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1000/120/33 AQ/6 - Discipline - 8th Cover
Opened Dec. 9, 1944 - Closed Jan. 11, 1945
November 1944 - January 1945

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Subject: Traffic accident - 19 Nov. 44.

To: M.M.I.A.

AQ/6

Tel. No. 53384.
LE/4119/A.

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Will you please state present location of Soldato FIORITO Salvatore who it is believed might be with "No. 1 Company for Transport for the Italian Combat Forces".

On 19 Nov. 44 this soldier was with 1006 (I) G.T. Company R.A.S.C. and was driver of vehicle involved in a traffic accident in which a civilian sustained fatal injury. It is imperative that a statement be obtained from FIORITO.

Naples
11 Jan 45
AEH/A

Curtis
M.M.I.A. LO
RTC ICF
19/1
PH

Arthur J. Randall
Major, Unit.
D.A.D. Claims,
48 Claims and Hirings.

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Lee Galio 531

Subject: Discipline - Removal of Italian
Foodstuffs from Railway Wagon.

CONFIDENTIAL

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) Rome.

3 District.
Ext 17.
146A
10 Jan 45

Reference your AQ/6 dated 30 Nov 44.

1. Some difficulty has been experienced in locating the above named officer but finally he has been found at IRTD.

2. He has been interviewed by the Comdt IRTD and gives the following explanation regarding foodstuffs removed from the railway wagon.

(i) "On Wednesday 25 Oct 44 I left 3 Transit Camp with an escort of 1 Sjt and 9 ORs from 2 POW Escort Company (now HPW Det) with orders to proceed to a destination near Rome to collect a party of German prisoners and to escort them South to a Prison Camp. We arrived at Naples Station at 0900 hours with 48 hrs transit rations for my party and at 1530 hrs the train moved off after some considerable delay.

(ii) Owing to bad weather causing a landslide and the roof of a tunnel collapsing, our train was very much delayed and after 72 hrs on the train we arrived in Rome at approximately 0900 hrs Saturday 28 Oct 44.

(iii) Our rations had therefore been consumed by Friday morning October 27, and in order to feed my party I approached the Italian guards in charge of a rations truck carrying rations for the Italian Army that I knew to be in our train. On explaining our position they informed me that if I supplied the necessary chit I would be supplied with rations, and accordingly I wrote out a receipt explaining the position and signed for one case of M & V (24 tins) and one 7-lb tin of cheese.

(iv) These rations supplied my party until we arrived 24 hrs later at our destination and in addition we had attached to our ration strength two Canadian REME Sjtts travelling back to their Units from a course and two repatriated Italian POW, none of whom had food for more than 24 hrs.

3. Please advise if, in the circumstances you wish the matter to be pursued any further.

JA/APR.

L. J. G. H. H.
Maj Gen
Comd

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POLITICAL SECTION, A.C.

ROUTING SLIP

12.1
(Date)

TO

CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CHIEF OF STAFF

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ECONOMIC SECTION

AIR SUB-COMMISSION
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION
DISPLACED PERSONS AND
REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

ITALIAN P. of I. SUB-COMMISSION

☒ LAND FORCES SUB-COM. (MALI)
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION
SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION

LIAISON DIVISION
UPPER SECURITY MISSION

FOR Appropriate Action

☒ Info and Retention/~~Return~~

☐ Approval and Return

☐ Comment and Return

See Mr. SCOTT'S/HOPKINSON'S/
HILFORD'S Remarks

REMARKS:

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AG/6

Ref: P/376.1/585

Subj: Trial of Italian Servicemen
in Corsica by French Courts.

January 11th, 1945

To: G-5 Section, Allied
Force Headquarters.

Ad
12 Jan

Reference G-5 memorandum, G-5:014.13-7 of November
25th, 1944.

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the alleged intention of the French authorities in Corsica to try Italian servicemen in French civil courts in contravention of accepted international practice.
2. It is requested that this matter may be raised with the Provisional Government of France through diplomatic channels as in previous cases and this Commission informed in due course of the nature of the reply to be returned to the Italian Government.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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H.L.D'A. MCKINNON,
Acting Vice-President,
Political Section.

Copies to: U.S. Political Advisor,
British Resident Minister at AMSC,
U.S. Embassy,
British Embassy,
Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG-1

1 enclosure: copy of MFA
memorandum
of 2nd Jan.
1945.

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

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Memorandum for the Political Section
Allied Commission

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs, with reference to President Bonomi's letter to Admiral Stone No. 29613 of August 7th, feel themselves bound to draw again the A.C.'s kind attention to a question which, though envisaging a limited number of cases and persons, is extremely important as it concerns the fundamental principles of any military collaboration in all countries and situations.

As the A.C. are certainly aware, by order of the Allied Command Italian military detachments have remained in Corsica for special purposes. The men belonging to these detachments now find themselves in a particularly painful situation owing to the fact that the French authorities refuse to recognize their juridical status.

Unfortunately, these soldiers have been often involved in incidents, some of them extremely regrettable, following which the French authorities have even fit to subject members of the Italian armed forces to the jurisdiction of the ordinary courts of the island.

As some of these trials are scheduled to take place in the near future (see encl. 1) the Ministry for Foreign Affairs wish to interest the A.C. in obtaining that the Italian soldiers detained in Corsica be committed to the competent Italian military courts.

This request is based on principles of international law.

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The Italian soldiers in Corsica, like those operating in any other territory non-subject to Italian sovereignty, are incorporated in regular units under Italian commands recognized and accepted by the United Nations. They must therefore be considered as forming an expeditionary force abroad destined to co-operate with the armed forces of co-belligerent states.

The situation, therefore, of our troops in Corsica must be viewed in the light of the principles of International Law which are expounded in several agreements (amongst others the Italo-French Declaration of July 4th - August 13th 1917) with which the Italian penal military legislation complies. According to these principles, the military formations of a State, should they be authorized to stay on the territory of another State, remain exclusively subjected to the penal military jurisdiction of the State to which they belong and are therefore exempt from the penal jurisdiction of the country in which they find themselves. Therefore, according to the Italian military penal war code (art. 236-237) the members of an Italian military corps operating in foreign territory, are exclusively liable to

Italian military jurisdiction.

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These principles of international law can be modified only through freely-stipulated agreements between subjects of international law. No agreement to this effect, has, however, been stipulated between Italy and France and should even the French allege the existence of a law derogating from this principle, that law internationally would have no relevance.

An important precedent in favour of the Italian point of view is to be found in a previous case which took place in Corsica.

Following some incidents at Lurio (Calvi) between Italian aviators and Corsican civilians, in which two of the latter were killed, a trial was held before the military court of Oristano. The six aviators charged with manslaughter were tried, by order of the Supreme Allied Command, in Sardinia. One of them was condemned to 24 years prison. A Commission, presided by an American Colonel and with a French major as member, were present at the trial. The French, in that case, agreed to the trial taking place in Sardinia and sent there the witnesses of French nationality.

This precedent constitutes an acknowledgment of the competence of the Italian Military Courts as regards offences committed by Italian soldiers in French territory.

The Italian Government have repeatedly requested the French authorities to provide to an equitable settlement of the question. The French, however, have objected that in the present state of the relations between the Italian and French Governments, and before the normalizations of these relations, it would be premature to establish the juridical status of the Italian soldiers in French territory, and have refused to recognize their quality as members of military co-belligerent formations.

As the Italian servicemen now awaiting judgment are in Corsica on request of the Allied Command (fact that cannot be ignored by France in the same way in which they cannot ignore the recognition by the Allied Governments of one status of co-belligerency), the Ministry for Foreign Affairs feel themselves compelled to appeal again to the A.C. in order to obtain that the exclusive competence of Italian jurisdiction as regards these servicemen be recognized by the French authorities.

ROME, January 2nd, 1945.

Elenco dei militari Italiani arrestati in Corsica e
tutta la lista' detenuti

27 gennaio 1944	Geniero Leone GUINSA, della 3 ^a Compagnia - Bastia.	(1)
31 marzo 1944	S.C. elettricista GOZZANI - M.S. 24	(2)
	S.C. silurista ROWICINI - M.S. 24	(2)
	S.C. motorista TRUSIANI - M.S. 24	(2)
	Radiotelegrafista BRUNO - M.S. 24	(2)
	Silurista TREVISAN - M.S. 24	(2)
	Cann. Arcangelo CASATI - M.A.S. 507	(2)
	Sottonocchiere GALESTI - M.A.S. 507	(2)
4 aprile 1944	Sergente RASON-Bastia	
31 aprile 1944	Caporale Giovanni CALLEGARO - 2 ^o Centr. Aut. Bastia.	

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- (1) Il processo avrà luogo a Bastia nelle prime
settimane del dicembre 1944.
- (2) Il processo avrà luogo a Bastia nel febbraio
del 1945.

Subject: Irregular Sale of Italian Army Vehs.

Liaison Office.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(MMIA) c/o Hq 54 Area.
LO/6/AQ
9 Jan 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA).

Ref Ministry of War letter 15171/VD/21 dated
26 July addss MMIA.

1. The Ministry of War reported in the above letter that two civilians were held at GRAVINA on charges of irregular sale of Italian Army Vehicles.
2. 62 Sec. CMP. SIB hold Lire 5000, which was given to British Military Police by CALDERONI Guiseppe of GRAVINA, who alleges that a British Sgt, untraced, gave him the money. On learning it was irregularly acquired, he gave it to the British Authorities. No blame is considered to attach to the above civilian.
3. 62 Sec. CMP. SIB wish to know what proceedings have been or are being instituted against the two civilians shown in para 1 above, as it will be necessary to produce the Lire 5000 in Court as evidence and for a court judgement to be given as to its disposal.
4. May I please be informed of the present position.

J.G. Bird
J.G. BIRD, Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
c/o Hq 54 Area. 4519

Copy to; DAFM 62 Sec. CMP. SIB.

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11/1
SUBJECT : Discipline - MT

MMIA IO, 3 District

Ref your 3 DLO/3 dated 23 Dec 44.

Attached herewith copy of police report, duly completed as requested.

CMF
ARCS/SYB

AO 160
14/1
MMIA
165 1/1
50 Brit Liaison Unit

A/6/13

8 Jan 45

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APR 1945
Lee Folio 521

Subject:- Discipline - Loss of Stores.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)
F O M H
AQ/S

8 Jan 45.

M.F.I.A. L.C.
H.F. 3 Dist.

1. This H.C. does not agree with the opinion, nor the findings of the Court of Inquiry for the following reasons:

- (a) The property had not been handed over to a representative of the Italian Government, but was in the Storehouse controlled by a representative of the British Government.
- (b) There is no evidence that the responsibility for the safeguarding of the Storehouse was an Italian responsibility.
- (c) The 90 pair of unserviceable boots were property of the Italian Government, and had evidently been handed in to the Storehouse for safekeeping. The findings attempt to charge the Italian Government for its own property, whereas, the British Army had accepted this material in trust and is responsible to the Italian Government for its safeguarding.
- (d) The evidence does not show who is responsible for detaining, posting, or instructing the guard at the camp; nor does the evidence show that any effort had been made to guard valuable stores either with Italian or British personnel, nor what orders had been issued to that effect.
- (e) It appears that this is a 3rd district camp, and the responsibility for administration of the camp including all property for the British Government, is the responsibility of the Camp Commander.
- (f) There is no evidence that any Italian personnel is connected with this theft.

(g) No allowance appears to have been made for the fact that the clothing was part worn.

2. It is therefore considered that the evidence does not support the suggestion that the loss should be charged to the Italian Government.

3. Please pass this information to H.Q. 3 District.

4. Correspondence and documents are returned as requested.

fr.

~~W. P. HUGHES, Capt.~~
for Major General,
M. I. A.

SPA/sb

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Subject:- Discipline - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

H.Q.M.F.

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8 Jan 45.

O.C. 52 B.L.U. C.M.F.
O.C. 53 B.L.U. C.M.F.

1. The attached C.M.F. report/s are forwarded for onward transmission to the proper Authority in order that disciplinary action may be taken.

2. Will you please arrange for any punishment awarded to be endorsed on the reverse and the report to be returned to this H.Q. for information.

S.P. Archer Capt

S.P. ARCHER, Capt. 4015
for F.J. NOAKES, Col.
D.A. & QMG
M.M.I.A.

SPA/ab

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Subject: Snooting by Sentries.

A.P.H.
C.H.B.
for G-1 (Br)

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(U.S.I.I.)
B.C.I.

8 Jan 45.

450/2

Ref your SR/4381/51 D of 12 Dec/44.

1. The Ministry of War have now issued Instructions governing the conditions under which fire may be opened by guards pickets etc.
2. These instructions conform to the instructions issued to Dr tps in Italy under reference CH/4381/51 (D) dated 15 Nov/44.
3. Copy of Ministry of War Instructions are attached hereto.

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J. N. V. M.
T. J. GALLAGHER, C.M.
for Mr. General,
M.A.I.

2. These instructions conform to the instructions issued to
 Br eps in Italy under reference OL/1331/G1 (I) dated 16 Nov/64.

3. Copy of Ministry of War Instructions are attached hereto.

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f. I. N. 1000
 T.J. 1000, 000,
 for Major General,
 M.N.I.

SP1/ab

DISTRIBUTION.

H.Q. 15 Army Gp.
 C.O. HQUS.
 8 Army.
 5 Army.
 5 Army (Pr Iner).
 1 Dist (5).
 2 Dist (5).
 3 Dist (5).

R.E.S.
 R.E.S. (Southern).
 H.Q. 4.C. (3).
 H.L.U.S. 50.51.52.53. and 54.
 Air Force Sub Comm.
 Navy Sub Comm.
 All M.F.I.A. B.O.'s.
 War Diary (2).

See folios 643. 6th Packet

Subject:- Opening of fire by sentries.

From:- Italian Ministry of War.

To :- All Italian Command H.Q.'s.

1. The question of opening of fire by patrols and sentries against robbers, thieves or persons suspected as such and who try to steal or damage Military Administration Property in Italy, has been submitted for examination and it has been decided to adopt the following measures.

2. It is permitted to open fire on person named above, after having shouted halt, only in the following circumstances:-

- I) Opening of fire is limited to properly constituted guards, patrols and sentries.
- II) All possible attempts must be made to arrest the thief, robber or suspected person.
- III) When there are no other means of arresting the ~~thief~~ ^{robber}.
- IV) It is not permitted to open fire beyond the immediate vicinity of the guarded area.
- V) On no account will fire be opened on women and children.
- VI) The use of automatic arms which cannot fire single shots, is prohibited. Automatic arms capable of firing single shots, unless armed resistance is encountered in which case fire burst can be opened, may be used.

3. Guarantee to be ~~as~~ ^{to} ~~light~~ ^{given} ~~and~~ ^{to} all commanders who, in good faith and in agreement with the above principles, order fire to be opened and to all officers and men who open fire in similar circumstances.

having mounted him, only in the following circumstances:-

- (I) Opening of fire is permitted only in the following circumstances:-
a) When the offender is armed with a dangerous weapon.
- (II) All possible attempts must be made to arrest the thief, armed, unarmed or unarmed.
- (III) When there are no other means of arrest available.
- (IV) It is not permitted to open fire in the immediate vicinity of the offender.
- (V) On no account will fire be opened on women and children.
- (VI) The use of automatic arms which cause fire single shots is prohibited. Automatic arms which cause fire single shots, unless they are used in a controlled manner, shall not be used.

3. ¹⁰Curfew is to be observed in all cases where a person is found with a dangerous weapon in his possession, order of fire to be given and the offender to be arrested in the following circumstances:-

- 4. If the opening of fire results in the wounding of some person, the officer concerned will, within 24 hours, convene a court of enquires consisting of three members, as soon as possible, to the nearest superior P.O. which will decide on further action to be taken in the case may be. In case of doubt as to the procedure to follow, instructions will be asked from that P.O. S.I.P. (Armed Police Authorities) should not be called upon for enquiries, unless the commandant of the Brigade, etc, decides to do so.

SUBJECT : F.C.C.M.

Confidential.

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8 Jan 45

HQ Land Forces Sub Commission - AG.,
(MILIA) ROME.

7684771 CQMS A.C. Ollis - 200 Pro Coy CME.

- Reference your AQ/6 dated 21 Dec 44. — 454
1. The above named NCO was tried by RCGM on 21 Dec 44 on the following charge :

Section 40.
Army Act.

WHEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE CONDUCT
TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER
AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE

in that he

in the field on 15 Nov 44 when Captain ZANONI, Vittorio, an officer of the Italian Army was making an authorised inspection of the headquarters building 200 Provost Company Corps of Military Police, improperly grasped the said captain by the collar and attempted to eject him from the said headquarters.

CQMS Ollis was found Guilty of the charge and was sentenced to be severely reprimanded.

2. It was originally contemplated that this soldier would be tried on a charge of 'striking'. (This HQ letter of even number dated 17 Dec 44 refers).

3. On the papers being submitted to the Officer i/c JAG's Branch this HQ it was pointed out that CQMS Ollis could not be charged with 'striking his Superior Officer' under Sec 8 (2) A.A., because Capt Zanoni was not subject to British Military Law, and therefore not the 'superior officer' of the accused.

4. The choice then lay between trying this soldier on a charge of committing the civil offence (Sec 41 AA) of 'common assault' and the military offence (Sec 40 AA) of 'conduct to the prejudice of good order

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(MMA) ROME.

1D/761/A

8 Jan 45

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5. CQMS Ollis was tried and convicted as stated under Sec 40 AA because :

- (a) it was considered that by so doing, all facts of the incident would properly be before the Court, and
- (b) the maximum penalty for the offence under Sec 40 AA is 2 years IHL whereas that for the offence under Sec 41 AA is 1 years IHL.

CMP.

Copy to : Officer i/c JAG's Branch.

Major General,
Commanding,
No 1 District.

SUBJECT:- Traffic Discipline.

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AQ 16
12 Jan
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/105

7 Jan 45

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(MMIA) Rome.

The enclosed C M P report is forwarded for
information of A.C.

Sub 10
MMIA to G1(A)
for info to Liaison
MM/105

[Signature]
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Lt-Col. G.S.
MMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

401:

See Folio 522

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Subject: Absentees from Italian Army.

