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Discipline - Italian Army

Let. Case

Jan. - July 1945

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Subject:- Damage - Plantation.

56 HJU
8 AG

31 July 45.

Tom Major,
CERVIA.

Reference your letter of no reference and dated 27 June 45.

1. Herewith observations of COG Combat Group MANTOVA on this subject.

In The Field.
JRM/mh.

JRM mh

Lt Col,
GS.

COFY.

Subject:- Damage to Trees.

HQ Combat Group
MANTOVA.

8388/2

P.M. 104 - 17 Jul 45.

56 HJU

Reference your 8 AG dated 3 Jul 45.

1. From enquiries made it has been ascertained that some light damage to the trees of CERVIA Pine Grove was also done by soldiers of 76 Inf Regt.
2. The Col of the Regt has given instructions to avoid any further damage to the trees.
3. He has also contacted the Forestry Inspector for a friendly agreement.
4. Would you please bring to the notice of the Tom Major that :-
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 - (b) Civilians have been, and still are cutting trees.
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(Sgd) G. IKLOCHIA
GOC Combat Group MANTOVA.

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Subject :- Carriage of Civilians in WD Vehicles.

CONFIDENTIAL

56 BLU
8 AG

323A

25 July 45

2 District.

Copy to :- 60 Sub Area.

1. Some months ago it was laid down by MICA that GOC's Italian Combat Groups were not in any circumstances empowered to authorize civilians to be carried in Combat Group vehicles. Authority had to be obtained from the local British Area c/o Commander.
2. Staff officers of ~~N~~ HQ MANTOVA Group have adopted the practice of issuing a pass of the type enclosed herewith. This pass is quite worthless, but would probably deceive a military policeman. This practice is a direct contravention of the orders of MICA.
3. The Group HQ have asked for authority to use their discretion in the issue of passes for this purpose. The opinion of this BLU is :-
 - (a) That no discretion should be allowed to Italian officers in this matter.
 - (b) That authority for civilians to be carried in WD vehicles should be granted only by the superior British authority. (or OC BLU in emergency)
 - (c) That Allied military police should be instructed that passes signed by Italian officers are invalid.
4. It is requested that a ruling may be given in this matter.

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CMP
AWG/cc

A
Lt-Col.
GS.

see 347A

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Subject : Arrest of Italian Soldiers

HQ 21 Arm'd Brigade Force
Pro/PW/35
12 July 45

56 BLU
OC 384 Bty, 142 Rd Regt RA

1. Attached for your information is a copy of Military Police report regarding the arrest of two Italian soldiers for threatening the wife of a British soldier.

CMF
ACS+

G. H. Dwyer
Major
Assistant Provost Marshal
PW Incr 21 Arm'd Bde

1 & JUL 1945

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8 AG

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COPY

R E P O R T

To A.P.M.
P.O.W.INCR.
21 TANK EDE.

Sir,

I have to report that at CERVIA on the 7th July 45, at 2045 hrs on information received I proceeded to a house where No.917364 L/Cpl M.H.WORTH, 384 Bty 142 FIELD REGT. had his wife billeted (MRS E.S.WORTH, "PENSIONE BOSCO", No 14, MILIANO MARITTIMO, CERVIA) as there were two Italian soldiers out in the roadway, and they had threatened that after the English had left the area they intended to cut her hair off.

I arrested Sgt GUSTAVO CAVASIN and Pte VITTORIO ZANOLLO, both being from H.Q.Coy, 76 INFANTRY REGT. who were identified as the soldiers who had threatened Mrs WORTH.

I then conducted, and handed them both to Major GADSTONE, OFFICER COMMANDING No 56 BRITISH LIASON UNIT where they were detained. Body receipts attached.

Field

8/7/45

(sgd) No.5677901 S.TERRELL, Cpl
No 6 Section
"B" Dog Provost Company.

CO'S

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HEADQUARTERS COMBAT GROUP MANTOVA

7943/2

FM 104

9 July 45

Subject :- Pte AVANZO, second son of Carlo and Gatti Alice,
born in PORTO TOLLE (ROVIGO) in 1917, and resident
in VIA TRIFOLI No. 31, of 76 Inf Regt.

56 BLU.

Reference this office 6881/2 dated 23/6/45.

You are informed that the above mentioned Pte has been found at 54 Br General Hospital at FERRARA where he was taken after a collision with a REAME truck Ford 24660464.

The seriousness of his injuries necessitated the amputation of his left leg.

The motor cycle ridden and on charge to Pte AVANZO has been recovered by 76 Inf Regt.

Signed Magg F. FORMISANO
for Chief of Staff.

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File 1
SUBJECT:- Dan - Plantation.

251A
56 BLU
8 AG

249A
3 July 45.

Town Major, GERVIA.

Reference your letter on the above subject, dated 27 June 45.

1. This matter is forwarded to HQ Combat Group MANTOVA for action and their observations.
2. It is suggested that any further action in this matter should be referred to the Directorate of Claims and Hirings.

In The Field,
HTT/ajw

Mr. J. Thomas
6 Lt Col,
GS.

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File

SUBJECT:- Damage Plantation.

250A

56 BLU

3 AG

3 July 45.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

249A

1. The attached copy letter received from the Town Major CERVIA, is forwarded herewith for your information and necessary action.
2. Would you please forward to this HQ your observations on this question.

