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Traffic Offence

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CONFIDENTIAL
-----Subject: Traffic Offence.Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
A/627 Feb 45
-----D.A.P.M.
201 Sub Area

Ref your PRO 15/1013 dated 23 Feb 45.

1. This matter has been taken up with the officer in question and it has been pointed out to him that an officer travelling in a vehicle is the person responsible for the vehicle obeying the orders in force.

[Signature]
F.J. WAKES Col.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
M.M.I.A.

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To AQ

Ref report PRO 15/1013 dated 23 Feb 45.

1. I deny that the vehicle ever travelled at over 40 m.p.h.
2. This particular vehicle is incapable of reaching a speed of 50 m.p.h.
3. The reason that I was driving was that we had been travelling for appoximately 1-1/2 hrs, and the driver Pte GLASS had got very cold, as it was an exceedingly cold day. I was relieving him in order that he could get warm. ✓
4. Pte GLASS will corroborate the above statement.

24 Feb 45

D.S.L. Gregson
D.S.L. GREGSON, Major,
M. M. I. A.

25 Feb 45
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Subject:- Traffic Offense

CONFIDENTIAL
201 Sub Area
Pro 15/1013
23 Feb 45

Director, NMIA

1. The attached GMP report is forwarded for your information and such action as considered necessary, please.

KNG/rah

W. S. Gould
Capt.
DAFM.
(K N Gould).

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REPORT

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

Sir, I have to report that at SUTRI. MAP. REF. A.520062/15
on 21. FEB. 1945. at about 09.50 hrs, I was on duty and had
occasion to check vehicle 8. CWT. MORRIS. NO. 4446847.
being driven at an excessive speed by MAJOR. GRESSON D.S.
of MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY ROME.

I followed the vehicle at an even distance for approximately
2,000 yards, and the following speeds were registered on my
speedometer :-

Minimum speed over the whole distance 45. MPH

Maximum speed over the whole distance 50. MPH

The maximum speed allowed for this type of vehicle is 35. MPH

I informed the driver that he would be reported, ~~and~~
~~that he was reported.~~ He then proceeded.

Field
21/2 /1945.

NO. 7405292 *W. Gregory* PTE.
75 Coy. C.M.P. (T.C.).

Sir, I was present when the above check was carried out by
PTE. GREGORY. and corroborate the statement made by him.

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Field.
21/2 /1945.

NO. 7405292 W. Gregory PTE.
75 Coy. C.M.P. (T.C.).

NO. 5774541 E. Watts PTE.
75 Coy. C.M.P. (T.C.).

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Subject: Discipline - Officers - Major OC PAPINEAU

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
Lequike (Lecce)
AQ/6
8 June 44

HQ No 2 District

Reference 34/2.A dated 29 May 44.

I have considered the facts as given by the Officer Command the U.S. Military Police Detachment and also a statement by Major PAPINEAU.

I consider that a genuine misunderstanding took place. I have warned the officer concerned that I take a grave view of incidents of this nature and the officer has expressed his regret. The officer of the U.S. Military Police Detachment would appear to have acted in a most proper manner.

FJH/cc

R.P.
Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

Copy to: H.Q., A.C.C. (Ref 16088/G-1 dated 4 June 44)

Papineau

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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REFERENCE : 16088/G-1
SUBJECT : Officers - Discipline
TO : Director, Army Sub-Commission.

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4 JUN 44

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1. The attached report and relative statements regarding Major O.C.PAPINEAU (111979) M.M.I.A. received from 1052 Military Police Coy (Avn) U.S. Army, through H.Q. No.2 District, C.M.F. are forwarded for such action as you may consider necessary.

2. For record purposes only will you please inform H.Q. No.2 District, C.M.F. of any action you may take.

For ESTABLISHMENTS OFFICER:

WHB/DM

J. L. Jones
J.L. JONES,
LT-COLONEL
G-1(B)

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- - - - -C O N F I D E N T I A L .
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SUBJECT: Discipline - Major O.C. PAPINEAU, MMIA.

HQ No. 2 District, CMF.
34/2.A.
29 May, 1944.

HQ Allied Control Commission.

1. The attached report and relative statements regarding the above-named officer have been received from 1062 Military Police Coy (Avn) U.S. Army, and are forwarded for such action as you may consider necessary, the officer concerned being under your command.
2. For record purposes only may this HQ please be informed of any action you may take.

(Sgd) ????????????, Major.
for Colonel,
Colonel i/o Admin.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE 1052nd Military Police Co. (Avn)
APO 320

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21 May, 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation.

