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Cox H/Q.

Torio 133.

Facts

In July AFHQ reported to us an incident in which some Italian soldiers shot dead a horse being ridden by a British officer. To complete C of I proceedings AFHQ told us to find out what punishments had been inflicted by the Italian authorities on the soldiers concerned. Torio 109.

My W sent us a report saying the British officer had not ridden down the Italian soldiers who acted in self defence, but that two of the soldiers have been denounced to the Military Tribunal. Torio 124 B.

AFHQ will not accept this report Torio 133.

As you know by the visiting Italian method it is most unlikely that the two men will be brought to trial for months a few years unless we suggest a trial to My W saying that there too men must be brought to trial at once and serious judgement of the sentence passed.

AFHQ.

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A.A.G.

This is a legal question.
The offenders can be charged with a murder offence under Italian military law, tried & punished by Italian order.

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not defence, but that two of the soldiers have
been "downed" to the Military Tribunal. Torino 124 B.

AFHQ will not accept this report Torino 133.

As you know by the visiting Italian methods it is
most unlikely that the two men will be brought
to trial for months a few years unless we
step in.

I suggest a letter to HQ saying that these two
men must be brought to trial at once and
orders issued for the sentence passed.

AFHQ.
6/12 897

A.A.G. This is a legal question.

1 The offenders can be charged with a military offense
in Italian military law, tried & punished by Italian under
Italian rules - we have no reason
to object.

2 The offenders could have been charged with an offense
against the Allies in an Act of Alliance which would be punishable
by us - plan now not done so that it is only wa
check up document it this is correct. the answer.
check up document it this is correct. the answer.

while they are downed, let me enter 5 this will be G.H.Q.
D.A.G. should NOT sign either 5
Document will be forwarded 6/12
will follow for prompt action
L.G.H.

Inter - Branch Minute Sheet.

Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS.
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5.3.46	CERA	155	for any action necessary. B.W. len. wapt.
7.5.46	A	155	Herewith cert. Report covering above showing result of cert. inquiries. Howellman Glover

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Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.O.
(M.M.I.A.)

A.269
12 March 1946.

H. Hopkinson, Esq.
British Embassy,
R O M E.

Reference your L/10/46 of 21 Feb and my A.269 of 1 March re the
O.C.M. incident with Mr. BARBER of the British Council:-

1. I send herewith General BRUNSTON's apology in reply, which shows
that action is being taken.
2. I do not know if you have seen R.A.A.O. AG 250 of 11 Feb so I
send it to you as bearing on this whole business and explaining in part why
these unfortunate and wrong incidents occur as in the case of Mr. BARBER.

D.B.
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Rome, 9 marzo 1946

COMANDO GENERALE
ARMA DEI CARABINIERI REALI

IL COMANDANTE GENERALE

Eregio Generale,

sono molto rammaricato per l'increscioso incidente occorso al Sig. BANDER, del Consiglio Britannico a Roma, e non mancherò di intervenire adeguatamente sia nei riguardi dei militari che lo provocarono sia perchè fatti del genere non abbiano a ripetersi.-

Devo precisarle, però, che senza dubbio il tutto derivò da equivoco spiegabile, anche se non giustificabile, in dipendenza della nota precarietà delle attuali condizioni della pubblica sicurezza nel Paese. -

Con l'occasione, mi è ultramodo gradito, egregio Generale, di fargerle le espressioni della mia viva considerazione e di pregarla di credermi

Chas. Turner.

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AL SIG. MAGS. GENERALE
L. BROWNING, GB, OBE., MC.
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(C.N.T.A.)

Egregio Generale,

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Al Sig. Mares. Generale
I. BROWNING, GB, OBE., MC.
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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Major General L. Browning, G.B., G.B., M.C.
Land Forces Sub Committee (L.F.S.C.)
(M.M.I.A.)

A.269

1 March 1946.

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My Dear

I send you a copy of a report by Mr. BARNER of the British Council
ROME, sent to me by the British Embassy, - which speaks for itself.

You will agree that the whole incident was most unsavoury and
incorrect; and I request that you will take appropriate action at once with
the personnel concerned and ensure that such incidents do not occur again.

Yours

L. B.

LB/c

Major General.

General Brunetto Brunetti
Commanding General, CC.MR
R O M E

H. Hopkinson Esq.
Br. Embassy -

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Ref. your 4/10/46 of 21 Feb.
I agree. A bad case. I hope
the above will produce the
desired result. You note
I send it to Gen. Brunetti
Personally
L. B.

Rome, Mar 46.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

4/10/46

21st February 1946

My dear General.

I enclose a copy of a memorandum sent to the Embassy by Mr. Barber of the British Council, recording how Carabinieri shot at his car on the bridge leading to Piazza Cavour on the night of February 12th.

I am sure you will be the first to agree that this is not the behaviour we are entitled to expect from Italy's senior regiment. Perhaps you would see that someone has Lieut. di Maio and his sergeant on the mat.

Yrs. ever.

Henry Hopkinson

Major General Browning, C.B.E., M.C.,
M.M.I.A.,
Allied Commission.

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copy

Report on the incident of shooting by the Carabinieri
at the car of Mr. J.G. Barber.

At approximately 0015 hours on the 12th February 46 I was travelling in my car across a bridge which leads to the Piazza Cavour. The car is clearly marked BE 46 with Embassy plates and a Union Jack both at front and rear. The rear plate is directly under the rear light. In the car were Donna Diana Bordonaro, Major Mark Baring, myself and my driver Umberto Branciani.

When the car had gone some twenty yards across the bridge a series of shots rang out and certain bullets hit the car. I looked round, saw that it was the Carabinieri and not bandits, and told the driver to stop.

We got out of the car and were told by the men approaching to put up our hands. I pointed out the Embassy numbers to the Sergeant and asked him what he thought he was doing. He replied that he had shouted but we had not stopped. None of us in the car had seen or heard anything and the men must have been hidden under the trees at the end of the bridge. There was no barrier, no red light, no one standing in the street. The Sergeant's name was Brigadiere Canali.

I asked that he should come with us to find his officer. This he did and we found the officer, who was called Lieutenant di Maio at the other side of the bridge. Little satisfaction was obtained from the Lieutenant whose chief pre-occupation seemed to be to try to prove that it was not his bullets which had punctured my spare wheel.

When the car was examined the next morning it was found that there were two bullet holes in the body and the tyre punctured. The holes are low down and may have been ricochets from the road. 891

British Council,
13th February 1946.

(Sgd) J.G. Barber

SUBJECT :- Wounding of British Officer by OMR.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC.
M.M.I.A.
R.M.F.

OMR/6/7.

5 March 46.

C.O. HQ. COM.

1. The following is a summary of the circumstances in which the above named British officer sustained gunshot wounds at the hands of the OMR :-

(a) On 22 Dec 45 information was received at "A" Coy 30 Som L I stationed at TIENTI that WD property was hidden in a house near GALEST. A party including Lieut SMART, two TIENTI carabinieri and a ex-member of the partisan forces, proceeded to GALEST to investigate this allegation. The Carabinieri proceeded to search the house in the presence of Lieut SMART. No WD property being found, Lieut SMART returned to his truck.

(b) Meanwhile a report had reached the Carabinieri Barracks, CIVITA CASTELLANA that armed thieves were attacking the house. As a result, a party of eight carabinieri proceeded to the scene, and approached Lieut SMART's truck.

(c) It then appears that the carabinieri without orders from Maresiale PAOLI HMO, who was in charge, opened fire in the direction of Lieut SMART's truck, and in spite of shouts of "Inglese" by the occupants, the firing continued. Lieut SMART got out of the truck and was hit, sustaining wounds in the face and hand.

2. Will you please forward the OMR report on this incident, and state what disciplinary action, if any, has been taken.

R.B.P./ec

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A. NICHOLLS Lt. Col.
For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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R.B.P./ec

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A. HOWELL Lt. Col.
for Major General,
N.M.I.A. 890

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SUBJECT :- Wounding of Lieut F.E. SMART by CCRR

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28 Feb 46

Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

1. The following is a summary of the circumstances in which the above named British officer sustained gunshot wounds at the hands of the CCRR :-

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- (c) It then appears that the carabinieri without orders from Marechale PACLI REMO, who was in charge, opened fire in the direction of Lieut SMART's truck, and in spite of shouts of "Inglese" by the occupants, the firing continued. Lieut SMART got out of the truck and was hit, sustaining wounds in the face and hand.
- (d) Some time then elapsed before the carabinieri allowed Lieut SMART any assistance during which time they searched him.

2. It appears that the action of the carabinieri in opening fire without orders is indicative of a certain lack of discipline and the matter is accordingly brought to your notice for any action that may be considered necessary.

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[Signature]
Major General,
DAG.

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Major General L. Brown, CB., OBE., MC.
Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
(M.I.A.)

A.269
/ March 1946

My Dear

I have discussed the attached with Colonel KSKR and I think it is best to send it to you personally.

I am sure you would prefer me to do this rather than write officially to C.G., M.T.O.U.S.A. These incidents unfortunately do happen and you can take action so that they do not occur again without referring to M.T.O.U.S.A.

I should be most grateful if you would look into the matter and send me a reply that I can show to Signor BROGIO, the Minister of War.

I know you will agree with me that such incidents do much harm and should be stopped.

With best wishes.

Yours

L. B.

LB/c

Major General.

Brigadier General Francis H OXX
HQ., P.B.S.
LECHORE

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TRANSLATION

FROM: The Minister for War

REF: 421/V

TO: General L. Browning, G.O.C., M.M.IA.

DATE: 23.2.46

Dear General,

I am very regretfully compelled to inform you of an incident illustrating a grave lack of correct behaviour committed against two General officers by Allied troops.

At about 1930 hours on the evening of the 27th. January last, just outside Pisa, an American police road patrol - composed of two policemen and Italian Carabinieri BIAGINI Romolo of the Pisa Group - stopped a private car containing Lieut. Gen. ZANNINI Licurgo and Maj. Gen. PIAZZONI Alessandro, who were returning from Rome having been called to the Capital on duty, and submitted the car and personal baggage to a minute search.

The said General officers informed the carabinieri of their position and reason for travelling: the carabinieri passed the information on to one of the policemen.

Immediately upon being informed of who the Generals were, the two policemen submitted the officers to a minute and rude personal search and afterwards gave General ZANNINI a violent push on the right ~~shoulder~~ ^{arm} and the driver, who was explaining a point in the regularity of the documents, a back-handed slap and a heavy kick.

I would bring this intemperate and offensive conduct, maintained without any provocation towards Italian General officers, to your information, sure that you will kindly take the necessary action to protect our dignity,

Cordially yours,

BROSIO

O. Danin Cpl.

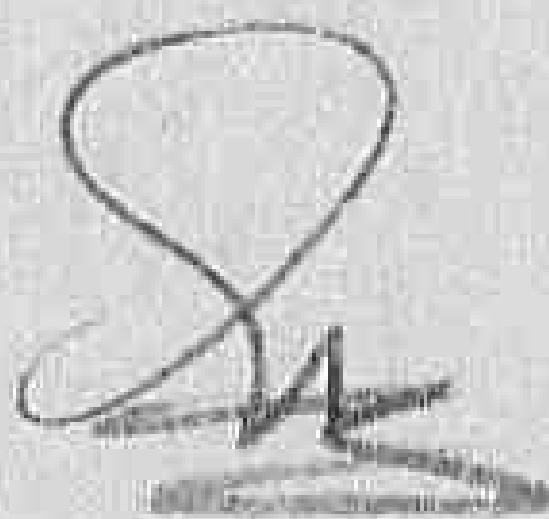
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Il Ministro per la Guerra

PERSONALE

Roma, 23 Febbraio 1946

421/7.

Caro Generale,

sono costretto, con vivo rammarico, a segnalare un episodio di grave scorrettezza commesso nei riguardi di due ufficiali generali ad opera di militari alleati.

La sera del 27 gennaio u.s., alle ore 19,30, appena dopo Pisa, un controllo volante della polizia americana - costituito da due agenti e dal carabiniere italiano BIAGINI Romolo del gruppo di Pisa - fermò una autovettura sulla quale viaggiavano, di ritorno da Roma ove erano stati chiamati per ragioni di servizio, il generale di C.d'A. ZANNINI Licurgo e il gen. di divisione PIAZZONI Alessandro e sottopose la macchina e i bagagli personali a minuta perquisizione.

Al carabiniere furono fatte presenti dai predetti generali la loro qualità e le ragioni del viaggio: il carabiniere ne rese edotto uno degli agenti.

Appena venuti a conoscenza della loro qualità, i due agenti sottoposero a minuta e sgarbata perquisizione le persone degli ufficiali e dettero poi al gen. ZANNINI un violento spintone sulla spalla destra e all'autista, che rappresentava una questione di regolarità di documenti, un manrovescio e un forte calcio.

Segnalo a V.S. tale contegno intemperante e offensivo, tenuto senza alcuna provocazione verso ufficiali generali italiani, sicuro che Ella vorrà promuovere il

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Conde alman

Sig. Gen. L. BROWNING
Capo della Land Forces sub Commission
(M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

W. Brown

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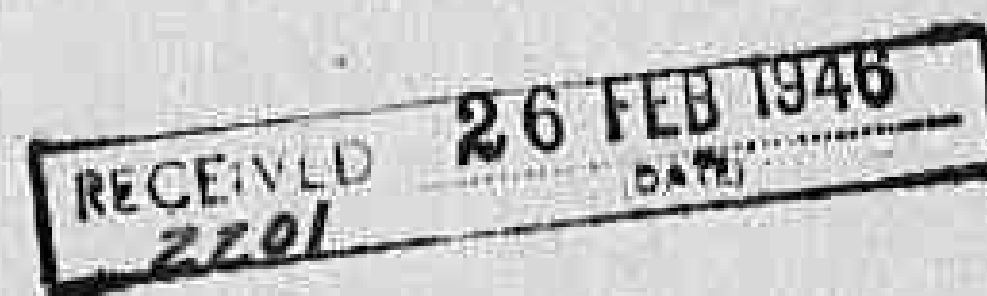
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26 February 1946.

SUBJECT : Trial of Italian Soldier
NERI Armando.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission
(M.M.I.A.) Hq. AC



1. Reference your A 269 of 19 Nov. 1945.
2. Advice has now been received from the Ministry of Pardon and Justice that the above mentioned soldier has been sentenced to 2 years and 1 month imprisonment and to a fine of Lire 3100 by the Tribunale of Rieti on 31 October 1945.
3. The accused has appealed.

Anthony P. Nugent
ANTHONY P. NUGENT,
Major, Aus.,
Chief Counsel,
for Chief Legal Advisor.

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*Seen 27/2/46
Rome*

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SUBJECT : Breach of Discipline by American Personnel

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

✓ A 269

25 Feb. '46.

TO : CG, WFOUSA
AWG 512 US Army

1. Ref attached report of 1 B.L.U. dated 18 Feb 1946 with accompanying statements.
2. It is requested that an investigation be made of the allegations outlined in the attached report and if found to be justified that disciplinary action be taken against the offenders.
3. Further request that any property taken from the Italian officer and men be returned or restitution ordered.
4. Further request that a copy of the report of your investigation be forwarded to this HQ and that we be advised as to any disciplinary action taken so that we can notify the Italian War Ministry accordingly.

Perfectly Terrible

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

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11 British Liaison Unit

A 6

Subject : Assault of American
C.M.Ps. on an Italian
Officer.

To : HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)
Rome

A 269

I enclose herewith full detailed report from Lt. BARBARICH ADC to General Primieri, Commander of 'Cremona' Inf. Div.