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"A" 52 Area.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.

(MIA) Rome - your A2/6 of 6 Dec 44.
refers - Nominal roll
attached.

429
with
packet

3 District.

Ext 3.7.

350/1A

6 Jan 45.

A2/6

13 Jan

Ref your A33/9 of 30 Dec 44.

The Italian Absentees from the Italian Army listed
therein should be handed over to the CC.RR or Civil Police
for onward transmission to their Units.

PA 51 N A

EHS/AFR.



attached
cf

Col
DA & QMG

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NOMINAL ROLL.

Rank.	Name.				
Cpl	RONCONI	OTTELLO	RIMINI	F.S.S.	31 Oct 44.
Pte	CALAMARI	GIOVANNI	PESARO	F.S.S.	28 Oct 44.
Pte	CASDALDO	VINCENZO	"	F.S.S.	26 Oct 44.
Pte	FERRETTI	NICOLA	"	F.S.S.	27 Oct 44.
Pte	PERI	ADELMO	"	F.S.S.	27 Oct 44.
Cpl	BOSIO	VERGINIO	"	F.S.S.	28 Oct 44.
Pte	MANCINI	GIULIO	"	F.S.S.	28 Oct 44.
Pte	FACCIA	ANFELO	"	F.S.S.	28 Oct 44.
Pte	MAGOLOTTI	FILIPPO	"	F.S.S.	28 Oct 44.
Sailor	BARTOLUCCI	RENATO	"	F.S.S.	22 Oct 44.
Pte	CAROLLO	PIETRO	SANTA ARCANGELO.	F.S.S.	27 Oct 44.
Ote	GIRELLI	ANSELMO	" "	F.S.S.	27 Oct 44.
Pte	GALLINETA	GIUSEPPE	" "	F.S.S.	27 Oct 44.
L/Cpl	GIORGI	DANTE	PESARO	F.S.S.	28 Oct 44.
L/Cpl	MASSARINI	MAFALDO	"	F.S.S.	26 Oct 44.
Cpl	BALDACCI	MARIO	RIMINI	F.S.S.	7 Oct 44.

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN DISTRICT
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
A. P. O. 782, U.S. ARMY

SPE/cwm
6 January 1945

AG 250.1 BSLNO

SUBJECT: Discipline - Italian Army

TO : Commanding General, - 3rd District
Attention: MMIA Liaison Officer.

1. Attached hereto is traffic report and report of disciplinary action taken.

For the Commanding Officer:

- 2 - Incls.
1 - Traffic report.
2 - Report of disciplinary action.

C. J. Marshall Jr.
A. J. MARSHALL JR
2nd Lt., FA
Actg Asst Adj Gen

4008

8 JAN 1945

*See 15.501cm
car
PM/1*

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Subject:- Mis-use of WD Transport

201 Sub Area
Pro 30/279
6 Jan 45

DNIA

AQ/6

1. The attached report is forwarded for your information please, and such action as you may consider necessary.

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John G. Rutterford
Capt.
DAFM.
(J G Rutterford).

See Folio 516 4007

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Translation.

From. M of W
to. MMIA.

Ref No 300242/2/CA.
Date. 6 Jan. 45.

Theft of allied material by personnel of 246 Pioneer
coy 310 3rd facet.

310 3rd facet
Further to letter 301627/CA dated 24 sept.

302 3rd facet
We inform you, that the 23 military
mentioned in letter A9/6 of the 18 sept. 44
have been denounced to the NAPLES Military
Tribunal where they will answer for their
repeated acts of robbery.

The Remainder of the troops against whom
no criminal charges could be brought, have
been given disciplinary punishments.

It does not seem that the officer
Commanding the unit had any knowledge
of the illegal activities of his men, since,
as soon as the facts became known to
him, he immediately charged the culprits.

The Regimental HQ have also been
reprimanded for their apathy and remarks have
been passed regarding the slowness of the
procedure against the case.

R Hamfield

SIG ILLEGIBLE.

See Folio 514



VE/mlg MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA 811

Gabinetto

Prot. N. 1009/42/2/C. Allegati

Roma, 6 gennaio 1945

Risposta al f. del

Dir. Sec. 12

Oggetto: Furto a danno dell'Amministrazione alleata da parte di militari della 246^a compagnia italiana pionieri.

Sheet of letter Material by request of Station 243 Pioneer Coy
AL LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSIONE - A.C. (M.M.I.A)

R C M A

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO ALLA GUERRA



(501)

Subject:- Discipline - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

6 Jan 45.

M.M.I.A. L.O.
Br Iner 5 Army
C.M.F.

Ref. para 7 of your 510/2/A
of 1st Jan.

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Please inform this H.Q. of the disciplinary measures taken against the officer or officers responsible for mismanagement of Supply of reinforcements as reported in your letter.

S.P. Archer 4004
S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SPA/ab

See Folio 531/1

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Subject:- Discipline - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

R C M E

AQ/6

6 Jan 45.

O.C. 103 Coy
C.M. Police.
C.M.P.

The attached CME Report, having punishment awarded
endorsed on the reverse, is forwarded for information.

S.P. Archer Capt.

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

SPA/ab

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Disbandment "F" Reece Sqn and MAINELLA Band

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.D.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. 50/34
Jan 45

TO : AFHQ

COPY to: 15 ARMY GROUP

1. From the attached copies of correspondence received on the activities of Capt GAY, it will be seen that this officer of doubtful record has been illicitly and illegally enlisting Italian soldiers, already serving in Combat Groups and other units, into "F" Reece Sqn.

2. This unauthorized enlistment, which takes the form of inciting men to desert from their units has not only been restricted to one Combat Group. Both the MAINELLA and LEGHESSE Groups have reported desertions following the visits of Captain GAY or his collaborators.

3. The conduct of this officer is now being strongly taken up with the War Ministry. It has always been my opinion that private bands, "patriotic" or otherwise, are a menace to the efficiency of the Italian Army as a whole and this view has been fully reported to you in my letter IS/G/19 of 27 Dec 44.

4. In view of the present shortage of reinforcements, I strongly recommend that "F" Reece Squadron and the Banda MAINELLA be disbanded and made available for filling the Allied programme as under:-

(a) "F" Reece Sqn ----- to CASSANO as Combat Op Rite

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4. In view of the present shortage of reinforcements, I strongly recommend that "F" Meese Squadron and the Banda MAIELLA be disbanded and made available for filling the Allied programme as under:-

- (a) "F" Meese Sqn ----- to USANO as Combat Op Hqs
- (b) Banda MAIELLA ----- to GAVIETU as Muleteers.

Internal: SD/2/1/1
SD/2/1
ED/50

Major General
M. M. I. A.

See Folio 5124513

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Will you please accept action on first sentence para 3.

[Signature]

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0011

SUBJECT: Discipline - Deserters

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 32
29 Dec 44

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)

1. Ref your HQ signals 38501, 502, 503 of 27 Dec 44.
2. The question of desertion from Combat Gp FOLGORE is being investigated and a report will be submitted to your HQ in due course.
3. I visited 51 BLU immediately before Xmas and was informed by them that Combat Gp CHAMONA had experienced an unduly large number of deserters since moving to their new location. It is obviously essential to prevent this happening as far as is possible with Combat Gp FOLGORE.
4. Early this month enquiries were made at this HQ by 78 Section S.I.B., AFHQ re the whereabouts of a Captain Gay of the Italian Army who it was desired to interrogate in connection with a war crime.
5. Enquiries were made immediately and the two attached reports were submitted by the Combat Gp.
6. It is considered that every effort should be made to obtain the return of any men found with "F" Forces Regt who are deserters from Combat Gp FOLGORE and on their return it will be arranged that they are dealt with severely.
7. Please inform this HQ if any assistance can be given in this matter.

(sgd) C. H. BROOKS
Lt. Col.
G. S.

4001

C O P Y

"MEMBO" Parachute Regt
Hq Sec 3 Bn

TRANSLATION

Ref 1327/R.U. di prot

7 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Captain Gay

TO : Hq Combat Group POLGORE

INRM : Hq "MEMBO" Parachute Regt

With reference to your telephone request I communicate the following:-

(a) It does not appear that Captain Gay has been seen in this area.

(b) On 16 Nov Lt Aldo Trincas at present working with the "F" Recce Unit introduced himself asking if he could take 300 automatic rifle magazines. With the said officer was Sgt Piero Piatti who was absent without leave from the Bn 18 Oct 44 and had joined the strength of the "F" Recce Unit.

When the lorry set off, some soldiers of the Bn, a few carrying complete kit and others blankets, went off with it. The matter was discovered and the lorry was stopped at Tolosa, and 2/Lt Trincas with the soldiers returned to the Bn. Questioned, a few admitted that they wished to join the "F" Recce Unit and others denied such a proposition.

Sgt Piatti was arrested by me and put in the local prison, he has since been released and has again joined the "F" Recce Unit in accordance with the Regt order.

(c) On 26 Nov 2/Lt Ganzini and 2/Lt Scaramari both of the "F" Recce Unit came to find men to join the unit. Some officers deplored this form of encouragement that the "F" Recce Unit offers to soldiers willing to go. The two officers answered that they had had to make up for the losses and that however from time to time they had authority from the General Staff.

From 16 Nov (date of arrival of 2/Lt Trincas) up till today 20 soldiers have absented themselves (see list attached) and it may be presumed that most of them have gone to the "F" Recce Unit. Amongst these is the Parachutist Camiciottoli who had tried to absent himself on 16 Nov in 2/Lt Trincas' lorry.

Some soldiers had English clothes and arms. Other previous absentees were found at the "F" Recce Unit.

(d) It is not certain that real propaganda was used to instigate the soldiers to join the "F" Recce Unit but on the contrary were skilfully were made known the advantages which the men of the said unit would enjoy: rations of English troops, possibility of leave and frequent passes, plenty of transport, situated in a locality where the men could enjoy themselves to the fullest extent.

Indeed during the period that the 185 Parachute Regt was working with the English Division in Tuscany, the soldiers of the "F" Recce Unit were continually making excursions to Florence on lorries and motorcycles.

(e) Captain Gay deserted from the Regt on 9 Sep 43 taking with him his company (8th of 3rd Bn) with armaments, equipment, money and transport etc.

During the inquest and after the questioning some soldiers of the Regt the following resulted:-

- 2 -

(1) That with the exception of the Bn CO and Coy COs, the other officers, BCOs and parachutists believed that they were all being used to attack the Germans again - only on the day 11 Sep, when every vehicle received a pass on which it was stated the 3rd Bn was to come under the direct command of the 26th German Division, did the soldiers understand the treachery of the COs and the Bn was disbanded -

(2) That Captain Gay and Romano were the only two COs who during a conference held in the afternoon of 9 Sep at 'Soveria Mannelli' by Captain Sala temporary CO of the 3rd Bn (the real CO was myself, but at that time I was temporary commander of the Regt) instigated the latter to follow the Germans, threatening him whenever he did not take a decision, they having the full support of their men would have abandoned him.

Captain Gay by order of the L.C.A. has been accused by the Military War Tribunal, Naples, for complicity in the following :-

- (a) Unauthorized movements of military forces.
- (b) Disobedience.
- (c) Abandoning the Corps to fight against the Italians.
- (d) Action detrimental to the operation of the Armed Forces.

(Signed) Angelo MASCINCO

MAJOR GENERAL.

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COPY

"REMBO" Parachute Regt

Hq Sec 3 Bn

List of soldiers absent without leave who have no longer returned from 16 Nov 44 to 7 Dec 44.

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12 Coy	Sold.	D'AMADIO	Nelice	6 Dec 44
11 "	Parac.	FORMICA	Ginseppe	5 Dec 44
11 "	"	BORBAN	Lino	7 Dec 44
11 "	"	ISIOTO	Mario	7 Dec 44
12 "	Sold.	PARAGLIA	Alessandro	3 Dec 44
9 "	Parac.	FILPA	Francesco	1 Dec 44
9 "	"	PEROLFI	Alfredo	1 Dec 44
Hq	C.MAGG.	COCIOLO	Luigi	27 Nov 44
Hq	"	D'ANASTASIO	Ammario	27 Nov 44
Hq	Driver	ANTONICOLI	Aldo	27 Nov 44
9 Coy	Sold.	COSMI	Mario	27 Nov 44
12 Coy	Parac.	MARSANTI	Beppe	27 Nov 44
12 "	"	DAL RM	Paolo	27 Nov 44
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Hq	Sold.	CORSI	Antonio	22 Nov 44
Hq	"	MAMMERO	Gennaro	22 Nov 44
Hq	"	WELFONER	Paolo	22 Nov 44
10 Coy	Parac.	CAMICCIOTTOLI	Eugoberto	22 Nov 44

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C O P Y

TRANSLATION

HQ COMBAT GROUP FOIGORI

General Staff Office - 2 Branch, Personal & Secret

2152/vera

Subject: Captain Gay

23 Dec 44

To : 53 BLU

The 3rd Bn of the NEMBO Parachutist Regt is constituted of personnel who belonged to 185 Para Regt, which in 1943 operated independently in SICILY and CALABRIA.

At the Armistice, one of those officers who united with the Germans, and brought pressure to bear to get a part of his own battalion to follow him, was Capt Gay who was then commanding 8 Coy.

Due to those activities he was denounced to War Military Tribunal in NAPLES in March 1946 (see Major Mascimino's statement, copy of which was sent as appx to 4177/Pers of 11 Dec).

This officer today would command a unit called 1st Sqn "7th Recce" Paratroopers the numbers of which would be in TUCCHINO. He has worked up intense action within the Bn to get its soldiers to join his unit, where they would enjoy a treatment throughout identical to the troops of the United Nations.

The Cde who left the 3rd Bn turn out to have entered the above named unit; it appears certain re the Paratroopers LOVATTI Mario, CORLA Luigi and VALENTINI Primo. These men were denounced as deserters and of stealing the equipment they took with them.

On 16 Nov, professing to be calling for some empty MAG magazines, the a/m unit reported first to the Bn and then to the NEMBO Regt to an offr of the 1st Sqn 307 and Lt TRINGAS Aldo. By watching over him and the vehicle in his charge, an attempt by several ORs to leave the Bn was thwarted.

Since this officer's activities of luring the men away could not be proven, the NEMBO Regt had to be content with having both officer and vehicle sent away immediately. In the period shortly after his leave (22 Nov - 7 Dec), in spite of vigilance arranged beforehand, 20 ORs deserted the Regt.

Neither the deserters nor the truck, which was waiting somewhere in CAMPANIA to take them to the 1st Sqn could be traced through investigations carried out by the Dependent Commands and C.C.R.R.

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The ORs who went away taking with them their weapons and equipment are being posted as deserters and accused of stealing military equipment. I arranged to have any theft of equipment reported to this SCU.

It will be advantageous if the competent authorities get the deserters to return, and that necessary steps be taken to prevent any similar cases of desertion in other formations taking place, particularly if these are, like Combat Op FOLGORE, intended for operations.

(Signed) G. F. CARDINI

C O P Y

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Disbandment "F" Recce Sqn and MAIELLA Band.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/34
5 Jan 45

TO : AFHQ

Copy to: 15 ARMY GROUP

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Internal: SD/2/1/1
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Major General
M. M. I. A.

C O P Y

SUBJECT: Discipline - Deserters

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 32
29 Dec 44

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)

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(Sgd) C. H. BROOKS
Lt. Col.
G.S.

C O P Y

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General Staff Office - 2 Branch, Personal & Secret

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(signed) G. F. CANGINI

C O P Y**"NEMBO" Parachute Regt****HQ Sec 3rd Bn**

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9 "	Parao	FLIPA	Francesco	1 Dec 44
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HQ	"	D'ANASTASIO	Armando	27 Nov 44
HQ	Driver	ANTONIOLI	Aldo	27 Nov 44
9 Coy	Sold.	COSMI	Mario	27 Nov 44
12 Coy	Parao	BARSANTI	Benso	27 Nov 44
12 "	"	DEL RE	Paolo	27 Nov 44
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HQ	"	MANDERO	Gennaro	22 Nov 44
HQ	"	WELPOMER	Paolo	22 Nov 44
10 Coy	Parao	CAMICIOTTOLI	Dagoberto	22 Nov 44

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 151

5 January 1945

AQ6

SUBJECT: Road Accidents,-
Settlement of Claims.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your AQ/6 of 19
December 1944.

2. Your attention in this connection is
invited to our G-5: 151 of 22 December 1944.

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

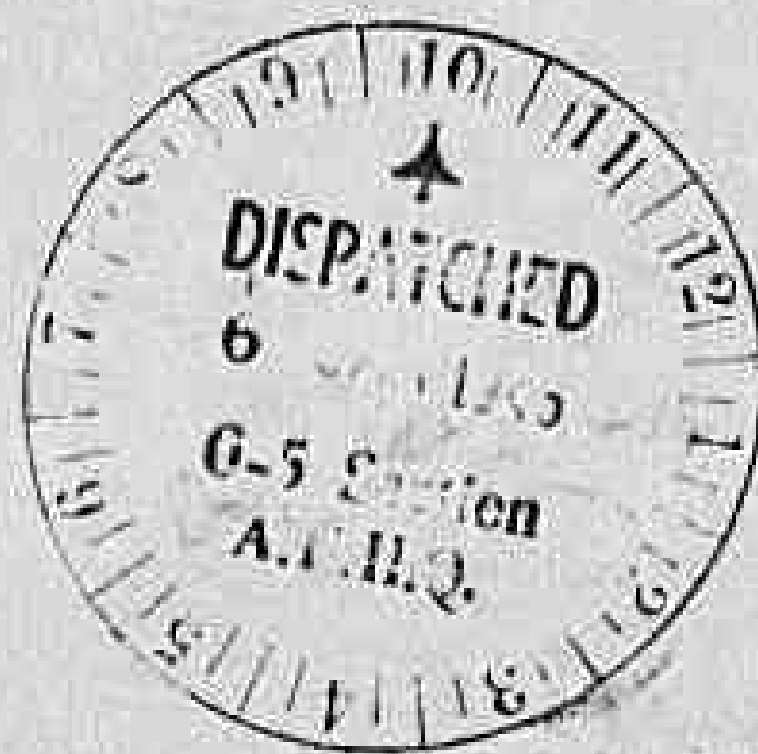
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Captain, A.G.D.



