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A 200 Discipline - General

MAR. - DEC. 1946

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SUBJECT: British Equipment5 British Liaison Unit,
Tele:- 1553,
AQ 42/94

G(SD)

Land Forces Sub Comm, AC, HOME

2 Dec 46

Ref your SD 109 of 17 Oct 46.

1. Sub para (a) of your above quoted letter. We are assured that reductions will take place in accordance with Ministry of War Circular No 5090/Ord/1 of 17 Oct 46, although it has not yet been possible to get any actual details out of 5 Terr Command.

Owing to lack of equipment in 8 Alpini Regt; Mortar Pls, MC Pls, Sig Pls and Pioneer Pls are only at Cadre strength and are likely to remain so until the essential equipment is forthcoming. Rifle Coys are reasonably well up to strength, and as far as is known no steps have been taken to reduce the fourth Coy to Cadre strength.

The following Units are about to be disbanded:-

22 Recovery Commission
Mob Vet Section, UDNE

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Adequate supplies of cleaning materials will be supplied to units. Terr Comd however point out that there is a shortage of pullthroughs, and cleaning rods, spare parts and armours tools.

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SD Distribution: SD/109 A

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Lt-Col,
GS.

Telephone:

Rome 120031 Ext 245

LAND FORCES SUB COM AG(MOIA) CMD

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MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject: Officers i/c M.S. Service and
RCOs i/c POL

Ref your 5110/DRD/I dated 14 Nov 66.

Some misunderstanding has arisen. Lt Col SMARTEL spoke to Lt Col BOUTHERY who agreed to your suggestion for provision of all RCOs i/c POL and to your suggestions for provisions of MEC for:

Inf Regt H.A.
 Inf Bns
 Sig Bn
 Engr Bn
 Pd, A/Tk and A.A. Btys.

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Inf Regt H.Q.
Inf Bns
Sig Bn
Eng Bn
P.O. A/Tk and A.A. Bys.

Lt Col BOURNAY did NOT agree to your suggestions

for:

Vd, A/Tk and A.A. Regt.

and insisted that an extra officer should be added to MTO of these units as MTO, since it was considered quite unsatisfactory for CO HQ Coy to carry out the duties of MTO.

In the case of the Recce Bn, which by reason of the number and variety of its vehicles requires both a Technical Adjutant AND a MTO, Lt Col BOURNAY agreed that the "officer entrusted with various duties" could become the MTO, but insisted that an extra officer should be added to MTO as Technical Adjutant.

Major CHAMBERLAIN has no recollection of discussing the matter subsequently with Col PIANTINI.

In view of the importance attached by MIA to the adequate supervision of MTO, it is requested that you reconsider the instructions contained in your above quoted letter and amend them as necessary.

ARCS/TT

Internal: 'A'

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for Major General, GS
COC, MIA.

the General

C O P YSubject: MAINTENANCE OF BRITISH EQUIPMENT.

6 British Liaison Unit
Tel: 217 Area 119
Ref: Q/1/1
17th Nov 46

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

Reference your SD/109 of 17 Oct 46.

1. The idea of reducing to cadre, certain units in each formation, is preferred. The weapons of each unit will remain in fixed armories. This arrangement is already in effect at 6 C.A.R. and 6 INF.Regt.
2. As previously intimated in Progress Reports No 14 and 46, the storing of arms generally throughout this Command, is considered satisfactory.
3. It is re-emphasised however, that individual maintenance is far below BRITISH standard, largely due to lack of essential cleaning material.
4. Lack of armourers tools and spare parts generally, also hinders effectual maintenance. A few sets of BRITISH armourers tools have just been obtained ex R.S.D., and are in course of issue to 6 COMILITER small arms workshops. The local manufacture of small arms gauges, has also been arranged.
5. A course of three weeks' duration, in the Repair and Maintenance of BRITISH weapons, is scheduled to commence shortly. This course will cover the following small arms:

Rifles Nos 1 and 4
T.S.M.G. .45"
Bren .303
Mortars 2" Ground/Tank
Browning M.G. .30 and .50.
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6. It will be attended by ITALIAN armourers from C.A.R.s, and full attention will be paid to the method of zeroing rifles, so necessary but not possible at this present time. The local Directorate of Artillery is giving full co-operation.
7. It is considered that when it becomes possible to arrange periodical inspections by fully trained armourers, considerable progress in the maintenance of BRITISH small arms will be effected, and the general situation vastly improved.

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sgd.

Major DAA & QMG
6 BLU

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Internal: SD/109

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

RSP: 118357/I.1

TO: M.M.I.A.

Date: 30 September 1945.

SUBJECT: - Reporting of Italian military personnel
as witnesses at an Allied Court Martial.

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In reply to letter A.200 dated 15.9.1945.

Further to letter 118357/I.1 dated 21st inst., we forward, for
your information, copy of telegram of the E.Q. Calabria Infantry
Brigade at Cagliari relative to above subject.

sgt. DOMINICI
Col.

R.A.G.

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FROM: H.Q. Calabria Inf Bde.

REF: 183/ST

TO: Ministry of War.

DATE: 23 September 1946.

Copy Telegram.

Reference telegram 118602/1.I. of 21 inst. Of military personnel requested for testimony Allied court following are discharged in Sardinia: Sileia Antonio Cassa Giulio Meloni Annio. Carabinieri approached in order that said personnel may be sent to Cagliari at requested time.

sgd. MARCHESI
Gen.

T.A.B.

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Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -

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18-10-12 Allegato

Roma, 30 SET. 1946

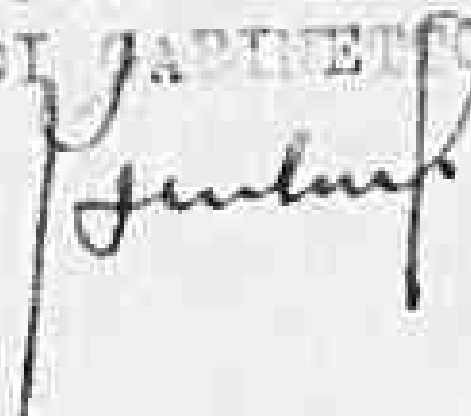
LA LAND FORCES SUP
COMMISSION -A.C.-
(M.M.I.A.) ROMARipresentato il 19.9.46
Da Per A.200

Oggetto: Presentazione di militari italiani quali
testi di fronte ad una Corte Marziale
Alleata.-

A seguito della lettera 18609/I.1
in data 21 c.m., si trasmette, per conoscenza,
copia di un telegramma del Comando Brigata
Panteria Calabria in Cagliari relativo all'ar-
gomento sopra indicato.-

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COPIA TELEGRAMMA IN ARRIVOROMA DA CAGLIARI 904 52 23/9 1400

NR 103/ST ALTE RIFERIMENTO TELE 148662/1.I. DEL 21 CORRENTE RITTO
 DEI MILITARI RICHIESTE PER TESTIMONIANZA CORTE ALLEARA SEGUENTI SI
 TROVANO CONGEDO IN SARDEGNA DUE PUNTI SITTA ANTONIO COSSU GIULIO
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 ESSERE AVVIATI CAGLIARI MOMENTO OTTO-TRE PUNTE - GENERALE MARCHE-
 SI.

R. C. C.
 UFFICIO I
 (Reg. coll. SILEN)
SM

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Subject : Production of Italian Military Personnel as Witnesses in British Service Court Martial.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.), R G H B.
Tel: 489081 Ext: 580.

A 200

14 Sept 46.

To : Ministry of War.

1. Attached is a list of witnesses whom it is required to bring from SARDINIA to NAPLES to give evidence at a Court Martial. They will be brought by air from SARDINIA to ROME and thence to NAPLES by road or rail.
2. A British officer is being detailed to proceed to SARDINIA to collect these witnesses and he will arrange for their transport and necessary food. Arrangements for their accommodation in NAPLES are also being made.
3. The necessary authority from you for the Italian military witnesses to be brought by air to ROME and thence to NAPLES by road or rail for the purpose of attending this Court Martial is requested. The authority required is such that, on presentation to the competent military authorities in SARDINIA, these witnesses will be made available immediately to accompany the officer to ITALY and will be at his disposal until the conclusion of the Court Martial.
In addition, priority for these witnesses to travel by air in one party with the officer is requested.
4. It is not quite clear from the list whether the personnel whose addresses are shown as "M.Q., Italian Army, CAGLIARI" are military personnel or not, as no ranks are given but as they are at a military M.Q. it is presumed that they are under military jurisdiction.
Will you please, therefore, include in your document of authority all the names on the attached list which have a cross (X) against them.
5. Can you please treat this as urgent. Your cooperation and assistance in this matter will be much appreciated.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

WV/f.g.

- HQ MMIA ROME

18/9

SUBJECT : - E.C.C.R.

ORIGINAL

HQ ROME
Date : 15/9

15/9/2700

16/9/46

26 General Transport Column 2450

2/11/01/704, 200 P. 11000' 11 11000'
S/57055 PTA E. 11000'

1. Herewith one copy of S/P and copy of 11/0 minutes of advice JAG/B/22542 of 10 September 46.

2. As will be appreciated the administrative difficulties in arranging this trial are many and for this purpose you are requested to detail one officer whose duties will be as follows :

- (a) To obtain from HQ ASDA ONE authority (to be obtained from Italian Military Authorities) to bring the Italian Military witnesses from GARDINIA to ROME by air, and thence to NAPLES by road or rail - such witnesses and the priority of movement to enable them to travel as one party.
- (b) To obtain from HQ AL IED COMMISSION ROME authority (to be obtained from the Italian Civilian Authorities) to bring the Italian Civilian witnesses from GARDINIA to ROME by air, and thence to NAPLES by road or rail - such witnesses and the officer to be given priority of movement to enable them to travel as one party.
- (c) To proceed to GARDINIA and present his credentials (i.e. the authorities mentioned in paras 2(a) and 2(b) above and a copy of this letter in English and Italian) to the Carabinieri or other civil authority and collect the Italian military and civilian witnesses shown in the attached schedule.
- (d) To proceed to NAPLES and obtain the PAP witnesses mentioned in the attached schedule (if necessary).

arranging this trial are many and for this purpose you are requested to detail one officer whose duties will be as follows:

- (a) To obtain from HQ ALFED COMMISSION some authority (to be obtained from Italian Military Authority) to bring the Italian Military witnesses from GABRIELLA to COME by air, and thence to NAPLES by road or rail - such witnesses and the officer to be given priority of movement to enable them to travel as one party.
- (b) To obtain from HQ ALFED COMMISSION some authority (to be obtained from the Italian Civilian Authorities) to bring the Italian Civilian witnesses from GABRIELLA to COME by rail, and thence to NAPLES by road or rail - such witnesses and the officer to be given priority of movement to enable them to travel as one party.
- (c) To proceed to GABRIELLA and present his credentials (i.e. the authorities mentioned in para 2(a) and 2(b) above and a copy of this letter in English and Italian) to the Carabinieri or other civil authority and collect the Italian military and civilian witnesses shown in the attached schedule.
- (d) To proceed to GABRIELLA and obtain the RAF witnesses mentioned in the attached schedule (if necessary).
- (e) To bring all the witnesses in the case back to NAPLES and lodge them as follows: -
 Italian Military - under arrangements to be made by you with Italian Liaison Officer this HQ.
 Italian Civilian and RAF - 'X' Special Reception Camp.
- (f) To ensure that if the party has to be divided into two or more groups that the RAF witnesses (if available) shall not be divided of the first group while the civilian witnesses collected by you will be the more one of the individuals shown in the schedule to travel with the RAF group.
- (g) To issue to each witness the enclosed movement orders and a precaution against appropriation for any reasons from the rest of the party.

/2.....(h) Enclosure is a copy.....

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- (a) Enclosed is a copy of a Schedule of Air Services from ROME to MILANO (believed to be Italian, civilian) which should be verified by the office and upon its arrival at ROME. There is no service between ROME and MILANO. Whatever the nature of the Service between ROME and MILANO is, it will be the responsibility of the officer detailed by you to ensure that such bookings, reservations, etc., BOTH ways are made as are necessary.

3. Please report when all witnesses are available for the trial.

4. Action by you as indicated below is required on Minute of JAG Advice enclosed: -

- (a) Para. 3 - You are requested to indicate when this has been done.
- (b) Para. 4(a)} - Please confirm when action has been taken.
Para. 4(b)}
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Arrangements for the attendance of this witnesses are included with those for other witnesses.
- (d) The accused should also be informed that Sections Pro. 11 and Pro. 12 (SALVA and TUNZI) will not be called for the prosecution and that HQ notified accordingly.

5. Ask.

John J. Murphy
Bridger.
Social Security Admin.

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10/ - NO PAGE (C-4 Pr) - Please render the officer's name.

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John Long of Meyer
Brigadier.
2nd Airborne Area.

Copy to : - HQ RALG (C-1 Hr) - Please render the officer with every assistance.

" " HQ AREA ROME

Your assistance in the matter is required to obtain whatever movement authorities are necessary before Italian Army personnel may come to NAPLES from SANDELLA. Will you kindly make such arrangements as may be necessary to ensure their being able to use the air service and that they receive an appropriate priority.

" " HQ AG ROME

Your assistance in the matter is required to coordinate any objection the local civilian authorities or the witnesses

/S.....themselves may have

Copy to : - HQ AC HOME (continued)

These items may have to the
civilian level. Example, or
entirely. If not, the air
service authorities may have to
transportation on these without
available to payment such witnesses.

" " " " SPECIAL INSPECTION UNIT.

3 items in copy will not be available
for examination should therefore
be added additional by you in para.
2(c) above.

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The 11/11/11 necessary.

" " " 11/11/11 District.

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See information.

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SUBJECT : - F.G.C.M.

CONFIDENTIAL

Hq Naples Area
Auto : 15734
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26 General Transport Column Base

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S/57055 Eto B. ROTH }

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- (d) To proceed to MELE and obtain the six witnesses mentioned in the attached schedule. (if necessary)
- (e) To bring all the witnesses in the case back to NAPLES and

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- (b) To obtain from HQ ALBA COMMISSION HOME authority (to be obtained from the Italian Civilian Authorities) to bring the Italian Civilian witnesses from LARDINIA to HOME by air, and thence to NAPLES by road or rail - such witnesses and the officers to be given priority of movement to enable them to travel as one party.
- (c) To proceed to LARDINIA and present his credentials (1.1.1. the authorities mentioned in paras 2() and 3(b) above and a copy of this letter in English and Italian) to the Carabinieri or other civil authority and collect the Italian military and civilian witnesses there in the attached schedule. 3
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5. Att.

John L. 3798
Brigadier.
Chief of Staff 12th.

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AGC.

John L. 3298
Brigadier
 Cold Harbor Area.

AGC.

- Copy to : - HQ P&M (S-1 Br) - Please render the officer concerned every assistance.
- " " HQ M&A HOME - Your assistance in the matter is required to obtain whatever movement authorities are necessary before Italian Army personnel may come to NAPLES from SHORTEL. Will you kindly make such arrangements as may be necessary to ensure their being able to use the air service and that they receive an appropriate priority.
- " " HQ AG HOME - Your assistance in the matter is required to obviate any objections the local civilian authorities or the witnesses

/3.....themselves may have

be accompanied by you as in para
2(a) above.

PLANNED Mission with NO. 26 26 Jan
For info as necessary.

For information.

24 Jan & HQ --

1.1 3 registered.
CHQ (M&A)
IN-CHQ (M&A)

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LIST OF MEMBERS TO BE BROUGHT INTO
SANDRIA BY OFFICER DETAINED BY GRASC 26 CENTRAL
TRANSPORT COLUMN RASO

ITALIAN

Social No. 5	-	PASCALE Pietro di Giuseppe 23yrs. R.Q. Italian Army CAGLIARI.
"	6	SIRRA Antonio di Gaetano 23yrs. R.Q. Italian Army CAGLIARI.
"	7	ELIPI Pietro di Ignazio 306 Corso Vittorio Emanuele, CAGLIARI.
"	8	COSSU Giulio di Antonio 23yrs. R.Q. Italian Army CAGLIARI.
"	9	MELONI Emilio di Silvio 23yrs. R.Q. Italian Army CAGLIARI.
"	10	TUVIERI Giuseppe di Antico 23yrs. R.Q. Italian Army CAGLIARI.
"	13	TUDDO Giovanni "Albergo Fiera" 51 Via Sengari CAGLIARI.

DEFENCE 1 - Sore. MARI. DOMENICH Mario - Italian Army Into
Guard Detachment 243 DID CAGLIARI.

MILITARY

Defence 2 - R.Q. PARRY TAYLOR 1243 SANDRIA.

396 Corso Vittorio Emanuele, CAGLIARI.

" 8 - COLON Giulio di Antonio 23yrs.
H.Q. Italian Army CAGLIARI.

" 9 - BELONI Emilio fu Silvio 23yrs.
H.Q. Italian Army CAGLIARI.

