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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
Quartiere Generale
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30/5/93 30 MAG 1945

Nº 1840/4/3/QG. di prot. P.M.146, lì 28 maggio 1945.-

OGGETTO: Cap.Magg. MASTINI Remo.-

AL COMANDO DEL 53º B. L. U.
(Rif.f.nºA7-85 del 13 c.m.)

S E D E 4223

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Si comunica che il Capo di Stato Maggiore ha punito il militare in oggetto, per i motivi di cui al foglio a riferimento, con gg.15 di C.P.R. e gg. 15 di C.P.S.-

IL COMANDANTE DEL QUARTIERE GENERALE
(Maggiore Moro Aurelio)

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53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 100
30 May 45

Subject: Unauthorised use of MD Vehicle.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLGORE

1. Herewith copy of a report submitted by Lt.Mizzi regarding his driver Marine FRAIZONI E., using one of the BLU vehicles without proper authority.

2. Please inform this HQ that disciplinary action has been taken against FRAIZONI. It is intended to publish the details of this case and of the punishment given in BLU orders to serve as a deterrent for the recurrance of similar breaches of discipline.

Lt.Col.
C.S.

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Statement by Lt. J.A.Mizzi, KOMI

On 23 May 45 at approx 1600 hrs I looked for my Ford 15 cwt Truck WD No. 2.53/954 and I could not find it in the Car Park. I enquired about my truck from 2/Lt Buffoni who told me that my driver must probably have taken my truck for a wash at the river.

I instructed 2/Lt Buffoni to give me the driver's exact address if he did not return by 1900 hrs.

It is now 1730 hrs 24 May 45 and the driver, with the truck, has not yet returned.

My driver's nuber and name is :-

11.3861 Marinaio FRANZONI E., and he belongs to GRADO Bn of the SAN MARCO Regt.

SAN MARCO Regt could not furnish 2/Lt Buffoni with his exact home address. I understand that his home is in MESSINA and there is a probability that he has gone there.

24 May 45

J.A.Mizzi, Lieut.
L.O. 55 B.L.U.

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Subject: Statement.

DAAQMG

On 23 May 45 at approx 1600 hours I looked for my Ford 15 cwt Truck No Z 5344544 and I could not find it in the Car Park. I enquired about my truck from 2 Lieut Buffoni who told me that my driver must probably have taken my truck for a wash at the river. I instructed 2 Lieut Buffoni to give me the driver's exact address if he will not return by 1900 hours. It is now 1730 hours 24 May 45 and the driver with the truck, has not as yet returned. My driver's number and name is: 143861 Marinaio FRANZONI E and he belongs to GRADO Bn of the San Marco Regt. San Marco Regt could not furnish 2 Lieut

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and that it is a probability that
he has gone there.

24 May 45

J. A. Mizzi Lieut
L.O. 53 B.L.O.

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5191

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 98
30 May 45

Subject: Discipline.

To :- H.Q. Combt Group FOLGORE

Herewith Military Police Report received from MELA LO Rear 8 Army under Ref. MP/104. dated 25 May 45 passed to you for information and necessary action.

4217

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Subject: Discipline.

53 D.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 99
30 May 45

5189

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLCORE

Herewith Military Police Reports received from APM 217 Area under Refs. Pro F/1 dated 24 May 45 and Pro C/3 dated 24 May 45 passed to you for information and necessary action.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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5190

Subject: Traffic Accident Report.

53 D.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 97
28 May 45

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

Herewith traffic accident report and statements received from DAFM, Bologna City Allied Command under ref BM/25/19 dated 24 May 45, passed to you for information and necessary action.

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Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Subject:- Discipline - Vehicles.

Pro C/3

TO:- HQ. 53 ELU.

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

Capt,
Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal.
for Major,
Assistant Provost Marshal.
217 Area.

CMF.
24 May 45.
WHM.

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Pro C/3

Subject:- Discipline - Vehicles.

5162
20 MAY 1945

TO:- HQ. 53 BLU.

1. The attached offence report is forwarded for your information and action as you may deem necessary.

Capt,
Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal.
for Major,
Assistant Provost Marshal.
217 Area.