TO : Provost Marshal.

On 20 May 1944, at about 6:30 hrs, Sgt Martin came to my billet and notified me of trouble at the parking lot with a British major who I later found to be Major O. C. Papineau, 111979, M.M.I.A. When Sgt. Martin and myself arrived at Viale Guglielmo Marconi and Via Vito Frazzi, I found Major Papineau. I asked the major what the trouble was. Major Papineau stated that the boys had shot up his vehicle. It was found that Pvt. Lewis Jones had fired three rounds at the vehicle. One round penetrated the left rear fender and the left rear tire causing the tire to blow out. One round glanced off the left rear fender and the third round entered the left front door. In questioning Sgt. Martin, Cpl. Benson, Pvt. Jones, Pvt. Ragone and Pvt. Branch, I found that Major Papineau had run into the fence on the parking lot with his vehicle and would not stop when Sgt. Martin gave him the order to halt and also would not stop when Pvt. Jones gave him the order to halt. Not knowing the identity of the driver or the circumstances and by the drivers actions, Pvt. Jones fired at the vehicle in order to stop it. When the firing didn't stop the vehicle, the Military Police gave chase in a jeep. Overtaking the vehicle at Viale Guglielmo Marconi and Via Vito Frazzi, the driver of the vehicle stated, "I am Major Papineau of the British army and I do not have to stop and explain my actions to the military police and the military police do not have any right to stop me." I, Lt. Strickland explained to Major Papineau, that we had a few vehicles stolen in town and my orders were to be sure of the identity of the driver when a vehicle left the parking lot. I asked Major Papineau for his name, rank, number and organization. Major O.C. Papineau, 111979, Military Mission Italian Army. I then gave Major Papineau my name, rank, and number, and organization. I also gave him the name, grade, and number of Sgt. Martin and Pvt. Jones. Major Papineau was instructed to follow my jeep to police headquarters. At the police headquarters I gave Major Papineau a receipt for the vehicle number 3289177, and Major Papineau was sent to his billet.

At approximately 1000 hrs, 20 May 1944, Capt. T.R. Selby, Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C., Legale, came to this headquarters for an investigation. The vehicle was turned over to Capt. Selby.

All statements of the persons involved, except Major Papineau's are attached to this report.

A TRUE COPY:

Don C. Curry
DON C. CURRY
1st Lt., CAP.,
Provost Marshal

/s/ Morris A. Strickland
MORRIS A. STRICKLAND
1st Lt., C.M.P.,
Detachment Commander.

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STATEMENT

20 May 1944

Statement of Pvt. Lewis Jones, 1052 M.P. Co. (Avn)

I, Pvt. Lewis Jones was in the Military Police headquarters on 20 May 1944, at about 0100 hrs, when I heard the motor of an automobile being raced loudly several times. Sgt. Martin, Cpl. Henson, Pfc Raub, and myself went out to see the cause of the noise. A vehicle had run head on into the fence surrounding the parking lot that is located just to the right of Military Police headquarters. The vehicle backed up and started to leave the parking lot. Sgt. Martin was at the entrance of the parking lot. Sgt. Martin flashed his light on the windshield of the vehicle and gave the command to halt three times. The vehicle raced from the parking lot at an added burst of speed, almost knocking Sgt. Martin off his feet. The vehicle was coming on at a still greater burst of speed. I, Pvt. Jones was standing on the corner of the sidewalk. I commanded the driver of the vehicle to stop, stepping from the sidewalk, and at the same time, bringing my pistol to the firing position. When the vehicle was going by me I fired at the left rear wheel. The vehicle did not stop and as it went on, I fired two more shots at the vehicle. I ran after the vehicle on foot for one block. Two Military Police jeeps went by me so I returned to the Military Police headquarters. Soon Sgt. Martin returned. Sgt. Martin, Pfc Raub, and myself went after the Provost Marshal, 1st Lt. Morris A. Strickland, and then went back to where the vehicle had finally stopped. There I found that the driver of the vehicle was Major G.C. Papineau, 111979, British Army, M.M.I.A., Major Papineau asked my name, grade, and serial and the number of shots I fired, all of which he wrote down.