In The Field,
HTT/sjw

see 337A
Mr. J. J. Jones
Lt Col,
CS.

Town Hall CERVIA

To:- Town Major CERVIA

23 June 45.

1. Soldiers of 76 Inf Regt and 56 BLU billeted in the area of the Pine Plantations continue to damage seriously the Pine trees and other trees in the area due to the unrestricted cutting and carrying away of trees and branches.
2. According to our technical experts the damage caused to the plantation exceeds a hundred thousand lire (L. 100,000).
3. Will you kindly arrange for the settlement of the above sum and at the same time please give orders that troops should cease cutting down trees and carrying away branches and tree trunks.
4. Wood, both for fuel and constructional purposes will be made available, subject always to availability, only through the Forestry Agents responsible for the Plantation, together with written requests by the Military Authorities interested.

(SGD) The MAYOR

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SUBJECT:- Cutting of Wood in MILANO MARITTIMA.

2211
56 BLU
8 AG

Hq Combat Group MANTOVA

212 A rjw
21 June 45.

1. The Town Major of CERVIA reports that certain units of the Group have been taking wood from the pine forest at MILANO MARITTIMA.
2. At the special request of the civilian authorities in CERVIA the Town Major has given orders that all units in this area will not cut down pine trees so that the fuel value of trees may be conserved for civilian needs.
3. Will you please ensure that all units of the Group are informed.

see 260A
In The Field,
JRM/ajw

[Signature]
Lt Col,
GS.

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Subject: Statement of Witnesses.

56 HLU

20 June 45

To: HQ, 3 S & T Company
S.A.A.F.

With reference your conversation with 2/Lt GAGIATI, Italian L.O. with 56 HLU yesterday, attached is a translated copy of the statement made by Cpl. MONACO, Antonio, of HQ, 76 Infantry Regiment, MANROVA Combat Group.

Will you please forward a copy of the statement made by 242314 V A/M HARKER. R.S. of your unit.

In The Field
/cm

see 26A
Second Cover
J. R. Morris May
Lt Col.
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Interrogation of Cpl. MONACO, Antonio, of HQ Coy, 76 Infantry Regt, MANTOVA Combat Group, carried out on 20 June 45 in MILANO MARITTIMA, GERVIA, at 99 Carabinieri Section (Provost) in the presence of us, (W.O. LEGITTIMO, Aronso 2 1/2 99 Carabinieri Sec and Staff Sgt GROSSI, Giovanni, Battista of the same unit) was present Cpl. MONACO, Antonio who made the following statement:-

On 19 June at about 1900 hrs, while off duty whilst in a private bar in MILANO MARITTIMA I met a British soldier, who asked me to lend him 50 lire which he would repay the following evening. I agreed to his request and gave him 100 lire instead of 50 lire. He then invited me to follow him to his camp where he would give me a greatcoat in recompense for the money.

Together we went to the British Camp. He took me to his tent and gave me a greatcoat. After that we went towards the exit, walking 3 or 4 yds in front of this British soldier, when a British Officer who was nearby signed to me to stop. The latter approached me and asked me how I came into possession of the coat and from whom, to which I replied that one of his soldiers gave it to me, but that I was not able to recognise him. At which the Officer, accompanied me and the soldier who gave me the coat in recompense for the loan to HQ 99 C.G.R.R. Sec of MANTOVA Combat Group.

Here also I denied knowledge of the man who gave me the coat, to avoid him being punished.

I now declare that the soldier who gave me the coat, was the one who was stopped with me by the British Officer and who was questioned with me in the HQ C.G.R.R. Sec where he gave his name as 24234. V A/M HARKER, R.S. No 3 S & T Column. S.A.A.F.

This is the first time that I made the acquaintance of the abovementioned soldier.

I have nothing further to add.

Made, read and confirmed this day in the above mentioned location in the presence of the undersigned.

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Signed:- Cpl. MONACO, Antonio
Staff Sgt. GROSSI, Giov, Batt
W.O. LEGITTIMO Aronso.

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File
192A
SUBJECT: - Absentees.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

56 BLU
8 AG

19 Jun 45

Figures for absentees for the month of May show a considerable increase with the exception of 114 Inf Regt, over those for the preceding month.

In order to analyse the possible reason for such an increase will you please let us have the following information:-

- (a) The localities of the homes of present absentees.
- (b) What % overstayed their leave.
- (c) What % absented themselves direct from their units.
- (d) What % have already had 3 - 4 days leave as organised from RAIDA.
- (e) What are the age groups of the absentees.
- (f) Any particular reason why 114 Inf Regt has always had such a low % and report no absentees during the month of May.

May the consolidated figures for the month of June be forwarded as soon as possible.

In The Field,
JEM/ajw

see 252A

S.R. Morris
Lt Col,
GS.

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Ref Folio 106A file 50A9

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.
03/2349
P.M. 104 - 7 June 45.

Subject:- Road Discipline -
104 ST Coy.

OC 104 ST Coy.

Copy to:- 56 BLU.