" 10 - NOVERI Giuseppe di Antonio 23yrs.
H.Q. Italian Army CAGLIARI.

" 13 - TRIGO Giovanni "Riborgo Flora"
54 Via Sassari CAGLIARI.

DISTANCE 1 - SORG, Mago. DOMENICH Mario - Italian Army Into
Guard Commander 213 DIE CAGLIARI.

MILITARY

Defence 2 - H.Q. ITALY REP. ALIAS CAGLIARI.

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SUBJECT:- Property Confiscated by CC. RR.

CHQ CMF

4355/72/A3

13 Sept 46

HQ Land Forces Sub Commission AC,
(JMCIA) ROME.

Reference your A200 dated 25 July 46 and further to this HQ letter
4355/72/A3 dated 10 Aug 46.

The attached copy of HQ 2 Polish Corps letter 1808/2AND/46
dated 31 Aug 46 is forwarded for information.

MR



Brigadier
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CHARGE :- Property Confiscated by CC.RR.

HQ 2 POLISH CORPS

ASSISTANT PROVOST MARSHAL

Ref: HHC/2and/46

31 Aug 46

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
G.M.P.

Reference your 4355/72/A-3 of 10 August 46.

1. On 23 June 46 a railway wagon was broken in at VARETTA Railway Station and 47 tyres of WD property were stolen by 2 Polish soldiers. Italian receivers were arrested by CC.RR. while transporting the booty and the tyres were deposited at CC.RR Station COGOLFO.

2. Polish Provost, ANCONA, approached CC.RR demanding the return of this valuable WD property but met with a refusal. Not until 1 PM 51 Area decided the tyres to be handed back to the Allied Military Authorities and directed to ALOS Dump 2 Polish Corps, have they been given up by CC. RR against a regular receipt.

3. The case against the thieves was directed to the 12 Polish Court Martial, ANCONA, together with the evidence i.e. receipt from ALOS Dump 2 Polish Corps.

4. In this case as in many others CC.RR were taking part in investigations as well as Polish Provost. Both parties needed stolen goods as evidence, but it was quite impossible to let them have it. It is thought that in such cases a regular receipt represents an evidence of equal quality.

(sgd) (13 AUG 46) Lt Col.
Assistant Provost
Marshal

Copy to : HQ 26 AMM att
HQ 2 Polish Corps

Subject : Discipline - Iti.

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HQ 3 British Liaison Unit.

Ref A/36/1.

23 Aug 46.

HQ MIA.

Ref your A 331 of 16 Jul 46 and subsequent telephone conversations.

I forward herewith (in original) report from HQ 3 Terr HQ as to the disciplinary action taken in this case.

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Lt Col. G.S.

MILAN.
1912/163.

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Lt Col. G.S.

No action
17/10/46
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TRANSLATION.

FROM : Mil. Terr. Command.

Ref: 263/S di prot.

TO : Col. P.M. MARJORIBANKS-EGERTON M.P.E. -
R.I.F. - 3 B.L.U. Commandant . MILAN

Date: 16/8/46

Reference your communication MF(T) 10 dated 11 July 1946.

Directly after the a/m communication, before starting for Rome, I ordered the Commandant of the "Legnano" Division to request the necessary explanations from Major CAVALLI,. It so happened that this officer, for a mistaken judgement of the circumstances, did not behave as he should have done, giving occasion to the deplorable accident.

For this reason, Major CAVALLI, in spite of his very good previous conduct, on the 26 July was cautioned by his C.O.

I want to express you my deepest regrets as to the above accident, sure that it won't affect the very good relations between your Officers and the Units depending by me.

Sgd: Gen. E. Marras.

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III° COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE

Milano, 11 16 agosto 1946

N. 263/S di prot.

Al Signor Colonnello
P.M. MARJORIBANKS-EGERTON M.B.E. - R.I.F.
Capo del 3° B.L.U.

M I L A N O

Mi riferisco alla Sua comunicazione MF(T) 10 in data
11 luglio 1946.

Subito dopo tale comunicazione, prima di partire per
Roma, ebbi a disporre che il Comandante della Divisione
"Legnano" chiedesse le necessarie spiegazioni al Maggiore
Cavalli. E' risultato che questo ufficiale, fuorviato da
un errato apprezzamento delle circostanze, non si è rego-
to come avrebbe dovuto, dando occasione al deplorabile in-
cidente. Per tale motivo, pur tenendo conto dei suoi ottimi
precedenti, il Maggiore Cavalli, in data 26 luglio, è sta-
to punito con un richiamo.

Tengo ad esprimere il mio vivo rincrescimento per l'
caduto, sicuro che esso non turberà gli ottimi rapporti
i Suoi Ufficiali e tutte le unità da me dipendenti. -

(E. Marras)

Gen. E. Marras

COPY

SUBJECT : Visits - Sub. & Tpt. Units

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
A 331

16 July 46

TO : 3 B.L.U. for GSO I

Ref. Capt. HARRIS' report No. M.F. (T) 10 of 11 Jul.
46 on 250 Reparto Trasporti e Rifornimenti.

It is understood that you have already taken this
matter up with the Territorial Commander, no action will therefore
be taken by this HQ except at your request.

The incident in question is not a technical matter
nor solely a service matter, will you please in future therefore
report such matters through normal channels and not through
"service" channels.

(Signed) A.H. GILLMORE
Lt.Col.

Major General
M. M. I. 3788

Copy to : ADST
A/200 for action as regards ITI discipline. ✓

Subject: Allied Property Confiscated by G.C.R.R.

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Land Forces Sub Comm: A.C.
(M. H. I. A.) R C M E.
Tel: 48901 Ext: 380.

A 200 ✓

12. AUG. 46.

To : 7 B.L.U.

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Reference your G.C.R.R/31 dated 17th July 1946.

A copy of the reply received from GHQ on the above subject
is forwarded for your information.

W. J. Procter
Major General.
M. H. I. A.

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M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT :- Property Confiscated by CC.RR

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12 AUG 1946

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

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Reference your A 200 dated 23 Jul 46.

1. This matter has been taken up with the Provost Marshall who has confirmed that the policy is never to interfere with the property until action has been taken against the Italians concerned.

2. The particular case referred to in your above quoted communication is being investigated and it is requested that any further infringements be reported to this HQ.

/hs

Comm
sent 7 Dec 46

W.B. Zwick
Trig.
IC Adm.

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Subject : Property Confiscated by CC.M.Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.), B O M E.

✓ A 200

23 July 45.To : G.H.A.

From time to time the CC.M. set up road blocks on various routes at which Italian vehicles are stopped and searched. During these operations, in which allied police sometimes take part, quantities of stolen allied property is at times discovered.

The CC.M. have complained through our E.I.'s that as soon as it is known that allied property has been recovered, allied police remove the property and that the CC.M. are unable to produce it as evidence against the Italians in whose possession it is found.

A copy of the report in one such case is attached for your information.

It is requested that instructions may be sent out to the effect that the CC.M. may be permitted to retain recovered allied property, until such time as it is no longer required as evidence.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

AMC/E.S.

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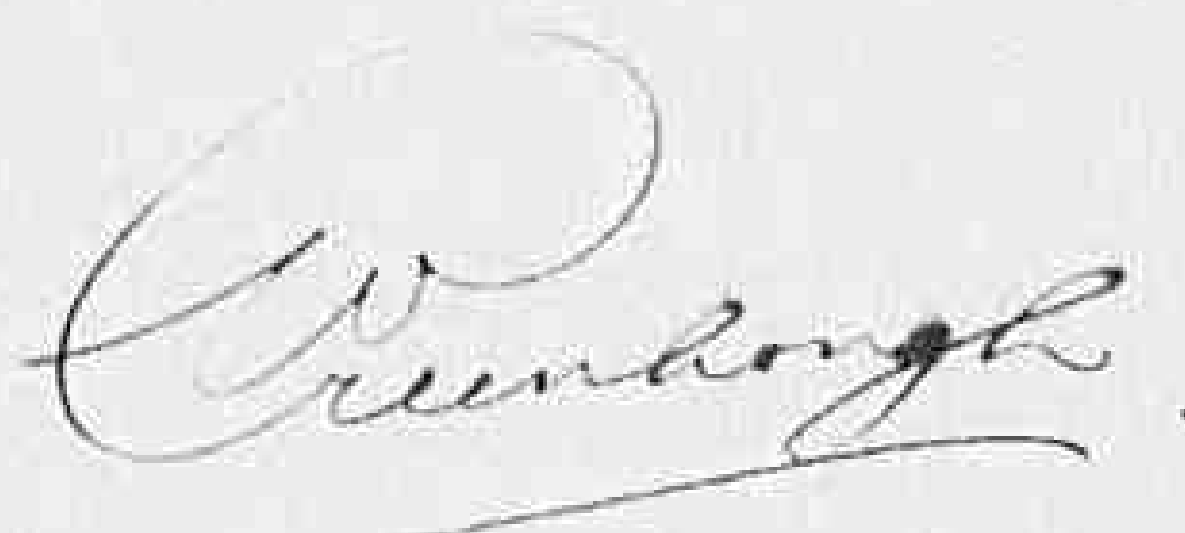
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FLORENCE

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Ref. CC.RR./31

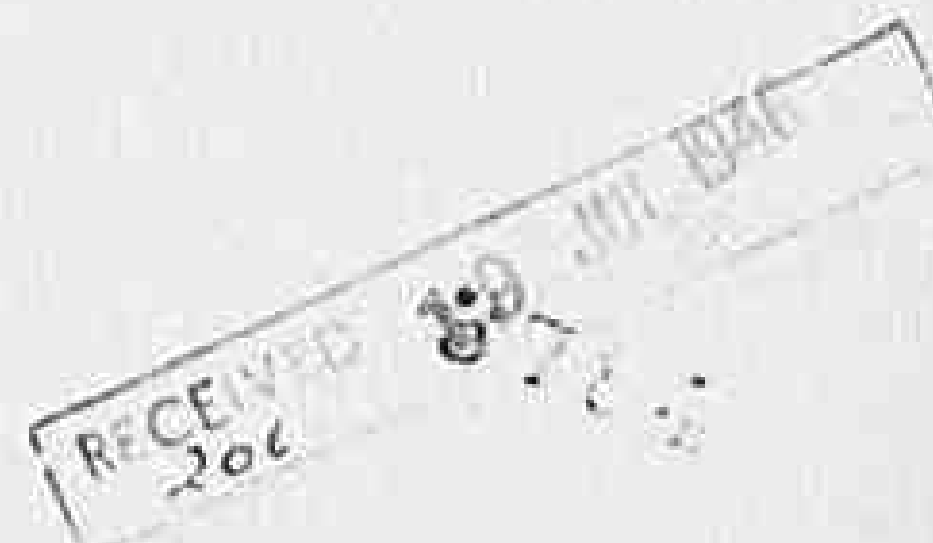
July 17th 1946

Subject: Property Confiscated by CC.RR.To : HQ. M.M.I.A. RomeFrom : 7 B.L.U. Florence

1. Attached CC.RR. report (Appx "A") is passed to you for information and any action considered necessary.
2. At Appx "B" is copy of instructions issued by the 3rd Bgde Commander for guidance of Carabinieri on duty at Road Blocks.
3. These instructions were issued on my advice as it is considered essential that such property, being the subject of a charge, should be available until such time as the Court has disposed of the case.



W. GREENOUGH
Major
7 B.L.U.



TRANSLATIONReg. 3rd BRIGADE CARABINIERI FIOR TOS

No 359/2 di prot.

Florence, 12 July 1946

Subject: Materials sequestered by Road Blocks and during
Various Police Operations.To : Major Walter Greenough, 7 B.LU. Florence

On 23 June 1946 the Carabinieri of Mondolfo (Pesaro) sequestered 47 tyres of American make. Meanwhile they denounced FORTINARI Stefano, son of late Vincenzo and late ROBERTI Anna, born at Senigallia on 9 May 1893, living at Mondolfo, district of Marotta, cart-man, alleged to be a receiver having bought the tyres from some Polish military; CAMPANELLI Armando, son of late Ernesto and of Francolini Caterina, born at Mondolfo on 28 April 1907, there living, country-worker, alleged to have been a favourer.

Ancona Polish Police, partaking in the investigations, ascertained that the tyres had been stolen by some Polish military from a wagon stopping in Marotta rail-way station.

On next 25, the Polish Police called on Mondolfo Station Cmd and, although they were made aware of the forbidding dispositions issued by your office, insisted to draw the tyres giving a regular receipt.

The receipt was signed by W.C. SZWANDAR Antonio, of 11th Squadron Polish Gendarmerie of Ancona.

COLONEL BGDS COMMANDER
- Giacomo Ravenna -

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Comando 3^a Brigata Carabinieri - Firenze

Appendix "A" of 7 B.L.U. letter
Ref: GC.F 31 of 17th July '46

N 359/2 di prot. Firenze, li 12 luglio 1946.
Risposta al foglio N ::: del :::
OGGETTO: Materiale sequestrato ai posti di blocco ed in operazioni varie di polizia.
Corte annesso N.

Al Sig. Maggiore GREENHOUGH Walter - 7° B.L.U. -

F I R E N Z E

Il 23 giugno u.s. l'Arma di Mondolfo (Pesaro) procedeva al sequestro di n°47 copertoni nuovi per auto, di fabbricazione Americana, denunciando: PORTINARI Stefano, fu Vincenzo e fu Roberti Anna, nato a Senigallia il 9 maggio 1893, domiciliato e residente a Mondolfo, frazione Marotta, carrettiere, per il reato di ricettazione, avendo acquistato i copertoni da militari polacchi; CAMPANELLI Armando, fu Ernesto e di Francolini Caterina, nato a Mondolfo il 28 aprile 1907, ivi domiciliato e residente, colono mezzadro, per il reato di favoreggiamento reale.

La polizia polacca di Ancona, intervenuta nelle indagini, accertava che i copertoni erano stati asportati da militari polacchi, da un vagone in sosta allo scalo smistamento di Marotta.

Il 25 successivo la suddetta polizia si presentava al comando della stazione di Mondolfo e, malgrado che fossero state fatte presenti le disposizioni di divieto date da codesto ufficio, insisteva per ritirare i copertoni in questione, rilasciando regolare

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La ricevuta è a firma del maresciallo SZWANCAR Antonio, dell'11° Squadrone Gendarmeria polacca di Ancona. - 3782

IL COLONNELLO
COMANDANTE LA BRIGATA ff.
= Giacomo Ravenna =

Appx "B" 7 B.L.U. letter
Ref: CC.RR./31, of 17 Jul'46

TRANSLATION

Hq. 3rd BRIGADE CC.RR. FLORENCE

No 353/1 di prot.

Florence, 11 June 1946

Subject: Materials sequestered by road blocks and during various police operations.

To : CC.RR. Legion Hq's of BOLOGNA, ANCONA, FLORENCE, LARCHEN.

and for information, to

Major Walter Greenough, 7 B.L.U. Florence.

We are aware that the various materials (arms, ammunition, food-stuffs, clothing, and tobacco - also if of Allied source - etc) sequestered, either from civilians or military, at the road blocks established by the "arma" and by Allied police, or during any police operations performed by the same personnel, are being drawn entirely or partly by Allied policemen, rather than by the Carabinieri.

We call your attention on the fact that the Allied Liaison Officer with this Bgde Hq. notified the above materials are to be received in consignment exclusively by the Arma which is charged, as by law enacted, to make further inquiries, considering them either as evidence of the crime, or as temporarily sequestered materials, lawful origin of which is awaiting to be checked up.

Will you please issue at once urgent dispositions on this matter, specifying that in case that Policemen or Allied Authority will not conform to what above mentioned, CC.RR. must not oppose, but they shall report at once the fact to this Bgde Hq. with all necessary particulars (name of the Allied Policemen, sequestered material, place, Hq. which the policemen are belonging to, etc).

THE COMMANDING COLONEL
- Giacomo Ravenna -

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Subject: - Barrack Damage - Vicenza

4° B.L.U. - BOLZANO

4/13/12- 47

11 July 46.

To: - 217 AREA

1. 4th Italian Territorial Command has approached this unit to point out that allied troops (units not known) have demolished the kitchens in the Caserma Funzionari at Vicenza and have removed from them the refrigerators.

2. Comd 4th Territorial Command is very anxious that extensive demolitions to expensive Italian Military Installations be avoided as far as possible, and that any information be supplied as to the present whereabouts of the refrigerators with a view to recovering them eventually.

San Carlo
Lt. Col.

SS.

Copy to: - M.I.I.

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Luigi...
LT. COL.

OK.

Copy to: M.I.A.

