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May 31, 1945 - Aug. 15, 1945

Subject: Report.

53 .L.U.

Ref. A7 - 277

15 Aug 45

To :- C.O. 2 Bn, 349 Regt, US Army

1. Reference attached report by Combat Group FOLGORE.
2. Could the case be investigated please, and result communicated to this H.Q.

[Signature]
Lt.Col.
G.S.

1993

TRANSLATED COPYH.Q. III Bn NEMBO Regt

Ref. 4303/Prot.

P.M. 146 29 Jul 45

Subject: ReportTo :- H.Q. NEMBO Regt

At about 1730 hrs on 28 Jul 45, Lt.ROMANATO Lino, O.C. 10 Coy, went to SIGISMONDO to inspect the guard post and it was reported that two civilians who lived there, a few minutes before, had tried to take away material from outside a dump.

Lt.ROMANATO had the material (aluminum wire and empty boxes) loaded on a 15 cwt truck. On learning that the civilians had been permitted to go, as they lived in the vicinity of the guard post, he sent for one civilian, a certain GOSTER Goffredo, by means of a guard. The civilian came immediately as he was only a short distance away. The other civilian, on the other hand, was in the house when the guard corporal entered to call him. The civilian, however, called an American soldier who was nearby and he made the corporal go away accusing him of having entered the house irregularly.

In the meantime, there appeared an American lieutenant who started to rail at Lt.ROMANATO accusing him of entering a house by force. Lt.ROMANATO tried to explain his position to him and to clarify the matter, showed him a statement previously received from Capt.VALENTINE, formerly the AMG Officer at BRUNICO, which declared him to be Military Commander of the area, and requested that he should not be obstructed in the performance of his duties.

The American lieutenant pocketed the paper, refusing to return it, and continued to rail at the Lieut, expressing with his hands his desire to cut the latter's throat, showing him his fists and inviting him to fight.

The American officer told him he had no authority to interfere in respect of the material as it was American property and that he had no right to stop the persons who were appropriating the same material.

Lt.ROMANATO had to go away without being able to re-trace the civilians whilst the American officer went away on his own business.

Lt.ROMANATO immediately reported the matter to this HQ and same is reported to BLU for forwardance to the authorities concerned.

Signed - ~~Sgt~~ A. Cestrati, Lt.Col.

Serial 71/12REPORT

TO:- Officer Commanding,
71 COY GPF (TC)

Sir,

I have to report that at Map Ref G640865, Sheet 38, Italy 1:100,000 on 7 Aug 45 about 1845 hrs I was on road patrol duty, on Route 13, riding in WD Jeep No. M5662242, accompanied by 5193871 Pte ARNOLD G., 71 COY GPF Police (TC), who was driving the Jeep, when I saw a WD 15 cwt Ford No. 25428488 driven by No. 1247 Soldato VINCIA L of 183 Reggimento FANTERIA "Fembi" Comando, travelling at what I considered to be an excessive speed.

On following the vehicle at even distance of approximately 30 yards for about 1½ miles, the speedometer of the Jeep registered varying speeds between 40 mph minimum and 45 mph maximum. The vehicle then entered the village of SPREBIANO, which is a built-up area with the necessary 25 mph signs prominently displayed, through which area the speed varied between 35 mph minimum and 40 mph maximum.

Overtaking the vehicle I signalled the driver to stop, which he did, and pointed out to him the offences he had committed by driving a WD 15 cwt vehicle at a speed in excess of the permitted maximum, and travelling through a built up area at a speed in excess of 25 mph. In reply he gave me to understand that he was in a hurry as he had to go 200 Kilometres.

I obtained his particulars, verified same from his identity card, checked his documents which appeared to be in order, told him he would be reported and allowed him to proceed.

Field
7 Aug 45

3603704 McCaffrey Pte
3603704 MCCAFFREY Pte
71 COY GPF (TC)

Sir,

I have read over and corroborate the above report.

Field
7 Aug 45

5193871 G. Arnold Pte
5193871 ARNOLD G. Pte
71 COY GPF (TC)

TRANSLATION

HQ Combat Group FOLGORE
Ufficio Capo S.M.

12 Aug 45

Ref. 2205/Segr

Subject : Incident between Italian and
Allied soldiers at VIPITENOTo : 53 B.L.U.

For action considered necessary we forward a copy of a
report sent by the Carabinieri of VIPITENO concerning the above **1990**
incident.

(Signed) Ten.Col. U.De Martino.

TRANSLATION

LEGIONE, TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERE
REALI DI BOLZANO

TENENZA DI VIPITENO

Vipiteno, 6 Aug 45

Ref 188/7 di prot.Div .3

Subject : Report

To : HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

At about 2030 hrs on 5 Aug FOLGORE soldiers in company with some girls on the main street of VIPITENO were molested by American soldiers, evidently drunk, and following an argument they started fighting. Meanwhile both the number of FOLGORE Combat Group and US soldiers increased, soldiers having been called to help fight on respective sides. Both sides threatened each other with arms, without firing, soon after, however, a sixteen year old boy, about whom nothing else is known, belonging to the a/n Combat Group, threw two hand grenades which exploded on the side of the main road. An American officer intervened and the US soldiers returned to their own billets. The public generally remained calm although at first, especially in the local cinema, crowded with FOLGORE soldiers, people became anxious because of a soldier shouting "FOLGORE in the square", and a second time became alarmed by the noise caused by the explosion of the hand grenades.

No accident or damage to military or third person.

(Signed) S.Tenente Comandante
F/to Gilli Norberto

1989

Subject : Incidents at VIPITENO

To : HQ 349 Regt
HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 278
16 Aug 45

6075

1. Herewith copy of report received from Combat Group FOLGORE re an incident which took place at VIPITENO on 5 Aug, passed to you for information.

A
Lt. Col.
G.S.

1988

H258

MILITARY POLICE REPORT.

To:

Officer Commanding.
507 Provost Company.
Corps of Military Police.
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Sir,

At FLORENCE on the 7 AUG 45, about 1630 hrs, I was on duty at 507 PROVOST COMPANY. HQ. as ORDERLY SERGEANT, when S/SGT. MAGAUZA VINCENZO, TELE RADIO FORGORE DIVISION, entered and claimed a WD VEHICLE FORD THREE TON 5686888 and a T.S.M.G. with 4 magazines of ammunition.

The vehicle and gun were impounded on the 28 JUL 45, and two soldiers of the above Unit were arrested by me.

SIGNATURE.

The soldiers being detained by the ROYAL 1987

After ascertaining the above NCO's identity I requested him to sign the found vehicle book, and allowed him to remove the vehicle.

Field.
7 Aug 45.

A. SMITH. *A. Smith* CPL.
Corps of Military Police.

SUBJECT

Recovered Vehicle.6922.
(A7)PM/20/389OC,
53 ELU.

The attached copy of Military Police Report is fwd for
you info and action.

CMF.
9 Aug 45
HCSM.

H. L. Marshall Captain,
Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal,
211 Sub Area,
(A. L. Marshall).

1986

Sgt. [unclear]

TRANSMITTAL SLIPSubject Recovered Vehicle

53 British Liaison Unit

Ref. A7 - 290To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLCOFFDate 16 Aug 45

Enclosed herewith

Letter/Signal Ref. HM/20/389Dated 9 Aug 45Received from DAFM 211 Sub Area

Forwarded for :-

InformationX.....

Necessary action, please ..X..

Investigation & report

Receipt & return, please

Remarks

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..... for Lt.Col.

G.S.

1985

Subject: Pilferage from Captured Enemy Signal Dump.

To:- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 27
12 Aug 45

1863

1. Herewith copy of 5 Army letter AG 386.3-Y of 5 Aug together with report referred to therein.

2. Please submit interim report on this matter to reach this HQ by 1200 hrs 14 Aug and final report in due course.

1984

Lt. Col.
G. S.

Subject: Discipline
 To:- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

53 B.L.U.
 Ref A7 - 275
 12 Aug 45

1. Herewith copy of AMG letter BZ/OL/A/0808 of 8 Aug 45.
2. Please forward the information requested in para 4 of a/m letter to this Hq, for onward transmission to AMG BOLZANO, as soon as possible.

Lt. Col.
 G.S.

C O P Y

BOLZANO PROVINCE - VENEZIA REGION

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

A.P.O. 394

Ref: BZ/OL/A/0808

August 8 1945

Subject: AMG Court

To:- 53 B.L.U.

1. SUSSAT Candido and ROATTI Carlo, both civilians from San Dobbiaco, ^{1381st} of Brunico, are charged before an AMG Court for Violation of Proclamation No. 1, Art V, Section 37, that is for having acquired 88 dynamos and 2200 sparking plugs from 2 Italian soldiers of the FOLGORE division. The soldiers in question are: GUERRINO OSKAR, Sjt, and Parachutist BONIFACI GIOVANNI, who are at present detained at BRESSANONE awaiting trial before an Allied Military Tribunal.
2. In the case against the two civilians the evidence of the two detained soldiers is essential and the Court has decided to ask that the two soldiers are brought before the Court to give evidence in this matter.
3. The two civilian detainees will be transferred to the BRESSANONE jail and the sitting will be held in the court of the Pretura of BRESSANONE.
4. Will you be good enough to inform us on which date the two soldiers can be brought in the court to give the evidence and we will fix the day of the trial at your convenience.
5. Please make the necessary arrangements and inform us in due course.

For the Provincial Commissioner

SIGNED: G.W. BROWN,
 Capt., P.P.S.O.

Reply not yet received

Subject:- Discipline.

Division Officer,
Land Forces Sub-Comm.
A.C. (A.M.I.A.)
c/o District.
Tel. 22602
Ref. EO/G11.

6965

Date:- 13 Aug 45.

To:- 53 B.L.U. for Folgore Gp.

The attached Military Police report/s in the case of

Sold. VINERA L., 183 Regt, Nembo Camp.

is/are forwarded for necessary action,
onward transmission to unit.

St
R. K. Gp.
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[Signature]
Capt.
c/o District.

1982

SUBJECT: Highland - Combat ServiceHQ Hb 2 District, CR.
1/005(78).

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Ref Land Forces Sub Comm. to IHLA letter A 166 of 31 July 1981,
(copy to addressees).Please ensure that accommodation is arranged for Capt GORDON
and his driver on the appropriate date, in accordance with para 4 of the
a/n letter.

HJH/CR

Copy to: DASH, IHLA.

H. H. H. H. H.
Colonel,
H. H. H. H. H.
1981

BOLZANO PROVINCE
VENEZIE REGION.

Allied Military Government

A. P. O 394.

REF: BL/04/A/0303

DATE: August 3, 1945
MK/mab

SUBJECT: AMG Court

TO: BLU 53

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2. In the case against the two civilians the evidence of the two detained soldiers is essential and the Court has decided to ask that the two soldiers are brought before the Court to give evidence in this matter.

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5. Please make the necessary arrangements and inform us in due course.

For the Provincial Commissioner

G. Brown
Capt., P.I.E.O.

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1980

Subject: Traffic A 1079

To:- 84 Claims and Hirings

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 263
8 Aug 45

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1. Ref your 84/50515/13/A of 30 Jul 45.
2. (AFsw 3676 are being obtained and on completion will be forwarded to your
Hq.

R
Lt.Col.

1979

TRANSLATION

TO: HQ POLGORE COMBAT GROUP

APO 146, August 2nd 1945

For information I report what follows:

"Today I have been called to the HQ Allied Military Railway in Bolzano by Capt. Huddleston who told me that at the railway yard of Bolzano a car has been found damaged and the railway men on duty have reported him that this had been done by military personnel of the Polgore Group who on Tuesday 31 July have been unloaded two trucks of petrol."

Capt. Huddleston invited me to show him those men by 13.30 hrs same day in order to pick out the responsables.

I went back to the S and T unit and I reported the fact to the C.O. who ordered me to yield to the request of Capt. Huddleston.

I gathered the 12 men and I questioned them in order to verify whether the statement of the railway men was true or not.

I received a negative answer I accompanied them to Capt. Huddleston to whom I stated I thought the men in question were not responsables of what was happened.

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The Captain was in a very bad temper and told me that it was impossible and then we went to the railway yard where at my presence the railway men were again questioned.

These stated the damage in question had not took place on Tuesday 31 July but some days before this date and perhaps on Saturday 28 July.

I pointed out to Capt. Huddleston that according to the fact we were not sure of the date the damage took place it was impossible to have a further enquiry.

He replied that he had not allowed to unload petrol in the Bolzano railway station by Polgore personnel because he was quite sure that

the statement of the railway men was true or not.--

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I replied him that as I had been always present during the unloading and the loading I was personally responsible of the action of my soldiers and therefore if he needed a name of a responsible I was ready to give him my name.--

This was not sufficient to change his mind and on the contrary he ordered that the three trucks there were not to be unloaded and he added he would have taken action that no truck would be in the future dispatched to the Folgore Group in the railway station of Bolzano.--

Signed: Capt. Guido Perassi

SUBJECT : Vehicle Offence.

PM/22/136

OC.,
53 B. L. U.

1. The attached Military Police report and statements are forwarded for information and necessary action, please.
2. It is requested that arrangements are made by you for the collection of the vehicle and personnel concerned mentioned in the a/q report.

CMF
30 JUL 45
ADM/JF

P. L. Marshall
Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal,
FLORENCE Command.
(1977 Marshall).

Subject : Discipline - Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.

M/M.I.A.

R O M E.

A 266

31 July 45

To : HQ 13 Corps.
HQ 2 District.

1. Arrangements have been made for the DAPM - Capt C.R.T. GORDAN - to visit and report on internal discipline in respect of all Combat Groups.

2. This will cover the following :-

- (a) The use to which Group M.T. is put, and traffic discipline.
- (b) The control of POL, clothing and ration issues.
- (c) The discipline and morale of officers. **1976**
- (d) The use and application of Carabinieri within the Groups.

3. The itinerary will be as follows:-

CESANO(ROME)	depart	7 Aug 45	: arrive	52 BLU LEGNANO Group.
and	depart	10 Aug 45	: arrive	50 BLU FRIULI Group.
and	depart	12 Aug 45	: arrive	53 BLU FOLGORE Group.
and	depart	16 Aug 45	: arrive	51 BLU CREMONA Group.
and	depart	18 Aug 45	: arrive	56 BLU MANTOVA Group.
and	depart	21 Aug 45	: and return to	CESANO (ROME)

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- (c) The discipline and morale of officers.
- (d) The use and application of Carabinieri within the Groups.

1976

3. The itinerary will be as follows:-

CESANO(ROME) depart 7 Aug 45 : arrive 52 BLU LEGNANO Group.
 and depart 10 Aug 45: arrive 50 BLU FRIULI Group.
 and depart 12 Aug 45: arrive 53 BLU TOLGORE Group.
 and depart 16 Aug 45: arrive 51 BLU CREMONA Group.
 and depart 18 Aug 45: arrive 56 BLU MANTOVA Group.
 and depart 21 Aug 45: and return to CESANO (ROME)

4. It will be appreciated if BLU's concerned will kindly arrange accommodation for Capt GORDAN and his driver on the appropriate dates.

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For info :

CC 50 BLU
 " 51 "
 " 52 "
 " 53 "
 " 56 "

Lt. Col. EGERTON. P.M.
 DAPM. M.M.I.A.

St. Stephen
 for Major General,
 M.M.I.A.

TRANSMITTAL SLIP

Subject Discipline

53 British Liaison Unit

Ref. 47 - 262To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLCOITDate 6 Aug 45

Enclosed herewith

Letter/Signal Ref. FM/22/186Dated 30 Jul 45Received from DAFM, FLORENCE
Command.

Forwarded for ...

Information

Necessary action, please

Investigation & report

Personal & return, please

Remarks *please arrange**collection of vehicle**& personnel concerned**James C. C.*
..... For Lt. Col.
C.S.

1975

TRANSMITTAL SLIP

Subject ...Discipline.....

Ref ...47.-260.....

From : 53 British Liaison Unit

Enclosure Ref ...HQ Special ...
Alpha ...

To : H.Q. Combat Group POLCORE

Forwarded for :-

InformationXX.....

Necessary action pleaseXX.....

Investigation and report

Perusal & return please

Remarks

.....1974.....

Date ...5 Apr 45.

..... for Lt.Col.
G.S.

Subject: Traffic Discipline

53 BLD

Polgore Combat Group

17/5

MS

Attached report for your information and
necessary action please.

Field
1 Aug 45

Copy To: APM 86 (Army) Area

K. A. French

Capt
C.C. 77 Coy CMP (TC)

1973

TRANSMITTAL SLIPSubject Traffic DisciplineRef A7 - 273From : 53 British Liaison UnitEnclosure Ref 77/6 of 1 Aug 45To : H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

Forwarded for :-

Information ☒ XNecessary action please ☒ X

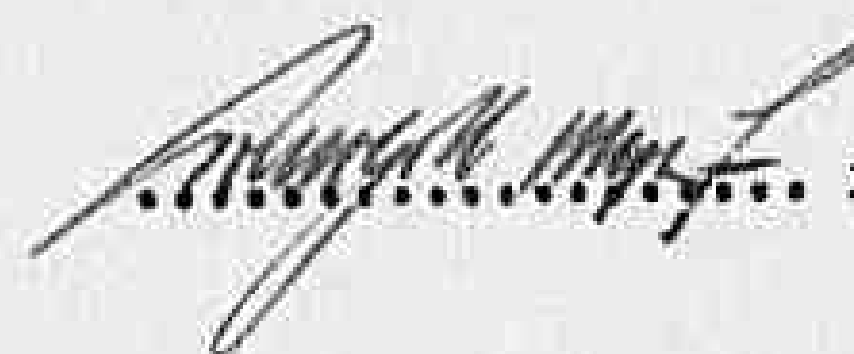
Investigation and report

Perusal & return please

Remarks Recievd from

..... 77. Coy. C.M.P. (TC)

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Date 8 Aug 45 for Lt. Col.
G.S.

1972

Subject: Discipline

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 259
5 Aug 45

To: HQ Combat Ctr / POLARIS
Ord
Camp

1. Ref your 2267/4/3/48 of 9 Jul.
2. The total cost of one 100 lb tent is 10,160 lire.
3. Under British procedure it is pointed out that the personnel responsible for damage are rarely charged the full cost of the article damaged. It is further pointed out that this HQ only corresponds with your HQ and not with units of your formation.
4. Delay in answering your e/m letter is regretted.

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
G. P.

1971

HEADQUARTERS SPECIAL TROOPS
FIFTH ARMY APO #64

INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

6636

SECTION _____ FILE NO. _____ SUSPENDED DATE _____

SUBJECT: Delinquency Reports.

Ind No. From To Date

1	CO	CO	3 Aug 45
	Spec Tps	1st	
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		Art	
		Folgore	

For your immediate action:

A rigid standard of military courtesy and uniform discipline is being maintained within Headquarters Fifth Army. The attached delinquency form(s) pertains to member(s) of your command.

L. J. Jackson
LIEUT. P. J. JACKSON
Lt. Col., Infantry,
Commanding.

for per on 8

1970

Subject : Claims Against San Marco Regt.

To : AMG BOLZANO
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53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 258
4 Aug 45

1. Reference your RXII/B2/ 18 of 27 Jun 45.
2. All the incidents referred to in your letter have been investigated by the Combat Group FOLGORE, results translated and recorded on Appx 'A', forwarded herewith for your information.

[Signature]
Lt. Col. 1969
G.S.

Claim No. 1

Apex 'A'

Explanation: It is the task of the troops in this area to recover all enemy captured material and units amongst other things, have been collecting a number of vehicles which were found to be in illegal use by civilians. The Lancia Aprilia was picked up and placed at the nearest Company HQ, a receipt having been given for it. This car was lacking all documents and permits and is, like many others, at the disposal of 5 Army. The following day American troops produced a statement showing that this car had been allotted to their HQ and that they required to use it. The car was handed over promptly.

Comments: Combat Group procedure was legal and proper. The car was held for less than 24 hrs.

We do not bring into question the correctness of the action of the Americans in taking away the car, the number of days it was held by them, nor under whose authority the car was returned to the claimant who had no documents to prove his ownership.

Claim No. 2

Explanation: A soldier of one of the units, through an employee, requested to speak to Mr. Phol and in the conversation asked who it was that on the 8th had cancelled Italian notices and caused German ones to be put up in place. Mr. Phol replied that it was he who had done so. He was then asked why he did not now cause them to be written in Italian as well as German. The reply was 'Because the Americans do not wish it'. And there the matter ended.

In Castalbello the local affairs are in the hands of the ex-nazi burgomaster, father of two youths, both volunteers in the SS, now democratic Sindaco. This functionary had granted a number of requests for the purchase of commodities. Permits for the purchase of bicycle tyres had been given to various German families, but were denied to the mother of a late partisan, shot by the SS, perhaps because she was the mother of an enemy of the great Germany.

This woman went to the MCC i/c Detachment in charge of Castalbello for assistance and he sent a Sgt to see the Sindaco about signing a permit for this poor old woman. After some hesitation the pass was signed.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. All the houses of the persons mentioned were searched by the personnel of the detachment of Castalbello on the morning following a night during which a big theft had taken place. This suddenly and without written order in order that the thieves would have no warning and time in which to hide their loot. In fact the San Marco sailors succeeded in finding most of the stolen goods. The following day Ten. GIRALDO, the Pl Comdr of the detachment went to see Mr. Phol and explained to him the reason of the search, and showed him a list of what articles had been confiscated.

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Claim No. 9. Mrs Theresia Steiner, Tartech, states that on the night of 12 Jun 45 an unknown (Italian soldier) shot at her window. No accidents.

The Vice Brigadier of the CC.RR in charge of investigations states that when the lady woke up on the morning of the 12 Jun she found a window pane shattered and a small bullet on the divan. The bullet was of a very small calibre and as it was not damaged it must have been fired from a long distance away. Also this HQ holds no weapon of that calibre. The woman has no idea at all of who might have fired the shot. All the population in the area is very well equipped with arms. It is to be taken in consideration that in our information bulletin of the 12 Jun this HQ reported a lot of firing in all the valley and in the vicinity of the house concerned during the previous night.

Observations: I do not consider that any sailor has fired against the window of the woman concerned as she knows none of the sailors in the area and she has never had any dealings with any of them.

Claim No. 10. Anton Holrigl, Tartech, states that his house has been searched by a civilian and an Italian soldier without any written documents.

...../ Investigator

documents/.....

2.

Claim No. 10 (Continued)

Investigations made by the CC.RR show that an unknown civilian, well dressed, accompanied by an Italian sailor NOT of this area, went to the civilian in question and informed him that they were authorised to recover a radio which previously belonged to an Italian organisation. He denied the fact that he held such a radio and offered them to have a look round the house. They did so, thanked him and left.

Observations : The search is correct if an authority was presented. In this case it is a classic example of "tour du propriétaire" where no force is used.

Claim No. 11 Ref 508 of 21 Jun 45. Bruner Josef and Fircher Anna of Maturno. On the 5 Jun their house was searched by about 20 **1967** soldiers while they were working in the fields. Articles taken

1 alarm clock, 1 gold bracelet, 1 silver bracelet and other jewellery, 6 pairs of ladies stockings, 5 bars of soap, 2 perfume flasks, 3 fountain pens, 1 blanket, 3 men's suits, 1 pair of binoculars, 2 leather bags, 1400 lire, 10 eggs.

All the above mentioned articles are the property of their daughters, Rose and Penny.

3.Claim No. 11 (Continued)

Observation : On the 4 Jun two Finance guards with the help of the sailors of the San Marco went to the house of Bruner, on the orders of Allied HQ, to capture two armed German soldiers who were hiding there. The soldiers were found and taken to a concentration camp. The soldiers were armed and in their room there were the following articles which they were keeping as war booty :

2 small silver chains, 2 bracelets, 6 new pairs of ladies stockings, 3 fountain pens, etc.

The above articles were taken away by the soldiers, also they ordered the family not to move from the house the following :

1 motor-bike, 2 bus tyres, 4 car seats, rolls of leather, 14 new pairs of shoes.

These articles had not been touched because they were not in the room where the Germans were staying.

Coy HQ at the pleadings of Bruner's daughters, Rose and Fanny, on their own initiative gave them back the chains, the stockings and the two watches even though there was no proof that these things belonged to them and not to the German soldiers.

1966

Appx 'B'1st. Statement.

At the request of the 2 Coy Caorle Bn, I state that no military person has entered my house, less still has any taken away clothes or furs.

(Signed) Anna Flora

Witnesses :

Sub. Lt. Mario Bile
Cioli Basilio

2nd. Statement

At the request of the 2 Coy Caorle Bn I state that on 12 Jun two civilians and four soldiers came to my house in Malles, No. 9 on the main street. These soldiers were American because they were wearing a Blue scarf.

At 1600 hrs that afternoon they took away my husband Antonio because he had belonged to the SS. In addition they took away about 3.30 metres of light grey cloth, 2.30 metres of a dark grey cloth and a black fur jacket. I went to Merano to see if I could assist my husband and there I saw two of the six men who had been in my house: a civilian and a soldier. These I saw at the Casa dell Popolo at Meja Alta. In addition I could state that no military person, nor particularly a sailor, has been in my house and re-moved articles of clothing.

