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SUBJECT: Italian Army discipline - CMP Reports.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-1(Br)/6403/A-3

4 Sep 45

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Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, MMIA, ROME.

Ref your A273 dated 24 Aug 45.

Attached hereto is copy of letter forwarded to you
under cover of this HQ letter of even number dated 7 Apr
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Major General, DAG,
G1(Br).

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SUBJECT: Discipline - CMP reports.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/6403/G-1(Br).

7 Apr 45.

Land Forces Sub. Comm. A.C.
MMIA, ROME.

Reference your A/6 dated 17 Mar 45.

1. It is agreed that CMP charges and reports concerning incidents in which Italian soldiers are involved should not to be sent to your HQ.
2. Instructions are being issued departmentally that such charges and reports will be sent to the British Liaison Unit concerned or to the MLO at Army or District HQ.

/S/ W.A.C. NICOLL, for
Major General, DAG,
G-1(Br)

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FROM : EXEC COM ALLIED COMMISSION
TO : RC VENEZIA REGION
REF : 4081

23 AUG 45
ROUTINE
SECRET

PREFECT OF BOLZANO HAS COMPLAINED TO ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT OF LACK OF DISCIPLINE OF FOLCORE GRUPPO.
PLEASE SEND SOONEST REPORT ON ANY SPECIFIC INCIDENTS
OF MISBEHAVIOUR OF FOLCORE GRUPPO

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

/ A 273

24 Aug. '45.

To : A.P.H.Q.

Reference this HQ letter A/6 dated 17 March, '45.

1. This HQ is unable to trace your reply to the above quoted letter, copy of which is attached hereto, although verbal acknowledgement was received and information given that this matter had been taken up through Provost channels.

2. Since C.M.P. reports are again being sent to this HQ, involving additional work and loss of time, it is requested that a copy of the instructions laying down the procedure for dealing with C.M.P. reports in connection with the Italian Army, may be forwarded to this HQ.

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

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*Entered copy A/6
of 17 March. 45*

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SUBJECT:-

Discipline

Office of the DAFM
Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MMIA), ROME

'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, RTC ICF

Ref: DAFM/282/169

20 August, 1945

✓ DAAG II
Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MMIA), ROME

The attached disciplinary reports are
forwarded to you for your attention please on the
posting of the present DAFM, MMIA. The reports
were received during the absence of the DAFM on
tour.

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Captain,
DAFM,
MMIA.

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SUBJECT:- Discipline Reports - Italian Army

✓ 'A' Branch,
Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)

OFFICE OF THE DAPM,
LAND FORCES SUB COMM
AC (MMIA) ROME

'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, RTC ICF

Ref: DAPM/70/162

5 August 1945

With reference to your A 273 dated 2 August 1945.

1. This report, marked "CONFIDENTIAL" was made by this Office and not by "OC, 'F' British Liaison and Training Unit".
2. The report was forwarded as interdepartmental and within MMIA.
3. The report being confidential was restricted to within MMIA.
4. With regard to paras 3, 4 and 5 of the report.
5. The Commander of the 'F' British Liaison and Training Unit who is fully aware of the disciplinary position, is taking most energetic steps to compel the Division to deal with disciplinary matters seriously. Attached is a copy of a communication addressed by the Commander, 'F' BL & TU to the Division.
6. The Commander of the 'F' BL & TU has appointed a British Major to supervise the Italian MT and thus in some measure, restrict the abuse thereof.
7. It is thought that the matter therefore is receiving proper attention and there is no doubt that the Commander of 'F' BL & TU is most actively interested.

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SUBJECT:- Discipline

'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT,
RTC ICF

Ref: AQ/8/1/1124

3 August 1945

HQ RTC ICF

Copy to:

Hq RAAC (For information)

Capt Gordon do

Major Bradley (For action)

1. I am far from satisfied that really effective action is being taken in connection with disciplinary offences,
2. During July approximately 300 disciplinary reports were submitted to the Ufficio Servizi of the "Piceno" Division.
3. In order that this HQ may be in a better position to report to Higher Authority on the standard of discipline in the RTC ICF and so that some check may be made as to whether the punishments awarded are proving effectual in checking a recurrence of offences, I would like to institute a system whereby a simple check can be kept.

The procedure suggested is as follows :-

- (i) Periodical reports will be submitted by the Commander of the CCRR Section, as at present.
- (ii) In addition, on each Sunday, a summary (in accordance with the attached proforma) will be sent to Comando Divisione in duplicate. One copy will be retained for Divisional records and one copy will be returned to 'F' BL & TU with the information called for in columns 6 & 7 filled in. Completed copies of the preceding week's proforma should reach this office by noon on Saturday of the following week.
- (iii) I am not satisfied that adequate steps are being taken to trace the names of the offenders. In the example given, not one name appears and I should be glad to know whether everything was done to find out the names of the drivers. This must be done, and done immediately the offence is reported. Examination of the Works Tickets is all that is necessary.
- (iv) By this means this HQ will be able to keep a continuous check on the movement throughout the Centre.