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15 JUL 1945

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SEZIONE MOBILITAZIONE/II

Roma, li 9 Luglio 1946

ASSENZE ARBITRARIE AI C.A.R. ED ALLE SCUOLE CENTRALI
NELLA SETTIMANA 30/VI - 6/VII (RECLUTE)

- Ultima Segnalazione -

Avian from C.R.R. Schools during week 30/6 - 6/7/46

C.A.R. o SCUOLE - COMILITER	Verificatosi nella settimana	Totale assenti arbitr. al 6/VII
1°- TORINO	41	20
2°- GENOVA	8	38
3°- MILANO	12	61
4°- BOLZANO	60	15
5°- UDINE	-	7
6°- BOLOGNA	72	72
7°- FIRENZE	6	37
8°- R O M A	1	36
9°- B A R I	1	165
10°- NAPOLI	-	5
11°- PALERMO	4	124
SCUOLE CENTRALI	30	107
Totale	235	687

Previous Week
Nella settimana :

6°- BOLOGNA	12	12
7°- FIRENZE	5	37
8°- ROMA	1	36
9°- FARI	1	165
10°- NAPOLI	-	5
11°- PALERMO	4	124
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Principi Niche
Nella settimana :

21 - 2/IV	312
28/IV - 4/V	181
5 - 11/V	333
12 - 18/V	569
19 - 25/V	1163
26/V - 1/VI	565
2 - 8/VI	225
9 - 15/VI	594
16 - 22/VI	650
23 - 29/VI	284

Totale assenti arbitrari al 29/VI 794

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Sezione Mobilitazione/II

Roma, 11 10 luglio 1946.

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ASSENZE ARBITRARIE AI C.A.R. ED ALLE SCUOLE CENTRALI NELLA SETTIMANA

23 - 29/VI (reclute)

Arrivi from barracks 22 School for week 23-29/VI 7.200

C.A.R. o Scuole Comiliter	Verifica- tesi nel- la setti- mana	Totale as- senti arbi- trari al 29/VI
1° - TORINO	17	22
2° - GENOVA	10	41
3° - MILANO	17	55
4° - BOLZANO	53	11
5° - UDINE	15	17
6° - BOLOGNA	49	80
7° - FIRENZE	12	38
8° - ROMA	2	66
9° - BARI	8	171
10° - NAPOLI	5	16
11° - PALERMO	14	144
SCUOLE CENTR.	74	133
	284	794

Previous weeks

Nella settimana:

21 - 2/IV..... 322
28/IV - 4/V..... 181
5 - 11/V..... 333

11/10 2/7

4° - BOLZANO	11	55
5° - UDINE	53	11
6° - BOLOGNA	15	17
7° - FIRENZE	49	80
8° - ROMA	12	38
9° - BARI	2	56
10° - NAPOLI	6	171
11° - PALERMO	5	26
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Previous weeks

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21 - 2/IV	312
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26/V - 1/VI	665
2 - 8/VI	225
9 - 15/VI	594
16 - 22/VI	650

Totale assenti arbitrari al 22/6. 971



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alter M.M.A.
per sig. Bassano

A way of thinking
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Rome, 11 24 Giugno 1945

WORK SHEET 8-22/12 (ALGEBRA)

Work from Cells 9 & 10 for weeks 16-22 June

CAR O SCUOLE CONILITER	Verificantesi nella settimana	Totali assenti Arbitrari al 22/6
1°- TORINO	56	21
2°- GENOVA	29	45
3°- MILANO	8	55
4°- BOLZANO	144	21
5°- UDINE	43	22
6°- BOLOGNA	130	117
7°- FIRENZE	11	59
8°- ROMA	4	74
9°- BARI	36	101
10°- NAPOLI	27	41
11°- PALERMO	85	182
SCUOLE CENTRALI	77	143
TOTALI	650	971

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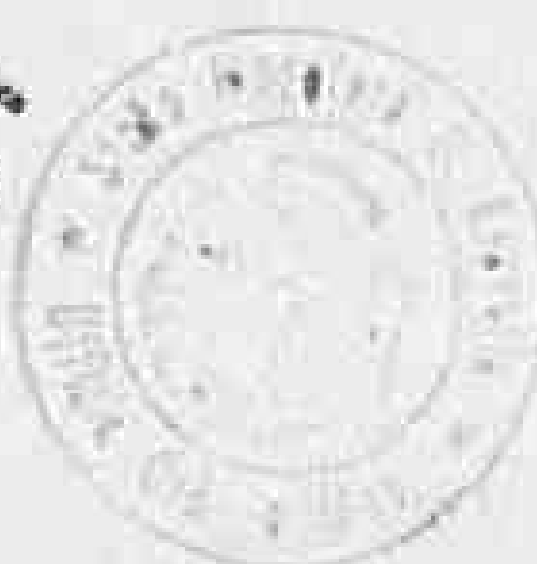
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9-15/VI	594

Totale assenti arbitrari al 15/VI 1044

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 112560/1/1

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 24 June 1946.

SUBJECT:- Newspaper "Esercito e Popolo".

In reply to your letter A/200 of 13.5.46.

Rigorous investigations have established that statements against Lt. Col. Grassini made in the newspaper "Esercito e Popolo" are untrue.

sgt. LOMBARDI
Col.

R.A.G.

33736

GI/



Ministro della Guerra

Gabinetto

Chiarissimo

112560/11/1 Allegato

140-10-8

Oggetto : Giornale "Esercito e Popolo".

Dispositivo Popolo del 13.5.46
Da Roma 11.5.46

A.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MIA)

ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE di

FIRENZE

Rigorosi accertamenti hanno potuto stabilire che quanto è detto nel giornale "Esercito e Popolo" a carico del Tenente Colonnello GRASSINI non risponde a verità.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Forlunio

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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Translation

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

Ref. 110207/I.I.

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Date 4/6/46.

27 200 11/16 20/6
Subject Newspaper "Army and People."

Ref. 4/500 of 12 May 46.
The fortnightly newspaper which has appeared in Siena "Newspaper and People" is a newspaper of a political nature, addressed to troops.

With reference to the type of propaganda contained in it, I consider it to be against the principles of policy which must form the essential characteristic of military institution, this due to the fact that it aims to involve military personnel in party politics.

This Ministry has for several months carried out every possible effort in order to prevent military personnel being drawn into politics.

I quote, briefly, the main instructions issued by me for this purpose:

- 1°) - I have forbidden any political party sympathisers to enter the barracks to carry out propaganda or even welfare work for the troops;
- 2°) - I have forbidden military personnel to take part in public or political demonstrations. I have given permission to isolated military personnel to listen to public political speeches; but have forbidden their active participation.
- 3°) - I have severely punished several officers who had held public meetings, speaking on behalf of the Republic or the Monarchy.
- 4°) - I have often pointed out to my colleagues the advisability of not involving military personnel in party politics.

These instructions issued by me are somewhat less severe than the existing regulations lay down, which impose:

"troops will keep away from any political or public demonstrations, which, although permitted by law, are not consistent with military law.

Whilst exercising his own electoral rights, he will maintain a correct, calm and dignified behaviour" (art. 82 discipline reg.)

On the basis of the above I will do my utmost to prevent "Army and People" reaching units, but I cannot forbid its publication, sale or distribution outside.

I attach, moreover, copy of the orders of the day issued recently by the Council of Ministers and the S.M.R.E., concerning the behaviour which must be maintained by the country towards the Armed Forces and State emblems, and complete impartiality of army personnel during the "Referendum".

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MINISTRY OF WAR.
CABINET

TEXT OF THE ORDER OF THE DAY APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DURING ITS SITTING ON THE 15 MAY 1945 REGARDING THE ARMED FORCES AND THE FORTHCOMING REFERENDUM.

The Council of Ministers, having examined the position of the Armed Forces in respect of the forthcoming referendum and the elections for the Constituent Assembly which will be a test of the political maturity of the nation:

- renews its expression of its faith in the Armed Forces Commanders and all Officers, N.C.Os and men, often employed in difficult conditions in the impartial fulfillment of a noble duty;
- stresses that, whilst no limit has been placed to the freedom of opinion and vote of military personnel, their oath of allegiance to the Nation and the observance of State laws remain unchanged;
- states again the duty of all members of the Armed Forces to fully respect disciplinary instructions, remaining at their posts, in order to ensure at any time, and specially after the 2 of June, within their own duties, the defence of the country of the institutions which will have been chosen and the maintenance of order in accordance with Government instructions;
- lays down that flags and emblems, symbols of honour and faith to the carrying on of the country, and also badges, stars, and any other detail of the uniform worn by members of the Armed Forces, will be completely respected by all citizens, any eventual change will be deliberated by the Government only; any illegal action will be immediately suppressed.
- asks all citizens for the most absolute respect towards the Armed Forces, binding all parties to carry out a just and upright political action;
- assures military personnel that the Government, whilst requiring from them a conscientious discipline, will in every way guarantee the integrity and dignity of the Armed Forces.

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MINISTRY OF WAR
S. M. R. E.

ORDER OF THE DAY TO THE ARMY

On the 2^o of June next the Italian People will flock to the polling stations to answer the referendum on the institutional form of the State and in order to elect its own representatives for the Constituent Assembly.

You will also take part in this solemn act of popular sovereignty - soldier citizens serving the country - exercising the right to vote in the full freedom of your conscience.

You will also associate this right - as soldiers - the privilege of defending the freedom to vote for all citizens, to guarantee, that is, above all other feelings and your own political tendencies the clear expression of popular will, to protect the sovereign decision of the people against any violent attempt to suppress it, of being at the service of the nation and obeying its government - faithful protectors of law and order.

Each one feeling that this privilege corresponds to a high and noble duty, which not permit uncertainties and compromises, since a democratic country must be able place full trust in a non-political army, the sound basis of liberty and institution.

Everyone will, therefore, fully carry out his duty as a citizen at the polling stations and be, in the ranks, a soldier with a knowledge of his own noble mission, disciplined and obedient, ready, if necessary, to act in defence of law and order with extreme firmness.

Each one of you will realise that the army is vital to the life and work of the nation: therefore the result of the referendum and the political elections EACH ONE OF YOU HAS THE SACRED DUTY TO REMAIN AT HIS POST in obedience to popular sovereignty, and in order to defend any decisions of it against any attempt to suppress it.

The country, though in the throes of the elections, knows that in the nobility of your mission and in the strength of your traditions it has a sure basis for its democratic freedom and looks to you with faith and respect.

This prestige being strong - which the responsible authorities of the nation undertake to protect to the utmost - knowing of your high duty, you will answer, I am certain of it, to this faith with the proof of the most sound discipline and the most strict obedience, which will also be a more expressive sign of your

maturity as citizens.

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R CADORNA.

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Ministero della Sanità

What next?

Quadrant

and No 207, E. All grade 2

Respectfully,
 Dr. P. A. 2002

W. H. DODD, JR.

410-18-6 OGGETTO: Giornale "Esercizio e Topolo".

Il principale affare in Sana "Espresso e Popolo" è un mercato di potere politico, destinato ai soldati.

4. prescindere dalla specie di propaganda in esso contenuta, ritengo che tale giornale sia contrario al principio di universalità che deve costituire caratteristica essenziale dell'istituzione militare, in quanto mira a coinvolgere i militari in operazioni di partito.

Questo ministero sta compiendo da parecchi mesi, ogni possibile sforzo per impedire che i militari siano trascinati a fare della politica.

Il quotidiano appare in piena libertà e indipendenza di giornale di natura politica, destinato ai soldati.

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Cito, in sintesi, le principali disposizioni da me impartite per ottenere tale scopo:

- 10) - Ho vietato l'accesso nelle caserme a esponenti di qualsiasi partito politico, per farvi propaganda e per svolgere anche opere di assistenza a favore dei militari;
- 20) - Ho vietato ai militari di partecipare a pubbliche dimostrazioni ed a manifestazioni aventi scopi politici. Ai militari isolati ho consentito di ascoltare conferenze politiche pubbliche; ma ne ho vietato la partecipazione attiva.
- 30) - Ho severamente punito diversi ufficiali che avevano tenuto pubbliche conferenze, parlando in favore della repubblica ed in favore della monarchia.
- 40) - Sono intervenuto più volte in sede di Governo, presettando ai miei colleghi l'opportunità di non coinvolgere i militari in qualsiasi competizione politica.

Tali disposizioni sono state da me prese in quanto intonate alle prescrizioni regolamentari vigenti, che impongono:

"...il militare deve astenersi da qualunque dimostrazione a scopo politico e da altre pubbliche manifestazioni, che, sebbene connesse della legge, non sono compatibili col carattere militare.

Nell'esercizio dei propri diritti elettorali, egli deve agire con contegno corretto, calmo e dignitoso." (art. 82 reg. di disciplina).

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Sulla base di quanto precede avrà la massima cura per impedire la diffusione nel quindicinale "Esercito e Popolo" fra i reparti, ma non posso vietarne la pubblicazione, vendita e distribuzione fuori di essi.

Allego, inoltre, copia degli ordini del giorno recentemente emanati dal Consiglio dei Ministri e dal Capo di Stato Maggiore dell'Esercito, riguardanti il contagio che dovrà tenere il Paese verso le Forze Armate ed i simboli dello Stato, ed il comportamento di assoluta imparzialità dei militari dell'Esercito in occasione del "referendum" istituzionale.

IL MINISTRO

W. J. R. 6/6

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Testo dell'ordine del giorno approvato dal Consiglio dei Ministri nella sua seduta del 15 maggio 1946 relativo alle Forze Armate e all'imminente referendum istituzionale.

Il Consiglio dei Ministri, esaminata la situazione delle Forze Armate in relazione con l'imminente referendum istituzionale e con le elezioni per l'Assemblea Costituente che saranno la grande prova della maturità politica della nazione:

- rinnova l'espressione della sua fiducia nei Comandanti delle FF. AA. ed in tutti gli Ufficiali, Sottufficiali e militari, impegnati in condizioni spesso difficili nell'adempimento imparziale di un nobile dovere;

- ribadisce che, mentre nessun limite è stato posto alla libertà di opinione e di voto dei militari, rimangono fermi i loro impegni di fedeltà alla Nazione e di osservanza delle leggi dello Stato;

- riafferma il dovere di tutti i componenti delle FF. AA. di rispettare nel modo più rigoroso le norme disciplinari, rimanendo al proprio posto, per assicurare in ogni momento, e specialmente dopo il 2 giugno, nell'ambito delle proprie attribuzioni, la difesa del Paese e delle istituzioni che esso avrà scelto ed il mantenimento dell'ordine in conformità alle disposizioni del Governo;

- stabilisce che le bandiere e gli emblemi, quali espressioni di onore e di fedeltà alla continuità della Patria, nonché i fregi, le stellette, ed ogni altro particolare delle divise dei militari delle FF. AA., dovranno essere integralmente rispettati da tutti i cittadini; ogni eventuale mutamento potrà essere deliberato soltanto dal Governo; ogni iniziativa illegale dovrà essere immediatamente troncata;

- rivolge invito a tutti i cittadini per il più assoluto rispetto verso le FF. AA., impegnando tutti i Partiti a svolgere una seria e rettilinea azione politica in tale senso;

- assicura i militari che il Governo, mentre richiede da essi una cosciente disciplina, garantirà in ogni caso la integrità e la dignità delle FF. AA.

Roma, 25 maggio 1946.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

ORDINE DEL GIORNO ALL'ESERCITO

Il prossimo 2 giugno il Popolo italiano affuirà alle urne per rispondere al referendum sulla forma istituzionale dello Stato e per eleggere i propri rappresentanti all'Assemblea Costituente.

A questo solenne atto di sovranità popolare parteciperete anche voi - cittadini che servite in armi la Patria - esercitando il diritto di voto in piena libertà della vostra coscienza.

A questo diritto voi associate - come soldati - il privilegio di difendere la libertà di voto di tutti i cittadini, di garantire, cioè, al di sopra delle passioni di parte e delle vostre stesse tendenze politiche, la schietta espressione della volontà popolare, di proteggere la sovrana decisione del popolo contro qualsiasi tentativo violento di soprafatta, di essere - al servizio della Nazione ed in obbedienza al suo Governo - i fedeli tutori dell'ordine e della legalità.

Senta ciascuno che a questo privilegio corrisponde un alto e ferreo dovere, il quale non consente incertezze e compromessi, giacché un Paese democratico deve poter fare pieno affidamento su di un esercito apolitico, saldo presidio della libertà e delle istituzioni.

Ciascuno, dunque, compia liberamente il proprio dovere di cittadino alle armi e sia, nei ranghi, il soldato consapevole della propria nobile missione, disciplinato ed obbediente, pronto, se necessario, ad agire in difesa dell'ordine e della legalità con estrema fermezza.

Sappia ciascuno di voi che l'Istituto dell'Esercito risponde ad una suprema esigenza di vita e di continuità della Nazione: quale sia per essere, quindi, l'esito del referendum istituzionale e delle elezioni politiche, ciascuno di voi ha il sacro dovere di rimanere al suo posto in obbedienza alla sovranità popolare e per difenderne le decisioni contro qualsiasi tentativo di soprafazione.

Il Paese - pur nella necessaria passione della contesa elettorale - è consapevole che nella nobiltà della vostra missione e nella forza delle vostre tradizioni è il sieno presidio delle sue libertà democratiche e vi guarda con fiducia e rispetto.