1. Following sheet 2347 para 2 and verbal communications between Chief of Staff and yourself.
2. Yesterday at 0900 hrs I met a convoy composed of vehicles of your unit that was returning to RAIDA Area.
3. The head of the convoy was in DIOGMANO, the tail in ROCCA S. CASCIANO.
4. Only a Group of 3 or 4 lorries was proceeding together. All the others were travelling quickly, also on the Bailey and wooden bridges, where a very slow speed is ordered, each on their own.
5. One vehicle, in a town, proceeding at reckless speed nearly collided with my car, which but for the presence of mind of my driver would have been forced into the nearby ravine.
6. Behind the lorry that was supposed to be the last, having the green flag, there were other lorries that were running one after the other like fools.
7. This fact shows absolute failure of any form of road discipline and very deficient vigilance and checking of the officers and NCOs in charge.
8. Will you please communicate to me who was the convoy leader and the NCO in the last vehicle, and what instructions had been given for the method of the return to RAIDA, and by whom.

IMMEDIATE ANSWER.

(Sgd) GUIDA BOLOGNA.

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File
SUBJECT:- Fast and Dangerous Driving.

56 BLU
8 AG

142 A

HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"

24 May 45.

136A refers

1. HQ 71 Sub Area has informed us that the Area Commander has recently noticed that there has been a great increase in fast driving, both in towns and in the country of the Sub Area.
2. It has been noticed that troops of the Mantova Group constitute a large part of the number of the offenders in this respect.
3. Complaints concerning fast driving of vehicles by drivers of the Mantova Group have also been sent into HQ 71 Sub Area by the civilian authorities.
4. Will you please bring to the notice of all troops of the Mantova Group the speed limits laid down for various types of vehicles as set out in Appx 'A' and the necessity for careful and safe driving, not only to ensure safety on the roads but also to conserve the Group Transport.

In The Field,
JRM/sjw

S. J. M. Kelley
Lt Col,
CS.

CO. 3

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APPENDIX - 'A'

THE MAXIMUM SPEEDS PERMITTED ARE:-

	<u>MPH.</u>
Staff Cars	55
Motor cycles	40
Cars, 2 Str (Utility) except AUSTINS	40
Jeeps	40
Trucks (up to and including 1 Ton)	35
Cars, 2 Str (Utility) AUSTIN	30
Trucks (over 1 Ton and up to and including 3 Ton)...	30
Tractors (wheeled)	25
Trucks (over 3 Ton)	20
Trucks with trailers	20
Full tracked vehicles (except tractors)	20
Full tracked vehicles (tractors)	15

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Subject :- Discipline.

56 ELU
8 G

30 Apr 45

Combat Gp MAINTOVA

Copy to :- 'A' —

1. The following MT offences have been noted by the GSO II 56 ELU.
May disciplinary action be taken against the personnel in charge.

- (a) At approximately 1900 hrs on 28 Apr 45, 15 cwt WD No 4982155 of I/76 was proceeding into SINNA it was seen at 865190 it had a full load of soldiers in the back and in addition 4 civilians.
- (b) At approximately 1000 hrs on 29 Apr, Motorcycle WD No 411624 of 76 Regt was being ridden with a pillion rider on the machine at approximately 975180.
- (c) At approximately 1100 hrs on 29 Apr just outside SINNA on the FLORENCE road 3 ton truck WD No 496 7511 of 107 Signal Coy was taking on a complete load of civilians. There were at least 12 in the lorry and more were getting on.

In the Field.
AG/dp

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[Signature]
Lt-Col.
GS.

2 MAY 1945

[Handwritten signature]

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Subject:- Discipline.

56 BLU
8 AG

16 Apr 45.

Combat Group MANTOVA.

Reference attached reports by officers of 56 BLU.

1. Please take necessary action with regard to these and render a report to this unit.
2. With regard to civilians riding in Allied vehicles, it is pointed out that under 56 BLU message AG 8 dated 24 Mar 45 it was clearly stated that authority to carry civilians in Allied transport could only be given by a competent Allied authority.
This authority, if given, should be shown on the permit held by the driver of the vehicle. Please quote the authority held by 76 Inf Regt for the Signora DI NARDO.

In The Field.
JRM/mh.

Lt Col,
GS.

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C O P Y.

Subject:- Discipline.

DMA & QMC.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that on Monday 9th April at 1700 hrs, I was travelling to San Giorgio from Benevento on a motor-cycle. A MANTOVA truck was in front of me which appeared to be travelling at excessive speed. I followed it at level distance for about two miles, the average speed was between 40 and 45 MPH. I had difficulty in overtaking as the vehicle was being badly driven. I finally stopped it a few hundred yards short of the village of San Giorgio, inspected the work ticket and informed the officer passenger that I was reporting him.

Details as follows :-

Bedford 3 ton truck No. 525980 of 9 Bty. V Grp. (A/Tank Bty).

The officer's name was : Capt FRANGIPANI ORRESTA.

I told the officer the top speed he had been travelling at, he replied " not 45 MPH but 40 MPH "

To the best of my knowledge my speedometer is correct.

I am

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

Lieut,

Camp Commandant,

56 British Liaison Unit.

Field,
10 Apr 45.
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To:- D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

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Your obedient servant,

J. E. Brayne Lieut.
Camp Commandant.
56 British Liaison Unit.

Field.
10 Apr. 45.
NB

see 97H
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8AS
11 APR 1945

Ref folio 84 file SOA3

8114

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA,
Office of Chief of Staff - 2nd Section.
P.M. 104 - 30 Mar 45.