CMF.
24 May 45.
WHM.

Copy to:- "A" Branch. 217 Area.

4215

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Subject:- Fatal Accident, Firenze. 20 May 45. Pro F/1.

TO:- D. A. D. C. Claims & Enrings (69).

5161
28 MAY 1945

1. Enclosed copy Military Police report is forwarded for your information.

Encl.
2 Eng 43.
1 MP.

Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal.
for Major,
Assistant Provost Marshal 217 Area.

Copy to:- HQ. 53 MG.
HQ. 3rd Carpathian Div.
HQ. 2 Polish Corps.

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SUBJECT:- Traffic Discipline

Medical officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC,
(L.F.S.A.C.),
c/o Rear H.Q., Eighth Army.

MM/104
25 May 45

33 BLU.

Breda Vittorio - 1 Bn Nembo Regt

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The attached Military Police report in respect of the s/m is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

-- 4212

Major,
MPIA 10, Rear Eighth Army.

28 MAY 1945

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Confidential

28 MAY 1945 5153

SUBJECT: Discipline - Officers.
Capt. E.L.MAGEE (165092)
Capt. H.L.HORRIS (251524)
Capt.C.G.HODGART (76875)

From: H.Q. EIGHTH Army, C.M.P.
Tel. Ext.210.

Ref: A.16927/G.A

24 May 45

To: "A" Main H.Q. 13 Corps.
H.Q. 53 BDE.

The attached copy reports concerning the above named officers are forwarded for information and such action as is considered necessary.

4210

S/L
Ref- BF on arrival at new area, under 13th
A Hqrs on transfer.

for Brigadier,
D.A. & Q.M.G.
EIGHTH Army.

Field.
23/5/45.

OFFICIAL/

SUBJECT: Discipline Officers.

FM/11
12 May 45

HQ
FLORENCE Command.

I have to report that about 1550 hrs on Saturday 12th May 1945 I accompanied Capt. W.J.LOCKE - D.A.P.M. Florence Command to the Italian Theatre NICCOLINI in Via RICASOLI.

Capt. LOCKE contacted the manager.

We went to the 2nd floor of the theatre where I saw a door leading into a box at the end of the aisle and on the right hand side overlooking the stage.

The door was locked and the top portion had been damaged and the wooden panel knocked out leaving a gap large enough for a sizeable man to climb through. 4209

Inside the box were three Officers whom I knew now to be

Capt. Edward MAGGEE (Personal number 165092) of REME, Indian Army, Identity Card No.11766.

Capt. Norman Leonard MORRIS (Personal number 251524 of Manchester Rgt. (G.3 20 Ind Inf Bde) Identity card No 85055

Capt. C.G.HODGART RE (Personal No.78875) of 53 BDE CMP.

Capt. LOCKE requested that the door be unlocked and on entering asked the three officers to accompany him to his office which they did. The a/m Officers had been drinking but were not drunk.

At 1615 hrs, I proceeded to the NICCOLINI Theatre accompanied by CARNIGHANI ROBERTO, an Official Military Police Interpreter who took statements from the manager CINI FORTUNATO and the usher ROSSI ADAMO in my presence.

Both of these statements are attached to this report.

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(sgd) W. BROOKE Lieut.
S/Lieut. Provost

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CFFY/

ROSSI ADAMO of the late Fortunato, aged 64, living in Via Faentina 27 J. ushier at Theatre Niccolini - Via Ricasoli 3

states:

On the 12/5/45 at about 1530 hrs. as usual I went to inspect the boxes on the 2nd floor and I found everything in order.

On this occasion I noticed that the door of Box No. 21 was shut.

A few minutes later I came to inspect them again and saw that the door of Box 21 was broken. Approaching it I saw that some English Officers were seated in the Box. I asked them if they had broken it and one of them replied that they had found it like that.

I was not satisfied and informed the manager of the matter.

Soon after a Captain of the Allied Police who was wearing an arm band with "PM" on it arrived and asked me to open the door of Box 21 for him, which I did.

I did not interest myself further on the matter as the theatre manager was informed and he was with the Police.

signed Rossi Adamo

I declare that the above statement is true and correct.

signed Rossi Adamo

I declare that the above translation was made by me to the best of my ability.

signed ? ? ? ?
Interpreter.