This Officer was sent by General Primieri to Rome on war office duties and was carrying out the lawful and authorised journey at the time this assault occurred.

With reference to the carrying of arms, all military units, undertaking long journeys, have been advised to carry arms, in view of the possibility of armed attacks, which have been quite frequent.

I interviewed Lt. BARBARICH at the request of General Primieri on his return to this HQ. His appearance then, still showed signs of having been subjected to violent treatment.

I take a very serious view of this incident, A misbehaviour of this kind can only result in a feeling of animosity towards the Allies. I should be glad, therefore, if this incident can be reported to the correct Authorities to enable the necessary action to be taken against those responsible for this outrage

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Field
18 Feb 46

W. W. W. W.
Major
GSO II

Torino 15 Feb 1946

To: COMANDO DIVISIONE PIAZZA "ORONIA"

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I the undersigned Lieut BARBARICH Stefano, an effective service in this HQ as General Commanding's ADO, states as following :-

The night of the 11th, coming back from ROME, where I had been on duty for the Italian Army Staff, with pass for myself and work ticket for the veh, in the proximity of TOMBOLA (Pias), I was stopped by a Jeep.

I thought it was the usual Military Police I always meet and I did not delay in stopping my car and show my documents. But four people got out of the Jeep dressed in Military uniform, but in my opinion they did not look like Military Police; two were Indians of North America, the other two were North American.

They surrounded my car, and opening the door levelled the pistol at me. of which I heard the cocking, they pulled me out from the seat. I had no time to reach the ground with my feet, then one of them, being behind me, hit my face with his fist. For an instant I lost consciousness, by which time they had disarmed me.

The same thing happened to my two drivers, one of those two had a pistol Berretta cal 9mm, but it was empty.

The four people asked me why I had American Petrol, I answered that it was petrol drawn from "Petrol Italiano" (CIP) they did not believe me and they said it was stolen petrol, and I was going to sell it at 150 lire a litre.

With constant fear of their arms, they instructed me and my two drivers to jump in their Jeep and ordered us to put our hands up; they drove the car to the near pine-forest, in the same time they searched us and one of them, a North American, said to the others, "they are short of money".

We entered an encampment and we stopped in front of a small wooden barrack, on which there was a sign - "61st US Police Post".

They pushed us in with very bad manners. As soon as we entered, these present (five or six) rushed upon me and started hitting me from every side; I tried to hit a Cpl that was saying to me :-

"tu essere fetente Italiano, tu dannai mattina morire" (you are a stinking Italian officer, you will die tomorrow morning), but somebody standing behind me and understanding my intention hit me with a straight punch on the chin, making me fall backwards on to a camp-bed and splitting my lip open. I again lost consciousness, but I could still feel some more punches and kicks. After that I was hurled into a square cell, just big enough to hold one man standing up, and it was completely covered with barbed wire.

Pushing me in, one of them a Mexican of Indian origin, said to me - "tu essere stanco Ufficiale Italiano, tu combattere contro Americani in Africa ed in Sicilia, tu morire domani mattina" (you are a stinking Italian officer, you fought against the Americans in Africa and in Sicily, you will die tomorrow morning).

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After five minutes, they lugged me out from that cell. In the same time one of them drove my car just in front of the Police Post, so that they could start to unload what was in my car. They found three Thompsons with six magazines. The finding of these weapons made them angry. They asked me where I had stolen them from, I explained to them how and why I was holding these arms. I had no chance to finish my explanation because another round of punches hit me.

The drivers' valises were broken open and the contents were divided between those present. I knew nothing about my own valise, that was in the body of the car, until next morning.

At the same time, a Sgt entered, who I took to be the Sjt i/c of this Police Post. He was drunk, and he could not keep to his feet.

He asked me if I speak English. At my firm answer of yes, I saw a surprised expression, I should say fear, on the soldiers' faces. He asked me if I was an

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Officer; I answered yes, and I showed him my documents.

After he had checked them, he started to laugh. Then he approached me and breathing on my face he struck a blow with his elbow on my head. After this, with a violent push and a trip, he pushed me on a cot-bed, and said to me in such violent Italian, that I could just understand, that he was far away from his family for many years, and so hated the Italians, that he fought against Americans in Africa and in Sicily. He offered me a cigarette, but as soon as I was about to take it, another blow was struck; he said, a striking Italian Officer, was supposed to stand to attention, because he was a soldier of the U.S. of America, which means to be the owner of the world.

Afterwards, the Sgt called my two drivers, and he ordered me to order them to stand in front of him. He was enjoying himself for a while, telling me to order the attention and the case to the drivers, and at the same time I had to do the same movements. After this he put a cigarette between my lips and asked me for a light. I took out my light and when I was giving him a light, he said, with sarcasm, "after you sir". (General laughter). I could not understand if he said so seriously or just joking, so I tried to light my cigarette. Another blow.

At that moment a Capt of the American Army, came in on inspection.

The soldiers told him something that I could not understand, because they went to the opposite side of the room.

The Capt approached and asked me in Italian if I was really an officer and to which unit I belonged, I showed him my documents and I told him that I belonged to "GRANDI" Division, that till a short time ago was part of the English Eighth Army; this explains the origin of our arms and English eqpt. He wanted to know where I came from, where I was going and why I was travelling. I explained to him all that. He asked me why I had 150 litres of petrol on the car and where I had drawn it from. I explained to him the functioning of supply of the units of the Italian Army; I showed to him the tickets of the CIP. I had the impression I had convinced him.

In fact all this talking was carried in very cordially. (It seemed so) but the Capt talking to the other American and probably not knowing that I knew English, explained to them, that really there were Italian units under English Comd, and it was quite possible that our eqpt was of official origin. He said also that having checked my documents, he could ascertain that I was really an Italian Officer. Turning to me he asked why I was armed, I answered to him that such were our Commanding General's orders, confirmed by the English Liaison G. cap with the Division. I explained to him that for such a long journey, for well known reasons, it was not safe to go unarmed, and in my case I, as an Italian Officer, was authorized to carry arms. He turned his back on me and said to the soldiers:-

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As soon as the Capt left, the same arrests and maltreatments, of which I add above, were started again.

Among those present only one, also being drunk, behaved well, he took me out to breathe some fresh air and, while we were outside, he confided to me that it was not the Military Police, but only a set of people, behaving very badly of which the only intention was the robbery.

The maltreatments used against me, were frequently repeated on other people abusively stopped on the road and lead away. In effect, in a cell, there was a young man, an Italian civilian. He had been arrested, because he was travelling on the road with 30,000 lire in his pockets. He was lead to the Police Post and he had been charged with going to do some black market with this money, they took this money.

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I had the chance to see that lad the next morning. His face was swollen, his clothes were blood stained. He told me that he had been beaten until he bled, and that he had been there three days.

I passed the night in the cell, my two drivers were in another cell together. The same soldier that took me outside, brought me a blanket and he told me to be quiet and not to be afraid. During the night I needed to go out for personal business, I called one of them, that opened the door of the cell, approached me and offered me a cigarette, when I went to take it, he got a punch in at my stomach, that made me fall to the other side of the cell breathless. General laughter. The same lad that punched me said to me, "Stinking Officer, this is the only place for you, I will make you die here". (He spoke fairly well, and in fairly good Italian).

After a quarter of an hour, I was permitted to go out, accompanied by one of them, that kept me covered by a pistol, that was cocked before leaving my cell.

In the room there were two women, that I took to be prostitutes, (during the inspection of the Capt, they were locked in a cell). I had to assist all night in the joking around of the soldiers with these two women.

We passed the night. The next morning at nine o'clock, an Indian came in, the same one that stopped me in the road. He was no longer drunk and the faces of all of them looked more normal.

He said to me to follow him, (whereas last night they called me "boy", now disquietingly. I was called "my Lieut-sergent").

In fact I got in the Jeep, and I was taken to the Camp Commandant and introduced to an American Lieut, that asked me if I could speak English; at my positive answer, he asked me to explain to him where I came from and what I was doing. I told him everything, he said that he was very sorry about what had happened, but his men took him as usual delinquent. He told the Indian to release me and to return to me all my belongings, which they had taken away from me previously. I wanted to complain for the rough treatment I had received, but I did not have the chance. "O.K. that is all". He said "go".

I had to go. We returned to the Police Post. My two drivers were lying on top of one another in their cell, in a very bad condition for the maltreatments received.

I had my arms returned to me, some of the clothes belonging to the drivers and the broken valises. Many articles were missing.

During the night they had taken my watch away from me. I asked for this to be returned to me, no one knew anything about it. The Indian talking very fast. (so that I could not understand, and in fact I only just understood the subject) he said to the other - "Get out the watch, because we may get into trouble". So I got my watch back. Then, I went to my car, and I found that my valise (bag) also been broken open.

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In an envelope were some photographs and 10,000 lire. The photos were remembrances of my family. The envelope had disappeared. On a table in the barrack I found another envelope of mine with some photographs and the others on the floor. Other items missing also were, one pair of children's shoes, one pair of pyjamas, two shirts and some toiletts.

The Indian, then wrote me a piece of paper in English - I received all my property. He said to me - "Sign this". My first idea was not to sign it. I looked in their faces and I could see the threat of being knocked about again. I looked at my two drivers, they were a very pitiful condition. They said to me, "Sign sir, enough of this let us get away from here".

Maltreatments and the humiliations received against my personal dignity and the dignity of my uniform had been such that I could not resist any longer.

I signed just to get away from there.

Sgt. BARNICH Stefano Lieut

CORRADO DIVISIONE PANTERIA "CRIMONA"

Medical Department Office

Torino 13 Feb 46

Subject :- Medical Report

On orders received from this Command, the undersigned made a medical inspection of the Lieut BARRACCHI Stefano, of this Division, to certify the injuries he received during the incident, of which he has been the victim.

The Lieut, says that at about 23.30 hrs of the 11 Feb. while he was travelling on a Military vehicle on the road LIVORNO-FISA, returning from RIMB, and bound for Torino, he was stopped in the proximity of RIMB by some American Soldiers, that were on a Jeep. These soldiers ordered him to follow them to the Police Post. There, in spite of having explained that he was an Italian Officer on official duties, he was maltreated and put in a cell, after that the c/m soldiers stole from his valise 10,000 lire and personal eqpt.

Now he feels pains in the back, abdomen and at the left leg.

Generally in good condition of constitution and of blood.

The upper lip is swollen in its left half, just in front of the 2nd incisive tooth, there is a lacerated and contused wound intersecting the internal side of the lip. The wound has slanted and coxymosis margins.

The upper lip, internal side, has an coxymosis in front of the 2nd incisive tooth.

The left-thorax, at the height of the 5th rib, has a round contusion.

The abdomen and the left leg have no damage of any importance.

DIAGNOSTIC OPINION

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The upper lip, internal side, has an ecchymosis in front of the 2nd incisive tooth.

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The abdomen and the left leg have no damage of any importance.

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Sgt. PITTARI Ernesto Medical Major
Chief Office

Turin 18 Feb 46

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The report submitted by the C.O. of the unit to which the military dets belong and who accompanied Lt BARBARICH S, shows that in addition to the items which were taken from the officer, the following material was removed from the car :-

1 C.O. belonging to 2nd Lt MILITO Michele of the Mobile Park which was collected at the Officer's home in Rome by the soldiers themselves. The case contained several items of clothing as listed below valued at 70,000 lire :-

- 1 Ladies fur coat
- 1 fur quilt
- 2 bedcloths rug made of lamb-pelts
- 1 woollen coat for a woman
- 1 hat for a woman

1 dog "Kobor" belonging to the s/m officer, which was picked up in Rome by the soldiers - valued at 25,000 lire.

Articles of clothing belonging to the two dets also missing :-

- 1 Woollen uniform - Det ANVERA Silvio
- 1 vest, 2 pairs underpants - Det LEFONCE Cesare.
- 5,000 Lire belonging to det LEFONCE Cesare.

In accordance with reports, the incident assumes the aspect of a regular armed attack, for the purpose of theft.

Furthermore, the incident, has aroused a feeling of distrust in the drivers especially, who used to rely on the Allied Police in all circumstances.

(Sgt) Clemente PRINCHI, C.O.

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Subject : Discipline - Incidents in 54 Area.

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

A 269

14 Feb 46.

To : Ministry of War.

Ref your Gabinetto 200597/11 dated 8 Jan 46 and 202929/11 dated 11 Feb 46.

1. For your information the statements contained in your first a/q letter were passed on to HQ 3 District and a reply was received from the GGC in C to this effect:

Ref sub-para (a) of your first a/q letter, it had been ascertained that at a conference at which the local Italian staff was represented, a staff officer of HQ 54 Area said that, unless the Italian authorities could prevent civilians entering and robbing vacated premises, the rate of de-requisitioning would be seriously affected. This statement was made without either the knowledge or authority of the Area Commander.

Ref sub-para (b), exhaustive enquiries had failed to reveal the origin of the complaint referred to.

2. It was further stated that both matters had now been amicably settled between the Area Comd and Gen BOSELLI and might now be regarded as closed, as confirmed by your second a/q letter.

J.A.C. Pearce
J.A.C. PEARCE, Major.
for Major-General, 877
M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Arms and Equipment by U.S. Military Police.

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

A 209

18th Feb. '46.

TO : CG, TUSA, APO 512 U.S. ARMY.

1. Reference attached correspondence consisting of 5 appendices;
Appendix 'A': Receipt signed by Military Police at Leghorn dated 12 Jan 1946.
Appendix 'B': Letter from Terr. H.Q. No 2 dated 2 Feb 1946.
Appendix 'C': Instructions governing the arming of drivers by the Minister of War dated 11 December 1945 and referred to as "enc 2" in App. 'B'.
Appendix 'D': Further instructions governing arming of drivers by Hq 70th Inf Reg (Italian) and referred to as "enc 3" in App. 'B'.
Appendix 'E': Letter from our 2 BLU 5 Feb 1946 para 2 refers.
2. Reference Appendix 'A' attached. The Italian driver was authorized under Allied and Italian orders to carry this weapon, and its seizure by U.S. Military Police was therefore an error.
3. It is requested that this HQ be advised when the Thompson SMG and magazines have been returned and to whom in order that we may advise the Italian War Ministry accordingly.

5 Incls: App. 'A'
" 'B'
" 'C'
" 'D'
" 'E'

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R.E. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT: Seizure of Italian Army Beretta Pistol by US Military Police

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

A 269

18th Feb. '46.

TO : CG MACQUEA
AFQ 512 US ARMY

1. Reference attached correspondence consisting of 3 appendices,
Appendix 'A': Receipt given by Lt PYRRO dated 19 Sep 1945.
Appendix 'B': Letter from Lt Col A. CUALANO Mantova Division
dated 30 of January 1946.
Appendix 'C': Letter from 2 HCU to this HQ dated 5 Feb 1946
Para 1 refers.
2. Suggest that Lt. PYRRO was without authority to take possession
of the Beretta pistol cal 9 M 507242 for the reason given - "non permit"
(see Appendix 'A'). An Italian officer doesn't need a permit to carry
a pistol; the Allies gave them that authority when we armed and equipped
them and recognised the Italian Army as a Co-belligerent.
3. It is requested that this HQ be advised when the arms have been
returned and to whom in order that we may notify the Italian War Ministry
accordingly.

3 Incls: App. 'A'
" 'B'
" 'C'

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R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

From: M.of.W.

Ref: 202929/II

To: M.M.I.A.

Date: 11/2/46

Subject: Measures taken by the 54 Area commander.