*See 477
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Subject: Discipline - Removal of Italian
Foodstuff from Aly Region.

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Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/

To: H.Q. 1 District.

Ref this HQ letter AQ/ 6 of 30 Nov/

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

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SPARKE Cdr
P. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
For Major General
M. M. I. A. 3331

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Transmittal Slip.

PM/RA/PE 3 ¹⁰³

Subject Traffic offence

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

Ref N. PRO/TS/2/4 ⁴⁹⁸

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

Date 4-1-45

Signature

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Alan Charlton
Cap. & DPM.
for Lt. Col.
Provost Marshal.
(Alan Charlton)

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Subject:- Discipline - Traffic Accidents.

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56 BLU
9 AG
4 Jan 45

MMIA

AQ/6

Reference your AQ 6 dated 30 Nov 44. — 413 444 packet.

1. This driver and vehicle are unknown to the MANTOVA division.
2. CMP reports returned herewith.

In The Field.
JR/mh

NFA
APR 12/11

J. J. Morreley

Lt Col,
GS.

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S: 4 February 1945
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AG 537.5/820 JA-O 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army, 4 January 1945.

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394.
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

1. Forwarded for necessary action.
2. Request a report back to this headquarters.

For the Theater Commander:

3 Incls
n/c



A. B. King
A. B. KING,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

*Claim for damage to US lock -
Being handled by Lt Col Rose*

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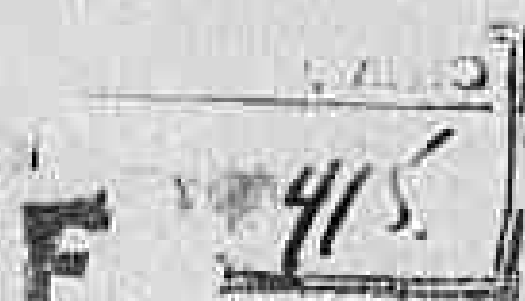
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T R A N S L A T I O N

FROM: MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref: 100123/1

TO : M.M.I.A.

Date: 4 Jan/45

Proceedings against Deserters.

483
In Answer to letter AQ/6 dated 31 Dec/44.

A) The following military tribunals are now in existence.
BARI - CATANZARO - NAPLES - ORISTANO - PALERMO - ROMA - TARANTO - MACERATA - CATANIA.

There is on other hand a tribunal section at LECCE and another at SASSARI.

The special Military tribunals have no fixed H.Q. but in base of proclamation N°26 dated 26 of May 1944 from Head office S.M.G. Those are called upon in cases of immediate trial requirements as for example: by any unit Commanding officer who holds the rank of General.

B) The N° of Deserters actually detained awaiting trials will be communicated later and in full.

For the moment we inform you that from the 1st of October 1943 to the 31 of October 44 about 60.000 troops have deserted and of these only 10% are at the time under arrest, the remainder are all still absent without leave.

C) The Deserters awaiting trial together with those already sentenced are being detained in the following prisons:

MILITARY: Roma, Naples, Palermo, Vibo Valentia, Taranto, Lecce, Gaeta.

CIVILIAN: Lanusei, Oristano, Alghero, Tempio, Castiadas, Bari, Niscaro, Catanzaro, Cosenza, Reggio Calabria, Sassari, Martina Franca, Enna, Castrovillari, Rossano, Locri, Asinara.

We point out that the detained personnel awaiting trial are kept in their own unit for a period not exceeding 30 days.

The average period of detention before trial cannot be estimated with sufficient precision as it varies following

the N° of cases that are to be dealt with by each tribunal N° that varies greatly at defficient times and between one tribunal and the other. However the required dates has been requested from Military Attorney Gen of the Realm and will be sent on to you as soon as received. The average November of desertion cases dealt with each day will also be sent with precised date as soon as the Attorney General has collected and sent them to us.

DE MICHELIS.

3986

Translation

From. M of W
to MMIA

Ref. n° 100123/1
Date. 4 June 45.

Proceedings against Deserters

In Answer to letter A8/6 Dated 31 Dec 44.

(A) The following military tribunals are now in existence.

BARI - CATANZARO - NAPLES - ORISTANO - PALERMO -
ROMA - TARANTO - MACERATA - CATANIA

There is on other hand a tribunal section at LECCE and another at SASSARI.

The special Military tribunals have no fixed HQs but in base of proclamation n° 26 Dated 26th of May 1944 from Head office S.M.G. Those are called upon in cases of immediate ~~need~~ judicious need as in example: by any unit Commanding officer who holds the rank of General

(B) The no of Deserters actually detained awaiting trials will be communicated later and in full

For the moment we inform you that from the 1st of October 1943 to the 31 of Oct 44 about 60 000 troops have deserted and of
See Folio 572

these only 10% are at the time under arrest, the remainder are all absent without leave.

(C) The Deserters awaiting trial together with those already punished are being detained in the following prisons

MILITARY. Roma, Naples, Palermo, Vibo Valentia, Taranto, Lecce, Gaeta, Civilian. Lanusei, Oristano, Alghero, Tempio Castiadass, Bari, Miskano, Catanzaro, Cosenza, Reggio Calabria, Sassari, Martina Franca, Enna, Castrovillari, Rossano, Lodi, Asinara

We point out that the detained personnel awaiting trial are kept in their own unit for a period not exceeding 30 days.

The average period of detention before trial cannot be estimated with sufficient precision as it varies following the ^{no} of cases that are to be dealt with by each tribunal ^{at different times} so that it varies greatly in time and between one tribunal and the other, however the available data have been requested from Military Prosecutor Gen of the Realm and will be sent on to you as soon as received

The average number of desertion cases dealt with each day will also be sent with precise data as soon as the Procureur General has collected and sent them to us.

DE NICHELIS.

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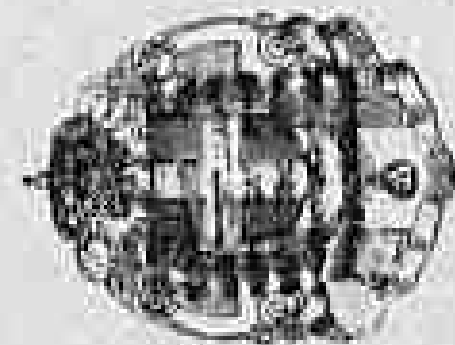
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*These cases referred to identify persons who
are now known to have been in contact with
persons known to have been in contact with
persons known to have been in contact with
persons known to have been in contact with*

CR/oc



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

Prot. N° 100/23/1 Allegati

117.4.1.

Risposta al fido

Roma, 4 GEN. 1945

Gen. Sec. 17

OGGETTO: Procedimento contro disertori

Procedimento contro disertori

AR

AL LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

5/1

Risposta lettera n. AQ/6 data 31 dicembre 1944

a)-

Esistono attualmente i seguenti Tribunali militari:

- Bari, Catanzaro, Napoli, Oristano, Palermo, Roma, Taranto, Macerata, Catania,

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Vi sono inoltre: una sezione di tribunale a Lecce e una a Sassari.

- I Tribunali militari straordinari non hanno una sede fissa, ma, in base al bando n. 26 in data 26 maggio 1944 del Capo di S.M. Generale, essi sono convocati, in caso di necessità di un giudizio immediato ed a scopo di esemplarità, da qualsiasi comandante di unità che rivesta grado di generale;

b)-

Circa il numero dei disertori attualmente detenuti in attesa di giudizio, si fa riserva di trasmettere i dati esatti.

Per il momento si comunica che dal 1° ottobre 1943 al 31 ottobre 1944 sono stati denunciati per diserzione circa 60 mila militari. Di essi solo il 10% è ora rinchiuso nelle carceri, i rimanenti

sono tuttora essenti e liberi.

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- Bari, Catanzaro, Napoli, Oristano, Palermo, Roma, Taranto, Macerata, Catania,

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Per il momento si comunica che dal 1° ottobre 1943 al 31 ottobre 1944 sono stati denunciati per diserzione circa 60 mila militari. Di essi solo il 10% è ora rinchiuso nelle carceri, i rimanenti sono tuttora assenti arbitrari;

c)- I militari disertori, in attesa di giudizio, insieme a quelli già condannati, sono rinchiusi nelle seguenti carceri:

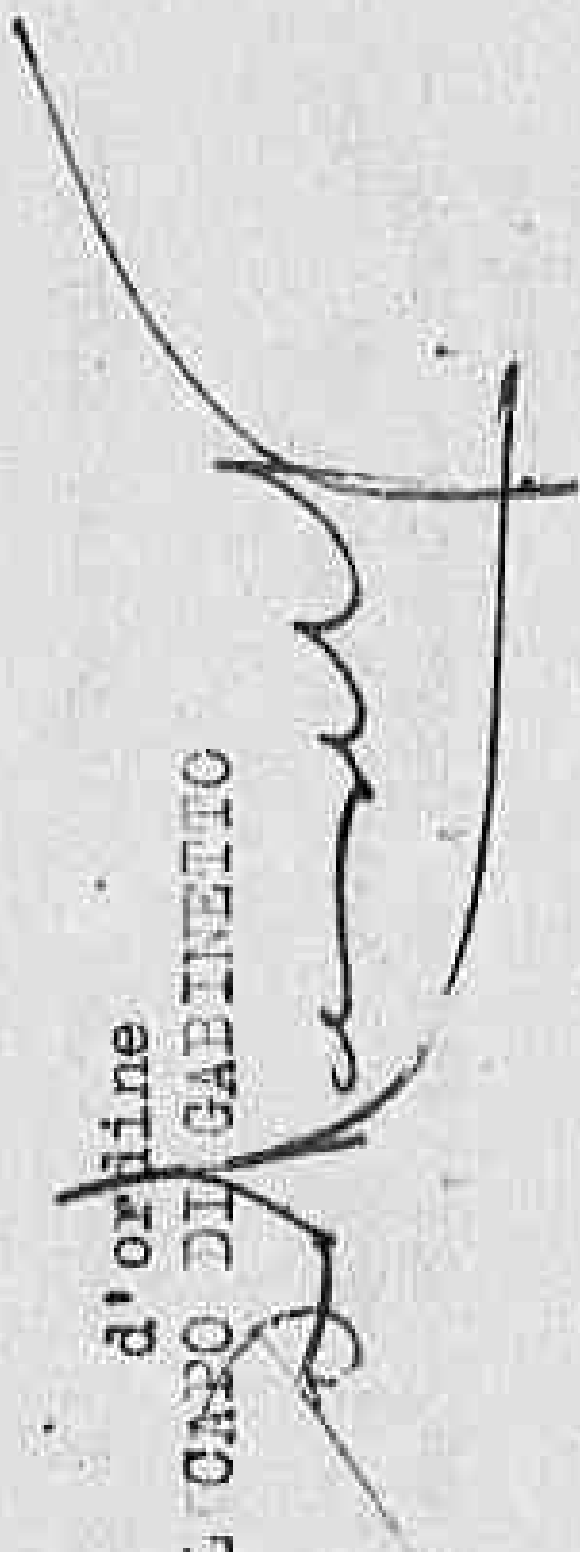
- militari: Roma, Napoli, Palermo, Vibo Valentia, Taranto, Lecce, Gaeta;
- civili : Lanusei, Oristano, Alghero, Tempio, Castiades, Bari, Nicastro, Catanzaro, Cosenza, Reggio Calabria, Sassari, Martina Franca, Enna, Castrovillari, Rossano, Locri, Asinara.

Si fa presente che i militari in attesa di giudizio sono trattati per un primo periodo, che non dovrebbe superare i 30 giorni, presso gli stessi corpi di appartenenza;

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- d)- La durata media del periodo di arresto prima del giudizio non può essere indicata con sufficiente approssimazione perchè varia a seconda del numero di denunce presentate presso ciascun Tribunale, numero che varia notevolmente nel tempo e da tribunale a tribunale . Comunque, sono stati richiesti dati attendibili alla Procura Generale Militare del Regno, che si trasmetteranno non appena possibile;
- e)- Anche per il numero medio di casi di diserzione giudicati ogni giorno si fa riserva di trasmettere dati precisi quando la Procura Generale li avrà raccolti e comunicati.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO



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

Subject:- Discipline.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C., (MMIA).,
o/o HQ., I District.
Ref. LO/GII.

3 January 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm., A.C.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

1. Will you please forward me a copy of Part 4 of
Royal Decree Law No 688 29 July 1943 and Instruction
No. 26 dated 26 May 44.

2. Will you please treat as urgent as they are wanted
for information of G.O.C I District.

J. A. Bourne
Capt.
MMIA., LO., I District.

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Subject:- Discipline - Italian
Absentees in P.W. Camps.

Land Forces S.W. Comm. A.C.
(M.F.I.I.)
R.O.M.A.
AC/6

3 Jan 45.

M.M.I.A. S.O.
53 B.L.U.
C.F.

Sold. MORANDI Remo
" TROCHI Giuseppe
" MYKROCKI Renato.

Ref. your A/I of Nov 23/44.

398/1

in fact 3981

Inquiries made by P.Q. 3 District have failed to trace any of the above named Italian soldiers either at 368 P.W. Camp or "Q" P.W. Camp.

S.P. Archer Capt

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

GP/nb
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Folio 482 also refers

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Subject:- Discipline - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.I.A.)
R O M A

12/6

3 Jan 45.

M.I.A. D.O.
52 D.L.U.
C.F.N.

1. Will you please forward attached C.T. reports to the proper Authority in order that disciplinary action may be taken as necessary.

2. Punishment awarded should be endorsed on the reverse and the report returned to this H.Q. for information.

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S.P. Archer Capt.

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

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See Folios 465 & 462

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AC/4053/L

492
/mt;
3 January 1944.

SUBJECT : Lt. Col. G. MANSUTTI.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

42/6
476
1. Reference your AQ/6 of 30 Dec. 1944 receipt is acknowledged of the report by Capt. Turnbull, dated 27 Sept 44 and documents attached.

2. The exact status of Lt. Col. Mansutti is not entirely clear from your letter and inquiries are being put in hand to clarify this point.

3. When the necessary information has been obtained you will be advised of the tribunal before which Lt. Col. Mansutti can be brought to justice.

3579
W. E. Behrens Rocal
W. E. BEHRENS,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

N/A
SPH
5/11

TRANSLATION

FROM M OF W

TO Territorial HQ Rome
" Bari
" Naples
" Calabria
" Palermo
" Sardinia

CC.RR GENERAL HQ
Delegation "T" of SMRE
Italian Hq 212
CERSETI HQ
Hq Commandant S.M.G.
" S.M.R.E.
" War Ministry
CCRR of War Ministry

Info MMIA Rome
War Ministry Cabinet
Ministry of Marine
Air Ministry
SMRE-Services Office
Comm/to of Rome
" Bari
" Naples
" Calabria
" Palermo
" Sardinia
Autonomous Comm/to of Taranto

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It has recently happened that 600 reinforcements that were sent from southern Italy to an advanced area, and that had received 6 days rations for their journey, used them up immediately after having received them. So as to avoid that this should happen again, the MMIA has instructed that for journeys lasting more than two days, the following procedure should be followed:

a) for each batch of more than 5 men, a commander will be nominated by the unit that is sending them off, and he shall be the senior officer or non com. officer in that group. In case that a man lacking the necessary qualifications should be lacking, an officer or non com of the detaching unit as soon as the journey is over.

b) The food rations will always be given to the commandant, who will be responsible for their distribution, and will return any exceeding rations.

c) In any case more than two days rations will never be given personally to military personnel.

Will you please give precise instructions on this matter to your depending units, and confirm when you have done so.

for the MINISTER
(PELLIGRA)

CONFIDENTIAL

491/2

AG/6

Subject: Discharge of Equipment from Ship SAM PEUGH.

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STH/23a

2 January 1945.

Commanding General
Comando Territoriale, Naples

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

1. On 1 January 1945 at about 1500 hours, the Port Authorities telephoned to this office stating that trucks loaded with Italian Army Engineer equipment discharged from the ship SAM PEUGH had returned to the Port, unloading only light material at the Engineer depot. At that time there were twelve Allied trucks, loaded with Engineer equipment, standing idly at the Port.
2. Upon investigation of this matter it was learned that at the Engineer Depot there were insufficient laborers to off-load trucks. There was no officer present. A non-commissioned officer or a sergeant was on duty; however, he did not know where to procure more laborers.
3. There was no Italian officer to be found, at that time in the Port Area, representing the Embarkation and Debarkation Office to coordinate the off-loading of the cargo for the various services.
4. Several complaints have been addressed to this office by the Port Authorities concerning the delinquencies of discharge of this ship and lack of coordinated supervision for cargo leaving the Port Area.
5. It is requested that you take corrective and disciplinary action against those concerned and advise this office promptly of your action.

Noted
PA 11

KRN/jlm

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

Letter to all of us.
Got from
21st Jan.

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

Subject:- Mis-use of WD Transport

201 Sub Area
Pro 30/239
2 Jan 45

1301A

AQ/6

1. The attached report is forwarded for your information please, and such action as you may consider necessary.

rah

52 B.L.U.
JAN 6/1

[Signature]
Capt.
DAFM.
(J G Rutterford).

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Subject:- Discipline - Carrying of
Arms by Drivers.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

H.Q.

Q/6

2 Jan 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. your 307417/E/C.A. of 28 Dec/44.

470

412 not fact.

1. Your attention is drawn to this H.Q. letter Q/6 of 29 Nov/44, which lays down that drivers of vehicles may carry arms provided that the prior authority of the Allied Commander has been obtained.

2. Copy letter is attached for easy reference.

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SP Archer Capt.

S.T. ARCHER, Capt.
For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SP1/ab

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La Folio 623-6 not fact.

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

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Subject:- Discipline - Italian Army
Traffic Violation.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

R O U A

19/6

2 Jan 49.

O.C. 346 Provost Coy.
C.M. Police
C.M.P.

The attached C.M.P. Report, upon which the punishment awarded has been endorsed, is returned for your information.

S.P. Archibald 3954

S.P. ARCHIBALD, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SP/mb

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Lee Folio 452/1

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

SUBJECT : Discipline - Traffic Accident

50 Brit Liaison Unit

US Claims Service
Regional Office 1.
US Army APO 782

AQ/6

A/G/13

2 Jan 44

Reference your claim report 3-2-391-PM dated 5 Dec 44. — 472

It is confirmed that ambulance No 5647492 is on charge to TRIULI Italian Combat Group and as far as this office is aware no US vehicle was involved.