No. 2596/2

Subject:- Information regarding an assault.

To:- Military Territorial HQ NAPLES.
Personnel Office.

On the evening of 25 Mar at about 2215 hrs Capt ARIOLI FRANCO, OC 1 MAC, was entering his billet at CORDITO after having made an inspection of the camp.

When through the gate he was confronted by a stranger, armed with a stick who, after having said some words to him in English, dealt him a violent blow on the head.

The Captain, stunned, tried to defend himself, but three more blows knocked him down to the ground. With the shouts of help the assailant disappeared. The Captain recovered his strength, got up and went back to the camp where he was immediately dressed and sent by a unit vehicle to the 'MIRACOLI' Military Hospital at NAPLES, where the following wounds were diagnosed:-

- (i) Contused wound torn in the region of the left mastoid to the length of 2cm on the skin and under the skin.
- (ii) A curved contused wound torn in the left cheek.
- (iii) Two contused wounds torn in the region of the upper forehead in the hair, one 2cm long and the other 1cm.
- (iv) Severe bruises on the left cheek and congealed blood in the region of the left eyelid.

It is estimated curable in 20 days unless complications set in.

Enquiries are in progress. Further statements reserved.

Lt Col,
Chief of Staff
A. GUALANO.

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No. 2596/2

HQ 56 BLU.

P.M. 104 - 31 Mar 45.

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For information, with request to inform the competent authorities to make enquiries to find the assailant.

Lt Col,
Chief of Staff,

- (i) Contused wound torn in the region of the left mastoid to the length of 2cm on the skin and under the skin,
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Lt Col,
Chief of Staff
A. GUALANO.

No. 2596/2

HQ 56 BLJ.

P.M. 104 - 31 Mar 45.

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Lt Col,
Chief of Staff,
A. GUALANO.

mh.

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Subject:- Absence without leave.

SECRET.

56 DLU
8 AG

DATA.

30 Mar 45.

1. The attached table is forwarded as an analysis of the absence figures for Combat Group MANTOVA.
2. It is pointed out that of the 192 men who went absent during the month of Feb, 132 of these had been in the army less than 60 days. Thus it would appear that the chief cause of absence in this group is the poor standard of recruit received during Jan 45.
3. The high proportion of men from the Southern provinces who have gone absent, is also to be noted.
4. Commanders of regiments do not feel that any of the officers commanding companies are responsible for these absences.

In The Field.
JRM/nh.

Ar
Lt Col,
GS.

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TABLE SHOWING ABSENTEES IN MANTOVA GROUP DURING FEB 45.

Unit.	Total Absentees.	No. with homes within 50 miles.	No. who have not had leave for		No. who have been in the army less than 60 days.
			6 months	1 year	
1. 76 Inf Regt	92	6	1	-	76
2. 114 Inf Regt	59	7	3	1	37
3. 155 Arty Regt	12	-	2	-	7
4. 104 Engr Bn	16	-	-	-	8
5. Remainder of Units	13	-	-	-	4
TOTALS.	192	13	6	1	132

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF ABSENTEES FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS
IN ITALY.

SICILY.....	42.
CALABRIA.....	35.
LAZIO.....	53.
CAMPANIA.....	24.
ABRUZZI.....	13.
SARDINIA.....	3.
Northern Provinces.....	22.
	<u>192.</u>

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Ref folio 67A file 5019

PERSONAL

68H

HQ Military Garrison of SAN GIORGIO
del Sannio

No. 211 ris

P.M. 104 1 Mar 45.

Subject:- Traffic Control

OC 104 Med Section.

Some men of 104 Med Section detailed for traffic control duty at an important point on Route 7 (GINESTRA), frequently used by senior officers of the BLU, have not been a credit to their unit.

I have been compelled to severely punish an NCO (Cpl VETRANO) for not having been able to assure the regularity and continuity of the duties (for hours of daylight).

Pte De GIGLIO, since substituted on account of sickness, has a very dirty uniform and does not seem to have the element of such mental balance to give assurance on duty.

Pte CELONE ELIODORO, was found by Lt Col GIBSON on duty yesterday without a forage cap and with a disorderly uniform (cracked and worn-out boots because they had never been greased). I have punished him with 5 C.P.R.

I recommend you exercise a more rigid control over your men so the regretted infractions will not be repeated in the Garrison of SAN GIORGIO.

Arrange the necessary substitutions immediately.

Garrison Commander
Major ANTONIO SEVERONI.

0039

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Subject:- Confiscation of Allied Mil Property from Civilians.

56 BLU.

94 Sub Area
Phone 126
Pro 100

14 Mar'45.

Ref your 8 AG of 9 Mar'45.

1. The confiscated items of clothing have been handed to DADOS 94 Sub Area and it is therefore not possible for return of same as requested.
2. Could you please arrange that in future any clothing handed to civilians to be laundered is accompanied by some sort of authorisation.

TOS...18:30h...A.

W. Robinson
Capt.
DAPM.
(F.A.W. KOELER).

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19 MAR 1945 6036

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Ref Folio S9A file SOA-E

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA
MT Office

P.M. 10+ 9 Mar 45. *S7A*

No. 758/Auto

Subject:- Discipline Allied Vehicles.