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/s/ L.H. MACKAY,
Colonel,
Commander, 'F' British Liaison &
Training Unit, RTC ICF.

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PROFORMA

DISCIPLINARY OFFENCES AT THE RTC ICF

Week ending

1	2	3	4	5	6	
Date.	Time.	Name of Offender.	Unit.	Nature of Offence.	Punishment awarded.	Place where carried
1. JULY 26	1045	Driver unknown. Z.4660500.	??	Excessive speed. Refusing to stop.		Note: In driver must on the pro
2. 26	1645	ditto	??	Offensive language.		
3. 26	1050	10 vehicles & 1 motorcycle.	??	Excessive speed Refusing to stop.		In this case commander he should As for 1 &
4. 27	1845	G.5626632	??	Excessive speed, causing a collision.		
5. 28	1230	Z.4738584	??	Excessive speed.		As above.
6. 28	1315	L.4013101	??	Refusing to obey orders. Insulting language.		In this case involved should be
7. 28	1830	M.1510504	??	Excessive speed.		As for 1 &

NOTE: As an illustration, this proforma has been filled in with data contained in CORR letter ref: 1160/49/OR dated 29 Jul

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PROFORMA (Appendix to 'F' BL & TU
letter AQ/8/1/1124 of
3 August 1945)

DISCIPLINARY OFFENCES AT THE RTC ICF

Week ending

Offender.	4	5	6	7
	Unit.	Nature of Offence.	Punishment awarded.	Place where punishment is being carried out.
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	??	Offensive language.		
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	??	Excessive speed, causing a collision.		
	??	Excessive speed.		As above.
	??	Refusing to obey orders. Insulting language.		In this case the name of the officer involved should be obtained and he should be punished.
	??	Excessive speed.		As for 1 & 2 above.

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Subject: Discipline Reports - Italian Army.

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

A 273

2 Aug '45.

To : OC, 'F' B.L.U.

Reference your DAFM/70/158 dated 30 Jul '45,
(report on "Piceno" Division).

1. It is requested that you will please advise this HQ as to what action is being taken in respect of paras 3, 4 and 5 of the above quoted report. Will you please also say whether you desire any of these points to be taken up direct with the War Office by HQ, M.M.I.A.

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

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - Italian Army

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Office of the DAFM,
Land Forces Sub Comm,
AC (MMLA) ROME.

'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT,
RTC ICF

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'A' Branch,
Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MMLA) ROME

Ref: DAFM/70/157

30 July 1945

1. Attached please find confidential report on the state of discipline and morale of the Division "PICENO" together with Monthly discipline report.

2. The situation has not improved to date.

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[Signature]
Captain,
DAFM,

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SUBJECT:- Division "PICENO" and attached elements

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Office of the DAFM,
Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MILIA) ROME

'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT,
RTG ICF

Ref: DAFM/70/158

'A' Branch,
Land Forces Sub Comm,
AC (MILIA) ROME

30 July 1945

Following is a general report on the elements forming part of the "PICENO" Division and the elements aggregated therewith under the various Training Schools.

1. The Division was formed at a critical Italian period and with unhomogenous elements, in some part presenting themselves spontaneously and voluntarily through the medium of the Allies and from Meridional Italy and in other, being composed of disbanded Partisan movements, some of whom were little known and obscure as to their origin and activities, except that they were armed and had been in bands. Their precedents in many cases, on reference to criminal records held at ROME, were dubious.

2. The officer element in the Division were, regrettably, only in few instances honest and of good intention or even remotely interested in their Division, men, or calling, and a standard of ethical conduct did not and does not exist among the officers. Officers of this Division have made little or no attempt to maintain a semblance of discipline or control, and, in some cases, have actively demonstrated opposite qualities to those of an officer.

3. No officer of this Division is even now compelled to sleep within the Camp and the curious situation arises on week-ends and holidays of an almost officer-less camp with uncontrolled soldiers doing very much as they wish.

4. Active support to the Carabinieri is not given and in many cases destructionist tactics are offered and until the arrival of the British Provost the situation of the Carabinieri was piteous, they being employed on degrading and soul-destroying duties, in fact, any duty to prevent them fulfilling their proper duty of the prevention and detection of crime. At one time the police were employed in picking up and removing stones from roads whilst the officers and men who had placed the stones there were in the immediate vicinity and abusing them.