It is not therefore considered necessary to complete the proforma unless still so required by you.

CHP
MGRV/SYE

Shadman
Maj RTR
DAA30MG

Copy to : HQ BMLA

N/A
SP1
5/1

folio 471 refer 3973

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

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN DISTRICT
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
A. P. O. 782, U.S. ARMY

EDM/fts
1 January 1945

AG 250.1 BPLNO

SUBJECT: Discipline - Italian Army

TO : Commanding General, - 3rd District
Attention: MMIA Liaison Officer

→ MMIA

1. Attached hereto is disciplinary report on Italian soldier with the punishment awarded noted on reverse side.

For the Commanding Officer:

Incl: Traffic Report

C. J. Marshall Jr.
A. J. MARSHALL JR
2nd Lt., FA
Actg Asst Adj Gen 3372

146/18 - JAN 1945

Report
Sent to
103 Con camp for info.
Sent
5/1

Subject:- Supply of Reinforcements

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458
MIA IO,
British Increment (A Branch),
Rear HQ FIFTH ARMY,
C.T.

Phone No: Lightning Rear 163

510/2/A
1 Jan 45

Commanding General, 231 Div

Copy to:- MIA HQ,
ADL British Increment,
AAG British Increment,

AG/6
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1. On 26 December it was definitely agreed by your HQ that 260 Pioneer reinforcements should be collected by Allied transport from your Transit Camp as follows:-

Dec 27	-	60 Reinforcements
" 28	-	"
" 29	-	"
" 31	-	80

2. On December 29 only 40 reinforcements were handed over by you and the Allied vehicle made a useless journey, with a consequent waste of petrol, the driver's time, and needless wear and tear on the vehicle.

3. On December 31 only 33 reinforcements were forthcoming, although the four Allied vehicles concerned had made a long journey from the forward areas.

4. The failure on the part of 231 Div to fulfil its obligations to the Allied formation employing its dependent units is regarded in a very serious light.

5. Almost as serious was the failure on the part of some responsible Officer to inform this office either when it was apparent that the above quoted obligations could not be met or at least when Allied vehicles had been sent away empty.

6. The regular and well ordered transmission of reinforcements is a vital operational necessity and one of the main responsibilities of 231 Div after the reinforcements have entered the Transit Camp at Div HQ.

7. It is directed therefore that serious disciplinary action be taken against the Officer or Officers responsible for the situation already described, and to avoid a repetition of any such grave defection - that my previous instructions are complied with, viz:-

2. On December 29 only 40 reinforcements were handed over by you and the Allied vehicle made a useless journey, with a consequent waste of petrol, the driver's time, and needless wear and tear on the vehicle.
3. On December 31 only 35 reinforcements were forthcoming, although the four Allied vehicles concerned had made a long journey from the forward areas.
4. The failure on the part of 231 Div to fulfil its obligations to the Allied formation employing its dependent units is regarded in a very serious light.
5. Almost as serious was the failure on the part of some responsible Officer to inform this office either when it was apparent that the above quoted obligations could not be met or at least when Allied vehicles had been sent away empty.
6. The regular and well ordered transmission of reinforcements is a vital operational necessity and one of the main responsibilities of 231 Div after the reinforcements have entered the Transit Camp at Div HQ.
7. It is directed therefore that serious disciplinary action be taken against the Officer or Officers responsible for the situation already described, and to avoid a repetition of any such grave defection - that my previous instructions are complied with, viz:-
 - i. Reinforcement situation reported each morning by an Officer and confirmed in writing within 24 hours to MIA IO.
 - ii. Whenever an Allied Officer arrives at 231 Div to collect clothing or reinforcements and his demands cannot be met, MIA IO must be informed by telephone at once, i.e. while the Allied Officer is still at the Div HQ.

A/N/WT

a m newton
Capt,
MIA IO,
British Increment Fifth Army,

Lee Gellison
53/11

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

Transmittal Slip.

PM/RA/PF 3

Subject Traffic offences
From: Office of the Provost Marshal,
Rome Allied Area Command.

Ref N. PRO TS/50/5990

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 31-12-44.

Signature

Alan Cherlton
Capt & DPM
for the
Provost Marshal.
(Alan Cherlton)

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

Transmittal Slip.

PM/RA/PF 1 4-6-5
Ref N. PRO TS/50/5987-86

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

To: — PM. HQ AAI.
PM. U. S. Forces
DPM. 3 District.
DPM. R A F.
APM. Canadian Corp.
APM. U. D. F.
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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 31-12-44

Signature

Alan Charlton
Capt. RAAC
Provost Marshal.
(Alan Charlton)

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

Transmittal Slip.

PM/RA/PF 3

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Ref N. PRO TS/20/5989

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

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 31-12-44

Signature

Alan Charlton
Capt. DAPM
for 1st Col.
Provost Marshal.
(Alan Charlton).

Transmittal Slip.

PM/RA/PT 3 462

Subject Discipline.

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

Ref N. PRO TS/30/5988 484

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.
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OC. 76 Coy CMP. (TC).
MMIA., RAAC.

For Information _____ ✓
Necessary action, please _____ ✓
Investigation & report _____
Note & forward as indicated _____
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For report & completion _____
Forwarded _____
Remarks _____

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Lee Folco 493

Date 31-12-44

Signature

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

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URGENT

Subject: Discipline - Trial of Deserters.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R G M E.
AQ/6

Dec 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Forward to this HQ the following information in respect of the Trial of Deserters :-

- a. Location of all Military Tribunals and Extraordinary Courts Martial (which have been set up under the terms of Instruction No.26 of 26th May 44 issued by the Chief of the General Staff).
- b. The number of Italian Army Deserters who are now held in custody awaiting trial.
- c. Locations gaols, or guard rooms, where arrested men are held awaiting trial.
- d. Average period a man is held in arrest before Trial.
- e. Average number of cases of desertion tried per day.

2. This information is required urgently.

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CLAYTON P. KERR Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

SPA/hh

See Folio 496
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Subject Absentees - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

3 District.
Ext 17.
354/1A
9/ Dec 44.

Sold. MORANDI Remo.
" PEDONI Giuseppe.
" MAWFRONI Renato.

Ref your AQ/6 of 6 Dec 44.

There is no trace of the above named men at either
368 PW Camp or "Q" (St Andrews) PW Camp.

EHS/APR.

1 Col
DA & QMG

3965

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SUBJECT :- Discipline - Italian Military

AA/6

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MMIA 'RTC ICF'
c/o Land Forces Sub
Comm AC (MMIA) ROME
Ref LO 14/41

31 Dec 44

52 BLU

Copy to :- AQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA) ROME

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Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA) letter AQ/6 dated 30
Dec 44 is forwarded to you for necessary action.

*Noted
9/11
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[Signature]

3964

Maj RA
DAA & QMG
(Brit)

T R A N S L A T I O N

FROM: - MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. 110161/1

TO : - M.M.I.A.

Date 30 Dec/44

SUBJECT:- Opening of fire by Sentries.

Ref. AQ/6 dated 16 Dec/44.

Herewith copy of instructions issued in accordance with a/m letter.

3963

(Sgd)

Chief of Cabinet.

T R A N S L A T I O N

FROM:- MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. 111000/1

TO :- Circular.

Date 30 Dec/44

SUBJECT:- Opening of fire by Sentries.

Herewith for informations copy of para 2 of letter
CR/4381/G/1 dated 16 Nov. 44 from M.M.I.A.
Acknowledge receipt.

(Sgd)

Chief of Cabinet

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COPY.

SUBJECT:- Opening of fire by Sentries.

3962

A.F.H.Q.

CR/4381/G/1/ (B)

16 Nov/44

1. The question of opening of fire by patrols and sentries against saboteurs, thieves^{or} persons suspected as such and who try to steal or damage Military Administration Property in Italy, has been submitted for examination and it has been decided to adopt the following measures.

2. It is permitted to open fire on persons ~~so~~ named above, after having shouted halt, only in the following circumstances:-

- I) Opening of fire is limited to properly constituted guards, patrols and sentries.
- II) All possible attempts must be made to arrest the ^(chief) burglar, saboteur or suspected person.
- III) When there are no other means of arresting that person.

- IV) It is not permitted to open fire beyond the immediate vicinity of the guarded area.
- V) On no account will fire be opened on women and children.
- VI) The use of automatic arms which cannot fire single shots, is prohibited. Automatic arms capable of firing single shots, unless armed resistance is encountered in which case fire burst can be opened, may be used.

3. Guarantee to be safeguarded is given its all commanders who, in good faith and in agreement with the above principles, order fire to be opened and to all officers and men who open fire ~~in~~ similar circumstances.

4. If the opening of fire ~~gives as a result~~^{in the} wounded ~~by~~ some person, the officer commanding will ~~have to~~, within 24 hours, ~~convene~~ ^{gather} a court of enquiries commission and forward the results, as soon as possible, to the nearest superior H.Q; which will decide on further action to be taken as the case may be. In case of doubt as to the procedure to follow, instructions will be asked from that H.Q.

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T R A N S L A T I O N

FROM: - MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. 110161/1

TO : - M.M.I.A.

Date 30 Dec/44

SUBJECT:- Opening of Fire by Sentries.

Ref. AQ/6 dated 16 Dec/44.

Herewith copy of instructions issued in accordance with a/m letter.

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(Sgd)

Chief of Cabinet.

T R A N S L A T I O N

FROM:- MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. 111000/1

TO :- Circular.

Date 30 Dec/44

SUBJECT:- Opening of fire by Sentries.

Herewith for informations copy of para 2 of letter
CR/4381/G/1 dated 16 Nov. 44 from M.W.I.A.
Acknowledge receipt.

(Sgd)

Chief of Cabinet

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COPY.

SUBJECT:- Opening of fire by Sentries.

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A.F.M.S.

CR/4381/G/1/ (B)

16 Nov/44

1. The question of opening of fire by patrols and sentries against saboteurs, thieves^{or} persons suspected as such and who try to steal or damage Military Administration Property in Italy, has been submitted for examination and if has been decided to adopt the following measures.
2. It is permitted to open fire on persons so named above, after having shouted halt, only in the following circumstances:-
 - I) Opening of fire is limited to properly constituted guards, patrols and sentries.
 - II) All possible attempts must be made to arrest the burglar, saboteur or suspected person.
 - III) When there are no other means of arresting that person.

- IV) It is not permitted to open fire beyond the immediate vicinity of the guarded area.
- V) On no account will fire be opened on women and children.
- VI) The use of automatic arms which cannot fire single shots, is prohibited. Automatic arms capable of firing single shots, unless armed resistance is encountered in which case fire burst can be opened, may be used.

3. Guarantee to be safeguarded is given its all commanders who, in good faith and in agreement with the above principles, order fire to be opened and to all officers and men who open fire on similar circumstances.

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Translation

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From:- M of W.
To:- M M I A.

Ref:- 110161/1
Date:- 30th Dec. 44.

Subject:- Opening of Fire by Sentries.

444 AG/6

Ref. AG/6 dated 16th Dec. 44.

Herewith copy of instructions issued in
accordance with a/c letter.

(Sgd) Chief of Labors 3437

Sgt. FAORE

From: M of W.
To: Circular.

Ref: 111 000/1
Date: 30th Dec. 44.

Subject: Opening of fire by Sentries.

Herewith for information, copy of para. 2 of letter CR/4381/C/1 dated 16th Nov. 44 from MOW.

Acknowledge receipt.

(Sgd) Chief of Cabinet.

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Copy.

Subject: Opening of fire by Sentries.

A. F. H. G.
CR/4381/C/1 (B) -
16th Nov. 44.

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(II) All possible attempts must be made to arrest the burglar, saboteur or suspected person.

(III) There should not be any other means to arrest that person.

(IV)

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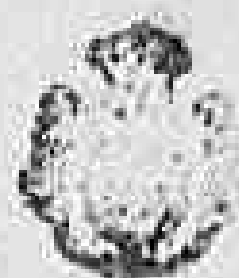
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Ministero della Guerra
Gabinetto

T. P. Arduini Capit EG/18

Roma 30 DIC. 1944 1944 A

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
R O M A

Divisione 110.161 *110-5-34*
Prot. N. 110-5-34 *Allegati*

Risposta al f. del
Dir. *N*

Oggetto: Apertura del fuoco da parte di sentinelle

*Opening of fire by sentries against submarines
and the fleet*

rif. A.Q./6 del 16.12.44

Atto

311

Si trasmette copia delle disposizioni
emanate in accordo con quanto comunicato con
lettera cui si fa riferimento.-

a ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

[Signature]

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Gabinetto

n. 111000 / I di prot. 110.5.34 P.M.3800, 30 dicembre 1944

OGGETTO: Apertura del fuoco da parte di sentinelle

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SICILIA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DEL LAZIO = UMBRIA E ABRUZZI
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC.RR.
AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212
AL COMANDO DELEGAZIONE "T" DELLO S.M.R.E.
e, per conoscenza:

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S.M.IL RE D'ITALIA

ALL'UFFICIO DEL 1° AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE DI
S.A.R.IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

ALL'UFFICIO DEL 1° AIUTANTE DI CAMPO DI S.A.R.
IL DUCA D'AOSTA

ALL'UFFICIO DEL 1° AIUTANTE DI CAMPO DI S.A.R.
IL DUCA DI GENOVA

ALL'UFFICIO DELL'AIUTANTE DI CAMPO DI S.A.R.
IL DUCA DI ANCONA

AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO - Gabinetto -

AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA - Gabinetto -

AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - Gabinetto -

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE

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AL COMANDO QUARTIER GENERALE MINISTERO GUERRA

AL COMANDO CC.RR. MINISTERO GUERRA

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Si trasmette per l'osservanza di quanto è detto al paragrafo

2) copia della lettera CR/4381/G/1 data 16.11.44 della M.M.I.A.--

Accusare ricevuta.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
[Signature]

C O P I A

OGGETTO: Apertura di fuoco da parte di sentinelle

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

CR/4381/G1 (B) = 16 Novembre 44

1. La questione dell'apertura del fuoco da parte di pattuglie e sentinelle contro sabotatori, ladri o supposti ladri che tentino di rubare o danneggiare la proprietà dell'Amministrazione Militare in Italia, è stata sottoposta ad esame ed è stato deciso di adottare la seguente linea di condotta.
2. E' permesso aprire il fuoco contro le persone sopradette, dopo chiare intimidazioni di alt, soltanto nelle seguenti circostanze:
 - (i) - L'apertura di fuoco è limitata alle guardie regolarmente costituite, pattuglie e sentinelle.
 - (ii) - Deve essere fatto ogni tentativo per impadronirsi del ladro sabotatore o persona sospetta.
 - (iii) - Non vi deve essere alcun altro mezzo efficace per fermare questa persona.
 - (iv) - Non è consentito di aprire il fuoco al di là dell'aerea immediatamente guardata.
 - (v) - In nessun caso, si potrà aprire il fuoco contro corone e bandiere.
 - (vi) - L'uso di armi automatiche incapaci di sparare colpi singoli è proibito; i mezzi automatici capaci di sparare colpi singoli, a meno che non si incontrino resistenza armata, nel qual caso il fuoco è raffica può essere adottato.
3. Si garantisce piena salvaguardia a tutti i comandanti che, in buona fede ed in accordo con questi principi, danno ordine di aprire il fuoco ed a tutti gli ufficiali e soldati che, in circostanze analoghe...

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- (ii) - Deve essere fatto ogni tentativo per impadronirsi del ladro sabotatore o persona sospetta.
- (iii) - Non si deve essere alcun altro mezzo efficace per fermare questa persona.
- (iv) - Non è consentito di aprire il fuoco al di là dell'aerea immediatamente guardata.
- (v) - In nessun caso si potrà aprire il fuoco contro donne e bambini.
- (vi) - L'uso di armi automatiche incapaci di sparare colpi singoli è proibito; i mezzi automatici capaci di sparare colpi singoli, a meno che non si incontrino resistenza armata, nel qual caso il fuoco è raffica può essere adoperato.

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4. Se l'apertura del fuoco dà come risultato o fermento di qualche persona, l'ufficiale comandante dovrà, nel termine di 24 ore, redurre una commissione d'inchiesta ed inviare le risultanze il più presto possibile al vicino Comando Superiore, che deciderà quali ulteriori provvedimenti, se sarà il caso, dovranno essere presi. In caso di dubbio circa la linea di condotta da seguire, dovranno richiedersi istruzioni a questo Comando.

Il S.I.B. (Autorità Americane di Polizia) non dovrà essere chiamato per le indagini a meno che il Comandante di Brigata non decida in questo senso.



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Subject : Loss of status - Court of Inquiry.

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3DLO/3
30 Dec 44

Land Forces Sub Commission, AC,
M M I A,
ROME.

Att/6

The ~~att~~ached is forwarded to you for your descision
as in para 2 of the enclsd 56 Area letter A 24/692 dated
29 Dec 44.

May the correspondence and documents please be returned
to this office with your reply.

*MMIA
does not agree
with opinion of
Court - no info*

SPA 5/1

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Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.
Set Folio 508

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Subject:- Discipline Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

H O M E

10/6

30 Dec 44.

C.O. 501 Provost Coy.

C.M.P.

C.M.P.

The attached Traffic Violation Reports, with punishments awarded, endorsed on the reverse, are returned for information.

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S.P. ARCHIB., Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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See folio 458/2

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Subject:- Discipline Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
H.Q.M.E.
AQ/6

M.M.I.A. L.O.
52 B.L.U.
C.M.E.

30 Dec 44.

1. Will you please forward the attached C.M.P. reports to the proper authority in order that disciplinary action may be taken as necessary.
2. It is requested that any punishment awarded may be endorsed on the reverse and returned to this H.Q. for information.

S.P. Archer Sup 8950

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

SPA/ab

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*See Folios 456
+ 455/1*

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Subject:- Discipline- Road Accidents.
Settlement of Claims.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

R O M L

12/6

30 Dec 44.

A.F.H.Q.

C.I.F.

Ref. your G-5:151 of 22 Dec/44.