Further to letter 200597/II dated 8th January 1946

Bari Military Territorial Commander has informed us that on the 29th January he has received Brigadier General CLARK, 54 Area Commander, who notified him that:

During the meeting held last December, which was attended by an Italian Engineers Major, Head Office Anglo-American requisitions, Bari Town Major, expressed, using improper and unauthorised sentences, facts which were untrue and not in his personal and specific line.

After such statement this Ministry considers the argument completely terminated.-

R.E.C-1

(Sgd) Col. Lombardi



CR/cl.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

Prot. N. 20.293/II Allegato

Roma, 11 - Febbraio - 1946.-

Risponduto al disp. del

Dir. Se. N.º

Oggetto: Provvedimenti del Comandante della 54ª Area.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

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Seguito 200597/II data 9 gennaio u.s.-

Il Comandante Militare Territoriale di Bari ha comunicato che il giorno 29 gennaio u.s. ha ricevuto il brigadiere generale Clark comandante della 54ª Area il quale gli ha comunicato che: " il Town Major della città di Bari, nel parlare alla riunione dello scorso dicembre, cui intervenne il maggiore del Genio italiano Capo Ufficio delle Requisizioni Anglo-Americane, affermò, usando frasi incaute e non autorizzate, cose non rispondenti alla realtà e non di specifica personale competenza del Town Major".

Dopo tale dichiarazione questo Ministero considera completamente esaurito l'argomento.-

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IN	Time 15.00
OUT	Date 13/2
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	Date 13/2

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IL CAPO DEL GABINETTO

F. S. G. S.

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

ROMA

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

[Signature]

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Subject:- Italian Arms - Confiscation by Allied Mil Police.

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2 BLU,
GENOVA.
Tel: 52278
Q 2
5 Feb 46.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA), Rome.

1. At App "A" are copies of letters self-explanatory received at this HQ from 2 Comando Militare Territoriale relating to the confiscation of a Beretta Pistol from S.Ten. ARU by US mil police on 19 Sept 45.
2. At App "B" is correspondence from the same source regarding the confiscation of a Thompson SMG from Sgt RAUGEI by US mil police on 12 Jan 46.
3. May necessary action please be taken to ensure the return of these arms to the Italian Army.

EWB
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[Signature]
Major,
DAA&QMG.

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9/2/46

TRANSLATION

From: Infantry Division "Mantova"
To: 2 BLU H.Q. Genoa

Ref: 03/300
Date: 30/1/46

Subject: Beretta pistol cal.9 n. 507242 on consignment to 2nd Lt. ARU Antonio.-

Ref the verbal agreements between Maj. DUFFY and Captain VITALE of this H.Q., ~~xxxxxx~~ concerning the pistol n. 507242, sequestered at Civitavecchia by the Allied Military Police on the 19th September 1945 from 2nd Lt ARU Antonio, while the officer was embarking for Sardinia, it is pointed out that:

- 1)- 2nd Lt ARU Antonio was on the effective strength of the 76 Infantry Regiment of this Division.
- 2)- The officer was transferred to Cesano Training Centre in Rome and at the time of his transfer, has not handed in the "Beretta" pistol which was issued to him (as Platoon commander) as he ~~xxxxxx~~ stated that he had it in Rome where his family resides;
- 3)- The 76 Infantry ~~xxxx~~ Regiment H.Q. approached many a times the Training Centre H.Q., in order to carry out the withdrawal of the a/m pistol, but this was not carried out because Lt.ARU has always used some subterfuge in order not to hand it over;
- 4)- ~~xxx~~ Demobbed by the 336 Infantry Regiment H.Q. of Cesano, the Officer did not handed in the pistol, which was sequestered by Civitavecchia M.P, while he was waiting to embark for Sardinia
- 5)- We therefore beg you to kindly approach the M.P. Command at Civitavecchia for an urgent restitution of the arm to the 76 Inf. Regiment.-

R.E.Cpl

(Sgd) Lt.Col. A. Gualano

App "A" to; letter
dated 5 Feb 46

COPY

COMANDO DIVISIONE DI FANTERIA "MANTOVA"
Ufficio del Capo di S.M. - Ufficio Servizi

n. 03/300 di prot.

Varazze, li 30 gennaio 1946

OGGETTO: pistola Berretta cal. 9 matr. 507242 in consegna al
S.Tenente ARU Antonio.

Al Comando 2 BLU

GENOVA

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Con riferimento agli accordi verbali intercorsi tra il  
Magg. DUFFY ed il Capitano VITALE di questo Comando, a proposi-  
to della pistola matr. 507242, sequestrata a Civitavecchia dal-  
la M.P. Alleata in data 19 settembre 1945 al S.Tenente ARU Anto-  
nio, all'atto dell'imbarco dell'ufficiale per la Sardegna, si  
precisa quanto segue:

- 1) Il S.Tenente ARU Antonio era effettivo al 76° rgt. ftr. di  
questa Divisione;
- 2) l'ufficiale venne trasferito al Centro Addestramento di Ce-  
sano di Roma ed all'atto del suo trasferimento non ha versato  
la pistola "Berretta" n. 507242 che aveva in consegna  
(quale Cte di plotone) perché dichiarò che l'aveva a Roma  
presso la sua famiglia;
- 3) il comando 76° rgt. ftr. interessò reinterate volte il coman-  
do di quel Centro di Addestramento perché procedesse al ritiro  
dalla sopracitata pistola, ma ciò non venne fatto perché  
l'ARU ha sempre tergiversato non provvedendo al versamento;

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4) posto in congedo dal comando 336° rgt. ftr. di Cesano l'uffi-  
ciale non versò la pistola la quale gli fu sequestrata  
dalla M.P. di Civitavecchia, mentre attendeva l'imbarco per  
la Sardegna.

Date 15/2 Si prega pertanto codesto B.L.U. di volersi cortesemen-  
te passare presso il Comando M.P. di Civitavecchia per una  
sollecita restituzione dell'arma al 76° rgt. ftr.-

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TEN. COL CAPO DI S.M.  
(A. Gualano)  
F°

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App. A

C O P Y

139TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY  
Military Police Station  
CIVITAVECCHIA

19th septembre 1945.

The following pistol was confiscated from Lt Aru Antonio 336th  
infantry Regmt. Piceno Division A.P.O. 92 Reason: non Permit.

Automatic pistol Beretta mod. 34 cal.9 S.N. F. 57743 and one  
with 6 (six) munSe of ammunition.

NICHOLAS PYRTKO  
Nicholas Pyrtko  
1st.Lt.inf.  
Dot.Commander.

P. C. C.  
L'UFFICIALE ADDETTO AL MATERIALE  
F/to S.Ten Monti Angelo

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APP. B

From: Genoa Mil. Ter. Command  
To: 2.L.U. H.Q. Genoa

Ref: 09/749  
Date: 2/2/46

The American Police at Leghorn has sequestered on the 12th January 1946 a Thompson with 4 magazines and 2 blankets To the driver of the lorry Bedford L/2L3737, belonging to the 76 Infantry Regiment, who was going to Menziana on duty.

From the ~~xxxxx~~ statement released by the American military Police (copy attached, enc.1), the reason ~~xxxxxxx~~ for seizing a/m material seems unjustified as Ministerial instructions (see enc.2) allow the arming of drivers and the a/m military was armed further to instructions issued in this respect by the 76 Infantry "Regiment H.Q. (see enc.3)

We therefore beg you to kindly interfere in order to clarify the fact and return to the 76 Infantry Regiment the materials which have been seized from the a/m military.-

(Sgd) Col. Guido Chiavarino

COPY

App "B" to letter  
22 dated 5 Feb 46

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COMANDO TERRITORIALE MILITARE DI GENOVA (II°)  
Ufficio Territoriale - Affari Vari

n. 09/749 di prot. ord.

Genova, 2 febbraio 1946

OGGETTO: Sequestro di materiali.-

AL COMANDO 2 B.I.U.

GENOVA

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La polizia americana di Livorno ha sequestrato il 12 gennaio u.s. un Thompson con quattro caricatori e due coperte al conduttore dell'autocarro Bedford -L/213737, del dipendente 76° Regg. Fanteria, recatosi per servizio a Menziana.

Dalla dichiarazione di cui si ammette copia (all.1) rilasciata dagli agenti della polizia americana non risulta il motivo del sequestro che, appare ingiustificato in quanto disposizioni ministeriali (vedere all.2) consentono di armare i conduttori ed il militare in questione risultava armato per disposizioni emanate in merito dal Comando 76° Regg. Fanteria (vedere all.3).-

Si prega pertanto voler interessarsi affinché sia chiarito il fatto e sia possibilmente restituito al 76° Regt. Ftr. quanto è stato tolto al militare.-

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE 867  
Col Guido Chiavarino

F/to

TRANSLATION.

ALLIED POLICE  
LEGHORN

12 Jan. 46.

P.M. 782

SUBJECT : Confiscation of a rifle and ammunitions

We confiscated a rifle and 4 magazines illegally carried (rifle  
No. 104358);  
                    be given back  
They will/after presentation of the necessary documents issued  
by the Chief of Police.

(Driver Sjt. RAUGEI Rinaldo)

Central Station of Police

P.O.E.

The Lt.Col. Chief of the Office

(Sgd) Alberto De Giorgio

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all. al folgio n.09/749 del  
2/1/1946

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
-Uff. Servizi -Sez. Art. e Genio

n. 4/2779/Serv. di prot.

Roma, li 11 dicembre 1945

OGGETTO: Armamento della compagnie trasporti.-

.....indirizzi omessi.....

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In relazione alla necessità di mettere i reparti automobilistici in condizione di disporre di un armamento che consenta di provvedere anche col proprio personale ad una efficace difesa dei mezzi e di reagire contro aggressioni, particolarmente allorquando i mezzi compiono lunghi percorsi isolatamente od in autocolonna, si dispone che alle compagnie trasporti, oltre all'armamento individuale costituito dal moschetto mod.91, sia assegnato;il seguente armamento e munizionamento, quale dotazione di reparto:

- n.12 moschetti automatici "Beretta" con due caricatori e n.100 car-  
tucce per arma;
- n.16 Pistole con una dotazione di N.29 colpi per arma e n. 16 bandoliere.-

In mancanza di pistole automatiche e per assoluta deficienza delle medesime, dovranno essere distribuite esclusivamente pistole a rotazione mod. 74/89, cal.10,35.-

I comando interessati sono pregati di inoltrare alla Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione le richieste dei materiali necessari per completare le dotazioni di armamento delle compagnie trasporti.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
F;to Giorgio Liuzzi

P.C.C.

IL TENCOI CAPO UFFICIO  
F/to Alberto De Giorgio

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POLIZIA ALLEATA  
Livorno

P.M. 782

12 gennaio 1946.

OGGETTO: Confisca di un fucile e munizioni.

Abbiamo confiscato un fucile e 4 caricatori illegalmente portati (fucile n. 104358);

Saranno restituiti dietro presentazione dei documenti necessari rilasciati dal capo della polizia.

(autista sergente RAUGEI Rinaldo)

STAZIONE CENTRALE DI POLIZIA

P.C.C.

IL TEN.COI. CAPO UFFICIO  
F° Alberto De Giorgio

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C O P I A

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n.1350/Auto

COMANDO 76° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA "NAPOLI"  
del Gruppo di combattimento "MANTOVA"

Savona, 4.10.1945.

OGGETTO: Limiti di circolazione stradale.

AL COMANDO DI BATTAGLIONE  
AL COMANDO II BATTAGLIONE  
AL COMANDO III BATTAGLIONE  
ALLA CP COMANDO REGG.LE  
ALLA CP "MORTATI" 3^  
ALLA CP CANNONI 6 I.BS  
AL I° IAD

LORO SEDI

Allorché un autocarro viene inviato oltre i limiti  
stabiliti:

- 1 - deve essere preventivamente da me autorizzato (disposizioni già note riferimento foglio n.2215/op del 21/6/1945).
- 2 - me deve essere comunicato il responsabile, oltre al conduttore;
- 3 - non deve mai viaggiare con il solo conduttore;
- 4 - uno almeno degli uomini trasportati, oltre al conduttore, deve essere armato;
- 5 - mi deve essere comunicato il nome di ciascun militare autorizzato a prendere posto sull'automezzo ed il motivo del viaggio;
- 6 - nessun militare, non debitamente autorizzato, può prendere posto sugli autocarri;
- 7 - nessun civile, se non é debitamente autorizzato dal c.te del gruppo o da me, può essere fatto salire anche percorso durante.

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE  
F/to Giorgio Salvi 863

P.C.C.  
IL TEN.COL.CAPO UFFICIO  
F/to Alberto De Girogio

Subject : Discipline - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.  
Tel : 489084 Ext:380.

A 269

11 Feb 46.

To : GHQ., GMP.

10 Dec 45. Ref your 4385/A 3 dated 7 Oct 45 and 29 Nov 45 and our A 269 dated

1. The following information has been received from the Ministry of War  
(a) Sgt SPADARO has been awarded 15 days close arrest on the following charge:  
" As NOO i/s party which he was accompanying to its place of duty he showed lack of authority in avoiding an incident which threatened to have serious consequences."  
(b) Pte NIEBUDU was held in the guardroom for 4 days and then released as no charge emerged against him.  
(c) Ptes BICOU and MORROCU. The Military Attorney and the Territorial Military HQ, NAPLES have been urged by the Ministry of War to settle the penal procedure to be adopted as soon as possible. The Military Attorney has pointed out that the delay in closing the proceedings is due to the difficulty of tracing some British soldiers who must be heard as witnesses.
2. Further information will be forwarded as soon as received.

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

/p.g.

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TR/di



6 FEB 1946

*Ministero della Guerra*  
Gabinetto

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

Divisione *Leg.*  
*102-336* /I/1 *Allegati*

*Risposta al f. del* 24.10.45

*110-5-24*

*In* *Leg.* *N. A/269*

Oggetto: Incidente a Toligno-Serg. Magg. FONTANA  
Giovanni

*116 A. 107*

*Following letter*  
A seguito della lettera n. 122732/I  
del 24 ottobre 1945 si comunica che il  
*Sergente Maggiore*  
Sergente Maggiore FONTANA Giovanni sarà  
*be judged by military Tribunal of*  
giudicato dal Tribunale Militare di Fi  
renze il 12 marzo p.v.-

*Outcome of trial will be communicated*  
Si fa riserva di comunicare l'esito  
del giudizio.

d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

*Paulini*

*With full sentence  
notified. See 107  
TRP  
up*

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Incidents involving Italian Troops  
in 54 Area.

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3 District  
Tel. Ext. 19  
126/8A  
6 Feb 48

M.M.I.A.

Reference your A 269 dated 14 Jan '48.

Regarding sub-para(a) of Ministry of War letter 200597/11 dated 8 Jan 48, it has been ascertained that a staff officer of H.Q. 54 Area at a weekly quarterly conference at which the local Italian staff was represented did say that unless the Italian authorities could prevent civilians swarming into vacated premises and stripping them it would have a serious effect on the rate of de-requisitioning by us.

This statement was made without either the knowledge or the authority of the Area Comd.

Exhaustive inquiries have failed to reveal the origin of the complaint referred to in para.(b) of the above-mentioned letter.

Both matters have now been amicably settled between the Area Comd and Gen. Boselli and may now be regarded as closed.

DNIG

Inform Hq of the  
gist of this reply.

DNIG

11/2

J. C. Brown

Maj Gen  
Comd

NC/JB.

TACP  
11/2

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Translation

From : M.of War.

To : M.M.I.A.

Ref. IO2I72

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Date 4/2/46.

Subject Incident between Italian O.Rs and a British Officer.