(Signed) Anna Flora Brugger

1965

Witnesses :

Sub. Lt. Gastano Minervini
Cioli Basilio

Claim No. 12 Anna Flora of Mallas. Her house was searched and a length of cloth and fur jacket taken.

There are two women with the name of Anna Flora in Mallas. Statements of each are attached herewith as Appx 'B'.

Comments: The lady had specifically accused Americans as the soldiers being those responsible. It would be interesting to know why she then changed "Americans" to "Italians".

Claim No. 13 As a result of a very thorough investigation held in Sluderno and its vicinity, it can be stated that no-one remembers shots being fired or hand grenades being thrown. One cannot deny the possibility that at 2300 hrs on the 8th some sailors may have been in the vicinity of the house of Dr Gottfried. The doctor is not known by any sailors. However Mr. Elorz is very well known as a dangerous Nazi who was the ex German burgomaster and is now the democratic Sindaco of Sluderno.

Claim No. 14 The Vice Brigadier who was sent on the spot to investigate spent an hour searching the grounds of Kirchen but was unable to find any hand grenades. The units in the area have not, in fact, any hand grenades on charge, nor are they accustomed to strew hand grenades about the fields.

It is worth remembering, however, that there is an amount of German ammunition dispersed all over the neighbourhood and in hidden dumps. Occasionally these German bombs and shells explode killing children, as witness the attached medical report, but these are German bombs and therefore nobody complains.

Medical Report

On the 10 I was called in haste to the house of Goldrano to render assistance to a girl suffering from great nervous shock caused by the explosion of two hand grenades, which her little brother had brought in.

In this case one of the boys was killed, while the other was seriously injured in his face.

Medical Sub. 1264
Franco Cerchia.

Subject: Law breaking and abuses.

To: 5th B.I.U.

Ref. 17/215 of Ist. Jul.45.

Attached find the result of the investigations held by San Marco regt. regarding the above subject.

The charges are for the greater part proved to be without any grounds.

I have already issued orders so that no more similar incidents of this sort will reoccur and it is also my intension ~~XXXX~~ to use all the means at my disposal to enforce the respect of the population and their property.

I shall be gratefull if this B.I.U. in future will keep me informed on all the law breaking at the earliest possible date.

General officer Commanding
(General Guido Pialorsi)

1963



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the end of road against the Italians.
- I3) Dr. Vernian Gottfried of Sluderno. I3) An accurate interrogation of the soldier around Sluderno and also the civilians living in the vicinity. None of them have some Italian soldiers were heard shots or grenades going off. The going round my house. There were also some shots. sailors we can exclude, but they do not exclude the possibility that on the night of 8 Jun. at 2300hrs some of them went round in the vicinity of the house. The doctor is not known to the sailors, but on the other hand the mayor, Mr. Klotz, a dangerous nazi ex burgomaster and now democratic mayor of the place.
- I4) Kircher Karl of Sluderno states that he has been wounded by a hand grenade which he knocked while cutting grass in his field. He also states that all the fields between Sluderno and Ghurns are full of hand grenades thrown by Italian soldiers. I4) The vice Brigadier, sent to investigate states that he strolled for nearly an hour in the fields of Kircher but didn't notice a single bomb. The depending soldiers have no grenades on charge nor are they used to wasting them in fields. It should be remembered that there exist a lot of German ammo in secret dumps in the vicinity. Some times hand grenades go off killing some children. A medical officer's report can prove the case but as no was German nobody said a word.

1962

Charges.

I) Mr. R.H. Stingell. Tell factory near Merano.

States that the car, Lancia Aprilia No: I7298 in his charge and belonging to the firm "Ruk" was taken by force by some Italian soldiers. The car was recovered on the 14 Jul. 45.

I) As all the troops in the area were ordered to recover all enemy material, all the depending units have recovered among the other things, all the vehicles in the area possession of civilians in the area under our control. The Lancia Aprilia No: I7298 without any documents or certificates, like many others, is now at the disposal of 5 Army; it was taken on charge by H.O. Coy. in the neighborhood and a receipt and indication as on what authority it was taken to the civilian. The following morning American soldiers came here with a declaration stating that they had already requisitioned the above car and wanted it for their own use. The car was then handed over.

Observations.

Regular and legal procedure; car held for less than 24 hrs.; we ignore the illegality of procedure of the American troops; for how many days they used the car, and to the person they handed the car who had no authority for it.

Mayor of Castellbello, Mr. Phol. a) On the 5 Jun 45. an Italian soldier came to my office and ordered the mayor to change all the notices, names of hotels and streets which were written in German etc. b) Mr. Phol was also forced to sign a chit authorizing two civilians, Italian, to take some bicycle tyres.

Mr. Phol had a conversation with one of our soldiers who was asked to do so by one of the employees. He asked the mayor "On the 8 Sep. you made all the notices which were written in Italian to be changed into German." The mayor answered: "I?" The soldier then said: "Then why don't you have all the notices written in both Italian and German?" The mayor replied that it was because the Americans did not want it to be so.

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Observations.

The town of Castellbello has in command the ex Nazi burgomaster who is the father ~~XXXXX~~ of two young S.S. volunteers, and is now the democratic mayor of the town. Requests are sent to the mayor for the buying of things. Many of these requests are granted by him. Also requests for the buying of bicycle tyres have been granted to various German families but refused to grant authority to the mother of an ex partisan, who was shot by the S.S., because she was Italian and probably because she was the mother of an enemy of the great German nation.

Subject: Theft from Anna Flora.

Reference a charge against the sailors of the San. Marco Regt., Caorle Ban. of a theft in Malles against Anna Flora. This H.C. rejects the charge on the ground of the following declarations. The originals are to be found in this H.C.

1st. Declaration.

On the request of the 2 Coy. Caorle Bah. I state that no soldier has entered my house neither has anybody taken from my house a length of cloth or fur.

Malles 10/7/45.

signed,

Anna Flora

witnesses:

sub. Lt. Mario Bile
Cioli Basilio.

2nd. Declaration.

On the request of the 2nd. Coy. Of the Caorle I state that on the 12 Jun. 45 there came to my house in Malles, No:9 on the main street, two civilians and four soldiers that I believe were Americans of the 349 Regt. because they had a blue scarf.

The same afternoon at 1600hrs they took my husband, Antonio, because he belonged to the German S.S.. They then searched my house and took away 3.30 m. of grey colour cloth and 2.80 m. of dark grey cloth and a jacket of dark fur. I went to Merano to try and see my husband and there I saw two of the six persons, an American and a civilian, that had come to my house. I found the above persons in the "Casa dell Popolo" at Maja alta. I further state that no military or sailor has entered my house to take things from it.

signed,

Anna Flora Brugger

witnesses:

Sub; Lt. Gaetano Minervini
Cioli Basilio

1960

Subject: Discipline

To:- 812 P., 148 Coy RASC PAL Water-tank

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 255
1 Aug 45

65/82

Cpl J. ROTHMAN RASC

1. On information received from American and Italian army authorities an officer of this HQ was ordered to investigate certain accusations made against the a/n NCO.
2. Attached hereto are statements referring to this matter. Those are forwarded for such action as you consider necessary.
3. The Italian NCO, Sgt Major ZICARO, is still AWOL.

Lt. Col. 1959
G.D.

I have investigated, as per instructions, ^{last time} circumstances of a case of homo-sexual intercourse by violence.

Summary of evidence of available witnesses are herewith attached.

It is regretted that Cpl Rothler RASC could not give evidence. According to a Sgt i/c American Det, Ortisei, Cpl Rothler had proceeded to ~~Venezia~~ ^{Vicenza} on the 3 Jul 45.

Sgt Major Zicaro, Genio Bn, is AWOL and consequently could not be interrogated.

Capt Blund CCRR who also investigated the case has taken the necessary steps to find the a/n NCO.

Major RMA

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P/Q This is the end

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this is a copy of the...
Rothler 4/8*

STATEMENT.

Corporal Pastore, Teleradio Coy POLGORE Gruppo, states -

On Sunday evening, 1 Jul 45, I was at the Hotel della Paniva, in company of girls. At about 2100 hrs I was approached by Sgt Major Zicaro, who asked me to lend him my pistol. I informed him that it had no rounds, but as he insisted, I handed it to him. Sapper Giuseppe Lauro was present at this moment. While Zicaro went away I remained in the dining room with some civilians. After about an hour Sapper Lauro approached me and informed me that I was wanted by Sgt Major Zicaro.

I went upstairs and in front of room No. 6 I saw a British Corporal, Sgt Major Zicaro, a woman and a young lady who lives in the hotel but whom I do not know. Zicaro told me I am going to sleep in this room with the British Corporal, take the keys, close the door from the outside and go. I agreed to carry out this order but the British Corporal exclaimed "I do not want to remain in this room with him, I am afraid of the Sgt Major, you stay here with me". I refused to do this, even when I was ordered to guard the British Corporal by Zicaro. At my refusal Zicaro ordered me to leave and decided that he would guard Corporal Rothler himself. I left the keys of the room and went away. I refused the orders given me by Sgt Major Zicaro, who was drunk, because in my opinion they were illegal. I refused to stay in the room to supervise Corporal Rothler because I was on leave and in company of ladies. I was also afraid that the British Corporal, unknown to me, would harm me while in my sleep, more so because I was unarmed, or rather, I had a pistol but no ammunition. I then returned to the ladies and did not mention anything of what had happened. After about half an hour I went to sleep in my room No. 8 on the first floor.

The following morning at about 0830 hrs Sgt Major Zicaro and Sapper Lauro came to my room. Zicaro told me, "Do you know that the British Corporal is a pederast", I expressed my astonishment but the Sgt Major informed me that he actually had sexual contact with him. I also asked him if he had used violence, to which he replied that the British Corporal had offered himself spontaneously and that he had given him some cigarettes and 500 lire. The Sgt Major stated that he had given liberty to Corporal Rothler.

At 0900 hrs we all went to Ortisei and from there we hitchhiked back to our Company. This was on Monday 2 Jul 45. At 1200 hrs I was doing guard duties at the traffic post, Ponte Gardena. 1937
2200 hrs I saw again Zicaro in a bar in Ponte Gardena talking to other soldiers. He informed me that he was told to report the following morning to the American HQ in Ortisei. Since then I have not seen Sgt Major Zicaro.

(Signed) Giovanni Pastore, Corporal.

STATEMENT.

Sapper Giuseppe Lauro, Teleradio Coy Folgore Gruppo, states -

On Sunday evening 1 Jul 45, at about 1900 hrs, while I was at the Hotel della Panavia I was approached by a British soldier who asked whether he could find a room for the night. I spoke to the Manageress and he was allotted a room. After supper the British soldier went out and returned at 2230 hrs. At 2300 hrs the Manageress of the Hotel called me and told me that she was suspicious of the behaviour of the British soldier and that she wished to check his documents. At this moment Sgt Major Zicaro intervened and proceeded to the Corporal's room to check documents himself. The Sgt Major was drunk. Zicaro knocked at the Corporal's door and asked for his documents. To this the British Corporal made a flat refusal. Zicaro then threatened the Corporal with a pistol which he had got from Cpl Pastore. To this threat Cpl Rothler produced his papers which included a permit for him to travel from Genoa to Vicenza. This pass had no office stamp. Zicaro, with pistol in hand, informed Rothler that the permit was not valid and that he had no sufficient reason to be at Alpi di Suisi, consequently he would accompany him the following day to the American HQ. He ordered him not to move from his room and threatened him that if he did he would be killed. I remember hearing Rothler saying that he was Czech and that he was born in Breslau. Rothler wanted to talk to the Sgt Major alone. At this request Zicaro ordered me to leave the room. I went outside but stayed in the corridor, I heard a very loud conversation in English and Italian but could not understand what was being said. After 15 minutes that I had been in the corridor the Sgt came out of the room and pointing the pistol at me said, "Lauro, go away, you know nothing, you have seen nothing, and beware, I am capable of killing a man at a distance of 50 metres". I observed the British Corporal in the doorway, wearing pyjamas. I immediately left and went down below, where I saw the Manageress, a Cpl in my unit, a doctor and another woman. I informed only Cpl Pastore of what had happened. I then observed the doctor, a woman and Cpl Pastore going upstairs. After about a quarter of an hour the Manageress asked me to obtain particulars of Corporal Rothler and to fill up the customary form. I accepted to do so because I knew that the pistol that Zicaro had was not loaded, as Pastore had removed the magazine before lending it. As I was late on the scene I did not take part in the conversation carried out by Rothler, Zicaro, Pastore and the civilians, but Pastore had told me that he was ordered by Zicaro to remain in the same room with Rothler and that he had refused this order. As soon as I arrived the gathering split up and we all went to sleep. I went to room No. 4, the doctor to No. 3, the lady called Saria to No. 5, Pastore to No. 8, Sgt Major Zicaro remained in room No. 6 with Corporal Rothler. While we were leaving Corporal Rothler told us that he did not want to be alone with Zicaro because he said that he would kill him. We all calmed him down telling him

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At 0630 hrs the following morning Zicaro came into my room and informed me that he had already let free Corporal Rothler, as his document were in order. The Sgt Major then laid down till 0830 hrs, both of us got up and went to the bar where we met Cpl Partore. Sgt Major Zicaro stated to me and Partore that during the night he had sexual intercourse with the British Corporal who was a pederast and had given him 500 lire and some cigarettes. This appeared to me rather strange and I could hardly believe it. At 0900 we all went to Ortisei and from there we hitch-hiked to Ponte Gardena.

Sgt Major Zicaro, in my presence, told others soldiers of his night adventure.

On Monday evening at 2315 hrs I saw again Zicaro in the bar at Ponte Gardena. He informed me that the following day he was going to Ortisei because the American Commandant had sent for him. At 2400 hrs same day I was on duty at the traffic post Sgt Majo Zicaro approached me and asked me to stop the first vehicle proceeding to Bolzano.

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Bolzano/.....

At about 0030 hrs I stopped a Ford 15 cwt where there was an officer of the San Marco Regt. Zicaro asked and was granted permission to get aboard. Work ticket in respect of vehicle was in order. I have not seen Sgt Major Zicaro since.

(Signed) Guiseppe Lauro, Sapper

: 1955

STATEMENT

On the 5 July 45 at 1400 hrs at the caf Panivia at Ortisei, in the presence of Major E.A. Mercieca, 53 BIR, and Capt Blundo, CCRR, of the Combat Group FOLGORE, Mr. Mario Pargioli states -

On the 1st July 45 at about 2245 hrs I left the bar at the Hotel Panivia in Ortisei and I was proceeding to my room which is on the floor above I met a Sgt of the Genio of the Combat Group FOLGORE who was arguing with a British Corporal as to the validity of the documents in his possession.

The Sgt asked me to explain some words written in English. I had the opportunity, thus, to look at his personal book which in my opinion appeared to be in order except for a small erasure in respect of his name. I noticed also a military pass which authorized Cpl Rothler to travel from Genoa to Vicensia between the period 25/30 Jun 45.

Corporal Rothler was born in Breslau, he has no country and he is a Jew. He speaks perfect German.

The Italian Sgt was a bit haughty but he was sober and conscious of what he was doing. The Italian Sgt who was suspicious of the military identity of the British Corporal confined him to his room under supervision having in mind to accompany him in the morning to the American HQ for further investigation.

I can also state that Corporal Rothler objected to remain closed in his room under the supervision of the Italian Sgt, because the latter was in possession of a pistol and he was afraid that he might be harmed.

I have also observed that the Sgt had ordered one of his soldiers to guard Corporal Rothler, who refused stating that he was tired and wanted to sleep in his room. I tried to persuade the Allied soldier to be calm and told him that the Sgt would not harm him. I then retired to my room No.3. The Italian Sgt and British Corporal proceeded to room No.6.

Answer.

I know nothing of what happened during the night except what the Manageress of the hotel told me the following morning, i.e. that the Corporal had complained for being stopped

Answer 2.

I have seen a military book AB 64, shown to me by Major E.A. Mercieca and can state that the book in possession of Corporal Rothler was identical.

Answer 3.

The Italian Sgt was in possession of a pistol. I saw it fall from his pocket.

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(Signed) Dr. Targioli Mario

1954

Subject: Discipline

To: AME, BOLZANO Province

5. A.L.U.
Ref. A7-256
3 Aug 45

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1. Ref your BE/108/22 of 14 Jul 45.

2. On investigation, six soldiers of Combat Group FOLGORE were found to be in the civilian prisons at BOLZANO. Arrangements have been made for their early removal.

A
Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Al Comando Battaglione CAORLE

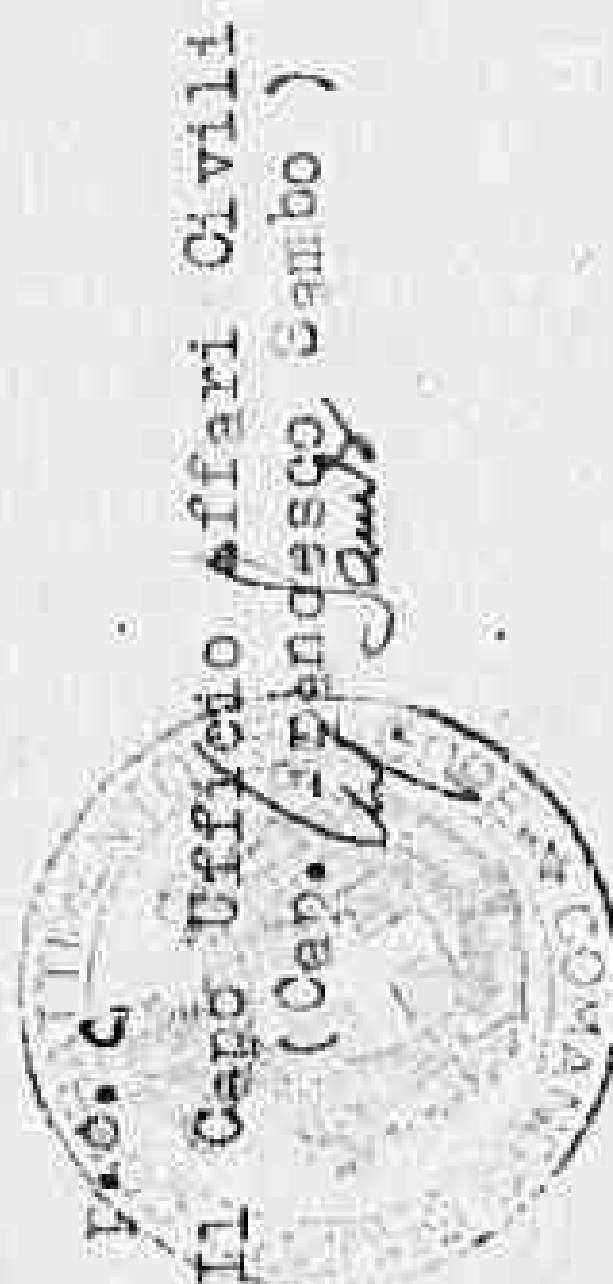
S E D E

Nella giornata del 10 fui chiamato di urgenza in località Goldrano per prestare soccorso ad una signorina in preda a grave shock nervoso per lo scoppio di due bombe a mano che i fratellini avevano portato nel solaio della casa e che aveva no rinvenute raccogliendo delle more.

In tale incidente uno dei bambini decedeva, mentre l'altro veniva ferito gravemente al sistema visivo ed uno agli arti superiori.

P.M. 146, li 14/7/'45

IL S. TENENTE MEDICO
(Franco CUCCHIA)



1952

R. gimento Marina S. Marco

Battaglione CAORLE

Al Comando di Btg. SEDE

ARGOMENTO: Furto in danno di Anna FLORA

In relazione ad una denuncia a carico dei marinai di questa Compagnia circa un furto eseguito in Mallees ad una certa Anna FLORA, questo Comando rigetta l'accusa trascrivendo per copia conforme le dichiarazioni delle due Anna FLORA abitanti in Mallees ed informando che le autentiche sono in possesso di questo Comando.

1° DICHIARAZIONE

La richiesta del Comando della 2ª Compagnia del Btg. Caorle dichiara che nessun militare è entrato nella mia abitazione e tantomeno ha asportato tagli di vestiti o pellicce.
Mallees 10/7/'45

La Dichiarazione

Anna FLORA

F/to Anna FLORA di FEDERICO

I testimoni:

F/to S. Ten. Mario BILE

F/to CIOLI Basilio

1° DICHIARAZIONE

La richiesta del Comando della seconda Compagnia del Btg. Caorle dichiara che il giorno 12/giugno/1945 si presentavano nella mia abitazione in Mallees sita sulla strada principale n° 9 due civili e quattro militari che io credo siano ~~italiani~~ ^{americani} del 394º Btg. di fanteria americano perchè avevano il quadrangolo blu.

Quel pomeriggio alle ore 1600 circa hanno preso mio marito Antonio perchè appartenente alle SS. tedesche perquisendo; inoltre la nostra abitazione asportando un taglio di vestito di circa 3.30 m. di colore grigio chiaro, un taglio di cappotto di circa

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sciuto due delle sei persone che erano venute a casa mia e pre-
cisamente un borghese ed un americano. Detti individui li ho tro-
vati nella casa del Popolo in Maja alta. Dichiario altresì che nes-
suno militare e principalmente marinajo è entrato nella mia abi-
tazione per asportare materiale vario.

La dichiarante

Anna FLORA BRUGGER di Luigi

F/to Anna FLORA BRUGGER di Luigi

I testimoni:

F/to S. Ten. Gaetano MINERVINI

F/to CIOLI Basilio

Milles, 10/10/1945

IL CAPO UFFICIO AFFARI CIVILI

(Cap. Fl. Cap. S. Ten.)

Il Capitano

Comandante la Compagnia

(Oderisio De Sengaro Fondi)

PS/tm.-

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLCORE"
- Ufficio Affari Civili -

N°80/A.C. di prot. P.M. 146 li 19 luglio 1945

OGGETTO: infrazioni ed abusi.-

AL 53 B. L. U.

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Rif. foglio A7/215 del 1 luglio 1945.-

Trasmetto l'esito delle indagini espletate dal Comando Rgt. San Marco in merito alle infrazioni ed abusi di cui al foglio a riferimento.

Le denunce dei suddetti fatti risultano per lo più infondate.-

Ho già dato disposizioni affinché incidenti del genere non si ripetano ed è mio intendimento di ottenere con tutti i mezzi a disposizione il rispetto alle popolazioni ed alle loro proprietà.-

Sarà grato a Codesto B.L.U. se in avvenire mi vorrà tenere informato su tutte le infrazioni alle direttive date, per le quali condivido in pieno il punto di vista.

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Gen. di Brig. Guido Pialorsi)



1945
7850

DENUNCIE

1°) Signor R.H. STINGEL Fabbrica Calco TEL vicino Merano.-

a) Dice che la vettura Lancia Aprilia n°17298 in lui in consegna è proprietà della Ditta Ruk gli è stata presa e forata da alcuni soldati Italiani. La vettura è stata recuperata il 14/6/'45.-

1°)-Espresso comito delle truppe della zona il recupero del materiale di p.b., tutti i dipendenti reparti hanno raccolto fra l'altro, gli automezzi vari in illegale possesso a civili della zona di nostro controllo. La Lancia Aprilia n°17298 priva di qualsiasi documento o certificato, e come altre, ora a disposizione della 5^a Armata; venne ritirata e accentrata al Comando Comp. più vicino, dietro rilascio di ricevuta ed indicazione della Autorità che operano il ritiro. Il giorno dopo soldati americani si presentavano con una dichiarazione che la suddetta macchina era già stata prelevata dal loro Comando e che essi la richiedevano per loro uso. La macchina fu prontamente consegnata.-

Osservazioni: operazione regolare e legale; macchine detenute per meno di 24 ore; si ignora la legalità dell'agire delle truppe americane; quanti giorni essi abbiano trattenuto la macchina, a quale titolo essi l'abbiano restituita al detentore che non aveva alcun documento.-

2°)- a) Il signor PAOL e buè un colloquio con un militare dipendente, sollecitato da un impiegato italiano, del comune e gli fu chiesto: chi l'8 settembre fece cancellare le scritte italiane mise le tedesche? Io, rispose egli. Perché ora non le scrivi in italiano? Perché non vogliono gli Italiani e tutto finito così.-

Osservazioni:.....

b) Nel paese di Castelletto le cui sorti sono rette dall'ex borgomastro nazista padre di due giovani volontari nell'

2°) Sindaco di Castelletto.- Signor PAOL.-

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b) Inoltre il Signor PAOL fu costretto a firmare alcuni buoni di consegna per somme in bicicletta a 2 civili Italiani

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Osservazioni: /.....

b) Nel paese di Castelbello le cui sorti sono rette dall'ex borgomastro naziste padre di due giovani volontari nella S.S., ora Sindaco democratico del paese, per l'acquisto di alcuni generi, molto richiesti vengono rilasciati buoni del predetto funzionario. Buoni per donne da biciclette furono rilasciati alle varie famiglie tedesche ma, furono negati alla madre di un ex partigiano ucciso dalla S.S. perché italiana e forse perché madre di un nemico della Gran Germania. -

Le donne richiese aiuto al sottuff. C.te del distaccamento e presidio di Castelbello e questi inviò un serg. ed un marinaio a chiedere al suddetto sig. PUOL

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di firmare un r. no per questa poveretta
il che egli fece dopo qualche tergiversazio-
ne.-

Osservazione: Nessuna.-

3-4-5-6-7-8-)

Le abitazioni dei signori a fianco segna-
ti furono perquisite dal personale dipenden-
te del distaccamento di Castelbello, l'indo-
mani di un grosso furto avvenuto nella notte.
Detta perquisizione fu fatta tempestivamente
e senza ordine ~~prescritto~~, per impedire oc-
cultamento della refurtiva. I Marinai trova-
rono infatti quasi tutta la refurtiva l'indo-
mani dell'operazione il Ten. GIRALDO Coman-
dante il Plotone al quale apparteneva il di-
staccamento, fu inviato dal solerte signor
PHOL e lo informò sullo scopo della perquisi-
zione e con la lista delle cose confiscate
alla mano, stralcio quelle che potevano ave-
re appartenenza civile e le fece ~~reconsegna-~~ riconsegna-
re; le armi le munizioni ed i macchinari di
evidentissima provenienza furtiva sono stati
rimessi nei magazzini con regolare verbale.-

9) Il Vice Brigadiere del CC.MR. incaricato
delle indagini riferisce che la signora a
fianco segnata una mattina (l'11/6) sveglian-
dosi trovò un vetro della finestra rotto e u-
n piccolo proiettile sul davanzale.

