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Subject:- Trial of Italian Soldier - Sgt. Mag. LETIZIA. (10)

9 British Liaison Unit
BARI.

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A 267

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10 Dec. 45.

HQ 54 AREA. (8)

Reference your 3948 A dated 15 Nov 45, copy to this office.

- 6A
1. H.Q. Land Forces Sub Commission MMIA state that an investigation of their files has produced no reference to a/n N.C.O.
 2. It is pointed out that there is no trace in the files of this Office of letter 6163/Q dated 23 Mar 45, mentioned in your 3948/A dated 7 Nov 45, nor, so far as is known, is this a type of reference used by the former BARI Liaison Office of MMIA.
 3. Would you therefore please supply details as to the nature and time of the offence committed by a/n N.C.O.

ED/be

601 Donnell
(E O' DONNELL) Major
DAA&QMG

Copy to : HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA) /
(your A 267 dated 4 Dec 45 refers)

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No action
JAEP
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Subject : Trial of Italian soldier - Sgt. Mag. LETIZIA

Land Forces Sub Comd. AC.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Tele: 489.081 Ext. 380

A 267

4 Dec. 45.

To : 9 BLU. COM

Reference 54. Arde letter to us 3948 A dated 15 Nov 45. (copy to you).

1. If you still desire us to trace this matter, please supply more details as to the nature and time of the offence committed by the a/n person, as an investigation in our files has hitherto produced no result.

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

JACP/or

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SUBJECT: Trial of Italian Soldier.

3948 A.

H.Q. Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Ref. this H.Q. letter of even number dated 7 Nov 45.

Please delete heading "13905610 Spr. TAVE R." and
insert "Sgt. Magg. LETIZIA".

C.M.F.
15 Nov 45
MTH/FP.

L. H. Hainle
Maja *K*
Lt.-Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G., 54 Area.

Copy to: Liaison Offr.
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (Barr)

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Subject: Trial of Italian Soldier

Land Forces Sub Comd. AC.
(M.H.I.A.) ROME

✓ A 267

14 Nov. '45

To : MEIA LO
c/o 54 Area, CEF

Reference your LO/G/M dated 8 Nov 45 and attached copy letter.

1. We can find no trace in our files of the letter referred to by 54 Area in their a/m copy letter.
2. It is suggested you ask 54 Area for further details so that the matter may be traced.

TACRance May
for Major General,
M.H.I.A.

JACP/er

Tel: Bari, 13869

Subject:- Trial of Italian soldier

MMIA Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.,
C/o 54 Area C.M.F.

LO/6/AQ

8 November 1945

✓ HQ LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.,
(M.M.I.A)

1. Attached letter, reference 3948/A dated 7 Nov.45, has been received in this office from AA & QMG 54 Area.
2. No trace can be found in our files of the soldier or letter mentioned, so that it is forwarded to you for such action and information as you may be able to afford.

E.L. Mmex-Mason
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Sgt. MMIA LO., Eastern Italy

Copy to:-
AA & QMG 54 Area

ELMM/ac

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SUBJECT:- Trial - Italians

3948/A

Liaison Offr. Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

SGT. MAGG. LETIZIA

~~13905610 Spr. TAVE, R.~~

Ref. your letter 6163/Q Dated 23 March 1945.

May this H.Q. please be informed of the result of the trial of the above named Italian soldier.

Signed (???)

Lt.- Col.

A.A. & Q.M.G.54 Area

C.M.F.

7 November 1945

MTH/FP

Copy to: GHQ 2nd Echelon (your letter 02E/42697/DP
dated 19 October refers)

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - Italians

Home Area Allied Const G4 (Br)

3 District
Tel. 3-1 36
176/BA
17 Sep 45

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210575 SOLA RIMATO, S.
T/202042 SOLA VALENT, H.
33 Veh Coy RABO

1. The attached AFs B252 received by Land Forces Sub Commission (LFSCA) from GHD 2nd Echelon, show that although the above-named co-operators were transferred to the Italian Army wof 1 Jul and thus become subject to Italian Military Law, administered by Italian Authorities (see para 1 of GRC 947/45), they have in fact been tried and punished by British officers under the British Army Act.