Forti di tale vostro prestigio - che le Autorità responsabili della Nazione s'impegnano a

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Forti di tale vostro prestigio - che le Autorità responsabili della Nazione s'impegnano a tutelare con la maggiore energia - consapevoli del vostro alto dovere, voi risponderete - ne sono certo - a questa fiducia con la prova della più salda disciplina e della più schietta obbedienza, che sarà anche il segno più espressivo della vostra maturità di cittadini.

19 maggio 1946.

IL CAPO DI S. M. DELL'ESERCITO

R. CADORNA

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Roma, 11 18 giugno 1946.

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AGENZIE ARBITRARIE AI C.A.R. ED ALLE SCUOLE CENTRALI NELLASETTIMANA 9 - 15/VI (RECLUTE)Nota per CAA's and SCHOOLS FOR WEEK 9th - 15th June 46

CAR o SCUOLE COMILITER	Verificate nella settim.	Totali as- senti arbi- trari al 15/VI
1°- TORINO	61	17
2°- CEROVA	35	45
3°- MILANO	13	32
4°- BOLZANO	44	-
5°- UDINE	48	36
6°- BOLOGNA	129	179
7°- FIRENZE	5	65
8°- ROMA	8	103
9°- BARI	57	188
10°- NAPOLI	21	36
11°- PALERMO	42	163
Scuole Centr.	131	194
TOTALE	594	1044

21 - 2/IV	312
228/IV-4/V	181
5-11/V	339
12 - 18/V	669
19 - 25/V	1168
26/V-1/VI	555
2 - 8/VI	225

Totale assenti arbitrari all'8/4 229



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OGGETTO

Risposta al N.

del

Allegati N.

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Mobilization Branch II

Rome, 10th June 1946.

A.M.Ls FROM CARS AND CENTRAL SCHOOLS (MAGNUTIS)

DURING THE WEEK ~~2nd~~ 8th JUNE 1946.

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CARS of Mil. Terr. Command Schools A.M.Ls which Total A.M.Ls as
occurred during at 8th June 46
the week

10 - Turin	13	33
20 - Genoa	15	41
30 - Milan	65	76
40 - Bologna	3	-
50 - Udine	9	15
60 - Bologna	30	138
70 - Florence	11	72
80 - Rome	5	98
90 - Bari	2	141
100 - Naples	13	33
110 - Palermo	13	166
Central Schools	45	134
Totals	225	927

During the week:

From 21st to 2nd/4

" 28/4 to 4/5

" 5th " 11th/5

" 12th " 18th/5

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4° - Bolzano	3	15
5° - Udine	9	128
6° - Bologna	30	72
7° - Florence	11	98
8° - Rome	5	141
9° - Bari	2	33
10° - Naples	13	165
11° - Palermo	13	134
Central Schools	45	

Total

927

During the week:

From 21st to 2nd/4	312
" 28/4 to 1/5	161
" 5th " 11th/5	333
" 12th " 18th/5	569
" 19th " 25th/5	1168
" 26/5 " 1/6	665

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Total = A.M.L.s as at 1st June 1379

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SEZIONE MOBILITAZIONE/II

Roma, 11 10 giugno 1946

ASSENZE ARBITRARIE AL C.A.R. ED ALLE SCUOLE CENTRALI NELLA
SETTIMANA 2 - 8/VI (RECLUTE)

CAR o SCUOLE COMILITER	Verificate si nella settimana	Totale assenti arbitrari al- 1'8/VI
1°- TORINO	13	23
2°- GENOVA	15	41
3°- MILANO	66	76
4°- BOLZANO	3	-
5°- UDINE	9	15
6°- BOLOGNA	30	129
7°- PIRENZE	11	72
8°- R O M A	5	98
9°- B A R I	2	141
10°- NAPOLI	13	33
11°- PALERMO	13	166
SCUOLE CENTRALI	45	134
Totali.....	225	927

Nella settimana:

21-2/IV	312
28/IV-4/5	121
5-11/V	333
12-18/V	669
19-25/V	1168
26/V-1/VI	565

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4°- BOLZANO	3	-
5°- UDINE	9	15
6°- BOLOGNA	30	128
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8°- R O M A	5	98
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11°- PALERMO	13	166
SCUOLE CENTRALI	45	134
Totale.....	225	927

Nella settimana:

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12-18/V	669
19-25/V	1168
26/V-1/VI	665

totale assenti arbitrari al 1/VI 1379



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Allo M. M. M. M. M.
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SUBJECT:- Pilferage - Small Arms.

10 British Liaison Unit
 FORM 101, 1946
 Vol: 37001 Revised.
 8 AG.

6 June 46.

HQ NATLES AREA
 Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG ✓
 (MIA) ROME.
 AIM NATLES AREA.
 557 BOB.

10 Territorial HQ,
 NAPLES (for info).

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 Ref this HQ letter 8 AG dated 21 Mar 46.

Attached please find copy of 10 Territorial HQ letter
 6/341/3100/DST of 29 May 46.

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John Smith
 Major,
 AG.

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SUBJECT:- Theft of Small Arms.

Territorial Hq.,
MALTA.
6/524/3100/DSI

29 May 46

TO ALL

Further to our 6/5743/3100/DSI of 14 May 46.

1. The local MILITARY TRIBUNAL has condemned the undersigned soldiers, responsible of stealing pistols, to the following punishments :

Pte PIETRO Garvino	-	4 years military imprisonment
Pte CASTALDO Gaetano	-	5 years 2 months mil. imprisonment
Pte IRONBITO Mario	-	3 years 4 months " "
Pte EDOUARDO Giovanni	-	3 years 4 months " "
Pte AMATURO Antonio	-	acquitted for insufficient evidence.

2. The soldiers condemned have been resitted according to law decree 132 dated 29 March 46, resitting military crimes.

3. The sentence is not definite, as the Military Attorney has appealed against it.

(Signed) E. GIORDANO, Col
Chief of Staff.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

TO : N.W.I.A.

REF: 110.355
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DATE: 26/5/46

SUBJECT: Lt. Col. LESCAL, Ligurian Patriots Regional
Representative.*Ref also of a man to*

The offences committed by ART. RES Lt. Col. LESCAL Luigi, during his stay with the Ligurian A.N.G., as Patriot Regional Representative, have been the subject of immediate enquiry entrusted to the Genoa Mil. Terr. H.

It appears that Lt. Col. LESCAL:

- was deceived, by a person posing as Maj. GOLDBERG, to whom he issued a certain number of work tickets (not more than 5 or 6)
- he received a request from GOLDBERG to help a British Capt. or Lt. M.O. to obtain for him the authority

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Ref also of 4 Mar 76

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- he received a request from GOLDBERG to help a British Capt. or Lt. M.O. to obtain for him the authority for return journey ~~gun~~ documents which authorised the ~~arm~~ to proceed to Marsiglia, but his action was limited to accompanying the applicant to the French office under A.M.G. where he was advised by a clerk to apply to the French Consulate.

Having considered that the officer acted ~~carelessly~~ by the Ministry awarded him 5 days close arrest for the following reason:

Patriots representative with Ligurian A.M.G., handed over ~~carelessly~~ on request of a stranger to his office, saying he was an American P.W.B. major, some blank work-tickets, signed and stamped, allowing the applicant who was afterwards proved to be a suspicious person, to use. *then for his name*

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La irregolarità commessa dal Tenente Colonnello art. mil.
DESCAI LUI, durante la sua permanenza presso l'A.M.G. della Mi-
suria, in qualità di rappresentante regionale dei Patrioti, sono
state oggetto di immediata inchiesta affidata al Comando Militare
Territoriale di Genova.

E' risultato che il Ten. col. DESCAI:

- è stato sorpreso, in buona fede, dal sedicente maggiore GOLDBERG,
al quale ha rilasciato un certo numero di moduli per servizio
con autoveicolo isolato (non più di cinque o sei);
- ha ricevuto richiesta dal GOLDBERG di aiutare un caduto o
tenente medico inglese per ottenergli il visto di ritorno su
documenti che autorizzavano lo stesso a recarsi a Marsiglia,
ma la sua azione si limitò ad accompagnare il richiedente al-
l'ufficio francese dipendente dall'A.M.G. dove da una implega-
ta venne consigliato di rivolgersi al Consolato Francese.

Considerato che l'ufficiale ha agito sia pure con superfi-
cialità e leggerezza, ma in buona fede, il Ministro lo ha punito
con 5 giorni di arresti rigorosi, con la seguente casale: 3753

" Rappresentante dei Patrioti presso l'A.M.G. regionale
Liure, consegnava con leggerezza, ma in buona fede, in seguito

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a richiesta di un estraneo al proprio ufficio, presentatogli
quello maggiore americano del P.W.B., alcuni moduli per viaggio
di servizio con automezzo, firmati e bollati in bianco, dando
modo al richiedente - che risultò poi essere persona equivoca -
di valersene per fini personali".

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

Handwritten signature

Translation

From CC.RR Terr. Loc. Naples
(To N.M.I.A.

Ref. 13/18 - 3
Data 24/5/46.

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At about 21.00hrs on the 19 May 1946 at Cragno an unknown person stole, from a car which had been left for a few moments by American Maj. Nelson attached to the A.C., a camera valued at 45.000 lire.

Quick action taken by W.O. Poeri Antonio commander of the local auxiliary station and Carabinieri Liguri Niccolò brought about immediate return of the camera to Maj. Nelson stolen by an unknown boy.

DAZ

Giovanni Cavallini.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI NAPOLI
TENENZA DI SORRENTO

A.

N° 13/16-3 di Prot.Div.III^

Sorrento, li 24 maggio 1946

OGGETTO: Furto patito dal maggiore Americano Nelson. Segnalazione.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO PRESSO IL
MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

R O M A ←
NAPOLI
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ALLA REGIA PREFETTURA DI

ALLA REGIA QUESTURA DI

AL COMANDO DEL GRUPPO DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI NAPOLI ESTERNO

AL COMANDO DELLA COMPAGNIA CARABINIERI REALI DI CASTELLAMARE STAB

Il 19 maggio 1946 ore 21 circa in Gragnano ignoti rubavano
da autovettura momentaneamente incustodita pertinenza maggiore
Americano Nelson addetto sottocommissione alleata controllo presso
Ministero Guerra Roma macchina fotografica valente L.45 mila punto

Pronto intervento maresciallo capo Boeri Antonio comandante
locale stazione ausilio carabiniere Liguori Nicola provocava imma-
diata restituzione oggetto al derubato da ragazzo rimasto scon-
osciuto punto

IL TENENTE COMANDANTE LA TENENZA
(Giovanni Cavaglià)

Cavaglià

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI NAPOLI
TENENZA DI SORRENTO

A.

N° 13/16-3 di Prot.Div.III

Sorrento, li 24 maggio 1946

OGGETTO: furto patito dal maggiore Americano Nelson. Segnalazione.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

ROMA ←

ALLA REGIA PREFETTURA DI

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ALLA REGIA QUESTURA DI

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AL COMANDO DEL GRUPPO DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI NAPONI ESTERNO

AL COMANDO DELLA COMPAGNIA CARABINIERI REALI DI CASTELLAMARE STAB

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(Giovanni Cavaglià)

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Subject : Theft at MADDALONI.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
Tel: 489081 Ext: 380.

A 200 ✓

June 46.

To : Ministry of War.

File Q 220

Ref your 202226/11 dated 1 Feb 46.

1. Copy of report by CC. 16 Pal Field Survey Regt RE is attached.

J. S. Stocker
Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

/P.G.

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Sezione Mob./II

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ASSENZE ARBITRARIE AI C.A.R. ED ALLE SCUOLE CENTRALI
NELLA SETTIMANA 26/V - 1/VI (RECLUTE)

Arrivi from CARs and Schools for week 26/5 - 1/6.

C.A.R. o SCUOLE = COMILITER	Verificati nella sett.	Totale assenti arbitrari al 1/VI
1° - TORINO	19	25
2° - GENOVA	25	37
3° - MILANO	9	18
4° - BOLZANO	38	-
5° - UDINE	123	9
6° - BOLOGNA	223	131
7° - FIRENZE	30	93
8° - ROMA	7	97
9° - BARI	19	162
10° - NAPOLI	28	47
11° - PALERMO	77	211
SCUOLE CENTRALI	62	132
	665	962

*Alto M.M.H.
neg. Baumgartner*

In the week
Nella settimana

	21-27/IV	: 312
"	28/VI - 4/V	: 181
"	5-11/V	: 333
"	12-18/V	: 659
"	19-25/V	: 1168



Totale assenti arbitrari al 25/V

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Subject:- Alleged Theft at Maddaloni.

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3 District
Auto: 11002
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2 Jun 46

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

Reference your Q220 dated 6 Feb and further to this H.Q.
630 A of 27 Mar 46.

Herewith copy of a report now received from C.C. 16 Pal
Fd Survey Depot.

att'd

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Col
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N.B.

1. On 9th Jan 1946 I was informed by the Italian Colonel i/c of the buildings at Mediolani Flour Mills that four electric motors have been stolen in the last few days from a building adjoining 16 Pal Val Survey Depot's premises, and that another three electric motors were found on 8.1.46. Lying on the roadside between the two buildings. These three motors have apparently been made ready for taking away at an opportunity.

The Italian Colonel said he had good reason to believe (though unable to prove) that the Italian labourers employed by 16 Depot were the actual culprits. He requested to replace these men in order to prevent any recurrence. (He withdrew this request on 12.1.46. "pending the findings of an eventual investigation".)

2. The following action was taken by 16 Depot:
A. Letter to APM HQ 56 Area, as follows:

Subject:- Security.

16 Pal Field Survey
Depot, HQ, CWP.
Tel:- Valjean 10
Ref:- 165/2/8
9 January '46.

A.P.M.
HQ 56 Area.

Further to my 155/8/1490 dated 7 Jan '46.

1. In addition to the theft of 400 lbs from the men's billets, that occurred on 28/29 Dec '45 (our investigation requested next morning, your 132/8220 dated 2 Jan '46 in return), another suspected theft has now been discovered at the Flour Mills building. It involves machinery parts (Italian property) missing from a building adjoining this Depot.

2. The Italian Colonel i/c of the buildings and of camp security suggests that the 12 Italian civilian labourers employed by this unit, might be suspected for above occurrences - although no proof is available. He suggests that they be released.

3. The 4 Italian are now being discharged from this unit.

4. May I have your advice whether a search of the neighbouring civilian houses is practicable, or whether any other action could be taken to discover the culprits.

(-) G. F. Miles Lieut., R.A.
C.O. 16 Pal Field Survey Depot, R.A.

B. Answer to the caretaker as follows:

Subject:- Security.

16 Pal Field Survey
Depot, HQ, CWP.
Tel:- Valjean 10
Ref:- 165/2/9
9 Jan '46

Verante-Colonello
SPAGNOLI CWP.

Further to my 150/8/1490 dated 7 Jan '46.

1. In addition to the theft of his gun the men's wallets, that occurred on 23/29 Dec '45 (our investigation requested next morning, your 132/3880 dated 2 Jan '46 in return), another suggested theft has now been discovered at the four villa addendum. It involves machinery parts (Italian property) missing from a building adjoining the Depot.

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2. Answer to the caretaker as follows:
Subject:- Security.

Toronto-Colonello
MORRIS PERIA.

(-) G. GIBLER Ident., R.S.
O.C. 16 Pal Field Survey Depot, R.S.

16 Pal Field Survey
Depot, R.S., C.M.P.
Tels:- Valjean 10
Tel.:- 155/8/9
9 Jan '46

1. Thank you for your communication of 9 Jan '46.

2. Please note that the building from which machinery is missing is NOT a responsibility of this unit.

3. However, the Police Authorities have been informed and their assistance requested. In addition the civilian employees and foremen are being replaced as suggested by you.

4. Should there be any further development in this matter, you will be informed.

(-) G. GIBLER, Ident., R.S.
O.C. 16 Pal Field Survey Depot, R.S.

2. Arrangements will be made for blocking the shaft connecting the Depot with the adjoining building, also for other necessary security measures.

3. The following reply was received from HQ 56 Area (Provant) on 16 Jan '46:

Subject:- Security.

HQ 56 Area.
Ref. No. 16513
132/88/10
13 Jan 46.

cc.,
16 (pal) ad. Svy. Depot HQ.

Ref. your 161/8/B of 9 Jan 46.

1. In that the missing machinery parts appear to be Italian and not ND property, a search for their recovery by you is not advised.

2. Meanwhile if you have reason to doubt the integrity of your civilian employees you have done well to discharge them as the security of your own unit's property might be jeopardized and further the result.

3. For your guidance if you should ever have reason to believe, that any stolen ND property is in a civilian house you may enter that house to search it. But a member of the civilian police must always be present and you should always confirm your action to this office.

(-) 2 2 2 Major
A.P.M.
(H) Hanger)

B. The following final answer was sent to the Italian caretaker on 17 Jan 46:

Subject:- Security.

Tenente-Colonnello
ASTORIO GEMELLI
Meddaioni.