CKBY/

Statement by:- GINI Fortunato of Bago, aged 55 manager of the Niccolini Theatre, Via Ricasoli 3 Florence, who states:

[illegible] informed by the usher on

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band with "FB" on it arrived and asked me to open the door of Box 21 for him, which I did.

I did not interest myself further on the matter as the theatre manager was informed and he was with the Police.

signed Rossi Adamo

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signed ? ? ? ?
Interpreter.

COPY/

Statement by:- GINI Fortunato of Lugo, aged 35 manager of the Niccolini Theatre, Via Ricasoli 3 Florence, who states:

"On the 12/5/45 at 1545 hrs I was informed by the usher on duty that the door of Box No 21, second floor, reserved for the authorities, had been broken and three English Officers were seated in the Box.

The door had been checked 10 minutes previously by the same Usher had he found it to be in order. I thought therefore that the three Officers had broken it and informed the Allied Police thinking it better not to interfere personally.

signed GINI

The above statement has been read over to me and it is the truth

signed GINI

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COPY/

SUBJECT: Discipline - Officers. PM/11
12 May 45.

HQ
FLORENCE Command.

I have to report that at 1550 hours on Saturday 12th May '45 in consequence of a telephone message received at my office, Allied Military Police Headquarters, No. 9 Via Valfonda, together with Lieut. BROCKE, Staff Lieut Provost, I proceeded to the Italian Theatre NICCOLINI, Via NICASOLI, where I contacted the manager. 4207

In consequence of what I was told I went to the second floor of the theatre where I saw a door 6' 6" x 3' 6" leading into a box at the end of the aisle and overlooking the stage. The top portion of this door had been damaged by the wooden panel being knocked out leaving a sufficient gap to enable a sizeable man to enter. The door itself was locked. Inside the box were three officers whom I now knew to be:

Capt. Edward William MAGEE (Personal number 165092) of RGR Indian Army, Identity Card No. 11766.

Capt. Norman Leonard MORRIS (Personal number 251524) of Manchester Regt. (G3 20 Ind Inf Bde) Identity Card No. 85055.

Capt. C.G. MORGART. (Personal number 70875) of 53 BLU CRP

I requested that the door be unlocked which was done by the manager, by means of a key inserted into the lock from the outside.

On entering the box I requested the officers to accompany me to my office, which they did.

Whilst at my office I obtained their particulars and cautioned the officers, none of whom elected to make a written statement. During conversation, they gave me to understand that they were willing to reimburse the proprietor of the theatre for any damage they had caused. I told the officers that they would be reported for conduct unbecoming of officers and gentlemen, further with causing damage to the theatre box door. I then instructed them to return to the Savoia Hotel where they

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Capt. C.G.HOWARD. (Personal number 70875) of 53 RLU CMF

I requested that the door be unlocked which was done by the manager, by means of a key inserted into the lock from the outside.

On entering the box I requested the officers to accompany me to my office, which they did.

Whilst at my office I obtained their particulars and cautioned the officers, none of whom elected to make a written statement. During conversation, they gave me to understand that they were willing to reimburse the proprietor of the theatre for any damage they had caused. I told the officers that they would be reported for conduct unbecoming of officers and gentlemen, further with causing damage to the theatre box door. I then instructed them to return to the Savoia Hotel where they are staying on leave, which they did.

All three officers had been drinking, but were not drunk.

(sgd) ? LOCKE, Capt.
DAPM FLORENCE COMMAND.

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SUBJECT:- Traffic Accident Report.

27 MAY 1945

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

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27 MAY 1945

PM/23/19
24 May 45

OC, 38 Rly Constr Coy, SAEC.
OC, 53 B.L.U.
Claims and Firings, Bologna.

4205

The attached traffic accident report in respect of an accident involving personnel of the 38 Ryl Constr Coy, SAEC and the 2nd Artillery Coy, Folgore Division is forwarded for information and necessary action, please.