Il proiettile del calibro molto piccolo, ora
presso questo Comando non è di arma in nostra
dotazione, non scalfito o deformato (sparato
da molto lontano). Comunque la signora igno-
ra in pieno chi possa avere sparato: tutta
la popolazione della zona è abbondantemente
armata. Si rammenta che (bollettino informa-
zioni del 11/6 questo Comando segnalò la vio-
lenta sparatoria notturna ed i feld in tutta
la valle e nei pressi dell'abitazione notati
nella notte.-

3-4-5-6-7-8-)

JOSEF Priester -

KIND Alois -

JACOB Schuler -

*ALOIS LANDBACHER -

PHOL Commissario prefettizio tut-
ti di Castelbello.-

BRANDT Josef.

n°9) Signora THERESIA STEINER
di Tartsch.-

Riferisce che nella sera del
12/6/'45 uno sconosciuto (sol-
dato Italiano) ha sparato alla
sua finestra.-

Nessuno incidente.-

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lenta sparatoria notturna ed i feldi in tutta
la valle e nei pressi dell'abitazione notati
nella notte.--

Osservazioni: escludo che qualche marinaio di-
pendente abbia sparato contro la finestra
della signora che non conosce e che non ha
mai avuto che fare con marinai del luogo.--

100) Anten RELLIGL di Tartsoh.
Riferisce che la sua casa è sta-
ta perquisita da un civile e un
militare italiano senza presen-
tare documenti scritti.--

10) Le indagini fatte svolgere dai dipenden-
ti RR.CC. affermano che uno sconosciuto cive-
le ben vestito accompagnato da un marinaio
italiano non della zona, poichè egli conosce
bene tutti quelli del presidio, si, presenta-
rono informando che il civile era incarica-
to del recupero di un apparato radio già appar-
tenente ad una organizzazione italiana. Egli
negò di detenerlo e offrì di far visita alla
casa. I due accettarono, fecero un giro rin-
graziarono e se ne andarono.--

Osservazioni: La perquisizione è tale se fatta d'autorità. In questo caso si tratta del classico "tour du propriétaire"; non forzato in alcun modo.

11°) (Fatto già segnalato col foglio 598 del 21/6/45) Bruner JOSEF E PIRCHER Anna di Na turno.

Il 5/6/45 la loro casa è stata perquisita da circa 20 soldati italiani mentre essi stavano lavorando nei campi. Articoli asportati: una sveglia, un braccialetto d'oro, un braccialetto d'argento, altra gioielleria, sei paia di calze da donna, 5 pezzi di sapone, 2 flaconi di profumo, 3 penne stilografiche, 1 coperchia, 3 vestiti da uomo, 1 Cannocchiale, 2 borse di cuoio, 1400 lire 10 uova, tutta proprietà delle loro figlie Rosa e Fannj.

12°) Anna FLORA di Malle.

Casa perquisita, taglio da vestito e una giacca di pelliccia esportate.

11°) Il 4 corrente 2 G. di Finanza con l'aiuto di marinai del S. Marco si recarono in casa Bruner per catturare d'ordine del Comando Albato 2 soldati tedeschi ivi nascosti ed armati. I soldati furono catturati e portati via dalle G. di Finanza che li consegnarono al campo di concentramento. I soldati erano armati e nella camera ove alloggiarono furono ritrovate cose ritenute loro bottino di guerra, 2 orologi, 2 catenine d'argento, 2 braccialetti, 6 paia di calze da donna nuove, 3 penne stilografiche, 3 tute da meccanico ecc.

Queste cose furono portate via dai militari mentre questi ordinarono alla famiglia di non rimuovere dalla casa una motocicletta, 2 gomme d'automobile, rotoli di cuoio, rotoli di stoffa, 7 marmittate militari, 14 paia di scarpe nuove che non toccarono perchè fuori dalla camera dei tedeschi. Il Comando della Compagnia alle lamette delle figlie del Bruner, Rosa e Fannj, ha fatto restituire d'iniziativa le calze da donna, le catenine e i due orologi, per quanto nessuna prova esiste che essi appartengono alla famiglia e non ai soldati tedeschi. ~~Le~~ ^{Le} ~~figlie~~ ^{figlie} ~~hanno~~ ^{hanno} ~~trattenuto~~ ^{trattenuto} il rimanente supposto.

12°) Esistono due signore a nome Anna FLORA in Malle, si rimettono le loro dichiarazioni.

Osservazioni: La signora specifica di aver denunciato al Sindaco gli americani. Sarebbe utile sapere perchè egli ha tra-

fumo, 3 penne stilografiche, 1 coperta, 3 vestiti da uomo, 1 Cannocchiale, 2 borse di cuoio, 1400 lire 10 nova, tutta proprietà delle loro figlie Rosa e Tanti.

120) Anna FLORA di Maglies.

Casa perquisita, taglio da vestito e una giacca di pelliccia asportate.

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130) Dott. VERNIAN Gottfried di Slu 130. Accurato interrogatorio dei milita-
derno. ri nei distaccamenti presso Sluderno

Il 4/6/'45 all'ore 0800 alcuni sol-novhè di civili dislocati nei pressi.

diati italiani stavano girando at- Nessuno ricorda spari o lanci di bombe
torno alla mia casa. Ci furono degli aereo. I Marinai lo escludono; essi
spari.-- non escludono la possibilità che la no-

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Osservazioni: La signora specifica di aver denunciato al Sindaco gli americani.

Sarebbe utile sapere perchè egli ha trasformato la denuncia contro gli Italiani.

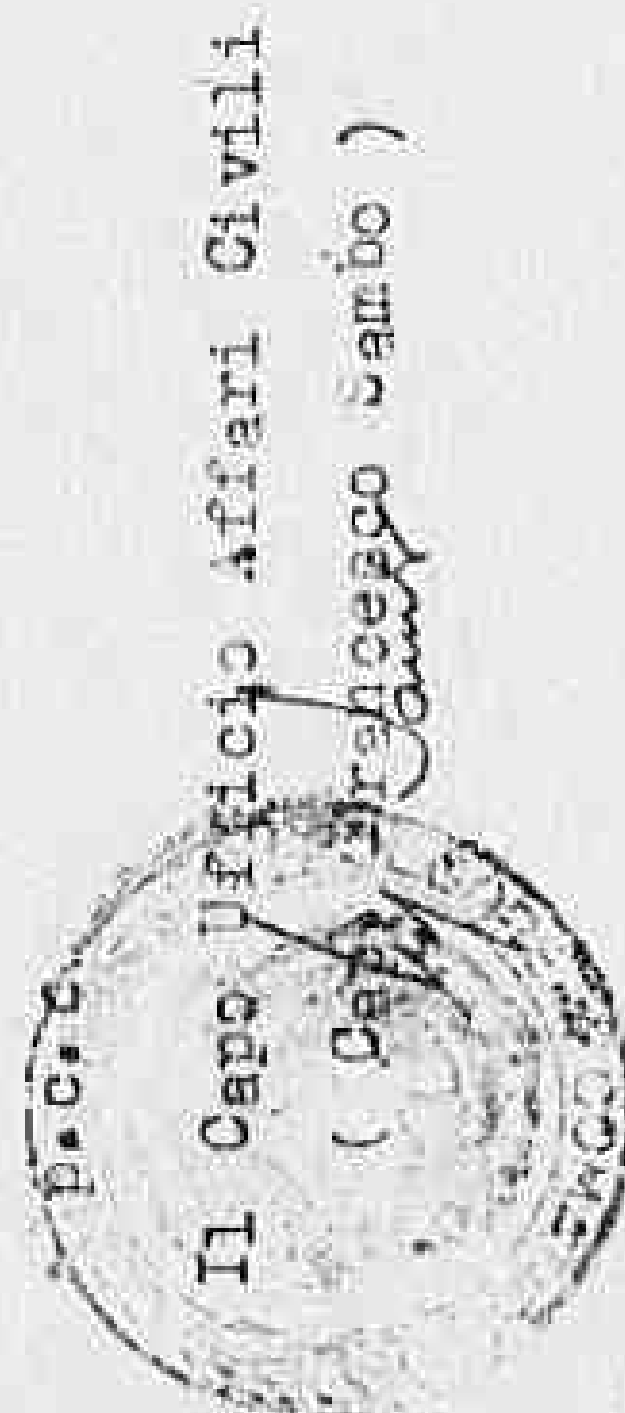
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Sarà bene invece ricordare che esistono molte munizioni tedesche nei dintorni, sparate e nei depositi clandestini. Qualche volta le bombe tedesche scoppiano uccidendo bambini, ne fa fede l'allegato rapporto dell'ufficiale medico (allegato n.2) ma allora sono tedesche e nessuno ne parla.

IL TENENTE DI VASCELLO
Comandante

P. to Luigi FULVI



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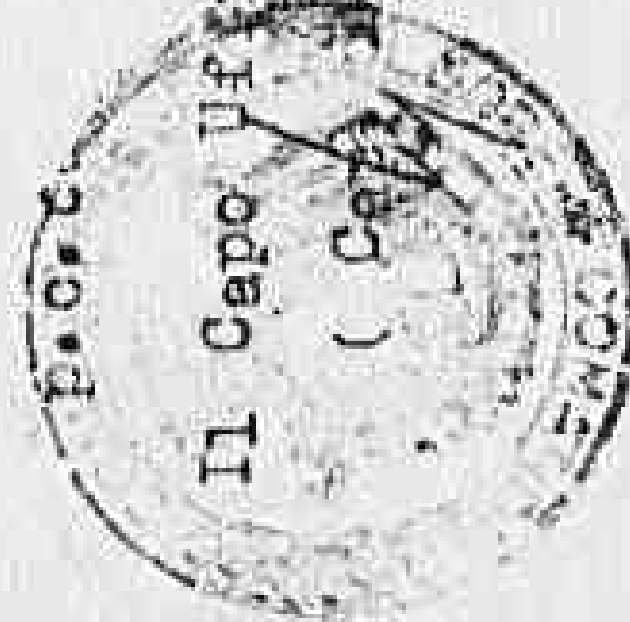
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IL TENENTE DI VASCELLO
Comandante

F. to Luigi FULVI



Il Capo Ufficio Affari Civili
(Capo Francesco Dambo)

1946

575/1939

6584

Subject: Enforcement of Traffic Regulation

Ch. 44 53

5600

(197-200 of June 18/45)

I am informed that the officer responsible for enforcement of the 194 regulation has

been awarded the maximum penalty
(Imprisonment)

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(17)

BA/k.-

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FALGORE"
Ufficio Capo S.M. - 2^a Sez. Personale e Segreteria

N. 6758/Pers.

P.M. 146, li 2 agosto 1945.-

OGGETTO: Infrazione circolazione automezzi.-

AL COMANDO 53 B.L.U.

(Rif.f.n. 47 - 204 in data 18/6/1945)

Informo che l'ufficiale responsabile della infrazione da cui
al foglio a riferimento, è stato punito con il massimo della puni-
zione di arresti di rigore.-



d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE 1944
(Ten. Col. Umberto De Martino)

DV/k.-

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FALCONE"
Ufficio Capo S.M. - 2^a Sez. Personale e Segreteria

N. 6959/Pers.

P.M. 146,11 - 10/10/1945.-

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OGGETTO: Omicidio di Eberart Giuseppe.

AL COMANDO 53 B/I.U.

(Rif.f.n. A7 - 241 del 25/7/1945)

In esito alla richiesta formulata con foglio e riferimento si comunica che il marò LABBIOLI, autore dell'omicidio di cui all'oggetto è stato denunciato in data 16/7/1945 con foglio n. L1998 del Rgt. "S.Marco" alla Procura Militare del Tribunale del Gruppo.-



CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

(Ten. Col. Umberto De Martino)

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
Ufficio Capo S.M. - 2^a Sez. Personale e Segreteria

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N. 1116 / Pers.

P.M. 146, li 28 luglio 1945.-

OGGETTO: Militari detenuti presso le carceri giudiziarie di Bolzano.-

AL COMANDO 53^o B.L.U.
(Rif.f.n. A7/236 in data 18.7.1945)

Da un sopralluogo effettuato da questo Comando presso le carceri di Bolzano è risultato che vi sono detenuti n.6 militari (e non 17) appartenenti a reparti dipendenti.-

Detti militari e precisamente:

- Parac.	BONETTI	Mario	di Alberto	cl.	1917
- Parac.	PASETTI	Antonio	fu Domenico	"	1923
- Sold.	BONACCINI	Giovannidi	Emidio	"	1924
- Marò.	LABBICOLI	Umberto	di Giuseppe	"	
- Serg.	BUSONETTO	Efisio	di Silvio	"	1919
- Sold.	FAVI	Omero	di Clemente	"	1923

1945

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sanone in un locale provvisoriamente adibito a carcere militare.-

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d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Ten.Col.Umberto De Martino)

W. Martino

TRANSMITTAL SLIPSubject CHAGI Stefano - DeserterRef A7 - 253From : 53 British Liaison UnitEnclosure Ref 703/426/61 of 28 JulTo : H.Q. Combat Group POLCORE

Forwarded for :-

Information

Necessary action please ✓

Investigation and report

Perusal & return please

Remarks Received from GSO 2 (I)No. 1 District

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Date 31 Jul 45..... for Lt.Col.
G.S.

1941

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BOLZANO PROVINCE
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
A. P. O 394.

6408

SUBJECT: Complaint against Italian Troops at
VANDOIES.

DATE, 25 July 1945

TO: ⁵³B.L.U., Folgore Div.

REF: BZ/108/22

1. I enclose herewith copy of a report from
the CC.RR for your information and any action
you may deem necessary.

G. W. Brown
G. W. BROWN CAPT.,
F.P.S.O., Bolzano Prov.

Had attached letter for B.L.U. 15 typ
for
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30 JUL 1945 - 1940

ANSWERTAL SLIP

Subject Complaint against Italian
Troops at VANDORES.

53 British Liaison Unit

Ref. A7 - 252To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLGOPEDate 30 Jul 45

Enclosed herewith

Letter/~~Signal~~ Ref. N.49/1Dated 21 July 45Received from Carabinieri, BRESSANONEthrough AMG BOLZANO (Ref. BZ/103/22
of 25 Jul 45)

Forwarded for :-

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Necessary action, please ✓.....

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G.S.

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Yesterday 20th July at about 22 hours some Folgore-men Stationed at Vandoies went to the Hotel Rosa of the mentioned Commune together with Stampfl Luigi and asked wine without ticket. After 6 liters the servant was not willing to give them more, so that they began to menace her and caused much trouble. Brig. CC.RR. ROSIN Antonio, stationed at Vandoies, trying to calm the soldiers, had a blow by one of the drunken men. Caused by a storm the light was interrupted, so that there was a great confusion and two chairs were smashed.

After that the soldiers went off, firing with their pistols, putting into panic the population.

Subject: Traffic Control - Civilian and Military.

A.M.S., Bolzano
Copy to 349 Inf Regt
H.Q. Folgore Combat Gp.

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53 D.L.H.
Ref. 17 - 254
31 Jul 45

At a conference held on 30 Jul 45 at H Q 349 Regt, between
reps of 349 Regt and Folgore Combat Gp, it was decided to improve
the traffic situation in the area controlled by these formations.

It was regretted that a rep of A.M.S. could not attend, but
but a copy of what was decided, is sent herewith for information (Appx A).

It is hoped that A.M.S. will cooperate by running a series of
articles in the local papers, and also by broadcasts over Radio
Bolzano - in order to instill a better traffic discipline amongst
the civilians of the area. It is suggested also that reference be
made to jaywalking and cycling.

A suggestion from the Folgore is attached to this letter
on the subject of jaywalking (Appx B).

H.Q. Folgore would be grateful if you would inform this
H.Q. of what you decide to do re the education of the public, - and
also any suggestions or comments on these letters.

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Lt. Col.
G.S.

C O P Y

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL
2nd Bn. 349th Inf.
APO 88 US Army

28 Jul 45

Subject: Report of Informal Investigation.

To :- C.O. 2nd Bn. 349th Inf. Att. S-2

1. On 25 Jul 45, I, together with an interpreter, went to CHIAVES, near Brunico, Italy, to investigate the reported attack upon a civilian girl by two Italian soldiers. It was not possible to contact the girl herself; however I was able to interrogate her brother and one of her close friends. Since the statements of both parties are virtually identical, the following consolidated summary of the two statements is submitted:

(a) At or about 1830 hrs, 23 Jul 45, a Tyrolian girl, Frieda Hittaler, on her way home from gathering mushrooms in the mountains, was met by two Italian soldiers. They asked her the way to the community of Montal, and when they had ascertained that the nearest house was some distance away, they grabbed her by the shoulders and dragged her into the woods. There they tied her to a tree, and, while one of them stood by, the other raped her. When she began to scream for help, the one standing by drew his pistol and threatened to shoot her if she should continue to scream. This second soldier also raped her, after which, her hair being done up in "pigtales", the two proceeded to cut off the pigtales with a knife, fastening them onto the front of her dress below the collar, and slitting her dress down both sides with the knife. They then left her tied to the tree and went away. She remained there for about a half hour, until a farmer named Anton Gruenbacher, passing by on his way home, heard her cries, came and released her and escorted her home.

(b) The act took place about 20 minutes walk from the girl's home. The nearest house to the scene of the act is also about 20 minutes away.

(c) The girl is certain that she could identify both of the Italian soldiers. She believes they are from Montal, but is not at all certain of this.

(d) ~~XXX~~ During the whole attack, the soldiers apparently made no statement to indicate political or similar motives.

(e) The girl did not believe that the soldiers were under the influence of alcohol.

(f) The affair was reported to the Office of AMG in BRUNICO on 26 Jul 45.

Signed - Gordon A. Johnston, 1st Lt, CAC
Provost Marshal

Passed to 53 B.L.U. by ???????? Col.
349 Inf.

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ANSWITAL SLIPSubject Report on Investigation

53 British Liaison Unit

Ref. A7 - 251To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLCOMBDate 30 July 45

Enclosed herewith copy of

Letter/Signal Ref. ReportDated 29 July 45Received from Colonel ???????349 Inf Regt
US Army

Forwarded for :-

Information

Necessary action, please

Investigation & report

Perusal & return, please

Remarks

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..... for Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Btry A 630th AAA AW Bn
630TH ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AW BATTALION
APO #464, U S ARMY

3 July 1945

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned, authorized by law to administer oaths in cases of this character, comes one Alex Mackarovich
(Name)

33 290 555

Pvt

Btry A 630th AAA AW Bn

(ASN)

(Rank)

(Organization)

who, after having been read AW 24 and his rights thereunder explained to him and being duly sworn deposes and says:

On 3 July 1945 I was on duty as clocker helping to operate the speed trap on Castelnuova Rt 11.
On or about 1055 hours I saw a 1/4 ton 4x4 vehicle No. 5663201 approach the speed trap site traveling East.
At a prearranged signal from the #1 man, stationed at the starting point of the measured distance of 500 feet, I started my stop watch. When the vehicle completed its run through this measured distance I stopped my stop watch. My reading was 3.4 seconds, which equals 60 miles per hour and is excessive speed for this type of vehicle. By telephone I advised the "pull off" site the above information and the vehicle was stopped by the MP on duty there.

I have received training and acquired experience in the operation of a speed check point as described in the Bulletin entitled, "Speed Limit Enforcement", issued by Headquarters Fifth Army, Office of the Provost Marshal.

Further deponent sayeth not.

1934

Alex Mackarovich

Alex Mackarovich, 33 290 555
Pvt. Btry A 630th AAA AW Bn

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of July 19 45.

William Mann

WILLIAM MANN, 1st Lt.
CAC., Btry A 630th AAA AW Bn
Asst. TJA Special Court

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARM.
OFFICE OF PROVOST MARSHAL
ARO 464 US ARMY

British

REPORT OF DELINQUENCY

B-414 WM/orc

OFFENDER: King Clifford F Capt 168 518
(Last Name) (First Name) (M Init.) (Grade) (ASN)
53 BLV.
(Organization) (Company) (APO)

Date: 3 July 1945 hours: 1055 Place of Offense: Castelnuovo

VIOLATION: Speeding.

DETAILS OF OFFENSE (Incl. Vehicle No. and Unit Markings, etc.):

Speeding 60mph in a 1/4 ton 4x4 vehicle No. 5663201
Speed checked by stop watch at 3.4 sec over a distance of 300 Ft.

(Continue on reverse side)

Apprehended by: Pfc William C Lewis 34 363 228 Unit: Btry A 630th AAA AW Bn
Witnesses: Pvt Alex Mackarovich, Jr. 33 290 555 Unit: Btry A 630th AAA AW Bn 1933

LIST of Personal Effects on reverse side.

Disposition of offender:

Booked and Released

William Mann
(Signature of Duty Officer)
William Mann, 1st Lt.
(Unit) Btry A 630th AAA AW Bn

Oscar L Sartori
(Signature of Desk Sergeant)
Oscar L Sartori, 36 362 107
Sgt. Btry A 630th AAA AW Bn

This report is furnished the organization commander for necessary action.

(REPORT NO:)

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Basic: PM Delinquency Report B-414

AG 250.1-W 1st Ind
HQ FIFTH ARMY, APO 464, US Army, 13 JUL 1945

FSR/JRC/lvg

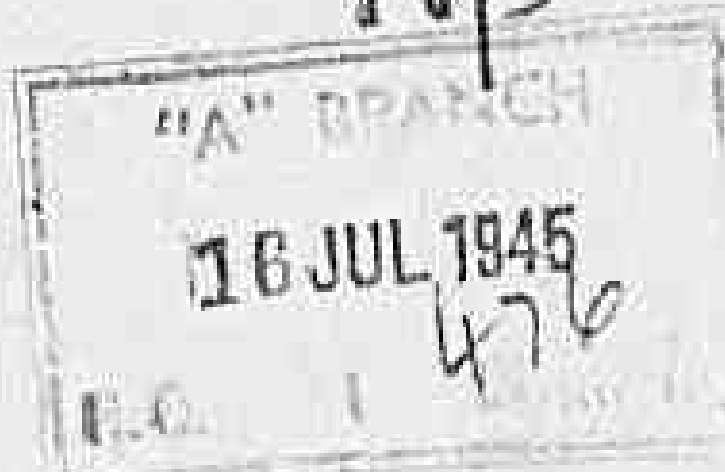
TO: G.O.C., No. 1 District.

For your desired action.

FOR THE ARMY COMMANDER:

- 2 Incls (not previously listed)
1. Affidavits, Pvt Alex Mackarovich
 2. Affidavits, Pfc William C. Lewis

John R. Cicero
JOHN R. CICERO
Lt Colonel, AGD
Asst Adj General



1932

Subject:- Discipline

CC - 53 BLG

HQ 216 Sub Area,
(Bologna City Command),
C M F
Tele - vicksburg 15.
4/2/A - 21 Jul 45.

Capt G F KING

The attached P M Collingwood report in respect of the
a/n Officer is forwarded for necessary action.

BOLAGRA
GMC/BA

[Signature]
8/10/45
Major, DAA & JIC,
216 Sub Area.

1931

6496

A7.

30 JUL 1945

Subject: Military Tribunal

To:- Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (LFLA)

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 247
27 Jul 45

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1. Ref your A236 of 12 Jul 45.

2. The following reply has today been received from Combat Group FULGORE:-

"Combat Group FULGORE considers it essential that a senior officer be appointed President of the Military Tribunal with the Group so that the tribunal can continue to work efficiently. The Group is agreeable to the suggestion made in para 2 of your a/m letter."

1930

Lt. Col.
G. S.

SUBJECT : Traffic Accident

64 22

FM/21/348

HQ.,
No 2 District.

1. The attached copy of Military Police Report is
fwd for your info.

CMP.
23 July 45.
ALN/HGSM.

Parkly
H. Manhan Captain,
Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal,
211 Sub Area,
(A.L. Marshall).