HQ 56 BLU

see 72A

Reference letter 1799 dated 4 Mar of SMRE, Service Office, para 3, copy attached.

Up till now my HQ used to authorise a few civilians to ride on military vehicles when the civilians destination was on the route of the vehicle, and being obliged to sign a declaration (attached) which absolved the military administration the responsibility of damage caused through accidents.

Para 3 of reference letter states that such authorisation will be given by "competent allied authority" when the vehicle is of allied make.

Keeping generally for merciful cases or for civilians called up for the forces who have to report to a mustering centre, and in consideration that this HQ has allotted vehicles for employment to my C.G. I ask that such authority may yet be given to my HQ and also for vehicles of allied origin.

14 MAR 1945 *PAG*

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General Commandant
GUIDA BOLOGNA

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SMRE 5713
Service Office
MT Section
P.M. 3800 4 Mar 45

No. 6/1799 Serv

Subject:- Discipline Allied Vehicles.

HQ's Combat Groups
HQ 'PICENO' Division
(Reinforcements Training Centre Italian Combat Force)
HQ 'T' Delegation SMRE

P.M. 92
P.M. 179

Drivers with allied vehicles are not always conforming to the rules that are laid down for allied vehicles.

To avoid Allied Military Police prosecuting them, for infractions of such rules, and taking the vehicles from them and stopping the drivers driving. I ask you to remember that :

- (1) All vehicles of Allied origin will be issued with AB's 412.
- (2) All drivers with Allied vehicles will be issued with transport work-tickets AF G3518 with the precise indication of route to be taken and of work to be done.
- (3) It is prohibited to carry on Allied vehicles, civilians who have not been duly authorised by a competent Allied authority.

see 72A
Army Chief of Staff
General ERCOLE RONCO

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HQ Combat Group MANTOVA
Office of Chief of Staff - Service Section.

No. _____

Authority to travel on military vehicles.

Mr(Sig) _____ is authorised to
travel on military vehicles which he took from _____
to _____ date _____ 1945 .

This authority is also valid for the return journey to _____

The traveller (person) promises to travel at his/her own risk.

P.M. 104 _____ 1945.

Lt Col Chief of Staff
(A. GUALANA)

No. _____

The above mentioned has declared to absolve the Military administration of
any responsibility as a result of accidents of any kind connected with the journey
on a military vehicle from S. GIORGIO to _____ and not to carry
forbidden goods of any description.

Signed _____
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No. 17/39

Ref folio 57A
file 5093

Territorial Legion of Royal Carabinieri of Naples.
Mirabella Eclano Police station
MIRABELLA 2 Feb 45. 539

Subject:- Declaration of MORELLI ANTONIO of FEDERICO and CIRULLI AGOSTINO of DIODATO for Abusive detention of WD clothing.

To:- Divisional HQ 'MANTOVA', 56 BLU

P.M. 104.

At the verbal request of an Allied Colonel of this HQ, the attached copy of the interrogation No. 14 dated 1 Feb 45 is forwarded, regarding as stated in the subject; the seized clothing has been sent to the Royal Court at MIRABELLA ECLANO for the customary written report of declaration.

Warrant officer i/c
Station,
(GIOACCHINO BALDINI)

No. 14 minutes.

Territorial Legion of Royal Carabinieri of Naples,
Mirabella Eclano Police Station

Written report of proceedings: of the declaration made by MORELLI ANTONIO of FEDERICO and MINICHIELLO GELSOMINA, born 12 Dec 1915 at MIRABELLA ECLANO, living there, at the hamlet of PASSO ECLANO, and CIRULLI AGOSTINO of DIODATO and PIRONE RAFFAELLA, born Oct 29, 1929 living in Via MUNICIPIO, for the abusive detention of WD clothing.

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MORELLI declared he bought the battle dress blouse from a stranger for 500 lire.

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Copies of the present interrogation have been compiled in triplicate, one to be retained by the Royal Court at MIRABELLA ECLANO, one to be sent to Division HQ MANTOVA, 56 BLU P.M. 104, and the third to be kept for office records.

Compiled; read and confirmed, and signed.

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File

52A

Subject:- Confiscation of Allied Military Property
from Civilians.

56 MJU
3 AG

9. Mar 45.

91. Sub Area.

1. On 14 Feb 45, during a search by British and Italian police the following items of British military clothing were confiscated from civilian houses as shown.

- | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---|--------------------|
| (a) | 1 Shirt |) | BIFARO |
| | 1 pr trousers |) | 95 Rotonda Square. |
| (b) | 1 Shirt |) | SOSCIA |
| | 1 Blouse |) | 91 Rotonda Square. |

Both the above addresses are near GINESTRA, SAN GIORGIO.

2. The a/m articles of clothing belonged to soldiers of 104 ST Coy, Italian Combat Group MANTOVA, and had been left for laundering.

3. It is requested that the articles of clothing be returned to the Italian unit as soon as possible.

In The Field.
JTG/mh.

Moore
Lt Col,
GS.

see 67A

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

Subject :- Possession by Civilians of Military Property.

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3 Mar 45.

94, Sub Area.

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Reference your 516/7 dated 6 Feb 45.

