[Signature]* 3554  
G.R. UNWIN, Brig,  
for Acting Chief Commr  
Allied Control Commission

Ext 525  
GRU/jw

Copy to: HQ., AAI  
Army Sub-Commission

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See *[Signature]*  
See Folio 320  
306 & 307/1

COPY OF TRANSLATION

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

Subject: Carrying of Arms by the Italian Armed Forces.

From : M/W Gabinetto

TO : MMIA.

Ref. Your AQ 6 of 23 Aug. 44.

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.

This principle has been continuously observed: and it is that which has given to the CC.RR. their own particular character, and it is that which binds them together. It also serves to raise the CC.RR and the R.G.F., high in the public esteem.

I therefore allow myself to rest on the morale side of the question as well as the military, in the hopes that you will review once again the possibility of allowing the old <sup>3058</sup> ~~3058~~ centuries ago, to remain in force. That is to say, that the CC.RR. and R.G.F., in uniform, be always armed.

This also falls in line with the preceding directives from the Comd of the A.C.G. (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: Aldesandro Casati,  
Minister.

C O P Y

17 Sep 44

SUBJECT : Carrying of Arms by the Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub-Commission (MMIA)  
H.Q., A.C.C.  
R O M E  
A2/6

4 Sep 44

H.Q., A.C.C. (Public Safety  
Sub-Commission)  
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1. I issued A2/6 dated 23 Aug on orders from H.Q., A.A.I.  
(Brig. MAINWARING's own draft).
2. I have now received the attached 3004/3/C.A. dated 29 *th* Aug from  
the Minister of War.
3. My comments on M of W's letter are:-
  - (a) In war time, the Carabinieri (similarly to soldiers, which in one respect they are also) should always wear uniform. Plain clothes (except for special service personnel) are not permitted.
  - (b) In view of their legal obligations and age old custom, there does seem to be a case for allowing the Carabinieri to carry arms when in uniform, whether specifically on duty or not.
  - (c) Presumably the same applies to R.G.F.
4. Though the senior regiment in the Army, I do not control the work of the Carabinieri. That is your function. Would you therefore please take up this matter with H.Q., A.A.I., informing me of the result in due course.

LB/hh

s/ Major General, <sup>3552</sup>  
Army Sub-Commission (MMIA)

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FROM MMIA LOI DISTWO  
TO MMIA

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PLEASE ADVISE WHAT IS LATEST RULING REF  
CARRYING OF ARMS BY ITALIAN ARMY

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From M of W.

Ref. 30123/CA  
Date: -16/9/44

Purchasing of materials.

Letter forwarded to  
Black Market Sub. Comm. Acc  
with MMIA letter AQ/6 of  
28/9/44.

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