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5. Cases of indiscipline among the men and inactivity on the part of officers are multitudinous and, even now with the Carabinieri arresting officers and men impartially day after day and sometimes arresting a total of seventy detentions a day and four hundred disciplinary reports a month it is evident that no punishment of a salutary nature is ever awarded for ~~defections, desertions~~

6. It is enough to say that during a period of six months the Italian officers have not even been able to make a man dress properly or salute or obey an order without argument, let alone stamp out the large trafficking in WD articles and equipment, the misuse and abuse of transport and the like, matters in which they are as equally involved as their men.

7. At the present moment there is awaiting trial one Italian Staff Officer of this Division who was arrested, after initial difficulty, by

the Carabinieri/.....

the Carabinieri. He is charged with being in illegal possession of approximately 3 tons of WD stores and 240 gallons of WD petrol. A further Staff Officer is charged with misappropriation of 500,000 Lire and, until urgent representation was made, was at liberty as the Italian Staff contended that the case remained to be proved.

8. Three further investigations against Staff officers are pending. These investigations have to be carried out without the knowledge of the Divisional officers, as leakages and protection were nullifying all enquiries.

9. The Italian WCOs of this Division are of bad quality and lack the leadership of their officers. In many cases they are indisciplined as their men. In the other cases they take a passive attitude and will countenance all acts of indiscipline or else seek to avoid the responsibility.

10. Probably the most deplorable fact is the complete disinterest, with the exception of a notable few, of the Italian General Staff at this Centre, who have demonstrated that the governing preoccupation of their service is their own immediate entrenchment and security, their own regular careers and their own interests, and that the Division exists for that purpose and scope alone.

11. Attention is drawn to DABM/70/3 dated 25 Jul 45 of this Office in so far as it treats of this Division and DABM/77/1 dated 25 Jul 45 of this office.

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Captain,
DAFM,
MILA.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Discipline Report

Commander,
Ft British Liaison and
Training Unit, RTC, IGP
Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MIA) HOME

OFFICE OF THE DAHM
LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MIA)

Ft BRITISH LIAISON AND
TRAINING UNIT, RTC IGP

Ref: PRO/10/152

26 July 1945

The following is a summary of charges laid from week ending
25 June 1945 to week ending 25 July 1945, within the Division "PICENO"
and Training Centre.

DETAILS

Classification:	Military:	Civilian:	Remarks:
Traffic Offences.	31	-	(1,090 vehicles checked
Traffic Accidents.	7	-	at Poste di Milano
Discipline.	36	-	LA STORPA).
Prostitution.	-	34	
Clandestine.	12	-	
Theft of WD articles.	3	-	
Misuse of WD tpt.	17	-	
Arrest by order of Judiciary.	6	-	
Illegal possession of WD articles.	1	-	
Abuse of Grade and Decorations.	31	-	Women.
Unauthorised passengers	26	-	
Speeding.	35	-	
Unauthorised journeys in WD tpt.	52	-	
Overloaded vehicles.	7	-	
Use of closed road.			

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The following is a summary of charges laid from week ending 25 June 1945 to week ending 25 July 1945, within the Division "FIGARO" and Training Centre.

INTERNAL

Classification:	Military:	Civilian:	Remarks:
Traffic Offences.	31	-	(1,080 vehicles checked at Poste di Blauco LA STORTA).
Traffic Accidents.	7	-	
Discipline.	36	-	
Prostitution.	-	31	
Glasnostine.	-	-	
Theft of WD articles.	12	-	
Misuse of WD tpt.	3	-	
Arrest by order of Judiciary.	17	-	
Illegal possession of WD articles.	6	-	
Abuse of Grade and decorations.	1	-	
Unauthorised passengers	31	-	Women.
Speeding.	26	-	
Unauthorised journeys in WD tpt.	35	-	
Overloaded vehicles.	32	-	
Use of closed road.	7	-	

TOTALS. 244 31 1070

EXTERNAL

Classification.	Military.	Civilian.	Origin.
Unauthorised passengers.	15	-	DEM, RAAG.
Unattended vehicles.	7	-	DEM, RAAG.
Misuse of WD tpt.	2	-	DEM, RAAG.
Speeding.	10	-	DEM, RAAG.
Traffic Offences.	3	-	DEM, RAAG.
Traffic Accidents.	4	-	DEM, RAAG.
Discipline.	2	-	DEM, RAAG.
SIB	1	-	DEM, RAAG.
			(attempting to dispose of WD petrol

TOTAL. 45 0

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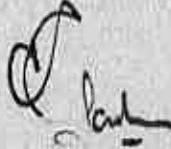
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(In addition to the above one Italian Staff Officer of this Division is now awaiting trial on charges of having illegally in his possession approximately 240 gallons of petrol and 3 tons of miscellaneous WD stores. A further officer is awaiting trial on charges of misappropriation amounting to 500,000 Lire, while three further investigations are pending).

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DAFM,
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