1. Civilians in the area occupied by Combat Group NAIMOVA are still in possession of considerable quantities of British military property. Battle dress and greatcoats in good condition are worn by civilians, and are sold openly in the weekly market in many towns and villages including ANIARO, MIRABELLA and ATRICALDA.
2. High prices are said to be offered to soldiers for their uniforms. This is a serious temptation to Italian soldiers, and adds to the difficulty of maintaining discipline in the Group.
3. It is requested that steps may be taken to suppress this traffic, and to confiscate military property which is in improper possession of civilians.

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In the Field.
ATG/cc

Lt-Col.
CS.

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Ref Folio 47A file SOAG.

No. 559/Auto

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA
MT Office.
P.M. 104 24 Feb 45.

Subject:- Punishments for Breaking Road Discipline rules.

HQ 56 BLU

Information to all units and auxiliary units.

Reference letter 464/Auto of 19 Feb 45, the punishments awarded military drivers for infractions against road discipline are stated below for the period 18 - 24 Feb.

Dvr BENETTI RINO, Camp, awarded gg 20 CPR for "After many previous convictions, left his vehicle unattended on the road-side".

Dvr MONDIN PIETRO, Camp, awarded gg 10 CPR for "After repeated warnings, being Gruppo HQ motorcyclist drove at excessive speed in the built-up area".

Dvr LANGIO GIUSEPPE, 104 ST Coy, awarded gg 10 CPR for "Making an unauthorised entry into a vehicle momentarily left unattended by its driver" and drove it for short distance."

Dvr CASTRATORI LORENZO, 104 ST Coy, awarded gg 10 CPR for "Being the driver of a water truck contrary to the regulations and repeated warnings, carried five military personnel in the cab".

An officer, awarded gg 10 AR for "Contrary to the regulations in force, authorised four persons, of which two were women, to enter the cab of a vehicle".

Lt Col Chief of Staff
A. GUALANO.

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Ref Folio 43A file 50A3

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA
Office of the Chief of Staff Operations and Intelligence

01/1489

42A
P.M. 104 24 Feb 45.

Subject:- Absentees while on leave and Disappearance of Arms.

To:- All Units (Including Auxiliaries)

For Information :- 56 BLU

There has been lately an increase in the number of absentees while on leave some of whom have carried away their Thompson sub machine Carbines issued to them.

I am well aware of the fact that these other ranks have only recently joined units and that consequently very little is known of their past history, it is however also obvious that weapons of such importance and which can easily be taken to pieces and smuggled out should not have been issued to persons whose reliability cannot be counted on for the simple reason that they are unknown.

This of course gives me the impression that Company, Battery, and/or Platoon Commanders pay very little attention to their unit where for reasons beyond our control we have had to include recruits from all over the country.

In view of the repeated disappearance of both personnel and arms, a Corps Commander ordered that Thompson Sub Machine Carbines should be withdrawn from everyone at the end of each course of instruction and to be kept together with the rest of the units equipment in the respective stores.

I approve entirely of this decision even if it has shown very poor appreciation to those good soldiers faithful and honest who are endowed with a sense of duty and love for their country.

It may be that other Commanding officers have already provided for the safeguard of arms and in particular of Thompson Sub Machine Carbines (as per letter 2/92/2 of the 6 Jan 45 of the Naples Territorial HQ, subject; Safeguard of Arms on Charge, followed by this HQ's letter 03/364 of the 20 Jan 45 and of my instructions as per letter 01/365 of 24 Jan 45 and 03/1955 of 9 May 44) however I deem it advisable to stress on the foregoing.

These absences while on leave have also a certain effect on the morale of the old soldiers, who see the new arrival equipped and at times after receiving a couple of decades emoluments get away with full equipment as well as some colleagues blankets.

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I have been informed that often these disappearances occur on days off, so if other ranks manage to get away taking with them their full equipment, it is obvious that very little vigilance is carried out contrary to instructions not only issued by this or a Regimental Headquarters which are located far away but also of battalion, Group or Section Commanders in their functions as Unit Commanders (see this HQ letter 1260/2 of 15th inst and letter 1860/2 of 20th inst).

The sense of responsibility or initiative of which I have spoken so often (contents in letter 5566/6, 12 SP/V dated 5 Jan 45 from Army C of S, communicated this HQ letter 434/2 of 1 Feb 44 and 1433/2 of 21st inst) should have incited all Commanders and particularly the younger officers to take such steps.

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I shall require a report as to the steps taken in this connection by the
1 March.

(A. Gualano)

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Ref Folio 39A file SOAG

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Subject:- Incident between Italian and
Canadian OR's.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.
Office of the C of S 2nd Section
104 22 Feb 45

56 BLU

On the 13 inst at about 2030 hrs in a house of two women of easy virtue and incident took place between two OR's from the 1/114 infantry stationed in PRATA and some Canadian OR's who had come from PRATOLA to visit the two women.

From investigations the following has happened :-

1. One of the two women is alleged to have said that she would prefer to give herself to Canadians rather than Italians.
2. The two Italian OR's had replied when a civilian who was at the house with the Canadians came to the door brandishing a knife.
3. The two Italian OR's to avoid complications left the house and as they were doing so a Canadian came out holding a pistol in a threatening manner.
4. The Canadian who was seen with pistol in his hand stated that he had not meant to threaten the Italian OR's but had gone out because he had been informed that somebody outside was trying to get at his spare wheel which he had temporarily left unattended near the house.