1929

Copies to : HQ 53 BLU.
DAD, 60 Claims & Hirings

TRANSMITTAL SLIPSubject Traffic Accident....

Ref ...A7... 350.....

From : 53 British Liaison Unit

Enclosure Ref ...PM/21/348.....

To : H.Q. Combat Group FOLCORE

Forwarded for :-

InformationX.....

Necessary action please .X...

Investigation and report

Perusal & return please

Remarks ...Received from DAFM.

..... 211 Sub Area 23 Jul 45

.....

Date 28 Jul 45.....

..... for Lt.Col.
G.S.

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REPORT

TO:- AFM.
217 Area.

Sir,

I have to report that on Saturday 21 Jul 45, whilst on duty I was travelling from IMOLA to FORLI on ROUTE 9. On approaching CASTEL BOLOGNESE I followed Dodge 3 Ton Lorry, No L5322329, as this vehicle appeared to be travelling at an excessive speed.

I duly followed this vehicle which was driven by :-

SOLD DE LUCA GIOLIO.
92 GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO 'FOLGORI'
PARCO MOBILE. A.C.A.

for a distance of approximately 5 miles at an even interval of 25 yards. During this distance the speeds of this vehicle were, minimum 38 m.p.h. - maximum 50 m.p.h.

I overtook the vehicle, signalled the driver to stop, which he did. I took his particulars which I checked from his papers, warned him of the offence, cautioned him as to future conduct and allowed him to proceed.

1927

CMP.
21 Jul 45.
WHL.

Capt.
Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal.
(G. R. COZENS).
217 Area.

Subject:- Discipline - Vehicles.
Speeding

TO:- HQ. 53 BLU.

Pro C/3

6/23

SOLD. DE LUCA Giolio

1. The attached report submitted in respect of the above mentioned soldier is forwarded for your information and necessary action please.

Puss & Co

[Signature]
Major,
Assistant Provost Marshal.
(T.ROBERTS.).
217 Area.
(Absent - Hospital).

1926

CME.
22 Jul 45
WEL.

TRANSMITTAL SLIP

6431

Subject DISCIPLINE - SpeedingRef A7 - 249

From : 53 British Liaison Unit

Enclosure Ref Police Report

To : H.Q. Combat Group POLCORE

Forwarded for :-

InformationX.....

Necessary action pleaseX.....

Investigation and report

Perusal & return please

Remarks Received from A.P.M.

217 Area under ref pro 3/3

of 22 Jul 45

Date 28 Jul 45.....R..... for Lt. Col. **1925**
G.S.

Subject:- Discipline.

Edison Officer,
Land Forces Sub-Comm.
A.C. (M.I.L.A.)
C/o 1 District.
Tel. 22602
Ref. LO/C11.

6425

Date:- 22 July 45.

To:- 53 B.L.U. for Folgore. .

The attached Military Police report/s in the case of
Paratrooper CHIAPPA Mario, 184 M/c Coy, Nembo Div.

is/are forwarded for necessary action.
original transmission to unit.

Pass by

[Signature]
Capt.
184 M/c Coy, Nembo Div.

1924

TRANSMITTAL SLIPSubject DISCIPLINE.....Ref A7 - 243.....From : 53 British Liaison UnitEnclosure Ref B 252.....To : H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

Forwarded for :-

InformationX.....

Necessary action please ..X..

Investigation and report

Perusal & return please

Remarks ..Received from.....

.....MHA 10 1 District.....

.....under ref 10/G11 of 22 Jul 45.....

Date ..28 Jul 45........A..... for Lt.Col.

G.S.

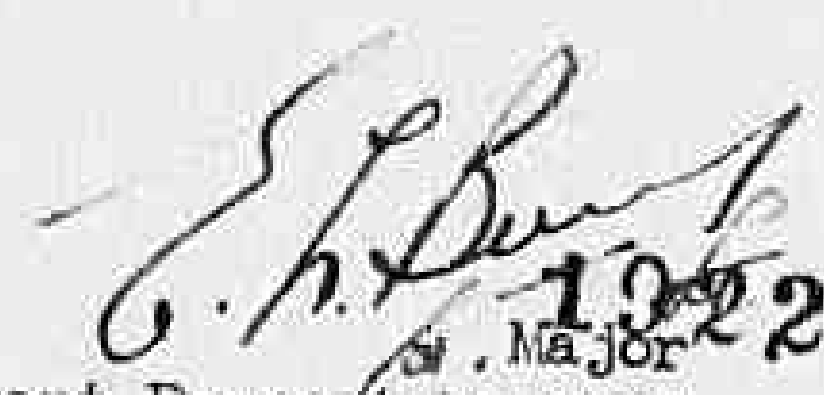
1923

53 BLU 6346

Subject : Unauthorised Carriage of Civilians in WD transportHQ 21 Armd Bde Force
Pro/PW/22
17 July 45

M. BLU

1. Attached copy of Military Police report regarding carriage of civilians by a member of the FOLGORE Group, is forwarded for your information and any necessary action.

CMF
ACS
C. H. Dwyer
Major
Assistant Provost Marshal
PW Incr 21 Armd Bde

SUBJECT: Discipli ORs.

S.D.C. 53 BLV

Ref. A 212

6289

1. Reports. Herewith offence report(s) submitted by the Military Police.
2. Framing of charges. Responsibility for framing of charges is laid in ACI 1911/41 (CRO 999/44)
3. Evidence. Attention is also directed to ACI 1311/41 as to the circumstances requiring the attendance of C.P. witnesses should the evidence be in dispute. (CRO 999/44).
4. Disposal. When the charge has been dealt with AF B 252 should be disposed of through the usual channels to "A" Branch of your Area or Formation HQ with this memorandum. (KR 1940, para 562 (b)).
5. Reason for action taken. Reasons for lenient treatment should also be attached. (KR 1940, para 562 (b)).
6. The AF B 252 or explanation under para 5 above should NOT be returned to PROVOST or Officer i/c Military Police originating the charge(s). (KR 1940, para 562(b)).

1921

DI LUG

H. K. M. CAPT.
D.A.F.M. 2LL SUB AREA

INITIAL SLIP

Subject Unauthorized Carriage of
Civilians in WD Transport.

53 British Liaison Unit

Ref. 47 - 246

To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLCOE

Date 25 July 45

Enclosed herewith

Letter/Signal Ref. Pro/PW/22

Dated 17 July 45

Received from AFM, PW Inar, 21 Armd Bde

Forwarded for :-

Information*

Necessary action, please ...*

Investigation & report

Perusal & return, please

Remarks

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..... for Lt.Col. **1920**
G.S.

6385 Sub

INITIAL SLIPSubject DISCIPLINE - ORs

53 British Liaison Unit

Ref. A7 - 245To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLCOMBDate 23 July 45

Enclosed herewith
 Letter/Signal Ref. AF B252 - A212
 Dated 8 Jul 45
 Received from DAFM 211 Sub Area

Forwarded for :-

Information ☒Necessary action, please ☒

Investigation & report

Perusal & return, please

Remarks Re the nature of this

offence, attention is again drawn

to GPO 345/45 forwarded to you under

cover this HQ letter Q14 - 57 of

27 Apr 45. for Lt. 1919

D.V./R.-

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI CONTRATTAMENTO "VOLCOB"
Ufficio Capo S.R. - 2° Soc., arzonale e Segreteria

N. 5741/Pere.

P.M. 146, 11 33 luglio 1948.-

OGGETTO: Infrazione.-

AL COMANDO 53 S.R.U.

In riferimento al foglio n. 47 - 91 in data 26/7/1948, si comunica che il Caporale Autiere COLLASTRI Spartaco è stato punito con gg. 10 di C.D.N. per il seguente motivo:

"Lasciava incustodito per qualche tempo, in un grande centro d'automezze e lui in consegna..."

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. Col. Mario De Martino)

1918

H/99

MILITARY POLICE REPORT.

To:

Officer Commanding.
507 Provost Company.
Corps of Military Police.



Sir,

At FLORENCE on the 17 JUL 45 about 10.45hrs, I was on duty at the CHECK POST on ROUTE 65, where I had occasion to stop a WD VEHICLE DORCH 3 Ton No. 562064, driven by ENRIKE CARLO GERVINI of GRUPPO TRASPE, VULGORE NOSTRINI, CORP AND PLATOON, THE ITALIAN ARMY.

I ordered him to produce a WORK TICKET (A.P.G 3518) which he did and I found to be in order. On examination of the rear of the vehicle I found the load consisted of 30 (THIRTY) bags of GRAIN. Nothing to this effect was shown on the WORK TICKET.

I questioned the driver and he admitted he was transporting an unauthorised load. He stated that the GRAIN was his property.

I then obtained his particulars and the attached statement and allowed him to proceed.

The GRAIN was unloaded at the ROYAL QUESTURA, where it is being held until a Bill of Sale is produced.

1317

I questioned the driver and he admitted he was transporting an unauthorized load. He stated that the GRAM was his property.

I then obtained his particulars and the attached statement and allowed him to proceed.

The GRAM was unloaded at the ROYAL QUESTURA, where it is being held until a Bill of Sale is produced.

1917

Field.
17 JUL 45.

a Smith Cpl

A. SMITH, Cpl.
Corps of Military Police.

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CERVINI CARLO of the deceased Francesco and of Malligani Rita, born at MILAN living at MILAN VIA BONCOMPAGNI 79, DRIVER of the REP. TRASPORTI E RIPORNIMENTI, VIA VOLGORE, states: =

I left BOLZANO on the 16 JUL driving a MILITARY TRUCK N° 5620604 of my report on duty at the disposition of Head Quarters, to go to ROME.

On arriving at BRESCIA, and being the truck completely empty I loaded at my house (BRESCIA, VIA NICCOLO' MACCHIAVELLI 14) about 30 (thirty) QUINTALI of CORN, to take it to the house of my uncle, MALUGANI CARLO of TIVOLI, who owns a Maccheroni shop (wholesaler) in VIA SANTA FEDE, TIVOLI.

On arriving to FLORENCE in VIA BOLOGNESE I was stopped by the ENGLISH MILITARY POLICE, as I was not in possession of a permit to carry the above mentioned corn from BRESCIA to TIVOLI.

(signed) CERVINI CARLO.

Read over, confirmed and signed.

(signed) CERVINI CARLO.

1916

(translated by Official C.M.P. Interpreter.)

HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

TO : Provincial Commissioner, Bolzano 16 July 45.
(for P.L.O.)

SUBJECT: Alleged Murder.

FILE No: RXII/LE/BOL/C/01.

1. Reference your BZ/01/B/0711 of 11 July 1945, the papers in the case of LEBBIOLI Umberto are returned herewith.

2. The case does not appear to affect Allied Interests, and should in my opinion be left to take its course before the appropriate Italian tribunal.

3. Presumably the appropriate tribunal will be an Italian Military Tribunal. As you are aware, provision was made by Bando No. 46 of 13 April 1945 (published in Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 47 of 19 April 1945) for the Establishment of a Divisional Military Tribunal with the Folgore Division, pursuant to 1215 of 8 February 1945 No. 106. I think the Folgore Division should be asked to handle the case.

H. L. Linn

Colonel,
Regional Legal Officer,
Venezie Region.

1872

19 AUG 1945

TRANSMITTAL SLIPSubject ... ~~ALANCOED MURPHY~~Ref ... ~~AZ-241~~

From : 53 British Liaison Unit

Enclosure Ref ... ~~EXCEL/EP/101/3/01~~

To : H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

Forwarded for :-

Information ~~X~~Necessary action please ... ~~X~~ ..

Investigation and report

Perusal & return please

Remarks

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Date ... ~~21 Jul 45~~ ~~R.~~ for Lt.Col.

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CON 10 GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTI "FOSSORE"

Ufficio Capo di S.M. - 2° Sez. Personale e Segreteria

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No. 6808/pers. di prot.

P.M. 146, li 30-4-45

OGGETTO: INCIDENTE AUTOMOBILISTICO

AL COMANDO 530 B.L.U.

(rif. A7 - 93 del 30.5.45)

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In esito alla segnalazione di cui al foglio a riferimento, si comunica che a carico del responsabile dell'incidente in oggetto, sono stati adottati i seguenti provvedimenti:

Cap. magg. GERARDINI Alberto:

Denuncia per omicidio colposo - uso abusivo di autom. *mmo* militare - allontanamento arbitrario;

Ser. M. MAG. CORDA Luigi:

Denuncia per allontanamento arbitrario e per non aver impedito che inferiori di grado commettessero azioni non lecite e per essersi accomunato con loro nel metterle in atto;

Cap. M. MAG. TOSSI Dino - Cap. M. MAG. LAMAZZONI Riccardo

Denuncia per allontanamento arbitrario.

Del procedimento a carico dei militari di cui sopra è investito il Tribunale Militare del Gruppo.

- 1913

Cap. Mezz. TOSST Dino - uso abusivo di autom. *uno*
militare - allontanamento arbitrario;

Sir. Mezz. CORDA Luigi:

Denuncia per allontanamento arbitrario e per non aver
impedito che inferiori di grado commettessero azioni non lecite
e per essersi accomunato con loro nel metterle in atto;

Cap. Mezz. TOSST Dino - Cap. Mezz. LAZZERONI Riccardo

Denuncia per allontanamento arbitrario.

1913

Del procedimento a carico dei militari di cui sopra è
investito il Tribunale Militare del Gruppo.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(col. U. De Martino)



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TR MITTAL SLIPSubject Transport Offence

53 British Liaison Unit

Ref. A7 - 213To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLCOKEDate 22 Jul 45

Enclosed herewith

Letter/~~Signed~~ Ref. EW/22/173Dated 18 Jul 45Received from DAPM, FLORENCE Command

Forwarded for :-

Information ☒Necessary action, please ☒

Investigation & report

Perusal & return, please

Remarks

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..... for Lt.Col. 1912
G.C.

6294

SUBJECT : Transport Offence.

FM/22/173

HQ,
53 B.L.U.

DRIVER CARLO CERVINI

1. Attached herewith Military Police Report and copies of statement in respect of a transport offence committed by the above named Italian soldier.
2. Forwarded for your information and action.

CMF
18 July 45.
ALM/HGSM.

A.L. Marshall
Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal, 1
FLORENCE Command,
(A.L. Marshall).

R E P O R T

To - The Officer Commanding.
230 Provost Company.

Sold. Mario G.
Reggimento S. Marco.
Comando Batt.
Grado.

Sir, I have to report what at Rome on the 7th. July 1945. at about 1500 hours, I was on duty in Via Merulana accompanied by L/Cpl. Millier, C.I. Police where I saw a 3 ton Bedford No. 495413, approaching, driven by the above named Italian soldier.

Riding in the vehicle, I saw one Italian female, and one Italian male. I caused the vehicle to stop, and ascertained that these passengers were not in possession of any authority to travel on WD. transport.

I asked the driver to produce his Transport Work Ticket, which upon examination, I found to have been signed by himself.

I informed him of the offences as above, obtained and verified his particulars, and ensuring that the unauthorised passengers had left the vehicle, allowed him to proceed. 1910

CME.
7th. July 1945.

5190247... *A. Mott...* L/Cpl.
230 Provost Company.

R E P O R T.

To: The Officer Commanding,
230 Provost Company.

Soldato Parati Giuseppe.
Nembro Regiment.
2nd Battalion. PM 146.

Sir,

I have to report that at Rome on the 7 July, 1945, at about 1010 hours, I was on duty accompanied by L/Cpl Jones, C.M. Police, on Ponte Milvio. This road is a 'One Way' road and Allied Military Police signs are erected to warn vehicle drivers. I there saw the above named Italian soldier driving a WD Dodge 3 ton No L 4819833, ignore the sign and drive against oncoming traffic. I caused him to stop. I obtained and verified his particulars, informed him that he would be reported and allowed him to proceed.

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L/Cpl.

C.F.

7 July, 1945.

230 Provost Company.

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Spd *Cap*
Dafm.

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R E P O R T.

To:-The Officer Commanding,
230 Provost Company.

46491 Marina Pinocchio R.M.
Reggimento Marino.
St Marco Bottegione. Carlo. RM 146

Sir,

I have to report that at home on the 7 July, 1945, at about 1010 hours, I was on duty accompanied by L/Cpl Ross, C. Police, on Ponte Silvio. This road is a 'one way' road and allied military police signs are erected to warn vehicle drivers. I there saw the above named Italian marine driving a '45 Dodge Motor No 911124, ignore the sign and drive against oncoming traffic. In the driving cab there were three persons including the driver. I caused the vehicle to stop and ordered one of the passengers to leave the cab. I then obtained and verified the driver's particulars, informed him that he would be reported and allowed him to proceed.

CMS

7th July, 1945.

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R. L. Jones, L/Cpl.

230 Provost Company

1908

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
Ufficio Capo di S.M. - 2° Gen. Personale e Segret/

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N° 6467/Pers.

P.M. I46, 11 18-4-45

OGGETTO : contravvenzione alle norme del traffico.-

AL 53° B.I.U.-

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Riferimento foglio A7 - 208 in data 23.6.1945, si comunica che il soldato Bottego Giovanni è stato punito con 35. IO di C.P.R. con la seguente motivazione:

"Lasciava incustodito per circa 20 minuti l'automezzo a lui in consegna."



d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(ten. col. U. De Martino)

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1907

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
Ufficio Capo di S.M. - 2^a Sez. Personale e Segreteria

34
N° 6525/Pesr.

P.M. 146, LA 18-4-45

OGGETTO: disciplina.

AL 53° B.L.U. - S E D E -

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Riferimento foglio A7 - 209 in data 25.6.45, si
comunica che il fante GATA Giuseppe - 1° Btg. RGT. Parac.
"Nembo" è stato punito con gg. IO C.F.R. con la seguente
motivazione:

"Contravveniva alle norme sulla circolare stradale provo-
cando una contravvenzione da parte di un militare della po-
lizia alleata".



d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. col. U. De Martino)

[Handwritten signature]

1906

RELAZIONEALL'UFFICIALE COMANDANTE LA 230^a COMP. POLIZIA MILITARECaporale MARIANI Iserte
Officine "Folgore" 146, (Treviso)

A Roma, il 5/7/1945; verso le ore 11.30, mentre ero di servizio a Piazza del Popolo insieme al caporale Mc. Kiernan (Pol.Mil.) vidi il sopradetto graduato italiano, che guidava un Dodge WD 3ton. L.5683227. Nella cabina c'erano l'autista ed altre due persone.

Diedi l'alt, feci andare via dalla cabina uno di essi, e, prese e verificate le generalità dell'autista, lo avvisai che avrei fatto rapporto e lo lasciai proseguire.-

5/7/1945.-

Capo R. S. Jones

LG/k.-

33 COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
Ufficio Capo S.A. - 2^a Sez. Personale e Segreteria

N. 6528/Pers.

P.A.146,11 18 luglio 1945.-

AL COMANDO OFFICINE MECCANICHE "FOLGORE"

e, per conoscenza:



AL COMANDO 53 R.L.U.

(Rif.f.n. 17.225 in data 10.7.1945)

.....per i provvedimenti di competenza, di cui si
gradirà notizia.-



IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(en.Col. Umberto De Martino)

1905

R E L A Z I O N E

ALL'UFFICIALE COMANDANTE LA 77° COMP. POLIZIA MILITARE

Sulla strada 13a G. 6478, il 5/7/1945, verso lezore 12, a G. 6478, il 5/7/1945.-

Mentre ero di pattuglia insieme al soldato Douglas (Pol. Mil. Contr. traf.), fui sorpassato da un 3 ton. W.D. che correva a velocità eccessiva. Notai anche una donna seduta tra l'autiere ed un altro soldato.

Seguii l'autostrada per quasi un miglio a velocità media di 20 miglia all'ora, tenendomi a distanza adeguata? Lo sorpassai, fef natolo, riscontrai che era un Dodge 3 ton., L.4619853, W.D.; ed era guidato dal Perac. Giuseppe di Pietro, del 11° Btg. Gruppo di Combattimento "Polgore".

Gli misi in rilievo il tanto commesso per eccesso di velocità che egli non negò.

Alla domanda se la donna avesse adeguato permesso per viaggiare su mezzi militari il soldato affermò di non saperlo. Poiché quella non era munita di autorizzazione le ordini di scendere.

Verificate le generalità del sopradetto soldato dalla sua carta d'identità e altri documenti militari gli permisi di proseguire.-

Sergente Mainwaring,

77° Cp. P.M. (I.C.)

LG/k.-

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "VOLGORE"

Ufficio Capo S.M. - 2° Sec. Personale e Segreteria

N. 6529/1945;

P.M. 146, li 8

1904
luglio 1945.-

matolo, riscontrai che era un Dodge 3 tonn., L.4819853, W.D.; ed era guidato dal fasc. Giuseppe di Pietro, del III° Btg. "gruppo di Combattimento "Vulgo".

Gli misi in rilievo il reato commesso per eccesso di velocità che egli non negò.

Alla domanda se la donna avesse adeguato permesso per viaggiare su mezzi militari il soldato affermò di non saperlo. Poichè quella non era munita di autorizzazione le ordinai di scendere.

Verificate le generalità del sopradetto soldato dalla sua carta d'identità e altri documenti militari gli permisi di proseguire.

Sergente Weinwaring,
77° Cp. P.M. (I.C.)

LC/K.-

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "VULGO"
Ufficio Capo S.M. - 2° Sez. Personale e Segreteria

N. 6529/1era; 1904
L.M.146,11 8 luglio 1945.

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO 53 F.L.U.
(Rif.f.n. 47 + 226 in data 17.7.1945)

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.....Per i provvedimenti di competenza, di cui si gradirà notizia;

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(ten. Col. Umberto De Martino)

U. De Martino

RELAZIONEALL'UFFICIALE COMANDANTE LA 77^a CP. POLIZIA MILITARE

Sulla statale 13, il 4.7.1945 verso le ore 15.15, mentre ero di ronda col cap. Rees S.W., fui sorpassato da un 3/4 tonn. W.D. che viaggiava a grande velocità. Inseguii l'autocarro a distanza adeguata per circa un miglio, correndo a velocità media di 48 miglia all'ora. Osservai anche una donna sul cassone. Inseguii l'autocarro ad adeguata distanza percorrendo circa un miglio a 48 miglia all'ora.

Prima che potessi raggiungerlo, l'autocarro fu costretto a fermarsi dietro ad una colonna di veicoli. Ricontraì che esso era il Dodge 3/4 tonn. W.D. 2.539989, guidato dal cap. magg. GALLITORNOTTA Luigi, 1^o Cp. Minatori (Guastatori) Folgore P.M.146.

Gli manifestai che aveva commesso un reato per eccesso di velocità, ed egli ammise di aver viaggiato a 40 miglia all'ora. Interrogato se la donna fosse moglie di permesso per viaggiare su automezzi militari, rispose di non saperlo.

Costatato che ne era sprovvista la feci scendere.

Verificai le generalità dell'autiera sulla sua carta d'identità ed altri documenti, e lo lasciai proseguire.

Sergente W. Mainwaring
77^a Cp. P.M. (I.C.)

Ho letto e confermato quanto sopra

S.W. Rees
77^a Cp. P.M. (I.C.)

IG/K.-

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "POLIZIA"
Ufficio Capo S.M. - 2^a Sez. Personale e Segreteria

S. 6650/Rees

P.M.146, li 18 luglio 1945.-

1903

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Sergente V. Mainwaring
77° Cp. P.M. (T.C.)

Ho letto e confermo quanto sopra

S.W. Bees
77° Cp. P.M. (T.C.)

LG/k.-

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "VOLGORE"
Ufficio Capo S.M. - 2° Sez. Personale e Segreteria

N. 6650/Pers;

P.M. 146, 11 18 luglio 1945.-

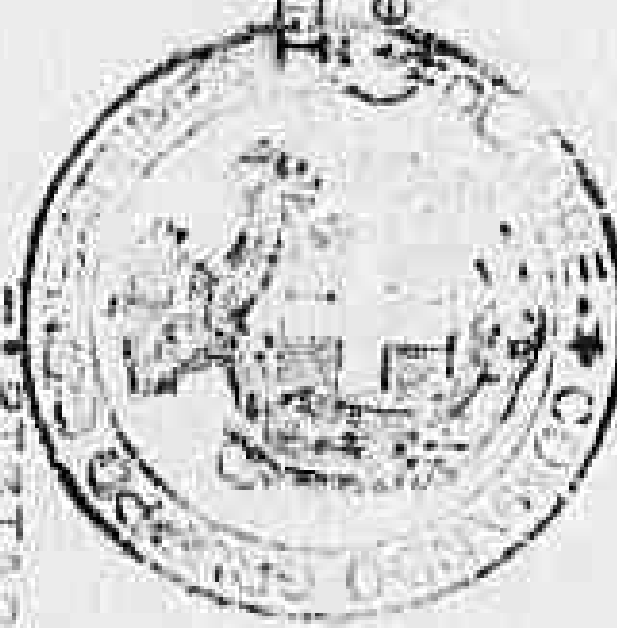
AL COMANDO BATTAGLIONE MISTO GENIO

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO 53 B.I.U.

(Rif. f.n. 47 + 225 del 11/7/1945)

.....per i provvedimenti di competenza di cui
si gradirà notizia.



d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. Col. Umberto De Martino)

U. De Martino

1903

Subject : Violation of Traffic Regulations.