Further to letter N.I27764 dated 3/12/45 we inform you that the Military Attorney and the Territorial Military HQ at Naples have been approached in order to settle the penal procedure to be taken against Ptes BICCU and MORROCU.

The Military Attorney has pointed out that the delay in closing the proceedings is due to the difficulties of tracing some British soldiers who must be heard as witnesses.

The greatest attention has been assured by the offices concerned in order to obtain a quick settling of the matter.

We shall inform you of any further information.

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See 135, 134, 133

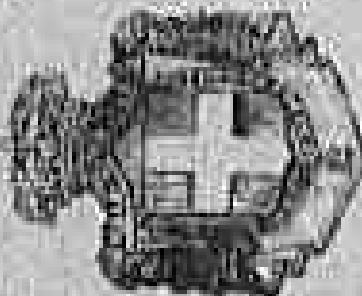
Pass to GHQ as being further to our (135)

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Ministero della Guerra  
Gabinetto

Roma, 4 FEB 1946

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Divisione  
1022172/I.1.1. Allegato  
117-1-75

Risposta al Foglio del 26.11.45  
Dir. Gen. N.2A/269

OGGETTO Incidenti tra militari ed truppe italiane ed un ufficio militare britannico

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A seguito della lettera n. 127764/I.1 del 3 dicembre u.s. si comunica che sono stati interessati la Procura Militare ed il Comando del Territorio Militare di Napoli per la pronta definizione del procedimento penale a carico dei soldati NICCU e MORROCCH.

La Procura Militare ha fatto presente che il ritardo nel concludere l'istruttoria dipende dalle difficoltà di rintracciare alcuni militari inglesi i quali debbono essere sentiti con i loro testi.

E' stata comunque assicurata la massima attenzione da parte degli uffici interessati per la rapida definizione del procedimento.

Si fa riserva di ulteriori notizie.

d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO  
*Fondani*

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Si fa riserva di ulteriori notizie.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI CARIN

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Subject : Discipline - Incidents involving Italian Troops  
in 54 Area.

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

A 269

14 Jan'46.

To : HQ 3 District, C M P.

1. The attached report from the Ministry of War has been addressed to this HQ.
2. Will you please inform HQ MMIA in due course what reply should be forwarded to the Ministry of War.

FA16  
To Major-General,  
M.M.I.A.

/r.e.

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 200597/11

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 8.1.46

SUBJECT: Actions taken by the Commander 54 Area.

We are informed that the Allied Commander of 54 Area :

- a) - has suspended the derequisitioning of buildings as a reprisal against the civilian population following thefts by Italian civilians in the area.
- b) - has complained that Italian troops who have occasionally been present at the time and place of the crimes have not intervened to prevent them forthwith.

We inform M.M.I.A. of the above, pointing out that in respect of the passive attitude taken by Italian troops, enquiries have been carried out but we have been unable to establish anything concrete. In order to be able to take action on the matter, more specific information would be required.

Moreover, we should be pleased if your Mission, understanding that the suspension of derequisitioning will affect a very large number of persons, amongst whom it is practically certain that those guilty of the thefts complained of will not be found, would kindly intervene in favour of the population which has already suffered so much.

O. Danin Cpl.

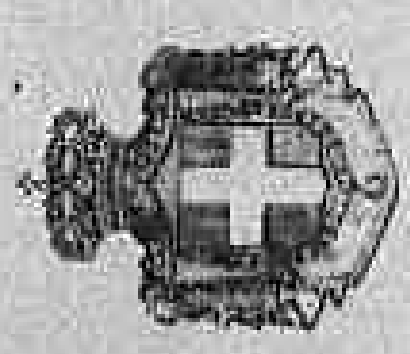
Sgd. LOMBARDI

Col.

*Write 3 Dist to  
Ministry & advise us how  
to apply to them  
JAC 14/1*

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su.

*Lettera Roma  
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Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. - (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

Divisione

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*Risposta al foglio del  
Dir.*

OGGETTO Provvedimenti del Comandante della 54<sup>a</sup> Area.-

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E' stato segnalato che il Comandante alleato della 54<sup>a</sup> Area avrebbe :

- a)- sospeso le derequisizioni degli immobili, per rappresaglia contro la popolazione civile, in seguito ai furti che civili italiani compiono nella zona;
- b)- lamentato che militari italiani, trovatisi talvolta presenti sul luogo dei furti, non sono intervenuti per stroncarli sul momento.-

Se ne informa codesta M.M.I.A., facendo presente che per quanto riguarda l'atteggiamento passivo dei militari italiani, sono state svolte delle indagini, ma che nulla si è potuto accertare di concreto.- Per poter provvedere in merito, occorrerebbero indicazioni più precise.-

Inoltre, si sarà grati se codesta M.M.I.A., comprendendo che la sospensione delle derequisizioni colpisce un elevato numero di persone, fra cui quasi certamente non si trovano i colpevoli dei furti lamentati, volesse intervenire in favore di popolazioni che già tanto hanno sofferto.-

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

*Forlani*

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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SUBJECT:- Larceny - Fte. Hope and Sold. Neri Armando

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

✓ A 269

8 Jan. 46.

To : DFM, 3 District (ref your PRO/431 dated 16 Nov 44)
DAFM, 201 Sub Area (ref PRO/18 dated 12 Dec 44)
FM, Rome Area Allied Command (ref PRO/9/3698 dated
16 Dec 44).

We have received the following information from the
Ministry of War regarding the a/n Italian soldier :

"We inform you that Sold. NERI ARMANDO was sentenced
by the Civil Criminal Tribunal of RIETI on 3/10/45 to
2 years and 1 month's imprisonment and a fine of
3,100 lire."

JAC Pearce M2
J.A.C. Pearce, Major,
for Major-General;
M.M.I.A.

JACP/jws

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Roma, 31 DIC 1945

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Ministro della Guerra
GABINETTO

ALLIED AND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

Divisione Legale
Prot. 1529302/1/1 Allegati
17-3-82

Riferimento 7 settembre
Dir. A/255

OGGETTO: processo a carico del soldato NERI
Armando

A. 2109
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We inform you that Pte Neri Armando
Si comunica che con sentenza 3/10/1945
was sentenced by the civil and criminal tribunal of
del Tribunale Civile e Penale di Rieti, il
Rieti on 3/10/45 to 2 years 1 month imprisonment
soldato Neri Armando è stato condannato alla
per 3100 lire fine.
pena di anni 2 e mesi 1 di reclusione e
L. 3100 di multa.

Per.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

[Signature]

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Subject: Incidents - Allied and Italian.

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

A 269

28 Dec. '45.

To : The Ministry of War.

With reference to your letter No 223243/II dated
31.10.45 addressed to General Browning.

1. Information has now been received from AFHQ to the effect that the complaints in question have been referred to General Anders who commands the Polish Troops in Italy.

2. There is no doubt that some at least of the incidents mentioned could have been avoided had greater discretion been exercised by the Polish troops concerned. AFHQ and General Anders agree that everything possible must be done to prevent similar occurrences from happening in the future. To this end General Anders is instituting severe disciplinary action against all proved offenders.

3. Whilst apology is made for these excesses on the part of Polish troops, it is desirable that you should make it clear to the Italian Government that acts of provocation on the part of the Italian civilian population must at all costs be avoided. Moreover, positive steps should be taken to ensure that the undesirability of such conduct is given appropriate publicity. In particular, attention is drawn to the effects which must be expected from the publication of provocative articles regarding Polish troops in the Italian Press.

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AFHQ/Sec L. C.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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K. 612 24/12/45 GHO GMP.
4369/A-3.

s/c

A 269

9 dated 30 Nov 45

1. A number of complaints similar to those referred to in your above quoted letter regarding the behaviour of Polish Troops were reported to AFHQ through Allied Commission in Aug last (HQ Allied Commission letter 3609/106/EC dated 4 Aug 45 to AFHQ refers.)
2. These complaints were referred to General Anders who caused detailed investigations to be made and he has since submitted a full report upon them.
3. There is no doubt that some at least of the incidents mentioned could have been avoided had greater discretion been exercised by the Polish troops concerned and General Anders shares the view of this HQ that everything possible must be done to prevent similar occurrences from happening in the future. To this end, General Anders is instituting severe disciplinary action against all proved offenders.
4. At the same time, it must be stressed that General Anders is faced with exceptional difficulties. He has under his command a very considerable body of troops who are not only suffering from a disturbing sense of uncertainty as regards their future but who are also extremely sensitive to internal political dissention.
5. At the same time as apologising for occasional excesses on the part of Polish troops, you should make it abundantly clear to the Italian Government that acts of provocation on the part of the Italian civil population must at all costs be avoided and request them to take positive steps to ensure that the undesirability of conduct which might be so construed is given appropriate publicity. In particular their attention should be drawn to the effects which must be expected from the publication of provocative articles regarding Polish troops in the Italian press.

22 DEC 1945

T. Napier, Brigadier
Lt Gen, 51
C-in-C.

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Subject : Discipline - Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.) R O R B
A 269

10 Dec. 45.

To : AFHQ

Reference your 4385/A-3 dated 29 Nov 45.

On receipt of your above quoted letter a Staff Officer of M.I.A. was sent to the War Ministry to take the matter up in the firmest possible way. With regard however to insisting on more vigorous action, the matter does not rest solely with the Ministry of War to whom in any case we can only give advice as opposed to orders. Vide AFHQ. AC. 091.711 G(SD)-O of 2 Nov 45. The Military Tribunals are under the Minister for Grace and Justice who is not a member of the Ministry of War.

There are at the present time some 175,000 military offenders awaiting trial by the Military Tribunals, in the normal course of events therefore, and without interfering with Italian Military Law and procedure, (Vide para 9 o of AFHQ. AC. 091.711/169 OCT-O of 16 Nov 44) these men will not come up for trial for many months to come.

It is understood however that since the offence was committed against the Allies these men could be tried by Allied Military Court, and if expediency in this case is to be insisted upon, it is recommended that this course might be adopted rather than by putting pressure on the Minister for Grace and Justice to have these men tried out of turn.

It is felt that the latter course might result in a hasty trial and inadequate sentence.

W.P.DSNE-1 CEN.

For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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from: M of W
to: MMIA

Translation

ref. 127764/I/I
117-1-'75

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26/11/45.

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Subject: Incident between Italian soldiers and a British officer;

Sgt. SPADARO Vincenzo has ^{been} awarded 15 days ~~of~~ close arrest on the following charge:

" As NCO i/c of party which he accompanied to ^{its} ~~their~~ place of duty , he showed lack of authority in avoiding an incident which threatened to cause serious consequences."

Concerning the position of soldiers BICCU Giovanni and MARROCU Giovanni (see letter 125917/I/I dated 10 No.1945) we inform you that both of them have been denounced to the military Tribunal.

We have requested Naples Terr.Command to inform us as to the place of detention of these military and to let us know , as soon as possible, the result of the penal procedure against them.

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DDRG

Noted this file in with
Mr. Baumann.

Lombardi

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Ministero della Guerra
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Divisione *Leg.*

Prot. 2742/766 I/I Allegato
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Oggetto

incidenti tra militari di truppa italiani ed un
ufficiale britannico.-

ALLIED FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Resposta al foglio del 26 nov. u.s.
Dir. *Leg.* N. 269

Il sergente SPADARO Vincenzo è stato punito con 15 giorni
di sala di punizione di rigore con la seguente casuale:
" Al comando di militari che accompagnava al posto di servizio
" dimostrava scarsa autorità nell'evitare un incidente che mi-
" nacciava di avere serie conseguenze".

In merito alla posizione dei soldati BICCU Giovanni e MAR-
ROCU Giovanni come segnalato con lettera 125917/I/1 del 10 no-
vembre u.s. si comunica che sono stati ambedue denunciati al
Tribunale Militare.

S'interessa il Comando Militare Territoriale di Napoli per-
chè comunichi notizie circa il luogo di detenzione dei militari
stessi e appena possibile l'esito del procedimento penale penden-
te a loro carico.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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RECEIVED 3 DEC 45
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Subject:- DISCIPLINE - ITALIAN ARMY.

GHQ CMF.

4385/A-3.

29 Nov 45.

Land Forces Sub-Commission AC,
(MMIA) RCME.

A269

Copy to - DDV & RS (Your 123/6/V&R dated 22 Sep 45 refers).

Reference your A 269 dated 19 Nov 45.

1. The report of GOC Naples Military Territorial Command differs considerably from the report on this incident made by the SIB, and the Italian Authorities appear to be making little real effort to deal with the matter with any energy.
2. The action of the Italian troops concerned was utterly irresponsible and it is entirely a matter of luck that one at least is not facing a charge of murder.
3. You are requested to take this matter up again with the Italian Authorities in the firmest possible way and to insist that more vigorous action is taken by them.

MMW/mem.

J. Napier Brigadier
Major General,
DAG.

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SUBJECT: - Incidents - Allied and Italian

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(H.M.I.A.), R O M E.
Tele: 489081 Ext: 380.

✓ A 269

30 Nov 45.

To : GER. OFF.

Ref our A 269 dated 5 Nov 45.

1. We have now received the detailed reports (copy translations enclosed) which, as stated in our a/q letter, had been requested from the Ministry of War.
2. Please instruct this HQ what reply should be given to the Ministry's letter to Gen. Browning (copy enclosed with our a/q letter).

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

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Translation

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

Ref. 224426
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Date 16/11/45

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Subject Incidents caused by Polish troops
stationed in the territory.

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Regarding your request as per letter A/269 dated 5/11/45
and further to that pointed out by us in letter 223243/II
dated 31/10/45, we forward the attached list of *reports of*
incidents ~~caused~~ committed by Polish soldiers.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
GABINETTO

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Protocollo ²²⁴⁴⁸⁶ ~~231.4.1~~ / II Legali 1
Risposta al foglio del

Roma, P.M. 3800,

15 NOV 1945

Divisione Sezione N.

Oggetto: Incidenti causati da truppe polacche dislocate nel
Territorio.-

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (MMIA)

R O M A

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In relazione alla richiesta di codesta Mis-
sione di cui alla lettera A 269 in data 5 novembre
c.a. ed a seguito di quanto rappresentato da questo
Ministero con lettera n. 223243/II in data 31 otto-
bre c.a., si trasmette l'unito elenco di segnala-
zioni di incidenti provocati da militari polacchi.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

Parlarf.

TRANSITION
Date 19/11
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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF WAR - CABLES

INCIDENTS CAUSED BY POLISH TROOPS STATIONED IN THE TERRITORY.

DATE LOCALITY INCIDENTS

11 Aug 45 Civitanova Marche (Marche) (Ma cerate).

At about 19:00 hrs, two unidentified Polish soldiers, in an obvious state of drunkenness, were annoying Giovanna Bongelli, aged 22, Luigia aged 20, Maria aged 18, and Elisabetta aged 16, who, busy sewing, were seated outside their house. In order to avoid further trouble, the aforesaid tried to enter their house, but the Poles, not allowing them time, kicked Giovanna, and punched her of the said girls, and also cuffed the babies present. There followed a scuffle which ended when neighbours intervened.

Later, the said soldiers returned to the place, together with other comrades, armed with rifles and machine guns, and knocked at the door of the above-mentioned family, who, instead of opening, sought to flee across the roof. Upon seeing this, the soldiers opened machine-gun fire on Romolo Marchegiani without hitting him. Public Security, Allied Military Government, Ancona has been informed.

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Thus searching, they possessed themselves of 40,000 Lire, (forty thousand), and two woollen blankets, and thereupon left. Polish police have been informed.