458/1

As requested in your above quoted letter, copy translation of the Ministry of War letter requesting a ruling on the Settlement of Claims arising out of Road Accidents, is forwarded herewith.

Attache Gen 3949

SP. ARCHER, Capt,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SP /ab

458/1

See Folio 533/3

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Subject:- Discipline Italian Officers.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

Legal Sub Comm.
M.Q. A.C.

30 Dec 14.

Col. MANSUTTI
Italian Refugee Centre, Reggio

1. Attached are the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held on the above named Italian Officer, who was found to be in possession of insubordinated relations.

2. At the time of the offence Col. Mansutti was not an effective member of the Italian Army and was not therefore subject to Military Law.

3. Col. Mansutti was appointed by the High Commissioner for Refugees, Italian Government. The appointment was approved by Southern Region A.C., but this was probably purely formal, as A.C. was not directly interested.

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4. The terms of the appointment were limited to control of Refugee Camp Reggio, and local movement of Refugees.

5. It is requested that you will please say what Authority should try Col. Mansutti's case, and who should take action to put the trial into effect.

6. Please acknowledge receipt of proceedings of Court of Inquiry as these are original documents.

S.P. Archer Capt.

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

Copy to:- M.Q. 204 Sub Area
C.F.

your 204/202/143/A of 19 Dec refers.

SP/ab

450/1
Su Folio 4924538

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Subject:- Carrying of Arms.

Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M.V.I.A.)

R O M E

AG/6

20 Dec 44.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref. your 305354/C.A. of 25 Nov/44.

402
402 fact

Authority has now been received from A.F.H.Q. for the Royal Finance Guards to carry arms whilst technically off duty, in the same way as the GCR in accordance with para (1) of this H.Q. letter AG/6 dated 12 Nov/44.


CLAYTON P. KENT Col.
for Major General,
M.V.I.A.

3807

SPN/ab

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Folio 467 refers.

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Subject:- Discipline - Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

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

29 Dec 44.

BERARDI Alfredo
506 Gd. Bn.

1. Will you please forward the attached Police Report to the proper authority in order that the necessary disciplinary action may be taken.

2. The punishment awarded should be endorsed on the report and returned to this H.Q. for information.

SP Archer Capt 3947

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

SP/ab

See Folio 409/1
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Subject:- Discipline unauthorised
removal of Foodstaff.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.G.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

MINISTRY OF WAR.

29 Dec 44.

Ref. Lazio Umbria and Abruzzi H.Q.
letter 1264 dated 23 Nov/44.

39572
4th factor

1. This H.Q. is unable to give a reply to the above quoted letter until information, which has been asked for, is received from the Comd of the Allied Unit concerned.
2. You will be advised further as soon as this information is received.

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S.P. Archer Capt.

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

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U.S. CLAIMS SERVICE
REGIONAL OFFICE I
APO 782 - U.S. ARMY

FILE 472
AQ/6.

S-2-391-PDI

5 December 1944

SUBJECT : Traffic Accident.

TO : AG Section, Allied Force Hqs., APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. This Service is in receipt of a claim in which it appears the vehicle involved was an ambulance, assigned to the Italian Army and operated by Italian military personnel.

2. A report of the accident submitted by the CCRR indicates the vehicle was an ambulance A 564 - 7492 operated by Cpl. Santagata, Antonio, 26th Sez. Sanità, Gruppo Combattimento "Friuli" P.M. 79.

3. Information is requested as to the status of the organization mentioned in above paragraph, e.g. is subject unit an integral part of the Italian Army under Italian Command or is it attached to U.S. or British forces under one of the latter's command? Do records of the Transportation Office indicate the assignment of vehicle with registration number A 564 - 7492?

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4. It is further requested that the attached form letter be forwarded to the proper headquarters for compliance therewith and return direct to this headquarters.

5. May endorsement be made hereon as to action taken.

For the Claims Officer in Charge:

JULIAN D. MORSE
1st Lt., JAGD
Claims Officer

1st Ind

FROM: M.M.I.A.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

TO : U.S. Claims Service

29 Dec 44.

over.

See Folio 47/4489

1st IND

FROM: M.M.I.A.

TO : U.S. Claims Service Regional
Office I - APO 782 U.S. Army.

1. Ref. para 3 above, the Friuli Gruppo is an integral part of the Italian Army, supplied with Allied equipment, and under A Allied Command.

2. The form letter referred to in para 4 above has been forwarded to N°50 B.L.U. which is attached to Friuli Gruppo, requesting that they will confirm that Ambulance N°564 - 7492 is on charge to the Group and to supply the information required direct to you.

S.P. Archer

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General, 3843
M.M.I.A. 3944

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/6
29 Dec 44.

SPA/ab

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Subject:- Discipline - Traffic Accidents.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

O.C. 50 B.L.U.
G.F.F.

29 Dec 44.

Ambulance N°564 - 7492

1. Will you please:
 - a) confirm or otherwise that the above mentioned vehicle is on charge to Priuli Group.
 - b) complete the attached proforma as indicated.
2. This information is required by United States Claims Service and it is requested that you will please reply direct to that Organisation.

S.P. Archet Capt.

S.P. ARCHET, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SPA/ab

See Folio 472

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

Subject:- Italian Military etc. - Personnel

470/1

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

Ref: PS/224/CPT

From :- HQ AC Chieti

28 Dec. 1944

Reference attached copy of a report from a
P.S.O. A.C. attached Teramo Province, and is self
explanatory.

Forwarded for your information with particular
regard to Paragraphs 2 & 3.

Copy has been forwarded to D.A.P.M. 210 Sub
Area C.M.F.

Captain
P.P.S.O.

Chieti, Pescara & Teramo

TPC/LM

Ad/6

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3942

20 December 1944

To: D.P.C. Taranto Province (For information of P.P.S.O., Chieti)

SUBJECT: Confiscation of food issued to
Italian Military Personnel.

1 On Tuesday morning, this 19th inst, whilst visiting a road block at Silvino Ruote 16, a Reg V Truck Fuel Lorry was stopped. This lorry was full of Italian Naval and Air Force personnel from the Taranto District, going on short leave. All these men were cleared out of the lorry.

2 I was then approached by one of the men, a Sergeant Major of the Air Force who made the following complaint. It appeared that these military people boarded a military train at Taranto and before they left their units they were issued with 6 days rations each, the rations being British Army rations. Upon arriving at Termoli the train stopped and was searched by Allied soldiers, said to be British Military Police. The police discovered the rations in the possession of the Italian Military personnel and forthwith confiscated said rations. They believed the food was stolen. This occurred in spite of the fact that each man's furlough ticket bore an endorsement to the effect that he had been issued with 6 days rations for his leave. In fact, it is alleged that the police refused to look at any document proffered. It would appear that the police were not regular S.M.'s' furlough tickets as they are said to have been wearing side caps, they are also said to have been wearing arm bands.

3 If these allegations are true, it seems to me to have been to say the least, a most unfortunate happening. If true, these men had been issued with rations for their leave by their own units, and to be deprived of them in such an unfair and high-handed manner, seems

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4 Whilst on the subject of Truck Pool vehicles, the point struck me as being rather incongruous that existing regulations forbade these people travelling any further in the lorry concerned. There we had on the one hand a large lorry, travelling absolutely light and on the other we had some 12 or 15 Italian Naval and Air Force personnel waiting to travel in the same direction as the lorry, and their only hope of reaching their families was by setting lifts, as and when they could, along the road. It seemed to me that not only would it help our prestige, but it would cost us nothing to help authorized Military personnel under circumstances such as these. The individual Airman, soldier or sailor, is not to know his obligations as regards obtaining a permit to travel on truck pool vehicles.

P.R.S.O. Attached Teramo Prov.

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AA/b

Translation

From. H of W
to MMIA.

Ref No 307417/2/CA.
Date - 28 Dec 44.

Arming of Drivers on Duty

Safety has rendered necessary the arming of drivers while on duty.

The facts about attacks on circulating lorries by unknown individuals are well known.

An example amongst many, SMO lost, not very long ago a driver, who was killed, and a car that was taken away by the aggressors (Ref letter 30322/CA. 25.10).

This Cabinet, therefore begs MMIA to kindly take up the necessary action to obtain that authorisation be granted for drivers to be armed while and only for
duration of duty as drivers of a car or lorry.

R Mansford

MICHELIS

See 412.

to be referred to
with a view to
giving answer
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Lee Fahio 491



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA 24/12

SO/ba.

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Protocollo N° 307412/2/C.A. Regali
314-IV-2
Risposta al foglio del

Roma, 28 dicembre 1944

Divisione Sezione N.

OGGETTO: Armamento conduttori automotomezzi in servizio -

Comando Divisione 141. Divisione Motori
29/12
→ A/ LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
e, per conoscenza:
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE - Uff. Affari Vari-
(rif. lettera 107059/A.V. del 20 c.m.) P.M. 3800
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA CATANZARO
(rif. lettera 01/2089 del 13 c.m.)

Ragioni di sicurezza rendono necessario che i conduttori di automotomezzi siano armati durante il loro particolare servizio.

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d'ordine

IL CAPO DEL CABINETTO

(1) Cfr. lettera di questo Gabinetto n° 30322/C.A. del 25 ottobre scorso (trasmessa solo alla M.M.I.A.)

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

Subject: Discipline - Removal of Italian
Foodstuff from Rly Waggon.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/

To: HQ 3 District.

28 Dec 44

Folio 4/5.

Ref this HQ letter AV/6

of 30 Nov 44.

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

J.P. Nelson Capt

~~F.J. NOAKES~~ .Col.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

3938

hh.

B.F. 5 Jan 45

468

Subject:- Discipline - Loss of Blankets.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E

AQ/6

H.Q. No1 District.
C.M.F.

27 Dec 44.

Ref. your ST/58 of 15 Dec/44.

443/1

It is requested that this H.Q. may please be informed of the punishment awarded to Sgt. Pignatero and Cpl. Del Col by C.C. 1005(I)G.T. Coy in connection with the loss of blankets reported in your above quoted letter.

3937

S.P. Archer Capt.

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

SP/ab

Lee Folio 520/2

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 365

27 December, 44.

AC/14601/11/PS

SUBJECT : Carrying of Arms by Italian Armed Forces.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your AQ/6 dated 19 December addressed to CA Sec.
2. AFHQ (G-5) confirms that the decision permitting the carrying of arms by Carabinieri when "off duty" applies also to the Royal Finance Guards. (Authority G-5 091.711-11 of 5 Dec).

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

TJN/C.

Subject :- Safeguarding of Italian Supplies by rail

G 183/3

TO AQ

TO UFFICIO TRASPORTI

The following copy of G-4 Mov 3/IE dated 26 Dec. is passed to you for information

G-4 Mov & Tn
Allied Force Headquarters
Tel. No. Freedom 320

Mov 3/IE

SUBJECT: Safeguarding of Italian supplies by rail

TO: HQ Railway & Train Guards
Torre Annunziata.

Appended hereto is an instruction issued by the Italian War Ministry ordering that Italian escorts on Italian military stores moving by rail will wear red brassards when on duty.

Please arrange that this information is circulated within your command.

"The Allied Authorities have ordered that military escorts escorting foodstuff and stores forwarded by rail must wear red brassards for identification on the left arm. The issue of brassards is the responsibility of the consignor. Soldiers without the above brassards will not be recognized as escorts by the Italian and Allied Authorities and will in consequence be removed from the wagons. Please issue the necessary instructions. The Del. Trasp. are requested to ensure that this order is applied, and to report to these HQ any case of neglect that may arise."

26th December, 1944

W. S. C. BOSWELL
FOR Brigadier
D. Q. M. G. (MOV & TN)

Copy to HQ Movements east Italy.
HQ Movements West Italy.
HQ Movements Rome.
IMRS Italy.
MIA.

Postal (FOR attn of Mail Guards).

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D. Q. M. G. (MOV & TN)

W. S. C. Boswell
Capt RE.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer

*21/12/44
P. H. H.*

465

Subject: Discipline - Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/8

26 Dec 44.

MMIA LO HQ No. 1 District, C.M.F.

1. The attached CMP Report is forwarded for onward transmission to the unit concerned.
2. Please arrange for the punishment awarded to be endorsed on the reverse, and the report to be returned to this office for information.

SPA/wk

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Col, 3335
DA & QMG,
M. M. I. A.

Lee Folio 520/1
539/1?

Lee Folio

452

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

Subject:- Discipline

201 Sub Area
Pro 30/174
26 Dec 44

MMIA ✓

ALPINO BIACCA GIUSEPPE
Battaglione ABRUSSI 119,
Compagnia "AA"

1. The attached report in respect of the a/m Italian soldier is forwarded for your information and such action as necessary, please.

JCR/rah

[Signature]
Capt.
DAPM.
(J G Rutterford).

Copy to:- DPM 3 District

3934

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785030

Subject:- Discipline

201 Sub Area
Pro 10/157
23 Dec 44

NDIA

AG/6

The attached report is forwarded for your information please, and such action as you may consider necessary.

rah

[Signature]
Capt.
DAPM.
(G Rutterford).

Copy to:- 00 720 Service Station, REEE

NA - in sufficient
PH
20/12

3933

COPY

Officer Commanding,
75 Coy. C.M.P. (T.C.).

Sir,

I have to report that at FERENTINO on 21.12.44 at about 1020 hrs, I was on duty at the Traffic Post, when I received a complaint from No 7656753 CFN McGINLEY, F. of 720 SERVICE STATION. R.E.M.E, who was driving vehicle No 527675, 3 ton BEDFORD, that he had been assaulted by some Italian soldiers of convoy No 12/Na/17 LEGNANO COMBAT GROUP FLIGHT "C".

It appears that the BRITISH SOLDIER was proceeding in a NORTHERLY direction, when at FERENTINO a group of vehicles of the above convoy were approaching him. One of these vehicles just touched the BEDFORD, so the driver got out of his cab, and tried to slow the remainder down by signalling, whereupon an Italian soldier stopped, and caught hold of the British soldier, tearing his overalls. The Italian soldier was then joined by other personnel of the convoy, but on the arrival of other British soldiers, they proceeded on their journey.

CFN McGINLEY, did not take the numbers of the vehicles involved, nor did he note any particulars. He later stopped LT MEKEU JACOPO, of 5th PARK ORDNANCE LEGNANO, who I saw, and who said that he would make enquiries.

The British soldier did not make a written statement.

Field.
21.12.44.

(sgd) 5665011 L. G. Wych. Sgt.
NC 1/c T.P. Ferentino.
75 Coy. C.M.P. (T.C).

3932

Certified true
permitted
for Capt.
Cmdg 75 Coy. C.M.P. (T.C.)

(460)

Subject:- Discipline Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

D.C. 501 Provost Coy
C.M.F.
C.M.F.

23 Dec 44.

The attached Traffic Violation report, on the reverse of which is endorsed the punishment awarded, is forwarded for your information.

J.P. Archer
E.J. WALKER, Col.
DE. & QMD,
M.M.I.A.

3931

SP/ab

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ACTION SLIP

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

TO

M.V.I.L. L.O.
Br. Increment.
Near H.3.
5 Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. I.C.

(M.V.I.L.)

H.O.B.F.

12/6

22 Dec 44.

Ref. attached C.I.R. report.

1. M.V.I.L. L.O. at 5 and 8 Armies have been
enable to trace the Unit of the Soldier concerned.
2. Will you please make enquiries and take action
as necessary.

SP Arden Corp 38-0
for
F.J. ROBERTS, Col,
D. & QMG,
M.V.I.L.

SPA/ab

11/14/42

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

Subject :- Discipline - C. Reports.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)

53 B.L.U. 458/2
Ref. A7 - 26
22 Dec 44.

1. Ref your AQ/6 of 30 Nov 44. — 413 AQ/6
noted.
2. Herewith duplicate copies of CMP Reports endorsed as requested.

Sent 15 501 Pro. Com.
30/12 JPR

Robert M. F.
Lt. Col. 3329
G.S.
See Folio 479

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TBJ/lasc

G-5: 151

22 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Claims.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, A.P.C. 394
(Attn: Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA))

1. Reference is made to your AQ/6 of 27 November.
2. Staff sections here who have been consulted consider that the suggested reply to the Ministry of War is in very general terms and that it might be possible to reply more specifically on both the British and American sides.
3. It is not known whether the request received by you was written or verbal. If the former it is requested that a copy of the Ministry of War letter be supplied here for consideration. If the approach was verbal it is requested that you indicate the scope of the inquiry made by the Ministry.

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

T. B. Jackman
Lt. Col.

T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

3928

*Copy of E 3041
Sent to AFHQ
28/12
DVA*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
234
A. C.

3441

*See Folio 477
499/1*

458

Subject:- Discipline Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
E O M E
AQ/6

22 Dec 44.

D.A.P.M.
63 S.I.S.
C.M.F.
C.M.F.

QUIRITI Raffaele.

Ref. your A/496 (undated) Nov.

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The attached letter giving information in respect of the above named Italian soldier is forwarded for information and as requested in your above quoted signal.

J.P. Archer Capt 3327
J.F. HOAKES, Col,
D.A. & QMG,
M.M.I.A.

SP/eb

See folio 446/1
4 431/2 unfacted.

(457)

Subject: Safeguarding of Italian supplies by rail.

Land Forces Sub Commission, AC.,
(M.H.I.A.) Tel: ROME 478206
Ref.: Mov G. 183/2
22 Dec. 1944

EO: G - 4 Mov & En.
ATTN.

AQ/6

With reference to conversation Major Boswell - Capt.
Lord Westbury.

Attached is a copy of an order issued by the Italian
General Staff. It is requested that the necessary instructions
be issued to Allied train guards, to ensure that Italian mili-
tary personnel wearing red brassards are treated as genuine
escorts, and are not forced to leave their wagons.-

Copy to : AG (Internal)

3926

[Signature]
Capt. RB.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer

PAH
24/12

URGENTISSIMO O.D.D.