53 B.L.U.

To : HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

Ref. A7 - 235

17 Jul 45

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The following 2 reports are forwarded to you - violation of traffic regulations.

- (1) At TERLANO on 15 Jul at 1515 hrs Capt PERA, Bafile Bn, and Capt MAGEE, 53 BLU were travelling in a jeep at 30 Mph. The road here is narrow and winding and a FOLGORE 3 ton lorry came up behind at excessive speed, hooting furiously and trying to pass. Eventually the 2 a/n officers stopped their jeep and told the driver they would report him.

Name : GALLIMBERT ALESSANDRIA

Unit : S & T Coy (GMA)

The driver produced an authorisation for another vehicle, he was also carrying only a friend of his and his friend's wife.

- (2) Col TAYLOR and Capt MAGEE, 53 BLU, were travelling to BOLZANO on 16 Jul at 1100 hrs. At PONTE GARDENA a 3 ton lorry of FOLGORE Arty stopped at road block in front of them. It then continued into BOLZANO - on this journey it travelled at approx 50 mph and the 2 a/n officers were unable to catch it until it stopped in BOLZANO. They took the name of the driver and said that they would report him for dangerous driving.

Name : VORCI PIERO (driver)
DALL O SAVERIO

Unit : 5 Bty

Truck No. : Bedford 4667193

1902

Lt. Col.
G.S.

Subject: Traffic Accident

To: 84 Claims and hirings CEF

53 R.L.U.
Ref A7 - 234
16 Jul 45

1. Ref your 84/50515/COOCH of 31 May 45.

2. Herewith copy of Combat Group POLARIS report on this matter.

3. Please note that all correspondence from British units to the a/m Gp should be addressed to this HQ.

Lt. Col.
G. S.

COPY

HQ COMBAT GROUP POLARIS

Ref: 1715/SGP

8 Jul 45

Subject: Traffic Accident

To: DMD 84 Claims and hirings (via 53 RLU)

Ref your 84/50515/COOCH of 31 May 45.

Herewith copy of report made by SERG MAGG MANTONA Amended of the Med Section, concerning the accident.

Proper disciplinary action has been taken against the RLU for having failed to report the accident as he should have done on his return.

Further action can only be taken if it can be proved that he is mainly responsible. At present this has not been taken into account.

(Signed) ??????????
for EL CAPO DI SIANO MAGGIOR
(Ten. Col. Umberto Delarmino)

COPY

COMBAT GROUP POLARIS
HQ Medical Section

Ref: 1919/32

Subject: Traffic Accident

1561

21 June 45

Herewith copy of report made by Serg MAGZ TAVENNA Assistant of the Med Section, concerning the accident.

Proper disciplinary action has been taken against the HCO for having failed to report the accident as he should have done on his return.

Further action can only be taken if it can be proved that he is mainly responsible. At present this has not been taken into account.

(Signed) ??????????
for IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIOR
(Ten. Col. Umberto Dellartino)

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COMBAT GROUP FULGORE
Hq Medical Section

1501

Ref: 1919/32

27 June 45

Subject: Traffic Accident

To:-- Hq Combat Group FULGORE
(Chief of Staff Office - 2nd 3rd Personnel & Secretariat)

Ref your 1447/Segt of 13 July 45.

The Jeep WD No. M5660290 belongs to this Medical Section and at the time of the accident was being driven by Serg MAGZ PARE. TAVENNA Assistant.

The Jeep had proceeded to MILAN to find a driver AMUL, who had taken the ambulance in his charge.

On his return the HCO failed to report the accident, his reason for this negligence being that the cyclist was only slightly injured.

I have ordered that Serg MAGZ TAVENNA be awarded 5 days S.P.E. (half pay) for the following reason:-

Failing to report a traffic accident in which he was involved whilst on duty.

Attached is a report on the accident made by Serg MAGZ TAVENNA.

(Signed) IL COMANDANTE LA SEZ. DI SANITA
(MAGZ. Med. Giordano dr. CHIARELLI)

UNSLATED COPYApr 1 to 1919/32

Combat Group 'Folgore'
Medical Section

Subject: Traffic Accident.

On 15 May 45, at about 1100 hrs, I was on duty in MM/M, when in the Corso S. Gottardo I had to slow down to let a tram pass. Because of the traffic I kept a little over to the left side of the tram track without however blocking oncoming traffic.

I had almost stopped when a group of cyclists drew out and passed me on my left; they being in the wrong. One of the latter, a certain Sig COCCHI Carlo, collided with the left mudguard of the Jeep, in spite of the fact that I had sounded my horn to warn him. I picked him up and took him to a First Aid Post.

The doctor examined him and told me that he had small cuts on his forehead and his left leg was bruised. Therefore, I did not think it necessary to report the matter to my HQ when I returned.

Damage to the property of Sig COCCHI was : Front wheel of bicycle bent.

Signed in good faith

TAVERNA Amedeo, Sgt Major.

Witnessed : Giuseppe GIORDANO, Major (Med)
O.C. Medical Section

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allegato n. 1 a foglio 1919/32

COPIA

GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
Sezione Sanità

OGGETTO: Incidente stradale.--

Il giorno 15 maggio 1945 mi trovavo a Milano per servizio, quando in Corso S. Gottardo, verso le ore 11 dovetti rallentare per lasciar passare una vettura tranviaria. A causa del traffico, mi trovavo leggermente a sinistra delle rotaie del tram, senza però ostacolare il traffico discendente.

Ero quasi fermo, quando sbucava alla mia sinistra un gruppo di ciclisti i quali passarono regolarmente. Uno degli ultimi e precisamente il Sig. COCCHI Carlo, venne ad urtare contro il paraurti sinistro della vettura, nonostante avessi suonato per richiamare l'attenzione. Raccolsi il sopracitato e lo portai ad un posto di pronto soccorso.

Il medico lo visitò e mi disse che si trattava di piccole escoriazioni alla fronte; una leggera contusione alla gamba sinistra. Pertanto non credetti opportuno avvisare al mio rientro il mio comando.

I danni subiti dal Sig. COCCHI sono: deformazione della ruota anteriore della bicicletta.

In fede
Sergente Maggiore TAVERNA Amedeo
firma

V I S T O
Il Comandante la Sezione Sanità
(Magg. Med. Giordano dott. Giuseppe)

P. C. C.

Il Capo Sez. Personale e Segreteria

Ten. Col. A. Castrati

Castrati

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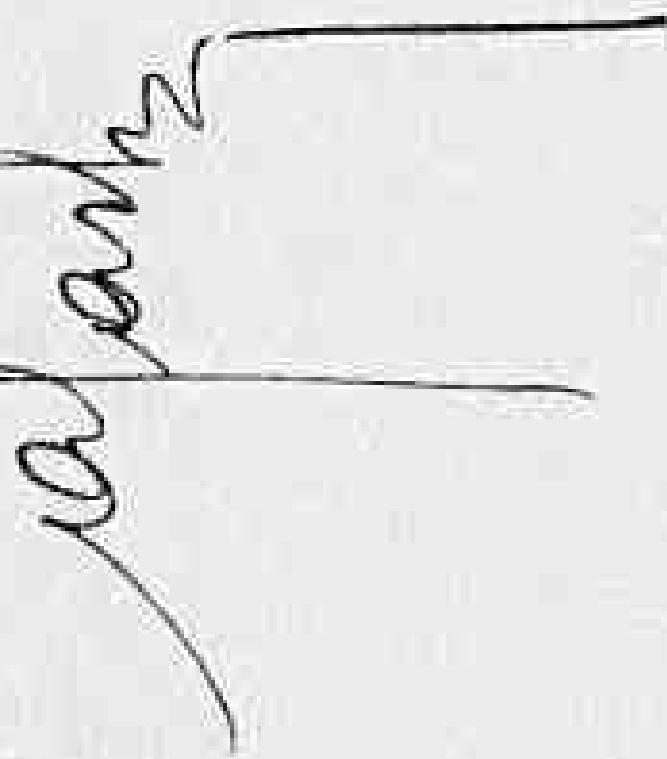
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Il Capo Sez. Personale e Segreteria

Ten. Col. A. Castrati



1899

Subject: Military Tribunal - Italian Army

To: Hq Combat Group FOLGORE

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53 E.L.U.
Ref A7 - 233
16 July 45

1. Herewith copy of MIAA letter A234 of 12 Jul.
2. Please forward your views on these proposals to this HQ by 21 Jul so that a reply as requested in para 3 of e/n letter can be despatched.

Lt. Col. 3 1800
G.S. -

C O P Y

Subject: Military Tribunals Italian Army

To:- CG 50 BAJ
 " 51 BAJ
 " 52 BAJ
 " 53 BAJ

Legal Process Sub Commission
 A.C. (M.H.I.A.)
 R O M R
 A 236
 12 July 45

The Ministry of War is anxious to appoint permanent presidents of the rank of Colonel or Lt. Colonel for the Combat Group Military Tribunals. It is considered that such appointments would be desirable.

2. In order to avoid an increase in the HQ the Ministry of War has proposed that the Intelligence-Operations Section of the Combat Group HQ (HQ CG/523/1) should be reduced by one officer of suitable rank and an appointment made to the W/H to include an officer for duty as permanent President of the Military Tribunals.

3. Will you please make enquiries and advise this HQ whether the Ministry of War proposals will be acceptable to all concerned.

(Signed) S.P. ARNER Major
 for Major General 1897
 M.H.I.A.

TRANSLATIONHQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE

15 Jul 45

273/Serv

Subject : Orders for Traffic Control Posts.To : All Group Units.

Inf : 53 BLU

Ref this HQ 2061 of 3 Jul 45.

Add the following to the Orders for Traffic Control Post of Ref 1880/Serv of 24 Jun 45.

ITALIAN MILITARY VEHICLES - add to the bottom of the paragraph :

If they belong to the personnel of the Gruppo CCRR Territorial of BOLZANO they must be provided with number plate CCRR, special identification document (Maroon in colour) issued by the AMG for the driver, with work ticket.

CIVILIAN VEHICLES - para 3 of the a/m order will therefore be modified :

Written authority in accordance with General Order No. 20 (in addition to 3/bis) (Only applicable to permanent permit holders).

(Signed) Lt.Col. De Martino

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HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORETRANSLATION

14 Jul 45

5922/Pers

Subject : Parac FRACUCCI GINOTo : 53 B.L.U.

Ref A7-94 of 26 May 45 we report the following :

On 16 May, after they had been in action near MODENA, the Parac PRACUCCI found a German lorry, unattended and able to be repaired. He advised some other soldiers and they decided to repair the lorry and return to their unit in it.

The Parac provided the necessary parts that he found in some other German lorries, he loaded them in a cab and drove towards FIESOLE.

He was stopped by the MPs and as he could not let them know how he got such materials he was taken to the MP office. He was returned to his unit and told to send an officer back to draw the materials that he had found.

Two days later his unit left FIESOLE and it was impossible for him to go back to FIRENZE with an officer, therefore, we assume that the MP HQ think that the version told by the Parac was not the truth.

To confirm the assertion of FRACUCCI the soldiers of the II Bn who were with FRACUCCI in action rejoined their unit with a lorry load of loot, and other materials found after the arrest of FRACUCCI.

The lorry is at the Autodrappello of the II Bn and it needs 4 repairing.

(Signed) Lt. Col. De Martino.

*Copy**for information of B.I.O.
Polgore Division*

HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

6096

3 July 45

To : P.P.S.O. Bolzano
Subject: Motor Vehicle Permits.
File No. : RXII/PS/15.3

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1. Directives have been issued by Commerce Division that the validity of red and blue motor permits is to be extended to 31st July 45, pending issue of new green permits for last period of 1945.
2. There is no sign as to when these new permits will arrive, and there are no more supplies of the old forms available at this HQ.
3. If there is a definite need for more POL forms in a province for vehicles which are considered vitally essential to A.M.G. efforts, the only solution is the printing of a small supply to meet local requirements.
4. Authority is hereby given by this.

1893

A.W. ROWLERSON
Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

*Send in a letter
to HQ*

BOLZANO PROVINCE
VENEZIE REGION.

Allied Military Government

A. P. O 394.

REF: 109/7-a/880

DATE: 11 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Traffic control

TO: COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMB. "FOLGORE"
Uff. Capo di S.M. 1 Sezione Op.Int.Serv.

P.M. 146

1. Ref. your 2106/serv., dated 8-7-1945.
2. It is pointed out that Gen. Order No. 20 applies only to Permanent circulation permits. When Temporary circulation permits are issued no FOL coupons are allocated.

J. Bruce Thompson
J. BRUCE THOMPSON, Lt. Col. RA.
Deputy Provincial Commissioner 892

Copy:

P.T.S.O. - Bolzano
53 B.L.U. - Bressanone — *Sh*
A.M.G. - Bressanone
File

EX/bh.

Subject: ALMS and Administration

53 A.I.U.

Ref A7 - 232

14 July 45

To: OO 111 Provost Coy, GCP

HQ Combat Group POLKORE

1. Reference your GCP Report 111/HQ/12/307 of 3 March 45.

2. Please inform this HQ where the u/a weapon and fuel can now be found in order that arrangements can be made for the Combat Group POLKORE to effect collection:

TMG
.45 R&B
Petrol

No. 102417
Qty 4
Gals 12

Lt. Col.

3.1891

BEST COPY POSSIBLE

Subject:- Mafia Discipline Report

To:- Officer Commanding
65 Company CMP (TC)

Sir,

I have to report that on the 7 July 45 at about 1130 hrs, I was on Patrol on Route 16 between ROVIGO and the River PO Bailey Bridge, accompanied by No 5441020 Private OSBORNE, P. 65 Company CMP (TC) when at approximately half a mile North of GAROVOLLO I saw WD DODGE 3 Ton No 13687723 driven by CAMPONE VITTORIO, GRUPPO COMBATTIMENT FLEGORE TRASPORTI E RIFORMAMENTO, Location BALSANO. There were 4 people in the cab, the driver and 3 Italian Female Civilians; I signalled the driver to stop, which he did. I asked the civilians to produce their permits to travel in a WD vehicle in accordance with GRC 345/45. They were unable to do so, I ordered them from the vehicle. I took the drivers particulars and verified them from his Identity Card and Work Ticket. I warned him that he would be reported, and allowed him to proceed.

In the Field
7 July 45

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3440722 *A Barlow* I/C
65 Company CMP (TC)

Sir,
I have read over and corroborate the above statement.

In the Field
7 July 45

5441020 *J. Osborne* Pte
65 Company CMP (TC)

6106

Subject:- Discipline

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub-Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
c/o 1 District.
Tel. 22602
Ref. LC/611.

Date :- 11 July 45

To:- 53 B.L.U. (for Folgore).

The attached Military Police report/s in the case of
CAMPONE Vitterio, Gruppo Combattimento Folgore.

is/are forwarded for necessary action.
original transmission to unit.

1889

John Bourn

Capt.

C/O 1 DISTRICT.

R E P O R T.

To: The Officer Commanding,
230 Provost Company.

Corporal Cinciarelli.
Groupo Combat Folgore.
Bolzano.

Sir,

I have to report that at Rome on the 6 July, 1945, at about 1445 hours, I was on duty in Via Tiburtina, where I saw the above named Italian NCO driving a WD 15cwt No 3 5335350. In the driving cab there were three persons including the driver, the two passengers being Italian civilians, and in the rear of the vehicle were three Italian boys. I caused the vehicle to stop and ascertained that none of these persons had authority to travel upon WD vehicles. I caused them to leave the vehicle. I obtained and verified the drivers particulars. The AF 3 3518 in respect of the vehicle bore an entry for the 4 July, 1945.

CMF

6 July, 1945.

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L. May. 1888.
230 Provost Company.

SUBJECT: - Discipline - Italian.Pro 4/453 B.L.U.
FOLGOM Div.
-----Autiere SALESINI GUERINO.

Attached Military Police report in respect of the a/n Italian
Soldier is forwarded for necessary action please.

23 June 45
GLO
TD*Handwritten signature*
Capt.
(V.D. Kelgart).

1887

DABM HQ 210 Sub Area.

TRANSMITTAL SLIPSubject Discipline - Italian

53 British Liaison Unit

Ref. A7 - 229To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLGOPEDate 14 Jul 45

Enclosed herewith

Letter/Signal Ref. Pro 4/1Dated 23 Jun 45Received from DAFIA HQ 210 2nd Area

Forwarded for :-

Information ☒Necessary action, please ☒

Investigation & report

Perusal & return, please

Remarks

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.....  for Lt.Col. **1886**
C.O.

REPORT.

To: The Officer Commanding,
809 Forrest Company,
C.M. Police.

Sir,

I have to report that at 2200hrs on the 22nd June 1945 about 1945 hours I was on duty in Corso S. BABUCCI accompanied by 1/0pl. 1110111 C.M. Police where I saw a U.S. Dodge 5 Ton Lorry No. 1/5873024 driven by antiere. SANCINI GUARINO, of the Gruppo di Carabinieri SANCINI IM. 1/3. Travelling as passengers in the rear of the vehicle was 3 Italian Civilian Females.

I signalled the driver of the vehicle to stop, and asked the civilians to produce their authority to travel in the vehicle, but they were unable to do so.

I informed the driver of the offence committed to which he made no reply. I obtained his particulars verified same time his Identity Card informed him that he would be reported, ordered him to alight from the vehicle and allowed him to proceed.

Field.
22nd June 1945.

No. 1804140 P. J. Hendegast 1/0pl.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIA REGION
Allied Military Government

3 Luglio 1945

A1 : P.P.S.C. - BOLZANO

Oggetto : Permessi per autoveicoli

Fascicolo Nr. : RXII/PS/15.3

1. La Divisione Commerciale ha impartito istruzioni che la validità dei permessi rossi e bleu, per autoveicoli, venga estesa al 31.7.45, essendo in corso l'emissione dei nuovi permessi di color verde che saranno validi per l'ultimo periodo dell'anno 1945.
2. Non si sa ancora quando codesti permessi di tipo nuovo perverranno, e presso questo Quartier Generale non sono disponibili moduli di vecchio tipo.
3. Se vi fosse un'assoluta necessità di avere un numero maggiore di moduli "Buoni Benzina", per la Provincia, e per quei autoveicoli che sono considerati di carattere essenziale agli sforzi compiuti dall'AMG, l'unica soluzione possibile è quella di effettuare la stampa di un quantitativo ridotto, allo scopo di poter rispondere alle richieste locali.
4. La presente vale quale autorizzazione per tale scopo.

1884

F.to: A.W. ROWLSON
Lieut. Colonel
Regional Public
Safety Officer

WT.54298/769. 128m. 8/44. Oreb. St. T51-4735.

Army Form A2.

*N.B. — The Form being applicable to any Board, or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

The proceedings should be signed by the President and by each Member of the Board, etc.

Attention is particularly drawn to the Rules for Courts of Inquiry contained in Rules of Procedure 124-125A, and especially to Rule 125A(9); also to paragraph 764, et seq., King's Regulations, 1940.

PROCEEDINGS of a* Court of Inquiryassembled at HQ NEMBO Regt, Combat Group FOLGOREon the 9 July 45 at 1030 hrsby order of Commanding Officer, 53 British Liaison Unit, CMF.

for the purpose of Enquiring into the circumstances under which
(a) the truck Chevrolet 15 cwt 4x2 GS WD No. Z.4443418 was
damaged on the night of 29 Jun 45, and
(b) all the officers and ORs travelling in the a/m vehicle at
the time received injuries.

The Commanding Officer directs that all evidence will be taken on oath.

PRESIDENT.

Major H.J.Brewis RA

MEMBERS.

Capt. C.G.Hodgart RE

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IN ATTENDANCE.

The witnesses being duly sworn

The Court having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to
hear the evidence.

C O P Y1st Witness.

229766 Major R.G.Fenn R.W.F. stated as follows :-

I am the Inf Training Major attached NEMBO Regt. At 2105 hrs 29 June the 15 cwt truck driven by Pte.Roberti, on charge to the Maltese Liaison Pool, reported to the NEMBO Officers' Mess to carry Lieut GINNIES and myself to the 2 Bn NEMBO at S.CANDIDO. Capt.Guberti, Regt Doctor, of the NEMBO Regt asked to accompany us. Pte.Roberti said that he felt sick and Lieut.GINNIES agreed that GUBERTI should drive the truck, for which he had every qualification and the necessary authority. Sgt Major ROBERTI of the NEMBO Regt asked for a lift to S.CANDIDO, which we agreed to.

When we had travelled about 2 kilometres we came to a blind turn to the left. At the time we were travelling at about 25 to 30 m.p.h. as the driver had just changed up into top gear. The truck appeared to be too far to the left and together with the surface of the road being wet, this caused the truck to hit the kerb. Thereafter the truck ran off the road and overturned in a field. At the time, I was sitting with Pte.Roberti in the back of the truck. I dived off the truck as soon as it left the road and so did ROBERTI. The others were flung out of the truck. I found GUBERTI and Lieut.GINNIES were unconscious. ROBERTI was killed instantly, ROBERTI suffered minor injuries and sustained a broken wrist and minor injuries. 1882

I stopped a cyclist and told him to send a first-aid party from S.CANDIDO and subsequently the casualties were evacuated to the Italian A.D.S. at DOBBIACO

Signed -

(Major R.G.Fenn. 229766)

C O P Y2nd Witness.

254275 Lieut. A.H. Ginnies R.O.M.R. stated as follows :-

I am the Liaison Officer attached to the NEMBO Regt HQ. On 29 June Major PEMM and myself decided to pay a courtesy visit to Lt.Col. IZZO, commanding 2 Bn NEMBO. I ordered my truck driven by Pte. ROBERTI to report to the Officers' Mess at 2100 hrs. Capt. GUBERTI Regt M.C. of the NEMBO Regt and Sgt Major ROBOTTI asked to accompany us, to which I agreed. Pte. ROBERTI had been out all the previous night and I did not consider him fit to drive, I therefore allowed Capt. GUBERTI whom I knew to be a good driver to take over. Pte. ROBERTI accompanied the truck.

A few kilometres on the way to the 2nd Bn the driver left the right-hand side of the road on a corner. He seemed too much to the left and although he tried to straighten the machine, he could not avoid hitting the stone road markers. Three of these were knocked down and after that I do not remember any more until I came to about 10 minutes later and was in a daze until I reached Hospital.

Q. What was the state of the road at the place of the accident?

A. It was rough. I do not think it was wet.

Q. What speed was the truck travelling at the time?

A. About 30 m.p.h. Certainly not more than 35 m.p.h.

Signed - A.H. Ginnies, Lt. R.O.M.R.

254275

C O P Y3rd Witness.

Parachutist ROBERTI Roberto of the MEMBO Regt stated as follows:-

I am the driver of the 15 cwt Chevrolet No. 2.4443418 at present allotted to Lieut. GINNIES. I was ordered to bring the truck round to the Officers' Mess to take Lieut GINNIES out at 2100 hrs. When I arrived, Capt. GUBERTI, the Regt Doctor, said he was going to drive. I was quite agreeable as I had been out the previous night on duty and also felt ill.

About half way to S. CANDIDO, there is a sharp left-hand bend and just before it a break in the road surface where the road has been built up. The truck appeared to hit this bump and swing to the left. It then hit the stone road markers and overturned in a field.

I could see this happen clearly from the back of the truck although I jumped off before it overturned. I cannot estimate the speed of the truck.

Signed - R. Roberti.

1880

COPY4th Witness.

Capt(Medical) GUBERTI Baldo stated as follows :-

I am the Medical Officer of the NEMBO Regt. On 29 June I asked to accompany Lieut.GINNIES and Major FENN on a visit to 2 Bn NEMBO. As the driver was tired,I offered to drive. I have driven British trucks since the Division was equipped with them and have driven for 21 years without a previous accident.

After driving about 2 kilometres, I felt the truck glide to the left side of the road as if sliding on oil or the steering had failed. The road was empty at the time. I remained cool and did not brake for fear of losing control of the truck, but tried to straighten the truck on the road. At this moment the left wheel hit a road marker stone. After that I remember being flung out of the truck and nothing more.

Q. What was the state of the road surface?

A. The road was good and not wet.

Signed - B.Guberti, Capt.

1879

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To: Officer Commanding,
77 Coy CM (TC)

Sir,

I have to report that on Route 13 at map ref GQ.78 on 5 Jul 45 at about 1200 hrs I was on road patrol accompanied by Pte Douglas H, CMF(TC) when a WD vehicle 3-tonner passed us travelling at an excessive speed. I also observed a female civilian passenger seated in the cab between the driver and another soldier.

I followed the vehicle for approx 1 mile at an even distance and at an average speed of 40 mph.

I overtook the vehicle and stopped it, and found it to be a 3 ton Dodge WD No. L4849853 and driven by PARACADUTISTI GIUSEPPE di PIETRO of the 2nd Bn Gruppo Combattente, Folgore Div.

I pointed out to him the speeding offence which he did not deny. When asked if the civilian passenger had the necessary permit allowing her to travel in W.D. transport, the soldier stated he did not know. The civilian was not in possession of a permit so I ordered her to alight from the vehicle.

After checking the above named soldier's particulars with his identity card and other military documents, I allowed him to proceed.