/s/ Lewis Jones
LEWIS JONES
Pvt., 38181418
1052 M.P. Co. (Avn) Det. 2
APO 520

A TRUE COPY:

Don C. Curry
DON C. CURRY
1st Lt., CMP.
Provost Marshal

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STATEMENT

20 May 1944

STATEMENT OF PVT. ANGELO M. RAGONE, 1052 M.P. Co. (Avn)

I, Pvt. Angelo M. Ragone, together with Pfc. Kenneth L. Vener, were in Military Police headquarters on 20 May 1944 at about 0100 hrs. We heard a vehicle's motor racing outside. We heard the vehicle picking up speed and several shouts of halt after Sgt. Martin, Cpl. Benson, Pvt. Jones, Pfc. Rauh and Pvt. Hunt went out to investigate. Three shots were fired. We stepped out to see Sgt. Martin and Pfc. Rauh get in a patrol jeep and chase a fleeing vehicle. Pfc. Vener and myself ran down the street hoping to cut off the vehicle. We then saw the vehicle halted with a punctured rear left tire and a bullet hole in the left front door. Sgt. Martin, Cpl. Benson, Pfc. Rauh and Pvt. Hunt were holding the driver who we later learned is Major O.C. Papineau, 111979, British Army, M.M.I.A. Sgt. Martin and Pfc. Rauh went to get the Provost Marshal, 1st Lt. Morris A. Strickland. Major Papineau said he was willing to forget the whole incident if we would do the same. We explained to Major Papineau that a report had to be made. Major Papineau started to walk away after we asked him to remain until the Provost Marshal arrived. Major Papineau walked the distance of about one block when Pfc. went after him and asked Major Papineau to come back. Then Lt. Strickland arrived.

A TRUE COPY:

Don C Curry
DON C CURRY
1st Lt., CMP.,
Provost Marshal

/s/ Angelo M. Ragone
ANGELO M. RAGONE
Pvt., 3636374
1052 M.P. Co. (Avn) Det 2
APO 520

STATEMENT

20 May 1944

Statement of Cpl. James W. Benson, 1052 M.P. Co. (Avn)

On 20 May 1944, at about 0100 hrs, I, Cpl. James W. Benson, was in Military Police Headquarters when I heard a vehicle motor race several times. When I stepped outside, I saw a vehicle drive into the parking lot fence located next to the Military Police headquarters. Then the vehicle backed away from the fence and started out of the parking lot. At that time, Sgt. Martin had arrived at the entrance of the parking lot and flashed his light through the windshield of the vehicle. Sgt. Martin gave the command halt three times in a loud voice but the vehicle didn't stop. I, Cpl. Benson, heard Pvt. Jones give the command halt three times in a loud voice and the vehicle didn't stop. Pvt. Jones fired three shots at the vehicle and the vehicle didn't stop. Pvt. Bent and I got in patrol jeep and overtook the vehicle at the road junction of Viale Guglielmo Marconi and Via Vito Prati. By this time Sgt. Martin and Pfc. Rauh had arrived with their jeep. We recognized the driver of the vehicle as a British major, whose name we later learned is, Major G.C. Papineau, 111979, M.W.I.A. Sgt. Martin asked Major Papineau to remain until he went to get the Provost Marshal, 1st Lt. Morris A. Strickland. Then Major Papineau asked Sgt. Martin to forget about the vehicle. Being it was Sgt. Martin's duty, he went to get Lt. Strickland. While Sgt. Martin was gone, Major Papineau got his cap out of the vehicle and walked away, intending to leave. Pfc. Vener overtook him and asked Major Papineau to come back. Major Papineau did as he was asked. I, Cpl. Benson heard Major Papineau make this remark; "I'd rather had run over the sergeant than had my vehicle shot up."

/s/ James W. Benson
JAMES W. BENSON
Cpl., 3433779
1052 M.P. Co. (Avn) Det. 2
APO 520

A TRUE COPY:

Don C Curry
DON C CURRY
1st Lt., CMP.,
Provost Marshal

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20 May 1944

Statement of Pvt. Richard H. Branch, 1052 M.P. Co. (Avn)

I, Pvt. Richard H. Branch, was on duty as desk clerk in Military Police headquarters on 20 May 1944 at about 0100 hrs, when I heard a car motor racing. The men that were on duty, Sgt. Martin, Cpl Benson, Pvt Jones, Pfc Rauh and Pvt. Hunt, went out to see the cause of the noise. I stayed in the office. In a few seconds after the men went out to investigate the cause of the racing motor, I heard a shot fired and I went out to see what it was. I arrived at the scene to see Pvt. Jones standing in the street, firing at the racing vehicle. The vehicle kept on going and made no effort to stop. Sgt. Martin and Pfc Rauh got into a patrol jeep and raced after the vehicle that was still going.