GUERRA COMMISSARIATO

GUERRA SANITA'

GUERRA ARTIGLIERIA

GUERRA MOTORI

COMILITA LAZIO - UMBRIA - ABRUZZI

COMILITA CAMPANIA

COMILIT PUGLIA LUCANIA

COMILIT CALABRIA

COMILIT SICILIA

COMILIT SARDEGNA

GUERRA GABINETTO

DETRAMILES 606

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N A P O L I (fono a mano)
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CATANZARO (telescritto)
PALERMO (telescritto)
CAGLIARI (telescritto)
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STANAGGIORE TRASPORTI No. 10879-F/XV-13 ALT DESTINATARI GUERRA COMMISSARIATO SEDE

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AS ESCORTS BY THE ITALIAN AND ALLIED RAIL AUTHORITIES AND WILL IN CONSEQUENCE

BE REMOVED FROM THE WAGONS. PLEASE ISSUE THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTION. THE DEL.

TRASP. ARE REQUESTED TO ENSURE THAT THIS ORDER IS APPLIED, AND TO REPORT TO

THESE H.Q. ANY CASE OF NEGLECT THAT MAY ARISE. STATO MAGGIORE TRASPORTI 090018

SUBJECT - Notification of Fire

~~3 (Br) LAM (2)~~

AQ

9 76
22 Dec 44

Ref GNO 199/43.

2371 ✓

1. Attached please find copy report forwarded to this HQ by 75 GSC (TG).
2. A Fire Inquiry Report has been called for under para 4 of the a/q GSC and will be forwarded to you in due course.

Asst. Hault. P. H.

In the field
HNT/SPB

Col
Comd
231 Sub Area

3924

Copy for- 66 Claims and Harnings
— Last Forward Sub-Commission (2014) —

Noted

AM

24/12

See folio 478

CHIT

4th Branch
in 801 Sub Area

75/24/73

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE

Herewith report in accordance with ORD 199/43:-

- (a) Date and time of outbreak 0400 hrs 21 Dec 44.
- (b) Unit 75 Coy GP (TC).
- (c) Address (1) Unit HQ - Albergo, Corso Umberto,
CIVITA CASTELLANA.
(2) Unit det where fire occurred -
Albergo ROMA, 13 Viale del
Fiere, AQUASANTIERE.
- (d) Nature of fire - Italian military hut used by det
as cookhouse.
- (e) Preliminary estimate of damage and/or injuries -
Damage not yet ascertained.
Injuries - Nil.
- (f) Whether fire occurred on requisitioned premises -
Fire occurred on premises for which application has
been made for requisition.

3923

(Sgd) 7777 Capt.
Cdr 75 Coy GP (TC)

Field
21 Dec 44.

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

Subject:- Mis-use of WD Transport

201 Sub Area
Pro 30/138
21 Dec 44

MMIA

AQ/6

The attached traffic offence report is forwarded for your information and such action as you may consider necessary.

rah

Sent to
52 B.L.V.
30/12
JAH

John G. Rutterford
Capt.
DAPM.
(J G Rutterford). 3922
Lee Folio 478

MEMORANDUM:

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES

21 DECEMBER 1944

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

1. Reference your AQ/6 dated 19 December 1944, we forwarded Major Hubbard's copy to MMIA L.O. 54 Area, Bari.

2. Please make note that Major Hubbard is not with the Naples Office but is still at Bari.

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

GDS/nl

3921

PA
24/12

(454)

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: - Discipline - Striking of
Italian Officer.

Lend Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.N.I.A.)

H O M E

AQ/5

21 Dec 44.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

S/Sgt Ollis, C.M.P.

Ref. your 305979/2/6 of 9 Dec/44.

1. Information has been received that the above named
W.C.O. is being tried by Field General Court Martial on 21
Dec/44, on a charge of striking Capt. Z/AGNI Vittorio.

2. You will be informed of the result of the Court **3920**
in due course.

X
F.J. COATES, Col,
for Major General,
M.N.I.A.

Copy to:-

H.Q. No. 1 District

your ID/11/A/4 of 17 Dec. refers. — *4444/1*

Ref. para 2 with you please advise this
H.Q. accordingly.
Note on 2,3,4, copies.

SPA/ab

*See Folio 505-
517*

File PDS 453
COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "Legnano"
Sezione 2^a - Personale e Segreteria

N. 04/2638 di prot.

P.M.155, - 21 dicembre 1944.

OGGETTO: Disciplina.

AL COMANDO LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
(M.M.I.A.)

Ad *AG/6*
28/12
ROMA

Si trasmette l'accluso verbale di violazione al
traffico con retro-trascritta la punizione inflitta al
l'autiere AZZALI ANGELO di questo Gruppo di Combatti-
mento. - La seconda copia è stata inviata all' Ufficio
52^a B.L.U. =

3919

*Report fatto
15.01.50 al Probo*
IPA
23/12

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col.L.Lombardi)



Lombardi

Subject :- Discipline - Italian Army

To :-

51 British Liaison Unit

MMIA LO

HQ 3 Dist

MMIA

A 6/1

Ref your 3 DLO/5 dated 7 Dec 44, herewith CMP report duly endorsed on reverse in accordance with your above quoted letter.

Punishment awarded to Soldato GARAZZATE, Angelo, is five days rigorous imprisonment.

R. Hatch

Field
20 Dec 44
RGT

Major
DAA & QMG

AD 8012
Report sent
15 246 Provost Coy
11/11/44

Folio 413 refers.
4490

3918

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

SUBJECT:- Discipline - Unattended Vehs:

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.AC.(MMIA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
ML/105

20 Dec 44

Land Forces Sub Comm.AC.
(MMIA) Rome.

Reference GRO 113 of 18 Feb.

The enclosed CMP report is forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary. 3917

It-Col. G.S.
MMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
Sel 465

457

Subject:- Discipline - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
F O M E
60/6

20 Dec 44.

O.D. 246 Provost Coy.
O.M.P.
O.S.F.

The attached O.S.F. report, with punishment awarded
endorsed on the reverse side, is forwarded for information.

P. Arthur Cayor
P.O. 30/KES, Col,
DA. & QMS,
M.M.I.A.

ST/ab

3916

(462/4)

See Folio 4#2/1

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

SUBJECT: Control of Movement.

AG/6

11/2/44
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MIA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/106

19 Dec 44

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(MIA) Rome.

I enclose papers relating to an Italian soldier arrested in the restricted Army area, and evacuated through POW channels.

Since I cannot trace this man's unit on your Order of Battle, I am sending the papers to you for disposal.

Handled by
MIA W by
AP LO

PA
24/12

[Signature]
c. app

3915

Lt-Col. G.S.
MIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

450/3

SUBJECT:- Italian Military Personnel.

AS 22/12
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA)
o/c Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/106

19 Dec 44

AG/6

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(MMIA) Rome.

1. Sold. COBPA, Luigi, of 156 I P Coy. was arrested, while on leave in the Army area, by the Polish ESE in the neighbourhood of FORLI, and evacuated through POW channels.
2. Representations have been made to Army for the return of this man to his Coy., which is employed in the Army area. It has, however, proved impossible to trace him and he has probably been evacuated by now.
3. May the appropriate Italian authorities please be asked, when he is handed over to them, to send him to the Italian Transit Camp at JESI for return to his unit?

*Spoke Pub Engr
Meet him location
before CRR can take
any preparation
N.A.
SPH
Spoke
What moment
P.H.*

3914

[Signature]

Lt-Col. G.S.
MMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

450/2

SUBJECT : Shooting by Sentries

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/4381/G1(Br)

MMIA

A2/6
2/12

19 Dec 44

att to

436/1

Reference our letters of even number dated 16 Nov and 11 Dec 44, it is requested that you will inform this HQ of :

- (a) the legal position, under Italian law, regarding the use of firearms by Italian military guards, sentries and patrols ; and
- (b) your recommendations as to whether the instructions contained in this HQ letter dated 16 Nov should be extended to cover personnel of the Italian Army.

PA
2/12

A/Q

we have AFHQ instructions for sentries to be of wt. Supp. they may like to issue similar orders (see F. 444)

HW

2) AFHQ sentry instructions
copy of 24/12/44
see PA eff

[Signature]

Major General,
DAG., G-1(Br).

3413
1/2/45

See Folio 506

SUBJECT:- Discipline - Officers.

204/208/143/A

19 Dec 44

Land Forces Sub Commission,
A.C. (M.M.I.A) ROME.

Col. MANSUTTI.

Reference your AQ/6 dated 12 Nov 44, relating to the a/n.

The following information has now been obtained from Allied Commission, Eastern Sicily Region:-

- (i) The a/n was appointed by the High Commissioner for Refugees, Italian Govt. The appointment was approved by Southern Region A.C. (This was probably purely formal, as A.C. was not directly interested).
- (ii) Terms of appointment limited to control of Refugee Camp, REGGIO, and local movement of refugees.

This appears to have been a temporary Italian Government appointment.

In the Field.
WGM/HN

2 Col.,
Comd, 204 Sub Area.

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179. This is the officer who was found to be in possession of a bulk of Allied Ration. He was not in strength of the Army at the time & therefore not subject to his Discipline. S.C.A.

See Folio 476

21/12

from: MOW

to: MMIA

Subject: Driver CORTI NINO

Translation 450

ref. 306689/c/CA

19 Dec 44

AG/6

With ref. to letter AG/6 dated Nov. 8th.
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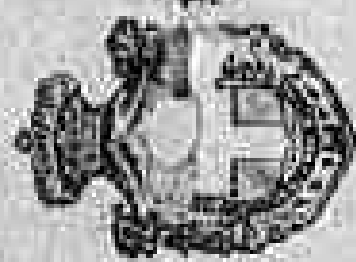
Neither Driver CORTI NINO nor the lorry
DODGE n. 25654629 are on duty at Med.
Units depending from LAZIO-UMBRIA+ABRUZZI
military command.

Enquiries are being made at other Units.

Col. DE-MICHELIS

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Ref/emp.
(possibly) N.H.
PP 24/10



VE/MLG

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Protocollo N° 206682/2/C. A. Allegati

Risposta al foglio del

Roma, 19

dicembre 1944

Divisione Sezione N

OGGETTO:

Autiere Corti Nino -

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

AD

PLR

Riferimento foglio AQ/6 dell'8 novembre.-

Ne' l'autiere Corti Nino nè l'autocarro Dodge n° 25654629 ri-
sultano in servizio presso enti di Sanità dipendenti dal Comando Mi-
litare Lazio, Umbria e Abruzzi.

Proseguono le ricerche presso altri enti.

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d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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Subject:- Discipline - Road Accidents
Settlement of Claims.

Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R G M E
AQ/6

19 Dec 44.

A.P.H.Q.
C.M.F.
(for G-5)

Ref. this H.Q. letter AQ/6 of 27 Nov/44.

405 4th packet

1. The attached draft letter with routing slip was forwarded to this H.Q. from AAI (main).

2. It is requested that this H.Q. may please be informed whether the draft has been co-ordinated and approved for transmission to the Ministry of War for circulation.

S. P. Archu Cpt.
M.M.I.A., Col. *3909*
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

P/ab

See Folio 499/1

442 also refers.

Subject: Discipline - Loss of Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R. O. M. E.
AQ/c

19 Dec 44.

All British Officers, MMIA

1. Enclosed are extracts from R.A.A.C. routine orders No. 329 of 12 Dec 1944, with necessary additions from this HQ.

QUOTE. "1. Numbers of WD vehicles continue to be lost through being left unattended, contrary to the orders in force.

2. In the case of vehicle losses occurring on or after 1 Dec 44 disciplinary action will be taken against the person or persons responsible in all cases where an offence under the Army Act has been committed. Financial contribution will in such cases be effected by the award of stoppages rather than by agreements to pay. Trial will be by FCM unless the authority having power to convene the court authorises summary trial.

3. (a) In all cases where vehicles are lost the responsibility of the CC of the unit or the officer to whom the vehicle is assigned will be considered and evidence on this point will be taken by any Court of Inquiry.

4. The degree of negligence required to constitute an offence under Sec 24(2) or Sec 40 of the Army Act is not always understood. This is explained in the notes to those sections. The degree of negligence required is less than that commonly understood to be signified by the phrase "gross negligence" employed in para 769(b).

5. The following GROs refer:-

AFHQ GRO 113 of 1944 - Guarding of WD Vehicles
AFHQ GRO 157 of 1944 - Courts of Inquiry - Loss of WD Property
AFHQ GRO 244 of 1944 - Losses by Theft (Procedure). " UNQUOTE.

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6. Whenever a vehicle is lost the officer concerned will immediately notify by signal, the HQ to which he is attached. In the case of "out station" officers, this signal will be repeated to HQ MIA. The message will contain a description of the vehicle, its WD number, and date of loss. The forwarding of this information does not absolve the unit from informing Provost etc, or taking action to find the vehicle.

2. All officers will immediately make themselves acquainted with the paras in HQ, The Army Act and the GROs to which reference is made.

3. Attached is a receipt form acknowledging receipt of this letter. This will be signed by the addressee and returned to HQ MIA.

DSLG/wk

F. J. MOAKES, Col,
DA & JAG,
M. H. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION: See Sheet #2

See Solicitors

- 1 Colonel F.J. WOAKES
- 2 Colonel W.G. PIDSLEY
- 3 Lt Col S.M. INGLEDEW
- 4 Lt Col B.L. PERCIVAL
- 5 Lt Col H.A.C. HOWARD
- 6 Lt Col G.H. MORIARTY
- 7 Major L.J.N. STAINTON
- 8 Major J.A. DOBES
- 9 Major C.F. BAUMANN
- 10 Major F.H. COLE
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- 21 Major M. FIELDMAN
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- 50 Lieut. J.J. HORLICK
- 51 Lieut. W.H. TREVELYAN
- 52 Lieut R.A. STEPHENS

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Subject:- Carrying of Arms by Italian Armed Forces.

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

19 Dec/44.

To: HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COM.
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref. your letter ACE/14691/11/PS of 1 Dec/44.

May this B.Q. please be informed whether a reply
has been received to the above quoted letter.

W. J. MARKS, Col,
for Major General,
M. V. I. S.

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SP/ab

See folio 467

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SUBJECT :- Discipline

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF

18 Dec 44

A/25

Land Forces Sub. Comm. AC

~~DAPM (MMIA)~~

~~63 SIS CMP~~

Reference your AQ 1234 undated, 20/12 2 DEC. 44.

Details were requested of LEGMANO Division, and the attached letter is passed for information ~~and retention~~.
and onward transmission to DAPM. 63 SIS CMP.

AA.

Major
DAA&QMG

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Subject:- Discipline - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M I
AQ/6

18 Dec 44.

O.C. 301 Provost Coy
C.M.F.
O.C. 246 Provost Coy
C.M.F.

The attached Traffic Violation report is returned for
information the punishment awarded having been endorsed on the
reverse side.

for J.P. Archer Capt.
F.J. CONKES, Col. 3804
D.A. & CAG,
M.M.I.A.

BP/ab

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INTELLIGENCE REFERENCE SHEET - FIFTH AI
OFFICE _____ FILE NO. _____ SUSPEND DATE _____

Subject: Attached M.P. Report.

RCV/jad

Ind No.	From	To	Date
	Sr MMIA LO	LFSCAC (MMIA)	17 Dec 1944

Forwarded for necessary action, since the
soldier concerned does not belong to 210 Div.

R.C. Van Kirk
R.C. VAN KIRK,
Major, Infantry,
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,
5th Army

AR/6

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Sign each indorsement with last name in full. Draw line at end of your action.
Use entire width of sheet for large indorsements. If additional sheets are
needed use this form, numbering all pages, use only one side. Keep attached to
this correspondence to be filed therewith.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Discipline - Striking of Italian Officer

HQ Land Forces Sub-Commission AC
MMIA ROME

S/Sgt Ollis, C.M.F.

Reference your AQ/6 dated 12 Dec 44.

1. The a/n NCO is being brought to trial by Field General, Court Martial on 21 Dec 44 on a charge of striking Captain ZANONI Vittorio.
2. It is requested that this information be communicated to the Italian Minister of War with reference to his 305979/2/CA dated 9 Dec 44.

C.M.F.
PEH/rml

Major General,
Commanding,
No 1 District.

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Lee Folio 454
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44H

Subject:- Discipline - Shooting by Sentries.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

MINISTRY OF WAR.

16 Dec 44.

1. A.F.H.Q. have recently issued orders covering the conditions under which Sentries and patrols may open fire on thieves, saboteurs, or persons suspected of attempting to steal or damage B.D. Property in Italy.

2. These conditions, which are set out in the attached extract from the A.F.H.Q. Instruction, are forwarded as it is considered that you will wish to issue similar instructions in order to ensure that armed Italian Sentries and guards only open fire under the same conditions which govern British Sentries and patrols.

3. Please advise this H.Q. of any action you may take in this matter.

F.J. ROAKES, Col,
for Major General,
M.E.I.A.

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Subject:- Loss of Blankets

13 IMIA

HQ No 1 District, CMF.

ST/58

Tel Ext 18

15 Dec 44

1. Attached copies of Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry, held by Italian
OC 1005 Coy (Italian Gen Tpt) forwarded through Service channels are forwarded.

2. One copy of Proceedings has been sent by 1005 Coy to 209 Division, by whom
write-off action will be taken.

In the Field.

Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport.

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Colonel,
Hain*

*See Folio 3900
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NOOS REPORT UTIRRI per A.A.-COMMAND.

F.P.No 185

File No 1567

Subject: EIDERDOWNS MISSING.

TO: BR CADRE RASC COY

&

COMMAND 209 DIV/INFTRY F.P.No 185

Herewith with find reports respecting one package containing
WOIO blankets (eiderdowns) of Allied origin missing since 15th NOV 44 on
Road Falconara - Ancona, i.e.

1. Sgt Pignataro's report
2. Cpl Del Col's cto
3. CAPT Nervi's statement

Inquiries ordered by me resulted in ascertaining that the
package was lost under the circumstances stated. There remains never -
theless, and above the ordinary administrative responsibility, Sgt
Pignataro Etore detached to the duty concerned against whom will be taken
due disciplinary action responsible for the omission to take appropriate
steps to avoid the loss of the package, and Cpl Del Col, the driver of
the lorry, for having shown negligence in his dispositions to ensure a
safe carriage of the load.

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(Signed) Major Comm. Unit
I.O.