Field
5 Jul 45

W Macnamara Sgt.
77 Coy CMF(TC)

Sir,

I have read over and corroborate the above statement.

1878

Field
5 Jul 45

A. Douglas Pte
77 Coy CMF(TC)

Subject: Discipline

HQ 86 (Army) Area
AFM 115
8 Jul 45

6041

HQ 53 DIU

The attached Military Police Reports are forwarded for your information and necessary action please.

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Pen to p 12

[Signature]

Major
Assistant Provost Marshal

1877

REPORT.

To: The Officer Commanding,
236 Provost Company.

Cpl Michael Morris.
Fogore Whops.
Fogore Division. Bn 146
Trento.

Sir,

I have to report that at home on the 5 July, 1945, at about 135 hours, I was on duty accompanied by S/Cpl M. Kierman, C.S. Police, in Piazza Popolo, where I saw the above named Italian #20 driving a red Dodge 4 ton 80 1-555-27. In the driving cab there were three persons including the driver. I caused the vehicle to stop and ordered one of the passengers to leave the cab. I then observed and verified the drivers particulars, informed him that he would be reported and allowed him to proceed.

Cat.

5 July, 1945.

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P. V. Jones

1/Cpl.

236 Provost Company.

1876

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTStatement By Major H.J. Brewis RA

On July 3 I was travelling as a passenger in a 15 cwt truck on Route 12 between LAVIS (7732) and S. MICHELE (7938). While travelling on a good stretch of road at about 30 m.p.h. I saw two large vehicles approaching us about 300 yds away. One truck was cutting in on the right of the road trying to pass the other. My driver slowed down to enable the passing vehicle to get ahead or to fall back but the vehicle failed to do either. When the distance was about 80 yards, sufficient for the passing vehicle to pull up to avoid a collision, my driver pulled to the right as far as possible and stopped dead. The passing vehicle continued to come on, just avoided hitting my truck head on, but struck it a hard blow, which seriously damaged the body of the truck.

The vehicle then went on without stopping though aware of the collision. My driver got a lift from a passing car and followed it. He eventually found the truck which had caused the accident halted about 7 miles farther on. The driver was inspecting the damage suffered by his vehicle. When he saw my driver he attempted to drive away again, but was forced to turn around and report to me. The vehicle was a German one. I identified it as being the vehicle responsible by several bits of wood from its bodywork left at the scene of the accident.

I took the particulars of the driver of the vehicle and verified his papers. The driver's name is Driver GUSTAV SAUTTER, Field Post No. L15816, Unit - **1875**-BAU22G 5/4, stationed at MORI near TRENTO, and operating under 774 A.R.S.

Having obtained these particulars, I allowed the German vehicle to proceed.

H. J. Brewis
Major, R.A.

FS/tm.

6044

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"

- Ufficio Affari Civili -

N° 60/A.C.di prot.

P.M.146 li 11 luglio 1945

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(rif.foglio AQ/AY - 218 del 6/7)

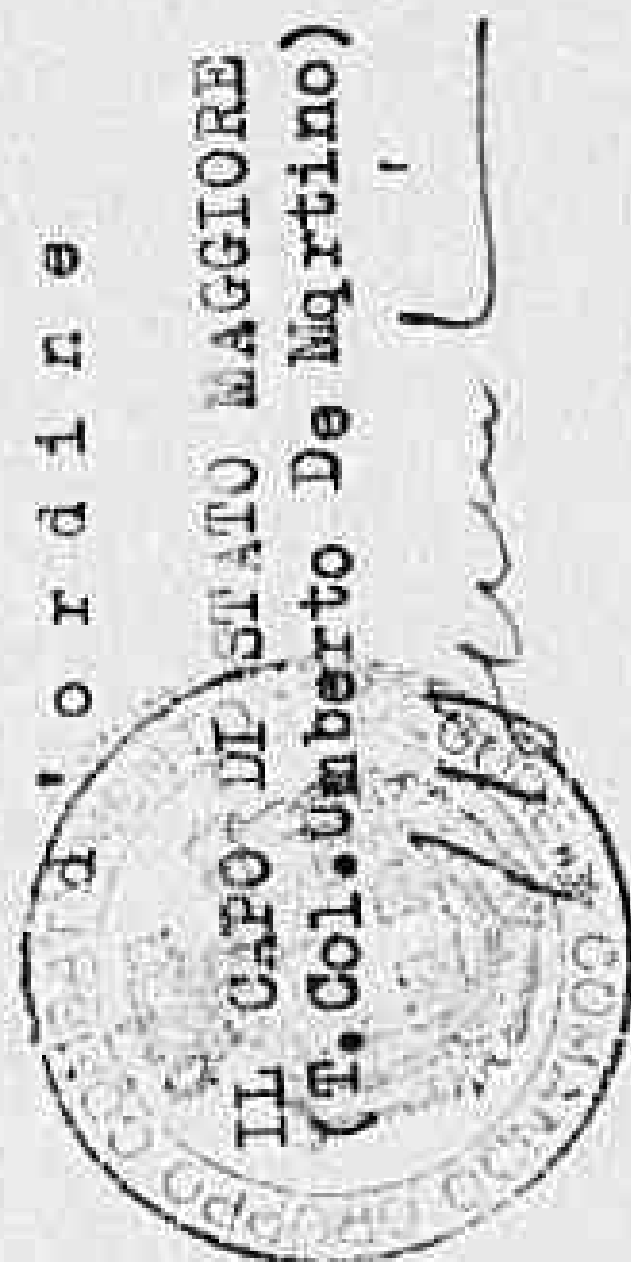
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Questo Comando non è in grado di aderire, in data odierna, alla richiesta di codesto B.L.U., inquanto il Comando Rgt. San Marco, interessato in merito, non ha potuto ultimare le indagini prescritte.-

Alf. 19 Jul. 45

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(T.Col.Umberto De Martino)

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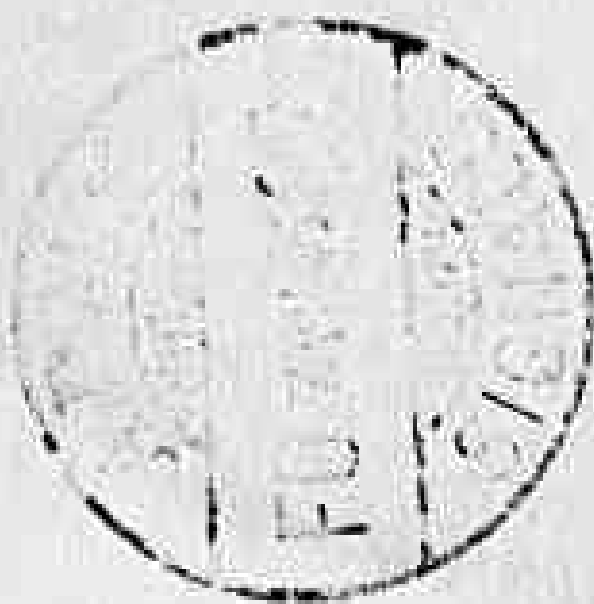
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Do 53 B.L.U.

(Ref. AG/AY-218 of 6/76)

This HQ is not in a position, at the present
 moment, to comply with the request of B.L.U. as Regt.
 San Marco Regt., concerned with the matter, have not
 been able to complete the investigation necessary

REGGIMENTO PARACADUTISTI "NERO"
"Il Cuore di Rincalzo"
comando



N. di prot. 1403/L.V.

P.M. 146 li 5 luglio 1945

Oggetto: Incidente.

AL COMANDO 530 B.L.U.

Pr. Gruppo di Combattimento "Volgore"

P.M. 146



e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "VOLGORE" P.M. 146

(Rif. F. 5347/Pars. in data 31.5.45)

Nel restituire copia del rapporto dell'incidente di traffico avvenuto alle ore 3 del giorno 11 maggio 1945 al bivio delle strade 6 e 7 a Capua, comunico di aver inflitto al paracadutista MAZZANORI-LE Giuseppe, conduttore dell'autocarro tipo Chevrolet 15 CVT -berga-

L. 444107, GE. 15 C.P.R. a GE. 30 C.P.S. colla seguente nota:

zione:

"Conduttore di automezzo militare non si atteneva alle norme relative alla circolazione provocando un incidente stradale che determinava la morte di un quadrupede, danneggiamenti ad un carretto e ferimenti di civili".

1873

AL COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "PCLSCHE"

P.M. 146

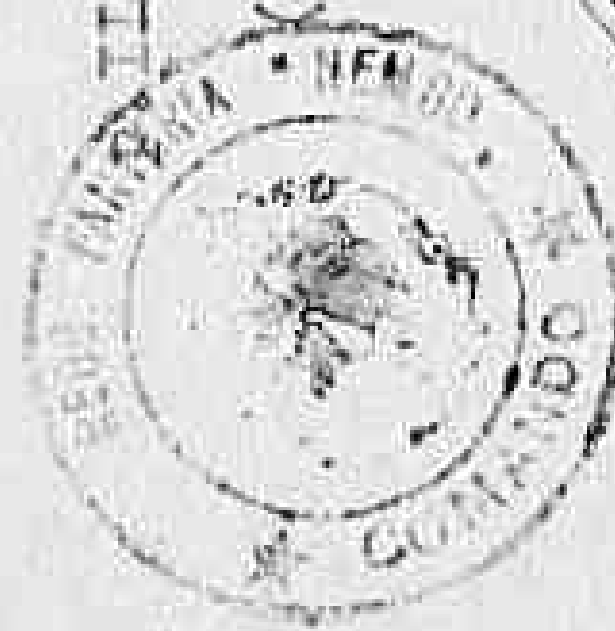
(Rif. F. 5347/Pers. in data 31.5.45)

Nel restituire copia del rapporto dell'incidente di traffico avvenuto alle ore 8 del giorno 12 maggio 1945 al bivio delle strade 6 e 7 a Capua, comunico di aver inflitto al paracadutista MAZZANONI LE Giuseppe, conduttore dell'autocarro tipo Chevrolet 15 CWT - targa

Z.444107, GS. 15 C.P.R. e GS. 30 G.P.S. colla seguente nota **1873**

zione:

"Conduttore di automezzo militare non si atteneva alle norme relative alla circolazione provocando un incidente stradale che determinava la morte di un quadrupede, danneggiamenti ad un carrozzone e ferimenti di civili".



IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE G.P.L.

(Francesco Ronco)

(Ten. Col. Lusena Guido)

[Handwritten signature]

MILITARY POLICE REPORT.

Officer Commanding
103 Coy. GMP (TC).

Sir,

I have to report that on FRIDAY 11th May 1945, at about 0600 hours, I was on duty at the PP CAPUA when an accident was reported at JUNCTION 6 & 7. I proceeded to the scene and saw a 15 cwt CHEVROLET AD NO 2 104407 driven by PARA MATEMANOBILE GIUSEPPE, of the 2nd BN, PARACAINISTI REGT, MEDIO stationed at FALERA had struck a civilian Mule and Cart owned by HERAZZO ALESSANDRO 30 VIA MARTE MARGIANESE.

The mule was lying by the side of the road dead.

The CHEVROLET was lying on its side in the ditch some four yards clear of the road.

I obtained the statement (attached) from SGT BEN IGAYA GIUSEPPE 2nd BN, PARA REGT, MEDIO who was riding in the cab of the CHEVROLET.

It appears that at 0630 hours this CHEVROLET was proceeding in a southerly direction from Route 7 and instead of keeping to the right side of the road at the junction, it cut across, struck the mule and cart which was travelling in a northerly direction on its proper side struck a tree and finally came to rest and overturned in a ditch.

I ascertained that the followed civilians had been riding in the mule and cart at the time of the accident and had been taken to Capua for treatment to minor injuries :-

HERAZZO ALESSANDRO } 30 VIA MARTE, MARGIANESE.
HERAZZO NICOLA }
BERTAGNONE MARIANNA.

1872

I was unable to ascertain where the civilians had been treated. The Mule was removed on a civilian cart by PUCCHIO FRANCESCO, 26 VIA MARZOCCHI, CAPUA, REEL, at MEDANO. were notified and asked to remove the CHEVROLET.

DAMAGE TO CHEVROLET. Steering bent, radiator damaged, canopy badly bent.

INJURIES. SGT BEN IGAYA GIUSEPPE. - Two teeth knocked out, right thigh hurt.

Rough sketch map of scene attached.

Field.
11 May 45.

Signed. 1557555 V.A. FUGGEL. D/Cpl.
103 Coy. GMP. (TC).

REPORT.

To,
The Officer Commanding,
IIS Provost Company.

Sir,

PARACHUTIST CAVE GIOVEVEO.
4 COMPANY, NEMBO REGIMENT.
PIAVE CADORE.

I have to report that at VENICE on the 29th June 1945 at about 1400 hrs I was on duty in PIAZZALE ROMA where I saw a WD 3 Ton Bedford Lorry No. L321639 unattended in a "NO PARKING" Area which is clearly signed to that effect.

I kept this vehicle under observation for about 5 minutes during which time I endeavoured to find the driver but without success. I then removed the plug lead from the vehicle and took it to the Police Information Post in PIAZZALE ROMA leaving instructions on the vehicle for the driver to report there upon his return.

At 1420 Hrs the above named soldier claimed the vehicle. His particulars were obtained and verified from documents in his possession. after which he was allowed to take the vehicle upon receipt.

Field
29th June 1945

1120151 G. Burke. L/CPL.
IIS Provost Company,
C.M. Police.

1871

SECRET

273/20/6/113

TO: THE OFFICER COMMANDING
273 PROVOST COMPANY
G.M. POLICE.

Sir,

I have to report that at FORLI on the 29th June 1945 at about 1955 hrs, I was on Mobile Patrol duty on the RAVENNA-FORLI Road accompanied by Capt. G. WIGGINSON, OC 273 PROVOST COMPANY, where I saw a vehicle travelling at what I considered to be an excessive speed.

I followed the vehicle for a distance of approx. three quarters of a mile, during which time my speedometer registered the following speeds, Max. 50 MPH, Min. 45 MPH. I overtook the vehicle and signalled the driver to stop. I then noticed that he was carrying civilian passengers, six were in the back and three in the front, including the driver, also a baby in arms.

I warned the driver of the offence and asked him if he had authority to carry civilians. He handed me a slip of paper (attached) signed by an officer whose name I could not read, but who belongs to

10th BATTALIA
REGGIMENTO ARTILLERIA "FOLGORI",
V. GRUPPO PARAQUEDUTISTI.

1870

Not being satisfied with this slip, I confiscated it. I asked the driver for his work ticket, this was made out and signed for the 29th June 1945 in the correct manner, but the place named on the work ticket was from FORLI to MANDRIOLE and return. When I stopped the vehicle it was approx. 13 Kilos NORTH of FORLI on Route 67.

I pointed out this offence, and then asked him for his identification card which he produced, and I obtained the following particulars:

VINCENTO MONTIBELLER

including the driver, also a baby in arms.

I warned the driver of the offence and asked him if he had authority to carry civilians. He handed me a slip of paper (attached) signed by an officer whose name I could not read, but who belongs to

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REGGIMENTO ARTILLERIA "FOLGORE",

V. GRUPPO PARACADUTISTI,

1870

Not being satisfied with this slip, I confiscated it. I asked the driver for his work ticket, this was made out and signed for the 29th June 1945 in the correct manner, out the place named on the work ticket was from FORLI to MANDRIOLE and return. When I stopped the vehicle it was approx. 18 Kilos NORTH of FORLI on Route 67.

I pointed out this offence, and then asked him for his identification card which he produced, and I obtained the following particulars:

VINCENZO MONTIBELLER

of the above Unit.

I examined the vehicle for a WD number and after the tail board had been scraped, the number was with difficulty deciphered as 25318995 which coincided with that on the work ticket. This could not be read except by careful examination and no other WD number was displayed.

In addition to the civilian passengers, the truck contained Cattle, Flour in sacks, a 50 Gallon petrol drum, and various household items.

I informed the driver of the offences, and in view of the authority which may be authentic, I allowed him to proceed.

FORLI

29th June 1945.

H. Parkes L/Cpl.,
279 Provost Company.
(H. PARKES).

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P.M. 146, li - 5110 - 45

AL COMANDO DEL QUARTIER GENERALE "FOLGORE" P.M. 146
e per conoscenza

AL 53 B.L.U.
(rif.f.A7 - 211 in data 25 giugno 45)

Parac. TRANZA
" PULEIO
Art: BALLESTRIERO

Ai militari predetti dovrà essere addebitata in parti eguali l'oggetto reso inservibile.

1869

SE COPO DI STATO MAGGIORE,
(TenCol. Umberto De Martino)

21 June

5912

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
 Ufficio Capo di S.M. - 2^a Sez. Personale e Segreteria
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N. 1764/Segr.

P.M. 146, li - 5 MAR 1945

Oggetto: Richiesta "passes".

Subject: Request of passes.

Al Comando 53 BLU

Si trasmette allegata richiesta di rilascio di permesso di viaggio per Trieste, inviata dal dipendente Reggimento Marina "San Marco" per la concessione, ove possibile, del permesso stesso.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
 (Gen. Col. Umberto De Martino)

1868

As the time of writing, the request for a permit for a journey to Trieste, sent by San Marco Regt. asking if possible for the concession of same permit.

Copia

Regia Marina

Reggimento San Marco

P.M. 146, li 30.6.1945

Al Comando G. C. "Folgore"

P.M. 146

Prot. N. 7466

Argomento: Richiesta permessi.

*Esiged: Ragnel 1/permessi*

- 1°- Questo Comando, in seguito al congedamento della classe 1919, deve fare accompagnare a Trieste n°5 militari congedati per i quali è già stato concesso il "pass" della competente A.A.-
- 2° Per quanto sopra si prega chiedere all'M.M.I.A. l'autorizzazione ad inviare per servizio a Trieste, col 15 CWT Ford 5346249, il seguente personale:

1 ufficiale  
autista DE NEGRI Renato.-

IL CAPITANO DI VASCELLO  
Comandante  
(Adriano Foscari)

P. C. C.

Il Capo Sezione Pers. e Segr.

ten. Col. A. Castrati

1867

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1 ufficiale  
autista DE NEGRI Renato,-

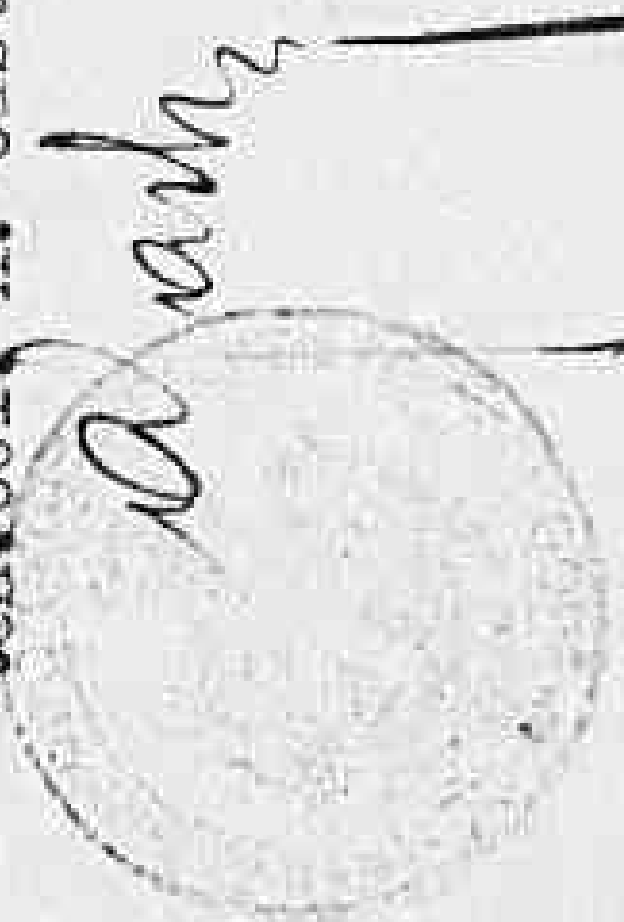
IL CAPITANO DI VASCELLO  
Comandante  
(Adriano Foscari)

P. C. C.

Il Capo Sezione Pers. e Segr.

ten. Col. A. Castrati

1862



1. The HQ further to discharge of 1919 class. mail sent 5 discharged soldiers to Trieste. The soldiers having been given passes by the Allied authority concerned.

2. I request to be about, we beg you to ask N.M.R. for the necessary authority to send to Trieste, on duty, with a 15-horsepower car No. 5346249 the following Personnel:

1 officer,  
Driver DE NEGRI Renato.

BOLZANO PROVINCE  
VENEZIE REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
A. P. O 394.

SUBJECT Folgore Div. S. Marco.

DATE: 3 July 1945.  
WEM/eq.

TO: Commanding Officer 53 B.L.U.

REF: RXII/EZ/118.

Ref. My report to you 27 June 45. File RXII/EZ/118.  
On 27 June I reported a collection of claims in  
summarized form to you of irregular actions taken by  
members of the Folgore Div. in the area West of Merano.

May I have a report on what if any action has been  
taken to investigate the same?

*W. E. McBratney*  
WILLIAM E. McBRATNEY  
Lt. Col.  
Provincial Commissioner.

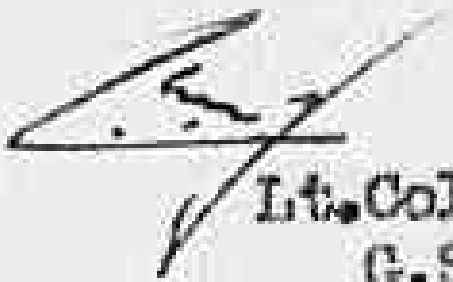
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Subject: War Crimes.

53 E.I.U.  
Ref. A7 - 216  
2 Jul 45

To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLCORE  
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Herewith copy of AFHQ War Crimes Circular No.1 forwarded for  
action.

  
Lt. Col.  
G.S.

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COPYBOLZANO PROVINCE  
VENEZIA REGION

5829

Ref. RXII/DL/118 ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT A.P.O. 394, 27 June 45.  
Subject: POLCOKE Div. S. MARCO Regt  
To :- 53 B.L.U. BRESCIANONE.

I attach hereto the summary of a considerable number of claims which I have received within a short time of actions made by Italian soldiers in the zone of MERANO and VALLES which is for your usual attention.

Signed: W.E. McBratney, Lt.Col. S.R.  
Provincial Commissioner.

C O P YSUMMARY OF CLAIMS AGAINST 'FOLCORE' DIV - 'SAN MARCO' REXT.

1. Signor R.H. Stingel, Line Factory, TEL near MERANO : Complains because a car Lancia Aprilia No. 17298 in his hands and property of the Italian concern RIL taken by force by some Italian soldiers. Car recovered on 14 June 1945.
2. The Sindaco of CASTELBELLO, Signor Pohl : On 5 Jun 45, an Italian soldier stepped into the commune summoning the Sindaco to have all German signs, names of restaurants, streets etc, again written down in Italian. Furthermore, Signor Pohl was forced to sign two vouchers (one each) for the release of tyres of bicycles to two Italian citizens.
3. Signor Josef Prister from CASTELBELLO : Complains because his house having been searched by some Italian soldiers on 5 Jun 45. Nothing wrong.
4. Signor Kind Alois from CASTELBELLO : As above.
5. Signor Jakob Schuler from CASTELBELLO : As per paras 3 and 4.
6. Signor Prantl Josef from CASTELBELLO : Complains his house having been searched three times by Italian soldiers of the 'San Marco' - Two engines, 1 steam, 1 electrical, have been found and removed. Prantl insists these engines are his legal property.
7. Signor Alois Landbacher from CASTELBELLO : His house has been searched by some Italian soldiers. Some food and clothing articles stolen.
8. From Signor Pohl, Commissario Prefettizio at CASTELBELLO : This morning, 6 Jun 45, an Italian officer (rank and forename unknown) called Gilardi, called on me to inform me that house-searching in CASTELBELLO were performed to locate materials ex-German Army and Todt Organization. Private property was not to be touched. A list of rescued materials shall be filled in by Gilardi and the matter of privacy of articles shall be examined case by case. Gilardi repeats the complaints of Alois Landbacher and requested Allied Authorities being informed about our talkings.
9. Miss Theresia Steiner of TARTSCH, reports that on the evening of 12 Jun an unknown person (an Italian soldier) shot at her windows. No casualties.
10. Anton Hellrigl of TARTSCH reports his house having been searched out by an Italian civilian and soldier without producing a written authority.
11. Brunner Josef and Fircher Anna (peasants) from NATURNO: On 4 Jun their house was searched out by about 20 Italian soldiers, while they were working in the fields. Articles stolen : 1 alarm clock, 1 golden bracelet, 1 silver bracelet, other jewelry, 6 pairs of lady's stockings, 5 pieces of soap, 2 flacons perfumes, 3 fountain pens, 1 blanket, 3 man suits, 1 field glass, 2 leather purses, 1400 lire and 10 eggs, all property of their daughters Rosa & Paul.
12. Anna Flora from MALLIES complains for the fact that her husband, Anton Flora, was picked up on 12 Jun 45 and taken to MERANO Prison. House searched and a cut of men clothing and a fur jacket taken.
13. Dr. Wegmann Gottfried of SLUDERNO informs : On 4 Jun 45 at 8 o'clock some Italian soldiers threw a hand-bomb into my garden. On 8 Jun 45 at 11 o'clock some Italian soldiers were lingering around his house. Shooting occurred.
14. Kirchen Karl of SILANDRO reports he has been wounded by a hand-bomb he happened to strike while cutting grass in his meadows. He states that meadows between SILANDRO and CLINGS are full with hand-bombs laid down by Italian soldiers.