16 Pal Field Survey
Depot, HQ, QWP.
Ref:- Valjean 10
Ref.:- 161/8/B/10.
17 January '46

Further to my letter 161/8/B/9.

I have now received the Military Authorities' reply to a/a letter. The following extract is quoted:-

"In that the missing machinery parts appear to be Italian and not ND property, a search for their recovery by you is not advised."

For your information, please.

(-) 2 2 2 Major
A.P.M.
(H) Harger)

B. The following final answer was sent to the Italian caretaker on 17 Jan 46:

Subject: Security.

Tenente-Colonnello
ARMANDO CERRIA
Mediolani.

16 Pal Field Survey
Depot, RE, CEF.
Tel: - Tel. Jean 10
Ref.: - 160/R/40.
17 January '46

Further to my letter 160/R/3.

I have now received the Military Authorities' reply to a/q letter. The following extract is quoted:-

"In that the running machinery parts appear to be Italian and not

US property, a search for their recovery by you is not advised."

For your information, please.

(-) C. CERRIA, Ident RE
O.C. 16 Pal Field Survey Depot, RE.

4. Acting upon the a/q advice from AP 24, RE, the whole matter was considered closed as far as 16 Depot was concerned.

3 May 46.

(-) C. CERRIA, Ident., R.E.

HQVR - certified true copy from original report, addressed to O.C. 524 Pal 2d Stry Coy RE.

CMF
EL

O.C. 16 Pal Field Survey Depot, R.E.
(A. GONZALEZ)

*Copy to file -
1/1/46
Done*

C O P Y

35A

Subject : Alleged theft at MADRAS.3 District
Tel. No. 46
630
27 Mar 46Lat. Porosa Sub Comm MS (MIA) RMCF.

Reference your Q 220 of 6 Feb 46.

1. Q3 16(Pal) Pd Dry Depot is at present in Palestine on leave and this Unit during his absence has been put under the administrative command of 522(Pal) Pd Survey Coy RS who have no knowledge of the a/s matter.

2. This Officer is expected back in this country at the beginning of next month and it is suggested that the matter be held in abeyance pending his return.

3. It is understood that 'F' Branch of this Hq is dealing with Para 2 of your a/s letter.

Maj. Gen.
Signal.

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/P.S.

C O P Y

35B

Subject : Alleged theft at MARSALONI.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.A.I.A.)
N O
Q 220

6 Feb 45.3 District.

1. Attached translation of report received from Italian War Ministry is forwarded to you for investigation and any action considered necessary.

2. In addition, reference is made to this HQ's J.C.O. of 18 Dec. Any this HQ now please be informed of the likelihood of jeopardizing the concentrated Police proceeding firm at MARSALONI.

S.D. KENT, Major
For Major General,
M.A.I.A.

Copy to:- 10 HQ
S.T.

/T.S.

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Subj: Last of violation and
discipline of CDR and Troop.

TO : 14 1237 (AO)
H.H.H.H.
ROR

7.200

Headquarters
302nd
101st 4/27-58
Total 3878

29 May 46

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re. A letter and have received a telegram from Ministry
of War regarding the CDR and Troop in violation
of Allied interests and interests.

Attached is a copy of the CDR's reply.

It is desired to point out that the CDR's letter had
no Allied comments for last four or five months with regard
to the CDR's letter. It is felt that any complaint, especially
made by a member of the staff, is well known to the
staff referred to as CDR and not presented in the form of a
"copy" from ROR.

By this it is inferred of the specific violations
and they will then be numbered if at all possible.

W. J. H.
Headquarters, CDR.
H.H.

No action
Done by CDR 11/9

1. 11/9

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Copy

To : Ministry of War
H C K-E.

Text : A Mail Text Quid ref 04/1000/3erv (.) Date 27 May (.)

Answer to 010046/II Cabinet dated 25 May (.)

Material Detail mission in Vietnam area is critical and when a threat occurs to the US and the Canadian forces and have proceeded with the mission. The local Allied Authorities state they are fully satisfied for action with which it is provided for vigilance and discipline and will continue to be alert to the situation (.) If the Ministry can point out a concrete fact, we will give precise demonstrations (.)

General MURPHY (.)

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Alla MIA - Mrs. Bauman

to/to

SEZIONE MOBILITAZIONE/II

Roma, 11 27/5/1946

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ASSENZE ARBITRARIE AI C.A.R. ED ALLE SCUOLE CENTRALI NELLA
SETTIMANA 19 - 25 MAGGIO 1946
(RECLUTE)

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C.A.R. o SCUOLE COMILITER	Verificate si nella settimana	Totale assen- ti arbitrari al 25/V
1°- TORINO	34	27
2°- GENOVA	25	36
3°- MILANO	9	26
4°- BOLZANO	50	--
5°- UDINE	65	32
6°- BOLOGNA	514	434
7°- FIRENZE	96	156
8°- ROMA	40	110
9°- BARI	82	165
10°- NAPOLI	23	35
11°- PALERMO	180	239
SCUOLE CENTRALI MILIT.	50	119
	1.168	1.379

Nella settimana 21-27/IV : 312
 " " 28/IV - 4/V : 181
 " " 5-11/V : 333
 " " 12-18/V : 669

Totale al 18/V 633

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Subject : Capt. GHITTONI, Raffaels.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
Tel: 489081 Ext: 380.

A 200

25 May 46.

To : Ministry of War.

Ref your 108095/1/1 dated 26 ~~March~~ 1946.
110 109

1. British Ministry of War Transport state that arrangements have been made to discontinue the services of Capt. GHITTONI.
2. He is therefore at the disposal of your Ministry as requested.

JOS Stocher
Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

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/f.g.

A 200
BRITISH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

A.P.O. S 551 C.M.F. 31

Telegrams: Shipminder, Rome.

Tel 843041 Ext. 37

Re: EVT/176/46.

24th May, 1946. 22

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission,
(M.M.I.A.), ROME.Subject : Mr. Raffaele Ghittoni (Italian).

1. Reference your letter dated 6th May, 1946,
reference (A.200).
2. Arrangements have been made to dis-continue
the services of Mr. Raffaele Ghittoni with
this office.



E.V. Taylor.

*Letter to Mr. Taylor
starting to work at the
of 17th May.
20th May*

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FO/vi

Roma, li 21 maggio 1946.

Sezione Mobilitazione/II

Annot. from C.A.R.s during week 12-18 May

Alla MMIA
mf Bauman

Assenze arbitrarie ai C.A.R. e alle scuole centrali nella settimana 12 - 18 maggio (reclute).

Absent during week
Detained at 15 May

C.A.R. o Scuole COMILITER	Verificate si nella settimana	Totale as- senti arbi- trari al 18/V
1° - TORINO	31	16
2° - GENOVA	24	36
3° - MILANO	12	19
4° - BOLZANO	43	-
5° - UDINE	38	19
6° - BOLOGNA	221	104
7° - FIRENZE	71	104
8° - ROMA	25	70
9° - BARI	94	132
10° - NAPOLI	11	15
11° - PALERMO	47	71
SCUOLE C.M. CESANO	52	47
TOTALE	669	633

In previous week

Nella settimana 21-27/IV..... 312

" " 28/IV = 4/V..... 181

" " 5 = 11/V..... 333

Total as at 11/V

Totale all'11/V 501

1946
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STAZIONE MOBILITAZIONE/II

Roma, 11 13/V/1946

Assol. from the CAPs during week 5-11 May.
ASSENZE ARBITRARIE AI C.A.R. E ALLE SCUOLE CENTRALI
NELLA SETTIMANA 5 - 11 MAGGIO
(R E C L U T E)

Absent during week. Total absent at 4/5

CAR-COMILITER	Verifica- tesi nel- la setti- mana	Totale as- senti arbi- trari al- 1°11/V
1°- TORINO	14	14
2°- GENOVA	24	56
3°- MILANO	8	16
4°- BOLOGNA	35	1
5°- UDINE	8	9
6°- BOLOGNA	71	46
7°- FIRENZE	28	58
8°- ROMA	10	48
9°- BARI	79	161
10°- NAPOLI	13	19
11°- PALERMO	26	56
Scuole C.A.R. CESANO	17	17
	333	501

In previous week on 27 4/46
 Nella settimana 21-27/IV 312
 " " 28/IV-4/V 181

Totale al 4/5

495

Total as at 4/5/46

105 15/5

Alla MADIA

Magg. Bayman

Subject : Newspaper "Esercito e Popolo".

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.), R. C. M. S.
Tel: 489081 Ext: 380.

A 200

13 May 46.

To : Ministry of War
(Directorate of Public Relations).

1. Attached are copies of a newspaper "Esercito e Popolo" which have been distributed at SIENA, PISTOIA and FLORENCE. At FLORENCE two bundles of these newspapers were thrown into a barracks occupied by the Mob.Bu.
2. Your attention is drawn to articles and letters in the Journal which are alleged to have been written by members of the CC.RP. criticising Col. GRASSINI the FLORENCE Legion Commander.
3. It is understood that this is a new publication and is printed at SIENA.
4. The handbills were thrown and distributed at PISTOIA.
5. Your comments, and details of any action you propose to take are requested.

J. D. Stock
Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

Internal: CC.RR./G/7/2

JDS/f.g.

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Rom., 9 maggio 1946.

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Sezione Mobilitazione/II

All. MMIA

May Bauman 200

A.W.O.L. from the C.A.R.s during week 28.4 - 4 May
 ASSENZE ARBITRARIE AI C.A.R. NELLA SETTIMANA 28 APRILE -
 4 MAGGIO 1946 (reclute). (recruits)

C.A.R. - COMILITER	Verificate si nella setti- mana <i>Absence during week</i>	Totale as- senti ar- bitrari al <i>Total absent at H.H.</i>
1° - TORINO	3	46
2° - GENOVA	8	71
3° - MILANO	4	12
4° - BOLZANO	16	2
5° - UDINE	5	9
6° - BOLOGNA	11	25
7° - FIRENZE	17	77
8° - ROMA	7	42
9° - BARI	64	167
10° - NAPOLI	15	-
11° - PALERMO	31	44
	181	495

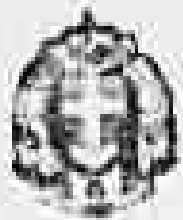
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11/10
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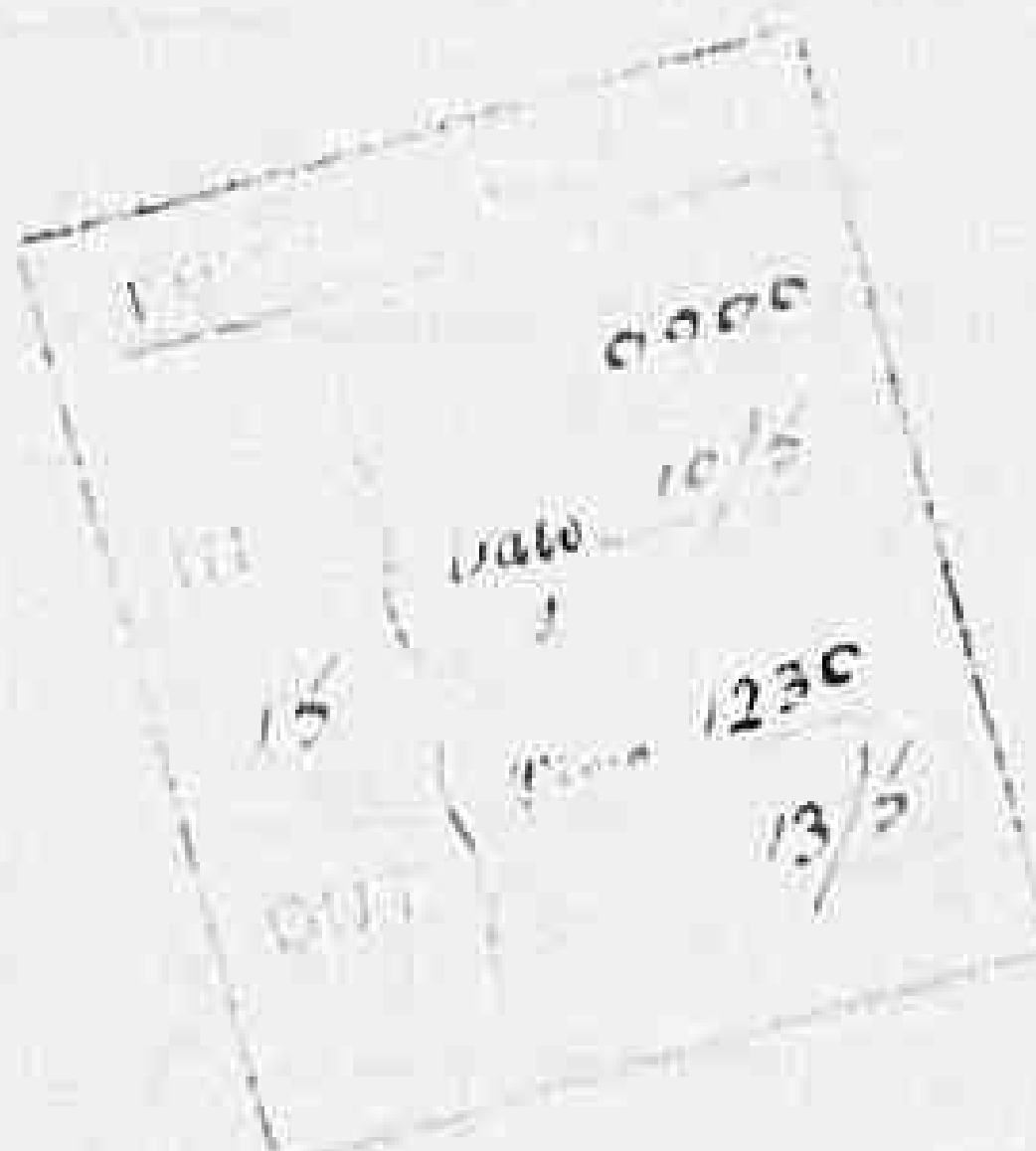
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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Interim Report on Incidents at CIVITAVECCHIA, and BRACCIANO.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
Italian Central Military Schools
(Tel: ROMA 66318/9).

Ref: 10/10/1/1526

7 May 1964

TO: H. J.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MIL). (copies)

1. Prior to the end of April I visited all the Schools, with a view to ascertaining whether every possible step had been taken to ensure that recruits, when they arrived, should be satisfactorily accommodated and that all necessary preparations made for feeding them and dealing with immediate welfare requirements. I formed the impression that in spite of grave difficulties, each of the Italian Colonel Commandants of the Schools had done everything possible to meet the situation, but that a considerable amount of improvisation would be inevitable, pending the completion of the builders work.

2. On Saturday, May 4th, Major Alexander, C.I.T. P.A., reported to me that there had been incidents at the former Condo Barracks at BRACCIANO, now occupied by the Recruit Training Centre, School of Artillery. The main causes of complaint made by the recruits were:-

- (a) That the rations were inadequate and not as well cooked as they were accustomed to.
- (b) That the dining accommodation was too rough and compared unfavourably with that at the C.A.H., and
- (c) That the location of the barracks was remote from any recreational facilities.

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2. On Saturday, May 4th, Major Alexander, G.I. R.A., reported to me that there had been incidents at the former Genio Barracks at BUCCHIGLIARI, now occupied by the Recruit Training Centre, School of Artillery. The main cause of complaint made by the recruits were:-

- (a) That the rations were inadequate and not as well cooked as they were accustomed to.
- (b) That the living accommodation was too rough and compared unfavorably with that at the R.A.A., and
- (c) That the location of the barracks was remote from any recreational facilities.

These complaints originated among a small body of recruits, but however, had the effect of causing dissatisfaction among the whole. Major Alexander reported that Col. Latham had taken very active steps to deal with the demonstration and that he believed that, although it must be admitted that conditions at Bucciglieri compared very unfavorably with those at some of the R.A.A., the feeling was likely to die down, and he did not regard it as a very serious matter.

3. On Sunday, 5 May 1946, I visited CIVITAVECCHIA to discuss the matter further with Major Alexander and ascertain whether there were any developments in the Bucciglieri barracks. Major Alexander stated there had been no further trouble at Bucciglieri but Major Christmas, G.I. R.A., stated there had been considerable trouble at the barracks in Bucciglieri. It appears that approximately 1,000 recruits left the barracks and proceeded on foot for a distance of approximately 5 miles to Civitavecchia Railway Station, where they assembled. They expressed the intention of taking the first available train back to their C.A.A. General Martelli, Commandant of CIVITAVECCHIA, proceeded immediately to the station and addressed the troops and asked for their specific cause of complaint. These were found to be those already quoted in the case of Bucciglieri, and in addition the Engineer

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recruits objected strongly to taking Mepacrine. Briefly, their argument was; if Mepacrine was necessary, the Aurelia Barracks must be in a malarial area. If it was in a malarial area then it was not recommended for the accommodation of troops and they demanded to be moved to a more healthy place. Then it was pointed out that the risk of malaria was slight, and in any case extensive anti-malaria precautions had already been taken; they stated that in this case there was no necessity to take Mepacrine and insisted on their transfer to another Barracks. In his address, General Battfeld promised:

- (a) To improve food conditions.
- (b) To do everything possible to expedite the improvement of Barracks conditions and
- (c) To move the whole of the Engineers to the Huei Aosta Barracks (at present allotted to the School of Artillery), within the next three days.