STATEMENT OF Sgt PIGNATARO ETTORE

I, the undersigned Sgt Pignataro Ettore of the late Pietro, born in 1922 Military District of Cosenza on the Rolls with this Unit state the following :-

On the 15th Nov 44 I have been ordered to proceed, together with Cpl Del Col Pietro and using the Bedford of which this latter was i/c to the British Stores of Jesi in order to draw No 350 siderdowns (blankets). In the same time we had to deliver to Pl "B" in detachment at Sigillo some various materials. We were intended to proceed to Ancona, seat of the Field Post Office No 185, to receive the post of the unit, and to deliver a number of official covers.

Started on the 15 Nov 44 at 0900 hrs from Perugia, seat of the unit, we reached Sigillo at about 1130 hrs of the same day.

Here we complied with what we were ordered to do and left again immediately for Jesi place where we arrived at about 1630 hrs to; load at the Allied Stores 35 bales containing 10 siderdowns each.

Finished the loading and closed the tent we started in the direction of Ancona. On our arrival at the outskirts of the town, in a site parallel to the Railway Station, we were overtaken by a Dodge driven by a British who signalled us to stop. I ordered the driver to obey and we approached the tail of the other vehicle which was now ahead of us and stationery at the right hand side. The English driver dismounted and expressing himself in Italian the best way he could he stated that a white parcel was fallen out of our vehicle.

It is to state beforehand that our vehicle was driven on a road all holes and mud and was passing tremendously all the time because of these pits and the cargo. The English explained to gently that, indeed, this happened while our vehicle was tossed by a pit still larger than the others, at about 200 Metres far from the site we were halted by him, provoking the fall off of the parcel.

Without thinking of anything else and with all thoughts concentrated on the recovery of the lost bale (a delaying minute could possibly turn out as a handicap to find it any more) I jumped out, leaving behind me the British and Cpl Del Col both together, on the road together, on the road amidst mud and water pools defying the enormous traffic which specially at that time was most intense. Though I proceeded very speedy and with the eyes attentive on all it was impossible to trace the package which evidently has been carried away by some passer by or hid this is very easy as the road on our side was flanked by ruined houses all the way long or, what seems to be by no means

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These were the conclusions of my mind while I was walking back to the scene where our vehicle was waiting stationary.

I then realised that Cpl Del Col was on his way to me after having rounded the vehicle in a less tumultuous point of the road. I let him know the ineffectiveness of my searches, so we turned back again traveling at the speed of a man's walk always keeping the right in the direction of Ancona trying in vain to be enlightened by some possible eye - witness of the event.

After this we halted and Del Col showed me the part of the tent where the package should fall out; this is a big rent on the waterproof which was pre - existing in the water-proof on the right hand side to look from back the body of the vehicle, which has been minded as well as possible. We were guessing that the wire used to stop the hole in the canopy ceded to the pressure of the load owing to the continuous tossing to what the cargo was exposed to as a consequence of the very bad condition of the road and that the package then its way free to fall off. This happened at 1750 hrs; it was already becoming dark.

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convinced as we were that there was no possibility to recover what was lost we proceeded to the Field Post Office where we arranged what we had to do.

On the voyage back we halted at Falconera Marittima and overnighted in the British Car Park situated inside of the Monastery of that Town.

On the morning of the 16th, after readjusting in the best possible way the load, the rent has been mended by us by means of an iron wire since the evening of the event, we proceeded back home.

On our arrival I immediately reported to the Commanding Officer of my Company Capt NERVI for action to be taken.

SGT PIGNATARO ETTORE

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STATEMENT Cpl. DEL COL PIETRO.

F.P.No. 185 - 16 Nov. 44

To:- Comm 1005 Coy.

Subject:- Miscarriage of Blankets.

I; the undersigned Cpl. Del Col Pietro on the Rolls with the Command Platoon of 1005 Coy, driver of the Bedford No. I 215048, state the following :-

Instructed to go to Jesi to draw 30 packages containing 10 uniforms each of Allied origin I left Perugia, seat of the unit, on the morning of 15th Nov 44 and arrived at Jesi at about 1000 hrs. I loaded and controlled personally the number of bundles, and having proceeded to the closing of the canopy in order to avoid the content of the bundles to get wet as the weather menaced rain, I proceeded to Ancona to receive where the post for my Unit at Field Post Office No. 185.

Arrived at the proximity of Ancona Railway Station on Highway No. 16, at about 1800 hrs, lined up with the other vehicles in a column I heard acoustic signals issued by a vehicle that was following me, but I could not understand that the vehicle signalled in order to make me stop. Thus I kept on driving for a couple of hundreds of meters. In the moment but he overtook me he signalled me to stop, and he too halted at the same time. I saw a British soldier alighting out of the vehicle who approached me and uttered these words:

"JONNY WAN PACCIO BIANCO STRADA BUVA MACHINA, COMPRI?".

I had the intuition what the meaning of his words was ³³⁹⁶ catching it from his hand gestures that a package of blankets has fallen out of the vehicle. I applied to Sgt. Pignataro who was detailed with me to draw the stores in question, and the Sgt on hearing me say so immediately ran away to see to recover the bundle. In this meantime I inspected the right side of the canopy where I previously mended with an iron wire a rent long 1 1/2 meter, and I now observed that the wire was broken with an open gap permitting the fall-out of a package, and I saw in the inner part of the vehicle the empty spot in the cargo where the bundle in question was loaded. I thought it best to turn back with the vehicle and to search with my lights on as it was already dark to find the bundle which according to the statement of the English soldier must have fallen out at about 200 meters far from there. At a distance of about 100 meters off I met Sgt. Pignataro who told me he had not

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"JONNY WAN PACCIO BIANCO STRADA BUK MACHINA, COMPREI'?"

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We went back together for about 1 km, and then turned also the vehicle back and travelling very slowly we asked the by-passers whether they saw a white bundle and looked round to find somebody carrying eventually a white bundle, but the searches resulted to be in vain.

We arranged then all the load in another way so to avoid a possible further falling off of bundles, and I personally mended the waterproof with a sufficiently strong iron wire found by me on the ruins off the Ancona Station. Arrived at Perugia to-day at 1800 hrs I inspected the load which was intact as on departure from Falconara where we have spent the night in the British Car park.

The Sgt. reported immediately to the Coy Commander, and other Officers came down too to inspect and see whether the bundle could really have slipped out through the hole in the canopy, even in consideration of the very bad conditions of repair of the cratered road and all the tossings and forced displacements to which a vehicle on it is obliged to be exposed to. Then the undersigned removed the iron mending which tightened the waterproofs rent; located another bundle in the same position, and addressing himself to all Officers who expressed doubts as to the fall of the package he said:

"I can practically demonstrate that the bundle can fall out of the vehicle owing to tossing without that this becomes known to the driver at all." The Officers approved of the (experiment) I went then down the square of the Unit on the road towards the town, and after driving on about 50 meters I halted and I observed that the bundle was about to fall out through the hole on the waterproof.

Capt. Nervi then applied to me saying: "Del Col returns back and unloads the bundles from the vehicle."

signed Cpl. Del Col.

STATEMENT OF Capt. NERVI.

To Major Ingino Costi, Comm. 1005 Rep. Aut. p.A.A.

SIR, This is to inform you, Sir, that to-day, at 1330 hrs Sgt Pignataro who at that time has just arrived from his voyage to Jesi where he was driven by Cpl. Del Col to draw from the Allied Stores situated in that town no 350 blankets contained in 35 sealed bales/10 for each bale/ denounced to me the loss of one package containing 10 blks, loss which came to happen at about 1800 hrs while driving through the town of Ancona, and in the vicinity of the Railway Station thereof.

Interrogated Sgt. Pignataro declared that the package fell through a hole of the canopy of the lorry, a hole of previous date, which has been mended by Cpl. Del Col, driver of the vehicle, by the aid of an iron wire before the start. He added also that neither he nor

To Major Ingino Costi, Comm. 1005 Rep. Aut. P.A.A.

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Interrogated Sgt. Pignataro declared that the package fell through a hole of the canopy of the lorry, a hole of previous date, which has been mended by Cpl. Del Col, driver of the vehicle, by the aid of an iron wire before the start. He added also that neither he nor the driver would know anything about the missing of the bale had they not given notice by an English vehicle which was passing through the scene and stated that they might have lost a package at a distance of a few hundreds of meters. They went back to the site where the falling-out of the parcel probably occurred but no trace of it could be found.

The undersigned has immediately undertaken an investigation, and proceeded also to an experiment before the vehicle was going to be unloaded present to it Capt Menitoni and Capt Celestano, with a view to establish whether the hole in the canopy while the vehicle was driven on varied road surfaces was likely to permit a package to fall out. The experiment confirmed that through the existing hole a package could have slipped out. This, however, does not exclude the SGT's responsibility, nor that of the driver.

In the judgement of the undersigned the SGT has the following responsibility:

1. He has not provided for that a guard should remain on the body of the vehicle who certainly would not have missed to see what happened, and this lacking he himself should have remained to watch the precious cargo.

2. He missed to make enquiries about the personal data of the driver by whom he was told about the particulars of the accident, neither did he note the number of the other vehicle.

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The driver is responsible for lacking of the cleverness that is required from any driver personally responsible for an accurate loading of the vehicle in his charge, and for avoiding a possible danger if its loss.

Capt. NERVI.
Coy Comdr.

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Capt. NERVI.
Coy Comdr.

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Subject:- Discipline.

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10/17/44
AQ/6
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
LO/6/AQ
15 Dec 44

HQ No.1 Docks Group R.E.

Ref the attached copy of proceedings of a court of Inquiry.

1. AFHQ letter AG091.711/169 GCT-O dated 16 Nov 44 para 9 (c) states "All personnel of the Italian Army will be subject to Italian Military Law, which will be administered by Italian Officers in accordance with the Italian Code".
2. All disciplinary action against S.Ten.Elisco Aldo 924 Italian Docks Operating Coy, RE should therefore be taken by the Italian O.C. of the Coy.
3. If the Italian O.C. fails to take satisfactory action, please forward a statement of facts to MMIA for such additional action as may be required.

J.G. Bird
J.G. Bird. Major.
Senior M.M.I.A. 3892
C/o 54 Area.

JGB/jmr

Copy to:- HQ M.M.I.A. ←

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18/12
[Signature]

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

SUBJECT : Traffic Violation Report

50 Brit Liaison Unit

EMIALO 3 District

A/6/13

14 Dec 44

Ref your 3DLO/3 of 7 Dec.

Attached please find one copy of report overleaf of which contains punishment awarded.

CMF
MF/SYE

Maj
ADAAG

See Folio 451

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new traffic violation
report with punishment
awarded secured entered
on revax.

18 Dec 44.

[Signature]
REMIACD - 3 to meet

SUBJECT:- Discipline - Road Accidents.
Settlement of Claims.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
ROME.

4442
A.D. Claims and Hirings,
65 Claims and Hirings,
H.Q., A.A.I.
CH/65/5
14th December 1944.

1. Reference your AQ/6 dated 11 Dec 44 requesting a reply to
your AQ/6 dated 27 Nov 44. — 405

2. Your draft letter was referred to the ~~Director of Hirings~~,
A.F.H.Q., by G5 A.F.H.Q., to whom the amended draft was returned.

3. As it appears that you have not received the amended draft
from G5 A.F.H.Q., I append herewith copy of same with amendments
together with copy of A.F.H.Q. Coordinating Route Slip.

*Draft + Route
Slip sent 19/12/44
G5 AFHQ*

(J. MCQUESTON)
Lieut.-Colonel,
A.D. Claims and Hirings.

3888

P/pm

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LEGNANO"
Ufficio del Capo di Stato Maggiore
Sezione I^a B. - Servizi

File *78/6*

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N° 03/5c/1160 di prot.

P.M. 155, li 13 dicembre 1944

Oggetto: Purizioni.-

M. M. I. A.

R O M A

Si restituiscono i rapporti relativi alle mancanze disciplinari commesse del Caporare PEPPERONI e dall'autie re GASPERINI Luigi con l'entità delle punizioni inflitte segnate a tergo.-



d'ordine
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Col. L. Lombardi -

Lombardi

Opere di...

3887

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*Requiescant in pace
15 (15/11/1944)
comando*

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UNIT RE-ARMED-AUTIERI CO A.A. COMANDO

VERBALE

Addì diciassette e diciotto del mese di novembre dell'anno 1944 si è riunite nelle località di Arezzo e Perugia rispettivamente sedi dei Plotoni A - C e Flazione Comando del 1005 Reparto Autieri per A.A. la commissione composta dal Presidente Capitano Meniconi Gilberto; membri Capitani Nervi Sig. Nicolò e Martini Sig. Alberto per assistere all'apertura dei colli contenenti coperte imbottite, colli prelevati dal magazzino alleato di Jesi a seguito autorizzazione del British Cadre R.A.S.C. 1005 Coy.-

La commissione constatata che ciascuna balla è costituita da un sacco di tela tipo olona con due aperture chiuse a mezzo di un filo di ferro attorcigliato. - Internamente vi sono 4 reggette di lamiera che cingono fortemente ogni collo che a sua volta è rivestito da carta impermeabile. -

Tale imballaggio così confezionato non offre nessuna possibilità di scattare in mano contenute. -

Nel distare i colli si è constatato che n. 8 colli contenevano n. 9 coperte imbottite anziché 10 come normalmente ogni collo dovrebbe risultare e pertanto risultano mancanti n. 8 coperte imbottite sul totale prelevato di 348. - **3584**

Poichè per le condizioni di imballo sopra esposte si deve escludere che le deficienze riscontrate debbano attribuirsi a sottrazione da parte dei militari addetti al trasporto e scarico si procede alla verbalizzazione della merce mancante segnalandola a codesto Comando competente al fine di ottenere il regolare scarico. -

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I MEMBRE

(Capitano Neri Nicolò)

Neri Nicolò

IL PRESIDENTE

(Capitano Menitoni Gilberto)

Menitoni Gilberto

II MEMBRE

(Capitano Gnutti Alberto)

Gnutti Alberto

IL VICEPRESIDENTE

(Ing. Costa)

Costa

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(3) *Visto* : IL

RELATORE

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(1) Corpo o istituto militare. — (2) Ufficio, reparto o distaccamento — (3) o *Vice Relatore* negli enti specie^{ti}.

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BUONO per le seguenti somministrazioni varie:

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

Subject:- Loss of Blankets

HQ 1st TA

HQ No 1 District, CMF.

ST/58

Tel Ext 18

12 Dec 44

Attached Proceedings of a Board of Officers, and indents for deficiencies forwarded through Service channels by OC Br Cadre RASC 1005 Coy Italian (Gen Tpt), are forwarded.

In the Field.

John B. Salter
Colonel,
Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport. 3882

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Subject: Discipline - Striking of Italian Officer.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)
S O M E
10/G

H.Q. 1 District.
G.M.F.

12 Dec 44.

The attached copy of a letter from the Ministry of War together with a copy of a report made by Capt. SANONI Vittorio, is forwarded for your information, and any action you may consider necessary in view of the serious allegations of misconduct by S/Sgt OLLIS, G.M.F.

SM/nd

Dr.
F.J. COAKES Col.,
For Major General,
M.F.I.A.

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See Serial 432
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439

I. Subject: Traffic Accident - 14 Oct/44.

Lend Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

12 Dec 44.

DAD Claims
48 Claims & Hirings.
G.M.F.

Ambulance No. 5649141.

Ref. your 48/41014/13/AC/I7 Nov/44.

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1. It has been reported that the Ambulance, number as above, is not on charge to Friuli Combat Group.

2. It is regretted that unless further information can be given, this HQ is unable to supply the information requested in your above quoted letter.

3881

F. J. Noakes
F.J. NOAKES. Col.
D.A. & . QMG
M.E.I.A.

EPB/ab

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438

Subject: Discipline - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

O.C. 246 Provost Coy
C.M.F.

12 Dec 44.

The attached Traffic Accident report is returned
herewith for information.

S.P. Archer Capt

S.P. ARCHER, Capt,
for F.J. NOAKES
Colonel,
D.A. & QMG
M.M.I.A.

SP/ab

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Subject: Discipline Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

H.Q. 207 Sub Area
C.M.F.
for DAPH.

12 Dec 44.

The attached C.M.F. report with punishment awarded on the reverse is forwarded for information.

S.P. Archer Capt

S.P. ARCHER, Capt,
for F.J. NOAKES,
Colonel,
DA. & QMG,
M.M.I.A.

SP/sb

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

SUBJECT : Shooting by Sentries

*Extract sent
to W. A. W.
PA 16/12*

Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(WMIA)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/4381/G1(Br)

11 Dec 44

Reference your AQ/6 dated 6 Dec 44, attached hereto copy
of this HQ letter of even number dated 16 Nov 44 as requested.

427
AQ
1) This is the same
as issued by RANC
See Po 434.

EW

2) Sent to A.O.S. ?

3078
B. J. Wakley

B. J. WAKLEY, Major, DAMG,
Major General,
DAG., G-1(Br).

See Folio 450/2

Subject :- Shooting by Sentries.

Main HQ AAI

HQ No. 3 District

HQ Rome Allied Area Command

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/4381/G1(B)

16 Nov 44

1. The question of shooting by Patrols and Sentries at saboteurs, thieves, or suspected thieves attempting to acquire or damage WD property in Italy has been under consideration, and it has been decided that the following policy shall be adopted.

2. Shooting at such persons is permitted, after clear challenge, in the following circumstances only :-

- (i) It must be confined to properly constituted guards patrols, and sentries.
- (ii) Every attempt must have been made to apprehend the thief, saboteur, or suspected person.
- (iii) There must be no other effective way of stopping that person.
- (iv) There will be no following up in order to shoot, beyond the immediate area guarded.
- (v) Women and children will not be fired upon in any circumstances.
- (vi) The use of automatic weapons incapable of firing single shots is forbidden; automatic weapons capable of firing single shots may be used only as single-shot weapons, unless armed resistance is encountered, in which case automatic fire may be employed.

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The SIB will not be called in to investigate until such time as the Brigade, etc., Commander so decides.
- 5. These instructions apply to British Troops only.

(in) - in level.
Major General,
D.A.G. G.1(B).

Copies to :- Distribution - Over

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Subject: Discipline - Road Accidents.
Settlement of Claims.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/

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A.F.R.Q.

HQ AAI for Claims & Hirings.