1864

TV/e

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOI EORI"  
Ufficio Capo S.M. - 2° Sez. Personale e Seg. Uteris

N° 5984 / Pers.

P.A. 146, 11 22 giugno 1945

OGGETTO: Provvedimento disciplinare.

AL COMANDO QUARTIER GENERALE "FOI EORI"

e, per conoscenza:

IL COMANDO 538 B. L. U.

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Meeministi fatti e circostanze di cui all'unito rapporto sull'incidente automobilistico causato dal paracadutista MILANI Aldo - in servizio presso il 53 B.L.U. - ho adottato a carico dello stesso i seguenti provvedimenti disciplinari:

- GE. 30 di C.P.R. e 30 di C.P.S. per il seguente motivo:

"Impadronitosi di una autovettura del comando - pur essendo inesperto dello guida - la lanciava ad andatura veloce e andava a cozzare contro un albero, danneggiandola".-

- Allontanamento del B.L.U. - previa sostituzione.-

Assicurare.-



IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE S. P. S.  
(Ten. Col. Umberto De Martino) 1863

- Magg. Lezzeri Desay -

quello del 09/60

28 GIU 1945

sull'incidente automobilistico causato dal paracadutista MILANI Aldo - in servizio presso il 53 B.L.U. - ho adottato a carico dello stesso i seguenti provvedimenti disciplinari:

- ES. 30 di C.P.R. e 30 di C.P.S. per il seguente motivo:

"Impedronitosi di una autovettura del comando - pur essendo inesperto della guida - la lanciava ad andatura veloce e endeve a cozzare contro un albero, danneggiandola".-

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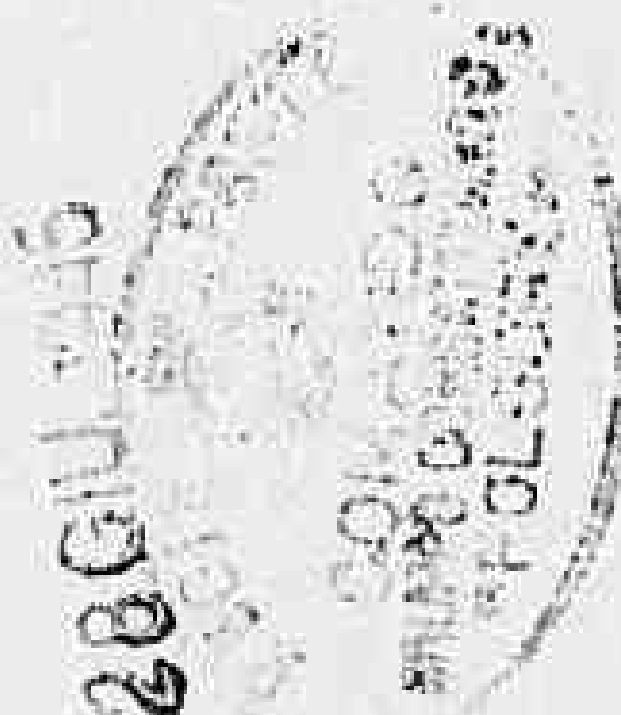
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- Mags. Lazzaro Dessy -

*Dessy*

*Quello del 0960*



SUBJECT:- T. 1c Accident

53 BLU  
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*8th Fwd Bn report by agent letter*  
27-210  
of 25 June 45  
HQ 8. Army Area  
APM 25/6  
20 Jun 45

5766

Ref my APM 25/6 dated 17 Jun 45.

Herewith further particulars in respect of the Italian  
M/Cyclist who was fatally injured:-

Serg. Magg. Ricciotti Leonarde,  
III Gruppe, 6th Battery, Folgore, P.W. 146.

JS

*[Signature]* 1862  
Major  
Assistant Provost Marshal

Subject: Discipline - Carriage of Civilians in WD Vehicles.

H.Q. 53 B.L.U.  
To Folcore Group.

5765  
HQ 214 Sub Area

CAP

10/6

14 Jun 45

The attached Military Police report is forwarded for information and necessary action.

The particulars outlined in the report were obtained at a Police Check Post, specially set up to apprehend/check possible offenders against General Routine Order 345/45, a copy of which is also attached.

*Don't forget to check letter*

Field.  
PLG.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal.

1861

Subject: Discipline - Carriage of Civilians in WD Vehicles.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLCORE

5775  
53 B.L.U.  
Ref. A7 - 213  
27 Jun 45

Herewith Military Police Report, received from DAHM HQ 214. Sub Area  
CMT under ref PRO/6 dated 14 Jun 45, passed to you for information and  
necessary action.

Lt. Col.  
G.S.

1860

PMB/vi

5739

URGENTISSIMO

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLOGONE"

Ufficio del Capo di S.M. - 1° Sez. Op. Inf. Serv.

N° 1888/Serv. di prot.

P.M. 146, 11 24 giugno 1945.-

Oggetto: Consegne posti di blocco.-

AL COMANDO ROT. PARACADUTISTI "VENETO"  
 AL COMANDO ROT. MARINA "SAN MARCO"  
 AL COMANDO ROT. ARTIGLIERIA "FOLOGONE"  
 AL COMANDO ST. MISTO GENIO  
 AL COMANDO COMPAGNIA CC. RR.

N. 40  
 " 40  
 " 40  
 " 20

S. per conoscenza:

AL 51° B. L. U.

ALL' A.M.G. BRIGADONE

AL COMANDO REPARTO TRASPORTI E RIFORMIMENTI

AL COMANDO PLOTON OFFICINA PER RET. TRASPORTI E RIF.

AL COMANDO OFFICINE MECCANICHE

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(direzionazione estesa fino ai comandi di Comp. o bat.)

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AL COMANDO DONAGLIA CC. RR.

per conoscenza;

AL 53° 3.

L. U.

ALL: A.M.G.

MERZANO

AL COMANDO SPARTO TRASPORTI E RIFORNIMENTI

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- 2) - Copia di tali consegne dovrà essere distribuita a tutti i posti di blocco. -

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Col. Umberto De Martino)

P. O. C.

IL CAPO SEZIONE SERVIZI  
(Magg. Francesco Pettili)

*[Handwritten signature]*

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## COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "OLGON"

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CONFERMA DEI POSTI DI BLOCCH

I posti di blocco debbono controllare tutti gli automezzi militari e civili nonché i militari germanici in transito.

Particolare attenzione dovrà essere posta sui seguenti punti:

a) - AUTOMEZZI MILITARI ALLEATI:

Non debbono essere fermati. E' sufficiente accertarsi che siano effettivamente condotti da militari alleati.

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Se di provenienza alleata (già in normale distribuzione al Gruppo) deb-

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- foglio di marcia (ticket)

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Manca del no 4

1858

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Non debbono trasportare civili che non siano muniti di autorizzazione a viaggiare ed automezzi militari rilasciati dal Comandante di Btg. o reparto automezzo o reparto isolato o da ente militare alleato.

c) - AUTOMEZZI GERMANICI

Possuno circolare soltanto i seguenti automezzi:

- automezzi accompagnati da militari alleati;
- colonne di automezzi unitari;
- automezzi isolati muniti dell'apposito permesso di circolazione (Alleg.2);
- automezzi isolati muniti di foglio di viaggio rilasciato da un ufficiale alleato ed in particolare dal Capitano Buddlestone del M.I.S. - (Military Railway Service).

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d) - AUTOMEZZI CIVILI

Debbono essere muniti di:

- permesso di circolazione rilasciato dall' A.M.G. (alleg.3) (1)
- libretto di macchina.

Automezzi trasportanti merci in quantita' notevole debbono essere muniti di foglio di viaggio rilasciato dall' A.M.G. (alleg.4).

Quest'ultimo controllo dovra' essere iniziato in data da stabilire.

e) - MILITARI GRAMINICI ISOLATI

Debbono essere muniti di lasciapassare rilasciato dal Capitano Huddleston del M.P.S. (alleg.5).

f) - CIVILI

Il movimento dei civili e' libero, tranne che per le zone di frontiera, per le quali vengono diramate a parte consegne speciali.

g) - MODALITA' PROCEDURE IN CASO DI INFRAZIONE ALLA NORMA DI CIRCOLAZIONE

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Gli autocarri civili portanti merci non autorizzate saranno fermati ai posti di blocco e saranno chieste istruzioni al piu' vicino rappresentante dell' A.M.C.

Gli automezzi e i militari teleschi sprovisti di lanciagranate saranno arrestati ed accompagnati al piu' vicino reparto americano o corpo di concentramento per prigionieri di guerra. =

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(1) Ne esistono 3 tipi  
- tipo con scritto "TEMPORARY" in rosso dopo la 2' riga (temporaneo)

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= 3 =

- tipo sovramstampato con una grande "P" in verde {temporaneo}
- Tipo attraversato da una fascia diagonale rossa {permanente}

Tutti i tipi sono per ora validi.

In data che verrà comunicato i primi due tipi cesseranno di essere validi, e resterà valido soltanto il terzo, =



- 1857

Subject: Discipline.  
To: DAA&ONG 53 BLU.  
From: Camp Commandant.

Sir,

I wish to prefer charges against the

Following personnel of the Italian Increment.

Charge: Neglect of 180pounder tent, same being destroyed by fire  
at approx. 1800hrs 17th June 45.

Paracadutista Tranza, Paracadutista Puleio, Paracadutista

Ballisterio

Field  
19th June 45

*Wrote out a statement that can be  
used in evidence and get signed  
H. R. Gp*

*185*  
Camp Commandant.  
53 B.L.U.

C O P YSubject : Discipline.

Camp Commandant.

To : DAA & 325 53 REAT  
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Sir,

At approx 1800 hrs on 17 Jun 45 my attention was drawn by Cpl Smith, R Sigs to the fact that a tent (180 lb) occupied by members of the Italian Increment had been almost totally destroyed by fire. On making enquiries, I discovered that a lead from the electricity supply in Clarke Villa had been laid out to the above mentioned tent. Owing to causes not known, a fire started where the electric lead entered the tent. By the time the fire was extinguished, the tent was for all purposes useless.

The personnel concerned did not report the fact to Tenente Buffoni or myself, but immediately erected another tent. They had not been given permission to have an electric light in the tent by myself or Tenente Buffoni.

The names of the occupants of the tent are :

Pura Tranza, Pura Puleio, Arti Balicestrero.

Field

(Signed)

F. James, Lieut,  
Camp Commandant.

1856

Subject : Discipline.

Re : HQ Combat Group POLKRE  
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Camp

5708.1.8.  
Ref. A7 - 211  
25 Jun 45.

1. Herewith copy of report by Camp Commandant this HQ re the destruction of a tent by fire. The tent was being used by personnel of Italian Increment attached this HQ.

2. It is requested that your HQ takes disciplinary action against the personnel listed in the report and inform this HQ of the action taken.

*R*  
Lt. Col.  
G.S.

1855

BOLZANO PROVINCE  
VENEZIE REGION.

21 JUN 1945

## Allied Military Government

A. P. O 394.

TO: 53 B.L.U.

DATE: 21. 6. 1945

SUBJECT: Incidents by italian troops.

REF:

I. Attached are accounts of italian actions against the civilian population.

2. It would be appreciated if these incidents could be investigated and the property mentioned restored to the owners concerned.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Province of Bolzano  
Chief of Staff Office

*Stadler* *Capt. Ra.*  
1853

*DO*

*Col has seen this!  
He does not wish any  
action re the Dr Anton  
Epstein letter. It is  
purely A.M.G.*

*Have not yet started off  
order to the front to be  
imposed*

BOLZANO PROVINCE  
VENEZIE REGION.

FOLGORE

## Allied Military Government

A. P. O 394.

REF: RXII/BZ/250

DATE: 19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Claim - Rottensteiner & Co. Bolzano

TO: FOLGORE DIVISION  
thru 53 B.L.U.

1. There appears before me a claim against the Folgore Division which states as follows:

" We wish to make known the following facts:

1 - On the 13th June 1945 a number of Italian sailors, acting on orders of their Captain L. Nonna, took away a Fiat car, type 1500, number plate BZ 5611. This was without tyres when it was taken from our warehouse - Via Brennero, 4.

2 - Also, on the 11 June 1945 they took away from the same warehouse 3 bicycles owned by Attanasi Giuseppe and two motor-cycles left there by their owners.

3 - These vehicles were all taken without notification and without any documents or receipts for our Company, as we believe we should have in accordance with A.M.G. ruling.

We wish it to be understood that all the above-mentioned vehicles were left in our custody by their respective owners who will hold us financially responsible for there loss "

2. The information contained herein is passed to you for action.

For the PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER.



*F. Willmore* Lieut R.A.  
Lieut. F. WILLMORE; R.A.  
Executive Officer  
Bolzano Province.

Copy to : B.C.  
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1888

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Subject: Military Tribunals - Combat Group FOLGORE

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA) ROME

5677  
53 B.L.U.  
Ref A7 - 207  
23 Jun 45

1. Ref your A234 of 9 Jun 45.
2. Herewith copy of o/n Group letter 5870/Pers of 22 Jun referring to this matter.

Lt. Col.  
G.S.

C O P Y

HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE

Ref: 5870/Pers

P.M. 146 22 Jun 45

Subject: Discipline

To:- Hq 53 B.L.U. (for Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA))

In reply to the request made by your HQ, herewith information concerning Military War Tribunal assigned to this Combat Group.

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2. The Tribunal held a special session passing sentence on two soldiers accused of robbery and assault on two civilians.  
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(a) The appointment of an experienced magistrate as deputy Military Attorney (post at present vacant); 2nd Lt FERRARA Giuseppe to be appointed judicial relator.

(b) The appointment of an assistant recorder.

(c) The permanent appointment to the Military Tribunal of a Carabinieri section with an NCO in charge.

(Signed) ??????????  
for Lt. Col. Umberto De Martino  
Chief of Staff

R E P O R T.

To:--The Officer Commanding.  
230 Provost Company.

Sold Bottego Giomanni.  
'Folgore' Division. PM I46.  
Cortina DiAmpezzo.

Sir,

I have to report that at Rome on the 14 June 45 at about 1025hrs I was on duty in Via Modena accompanied by L/Cpl Gillan, C.M. Police where I saw a WD 3 Ton Dodge No L 5675348 parked unattended and mobile.

I kept observation on the vehicle for 10 minutes and as the driver did not appear drove it to the Central Police Station, in the rear was the following articles, 3 Boxes of Kit, 5(4) Gallon Cans containing Petrol, 1(4) Gallon Can of Oil and an Italian Machine Gun No 9465.

Whilst I was at the above Station I was approached by the above named Italian soldier who stated that he was the driver, I informed him of the offence with the aid of an interpreter, obtained and verified particulars, informed him that he would be reported and allowed him to proceed.

C.M.F.  
15 June 45.

1930511

*L. May*  
230 Provost Company.

L/Cpl

5659  
22 JUN 1945

1847

*49 Pieno Dorsini*

**RISERVATO**

COMANDO DIVISIONE "PICENO"  
C.A.C.F.I.C.  
Ufficio Pers. e Affari vari

5622  
20 JUN 1945

Nr. 03/6070/Ris. di prot. P.M. 92, li 10 giugno 1945

OGGETTO : s. ten. genio cpl. DI LILLO Lorenzo.-

*Subj. Ser. Ric. Di Lillo Lorenzo.*

AL 53<sup>a</sup> B.L.U.

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"  
(ril. f. 1076/segr. data 4/5/1945)

= POSTA MILITARE 146 =

Per gli incidenti verificatisi alla stazione ferroviaria di Chiusi in data 31 marzo 1945, ho punito il s. tenente genio cpl. DI LILLO Lorenzo con gg. 7 di A.S. -

1848

*A.S.*

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
(Ezio vegni)

*Ezio Vegni*

*As the incidents that took place at the Chiusi railway station on 31 Mar 45 I have awarded Ser. Ric. Di Lillo Lorenzo (Engineer) 7 days C.D.*

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  - (b) The appointment of an assistant recorder.
  - (c) The permanent appointment to the Military Tribunal of a Carabinieri section with an NCO in charge.

(Signed) ??????????  
for Lt. Col. Umberto De Martino  
Chief of Staff

R E P O R T.5659  
22 JUN 1945

To:—The Officer Commanding.  
230 Provost Company.

Sold Bottego Giomanni.  
'Folgore' Division. FM I46.  
Cortina DiAmpezzo.

Sir,

I have to report that at Rome on the 14 June 45 at about 1025hrs I was on duty in Via Modena accompanied by L/Cpl Gillan, C.M. Police where I saw a WD 3 Ton Dodge No L 5675348 parked unattended and mobile.

I kept observation on the vehicle for 10 minutes and as the driver did not appear drove it to the Central Police Station, in the rear was the following articles, 3 Boxes of Kit, 5(4) Gallon Cans containing Petrol, 1(4) Gallon Can of Oil and an Italian Machine Gun No 9465.

Whilst I was at the above Station I was approached by the above named Italian soldier who stated that he was the driver, I informed him of the offence with the aid of an interpreter, obtained and verified particulars, informed him that he would be reported and allowed him to proceed.

C.M.F.  
15 June 45.

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*K May*  
230 Provost Company.

L/Cpl

*119 Piceno Division*

**RISERVATO**

COMANDO DIVISIONE "PICENO"  
C.A.C.F.I.C.  
Ufficio Pers. e Affari Vari

5622  
20 JUN 1945

Nr. 03/6070/Ris. di prot. P.M. 92, li 10 giugno 1945

OGGETTO : s. ten. genio cpl. DI LILLO Lorenzo.-

*Subject: Ser. Lillo Lorenzo*

AL 53<sup>a</sup> B.L.U.

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"  
(rii.f. 1076/segr. data 4/5/1945)

= POSTA MILITARE 146 =

Per gli incidenti verificatisi alla stazione ferroviaria di Chiusi in data 31 marzo 1945, ho punito il s. tenente genio cpl. DI LILLO Lorenzo con gg. 7 di A.S. =

1848

A.S.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
(Ezio Vegni)

*Ezio Vegni*

*In the incidents that took place at the Chiusi railway station on 31 Mar 45 I have awarded Ser. Lillo Lorenzo (Engineer) 7 days C.B.*

Subject: Investigation of the Death of Sergeant Razzano Antonio,  
SAN MARCO Regt, Combat Group FULCONE

To: HQ Combat Group FULCONE

53 R.L.U.  
Ref A7-206  
18 Jun 45

5605

1. Herewith copy of the report of investigation of the death of Sjt RAZZANO Antonio, S MARCO Regt, received from HQ 88 U.S. Inf Division, and forwarded to you for information.

Lt. Col.  
G.S.

1846

Subject: DisciplineTo:- Hq Combat Group FOLGORE

53 B.L.U.

Ref A/ - 205

18 Jun 45

5602

1. Herewith copy of HQ DAF letter SIB/30/348/45 of 14 Jun 45.
2. Please confirm that the soldier referred to in the a/m letter can be made available for the court-martial referred to.

/L  
Lt.Col.  
G.S.

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C O P Y  
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From:- D.A.P.M., No. 30 Flight, R.A.F.,  
Police, c/o Rear Headquarters,  
Desert Air Force R.A.F. C.M.F.

Date: 14. 6. 45

Ref:- SIB/30/348/45

To:- Officer Commanding, No. 53 B.L.U.  
attached "Folgoro" Division, C.M.F.

PANICUCCI Ilio, "Nembo" Regiment, 1st Batt. Command Company "Folgoro"  
Division P.M. 146

The above mentioned Italian paratrooper will be required as an essential witness at the Court Martial of seven airmen of No. 232 Wing, R.A.F., C.M.F. to be held in the FORLI area, in the near future.

1845

It is understood that he is at present awaiting trial in the civil prison of RIETI.

The date and final place of the Court Martial will be communicated to you later. In the meantime it is requested that this witness be kept easily available.

(Signed) E.A. Watkin P/O  
D.A.P.M., No. 30 Flight.

Subject: Discipline - ORA

To: Hq Combat Group FOLGORE

53 B.L.U. 5600  
Ref A7 - 204  
18 Jun 45

Soldato MIRELLI GIUSEPPE, San Marco Regt

Herewith Charge Report received from DAFM BOLOGNA City Command, in respect of the a/n soldier, passed to you for information and necessary action.

1843

Lt.Col.  
G.S.

Subject : Discipline

To : HQ Combat Group FOLGORE  
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53 B.L.U.  
Ref. A7 - 203  
17 Jun 45.

5579

1. The attached letter from AMG, Bolzano Province, ref RMIL/BZ/118 of 15 Jun 45 and report from Rottensteiner & Co are forwarded for necessary action.
2. Please inform this HQ of what action has been taken to return the property to Rottensteiner & Co by 21 Jun 45.

1844

Lt. Col.  
G.S.

Traduzione.

Translation

To: City Command, Bolzano

We wish to make known the following facts:

1 - On the 13th of June 1945, a number of Italian sailors, acting on the orders of their Captain, L. Noma, took away a Fiat car, type 1500, number plate BZ 5611. This was without tires, when it was taken from our warehouse, via Brennero 1.4.

2 - Also, on the 11th of June they took away, from the same warehouse, 3 bicycles, owned by Attanasi Giuseppe and two motor-cycles, left there by their owners.

3 - These vehicles, were all taken without notification and without any documents or receipts for our Company, as we believe we should have in accordance with A.M.G. ruling.

We wish it to be understood that all the above mentioned vehicles, were left in our custody by their respective owners, who will hold us financially responsible for these loss.

Rottensteiner & Co  
S.a.s.l.

1842

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

HEADQUARTERS 88TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO #88

5571  
18 JUN 1945

693

16 June 1945

AG 333.5 - (D)

SUBJECT: Investigation of the Death of Sergeant Razzano Antonio,  
Italian Army.

TO : Commanding Officer, 53d British Liaison Unit.

Transmitted herewith one copy of the report of investigation of the death  
of Sergeant RAZZANO Antonio, Italian Army.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*W. J. Zergue*  
W. J. ZERGUE,  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Asst Adj General.

1 Incl: Investigation.

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*Pers copy to [unclear]*  
*R*

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

SUBJECT:- Discipline - ORs.

Office of the D.A.P.M.  
Bologna City Command  
Tel:Vicksburg 170 Ext 31

5670  
18 JUN 1945

PM/61/64  
15 Jun 45

O.C.  
53 B.L.U.

*Penkyp*  
MITELLI GUISEPPE.

The attached charge report in respect  
of the above named soldier is forwarded herewith  
for information and necessary action, please.

Encl  
FS

*Alan Charlton* Capt,  
D.A.P.M.  
Bologna City Command.  
(Alan Charlton).

1840

Subject: Discipline

Hq Combat Group FOLGORE

53 B.L.U.  
Ref A7 - 203  
16 Jun 45

DI GIOIA Giuseppe

Herewith Charge Report in respect of the a/n soldier, received from  
BOLOGNA City Command, forwarded to you for information and necessary action.

*AL*  
Lt. Col.  
G.S.

5560  
1839

SUBJECT:- Discipline - ORs.

Office of the D.A.P.M.  
Bologna City Command  
Tel: Vicksburg 170 Ext 31

2528  
13 JUN 1945

PM/61/50  
11 Jun 45

O.C.  
53 B.L.U.

DI GIOIA Giuseppe.

The attached Charge Report in respect  
of the above named soldier is forwarded  
herewith for information and necessary action,  
please.

Encl  
FS

*Alan Charlton* . Capt,  
D.A.P.M.  
Bologna City Command.  
(Alan Charlton) 1838

*Sept*

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AL 53 B.L.U.

In riferimento al foglio A7 -200 del 3 giugno scorso

..... si accusa ricevuta.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Ten Col Umberto de Martino)

11/11/1945

1836

3511

Date 13/6/1945

Subject: Charge against Sotto-Fenante during ITALO  
 I Gruppo "Polizia" - Performed by Capt. J. N. B. GORDON  
 Transportation Division, Venetian Region, AIG.



To: Major. GORDON,  
 15 June 1945  
 15 June 1945

No above subject, the following is submitted in order that the necessary action may be taken, under Italian Military Law, against offending officer."

- 1) - The Garage Bianchi in under arms control and in the course of my duties as Transportation Officer for Trento Province comes under my supervision.
- 2) - At or about 1940 hrs on the 13/6/1945 I visited the BIANCHI Garage with Capt. VENTURA, Supply Officer, Trento Province. I found that an Italian officer, Sotto-Fenante during ITALO of the I Gruppo "Polizia" had entered the premises and had removed a truck which had been put under repair by me and that he was in the act of removing another truck. Both trucks were of enemy origin and were being put into commission for use in the Trento area for civilian administration, etc.
- 3) - I requested the officer to produce his authority for the removal of the vehicles. He quoted verbal orders of Colonel. GORDON of I Gruppo.
- 4) - I ordered him to unhook the vehicle that was about to be towed away. He disregarded my order and ordered his men to continue.
- 5) - I repeated the order of the truck that was towing the other vehicle. The driver asked the officer whom he should obey - the officer told the driver to disregard me and drive off.
- 6) - I requested the officer to accompany me to the Prefecture and informed him that I intended to have him placed under arrest.