The above is for information and to ask you to provide and place villages where Italian soldiers are stationed out of bounds to Allied troops in the same way as PRATOLA and AVELLINO are out of bounds to Italian troops because of Allied troops being stationed there and to avoid incidents which may be wrongly interpreted.

see 55A Sgd) ? ? ? ? ? 6028
(Guido Bologna).

Subject

Discipline. M.T.

Training Office

A/61

February 15th 1945.

H.Q. 56 B.L.U.

1. On February 9th 1945 Carrier No E.58053 was discovered by Major F.P. Duffy M.C. on the road San-Giorgio -Benevento. It had broken down and help was asked by an Italian Officer to get it going. Major Duffy noticed that it was discharging oil on the road in heavy quantities. Major Duffy ordered that it should be towed to 114. Regt for onward towing to workshops.

S/Tent. Brandileone-Feando was in charge of this carrier

2. As a result of this incident Major Duffy made certain enquiries from which he elicited the following facts

- (a) The carrier had never been on charge to the carrier school.
- (b) The Deposito Mobile received the carrier in the first place. Whilst held by them certain repairs of a minor nature were effected.
- (c) Deposito Mobile stated that this carrier was intended for and released to 114 Regt.
- (d) S/T Brandileone called at the Deposito Mobile on 9 Feb. to collect the carrier. The carrier left the Deposito under tow in order to start the engine. The Battery had no charge. The towing was done by a carrier from the Carrier school.
- (e) Efforts to start the engine proved a failure.
- (f) S/T Brandileone then borrowed tools from the towing carrier and cleared out his petrol system, after this the engine started. When the engine started, the towing carrier made off to the carrier school.
- (g) Sgt Mills states that he looked back to see if the other Carrier was following and noticed clouds of smoke emanating from the engine nacowline.
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- (j) The soldier stated that he had not checked before leaving the Deposito Mobile as he had done so the day before.
- (k) S/T Brandileone was steering the carrier whilst it was being towed but when the engine started the soldier took over the wheel.
- (l) When the engine had cooled down Sgt Mills inspected her and found a crack on the block. He stated that the crack might well have been due to overheating of the engine.

3. I consider:

- (a) That capital should be made of the matter.
- (b) That an Italian enquiry be instigated.
- (c) That the person concerned be punished.
- (d) That Gruppo be informed that this flagrant case of lack of attention to essential detail will be reported to higher authority.
- (e) All carriers received in future be distributed on advice from this incident.

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16 FEB 1945

Major
G.S.

8 AG

In the Field

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

SUBJECT: Misuse of W.D. Clothing.

RESTRICTED

HQ DENVER TO Gm,
CMP.
RM/50/8/6.

12 Feb 45.

Sgt WASS G.
NOO 1/c det 246 Pro Coy CMP (2).

Copy to: Lt.Col A.W. GIBSON, 56 H.U.

1. I was in the S. GEORGIO area, visiting Lt.Col GIBSON who commands 56 H.U., during which visit I accompanied Lt.Col GIBSON to a number of surrounding localities.
2. It was most evident that a considerable amount of WD clothing was being used by the civilians, - one of the more blatant uses being the making of clothing from blankets.
3. You will probably wish to take action on this report and a drive in the localities would I feel sure produce amazing results.
4. Should you wish it Lt.Col GIBSON of 56 H.U. will be able to supply further info.

Major, G.S.

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11 Feb 48

Combat Group "MARIANO" (2)
Camp Commandant 56 FEB

Herewith copy of message AG 660 of 094230 A for information and
any necessary action.

In the Field,
JEM/ajw

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1 Lt Col. GR.

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AG 660 (.) ORIGINALLY (.) PERSONNEL IN LINE SUBJECT AT LARGE
TERRA GLIA MICHELLE FU GUISeppe MONPETACCHIATO
(CAMPESSO) ~~16~~ HP 12. ON EAR HAIR PINK COTTONS MY HIGH STUDY
BUILD SHORT SIGHTED REVEAL TEETH COVERED WITH WHITE METAL (.) FEMININE
GRAY GREEN BLOUSE BRITISH PATTERN (.) NAME CIL MOCHIERE (.) ITALIAN
PARA TROOP TROUSERS AND MESHY LIGHT KNIT (.)
2 KIDGONS ON LEFT FOREST 1 MARSH 1 WITH 3 SHOES (.)
YELLOW LANYARD ON LEFT SHOULDER CLAIMS TO BE EX POW 184 PARA REGT
MEMO (9 AUG 44)
ADMITE HAVING INSERTED FROM 17 IMPARTY BOMB (ITAL) PLEASE ADVISE
AND NOTIFY 11 ON FB RES S INT
BT 1235

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Subject:- Discipline - Civilians

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24 Sub Area
Tele 221
516/7

56 BLU

6 Feb 45

Reference your SAG dated 20 Jan 45 and further to this HQ letter 516/7A dated 24 Jan 45.