11. Dec

44

To:

Ref this HQ letter AQ/ ⁸ of

27 Nov

44.

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

hh.

SP Arthur Cuy 3076

~~F. J. NOAKES~~ Col. A.O.D.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

See Folio 442

Subject: Discipline - Trial by AMG Courts.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
AQ/6

// Dec 44

MMIA LO
Rear HQ 5 Army

1. This HQ has been informed that AMG Courts do not try Italian Military personnel who are under Comd of Italian Officers in Italian Units in AMG areas. Such trials are the responsibility of the Italian Authorities.
2. In cases of deserters from the Italian Army the A G Courts may deal with the case, but only in conjunction with the Italian Authorities.

S.P. Archer
S.P. ARCHER Capt.
for DA & QMG.
M.M.I.A.

SPA/nh

Copy to: MMIA LO Br Increment 5 Army.

MMIA

HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO AG 794, US Army

AG/6 434

Ref: 5A1

11 Dec 44

Subject:- Shooting by Sentries

To: List "B" (British)

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RWH/rw

A.L. Louden
A.L. LOUDEN
Major
for Lt Col
AA & QMG

433

Subject: Discipline - Italian Military Personnel.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
AQ/6

10 Dec 44

HQ 3 District Eastern Det.
C.M.F.

Dvr. Pagnello Antonio.
1000(1) G.T.Coy.

1. HQ 2 District reported in their letter 4410/1/ST of 17 Aug that the trial of the above named Italian soldier, on charges of deserting his post had been indefinitely suspended.
2. The Ministry of War investigated this case and reported that in accordance with Italian Military Law certain crimes are not immediately punishable if committed by a member of a mobilised unit. Moreover, the Military Tribunal of Taranto was overburdened with cases for trial and precedence was given to cases which dealt with crimes detrimental to the Allied War effort. 3813
3. The Ministry of War has reported that the above named soldier has now been denounced as a deserter; for which crime he will be tried when apprehended, in addition to the other charges.

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

SPA/hh

432/1

Subject:- Traffic Accidents.

AQ/6

54 BLU.
AG 9.
9 Dec 44

12/12.

To:- Land Forces Sub Commission. A.C.
M.M.I.A.

1. Ref your AQ/6 dated 21 Nov 44. — 388
2. This matter has been referred to the MANTOVA Group who state that no Austin Utilities are held by them nor is Lt. PAOLA-PITTALUNGA known to them.

52 BLU
ser 405/2

PA 14/12

JRM
Maj.
for GSO I
53012

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BF in
Aq/6

TRANSLATION.

FROM: M of W
TO: MMIA

Ref: 305979/2/CA
Date: 9 Dec. 1944

Subject: Incident between Capt. ZANONI and Staff-Sergeant OLLIS of the British Police.

As per enclosed report (copy), an unfortunate incident took place at PERUGIA between the Italian Captain ZANONI Vittorio of the ALLIED Requisitioning Office and S/Sgt. OLLIS of the British Police.

As for Capt. ZANONI's attitude, Gen. CORTELESSA, C.G. of the LAZIO-UMBRIA-ABRUZZI Engineers, has been put in charge of an investigation.

As the Captain's actions cannot be examined without confronting them with those of the British NCO, I would appreciate it if MMIA would delegate a British Officer to collaborate with Gen. CORTELESSA, for the purpose of investigating the conduct of S/Sgt. OLLIS.

I am expecting your kind reply in order to give instructions to Gen. CORTELESSA.

s/ OXILIA.

EBS

COPY

From: Office of Requisitions for Allies, PERUGIA
TO: CLAIMS AND HIRINGS OFFICE
Piazza V. Eman. 6, PERUGIA.

Date: 16 Nov. 1944
3871

As known this office has the task of determining and paying out of the hiring-rate for real estate requisitioned by Allied Commands and reported by your office.

Our officers, with a regular pass issued by your office, and upon authorization of the occupants, carry out an inspection and compile the data on the basis of which the above rate is determined.

In the afternoon of the 14th, at about 1700 hours, Capt. ZANONI Vittorio reported to 35 Via Cavour, to the premises occupied by the British M.P (200 Provost) and by the duty personnel of the guard room, to whom he showed letter C.R.-63/30 LN/01 of the 23 Sept. 1944; he was accompanied by the duty-Interpreter to the C.O., Capt. HARPER, who, having seen the above letter and telephoned to several offices, authorized the inspection of the premises. Having returned to the guard room, Capt. ZANONI observed that the premises were too dark and that due to the lack of electricity a normal inspection was not possible.

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The duty personnel was informed of this through the interpreter, and they were told that the inspection was put off until 0900 hours of the following day, as long as it would not be inconvenient. This having been consented, the hour was definitely fixed at 0900 hours. At about 0900 hours of the 15th Capt. ZANONI reported to the above guard-room and had the interpreter ask the personnel if he could start the inspection, whereupon he was told to wait. After a brief wait the interpreter, Mr. MOSCATI Gabriele, told him that he could circulate freely through the premises. Capt. ZANONI asked him whether he had to be accompanied. The answer was "no", and so the inspection and recording of the state of the premises was begun. First the foyer was looked over, after which came the guard room. While this latter was being inspected a S/Sgt. of the police arrived who exchanged a few words with the other military in the room, looked on, and then left towards the interior of the barracks.

After the inspection of the guard room came the staircase and the second entrance. As soon as the report was finished, the above S/Sgt. arrived from the interior, whose name, according to Capt. HARPER, is OLLIS, accompanied by another military.

This S/Sgt., without asking anything and pointing to the door, shouted "via". Capt. ZANONI explained to him in English that he had authorization from his (OLLIS') commanding Capt. and he called the interpreter who spoke for a long time to the S/Sgt. in English, but the latter did not want to hear anything and continued to insult Capt. ZANONI. As they arrived at the entrance-door Ollis seized Capt. ZANONI by the overcoat with his left hand, at shoulder-height, pushing him outside. Capt. ZANONI extricated himself with the right arm, turned around and tried to pull the identification letter issued by your office from his pocket, where he kept it with his papers.

While he was doing this the S/Sgt. took advantage of the opportunity to strike him violently with his fist on the left jaw, making him lose his balance which he regained by leaning on his assistant LORETI Tancredi who happened to be beside him.

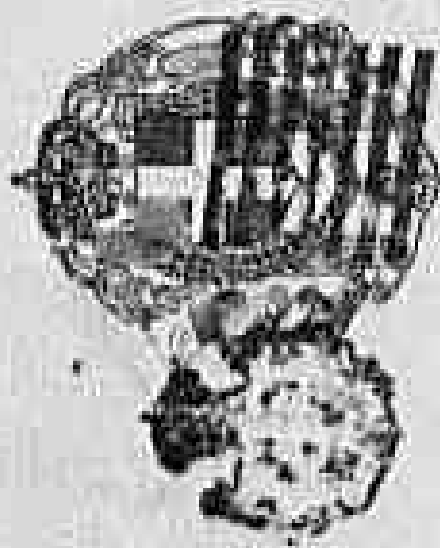
The blow on the jaw caused an internal lacerated and contused wound.

Besides the above-mentioned interpreter the carabinieri GUIDI Antonio and MARI Emilio witnessed the incident.

From the above it seems evident that it is a case of aggression because:

- 1) S/Sgt. OLLIS had already seen Capt. ZANONI previously in the guard room.
- 2) In case of suspicion he should have proceeded to arrest the Officer and investigate the case.
- 3) He did not want to listen to explanations of any kind either by the Captain or by the interpreter MOSCATI.
- 4) In order to strike the blow he took advantage of the moment when the Captain was looking in his right pocket for the bilingual letter C.H./63-IN/01 in order to show it again.

for THE OFFICE CHIEF (P.S. Off.)
s/ Capt. ZANONI Vittorio



VE/vc

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA 9/12
Gabinetto

Prot. N° 305979/2/38gdc uno

Risposta al fido

Roma, P.M. 3800, 9 dicembre '44

Dir. Se. N°

Oggetto: Incidente fra Capitano ZANONI e Sergente Maggiore OLLIS della
Polizia inglese.

Incidente fra Capitano ZANONI e Sergente Maggiore OLLIS della Polizia inglese.
Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. - (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

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Per quanto concerne il contegno tenuto dal Capitano ZANONI, é stato incaricato il Generale CORTELESSA, Comandante del Genio del Lazio, Umbria e Abruzzi, di effettuare una inchiesta.

Non potendosi peraltro esaminare l'operato del Capitano senza metterlo in rapporto con l'azione del sottufficiale britannico, sarei grato a codesta Sottocommissione se volesse affiancare al Generale CORTELESSA un ufficiale inglese con l'incarico di procedere ad accertamenti sulla condotta del Serg. maggiore OLLIS.

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO ALLA GUERRA

G. *editm*


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Come noto quest'ufficio ha il compito di provvedere alla determinazione ed al pagamento del canone d'affitto per gl'immobili requisiti dai Comandi alleati e che codesto Ufficio segnala.

Gli ufficiali dipendenti, provvisti di regolare lasciapassare rilasciato da codesto Ufficio, effettuano previa autorizzazione degli occupanti, i sopralluoghi e compilano gli studi di consistenza in base ai quali viene determinato il canone di cui sopra.

Nel pomeriggio del giorno 14, alle ore 17 circa, il Capitano ZANONI Vittorio si presentò in Via Cavour, n.35 nei locali occupati dalla polizia militare inglese (200 Provost) e dal Personale 35 Reg- vizio nel Corpo di guardia, al quale venne presentato il foglio C.R. - 63/20 LN/01 del 23/9/1944; fu fatto accompagnare, dall'inter- prete di servizio, dal Comandante Capitano HARPER il quale dopo aver preso visione del citato foglio e telefonato ad alcuni uffici auto- rizzò la ricognizione nei locali. Ritornato nel Corpo di guardia il Capitano ZANONI constatò che i locali erano alquanto bui e data la mancanza dell'energia elettrica non era possibile una normale ri- cognizione.

Ciò venne fatto presente, a mezzo dell'interprete al personale di servizio al quale venne comunicato che la ricognizione veniva riman- data per le ore 9 del giorno seguente sempre che non riuscisse inop- portuna - avuto conferma rimase senz'altro fissato detta ora. Alle ore 9 circa del giorno 15 il Capitano ZANONI si presentò al sopraci- tato corpo di guardia e dall'interprete fece domandare al personale di servizio se poteva iniziare la ricognizione e gli venne risposto di attendere. Dopo breve attesa, l'interprete Sig. MOSCATI Gabriele, gli comunicò che poteva girare liberamente per i locali. Il Capitano ZANONI chiese allo stesso se occorreva essere accompagnato ed avendo risposto di no, venne iniziata la ricognizione e la compilazione del-

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lo stato di consistenza. Per primo venne osservato l'antrone d'ingresso poi si passò al corpo di guardia e mentre si era in quest'ultimo locale giunse un Sergente, Maggiore della Polizia il quale scambiò alcune parole con gli altri militari che si trovavano nel locale, osservò e poi si allontanò dirigendosi verso l'interno della Caserma.

Ultimata la ricognizione relativa al Corpo di guardia si passò al locale della scala e quindi al 2° ingresso. Appena ultimato lo schizzo giunse, proveniente dall'interno il sopraccitato Sergente Maggiore, che secondo quanto dichiarato dal Capitano HARPER si chiama OLLIS, in compagnia di altro militare.

Betto sergente Maggiore senza chiedere nulla e indicando il portone gridò "via" allora il Capitano ZANONI gli fece presente, in inglese che aveva l'autorizzazione del suo Capitano Comandante e chiamò l'interprete il quale parlò a lungo in inglese al più volte citato Sergente maggiore che non volle sentire nulla e continuava ad inveire contro il Capitano ZANONI. Giunti all'altezza della porta di accesso con la mano sinistra lo afferrò per il cappotto, all'altezza della spalla spingendolo verso l'esterno. Il Capitano ZANONI con il braccio destro si svincolò e giratosi si accinse ad estrarre di tasca, dove lo teneva fra le carte, il foglio di riconoscimento rilasciato da codesto Ufficio.

Mentre era intento a fare ciò il Serg. magg. in questione ne approfittò per colpirlo violentemente con un pugno alla mascella sinistra facendogli perdere l'equilibrio che riacquistò appoggiandosi al suo assistente LORETI Tancredi che si trovava alle sue spalle. Il colpo alla mascella ha causato una ferita lacero contusa interna.

Al fatto erano presenti oltre l'assistente l'interprete sopraccitato VECCHI. GUIDI Antonio e MARI Emilio.

Da quanto suesposto risulta evidente l'aggressione in quanto:

- 1°) - Il Serg. magg. OLLIS aveva già visto precedentemente nel corpo di guardia il Capitano ZANONI.
- 2°) - In caso di sospetti doveva procedere al fermo di detto Ufficiale e fare gli accertamenti del caso.
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- 4°) - Ha approfittato per tirare il pugno dell'attimo in cui il Capitano guardava nella tasca destra per individuare fra le altre carte il foglio bilingue C.H. /63 -LM/01 per mostrarlo nuovamente.

P.C.C.  
IL CAPO UFFICIO C.A.

P. IL CAPO UFFICIO a.p.s.  
F. (Capitano ZANONI Vittorio)

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

Subject: Discipline - Road accidents

To: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (LMSA)

53 B.L.U. 431/1  
Ref A7 - 15  
8 Dec 44

1. Ref your AQ/6 of 25 Nov, herewith report on this matter by the Italian officer driving in one of the vehicles involved in the accident.

Lt. Col.  
G.S.

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From. Tolgore Sambathgouny  
Translation

Ref No 241/OSR.

Date - 20 Nov 44

To MMIA

### Road accident -

On the morning of the 19 of November at 1030  
hrs I was driving a STEYER car from VIALE CASTRO  
PRETORIO in direction of VIA. CASTRO PRETORIO ex 179039100

at the end of VIALE CASTRO PRETORIO while  
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The accident was due to the lack of precautions and initiative shown by the Canadian driver who did nothing to avoid the accident. either because he was sleeping or that his attention was diverted. The accident could have had very serious consequences,

Witness to the accident: S. G. NOE. C. E. L. I

SALVATORE - VIA DEI CANNE 36. ROMA.  
attached drawing shows the place and how  
the accident happened.

*Rolland*

CANGINI

C O P I A BA/ps.-

6 DEC 1944

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"  
Ufficio Capo S.M. - 2° Sez. Personale e Segreteria

N° 341/Segr.-

P.M. 146, li 20 novembre 1944

OGGETTO: Relazione di incidente stradale.-

AL COMANDO DELLA POLIZIA ITALIANA

R O M A  
(Via della Pilotta)

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Il mattino del 19 novembre alle ore 10.30 circa su automezzo "Stejer" provenivo da viale Castro Pretorio diretto a via Castro Pretorio, ex Italo Balbo.-

Alla fine del viale Castro Pretorio mentre la macchina imboccava il piazzale, ove confluiscono cinque strade, sbucava un'automezzo "Ford" targato L.4974512, guidato dal militare canadese F. SEARS del 48 L.M. SECTION RAAC, proveniente da via Castro Pretorio diretto a viale dell'Università.-

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Allego schizzo dimostrativo del luogo e del come è avvenuto l'incidente.-

F/to Ten.Col.S.M. G.F. Cangini



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Herewith returned as a/w  
requested copy of police  
reports regarding Italian  
any discipline - sentences  
etc are entered on the  
reverse of the reports.

7 Dec 4.

F. J. Shonberger  
MMIA LO - 3D11111

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Subject:- Traffic Accident Reports.

M.M.I.A.L.O.,  
3 District.

British Cadre R.A.S.C.,  
1002 Italian Army G.T.Cov,  
1002/1/201,  
5 Dec 44.

Reference your 3 DLO/3 dated 2 Dec 44.

Herewith copy of A.F.A.3676 for onward transmission  
to H.Q. MMIA, as requested.

Field.

*San V. B. Prov. Comd.  
246 11/12  
SPH*

*[Signature]*  
Major R.A.S.C.  
Comdg British Cadre.

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Subject:- Discipline - Italian ORs

L. 3 Dist

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3 District  
Ext 98  
3Dis/255/L  
1 Dec 44

MMIA LO

Ref your undated memo A/11, received 11 Nov 44

The attached copy of OC 66 Groups letter 66G/21  
of 27 Nov is forwarded.

FWPT/we

Thomson Cap  
(C.R.B. KNIGHT) Colonel  
DDL

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C O P Y

Subject:- Discipline - Italian ORs

Headquarters  
66 Group, Pnr Corps  
Ref: 66G/21

27 Nov 44

DDL  
3 District

Soldati ROMANELLA SILVESTRO  
Soldati CICHILLETTI NICOLA  
Both of 130 IP Coy.

Reference Military Police reports  
in respect of the a/n forwarded under cover of your  
3Dis/255/L of 11th Nov 44.

Necessary action has been taken, both  
having been punished as shown below.

20 Days Detention.  
20 Days Loss of Pay.  
5 Days Bread & Water.

WHO/JM.

(Sgd) W.J. CORNER Major  
for Lieut.-Colonel.  
(WSJ HARVEY CONEY) 862  
Commanding 66 Group HQ, Pioneer Corps.  
(ABSENT ON DUTY)

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Subject: Safeguarding of Italian Army Supplies - Rail.  
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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M. M. I. A.)  
R O M E  
AQ/6

9 Dec 44.  
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AFHQ (for Mov & Tn)  
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1. It has been represented by the Italian Ministry of War that losses are occurring during the movement of Italian supplies for which the Italian escort personnel cannot be held accountable since at certain stages of the journeys, shunting operations take place, in the course of which the escort loses sight of the trucks.
2. There is thus a ready made excuse which is used by the escort personnel to absolve themselves from any responsibility for losses in transit. Moreover, as such personnel are now fully aware of this means of avoiding punishment, they feel encouraged to indulge in pilferage on their own account.
3. The Italian Ministry of War is obligated to take all steps to secure against the misappropriation of supplies provided from Allied sources. This obligation cannot be fulfilled in the circumstances mentioned above and it is requested therefore that instructions be issued which will authorize Italian escort personnel to remain with their charge at all times. Responsibility will then be clearly fastened and the Italian authorities will be in a position to take effective disciplinary action.

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

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