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30 Sep 45 Ascoli-
Piceno

At 22.30 hrs, five Polish soldiers, in a state of drunkenness, having introduced themselves into the premises of the Amadio club (a branch of the National Workers' Friendly Society), broke,

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with a chair, a wall mirror and a glass door, as a sign of protest for not having been able to obtain cigarettes, with which actually, the manageress was not supplied.

Subsequently, the Polish picquet intervened, and later two Polish officers arrived to take stock of the damages.

The attention of the local Polish HQ has again been called to the incident.

1 Oct 45 Ancona

At 0.30 hrs, Adolfo Talevi, son of the late Aurelio and Maria Talevi, neé Giammarchi, born at Rò, Milan, on the 27 July 1927, and residing at No. 18 Via della Chiesa, was brought to hospital in a private vehicle, and admitted into same, with ~~outlook~~ ~~no~~ ~~idea~~ ~~of~~ ~~his~~ ~~condition~~, suffering from a fire-arm wound in the right side of the chest.

Talevi has stated that, while returning home from a dance, in the company of his friend Gabriele Severi, he was stopped in Via C. Battisti at the corner of Viale della Vittoria and Via Amendola by three Polish soldiers, armed with rifles and revolvers, one of whom, after having spoken some incomprehensible words, fired two revolver shots, wounding Talevi. The soldiers then quickly made off in a vehicle which was standing in the said street.

British and Polish police informed.

2 Oct 45 S. Martino
 V.C.
 (Avellino)

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The wounded person was taken in a British Army ambulance to Caserta hospital, and admitted into same with outlook reserved.

Oct 45 : Highway
 S. Benedetto
 del Tronto -
 Cupra Marittima
 (Ascoli-
 Piceno).

At 23.00 hrs Grazia Lelli, wife of Al onso Lelli, housewife, aged 33 years, returning from a visit to the doctor, was travelling, on foot, along the road from S. Benedetto del Tronto, to Cupramarittina, where she lives. In the vicinity of Lama di Grottamare a Polish soldier attempted to rape her, but failing in this attempt, he made

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after having scratched her face and arms. ~~Scars~~
is of wounds not yet given.

7 Oct 45 Loreto Marche
Ancona

During a cinema show, some unidentified and drun-
ken Polish soldiers, began to molest some of the
townsfolk who were seated in a box. The civilians
showing their resentment, passed from threats to
action, using seats as weapons, without any
consequences worthy of note. One of the soldiers
then fired a revolver shot in the air. ~~to women~~
Since the incident thereupon threatened, in
reciprocation, more violent actions, the carabin-
ieri on duty in the premises ordered the suspen-
sion of the show and the clearing of the theatre.

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DATE	LOCALITY	INCIDENTS
7 Oct 45	Loreto Marche (Ancona) (C.N.R.)	Just outside, the quarrel flared up again, and a certain Alfredo Tirapane, son of Giuseppe, of that town, brandishing a stick, struck some of the Polish soldiers. One of these fired two revolver shots at Tirapane, grazing him lightly on the shoulders and the head. Some civilians gave chase to the firer of the shots, without result, while the intervention of more carabinieri served to terminate the incident and to restore order. A certain Laria Mannocchi, daughter of Antonio, age 42, of that town, was injured lightly as a result of a blow from a seat wielded by Polish soldiers. A.M.G. and Allied Military Police informed.
9 Oct 45	Porto S. Elpidio (Ascoli Piceno)	At 19.15 hrs, the Polish soldier Francesco Stakonic, belonging to the 301 Medical Coy. of the "Sirena" Division, following a political discussion with the Communist Party member, Giovanni Beltrami, son of the late Vittoria, and aged 36, of that town, reacting to a punch given him by Beltrami, wounded the same xxxx in the abdominal region, with a knife. Beltrami was, because of wounds, admitted into the S. Elpidio a Mare civilian hospital. The discussion originated between members of the Republican Convention held at Pescara who were passing through that locality. The Polish Police has intervened.
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li Piceno)

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(Bari)

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11 Oct 45 Ascoli
Piceno

A drunken Polish soldier, without any reason or purpose, attacked Dr. Pietro Stipa, employee of the Finance Office, while on his way home. Dr. Stipa received a knife-thrust at his right side, which, although cutting his trench-coat, had no ill consequences, because its impetus was arrested by a voluminous magazine which was in his jacket pocket. Dr. Stipa having taken refuge in the nearby Bonifazi inn, the soldier remained close upon his heels, and even there, with knife in his fist, threatened those present who tried to induce him to see reason.

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his went on until, they succeeded, with the help of a fellow-soldier in a less bad state, in putting the aggressor out of the inn. Finally, other soldiers passing by, intervened, and the knife was taken from him and he was escorted back to barracks. The attention of the Polish HQ of the city has been recalled to the above incident.

12 Oct 45 S. Benedetto del Tronto (Ascoli Piceno) aged 22, and of no particular political leanings, who was carrying a turkey acquired from other Poles. They told him that he had made a bad bargain. He having replied, in the Russian language, that, just the same, he would have eaten the turkey, the Poles forced him to cry "Down with Russia!" Upon his refusing to do so, there arose an altercation which gave way to blows. During this, Giovanni Gaudioso, aged 24, also a political, who had intervened in order to give aid to his brother-in-law Neroni, was injured, receiving excoriations with echymosis at the right orbital region, which took ten days to ~~heal~~; he was also arrested by the Polish police for armed threats against military personnel, there having been fired, during the brawl, a revolver shot which went wide. Investigations proved that provocation and the firing of the shot were chargeable to the Polish soldiers.

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19 Oct 45

Sansepolcro

(Arezzo)

The Polish soldier Kamisierz Abuchowicz, from the M.T. Unit stationed in the town, having commenced, for futile reasons, a dispute with Nazareno Lombezzi son of Antonio, aged 56, born and residing at Sansepolcro, mechanic by trade, drew out his revolver and fired two shots: One of the shots wounded Lombezzi in the thorax, who was quickly admitted into the local hospital, and whose wound was pronounced as wanting 20 days for recovery. The other shot grazed the leg of the Polish soldier, Kwawezyh, also stationed in the town, who had come upon the scene to divide the two litigants.

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 Sansepolcro
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The CC.RR and the Polish M.P., having intervened immediately, succeeded in calming the excitement of the crowd gathered around, and carrying out speedy investigations identified and arrested the soldier responsible, who will be handed over by the Polish HQ to the Allied authorities concerned.

19 Oct 45 Porto S. Giorgio
 (Ascoli Piceno)

At 01.45 hrs, following a quarrel which transpired during a dance, between an English soldier and some Polish soldiers, all half-drunk, a Polish W.O and private, inveighed against some Italian civilians who had been spectators; the civilians therefore dispersed.

The said two Poles, having seen a civilian taking refuge in the house of a certain Filippo Romanelli son of the late Egidio, aged 72, entered the said house by force. They stabbed the aforesaid Romanelli twice, causing an injury to the left side of his chest, entering the pleural cavity, viewed with reserved outlook at the civilian hospital at Porto S. Giorgio, into which he was admitted. In the same house, the said soldiers attacked Ferruccio Romanelli, son of Gaetano, aged 21 years, grandson of the above, injuring him with a stab in the right side of the chest, which injury took eight days to heal. Ferruccio Romanelli denies having taken part, although only as a spectator, in the quarrel between the Allied soldiers, but eye-witnesses state the reverse.

The Polish police having quickly intervened, discovered further complications. It appears that also the Polish W.O., considered as ~~responsible~~ ^{for} the wounding of the two civilians, was in his turn wounded in the front of the body, but it is not stated by whom, nor the size of the wound.

1 Nov 45 Fermo.
 (Ascoli Piceno)

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Giannoni, becoming ⁸³³ aware of the weapon, ran away, but was caught up, by the Polish soldier, who stabbed him in the parietal region; the wound took 7 days to heal.

The incident, owing to the late hour at which it occurred, did not disturb public order. In collaboration with the Polish Military Police who have been informed of the matter, investigations are in progress for the identification of the instigator of the offence.

3 Nov 45 S. Benedetto

del Tronto

(Ascoli Piceno)

At 24.00 hrs, some thieves who entered the garage of the business-man, Alfredo Pavoni, through breaking open a window, stole two complete vehicle wheels and articles of clothing contained

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del Tronto
(Ascoli Piceno)
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in bags which had been packed for a journey which was to have been made the following morning.

Investigations carried out by the CC.RR resulted in the recovery of the stolen property, and the identification of the authors of the crime in the persons of five Polish soldiers, who with the help of the Polish police, were arrested.

5 Nov 45 Ascoli
Piceno

Towards 21.00 hrs, Carabinieri Americo Francioli, of the Monterubiano Station, temporarily attached to Ascoli Piceno, intervened, in the brothel managed by Laria Gambinesi, in order to pacify an incident which had arisen between the prostitute, Boneria Maris, and some drunken Polish soldiers, who were also attempting to damage the premises. The carabinieri was ejected with violence, and while going to give warning to his HQ, was, a short while afterwards, confronted, and offended and ill-treated by a group of the aforesaid soldiers, not yet identified, one of whom stabbed him with a sharp instrument, giving him a wound in the scapular region which took ten days to heal.

The special attention of the local Polish HQ has again been called to this grave matter. The Polish HQ is making investigations to discover the responsible persons.

7 Nov 45 Ascoli Piceno

Two Polish soldiers somewhat drunk, entered the inn of Luigi Bonifazi, at No. 63 Via Berardo Tuccci, and began to annoy a customer who was seated at a table. Other civilians having taken the part of the latter, an argument arose, which was cut short by the intervention of the innkeeper, who put the customers out, and closed the premises.

The argument flared up again in the street, and one of the Polish soldiers, having drawn a knife, wounded Silvio Marsetti, aged 50, living at No. 13 Via d'Argillano, a butcher, and Italo Migliori, aged 41 living at No. 13 Via Mariani, a builder.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
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- INCIDENTI CAUSATI DA TRUPPE POLACCHE DISLOCATE NEL TERRITORIO -

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11/8/45

Civitanova
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Le predette, allo scopo di evitare ulteriori mole-
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Agro di Fer-
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Polizia Polacca informata.-

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La vittima denunciava il fatto alla polizia polacca la quale, insieme all'Arma, indagava per la scoperta e l'identificazione degli autori.--

E' stata richiamata sul fatto l'attenzione del Comando del II Corpo polacco di stanza in Porto S. Giorgio.--

30/9/45 | Ascoli-Pi-
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1°/X/45 | Ancona

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Polizia polacca ed inglese informate.-

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S.Martino
V.C. (Avelli-
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Alle ore 22,30 alcuni militari polacchi scono-
sciuti, non avendo ricevuto soddisfacenti indica-
zioni richieste a De Paolo Orazio, venticinquen-
ne, circa presenza donne di facili costumi in

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quella contrada, lo aggredivano a coltellate, producendogli undici ferite di arma da punta e da taglio, che lo riducevano in pericolo di vita.--

Il ferito, a mezzo di autoambulanza dell'esercito inglese, veniva ricoverato presso l'Ospedale di Caserta, con prognosi riservata.--

6/X/45

Rotabile S.
Benedetto del
Tronto a Cupra
marittima (Ascoli Piceno)

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7/X/45

Loreto Marche
(Ancona)

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Appena fuori, la lite si riaccese e tale Tirapane Alfredo di Giuseppe del luogo, brandendo un bastone, percuoteva alcuni soldati polacchi.-- Uno di questi esplodeva contro il Tirapane due colpi di pistola, con conseguenti lievi lesioni di striscio alle spalle ed al capo.--

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A.M.G. e Polizia Alleata informati.-

Porto S. Elpidio (Ascoli Piceno)

9/X/45

Alle ore 19,15 il soldato polacco Stakonic Francesco, appartenente alla 301.a Compagnia di Sanità della Divisione "Sirena", in seguito a discussione politica con l'iscritto al partito comunista Bel

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9/X/45	Casamassima (Bari)	trami Giovanni fu Vittorio, di anni 36, del luogo, reagendo ad un pugno ricevuto dal Beltrami, feriva il medesimo con un coltello alla regione addominale, per cui il Beltrami veniva ricoverato all'Ospedale civile di S. Elpidio a Mare.- La discussione fu originata da reduci dal convegno repubblicano tenutosi a Pescara e di passaggio in quella località. La polizia polacca è intervenuta.-
10/X/45	Senigallia (Ancona)	Elementi della polizia polacca, per cause sconosciute, sparavano quattro colpi di pistola contro Manzari Vito fu Domenico, vagabondo, del luogo. Uno dei colpi feriva Birardi Leonardo fu Vito, bracciante, che, trasportato all'ospedale militare polacco del luogo, decedeva. Il Manzari, con una donna sconosciuta, venivano fermati e tradotti dalla stessa polizia polacca a Bari. Alcuni militari polacchi non identificati, di stanza a Senigallia, in tre circostanze e senza alcuna ragione, percuotevano con pugni quattro civili che transitavano isolatamente per le vie di detto Comune, causando loro lievi contusioni. Sono state disposte accurate indagini per la identificazione dei militari polacchi aggressori."
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Finchè, con l'aiuto di un commilitone, in condizioni meno peggiori, si riusciva a metterlo fuori dell'esercizio.

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12/X/45	S. Benedetto del Tronto (Ascoli Piceno)	Per l'intervento, infine, di altri militari, transitanti, gli fu tolto il coltello e portato in caserma. Sul fatto è stata richiamata l'attenzione del Comando polacco della città. Alle ore 20 circa un gruppo di militari polacchi avvinazzati, non identificati, fermarono l'apolitico Neroni Gino di anni 22, che trasportava un tacchino acquistato da altri polacchi, dicendogli che aveva fatto un cattivo acquisto. Avendo l'acquirente risposto, in lingua russa, che lo avrebbe mangiato ugualmente, i polacchi lo obbligavano a gridare "Abbasso la Russia".- Al rifiuto, sorse un alterco degenerato in zuffa durante la quale l'apolitico Gaudioso Giovanni di anni 24, che era intervenuto in aiuto di suo cognato Neroni, riportava ferite escoriate con echimosi alla regione orbitale destra gubibile in giorni 10, e veniva fermato dalla polizia polacca per minacce a mano armata contro militari essendo stato sparato, durante la zuffa, un colpo di pistola andato a vuoto. Le indagini accertavano la provocazione e lo sparo da parte dei militari polacchi. Verso le ore 2,30 due soldati polacchi, uno armato di fucile e mitra e l'altro di pistola, fermavano due autotreni ed ingiungevano, con le armi spianate, agli autisti di consegnare il denaro che possedevano. Non raggiungevano però l'intento di appropriarsi del denaro richiesto per il pronto intervento dei militari polacchi in servizio di ronda, i quali provvedevano al fermo di uno dei rapinatori, mentre il secondo si dava alla fuga nonostante fosse stato fatto segno a colpi di pistola da parte di uno dei militari componenti la banda. Informata prontamente, la polizia militare polacca, riusciva, con l'ausilio dell'Ar
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Gli autisti non subivano danni e proseguivano il loro viaggio in direzione di Ancona.

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LOCALITA'
Sansepolcro
(Arezzo)
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Il soldato polacco Abuchowicz Kamizicz, del reparto autisti ivi di stanza, venuta a diverbio, per futili motivi, con Lombezzi Nazareno di Antonio, di anni 56, nato e domiciliato a Sansepolcro, meccanico, estrae una pistola sparando due colpi, uno dei quali feriva al torace il Lombezzi, subito ricoverato locale Ospedale e giudicato guarribile giorni 20 s.c., e l'altro colpiva di striscio alla gamba il soldato polacco Kwawezyh, ivi di stanza, soccorso per dividere i litiganti.