We then obtained transport and persuaded the men to return to the Aurelia Barracks. I stated that I was not prepared to agree to the transfer of the Engineers from the Aurelia to the Huei Aosta Barracks as this proposal has already been considered and turned down by I.M.I.A. and A.M.E.A., but I emphasized the importance of doing everything possible to improve conditions at the Aurelia Barracks so as to minimize the causes of complaint. I then returned to CASANOVA to see General B. 2000.

Early on Monday morning, 6 May, I visited CASANOVA to ascertain if there was any danger of incidents at the Scuola Automobiliistica and the Signals School. There was no trace of any trouble at the Scuola Automobiliistica and on arrival at the Signals School I found General Boner in the process of addressing the troops and impressing upon them that they must accept conditions as they were, on the understanding that everything possible was being done to improve them as far as possible and within the financial allotment allowed for the purpose. I formed the opinion that there was no likelihood of any immediate trouble at CASANOVA. I impressed on General Boner the most important point was to deal with the matters at CASANOVA that the most important point was to deal with the matters at CASANOVA. I re-iterated that I was not prepared to agree to the transfer of the Engineers to the Huei Aosta Barracks. General Cortelezza

7. It appears, however, that the main cause for the present discontent is due to misinterpretation by the Colonels of C.A.Hs., of their instructions to do everything possible to popularize the army among new recruits. In some cases they have undoubtedly carried this too far and instead of treating recruits as young soldiers subject to discipline, have tempered them to such an extent as to spoil them. While this does not apply to all C.A.Hs., with the Italian Regiment, the influence of a few discontented soldiers can adversely affect the whole of a much larger body. I explained this opinion to Major Baumann during my visit to I.A.I.I. on Sunday morning, and he promised to mention it to C.A.H. as the first opportunity.

8. A further report will be submitted after the effect of General Sonce's address this morning has been ascertained.

(Sgd) 7 9 1 7 2 2 2

Colonel.

Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

LHC/ah

Internal.

Civiltavacchia (1 copy).
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Colonel.

Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

LUN/ah

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TRANSLATION

Rome Territorial Command.

At about 1900 hrs on the 4th of May about 700 recruits of the Engineers School absented themselves without leave from the barracks and proceeded towards CIVITAVECCHIA Stn with the intention of returning to the C.A.Rs. from which they had come.

As the result of the pressure and persuasion of the Garrison Comdr at CIVITAVECCHIA and of the officers of the School they returned to barracks a little later.

The reasons of the trouble may be attributed to :

1. Location of the barracks outside the town.
2. Transfer of the recruits from the C.A.Rs. where they had been able to spend the first part of their military life in the neighbourhood of their families and local interests.
3. The indifferent facilities of the Aurelia bks compared with the better organisation at the barracks of the C.A.Rs.

(Sgd) MARIO SOLDARELLI

(the Commanding General).

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MIA)

A/200

7 MAY 46

TO : Chief Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission.

As requested I attach the following reports on the incidents at CIVITAVECCHIA and BRACCIANO on 4/5 May:-

- a. from 12 BLU
- b. from my SOG
- c. from War Ministry.

The chief trouble is in my opinion due to the difference between the standard of living in Training Centres (CARs) and that pertaining in other units. Throughout the period during which CARs have been organized, while stressing the importance of good reception and living arrangements I have personally impressed on the War Minister, the Ministry of War and dependant HQs the need for improving pro rata the arrangements in units. While much has been done in this respect, the conditions are not yet good enough - principally due to lack of funds and allied needs as regards accommodation.

On the other hand, incidents of this sort are common and well understood in the Italian Army. There have been many others and will, I am sure, be many more. We hope gradually to change this tendency, but it is a very slow process.

L. Brown

Major-General,
MIA.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MCLA)

4/200. 7 MAY 46

TO : Chief Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission.

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- b. from my SOCS
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2.13
Major-General,
MCLA.

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8° BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Rome

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Lt/Cpt. W. L. Medlam.
G. I. Coy.

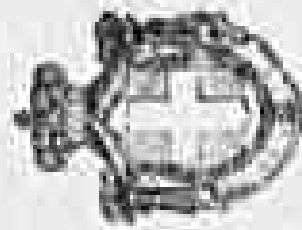
Attached please find brief report
from General Soldavelli, on the
incident of yesterday's date at
the Scuola artigiana del Genio,
Cervinara. I expect to receive
a more detailed report from the
Gen. Command later.

gl. Frank Meyer

7.5.46

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CAR/ru



Comando Militare Territoriale di Roma

UFFICIO T.A.V.
Sezione

12064 / tav di prot.

Roma, li 7 Maggio 1946

Oggetto: allontamento di circa 700 reclute dalla scuola artigieri del Genio in Aurelia.-

ALL'8° B.L.U.

S E D E

Il giorno 4 corrente, verso le ore 19, circa 700 reclute della scuola artigieri del genio si sono arbitrariamente allontanate dal loro alloggiamento per dirigersi verso la stazione di Civitavecchia con l'intenzione di rientrare al C.A.R. di provenienza.

A seguito dell'opera di convinzione svolta dal comandante del Presidio di Civitavecchia e dagli ufficiali della scuola rientravano dopo breve tempo in caserma.

Le cause dell'inconveniente vanno ricercate:

- nell'ubicazione della caserma fuori del centro abitato;
- l'allontanamento dal C.A.R. di provenienza che avevano loro consentito di poter trascorrere il primo periodo di vita militare in località viciniera al centro dei propri interessi familiari e materiali;
- la scarsa efficienza della caserma "Aurelia" in relazione alla miglior organizzazione delle caserme che ospitano i C.A.R.

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Italian Report on Incidents at CIVITAVECCHIA, and BRACCIANO.

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12 MILITARY LIAISON UNIT

For the

Italian Central Military Schools

(Tel: ROME 66748/9).

REF: AQ/10/1/1526

7 May 46.

To: H.Q.

Send Forward Sub Case. AQ (MIA). (2 copies)

1. Prior to the end of April I visited all the Schools, with a view to ascertaining whether any possible steps had been taken to ensure that recruits, when they arrived, should be satisfactorily accommodated and that all necessary arrangements made for feeding them and dealing with immediate welfare requirements. I formed the impression that in spite of grave difficulties, each of the Italian Colonel Commandants of the Schools had done everything possible to meet the situation, but that a considerable amount of improvisation would be inevitable, pending the completion of the builders work.

2. On Saturday, May 4th, Major Alexander, C.I.I.P.A., reported to me that there had been incidents at the former Genio Barracks at BRACCIANO, now occupied by the Recruit Training Centre, School of Artillery. The main causes of complaint made by the recruits were:-

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- (c) That the location of the barracks was remote from any recreational facilities.

These complaints originated among a small body of recruits, but however, had the effect of causing dissatisfaction among the whole. Major Alexander reported that Col. Palma had taken very active steps to deal with the dissatisfaction and that he believed that, although it must be admitted that conditions at Bracciano compared very unfavorably with those at some of the C.I.A.B.s, the feeling was likely to die down, and he did not regard it as a very serious matter.

3. On Sunday, 5 May 46, I visited CIVITAVECCHIA to discuss the matter further with Major Alexander and ascertain whether there were any developments in the Engineer Barracks at ABRUZZA. Major Alexander stated there had been no further trouble at BRACCIANO but Major Chapman, C.I.I.A.B., stated there had been considerable trouble at the ABRUZZA Barracks. It appears that approximately 1,000 recruits left the barracks and proceeded on foot for a distance of approximately 5 miles to Civitavecchia Railway Station, where they assembled. They expressed the intention of taking the first available train back to their C.I.A.B.s. General Mattioli, Commandant of CIVITAVECCHIA, proceeded immediately to the Station and addressed the troops and asked for their specific causes of complaint. There were found to be those already quoted in the case of BRACCIANO, and in addition the Engineer recruits objected strongly to taking Messerine. Briefly, their argument was; if Messerine was necessary, the ABRUZZA Barracks must be in a malarial area. If it was in a malarial area then it was not suitable for the accommodation of troops and they demanded to be moved to a more healthy place. When it was pointed out that the risk of malaria was slight, and in any case extensive anti-malarial precautions had already been taken, they stated that in this case there was no necessity to take Messerine and insisted on their transfer to another barracks. In his address, General Mattioli promised:-

- (a) To improve food conditions.
- (b) To do everything possible to expedite the improvement of barracks conditions and
- (c) To move the whole of the Engineers to the DUE FLORES Barracks (at present allotted to the School of Artillery), within the next three days./2.

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We then obtained transport and persuaded the men to return to the Aurelia Barracks. I stated that I was not prepared to agree to the transfer of the Engineers from the Aurelia to the Duc d'Aosta barracks as this proposal had already been considered and turned down by H.M.I.A. and S.M.R.S., but I emphasized the importance of doing everything possible to improve conditions at the Aurelia Barracks so as to minimize the causes of complaint. I then returned to OSSANO to see General Ronco.

Early on Monday morning, 6 May, I visited CECCHIGNOLA to ascertain if there was any danger of incidents at the Scuola Automobiliistica and the Signals School. There was no trace of any trouble at the Scuola Automobiliistica and on arrival at the Signals School I found General Ronco in the process of addressing the troops and impressing upon them that they must accept conditions as they were, on the understanding that everything possible was being done to improve them as far as possible and within the financial allotment allowed for the purpose. I formed the opinion that there was no likelihood of any immediate trouble at Cecchignola. I impressed on General Ronco that the most important point was to deal with the outbreaks at CIVITAVECCHIA, but I reiterated that I was not prepared to agree to the transfer of the Engineer School to the Duc d'Aosta barracks. General Ronco promised to visit Civitavecchia in company with General Corteleza of the Genio Militare, on Tuesday, 7 May, and at the time of writing this report I understand he is at Civitavecchia for this purpose.

I have delegated my G.III, Capt. Gibbins, to Civitavecchia to ascertain the latest position and report to me on his return. In my opinion a great deal depends on whether General Ronco can convince the dissident recruits that everything possible, within the limitations of finance, is being done for their good, without making promises which are incapable of fulfillment, such as it would appear have been made by General Mattioli.

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8. A further report will be submitted after the effect of General Bonco's address this morning has been appreciated.

Stehouder

Colonel.
Comd. 12 British Liaison Unit for the
Italian Central Military Schools

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Civitavecchia (4 copy).
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P.S. It would be noted that the
Church Barracks Costa Vecchia were
occupied by No. 1 Infantry Training Regiment
throughout the winter & there were neither
incidents nor complaints of any sort.

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Subject : Reg. Art. Capt. GHITTONI Raffaele.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
Tel: 489081 Ext: 380.

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6 May 46.

To : British Ministry of War Transport.

Ref our A 304 dated 6 Nov 45 and your GAB/16/45
of 14 Nov.

1. Ministry of War state that the a/m officer has
been awarded 60 days confinement as a result of screening.
They consider it advisable that he should cease
to serve with your Ministry and be at the disposal of the
Ministry of War.

2. Your comments are requested please.

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Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

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Transaction

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

Ref. IO8095/I/I
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Date 25/4/45.

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Subject Reg.Art.Capt. GHITTONI Raffaele.

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Reference letter A/304 dated 6 Nov. 1945.

Reg.Art.Capt GHITTONI Raffaele in accordance with the results of screening has been awarded 60 days confinement.

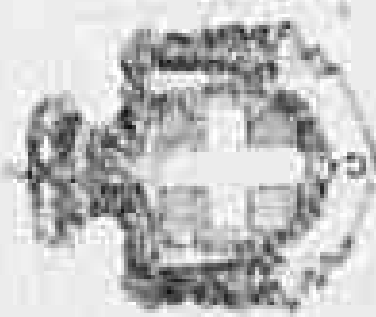
Consequently it would seem advisable that the officer - should your mission agree - ceases to serve with the British Transport Min. and be left at the disposal of this ministry.

We would be pleased to receive a reply on the matter.

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Lombardi.

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Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

Divisione
208095 / 1/12/1946

210-208095 GETTO capitano artiglieria s.p.e. GHITTONI Raffaele.-

Risposta al Foglio del
Gen. *A.2*

Ricevuto 26 APR 1946

All *A*

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
(riferimento A/304 del 6 novembre 1945)
e, per conoscenza:
ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE PERSONALE UFFICIALI
(risposta 2/11666 del 15 corr.)

R O M A

S E D E

Il capitano di artiglieria in s.p.e. GHITTONI Raffaele
in sede di perfezionamento di discriminazione è stato punito
con giorni 60 di arresti in fortezza.

In conseguenza di ciò sembra opportuno che l'ufficiale
- qualora nulla osti da parte di codesta M.M.I.A.- cessi del
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e sia lasciato a disposizione di questo Ministero.

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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Subject: Reports C.A.R.

HQ M.M.I.A.

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HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel: 152965 Ext- 107
G/35/19/1
19 Apr 46

Further to my G/35/19/1 dated 15 Apr 46.

I forward herewith another report concerning an incident at the
C.A.R., CCMO.

MILAN
POME/PT

Lt Col
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Translation

From Mil. Terr. HQ Milan
To Min. of War

Ref. IO/3542
Date 14/4/46.

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Subject Incident at the C.A.R. Como.

Further to tele IO/3450 dated 12 inst.

From personal investigation carried out on the spot, I hereby report the occurrences which took place at the Como C.A.R.

About 13.15 hrs on the 9 inst. - during the absence of the C.A.R. commander - the 2/I.C. Reg. Lt. Col. BOZZANI was informed by the picket officer that two soldiers from each company under his command were asking to be received by the commander as soon as possible in order to lodge some complaints.

Lt. Col. BOZZANI replied that the soldiers should make their requests through the normal channels to their company commanders, however a short time after, having noted from a window that the picket officer was holding a lively conversation with some soldiers, he walked by the group of soldiers and was again asked by them to be brought before the C.A.R. commander as representatives of the various companies. When he replied that the commander was absent and that any requests or complaints would be brought up in the normal way, the soldiers asked to be received by him, 2/I.C., stressing that if he did not receive them they would induce 37261r companions not to parade for the afternoon training.

Lt. Col. BOZZANI returned to his office, after having informed them that he had nothing to add to what he had already said.

Seeing however that the parade ground remained deserted and that the soldiers were putting into practice what they had threatened, after having given order for the C.A.R. "Legnano" Inf. div. "model platoons" to attend to,

He called the officers under his command together and, reminding them not to listen to the soldiers unless they made their complaints in the normal manner, invited company commanders, should the soldiers ask to be brought before the 2/I.C., to bring them before him immediately.

Some time later 12 soldiers of the C.A.R., accompanied by company commanders met in the conference room.

Lt. Col. BOZZANI pointed out to them that the first request to confer with him and the demonstration carried out was a breach of discipline and made it clear that he had only consented to listen to them after they had followed the correct procedure, and only on individually expressed matters, ~~one of the~~ soldiers, whom he had questioned, *brought up the following points.*

1°) Family Allowances (identical request to the one made at the Brescia C.A.R. Attachment)

Lt. Col. BOZZANI read the circular to them on the matter from the War Min. which had recently been received but not yet brought to the notice of the troops.

2°) Messing: improvement in the quality and quantity of the rations
Lt. Col. BOZZANI pointed out that the appropriate messing committee would explain the matter.

3°) Passes up to 22.30 hrs: Lt. Col. BOZZANI answered that the matter would be settled by the commander, on his return.

4°) Sunday leave extended to 07.00 hrs Monday: replied as previously.

5°) Length of Period to serve Lt. Col. BOZZANI replied ³⁷that he thought it would be a period of 12 months, anyhow it was a thing which concerned the government.

6°) Complaints against the alleged abuse committed in districts in the exemptions from call-up: he asked them to present any complaints with the necessary documents giving evidence of same

The soldier questioned brought up moreover other questions which could not be dealt with by the Corp, such as;

- the reason for the reorganization of the Army;
- why the state railways do not grant free travel to leave personnel;
- the request to nominate two soldiers per company as unit representatives in order to collect and bring up the various questions;
- the abolition of the method for approaching superior officers, thought to be in contrast to democratic principles;
- the concession of the right to appeal against punishments, before they have been carried out.

After this meeting Lt.Col. BOZZANI sent the soldiers to their units. In the meantime the units which were parading for training went, in perfect order, to carry on the training laid down.

It is my opinion that this incident had also been started by the same ring-leaders, obeying probably outside trouble makers who we are gradually identifying.

The w/m demonstrations in fact contrast typically with the interest and willing spirit which the soldiers shown during the various training periods in which I have taken part and in the really exemplary way in which they behave themselves, collectively and individually, during the various barrack duties (issue and consumption of meals included) and when I myself have had occasion to question them.