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- 1st) - The Garage Blomfield is under A.I. control and in the course of my duties as transportation officer I visited Province several times under my supervision.
- 2nd) - At or about 1930 hrs on the 13/5/1945 I visited the Blomfield Garage with Capt. V... Supply Officer, Province. I found that an Italian officer, Porto Antonio, was in the garage and had entered the premises and had removed a truck which had been put under repair by me and that he was in the act of removing another truck. Both trucks were of enemy origin and were being put into commission for use in the Truck Pool for civilian administration, etc.
- 3rd) - I requested the officer to produce his authority for the removal of the vehicles. He quoted verbal orders of Colonel. ... of I Gruppe.
- 4th) - I ordered him to immobilize the vehicle that was about to be towed away. He disregarded my order and ordered his men to continue.
- 5th) - I repeated the order of the truck that was towing the other vehicle. The driver asked the officer whom he should obey - the officer told the driver to disregard me and drive off.
- 6th) - I requested the officer to accompany me to the Prefecture and for his assistance. I intended to have him placed under arrest for disobeying my orders. I also asked him to produce his identification card, which he failed to do.
- 7th) - He refused to accompany me to the Prefecture and drove to the Garages of I Gruppe in Trento.
- 8th) - At the Garages I was informed by an Italian Captain that I had no authority of disciplinary over Italian officers and that I should not accept my order of arrest - that, he stated, was the prerogative of the Officer Commanding.
- 9th) - The refusal to obey my orders was made in the presence of a number of Italian soldiers and that I was ...

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TRANSMISSION

H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'  
Chief of Staff Office - 1 Op Inf Serv Sect

1/201/S.M.

7 Jun 45

Subject: Supposed incidents which happened in  
this HQ's area of jurisdiction.

To :- A.M.G. BOLZANO

Info 53 B.L.U.

Ref verbal reports received by the above AMG, I communicate the results of investigations made.

# 1. Incidents in BRESSANONE area.

From investigations made by a senior officer of this HQ and by contacting the Town Major of BRESSANONE, the following facts have been obtained :

(a) An AMG officer on 1 June had noticed in the area of BARBIANO a civilian who was collecting wood and tools from a small dump not being guarded, and formerly belonging to the Todt organisation. The civilian stated that he had received permission from an Italian officer. The AMG officer having contacted the Italian officer (who up till now has not been identified) made him understand that he had no right to give such permission, and the matter ends there.

(b) A priest visited the Provost Marshal of BRESSANONE on the morning of 2 June and reported to him that Italian soldiers had entered dwelling houses and had requisitioned ex-German military stores. On the observation made to him by the PM that the soldiers had right to requisition material of such a kind, the priest denied this fact by stating that they were, according to him, searching only the houses of Italians of Austrian origin and not those of Italians of Italian origin. The PM invited the priest to come again the following Monday and refer the matter to the Italian officer who would be there in his place. The priest did not come again and the PM has not been able to trace him. The been ascertained that no search was made by the Italian Coy of the room at BRESSANONE and the American Lt.Col, CO of the Bn located at BRESSANONE has stated that he neither received nor sent any signals.

Both the a/m Lt.Col. and the Town Major declared they were sorry that there had been made groundless accusations against Italian Military.

# 2. Incidents in VALLES area.

Another senior officer, sent into the VALLES area yesterday, has undertaken thorough enquiries and ascertained that the CACULE Bn Marines had written on a few of the walls "Viva il nostro Comandante", "Viva S.Marco", written 18.34 absolute innocence, and such could not injure the susceptibilities of anyone. Having walked along the roads in the locality, he did not find traces of any other kind of writing. It was not possible to find the Town Major there, as he was not

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In respect of the supposed theft of four cows, the proprietor, when interrogated stated that he was not sure the perpetrators of the theft were military, but that in any case they were individuals clothed in grey-green. It is evident therefore that it does not concern soldiers of the Combat Group, but probably German stray bands or ex-republican soldiers.

Summing up the facts obtained, it can be concluded that the signals received by the above AMG in respect of the supposed incidents were the results of rumours circulated by ill-intentioned persons, and that actually as far as this HQ knows, no guilt can be attached to the Combat Group.

Therefore, in order to avoid useless loss of time and employment of officers of this HQ (that are absorbed on other tasks) for making investigations when fundamental elements are lacking, in future I shall accept only signals correctly detailed and documented which come to me in written form.

I also request the above AMG to signal this HQ giving a list of its representatives in the various localities, so that the necessary contact can be made between the responsible military commanders and the a/m representatives.

Signed - G. Morigi,  
G.O.C.

Subject: Claim.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

53 B.L.U.  
Ref. A7 - 202  
14 Jun 45

5504

Herewith letter, in German, received from AMG BOLZANO Province under ref RXII/BZ/250 dated 11 Jun 45, passed to you for information and necessary action.

1833

Lt.Col.  
E.S.

BOLZANO PROVINCE  
VENEZIE REGION.

*Allied Military Government*

A. P. O 394.

REF: RXII/BZ/250

DATE: 11 Jun 45

SUBJECT: Claim

TO: H.Q. COMBAT GROUP

FOLGORE thru 53 B.L.U.

1. Attached hereto find a claim against a Unit of your Division passed on for whatever action you deem necessary.

For the PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER.



*Willmore. Lieut R.A.*  
Lieut. F. WILLMORE, R.A.  
Executive Officer  
Bolzano Province.

Copy to : File

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1832

Subject: DisciplineTo:- Hq Combat Group FOLGORE

5506  
53 B.L.U.  
Ref A/ - 201  
14 Jun 45

1. Herewith copy of M.M.L.A. letter A 234 of 9 Jun 45.
2. Please submit replies to sub-paras (a), (b) and (c) to para 1 of the a/m letter by 1200 hrs 1/ Jun.

Lt. Col.  
G.S.

C O P YSubject: Military Tribunals - Combat GroupsTo:- GC, 51 BLU, 52 BLU, 53 BLU.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM A.C.  
(M.M.L.A.) R O M E  
A 234  
9 June 45

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|---------------------------|-----------|----|----------|
| Lt FERRILLA, Gioacchino.  | "LEGNANO" | 33 | - 30 May |
| Lt COLANGELO, Paolo )     | "ORMORA"  |    | - 19 May |
| Lt EMMA, Rocco )          |           |    |          |
| Lt CAPRARELLA, Francesco. | "FOLGORE" |    | - 19 May |

1. The Ministry of War has informed this HQ that the above named officers, assigned to the Combat Groups as shown above, left ROME on the dates stated against their names, to take up duty with the Military Tribunals in the respective Groups. Will you please forward information covering the following points:-

- (a) Is the Military Tribunal now working ?
- (b) If so, the number of cases tried and dealt with.
- (c) Whether the dispensation of Military Justice within the Groups is satisfactory; if not, what suggestions you have for improving the situation.

(Signed) S.P. ARCHER, Captain **1831**  
for Major General,  
M.M.L.A.

Subject: Discipline - ORA

To:- HQ Combat Group FOLCORE

55 B.L.U.  
Ref A7 - 201  
15 Jun 45

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1. Herewith report in respect of Group personnel received by this HQ from BOLOGNA <sup>1st</sup> Command.

2. Please arrange collection of the property confiscated and now held at HQ 227 Provost Coy BOLOGNA, and inform this HQ when this will be done.

*R*

Lt. Col.  
G.S.

1830

Subject: Discipline - Age of Consent.

CONFIDENTIAL

British Increment (A Branch)  
Rear HQ Fifth Army,  
E.S.

Long No: Lightning 262  
42.

13 Jun 45.

Rear 6 SA Area Div (6).  
215 Sub Area (10).  
216 Sub Area (9).  
30 BIL.  
32 BIL.  
53 BIL.

Copy to: - Pro.  
Camp.

The attached copies of AFHQ letter G1(2) 4052/45  
dated 10 June 45 are forwarded for information.

INC/arf.

for Col,  
M. & G.S.

1829

REPORT.

To:-- D.A.P.M.

Bologna City Command.  
-----227/D/15/5.

Sir,

I have to report that at BOLOGNA on FRIDAY **8th**. JUNE 1945, at about 2340 hrs, I was on duty, accompanied by L/CPL. G. WOODS, C.M. POLICE, in VIA RISSOLI, where I saw a W.D. BEDFORD 3 TON LORRY NO. L. 4668314 stationary and parked on the pavement outside a BAR.

I entered the BAR and saw two Italian soldiers, whom I now know to be:--

(1) SOLDATO FANTOZZI O  
3 GROUP ARTILLERY  
FULGORE DIVISION.

(2) SOLDATO MANDARANO,  
3 GROUP ARTILLERY,  
FULGORE DIVISION.

They stated that they were in charge of the vehicle and were en route from MANTOVA to ROME and return accompanied by two ITALIAN officers of the same Unit.

They were not in possession of any authority to drive the vehicle and upon being questioned, stated that their officer was in BOLOGNA, but they did not know at which address he was staying.

I then searched the vehicle and found that it contained several civilian boxes, an attache case containing cigarettes, RATIONS, SOAP, DENTIFRICE and ALLIED and ENEMY EQUIPMENT of various kinds. I also found (1) ONE THOMPSON CARBINE (LOADED) NO.509037, (1) ONE SMITH & WESSON .38 PISTOL NO.504741, (1) ONE ITALIAN BAYONET, (2) TWO LOADED THOMPSON MAGAZINES of .45 AMMUNITION and (1) ONE STRETCHER, U.S. ARMY TYPE.

Upon being searched these men were found to be in possession of 8,000 and 7,000 LIRE.

The vehicle was impounded and placed under guard at the BOW STREET CENTRAL POLICE STATION pending a full census of all articles on the vehicle and the above named soldiers were detained pending

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On the morning of the 9th. JUNE 1945, about 0900 hrs, I proceeded to the BOW STREET CENTRAL POLICE STATION, accompanied by AZZOPARDI. E., OFFICIAL INTERPRETER for 227 PROVOST COMPANY, C.M. POLICE and ~~an~~ <sup>8</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> arrival I found S. TEN FERRERIO M, son of ARISTIDE, born in 1921, and at present serving in the ITALIAN ARMY with the 3 GRUPPO REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA, FOLGORE, who on being questioned informed me of the fact that he was in charge of the vehicle with another officer and the two soldiers mentioned above. He then produced the necessary authority and stated that he had TWO civilians also travelling with him in the vehicle. These were checked and found to be in possession of the necessary documents permitting them to travel in W.D. TRANSPORT.

He also stated that he was proceeding to ROME to collect a very large sum of money and that the weapons were on his charge to protect it on the return journey. These were handed over and signed for in the PROPERTY BOOK.

I then ascertained that he had, en route, picked up (6) SIX other ITALIAN SOLDIERS, proceeding on leave to ROME, who had in their possession the articles on the attached list, signed by each and respectively. This property was confiscated and is being held at the HEADQUARTERS of 227 PROVOST COMPANY, C.M. POLICE, awaiting disposal.

All these leave personnel were in possession of their leave

Passes duly/

passes duly stamped and signed by the COLONEL of the respective REGIMENT; also they were carrying IDENTITY CARDS which were checked and found to be correct.

I informed the officer in charge that the matter would be reported and he was then permitted to proceed on his journey.

BOLOGNA.  
9th; JUNE 1945.

SIGNED. 4799868. J.W.G. SULLIVAN. CPL.  
227 PROVOST COMPANY. C.M. POLICE.

LIST OF CONFISCATED PROPERTY.

SERG/ MAGG. DRAGONI FRANCESCO Ju GIUSEPPE, BORN 1898 in service with the ARTILLERY REGIMENT, FULGORE, COMANDO GRUPPO.

4 PAIRS OF SOCKS.  
1 ITALIAN BOMB.

BOLOGNA. 9.6.45. SIGNED. DRAGONI FRANCESCO.

SERG. OTTAVIANI CARLO DI SPERENTORIO, BORN 1914, in service with the REGG. ARTILLERY, FULGORE. 1st. GRUPPO ) REPARTO COMANDO.

1 PAIR SHOES.  
3 BOXES OF DETONATORS.  
1 PACKER OF CIGARETTES.  
7 TINS OF CORNED BEEF.  
1 TIN SALMON.  
2 TINS SARDINES.  
1 SACK OF RICE ( 11 Kg).

BOLOGNA. 9.6.45. SIGNED. OTTAVIANI CARLO.

ART. CASTALDI VINCENZO DI FRANCESCO, BORN 1926, in service with the REGG. ARTILLERY FULGORE. IV GRUPPO, 7 BATTERIA.

2 ITALIAN BOMBS.

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BOLOGNA. 9.6.45. SIGNED. CASTALDI VINCENZO.

CAP. CASTALDI UGO DI FELICE, BORN 1917, in service with the REGG

1 PAIR SHOES.  
3 BOXES OF DETONATORS.  
1 PACKER OF CIGARETTES.  
7 TINS OF CORNED BEEF.  
1 TIN SALMON.  
2 TINS SARDINES.  
1 SACK OF RICE ( 11 Kg).

BOLOGNA. 9.6.45.

SIGNED. OTTAVIANI CARLO.

ART. CASTALDI VINCENZO DI FRANCESCO, BORN 1926, in service with the  
REGG. ARTILLERY FULGORE. IV GRUPPO, 7 BATTERIA.

2 ITALIAN BOMBS.

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BOLOGNA. 9.6.45.

SIGNED. CASTALDI VINCENZO.

CAP. CALATEI UGO DI FELICE, BORN 1917, in service with the REGG  
ARTILLERY, 2 GRUPPO , FULGORE.

830 CIGARETTES.  
5 PACKETS OF SOAP.  
2 TUBES OF TOOTHPASTE.  
12 TUBES OF TOOTHPASTE (GERMAN)

BOLOGNA. 9.6.45.

SIGNED. CALATEI UGU.

ART. ROSSI GIACOMO DI OUARDO, BORN in 1926, in service with the  
REGG. ARTILLERY 7 BTY. IV GRUPPO, FULGORE.

2 BOMBS (I ITALIAN, I BRITISH)  
262 PISTOL BULLETS. 9 MM.  
1 FUSE.

BOLOGNA. 9.6.45.

SIGNED. ROSSI GIACOMO.

Continued;;;;;;;;;;

SERG. MAGG. PARENTI RAFFAELE DI AMEDEO, BORN 1913, in service with  
the REGG. ART. 2 GRUPPO, FULGORE.

192 PISTOL BULLETS 9. MM.  
2 PACKETS OF SOAP.  
1 SACK OF RICE. 24 Kg)  
1 SACK OF MACARONI (10 Kg).  
1 SACK OF COFFEE (6½ Kg).  
5 TINS OF SALMON.

BOLOGNA. 9.6.45.

SIGNED. PARENTI RAFFAELE.

I certify that the above statement is a true and correct  
translation to the best of my ability.

SIGNED. AZZOPARDI EDUARDO.

SUBJECT: Discipline - ORs.

Office of the D.A.P.M.  
Bologna City Command  
Tel: Vicksburg 170 Ext 31

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11 Jun 45

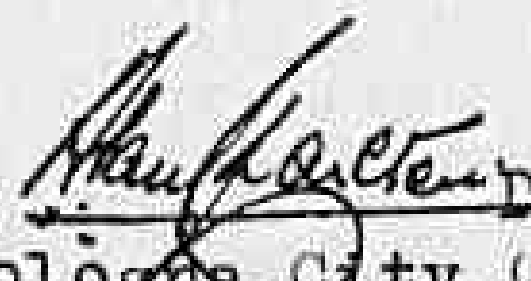
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53 B.L.U.

1. The attached report in respect of personnel of the Folgore Division is forwarded herewith for information and action as considered necessary, please.

2. May disposal instructions be issued in respect of the property concerned.

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 Capt,  
D.A.P.M.  
Bologna City Command.  
(Alan Charlton).

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Canadian TroopsCONFIDENTIAL.

Br. 6 BA Armd Div  
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HQ Fifth Army  
CNP

Phone : LIGHTNING 262

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Copy of AFHQ letter G1(Br)/4331/A-3 dated 9 Jun 45 is forwarded  
for information and necessary action when required.

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Col.  
DA & G2

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Subject: Military Tribunals - Combat Groups.

LAND FORCES SUB COMN A.G.,  
(M.M.I.A.) R OM E

A 234

9 June, '45.

To : CC, 51 BLU, 52 BLU, 53 BLU.

|                           |              |           |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Lt. PERMELLA, Giocchino.  | "LEGNAPO" 33 | - 30 May. |
| Lt. COLANGELO, Paolo.)    | "CREMONA"    | - 19 May. |
| Lt. ENNA, Rocco.          |              |           |
| Lt. CAPRANICA, Francesco. | "POLIGORE"   | - 19 May  |

1. The Ministry of War has informed this HQ that the above named officers, assigned to the Combat Groups as shown above, left ROME on the dates stated against their names, to take up duty with the Military Tribunals in the respective Groups. Will you please forward information covering the following points:-

- (a) Is the Military Tribunal now working?
- (b) If so, the number of cases tried and dealt with?
- (c) Whether the dispensations of Military Justice within the Groups is satisfactory; if not, what suggestions you have for improving the situation.

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*S.P. Archer Capt*

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

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Secret X

Priority XX

No. 9744-

To: (C/S, C-2, C-3, 100 Ord Bn)

Secret -- (From 5 Army action to 53 Inf Division, 53 AB for 603 Polgore Group, 50 AB for 600 Trull Group, 428 M Group and 100 Chemical Bn)

1. Previous instructions regarding 603 Polgore and Trull Group with mission of maintaining civil law and order in respective zone are rescinded. This is a responsibility of AMG. In case of disorder where civil police cannot cope with situation AMG will request military command for assistance. If disturbance breaks out and no AMG or civil police present, senior military commander will quell disturbance using minimum force required.

2. Indiscriminate searching of houses is forbidden. If search is necessary AMG will be contacted and furnish representatives to accompany search party. This does not apply in cases of pursuit where immediate action on spot is required, nor in event of tactical operations.

3. All German vehicle operators in 5th Army area are required to have passes authorizing use of vehicles. Vehicle operators not armed with pass will be arrested and vehicle impounded. Commanding General 84th Division will be responsible for issuance of passes in Polgore zone. Necessary action will be taken by all concerned to prevent unauthorized use of vehicles.

4. US Detachments at Bremen and Dobbinshausen are responsible for clearance of Allied personnel across frontier. Clearances of civilians and guarding of frontier passes remains responsibility of Polgore Group. Previous instructions in conflict are rescinded.

5. Administrative Directive No. 16, Headquarters 5th Army 8 May 1945 fully covers instructions on guarding of dumps and will be strictly enforced. Officers possessing passes signed by the AG, or his representative, this headquarters will be permitted to enter dumps for the purpose of reconnaissance and inspection.

6. Orders terminating responsibility for guarding dumps and installations will issue from this headquarters. Transfer of responsibility between commanders will not be effected without approval this HQ.

7. All commanders will continue to take vigorous action to locate enemy deserters and bring them under military control.

8. AMG will disband all Partisans except 100 volunteers desired by Polgore Group. AMG will coordinate with Polgore Groups in selection of 100 to be retained. 18922

- of passes in Folgore zone. Necessary action will be taken by all concerned to prevent unauthorized use of vehicles.
4. No Detachments at Brumby and Bobbio Passes are responsible for clearance of Allied personnel across frontier. Clearance of civilians and guarding of frontier passes remains responsibility of Folgore Group. Previous instructions in conflict are rescinded.
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  7. All commanders will continue to take vigorous action to locate enemy deserters and bring them under military control.
  8. AGO will disarm all Partisans except 100 volunteers desired by Folgore Groups. AGO will coordinate with Folgore Groups in selection of 100 to be retained. **892** Partisans will be placed under command Folgore Groups.

FROM CG FIVE ARMY

# CERTIFICATE OF EXPULSION

Ref. Nr. 708/45

(To be used only for persons expelled for Security reasons from Eighth Army Area)

Note: (a) This person is NOT allowed to re-enter Eighth Army Area.  
(b) This person must NOT be sent to ~~any other~~ Internee Camp.

1. NAME **O N O F R I** 2. CHRISTIAN NAME **Giancarlo**

3. FATHER'S CHRISTIAN NAME (state "di" or "fu") **di Giuseppe**

4. ADDRESS (from which expelled):

(a) Street and number

(b) Town

(c) Province

**GRANAROLO**

**BOLOGNA**

5. METHOD BY WHICH EXPULSION IS BEING EFFECTED (if placed in P. W. Cage, Refugee Camp or other Military Evacuation Centre state clearly the designation of such Cage, Camp or Centre).

To P.W. Cage 3-rd Carpath Div.

6. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ULTIMATE DISPOSAL OR DESTINATION.

Note:- The F.S.S. authorising expulsion is responsible for explaining to the expelled person (before expulsion takes place) the prohibition of re-entry into forward Military Areas.

**E X P L A I N E D.**

**To be sent to Base P.W.Cage and handing over to the Italian Military Authorities. (Batalione Grado Rgt. San Marco Div. Folgore near BENEVENTO)**

**Wysłać do Base P.W.Cage i oddać w ręce włoskich władz wojskowych.**

7. REASON FOR EXPULSION:

**Accordance with Security Instr. Nr. 78 M. 321/1 I (b) Appendix "A" Art. 5 (1)**

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8. F.S. SECTION AUTHORISING EXPULSION **3-rd Carpath. Div. F.S.S.**

2 May 1945

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7. REASON FOR EXPULSION:

Accordance with Security Instr.Nr.78 M.321/1 I (b) Appendix "A" Art. 5 (i)

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8. F.S. SECTION AUTHORISING EXPULSION 3-rd Carpath. Div. F.S.S.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE OF EXPULSION 2 May 1945

10. SIGNATURE OF F.S.O. *Grzelachowski*  
GRZELACHOWSKI Cpt.

11. DATE OF SIGNATURE 2 May 1945

12. OFFICIAL F.S.S. STAMP.



13. DISTRIBUTION:

- (a) G.S.I.(b), Army ~~XXXXXX~~ one copy.
- (b) G.S.I.(b), Corps (one copy).
- (c) Local C.A.O. (one copy).
- (d) If an expelled person is sent through organised military evacuation channels, ONE COPY will be sent together with the person to the appropriate authorities of the Cage, Camp or other Evacuation Centre in which the person is first placed. This copy, in the case of P.W. channels, should accompany the expelled person by means of the escort to Base P.W. Cage where release or ultimate disposal is effected.

Note: The addressee of each particular copy will be clearly indicated by an arrow on the above distribution list.

S E C R E T 5356

SUBJECT:- Italian Military Personnel - Expulsions. 8 JUN 194553 B.L.U.  
HQ 228 Div.  
-----Liaison Officer,  
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,  
(M.M.I.A.),  
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.MEM/104  
4 June 45  
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Herewith, for any action you may consider necessary,  
proforma in respect of the u/m Italian Military personnel  
expelled from Eighth Army area for infringement of  
regulations.

Sold. ONOFRI, Giancarlo. - 53 B.L.U. FOLGORE I.C.C.  
Sold. DI BELLA, Alfio. - 228 Div.

B. G. A. W. T. H. S.

Major,  
MEMIA LO, Rear Eighth Army.  
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8 JUN 1945

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Sgt  
Pass to file

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~53 A.L.B.  
Ref 607 - 3  
6 Jun 45Subject: Carrying of ArmsTo:- Hq Combat Group FULDACopy: City Command, BOLZANO  
A.M.G., BOLZANO,  
A/C

1. It is considered undesirable that troops should carry arms of any kind while they are off-duty or "walking-out" in their own immediate areas (villages, towns). One main consideration is that troops off-duty (e.g. guards, police patrols) should, by carrying arms, be easily distinguishable from those off-duty, and that they should bear this added authority over those who do not carry arms.
2. On the other hand, it is essential in present conditions that troops moving about in the Group area should be adequately protected against hostile eventualities. It is suggested therefore, that in cases where troops, off-duty or on pass, may be moving any appreciable distance by road, at least 1 in every 5 should carry a weapon. In ALL cases the driver of every vehicle should have a weapon readily at hand.

3. It is requested that orders on the lines of the above should be issued forthwith, copy to this Hq.

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Lt. Col.  
G.S.

SUBJECT:- FRACUCCI ElverioRESTRICTED703/4/232/GSI31 May 455291  
5 JUN 1945GSI (b) Eighth Army  
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1. Herewith copy of 53 HLU letter ref A7 - 95 dated 27 May 45 (handed over by 'A' Branch to GSI at this Hq) in respect of FRACUCCI, Elverio (5 Coy 2 Bn NEMBO Regt POLCORE Gruppo) who is stated to have been arrested by FSS near FORLI on 22 Apr 45.

2. Please inform this Hq if the above named Italian soldier was the subject of FS action and, if so, what disposal was made.

C.M.F.  
CFH/MJB*C. Fletcher*  
Major,  
GSO 2 (I),  
No 1 District.

Copy to :- 53 HLU  
'A' Branch (your file ID/11/21/A refers).

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