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Porto S. Giorgio
(Ascoli Piceno)

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I detti due polacchi, notato un civile rifugiarsi, nell'abitazione di tale Romanelli Filippo fu Emidio, di anni 72, vi penetravano con violenza anch'essi e vibravano due pugnalate al predetto Romanelli, cui causavano una ferita all'emitto-race sinistro penetrante in cavità pleurica, giudicata con prognosi riservata presso l'ospedale civile di Porto S. Giorgio, ove veniva ricoverato. Gli stessi militari aggredivano nella medesima abitazione Romanelli Ferruccio di Gattano, di anni 21, nipote del primo.

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preso parte, sia pure come spettatore,
al litigio dei militari alleati, ma te-
stimoni oculati lo smentiscono.

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1/11/45	Fermo (Ascoli Pic.)	La polizia polacca, subito intervenuta, sconsigliava ulteriori complicazioni. Il maresciallo Polacco, ritenuto autore del ferimento dei due predetti italiani, sembra sia rimasto, a sua volta, ferito anch'esso alla fronte, ma non risulta da chi, nè l'entità della ferita. Alle ore una, certo Giannoni Sante fu Giovanni Battista, di anni 43, manovale, mentre parlava di politica con due persone, che non conosceva, veniva avvicinato da due militari polacchi, uno dei quali, notato che il Giannoni portava all'occhiello della giacca il distintivo del partito comunista, estraeva dalla tasca un coltello. Il Giannoni, accortosi dell'arma, si dava alla fuga, ma veniva raggiunto dal militare polacco, che gli vibrava una coltellata alla regione parietale, producendogli una ferita giudicata guaribile in giorni 7 s.c. Il fatto, data l'ora tarda in cui si è svolto, non ha turbato l'ordine pubblico. Sono in corso indagini per l'identificazione del militare feritore, in collaborazione con la polizia polacca informata del fatto.
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5/11/45	S. Benedetto del Tronto (Ascoli Piceno)	Verso le ore 21, nella casa di tolleranza gestita da Gambinesi Maria, il carabiniere Francioli Americo, della Stazione Monterubbiano, distaccato provvisoriamente in Ascoli

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violentemente fuori, il carabiniere, mentre si avviava in caserma per avvertire il Comando dell'Arma, veniva poco dopo affrontato, offeso e malmenato da un gruppo dei predetti militari non ancora identificati, uno dei quali lo colpiva con arma da taglio producendogli una ferita regione scapolare sinistra guaribile giorni 10. Sul grave fatto è stata richiamata la particolare attenzione del locale Comando polacco, che sta indagando per scoprire i responsabili. Due militari polacchi, alquanto avvinazzati, sono entrati nell'osteria di Bonifazi Luigi in Via Berardo Tucci, 63, ed hanno preso ad importunare un cliente seduto ad un tavolo. Avendo altri borghesi prese le difese di quest'ultimo, ne è sorta una questione che è stata troncata per l'intervento dell'oste, che ha messo fuori gli avventori, e chiuso il locale. La questione si è riaccesa poi sulla via, ed uno dei soldati polacchi, estratto a un coltello, ha ferito tale Marzetti Silvio di anni 50, abitante in via d'Argillano, 13, macellaio, e Migliori Italo, di anni 41, abitante in Via Mariani, 13 edile.	

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Sul grave fatto è stata richiamata la particolare attenzione del locale Comando polacco, che sta indagando per scoprire i responsabili.

Due militari polacchi, alquanto avvanzati, sono entrati nell'osteria di Bonifazi Luigi in Via Berardo Tucci, 63, ed hanno preso ad importunare un cliente seduto ad un tavolo. Avendo altri borghesi prese le difese di quest'ultimo, ne è sorta una questione che è stata troncata per l'intervento dell'oste, che ha messo fuori gli avventori, e chiuso il locale.

La questione si è riaccesa poi sulla via, ed uno dei soldati polacchi, estratto un coltello, ha ferito tale Marzetti Silvio di anni 50, abitante in via d'Argillano, 13, macellaio, e Migliori Italo, di anni 41, abitante in Via Mariani, 13 edile.

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

Subject: Incidents between Italian Troops and a British Officer

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.H.I.A.) R O M E
Tele: 459 081 Ext. 380

A 269

26 Nov. '45

To : Ministry of War

Reference year 126754/1.1
117-1-75 dated 20 Nov

1. Please inform this HQ which disciplinary action has been taken against
L/Sgt SPADARO and what is the position as regards Ptes BICCU and MAROCU, who
fired the shots.

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

JACP/cr

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

SUBJECT:- Offences committed by Allied Troops in Italy.

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

✓ A 269

26 Nov. '45

To : CMO, CMF (For C-1 Bx)

Further to our A 269 dated 23 Aug 45, a further set of statistics on the a/m matter, received at this HQ from the Ministry of War, together with the attached copy letter, is forwarded for your information.

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

JACP/ex

Translation

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

Ref 225100/II
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Date 15/II/45

Subject Incidents and Crimes committed by Allied Troops
Statistics.

Further to letter 217810/II dated 14/8/45.

The attached figures, show incidents and crimes committed by Allied troops against Italian soldiers and civilians during the first 4 months 1945.

From such figures, amongst other things, appears:

The number of incidents and crimes totals 2,575 cases, thus shown (figures from 2 to 42)

- Murders	68
- Stabbings	339
- Fights, affrays, violences	389
- Thefts and robberies	408
- Motor car accidents	449
"	Deaths
- Rapes	865
	Injured
	21 carried out
	36 attempted

The total of each kind of incident or crime shows in the first 4 months 1945 that, compared with the ones concerning the same period 1944 - except for murders - an appreciable increase (figures from 46). -- the region mostly effected - both for complete number and total of each kind of incident and crime is Toscana (891 incidents and crimes from a total of 2,575 - figures from 44 and 45)

Note: no further documents have been received other than the letter & the table of figures.

The causes that, generally, have determined the above incidents and crimes, are those already shown in the letter accompanying this as in the past, I send the attached.

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NOTE: no further documents have been received other than the letter from the THCP 2/10

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as in the past, I send the attached figures for collaboration, and I ask you to kindly do everything in your power to reduce the a/n incidents and crimes as much as possible which are at present a considerable number.

L.H.K.

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Statistics & copy letter sent to CHQ, CRF
THCP 2/10



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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Reparto al file

Roma, P.M. 3800, 15 novembre 1945

Dir. Sec. 75

Oggetto: Statistica incidenti e crimini commessi da truppe alleate.-

Al

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

A.

= R O M A =

Seguito lettera 217810/II del 14 agosto c.a.-

I prospetti statistici allegati, riepilogano gli incidenti e crimini commessi dalle truppe alleate a danno di militari e civili italiani durante il primo quadrimestre 1945.

Da tali prospetti, tra l'altro, emerge:

- il numero degli incidenti e crimini verificatisi per un totale di 2.575 casi, così ripartiti (cfr. alleg. dal n.2 al n.42):

- omicidi 68
- ferimenti 339
- aggressioni, risse, violenze 389
- furti e rapine 408
- incidenti automobilistici: {morti 449
feriti 865
- violenze carnali: {consumate 21
tentate 36;

- il totale di ciascuna specie di incidenti e crimini verificatisi nel 1° quadrimestre 1945 che, confrontato con quello riferentesi

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

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feriti 865

• violenze carnali : { consumate 21
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- il totale di ciascuna specie di incidenti e crimini verificatisi nel 1° quadrimestre 1945 che, confrontato con quello riferentesi ad ugual periodo dell'anno 1944, presenta - meno per gli omicidi - sensibili aumenti (cfr. alleg. n. 46);

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- la regione più colpita - sia per il numero complessivo, sia per il totale di ciascuna specie di incidenti e crimini - è la Toscana (891 incidenti e crimini su 2.575 verificatisi in totale - cfr. alleg. n. 44 e 45).

Le cause che, di massima, hanno determinato gli incidenti e crimini in parola, sono quelle stesse già indicate nella lettera cui faccio seguito.

Come per il passato, invio i prospetti allegati a titolo di collaborazione, e rivolgo viva preghiera a codesta Missione affinché voglia compiacersi porre il suo autorevole intervento per ridurre al più possibile gli incidenti e crimini sopra elencati e che tuttora si verificano in numero considerevole.-

I L M I N I S T R O



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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

269 REF: 126754/1.1.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 20.11.45

SUBJECT: Incidents between Italian troops and
a British officer.

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Further to letter 125917/1.1. of the 10th.inst.

While disciplinary action has been taken against
L/Sgt. SPADARO Vincenzo, no such action has been taken
against Ptes. NIEDDU, SOLINAS, DESSI, CUCCU, and ARCAI, since,
although they were held in the guardroom for four days,
no charge has emerged against them.

Sgd. LOMBARDI

Col.

O. Danin Cpl.

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Traslatore *pleave*

Roma, 20 NOV. 1945

Ministero della Guerra

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LA LAND FORCES SUB
COMMISSION A.C. MMIA
ROMA

Divisione

Sez.

Det. N. 126754/I.I. Allegati

Registrazione del

Dir.

Sez.

N°

117-1-75

Oggetto: Incidenti tra militari italiani ed un
ufficiale britannico.

A.

Seguito lettera 125917/I.I. del 10 novem-
bre u.s.-

Mentre sono stati adottati provvadi-
menti disciplinari nei riguardi del Ser-
gente SPADARO Vincenzo, i soldati NIEDDU,
SOLINAS, DESSI', CUCCU e ARCAI pur essen-
do stati trattenuti quattro giorni nella
camera di punizione, non hanno avuto alcu-
na sanzione disciplinare poiche nulla è
risultato a loro carico.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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Subject: Trial of Italian Soldier - NERI ARNALDO.

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

✓ A 269

19 Nov '45.

To : Legal Sub-Commission, A.C.

Reference our A 269 dated 19 Sept 45 and your
AC/4086/8/L dated 15 Oct 45.

1. Please inform us whether the trial of the above
mentioned soldier is yet completed, and if so, what he was
awarded.

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

JACP/eco.

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

Subject: Discipline - Italian Army - Incident concerning
Captain HARTLEY.

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

A 269

19 Nov '45.

To : GHQ. OMF.

Reference your 4385/A-3 dated 7 Oct 45.

1. The attached copy letter and report have now been received from the Ministry of War, from which will be seen the present position regarding this case.

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

Copy to: DDV & RS (Your I23/6/V&R dated 22 Sept 45 refers).

JACP/eco.

See Folio 133

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 125917/1.1.

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 10.11.45

SUBJECT: Incident between Italian troops and a
British officer.

As shown in report No.4/20188, dated 30.10.45 of the
Naples Military Territorial H.Q., the persons most
responsible for the incident mentioned above are
Ptes. BICCU Giovanni and MARROCU Giovanni, both of whom
have been denounced to the Military Tribunal.

Instructions have been given for the position
of the other troops to be examined in order that any
necessary action may be taken.

Any further information will be forwarded.

Sgd. LOMBARDI

O. Danin Cpl.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Naples Military Territorial Command

REF: 4/20188/Terr.

TO: Ministry of War

DATE: 30.10.45

SUBJECT: Attempted murder of an Allied Officer by Italian
military.

On the 21st. July at 7.31 hours in the area of the electric substation of the Caserta Railway Station, some troops of No. 4 Company of the 501 Battalion, stationed at Casaglieve, under command of L/Sgt. SPATARO Vincenzo were proceeding, in formation, to their duty at the above mentioned Railway Station when they met two English officers and two young ladies of the same nationality, belonging to the A.T.S., on horseback.

Observing that one of the officers - Captain HALEY - was controlling his frisky horse with some difficulty, Private BICCU Givanni called out "Look out, chum". (coll.).

Not understanding the phrase and considering it offensive, the above mentioned officer directed his horse at Pte BICCU with the intention of knocking him down. BICCU, however, hid first behind a tree and then against the wall of a nearby resthouse, but notwithstanding this was knocked down by the Englishman with a riding crop.

Since the officer did not desist in his attack the above mentioned soldier struck the horse on the head with his rifle, breaking the stock.

Pte. MARROCU Giovanni, in order to help his comrade,

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Pte. MARROCU Giovanni, in order to help his companion, fired a rifle shot at the animal and at the same time BICCU, who got another rifle, from a companion, fired two shots at the animal, which fell dead.

Shortly afterwards the NCO and ~~below~~ named soldiers were arrested by the Allied Police and taken to the prison of the Caserta CC.RR platoon:

- L/Sgt. SPATARO Vincenzo - Ptes.: BICCU Giovanni; MAROCCU Giovanni; NIEDDU Tommaso; NIEDDU Nicoline; SOLINAS Giovanni; DESSI Mario; CUCCU Antonio and ARCAI Cestantino.

After enquiries had been made by the Allied Police (61st. S.I.B.section) and by the H.Q. ITI Battalion Group 513, Ptes BICCU Giovanni and MARROCU Giovanni were denounced to the Military Tribunal after having been detained, together with L/Sgt. SPATARO, in the Caserta CC.RR. prison for about 50 days, while the remaining men were held at the disposal of the Allied Police from the 21st. to the 24th. of July only, in the above mentioned prison.

Sgd. GINO GRANATA

G.O.C.

O. Danin Cpl.

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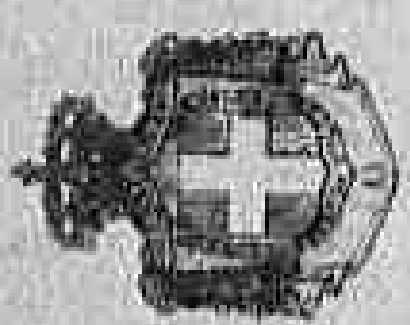
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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

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Oggetto Incidente tra militari italiani ed un ufficiale
britannico

Rapporto al T. G. del
Dir.

N.A. 129

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Come risulta dal rapporto n. 4/20188 in data 30.10.1945 del Comando Militare Territoriale di Napoli, i maggiori responsabili dell'incidente in oggetto sono i soldati BICCU Giovanni e MARROCU Giovanni, ambedue denunziati al Tribunale Militare.

Sono state date disposizioni perchè venga esaminata anche la posizione dei rimanenti militari per i provvedimenti disciplinari del caso.

Riserva di ulteriori notizie.

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
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IN { Data 10/11
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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI
Ufficio Terr. e Affari Vari

n. 4/20188/Terr.

Napoli, li 30 ottobre 1945

OGGETTO: mancato omicidio di, un ufficiale alleato ad opera di militari italiani. -

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto -
(rif. 124444/I.1 del 19 corrente)
117.1.75

R O M A

Il giorno 21 luglio u.s., alle ore 7,31, in località sottostazione elettrica dello scalo ferroviario di Caserta, alcuni militari della 4^a Compagnia del 501^o battaglione distaccato a Casagrove, al comando del sergente SPATARO Vincenzo, recavasi, inquadrati, in servizio allo scalo ferroviario predetto quando incontravano due ufficiali inglesi e due signorine della stessa nazionalità, appartenenti all'esercito ausiliario alleato, tutti montati a cavallo. -

Vedendo che un ufficiale - capitano HALEY - a stento dominava il suo focoso cavallo, il fante BICCU Giovanni profferì la seguente frase: "Faisà stai attento".