2. Such action is clearly illegal as the offences occurred on and after 1 Jul 45, and the awards must accordingly be considered nullity.

3. Please draw the attention of the unit concerned to this matter and ensure that GRC 590/45, by which soldiers of the Italian Army who commit an offence must be tried by Italian Authorities under Italian Military Law, is strictly adhered to in future.

/AEC

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for Col
DA & GHD

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Commission AF(LFSCA) - your A 267 of 10 Sep refers.

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Subject:- Discipline, 136 Fd Bakery.

Liaison Office,
Land Forces, Sub Comm;
A.C. (MMIA) 3 District.

Ref. 3DLO/3

12 Sep. 45.

To:- 227 DIV

Copy to:- LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (MMIA) ROME.
10 TERR HQ. NAPLES (Engr Directorate).

1. Please see 136 Italian Field Bakery letter 136/6/C. of 11 Sep 45 copy attached and report by 23 Sep 45 what steps have been taken to instil the necessary discipline into this unit.

2. If materials for a stockade are required they should of course be furnished from Italian sources.

W. H. H. H. Maj.
MMIA LO 3 District.

GPH/sg

Internal
ILO (227)

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18/9.

Subject:- Discipline - Italian Army Personnel.

Liaison Officer, MMIA
HQ. 3 DISTRICT.

Tel No : CAPUA 48
Ref No : 136/6/C.
11 Sep 45.

1. Great difficulty is being experienced by this Unit in ~~oper~~ operating the Bakery due to lack of discipline among the Italian Army Increment attached/ The Italian Officer in charge agrees that ~~th~~ this is so, but asserts that the main reason in the lack of a Stockade or Detention Room. He maintains that a much higher standard of discipline could be obtained if there were some such place in which to confine offenders.

2. Application has been made to CRASC, 26 GT Coln, RASC for materials with which to construct a Unit Stockade but the reply was that application should be made to MMIA for assistance in this matter.

3. May, therefore, the following materials be made available for constructing a suitable Stockade :-

3 Rolls Summerfield Track and
24 x 12 ft Stacks

or failing this, may this Unit please be informed of the nearest location where Italian Army Personnel can be confined while undergoing punishment.

Capt RASC
Commanding 136 Italian Field
Bakery

CNF.

Subject : Italian Army - Disciplinary Action

Lord Francis Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

A 267

10 Sep. '45.

To : M 2 District.

1. The attached A.Fs.B 252, received at this HQ from GSE, show that although the ex-Cooperators concerned were transferred to the Italian Army w.e.f. July 1st and thus became subject to Italian Military Law, administered by Italian Authorities (see para 1 of GSO 947/45), they have in fact been tried and punished by British officers under the British Army Act.
2. Such action is clearly illegal as the offences occurred after 1st July, '45.
3. It is suggested that the necessary action may be taken to legalise these cases, and that Unit Commanders concerned may be instructed that soldiers of the Italian Army who commit an offence must be tried by Italian authorities under Italian Military Law.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject: Italian Army - Disciplinary Action.

Rear HQ 13 Corps

1286/2/A

6 Sep 45

M.M.I.A.

Reference your A 267 dated 29 Aug 45.

It is regretted that, although certain components of 38 Veh Coy, RAOC are under comd of this fm, there is no trace of 2 Det 403 Co-operator TWP (main).

The AFs B252 in respect of the ex-Co-operators are returned herewith.

[Signature]
Brigadier,
DA & QM.

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Subject: Italian Army - Disciplinary Action.

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

A 267

29 AUG. '45.

To : HQ, I3 Corps.

1. The attached A.Pg. B252, received at this HQ from C2E, show that although the ex-Cooperators concerned were transferred to the Italian Army w.e.f. July 1st and thus became subject to Italian Military Law, administered by Italian Authorities (see para I of GRO 947/45), they have in fact been tried and punished by British officers under the British Army Act.

2. Such action is clearly illegal as the offences occurred after 1st July, '45.

3. It is requested that the necessary action may be taken to legalise these cases, and that Unit Commanders concerned may be instructed that soldiers of the Italian Army who commit an offence must be tried by Italian Authorities under Italian Military Law.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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