During these occasions, directly or indirectly, they have always led me to understand that they have no and appreciate the great care which their superiors take in their welfare, contrary to what they thought at the time of their 3724

This confirms that the reason for the demonstrations not conforming to discipline regulations come from the outside, having objectives which are foreign to military service duties and maybe suffered by the majority without such enthusiasm or conviction.

I confirm therefore the points and deductions pointed out in the previous letter N° IC/3425 dated II inst.

I have stressed the point to C.A.R. commanders and senior officers the directive that discipline is to be with tact, intelligence and careful firmness, respected and made respected in every way and the necessity that commanders of small units - specially companies - keep a more strict and distant contact with their men in order to prevent applications, queries, and doubts or to help any representation of individual legitimate complaints through the normal channels convincing them that the normal channel is not a blocked one, but that it works better and more efficiently than the irregular and dangerously attempted method of commissions etc.

I think that in time and with the greater knowledge that unit commanders will gain of their men, who have only been called up a fortnight ago, except in unestimated situations, it will not be repeated.

DAK

Roberto Sequi

Alberto Maccarone.

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI MILANO
Ufficio Territoriale di Milano

N° 10' 3646 - di prot.

Milano, li 17 aprile 1946

ALLEGATI N° 2 - RISERVATO

OGGETTO: Incidenti presso il C.A.R. di Brescia e C.A.R. di Como. =

AL COMANDO 3° B. L. 3.

MILANO

Si allega una "copia" dei foglia 10/3425 e n°
10/3542 - rispettivamente in data 11/4/1946 e 14/4/1946,
per doverosa informazione. =

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Colonnello Ottavio Carnevali)

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI MILANO
Ufficio Territoriale e Affari Vari

n. 10/3542 di prot.

Milano, 14 aprile 1946

OGGETTO: Incidente presso il C.A.R. di Como.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
- Gabinetto -

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S.M.R.E.

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A seguito del telegramma 10/3460 del 12 c.m.-

Da accertamenti personali in luogo, riassumo di seguito i fatti verificatisi presso il C.A.R. di Como.-

Verso le ore 13,15 del 9 corr. - in assenza del Comandante del C.A.R. - il Vicecomandante Ten.Col. S.p.e. BOZZANI veniva informato dall'ufficiale di picchetto che due militari per ogni cp. dipendente chiedevano di essere ricevuti d'urgenza dal Comandante per presentare alcuni reclami.

Il Ten.Col. BOZZANI faceva rispondere che i militari esposti neessero le loro richieste gerarchicamente ai rispettivi Comandanti di cp. - poco dopo però, avendo osservato da una finestra che l'ufficiale di picchetto discuteva animatamente con alcuni militari, faceva in modo di passare vicino al gruppo dei militari e da alcuni ai di questi veniva richiesto nuovamente di essere presentati al Comandante del C.A.R. quelli rappresentanti delle diverse cp. - Alla risposta che il Comandante era assente e che le loro eventuali esigenze o reclami andavano prospettate seguendo la prescritta via gerarchica, i militari chiedevano di essere ricevuti da lui stesso, Vice Comandante, accennando in caso contrario ad indurre i compagni a non adunarsi per la istruzione pomeridiana.

Il Ten.Col. BOZZANI rientrava nel proprio ufficio, dopo aver comunicato che nella aveva da aggiungere a quanto già detto.

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Visto però che il cortile restava deserto e che i militari ponevano in atto quanto minacciato, dopo aver dato ordini perché il "plotone modello" del C.A.R., appartenente alla Div.ne "Wagnano", si tenesse pronto ed armato per ogni evenienza, chiamava a rapporto gli ufficiali dipendenti e, rammentato loro di aver ricevuto di ascoltare i militari, se con dopo che questi lo avessero chiesto per via gerarchica, invitava i Comandanti di cp., qualora i militari avessero richiesto di essere messi a rapporto col Vice Comandante, di accompagnarli da lui senz'altro.

Qualche tempo dopo 12 soldati del C.A.R., accompagnati dai Comandanti di cp. si riunivano nella sala del rapporto.

Il Ten.Col. BOZZANI, fatto notare quanto di inammissibile dal punto di vista disciplinare era stato nella prima richiesta diretta di conferire con lui e nella manifestazione in atto e chiarito che aveva acconsentito ad ascoltarli soltanto dopo che era stato seguito il tramite gerarchico, e solo su questioni individualmente espresse, riceveva da uno dei convenuti, da lui interrogato, l'esposizione dei //.

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seguenti desiderata:

- 1°) Sussidio alle Famiglie (richieste identiche a quelle fatte al Distaccamento C.A.R. di Brescia)
Il Tec.Col. BOZZANI dava lettura della circolare in proposito del Ministero della Guerra recentemente pervenuta e non ancora a conoscenza dei militari.
- 2°) Rancio: miglioramento in qualità e quantità delle razioni.
Il Tec.Col. BOZZANI faceva presente che l'apposita commissione per il rancio poteva dare le spiegazioni del caso.
- 3°) Libera uscita fino alle ore 22,30: il Ten.Col. BOZZANI risponde che tale questione sarebbe stata vagliata dal Comandante, al suo rientro.
- 4°) Permesso domenicale prorogato fino alle ore 7 del lunedì: Risposta analoga a quella precedente.
- 5°) Durata della ferma: il Ten.Col. BOZZANI rispondeva che riteneva di essere di 12 mesi, comunque era cosa di competenza del Governo.
- 6°) Lagnanze contro asseriti abusi commessi nei Distretti nelle esenzioni della chiamata alle armi: veniva risposto di presentare gli eventuali reclami, con necessaria documentazione probativa.
Il militare interrogato prospettava inoltre alcune altre questioni esulanti dalla competenza specifica del Corpo, quali:
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 - perché le R.S. non concedono il viaggio gratuito per i permessi;
 - la richiesta di designare due militari per cp. quali rappresentanti del "partito per raccogliere ed esporre le varie questioni;
 - l'abolizione della via gerarchica, ritenuta in contrasto con i principi democratici;
 - la concessione del diritto di reclamo contro le punizioni, prima di averle scontate.

Dopo questa esposizione il Ten.Col. BOZZANI rinviava i militi a presentarsi al Comandante, che si erano venuti adunando per

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le istruzioni si recavano, in perfetto ordine, a svolgere l'addestra-
mento previsto.

E' mia opinione che l'incidente anche qui sia stato fomentato
dal soliti mestatori, probabilmente obbedienti a sobillazioni dall'Es-
terno e che gradatamente si stanno individuando.

Le manifestazioni in questione infatti contrastano tipicamen-
te con l'interessamento e la buona volontà che i militari dimostrano
nelle varie istruzioni cui ho assistito e col modo veramente esempla-
re nel quale li ho visti presentarsi, collettivamente e individualmen-
te, nelle varie operazioni di caserma (distribuzione e consumazione
del rancio coprese) e quando io stesso ho avuto occasione di interroga-
li.

Anzi, in tali occasioni, direttamente o indirettamente, hanno
tenuto a farmi capire di aver constatato e di riconoscere la massima
cura che i loro superiori tengono al loro benessere, contrariamente
a quanto pensavano all'atto della chiamata alle armi.

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Ciò conferma che lo spunto a manifestazioni non conformi alle norme disciplinari viene dall'esterno, tende ad obiettivi e strani ai particolari del servizio militare e forse dalla maggioranza è subito senza molto entusiasmo e convinzione.

Confermo pertanto le argomentazioni e deduzioni prospettate con la precedente comunicazione n. 10/3425 dell'11 corr. -

Ho rimesso in rilievo al Comandante del C.A.R. e Gli Uffici superiori la direttiva che la disciplina deve essere con tatto e con intelligente ed oculata fermezza, rispettata e fatta rispettare ad ogni modo e la necessità che i Comandanti dei minori reparti - specie di compagnia - tengano un contatto più stretto ed avveduto, con i loro uomini per prevenire domande, quesiti e dubbi od agevolare la eventuale rappresentazione di legittimi bisogni individuali attraverso la via gerarchica ~~prescritta non è un canale ostacolato, ma censi funzionante meglio e più efficacemente dell'irregolare, e pericolosamente tentata via delle commissioni ecc.~~

Ritengo che in prosieguo di tempo con la maggior conoscenza che i Comandanti di Reparto acquisteranno dei loro uomini, da appoggiare una quindicina di giorni alle armi, questi incidenti, salvo imprevendibili situazioni contingenti, potranno non ripetersi.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE INTERINALE

M.to- Roberto Regui -



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SUBJECT: Reports C.A.R.

HQ M.W.I.A.

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HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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15 Apr 46

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Forwarded herewith is a report regarding an incident which occurred at the C.A.R., BRESCIA.

MILAN
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IN { Time 9.30
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Translation

From Mil. Terr. HQ Milan
Min. of War

Ref. IO/3428
Date II/4/1946.

Subject Incident at the C.A.R. at Brescia.

Further to tele N° 04/1218 dated 7/4/46.

After an inspection personally carried out on the orders of the General Commander, I hereby report the occurrences which took place at the C.A.R. detachment at Brescia.

On the 4 inst. at about 1300 hrs some soldiers belonging to the II coy. on the pretence of the insufficiency of the normal cheese ration, induced many of their companions to collect under the HQ building and ask for a representative of each platoon to be received by the Lt:Col. Commander P.E. PARISI, in order to listen to their complaints.

Thanks to the intervention of the officers and N.C.Os, a short time after the soldiers returned quietly to their own companies in order to carry on their normal routine.

At 1600 hrs the commander of the C.A.R. detachment Lt.Col. PARISI decided, as an exception, to receive a group of three soldiers per company in order to listen to their complaints. The soldiers, in the presence of Major TANCHIS and the ~~Adj.~~ Adj. Major, after having declared that they did not know it was forbidden to make a collective complaint and having assured that this wrong behaviour would not occur again, stated that they had nothing to complain about regarding their treatment and the interest of their superiors in ³²⁷ but to complain about instructions issued by the government and upon demand of the commander of the detachment asked for the following concessions:

2.

- I°) - Increase in pay, from 14 lire to a minimum of 30 lire, due to the fact that the disparity in treatment between C.A.R. military personnel and other garrison units at Brescia and on the outskirts is not considered just;
- 2°) - Increase in the quantity of rations or at least an increase in the ration allowance to a minimum of 25 lire;
- 3°) - Institution of a laundry service as was practiced prewar.
- 4°) - Improvement of the quality of the kit issued, in particular socks, due to the fact that those already on issue, due to the poor quality of manufacture and the materials used, are already unserviceable.
- 5°) - Clarification of the object for calling up the 1924 class, due to the fact that almost all the conscripts have already done their military service.
- 6°) - Notification of the length of the period to be served;
- 7°) - A guarantee that when they are released that they will be reinstated in their former employment in factories, workshops and offices.
- 8°) - That a suitable allowance be granted to respective families in accordance with their needs.
- 9°) - Change in the off duty hours;
- 10°) - That the formal training, laid down in the programme, be reduced in respect of the efficiency already reached before their call up;
- 11°) - Holiday passes up to 0900 hrs Monday;

Lt.Col. PARISI with the object of preventing further demonstrations by soldiers of the new ~~xxix~~ class, all of whom do still not realize that it is forbidden to make a collective complaint, thought it advisable to grant passes up to 0900 hrs on Mondays for personnel who had to travel to distant localities, on condition that they made up the hour ³² 6 and a half laid down in the training programme during the week.

- to extend, in agreement with the Military Garrison at Brescia, the retreat from 21.30 hrs to 22.00 hrs;

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- to include, in the present messing committee, two recruits per coy. with a change every 15 days, a matter already previously decided;
to reduce the hours of formal training, shown actually to be excessive, compared with the standard of training already reached by the men.
I am certain after having questioned many of the latter personnel, that what has happened is not due to discontent caused by internal organisation or the conduct of the C.A.R. staff- the men themselves have expressly stated to me that both are as good as can be expected.

I am therefore bound to think that the long list of complaints coincide mainly with the press campaign which has been started by some political parties when the call up of this class was announced and I cannot help but suspect that this unfortunate demonstration was provoked by unruly elements and outside influences.

Like demonstrations, reported to this HQ, took place at the same time and with identical requests at other C.A.R.s, confirm this suspicion and therefore it is not to be excluded that it is a question of a sort of general trial of a plan tending to check on one hand the reaction of unruly military personnel and on the other the reaction of the military authorities.

I have not approved any of the measures taken by the Commander of C.A.R. detachment judging them to be too, ~~accondescending~~ and I have ordered them to be gradually cancelled.

I have at the same time issued instructions that the unruly elements be identified.

I, however I am correct, considering what I have reported above, more than a local action will be necessary a measure taken by your ministry, in order to obtain from those whose duty it is that the discipline of the Army - guarantee of order and peace - be by all and in the interests of everyone, appreciated or at least respected.

DAK

3715
Roberto Segui

Chief of Staff

Col. Ottavio Carnevale.

Subject : VANDELLI Walter.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
Tel: 489081 Ext: 380.

A 200

29 Apr. 46.

To : D.P.M. RAAG.

file 264 file 114
Ref your PM/9/DIR of 18 Jan 46.

For your information the a/m soldier has been denounced to the Military Attorney of the Realm for the theft, and is at present held awaiting trial.

J.D. Stocker
Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

/t.e.

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16.

TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

TO : MMIA

(Reply to letter A/264 dated 22/1/46)

REF: 90016/64

DATE: 17/4/46

SUBJECT: Discipline - Theft committed by Italian
soldier Pvt. Vandelli Walter.Further to our letter dated 6th and 23rd
February 1946.

We would inform you that the a/m soldier has
been denounced to the Military Attorney of the Realm of the War
Military Territorial Tribunal of Rome on 15/2/46 for the theft
committed by him, and is at present at disposal of said Attorney
awaiting the trial.

sgd. Cugusi

Letter to D.D. Rome
informing them
20/4.
T.M.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE
Divisione Discipline

N. 90016 di prot.

Roma, 11 17 APR 1946

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION J.P. (MMA)

(risp. suo A/254 del 22/1/1945)

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO Segret. del Gen. Addetto

(rif sua traduz. 351/C del 26/1/1945)

AL C A B I N E T T O - Ufficio I° -

ALL'UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO

R O M A

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S E D EO C C E T T O: Disciplina - furti commessi da soldati italiani -
soldato VANDELLI Walter.-

Seguito fogli pari numero in data 6 e 23 Febbraio 1946

S'informa che il militare indicato in oggetto è stato denunciato al Procuratore Militare del Regno presso il Tribunale Militare Territoriale di guerra di Roma in data 15 Febbraio 1946, per il furto da lui commesso, e trovasi attualmente a disposizione dello stesso Procuratore in attesa di giudizio.-

P. IL MINISTRO

(Rif sua traduz. 351/C del 25/1/1946)

AL C A P I N E T T O - Ufficio I° -

ALL'UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO

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P. IL MINISTRO
Eugenio CUGIS

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15.

Subject : Theft of W.D. Property.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
Tel: 489081 Ext:380.

✓ A 200

25 April 46.

To : D.P.M. RAAC.

File 264 June 127

Ref your PM/9/5576 of 13 Feb 46.

1. For your information we have been informed by Ministry of War that Pvt. SUSSARELLO SEBASTIANO received a maximum Sentence of detention on his return this unit.
2. Information of action taken by the Legal Authorities is awaited.

J.D. Stocker
Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

/f.g.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M.O. W.
TO : MMIA

REF: 90016/59
DATE: 10/4/46

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SUBJECT: Pvt. Sussarello Sebastiano of the late Antonio.

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Ref. letter A/264 dated 12/2/46.

From information received from Units under command it appears that on 10th February 1946, pvt. Sussarello, apprehended by USMC whilst carrying on his shoulders a sack containing flour, property of Allies, was arrested and handed over to the Allied Police.

Next day the 11th inst., pvt. Sussarello was released because it had been proved that his statement was true, i.e., the flour was sold to him by a British soldier.

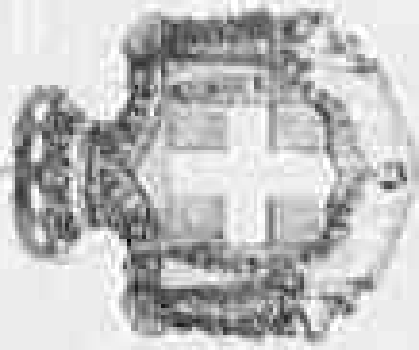
Pvt. Sussarello has been denounced to Military Tribunal of Rome for receiving stolen goods and, as soon as he returned to his parent unit, he was punished with the maximum sentence of detention.