A tale frase, incompresa e ritenuta offensiva, il predetto ufficiale dirigevasi col cavallo contro il fante BICCU allo scopo di percuoterlo. Il Biccu però riparava dapprima dietro un albero e successivamente contro il muro di una casa colonica vicina, ma veniva ugualmente percosso dall'inglese con un frustino. -

Poichè l'ufficiale non desisteva dal percuoterlo, il predetto fante colpiva il quadrumede alla testa col calcio del fucile del quale era in possesso, spezzandone la cassa. -

Il fante MARROCU Giovanni per venire in aiuto del compagno sparava un colpo di fucile contro il quadrumede e contemporaneamente lo stesso Biccu, avuto un altro fucile da un compagno, sparava a sua volta due colpi contro lo stesso quadrumede che colpito decedeva. -

Foco dopo il sottufficiale ed i sottoportati soldati venivano fermati dalla polizia alleata ed accompagnati nelle prigioni della tenenza CC. RR. di Caserta:

- sergente SPATARO Vincenzo - fanti: BICCU Giovanni; MARROCU Giovanni; NIEDDU Tommaso; NIEDDU Nicolino; SOLINAS Giovanni; DESSI Mario; CUCCU Antonio e ARCAI Costantino. -

In seguito ad indagini espletate dalla polizia alleata (61^o Reggimento Speciale Investigativa) e dal 513^o Comando Gruppo btg. ITI, i fanti BICCU Giovanni e Marrocu Giovanni sono stati denunciati al Tribunale Militare dopo essere stati, unitamente al sergente SPATARO, detenuti nelle prigioni di CC. RR. di Caserta, per circa 50 giorni, mentre i rimanenti militari venivano tenuti a disposizione della polizia alleata solamente dal 21 al 24 luglio u.s. presso le prigioni dei CC. RR. suddetti. -

compagnia del 501° battaglione distaccato a Casagrove, al comando del sergente SPATARO Vincenzo, recavasi, inquadrati, in servizio allo scalo ferroviario predetto quando incontravano due ufficiali inglesi e due signorine della stessa nazionalità, appartenenti all'esercito ausiliario alleato, tutti montati a cavallo.-

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE INT.
F.to Gino Granata

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IL CAPO UFFICIO I
(Ten. Col. ANNI)

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

SUBJECT:- Incident involving Italian and Allied soldiers.

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

✓ A 269

6 May 45.

To : HQ. Rome Area Allied Command.

Ref your LAA 12 dated 29 Sep 45.

1. Further to our A 269 dated 2 Oct 45 (copy to you) a letter (copy attached) has been received by this HQ from the War Ministry stating that the necessary action has been taken by Rome Territorial HQ.

J.A.C. Pearce Ny
Major-General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: HQ 201 Sub Area (Major Brett).
HQ Public Safety Sub Comm. (Ref your PSM/LI dated 29 Aug).
DEPM, RAAG (Ref your PMS/41/2379 dated 8 Sep 45).

JACP/jmo

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TRANSLATION

From : M of War

Ref : 125546/I/1
117-3-82

To : MMIA

Dtd : 2 Nov 45

In reply to letter A/269 Dtd 24 Oct 45
copy to : Mil. Terr. HQ - Rome

With ref to letter 6237 dtd 29 Oct 45.

Subject : Incident relating to Italian and Allied Soldiers.

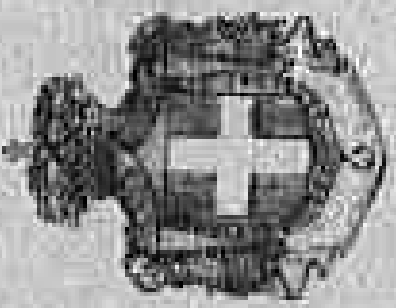
The Military Territorial H.Q., Rome, with the letter in reference, has forwarded to the Chancellery of the Rieti Tribunal, a Bank of Italy cheque for the sum of Lire.48.200 No. 0.288.831/A dtd 29 Oct 45.

By order,
Chief of Cabinet.
sgd. Lombardi.

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Ministero della Guerra

- Gabinetto -

Roma, 10 IV 1945

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OGGETTO Incidente relativo a soldati italiani e alleati.



ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. - (M.M.I.A.)
(risp. alla lettera N/269 del 24 ottobre u.s.)

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI ROMA
(rif. lett. n. 6237 del 29 ottobre u.s.)

R O M A

P.M. 3800

Il Comando Militare Territoriale di Roma con lettera in riferimento ha provveduto a trasmettere alla cancelleria del Tribunale di Rieti, un assegno della Banca d'Italia n. 0.288.831/A in data 29/10/1945 per un importo di L. 48.200.

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. - (M.M.I.A.)
(risp. alla lettera A/269 del 24 ottobre u.s.)

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI ROMA
(rif. lett. n. 6237 del 29 ottobre u.s.)

R O M A

P.M. 3800

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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Subject: Incidents - Allied and Italian.

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

A 269

5 Nov '45.

To : A.F.H.Q.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter addressed by the Ministry of War to General BROWNING, M.M.I.A.
2. The Ministry of War has been asked to forward a list showing specific instances with details. This list will be forwarded to you in due course.

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

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Subject: Incidents - Allied and Italian.

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

✓ A 269

5 Nov '45.

To : Ministry of War.

Receipt is acknowledged of your 223243/II dated
31 Oct '45.

Your letter is in general terms, and in order that
we may refer the matter to A.F.H.Q. will you please forward
a list showing specific instances which have occurred, with
dates and all available details.

Major General

To Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

TO: Gen. BROWNING, M.M.I.A.

REF: 223243/11

DATE: 31.10.45

SUBJECT: Incidents caused by Polish troops stationed
in Italy.

I have been compelled to note that, from notifications which are periodically forwarded to me by various departments, for some time now the incidents caused by the behaviour of Polish troops stationed in Italy are occurring with ever-increasing frequency.

There are acts of violence, rape, aggression, theft, violation of women, violation of homes, ill-advised intervention of a political nature, woundings and murders, which are occurring practically daily, often assuming aspects of a certain degree of seriousness and such as to give rise to grave concern because of the reaction which they cause or may cause.

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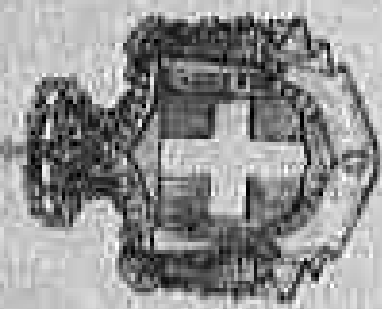
War Minister.

O. Danin Cpl.

Cox R/P.

This is addressed to the GOC by name.

1. Send to AFHQ & info - ^{3/4} add to the data entered for ^{File.} ^{with specific} ^{understand} ^{& with the name to refer}
2. Ack to WOT & our we were specific under AFHQ W/P



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Ministero della Guerra
- Gabinetto -

Divisione
Pol. N. 213243

131-1-1
Il Legato

ROMA

OGGETTO Incidenti causati da truppe polacche dislocate nel Territorio.

N.º

01/250 Roma, P.M. 3800, 31 OTT. 1945

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All Generale Langley BROWNING
Capo della Sottocommissione per
le Forze Terrestri della C.A.

francese
pl. + ritorno

C. C. Proposta al Seglio del
Dir.

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Su tale argomento ritengo doveroso richiamare l'attenzione di V.S. per quell'azione che V.S. stessa riterrà opportuno svolgere al riguardo.

IL MINISTRO

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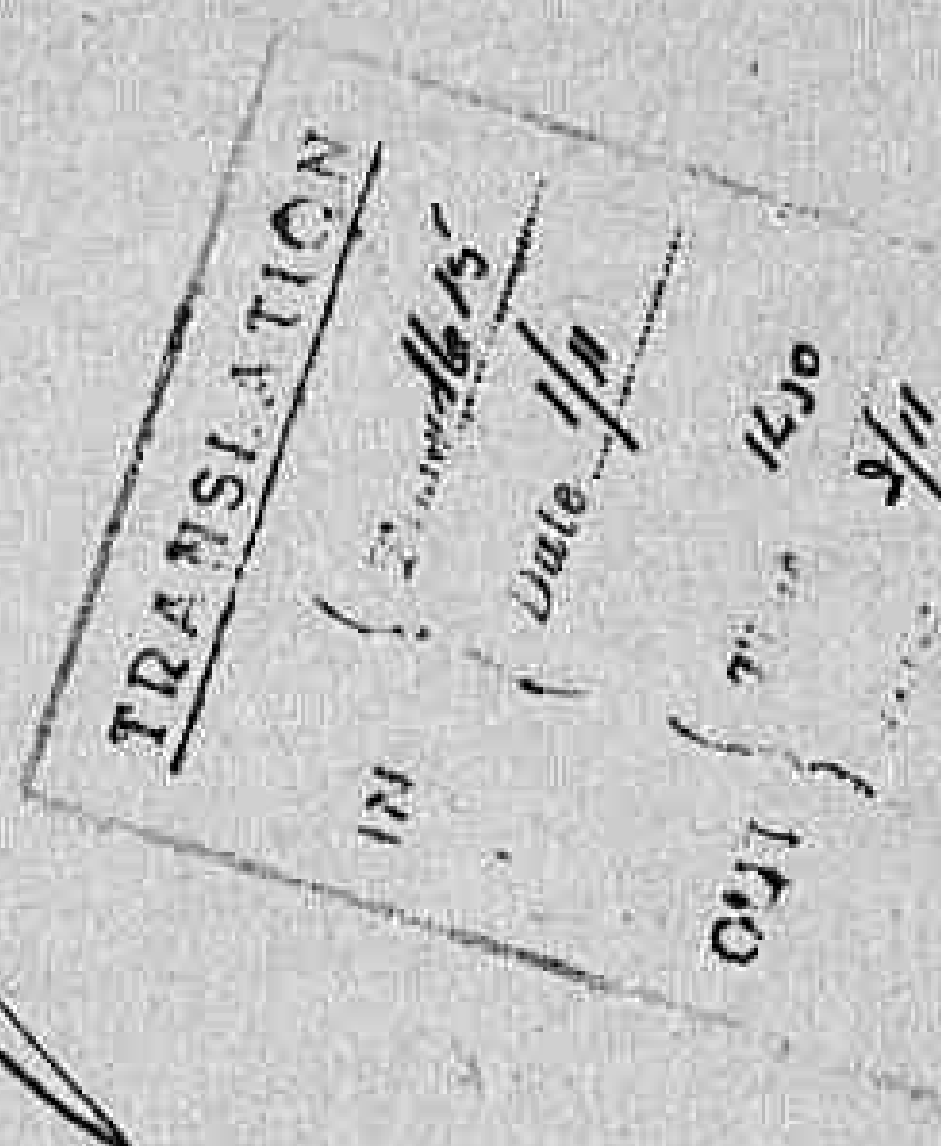
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IL MINISTRO

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Subject: Discipline - Incident at Foligno

Head Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

A 269

25 Oct. '45.

To : Ministry of War

Reference your 122732/1.1 dated 1/10/45  
140-5-11.

1. Please inform us, as soon as it is made known, what sentence is passed against Sgt FORTONA Giovanni for his part in the a/n incident.

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

JACP/or

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Subject: For Disposal

Land Forces Sub Comm. HQ,  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

A. 215

26 Oct. 1945

To: G.H.Q. C.M.F.

Reference your G-4 (Dr) 16413/A-3 dated 2 Sep 45, and attached list C reference SIME/W/45/1.

1. We have heard further from the Ministry of War the following information regarding persons on the a/n list.

- " " that Cesare BRACALONZI, son of the late Michele and the late Caterina Battistini, born at Pratovecchio on the 20 November 1889, resident at Stia has been arrested at Verona and placed at the disposal of the local Questore, which, through lack of transport, cannot for the present, arrange for his withdrawal and taking to that HQ. " "
- " " that Angelo GIARELLI, ex secretary of the Comune of Stia, is at present in the local prison, at the disposal of the Attorney of the Realm for Arezzo. " "

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

JACB/ox

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

Subject : Discipline - Incident at Foligno

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

/ A 269

24 Oct. '45.

To : Ministry of War

Reference your 122732/1.1 dated 14/10/45.

1. Please inform us as soon as it is made known, what sentence is passed against Sgt FONTANA Giovanni for his part in the s/n incident.

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

JACE/or

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

Subject : Incident involving Italian and Allied soldiers

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

/A 269

24 Oct. '45.

To : Ministry of War.

1. Reference our A 269 dated 1 Oct 45 and your copy letter 123268/1/1  
dated 7 Oct. 42. 117-3-52
2. Please inform us if the action requested has yet been taken by  
Rome Territorial Hq. 108

*J.A.C. Pearce Major*  
J.A.C. PEARCE, Major  
For Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

JACP/sr

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Subject: Offences against Italian Civilians.

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

A 209

22 Oct 45.

To : Legal Sub-Comm A.C.,

105

Reference your AG/4143/L dated 27 Sep 45.

1. The attached copy of a letter received from HQ, 3 District is forwarded for information.

*R.E. HECTOR*  
R.E. HECTOR, S/Captain.  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

REH/eco.

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from M of W 269 <sup>Translation</sup> (113)  
to: Naples Terr. HQ ref. 124444/11.1  
Copy to: MMIA 117.1.75  
19 October 1945

Subject: Attempted omicide of an Allied  
Officer by Italian soldiers. -

Herewith copy of letter A/269 of MMIA  
begging you to carry out immediate +  
thorough enquiries to ascertain facts +  
responsibilities. The result of the enquiries  
+ disciplinary action taken accordingly,  
should be urgently reported to this  
Ministry + in any case not later  
than 28th inst. -

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AM (109) (110)  
1450 RD



**Urgentissimo**

19 OTT. 1945

CA/VO

*Ministero della Guerra*

- Gabinetto -

Divisione

Sez.

524/1111 / I.1 Allegati

Risposta al f. del

In In N°

113-1-75

OGGETTO: Mancato omicidio di un ufficiale alleato  
ad opera di militari italiani.

AL COM. MILIT. TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI

P.M. 3400

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. - MMIA - ROMA

Si trasmette copia del foglio A/269 della  
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA), con  
preghiera di disporre immediate e severe indagi-  
ni atte a definire fatti e responsabilità, fa-  
cendo conoscere con ogni urgenza, e in tutti i  
casi non oltre il 28 corrente, il loro esito  
ed i provvedimenti adottati.

TRANSLATION

IN

0900  
Data 23/10

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22/10

d'ordine  
IL CAPO DEL GABINETTO

*P. J. J. J.*

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0269  
012  
SUBJECT: Discipline - Indian Tps.  
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CONFIDENTIAL

A.  
3 District  
Tel Ext 36  
137/1721A  
18 Oct 45  
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
(MMIA) - ROME  
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23698 Spr UDHAM SINGH -/Ind FD Coy IE  
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Reference your A269 of 3 Oct 45.

1. It is notified for your information that the above named man was tried by Summary General Court Martial on 9-11 Jul 45 on the <sup>following</sup> charge and found NOT GUILTY:

Sec 41  
AA

Committing a Civil Offence a.e. on 9 Jun 45 committed rape on CATERINA ASSETTATE of GROTTAGLIE.

2. The other INDIAN soldier concerned in this case has not been apprehended.

/SG.

*Copy sent to legal S.C. 22/10/44.*  
*[Signature]*  
Maj Gen  
Comd  
8023

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A 269

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HEADQUARTER ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LEGAL SUB COMMISSION

/LN

15 October 1945

AG/4086/8/L

SUBJECT : Trial of Italian Soldier - NERI Arnaldo

TO : M.M.I.A.

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1. Reference your letter No. A/269 of 19th Sept.
2. I have been informed by the Minister of Justice that the trial of the above named Italian Soldier is fixed for the 31st October.