1. A reply has now been received from AC Southern Region from which the following answers to the points raised by you are formulated:-

(a) Certain items of American clothing and equipment were at one time sold to civilians as "scrap" by the American Army authorities, but no such action has ever been taken by the British authorities in respect of recognisable and complete items of clothing. So far as is known, no military equipment of British or American origin may be disposed of to civilians either by the Italian Military Authorities or by individual Italian Soldiers, but it is suggested that confirmation of this be obtained from MMIA. Subject to this, it would appear that possession by an Italian civilian of military equipment of British or Italian origin is prima facie improper, though in certain cases it may not be possible to obtain a conviction,

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(d) This is a question for the civil authorities, having regard to all the circumstances of the case.

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(g) Civilian premises may only be searched by Allied military police or properly authorised Allied troops in AMG territory. In Italian Govt territory (which includes the area with which you are concerned), searches can only be made by the Italian police, though Allied military personnel may be present.

(h) Generally speaking, direct action should be taken against civilians only by Italian police, except in special circumstances which are considered to justify immediate and direct action by military, British or Italian. Normally, military personnel should call upon Carabinieri to act where they consider that an offence involving military equipment has been committed, but it is quite proper for military personnel to accompany Carabinieri investigating such alleged offences.

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There would not appear to be any distinction in this respect between the powers of Carabinieri employed on normal duties and those attached to Italian Army units.

2. It is appreciated that in view of the above answers it may not be possible for you to take action as satisfactorily as you would wish. If, however, you are able to obtain definite evidence of apathy or inefficiency on the part of the civil authorities, fullest details should be forwarded to this HQ so that action may be taken through AC.

TOS.....0945.....A

W. W. W.
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Maj
DAA & QMG

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Ref Folio 23A in file 50A9

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"MANTOVA" Combat Group
HQ of S.M. 2nd Section

606/2 of prot

PM 104 5/2/45

Subject:- Absence without Leave

To:- Commandant 56 BLU

SEDE

Ref my letter of even number and subject dated 21 Jan

I inform you that on Jan 30 the undermentioned man returned with an NCO who had been sent to find him. Pte Schirru Vittorio of Emanuele class 1922 who absented himself without leave from his unit 114 Inf Regt took with him a Thompson Sub Machine Gun No OS 95474. Said gun has now been recovered. The man in question is now awaiting court martial.

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7 FEB 1945

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From "MANIOVA" Gp. Ref Folio 16A in file 50A9.
Subject:- Alienation of British Equipment Prot. 688/2. 23 Jan 45.

To ALL

The Chief of 56 BLU has heard by rumour some civilians living in the country where Units of the Group reside are wearing British Equipment. I have informed the Town Mayors to publicly warn all persons NOT to purchase from soldiers the above Equipment, and at the same time I have ordered the R.R.C.C. Sections and R.R.C.C. Mixed Sections of the Group to arrest all persons in possession of the abovementioned Equipment and to seize the goods.

To provide a timely action by Os.C. according with the General Commander in Chief I dispose:-

1. It is the responsibility of the Unit C.Os to ensure that the Equipment on charge is in stock and Control the state of maintenance through constant scrutiny of Platoon, Troop, and Section.
2. Each O.C. will repeatedly explain to his men the moral consequences and loss of prestige which incur in the eyes of the Allies who are issuing Equipment, not for the purpose of favouring a loss of type of graft, but with a view to setting our Army on its feet again and thus permitting us to co-operate in the liberation of our Country.
3. In every case in which personnel of the Italian Armed Forces are involved in the crime shown at No 237 of C.P.M.P. The Courts Martial will try the case at short notice (see No 379. C.P.M.P.) to give salutary example, the culprit will be delivered to the Military Prison in NAPLES (CASTLE S. ELMO.) to be at the disposal of the Military County Attorney.

20 JAN 1945

Il GENERALE VICE -
COMANDANTE
SIGNED. (A. LAZZARINI.)

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

Subject: - Discipline - Civilians

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94 Sub Area
Tele 233
516/7 A

Hq Southern Region Allied Commission

'A' 3 District
56 BLU

24 Jan 45

56 BLU. Ref attached copy letter BAG of 20 Jan 45 from

A ruling is requested on the points raised in the above mentioned letter since most of them involve questions of policy not known at this Hq.

1800
TOS.....
JMH/IV

W. H. S. Jones
Brigadier
Comd

26 JAN 1945

PAS

Subject :- Possession by Civilians of Military Property.

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56 NLU
SAG

594 Sub Area

2 Jan 45

Copy to :- MEMA

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- (a) Is it a crime for an Italian civilian to be in possession of military property, even if it is a battle dress blouse of British pattern which has been sold to him by an Italian soldier?
- (b) Is it the duty of a member of the Carabinieri whether attached to the Italian army or not, to arrest a civilian who is wearing a battle dress blouse?
- (c) Are the Carabinieri empowered immediately to hand over the blouse to the local British or Italian military authority?
- (d) Should the wearer of the blouse be retained for trial, or may he be deprived of the blouse and then released?
- (e) If the Carabinieri fail to take action against a civilian who is wearing a battle dress blouse, what action can a British or Italian military officer take against the Carabinieri?
- (f) If a British or Italian military officer sees a civilian wearing a battle dress blouse, and there is no Carabinieri available, what action should he take?
- (g) What is the legal position regarding the searching of premises suspected of containing military property?
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In regard to the improper possession by civilians of military property?

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