A TRUE COPY:

Don C Curry
DON C CURRY
1st Lt., CMP.,
Provost Marshal

/s/ Richard H. Branch
RICHARD H. BRANCH
Pvt., 33530461
1052 M.P. Co. (Avn) Det 2
APC 520

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STATEMENT OF SGT. JAMES L. MARTIN, 1032 M.P. Co. (Avn)

I, Sgt James L. Martin, on 20 May 1944 at about 0100 hrs, was in Military Police headquarters when I heard the racing of a motor in the parking lot. Pvt. Hunt, Pvt Jones, Pfc Rauh and myself ran out to see what was happening. When we got out to the parking lot, a vehicle was backing out of the fence, tearing the fence down as the vehicle backed away. By this time, I was standing at the gate of the parking lot flashing my search-light and yelling "Halt". The other boys, Pvt Hunt, Pvt Jones, Pfc Rauh, were yelling also but the driver of the vehicle, who later proved to be Major O.C. Papineau, 11979 British Army, M.M.I.A., drove the vehicle through the gate, just missing me. I pushed myself back by shoving on the side of the car. Pvt. Lewis Jones then fired three shots, hitting the rear tire and the side door. Pfc Rauh and myself got into the patrol jeep and chased after the fleeing vehicle. We overtook the vehicle about four blocks away from Military Police headquarters.

I was told by Major Papineau, "If you are looking for trouble, I will bring my men up armed and wipe you all out." I then said, "I am going after the Provost Marshal". Major Papineau asked me not to go but I went after the Provost Marshal Lt. Morris A. Strickland. When Lt. Strickland arrived, he asked the major his name and organization. Major O.C. Papineau, 11979, British Army, Military Mission Italian Army.

The vehicle, no. 5289177, was brought to Military Police headquarters. Later Pfc Rauh and myself took the major, Major Papineau, home.

/s/ James L. Martin
JAMES L. MARTIN
Sgt., 10203357
1032 M.P. Co. (Avn) Det 2,
APO 520

A TRUE COPY:

Don C Curry
DON C CURRY
1st Lt., CMP.,
Provost Marshal

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Statement By Mayor O.C. Papineau
RASC

On the evening of Friday 19 May 44
I proceeded from Quebec
at about 2000 hrs in vehicle (Wherry)

N^o M 525289177.

Visited the Anglo-American Officers'
Club, and subsequently I was
invited to the apartment of the
American Red Cross helpers in
Quebec where a small party was
being held.

I left the Red Cross apartment at
about 0100 hrs. on 20 May 44. I
collected my vehicle from the
parking place. As I drove away
the back, ~~the~~ slots were

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I proceeded from my
at about 2000 hrs in vehicle (Utility)

Nº M 525289177.

Visited the Anglo-American Officers' Club, and subsequently I was invited to the apartment of the American Red Cross helpers in place where a small party was being held.

Left the Red Cross apartment at about 0100 hrs. on 20 May 44. I collected my vehicle from the parking place.

At 3243 I drove away from the park, ~~eff~~ slots were fired and after rounding the corner I was forced to stop by

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flat fire and by another vehicle. The second vehicle

proved to contain U.S. Military Police. ~~Strickland~~ Dr due course

Lt M.A. STRICKLAND (01795992)

of 1052 Military Police (U.S.) was

brought to the place where my vehicle was stopped. Dr was

stated in the presence of

Lt STRICKLAND by Pte LEWIS JONES

(38181418) also of 1052 Military

Police (U.S.) that he had fired

three shots at my vehicle as it

left the park because the vehicle

had failed

Sgt. MARTIN (38203357) of 1052 5844

Military Police (U.S.) also heard

Pte LEWIS JONES-

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(38181418) also of 1052 Military
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three shots at my vehicle and
left the park because the vehicle
had failed to halt when challenged.

Sgt. MARTIN (38203357) of 1052 ⁵²⁴⁴
Military Police (U.S.) also heard
this statement made by PTE LEWIS JONES.
One shot had apparently deflated

The nearside rear tire of the vehicle and another had penetrated the nearside front door.

The vehicle was left in the possession of 1052 Military Police (US), and was driven back to my billet at Begunah via a Jeep. Receipt for the vehicle is attached.

Signed

Belknap

Major RASC.

20 May 44

XOK, X41PR

N. 525289177

This vehicle is here at 1052nd MPR Co at
Lecce.

Morris A. Strickland
/ Lt. Col. Eng.
/ 1052 MPR Co (A VN)

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