*Musgrave Thomas*

MUSGRAVE THOMAS  
Italian Branch  
for Chief Legal Advisor

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*O.K.  
Wm. H. Nat  
& find out what  
he means over and over  
about 80710*

Subject: Discipline - Italian Army.

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

A 269

8 Oct. '45.

To : Ministry of War.

1. The attached report concerning a grave criminal act committed against a British officer is forwarded to you for urgent attention.
2. Please inform this HQ by 30 Oct what measures have been taken to deal with the offenders.

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

Copy to: G.H.Q., C.M.F. (for G-I(Br)). Your 4385/A-3 of 7 Oct 45 refers. 800

JACP/eco.

CONFIDENTIAL

L. FORCES S/c

SUBJECT : Discipline - Italian Army

CHQ., CMP

4385/A-3

7 Oct 45

MMIA

Copy to : DDV & RS (your 123/6/V & R  
dated 22 Sep 45 refers)

1. On 21 Jul 45 Capt RW HARTLEY RAVC whilst riding a horse in CASERTA was assaulted and fired upon by 4 soldiers of 4 Coy 501 Bn Italian Train Guards. The horse was killed and Capt HARTLEY narrowly escaped serious injury.

2. The incident was investigated by 61 SIS CMP and 4 Italian soldiers :

Sgt Spataro Vincenzo  
Sold. Riccu Giovanni  
Sold. Marocco Giovanni  
Sold. Nieddu Tommaso

were charged, two of them being charged with discharging a firearm with intent to kill or inflict grievous bodily harm on a British Officer, a member of the Allied forces.

3. In order that the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry which has been convened to inquire into this incident, may be completed, it is requested that you will inform this HQ of the punishments which the Italian authorities have awarded to the above named soldiers.

11 OCT 1945

R. Cohen Major  
Major General,  
DAG.

/nrw

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Translation

ref.: 123288/I/I  
II7-3-82  
7 oct.45

0269  
from : M of W  
to : Rome Terr.HQ  
Copy to:MMIA

Subject: Incident in which Italian and Allied military are involved.

We beg you to hand over as soon as possible the sum of Lire 48200, withdrawn by Rome Terr.Hq, through Lt.TOSCHI Giancarlo from MMIA on Feb.28th 45, to the Tribunal of Rieti, with ref.to the trial n.769/I944 of same tribunal.

Please inform us when this has been done.

Lombardi

R.E.ql.

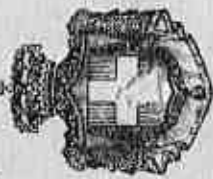
N.F.A.  
B.F. 24 Oct

Sec (82) + 103

Sec 175

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PE/ai



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Gabinetto

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223288 / I/1 Allegati  
117-3-82  
Risposta al disp. del

Roma, 27 OTT 1944  
Dir. Sec. No

OGGETTO incidente in cui sono coinvolti soldati italiani e alleati.

Al COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI ROMA  
(rif. lett. n. 105019 del 21.2.1945)  
e, per conoscenza:  
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB. COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)  
(rif.lett. A.269 del 2.10 u.s.)

P.M. 3800  
ROMA

A

Pregasi voler disporre con ogni possibile urgenza il versamento della somma di L. 48.200 ( quarantottomiladuecento ), ritirata da codesto Comando, a mezzo del Ten. TOSCHI Giancarlo, dalla M.M.I.A. il 28 febbraio u.s., alla Cancelleria del Tribunale di Rieti, con riferimento al processo n. 769/1944 di quel Tribunale

Si gradirà un cenno di conferma a versamento effettuato.

TRA...TION  
0845  
Data 9/10  
15.30

d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO  
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d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO  
*Tomlinson* 797

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TRANSLATION

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From: M.O.F.W.

To: M.E.I.A.

Ref: 122732/I.I

110-5-14

Date: 4/10/45

269

Subject: Discipline- Incidenta at Poligno.-

Further to letter 116231/I dated 17/7/45, we hereby inform you that the military Attorney General of the Realm for Florence, is trying, with arrest warrant, Sergeant FONTANA Giovanni, for the following crimes:

- a) Resistance to the military authorities (art. 47 R.2-143 C.P.-E.P. and 47 C.P.M.G.), in that, <sup>at Poligno</sup> on the 1st March 1945, he threatened, and opposed with violence, the Allied military Police while they were carrying out their duty.
- b) Violence against civilians (art. 610 C.P.I.) in that, at the same time and place as above, through threats and violence, pointing an automatic rifle at 2 civilians, he forced them to show him the Police Station.
- c) Instigation and committing of crimes against military laws (art. 47 R.2-212 C.P.M.F.) in that, at the same time and place as above, he incited more military personnel to resist the Allied military Police, thereby provoking a brawl between Italian and British personnel, during which a British soldier Sapper ELLIS.J., was stabbed in the stomach, from which wound he subsequently died.

Penal proceedings, now being drawn up, will be shortly be convened in court.-"

R. ERREERA.C.M.

(Sg.) Chief of the Cabinet  
(Illegible).-

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No action except to ensure that we are  
& ultimately tell what sentence was  
passed.

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Ministero della Guerra

Grandet 1st MA 5/10 73  
Roma, 4 OTT 1945

ALL LAND FORCES SUB COMMISS-  
SION A.G. (M.M.I.A.) ROMA

Divisione

1221.732/I.I. Allegati

110-5-38

OGGETTO

Disciplina - Incidenti a Foligno.

Risposta al Foglio del

Dir.

W.

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A seguito lettere n. 116231/I. in data 17  
luglio u.s. si informa che la Procura Militare  
del Regno di Firenze procede, con ordine di cat-  
tura, a carico del Serg. magg. FONTANA Giovanni,  
per i seguenti reati:

- "a) - resistenza alla forza armata (art. 47 n. 2 - 143  
C.F.M.P. e 47 C.P.M.G.), per avere il primo  
marzo 1945 in Foligno usato minaccia e violen-  
za per opporsi alla polizia militare alleata,  
mentre queste adempiva i suoi doveri;  
- violenza privata (art. 610 C.P.) perchè nelle  
medesime circostanze di tempo e di luogo di  
cui al capo precedente, mediante minaccia e  
violenza, puntando un fucile mitragliatore con  
tro due civili, li costringeva ad indicargli  
l'ufficio della polizia;

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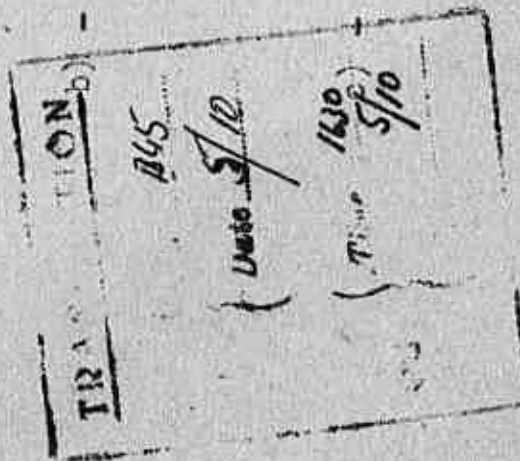
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deva.

Il procedimento, in corso di istruttoria, sarà prosie-  
guentemente rinviato a giudizio."

d'ordine  
p. il CAPO DI CABINETTO a-p-1.  
*Colquhoun de Porto*



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Subject : Offenses against Italian Civilians.

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

A 269

3 Oct. '45.

To : H.Q. 3 District.

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The attached correspondence received from A.M.I.C. is passed to you for necessary investigation, and subsequent disciplinary action.

*AC 112*  
*W504*  
Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

/or

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Copy to : Legal Sub Comm. AC. (for information) your AC/4143/L dated 27 Sep. 45  
refers.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

/rlp.  
27 September 1945.

AC/4143/L.

SUBJECT : Offences against Italian personnel.

TO : MMIA.

1. The enclosed letter from the Minister of Justice sets out the particulars of an offence allegedly committed by two Indian soldiers in Taranto. One of the accused has been identified.

2. Would you be good enough to forward the complaint to the appropriate military authorities?

TRANSMIT

G. G. HANNAFORD,  
Lt. Col.,  
Officer i/c Italian Branch,  
for Chief Legal Advisor.

Incl.

Date

See (114)  
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On 10/10/45  
Sent to H.A.  
3/11/45  
R.H.

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from Ministry of Grace and Justice  
to Legal Sub-Commission AC

translation  
ref. 138/ter. 22/2311  
Sept. 45

Subject : Statement made by ASSETTATI Vittorio and ORONZINI  
Caterina (husband and wife) against two Indian military  
for rape, immorality and robbery at Grottaglie (Taranto)  
on 9 June 45

Herewith for your information, copy of the report n. 4521  
dated 29 Aug. 45 of the Gen. Attorney of the Realm to Court of Appeal  
Lecce.

S/u

Illeg.

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From Gen. Attorney of the

Realm to Court of Ap-

peal -Iecce

to Ministry of Grace and Justice

Translation

ref. 4521

29 Aug. 45

Subject: Statement of crime-Violence suffered by ASSETTATI  
Vittorio and URONZONI Caterina (Husband and wife)  
and rape of URONZONI Caterina by two Indian military.

I receive from the Attorney of the Realm - Taranto the  
following statement of crime n. 1738 dated 27th inst.

" " I beg to inform you that on 12 June 45, ASSETTATI Vittorio  
made the following statement of crime to Grottaglie UORR :

On the 9th of June, while returning on bicycle to his  
town with his wife URONZONI Caterina, at about 2030 hrs  
he was stopped by two Indian military near to the airfield  
on the road S. Giorgio-Grottaglie. These soldiers with drawn  
pistols compelled Assettati and his wife to get down from  
the bicycles and follow them to a near by field. One of  
the two soldiers remained with the husband robbing him of  
the sum of lire 2500 and the other one wounded and raped the  
wife. Then Uronzoni Caterina was raped by the other Indian sol-  
dier.

Soon after a/m soldiers set Assettati and Uronzoni free  
and the latter reached Grottaglie with a strong nervous  
breakdown.

Grottaglie UORR informed at once the British Military  
Police stationed in that town who -according to the statement  
of Assettati- have identified one of the aggressors.

Today I have sent the documents which I received only on  
the 24th of Aug.) to the Pretore (Judge) of Grottaglie  
requesting him moreover to ascertain the truth.

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" " I beg to inform you that on 12 June 45, ASSETTATI Vittorio made the following statement of crime to Grottaglie CCRR :

On the 8th of June, while returning on bicycle to his town with his wife URONZONI Caterina, at about 2030 hrs he was stopped by two Indian military near to the airfield on the road S. Giorgio-Grottaglie. These soldiers with drawn pistols compelled Assettati and his wife to get down from the bicycles and follow them to a near by field. One of the two soldiers remained with the husband robbing him of the sum of lire 2500 and the other one wounded and raped the wife. Then Uronzoni Caterina was raped by the other Indian soldier.

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Today I have sent the documents ( which I received only on the 24th of Aug.) to the Pretore (Judge) of Grottaglie requesting him moreover to ascertain the injuries suffered by Uronzoni Caterina, and order the CCRR to carry out further enquiries to identify the aggressors. " "

I will send further information.

Giordano

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

Subject : Incident - British and Italian Officers.

Land Forces Sub Commission, AG.  
(M.H.I.A.) R O N E

A/279

3 Oct. '45.

To : F.O.I.L.

Further to our letter of even reference dated 2 Oct. 45.

Herewith the two enclosures mentioned which were inadvertently  
left out.

The error is regretted.

*W.H.*  
Major General,  
M.H.I.A.

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Subject: Incident Involving Italian and Allied Soldiers.

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

A 259

2 Oct. 45.

To : Ministry of War.

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Reference A 259 dated 7 Sept. '45.

ROME, ITALY, 2 OCTOBER

1. This HQ has now received a request that the sum of five 10,200 (forty eight thousand two hundred), which was passed by this HQ to the TONTO, Clonville of the Home Military Territorial HQ on the 28 Feb 45, be forwarded to the Chaplaincy of the Prosecuting Office of the Court of Bari, with reference to trial No. 769/1944 at that court.

2. Please, therefore, give instructions to the Home Territorial Command to transfer this sum as requested and advise this HQ of the action taken.

PH

S.P. ADJUTANT, Major.  
 For Major General,  
 M.I.I.A.

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Copy to: HQ, RAAC. (Refer your 14412 dated 29 Sept 45.)  
 HQ, 201 Sub Aron (Major HERTY)  
 HQ, Public Safety H/C (Refer your 134/11/ dated 29 Sept 45.)  
 HQ, RAAC. (Refer your 14412 dated 29 Sept 45.)

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2. Please, therefore, give instructions to the Home Territorial Command to transfer this sum as requested and advise this HQ of the action taken.

PH

S. L. ANDERSON, Major,  
for Major General,  
R. M. I. A.

SWA/enc.

Copy to: HQ, RAAC. (Refer your 14A12 dated 29 Sept 45.)  
HQ, 201 Sub Area (Major INDEX)  
HQ, Public Safety B/C (Refer your ISL/11/ dated 29 Aug)  
DPM, RAAC. (Refer your PMS/41/2339 dated 8 Sept 45.)

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Subject : Incident - British and Italian Officers.

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

N/269

2 Oct. '45.

To : F.O.I.L.

The attached letter and translation received by this HQ from HQ 227 Div. concerning an alleged incident between a British Naval Officer and an Italian Army Officer is passed to you for such action as is considered necessary.

*W. H.*  
R. E. RYDER, S/Capt.  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

RMV/er

Copy to :

*See 101*  
M.M.I.A. L.O. - Hq 3 District for information  
(your 2010/3 dated 28 Sep. 45 refers.)

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TRANSLATION

From: HQ 227 Inf. Division  
To: L.O. MMIA 3 District

Ref: 03/7826/Ris.

Dtd: 26 Sep 45

Subject: Incident between a Senior Italian Officer and a British Officer.

- 1) On the 17 September 1945, while proceeding to his H.Q. at S. Giovanni a Teduccio, (Naples), Colonel PARODI, C.O. of the 513 Group, in the vicinity, noticed stationary in the street, an Allied truck with an Italian military driver. At that moment, a woman, employed in cleaning the street begged the driver to move his vehicle in order to allow her to clean that part of the ground occupied by it. And since the driver replied that, in order to clean the street, the woman would have to bend under the vehicle, Col. PARODI considered it his duty to intervene, ordering the soldier to move the vehicle.

But the soldier, not only disobeyed, but supported his absurd attitude by declaring that he was awaiting a British officer and, refusing the ~~man~~ <sup>due</sup> respect to an officer, said that, being in the service of the Allies, he owed obedience only to them.

- 2) Since, in the meantime, a truck of the regiment had arrived, Col. PARODI thought it advisable - in order to avoid an unpleasant scene on a public highway - to have the Allied vehicle driven to the entrance of his H.Q. in order to be able to talk with the British Officer, and through him, to gain knowledge of the command and unit to which the Italian soldier belonged.

- 3) A little later, in fact, the British officer arrived; he did not consider it necessary to present himself ~~at~~ the office of the colonel, but limited himself to sending the Col. a visiting card (copy enclosed) and inviting him to descend into the courtyard. The British officer persisted in his request, even when Col. PARODI had sent him his own visiting card by his adjutant major, saying courteously that

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At this point the British officer went away, with his vehicle, stating that he had no time to waste, that he had more important things to do than to delay himself with an Italian Colonel, and that however, this matter would have repercussions at Rome.

- 4) I wish to point out this incident to our office, with the aim of approaching MMIA to trace the Italian soldier and to carry out the necessary disciplinary measures against him due to his grave breach of conduct.

The General in Command,  
Silvio Rossi.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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