We shall inform you at a later date of the action taken by the Legal Authorities.

sgd. Cugusi

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Letter written to
Rome 10/4/46
T.M. 20/4/46

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Roma, 11 10 APR 1946



A. 25-

*Ministero della Guerra*ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
(Rif.f; n.A264 del 16 Febbraio 1946)DIREZIONE GENERALE
LEVA SOTTUFFICIALI E TRUPPAR O M A

Div. Disciplina Sez. 2^

N° 90016/69 /di Pret.O G G E T T O: Soldato SUSSARELLO Sebastiano fu Antonio.-
e, per conoscenza:AL G A B I N E T T O -Ufficio Coordinamento- S E D E

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Dalle notizie sin'ora pervenute dagli Enti dipendenti risulta che il giorno 10 Febbraio 1946 il SUSSARELLO, serpreo dall'Arma Carabinieri Reali con I sacco in spalla contenente farina di proprietà Alleata, veniva fermato e consegnato alla Polizia Alleata; il successivo giorno 11 il SUSSARELLO era rimesso in libertà, essendo stata accertata rispondente al vero quanto da lui affermato e cioè che la farina gli era stata venduta da un militare inglese.

Il SUSSARELLO è stato denunciato, per ricettazione, al Tribunale Militare di Roma e, appena rientrato al proprio Reparto, è stato punito con il massimo di c.p.r.

Si fa riserva di comunicare i provvedimenti che saranno adottati dalla Autorità Giudiziaria.-



e, per conoscenza:

AL G A B I N E T T O -Ufficio Coordinamento- S E D E

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P. IL MINISTRO
Efisio Cugusi

[Signature]

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SUBJECT:- Alleged Theft at Maddaloni.3 District
Tel Ext 46
630 A
27 Mar 46
-----TO : Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA) ROME.

Reference your Q220 of 6 Feb 46.

1. OC 16(Pal Fd Svy Depot is at present in Palestine on LIAP and this Unit during his absence has been put under the administrative Command of 524(Pal) Fd Survey Coy RE who have no knowledge of the a/q matter.
2. This Officer is expected back in this country at the beginning of next month and it is suggested that the matter be held in abeyance pending his return.
3. It is understood that "Q" Branch of this HQ is dealing with Para 2 of your a/q letter.

SIGNED ?????? Capt. for,
Major General
Commander.Q. Dist.

Q.220

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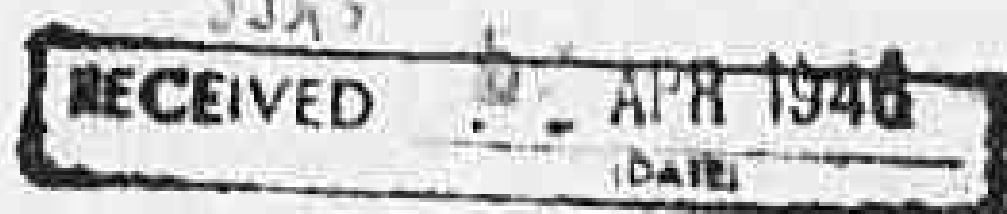
Subject: - Pilferage - Small Arms.

HQ Naples Area.
Tel. No. 20867.
132A/2/Pro.
4 Apr. 46.

'A' Naples Area.

Land Forces Sub-Commission. AC.MNTA, ROME.

1. Further to this office letter 132A/81/Pro of 22 Mar 46.
2. Herewith final CMP report on the incident in question.
3. It will be seen that action is being taken against those responsible.



Major.
A.P.M.
(G.W. RANSOM).

3707

REPORT

TO : THE OFFICER COMMANDING
180 PROVOST COMPANY
C.M. POLICE.

Sir,

I have to report that at NAPLES, on 23rd MARCH 1946, I was instructed to make enquiries regarding the pilferage of small arms by ITALIAN MILITARY personnel from "D" PIA, on night of 18/19 MARCH 1946, reference the attached report submitted by SUB/CONDUCTOR S. STOCKLEY, R.A.O.C. att. 10 B.L.U.

In view of the fact that the attached report states that several pistols had been thrown into the sea, I attempted to contact S/C G. STOCKLEY, but I was informed at No. 10 B.L.U. that he was not available, as he had returned to ROME, having been sent to NAPLES solely for the purpose of loading ORDNANCE STORES which including the .38 pistols.

I then proceeded to TERRITORIAL COMMAND H.Q., PIAZZA DEL FLEBISCITY, NAPLES, to ascertain the whereabouts of MAJOR A.S. INNELLA (NOT INNELLA, as in attached report) and MARSCIALLO PERRILLI GUINPE, and I was informed that both were members of DIREZIONE DI AERONAUTICA, GROTO DI S. GERARDO, NAPLES, to which place I then proceeded. On arrival there I was unable to contact either of them.

From information received, I ascertained that the members of the GUARD who had been arrested by the ITALIAN AUTHORITIES, were members of 2nd BN, 10th INFANTRY REGIMENT, CASERMA V. NEZAMUNEN 2nd. I proceeded there, where I received information that the arrested persons were named as under:-

1. PIAZZA Carmine Di Francesco.
2. AMBROSIO Antonio Fu Antonio.
3. CASTALDO Coetano Fu Domenico.
4. IPOLITO Mario di Antonio.
5. RECCARDLO Giovanni Di Giovanni. All of 6 COMPANY 2 BN 10 INF REGT.

All the above named are in close arrest, and are awaiting COURT MARTIAL.

attached report) and the members of the COAST GUARD, both were members of DIREZIONE DI ARTIGLIERIA, CROCE DI S. GENARO, NAPLES, TO which place I then proceeded. On arrival there I was unable to contact either of them.

From information received, I ascertained that the members of the COAST GUARD who had been arrested by the ITALIAN AUTHORITIES, were members of 2nd INF. 10th INFANTRY REGIMENT, CALABRIA V. EMANUELE 2nd. I proceeded there, where I received information that the arrested persons were named as under:-

1. PIZZA Carmine Di Francesco.
2. AMADIO Antonio Fu Antonio.
3. CASTALDO Gaetano Fu Domenico.
4. IPIOLITO Mario di Antonio.
5. MECAROLO Giovanni Di Giovanni. All of 6 COMPANY 2 INF 10 INF REGT.

All the above named are in close arrest, and are awaiting COURT MARTIAL.

In order to ascertain the exact location on D PIER, where the .38 pistols had been thrown in, I escorted CASTALDO Gaetano Fu Domenico, to D PIER, NAPLES PORT (ITALIAN SECTION), he, being one of the above named Italian soldiers in close arrest. On arrival there he indicated that the exact location was halfway down D PIER, on the side facing the BRITISH SECTION of the pier. Whilst at this point, I was informed by several onlookers that a diver had already recovered SEVERAL pistols, this fact I was not able to confirm at that time.

On 26th MARCH, I contacted MAJOR MARULLA, who confirmed that a DIVER had already been down at the point where the pistols were thrown in, and he had recovered SIX of the pistols, making a total deficiency now of TWENTY ONE. The SIX recovered were forwarded to VERONA with the original consignment.

I then organised a further search of that area of water, acquiring the assistance of DIVER D'OMIA Raffaele Di Salvatore, who searched for a period of approx. ONE hour, with a negative result.

The .38 pistols in question are of W.D. pattern on loan to the ITALIAN ARMY.

NAPLES
26th MARCH 1945

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C.I. POLICE.
Scrib.
A/S 17.30

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Subject : Claim of Lieutenant Vincenzo ALTAVILLA

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.,
(M.H.I.A.) R O M E .

— A 200

14 Apr. '46.

To : CG MEURIA
AFG 542 U.S. ARMY

(9)

1. Ref your AG 150/056 A-O of 2 April 1946, copy attached and your AG 151/112 A-O of 22 Dec 1945 and our A 200 of the 13th of March 46, copy attached and letter of Inquiry from British Army of the Rhine attached.

2. The request for information by the British Army of the Rhine was complied with and forwarded to your Headquarters on the 13th of March as indicated.

R.C. VAN KIDK, Major
for Major General
M.H.I.A.

3 Incl.

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RCV/as

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to AG 150/056 A-0

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1946

2 April 1946

SUBJECT: Claim of Lieutenant Vincenzo Altavilla.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA)

1. Attached letter from Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine is self-explanatory.
2. Original correspondence was forwarded by 2nd Indorsement, this headquarters, file AG 150/056 A-0, dated 29 January 1946. As yet no reply has been received.
3. It is desired that information requested by British Army of the Rhine be expedited.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IRE:

1 Incl:
Ltr. fr BAGR, dtd
20 March 46.

John R. Hayes
JOHN R. HAYES
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Subject: Discipline - Personnel of MAIELLA Brigade.

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

A 200

3 Apr 46

To: Main H.Q. 13 Corps, GTF.

Ref your Pro 2205 dated 20 Dec 45 & our A200 dated 16 Mar 46.

1. Herewith please find copy of a letter on this subject received at this HQ from the Ministry of War.
2. Please state what further action you wish us to take in this letter.

J.A.C. Pearce Dy
J.A.C. PEARCE, Major,
for Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

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Translation

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

Ref. IC6188/I/I
II7 2 3

Date 31/3/46.

See file 4264
folio 107

200

Subject Partisans belonging to the "Maiella" Brigade.

We are sorry to have to inform you that the enquiries made in order to obtain information concerning the disciplinary measures taken against Ptes DI GRAVIO Domenico, PICCORE Nicola, PONTE SILVESTRE Giuseppe, SILVESTRE Francesco, ABBRUZZESI Alfonso, formerly belonging to the "Maiella" Brigade, have been unsuccessful.

The Questura at Pescara has not been able to find, from consultation of their files, that the 5 partisans were actually handed over to them, after having been arrested at Giulianova on the 18/3/1945, by the British Military Police.

Should your mission be in possession of other ^{details} ~~elements~~ which may help further enquiries, we ask you to kindly inform us.

DAK

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J. H. 3/4

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Translation

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

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Date 31/3/46.

See file 4264
folio 107

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Roma, 3 MAR 1946

Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -

Divisione

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OGGETTO : Partigiani della Brigata "Mafiella".

Partigiani di

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11a LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

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E. B.

Proposta al Togliatti del 28.12.45
A.A/264

Si è spiacenti dover informare che le ricerche fatte per avere notizie dei provvedimenti disciplinari presi a carico dei militari DI GRAVIO Domenico, PICCONE Nicola, PONTE SILVESTRE Giuseppe, SILVESTRE Francesco, ABERUZZESI Alfonso, già appartenenti alla Brigata "Mafiella", hanno dato esito negativo.

La Questura di Pescara non ha potuto trovare conferma, dalla consultazione degli atti del suo carteggio, che effettivamente i 5 partigiani le siano stati consegnati, dopo essere stati arrestati a Giulianova il 18 marzo 1945, dalla Polizia Militare Britannica.

Ove cotesta M.M.I.A. sia in possesso di altri elementi che possano agevolare ulteriori ricerche, si prega volerli comunicare.

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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RECEIVED 25 MAR 1946
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Subject: Pilferage - Small Arms.

HQ Naples Area.
Tele 20867
132/81/ro.
22 Mar 46.

OO., 180 Pro Coy. (2)

1st Branch Naples Area
Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC. 481A, RMR.
557 800.
Territorial Hq., Naples

Reference attached pilferage report received from
10 A.L.B. under reference 8 60 of 21 Mar 46.

1. Please take immediate contact with 10 A.L.B. and take all possible action to recover the missing arms.
2. Ensure that proceedings have been initiated against personnel involved.
3. The services of a diver should be obtained to recover those pistols which have been noted in the ena.
4. Report on completion.

Major.

A.P.E.

(O.F. 481A).

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CONFIDENTIALSubject :- Pilferage - Small Arms.

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10 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 20744 Naples
8 ACNAPLES Area
Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC., LOMIA, ROME
APM Naples Area
557 BOD
Territorial Hq., Naples.

21 Mar 46

1. The attached copy of a report regarding the pilferage of pistols .38 from a consignment of arms which have been loaned to the Italian Army is forwarded for information.
2. A verbal report on this subject was made yesterday to the last three addressees.

Lt-Col.
G.S.

AWC/bb

EX-113

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C O P Y

Subject :- Statement of Pilferages - Pistols.

Officer Commanding
10 British Liaison Unit
NAPLES AREA

While checking wagon 143653 on 'D' Dock NAPLES loaded yesterday with small arms etc for VERONA - HQ & CAR, it was noticed by a civilian worker that a box containing pistols 38 had been tampered with. On checking consignment of 91 pistols it was found that 56 were missing. I reported this matter to the Italian Officer IC (Major AS MEINELA) who in turn advised the Territorial Command HQ. During this Officers absence I had reason to suspect that the guard who were on duty on the train being loaded knew something of the matter. I requested that Maresciallo GIUSEPPE PETRILLI should organise a search and inspect the men's kit and also the vehicle which was to be used for the return to billets. This was done and 3 of the guard were found to be in possession of some of the missing pistols a total of 29 being found one man having admitted having dumped 3 into the sea. This has to be verified although several can be seen from the quay in clear water. There are still missing 27 until it can be ascertained if it is possible to recover those in the sea. The men in question placed under close arrest and were passed over to their Coy Commander a Lt-Col. Italian Army to be dealt with.

The matter has been reported to the Italian Military Police by the HQ and a Military Police Guard has now been detailed for guard duties.

(Sgt) S. STOCKLEY
Sub Conductor
RAOC
att 10 ELU

CMP
20 Mar 46

(4)

Subject : Clemency for Pietro ANTONINO

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

A 200

23 Mar. '46.

To : Legal Sub-Commission Att Major NUGENT

1. Ref attached communication.
2. Request you consider the attached as a petition for grace and pardon on behalf of Pietro ANTONINO.

RCV
R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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RCV/as

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

RECEIVED 21 MAR 1946
3305 (DATE)

G-5: 014.5

20 March 1946

SUBJECT: Appeal for Clemency.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

The attached letter is passed to you for any action
you deem fit.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

[Signature]
A. I. HAMBLEY
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl:
as above

Has been taken

Can you handle this one

*RMG
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TRANSLATION

Bisceglie, 13 March 1946

To : The Hon. Allied Command - Caserta -

Pietro Antonino, son of Francesco, born at Bisceglie (Province of Bari) in 1912, while serving in the Italian Army, was assigned to guard-duty in an Allied dump. He was also promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal because of his good conduct.

Unfortunately, the dump was robbed by some civilians who took away goods for a value of 10000 lire. An Allied Court tried Pietro Antonino "in absentia" as responsible for the robbery, and, finding him guilty, sentenced him to serve a 7 year imprisonment term.

His mother is now applying to the generosity of your Command so that the afore-mentioned sentence be revoked.

s/ Maria Mastrototara, mother
of the sentenced.

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SUBJECT : Discipline - Italian Army Personnel.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,
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Tel: 489051 Ext: 380.

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16 Mar. 46.

TO : Main HQ 13 Corps.

Ref. your PRO 2205 dated 20 Dec. 45 and our signal A 608 dated 31 Jan. 46.

1. The Italian War Ministry were asked to expedite this enquiry and the following communication has been received through the Ministry of the Interior.

From : M. of Interior
To : M. of War and
M.M.I.A. (for Info)

Ref 9/3/46
441/03222

Subject : Partisans of the Maiella Brigade.

The partisans DI GRAVIO Domenico, PICCONE Nicola, PONTE Silvestro Giuseppe, SILVESTRE Francesco of Silvestro and ABBRUZZESI Alfonso of Pasquale, arrested by British Military Police at GIULIANOVA on 18th of a/m month, do not appear to have been handed over to the Questura of PESCARA.

Since the commune of GIULIANOVA belongs to the Province of TERAMO, enquiries have been made by signal from the Prefecture, and we shall forward further info.

For the Ministry

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J.A.C. PEARCE, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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from M. of Interior

To Ministry of War
into MMIA (for info.)

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ref 9/3/46

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(ref letter 100037/110.2.3. of 9 Jan 46)

Subject: Partisans of the Maiella Brigade.

~~It does not appear that have been consigned to Questura~~

~~of Pescara~~ The partisans Di Gravio Domenico, Piccone Nicola,

Ponte Silvestro Giuseppe, Silvestro Francesco of Silvestro and

Abbruzzesi Alfonso of Pasquale, arrested by British Military

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Province of Teramo, that Prefecture has been asked by

signal and we shall forward further info. ~~at later date~~

C/a

for the Ministry

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma, 9 marzo

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

- Gabinetto - ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COM IS-

SION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROMA

Spett.le al Regio 100037/116,2.3.

OGGETTO = Partigiani della "Brigata Maiella". =

Non risulta che alla Questura di Pescara siano stati consegnati i partigiani DI GRAVIO Domenico, PICCONE Nicola, PONTE SILVESTRE Giuseppe, SILVESTRE Francesco di Silvestro e ABRUZZESI Alfonso di Paquale, arrestati dalla Polizia Militare britannica a Giulianova il 18 detto mese.

Poichè peraltro il comune di Giulianova appartiene alla provincia di Teramo, è stata telegraficamente interpellata al riguardo, quella Prefettura e si fa riserva di ulteriori notizie.

PER IL MINISTRO

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PER IL MINISTRO

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