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

Encl
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Subject: Arrested Personnel

To:- 7th 1 District

HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

53 A.L.U.
Ref A7 - 95
27 May 45

5132

Fracacci Alverio - 5 Coy 2 Bn REGGIO Regt
Combat Group FOLGORE

1. This HQ has been informed that the e/m soldier was arrested by FSS CESANO at BIEGANO (FORLI) on 22 Apr last.

2. It is stated that at the time of his arrest he was on 24 hour pass to visit his family at BIEGANO. 4205

3. It is requested that this matter be investigated and this HQ informed of the result. If possible it is requested that his immediate release and return to his unit be effected.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No.

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Ref. 5172/Pers. P.M. 16 May. 25/45.

5128
27 MAY 1945

Subject: Road accident.

To: M/9 53 B.C.V.

For your information and necessary action. 4203

we forward a copy of ref 61/24 of 22 nd. May/45 of Carabiniere by belonging to this Group, reporting a accident that happened in the locality of GAZZO di BIGARELLO (Mantova) on 21 May.

Further precise details to follow.

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Subject: Discipline.

53 B.I.U.
Ref. A7 - 94
26 May 45

To: - H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

Herewith CIP reports received from 509 Provost Coy. CIP, passed to you for information and necessary action.

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Lt.Col.
G.S.

4202

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Ref. 5226/Pers. PM 6 May 26/45.

27 MAY 5/1 1945 24

Subject: Infringement of Regulations.

For your information we signal that the Prime N.C.O. TBR1 alfredo has been awarded 5 days P.S. (C.B.) considering extenuating circumstances found to be in his favour.

(M) Sgt. [illegible] to be returned to unit attached

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Copy.

Folgore Combat Group,
Carabiniere Coy.

Ref 61/24 di prot. P.M. 146 May 22/45.

Subject: Road accident in the vicinity of
GAZZO di BIGARELLO (MANTOVA)

4.00

To: H.Q. Folgore Combat Group.

At about 1520 hrs. on May 21st. a lorry proceeding in convoy along the main road (Padana inferiore No. 10) arriving at the top of GAZZA di BIGARELLO at a speed of about 25 m.p.h. suddenly left the road first crashing into a traffic pillar on the right side of the road and then into a wall of a house situated near the edge of the left side of the road. The vehicle, Dodge 3 ton W.D. No. 4 5652343, was driven by a Palestinian.

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The following soldiers were injured by the accident:-
Bettio Danilo, Secciolli Dante, Fatti Antonio,
Corra Salvatore, Raimondi Santo, Gazzellone Giuseppe.
all belonging to the 2 Bn. Nembo Regt 5th Coy.

The soldiers above received various contusions

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and fractures in various parts of the body. After receiving first aid they were taken to Mantova hospital in vehicles belonging to the same unit.

On the same lorry there were travelling Sergeant Lonsadori Guglielmo and Parachutists Casula Pietro and Tartarotti Ermes, ~~tutti~~ all belonging to the 4/m bn. of the 5th. Reg. 4199

The former who sat on the hood of the lorry near to the driver, asserted having seen the driver lean out of the window and catch hold of the upper part of the cabin with both hands about a hundred metres from where the accident took place. The second who was in the cabin itself declared he saw nothing as at that time he was observing the countryside. The third man stated that during the journey he had noticed that many times the vehicle was ~~not attended~~ not attended properly under control. All three military stated that the vehicle was proceeding at about 25 m.p.h.

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countryside. The third man stated that during the
journey he had noticed that many times the vehicle
was ~~swerved~~ not under proper control. All these military stated that
the vehicle was proceeding at about 25 m.p.h.

The radiator of the vehicle was broken, [redacted]
the bumper and left front mudguard bent also
the right cabin door was smashed.

A bicycle belonging to Signor CIORLA Fiorarante
(di Eugenio & di Specchi Annunziata, born at Velletri 21/8/1914,
resident at Legnano, railway worker) was involved in the
~~old~~ crash. The bicycle was completely smashed and
the owner claims damage as being ~~as~~ about 10,000 l

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None of the Ch. ? was responsible for the accident.

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H.Q. Folgore Combat Group
Chief of Staff Office - 2nd. Personnel
→ Secretariat Sect.

5096
20 MAY 1945

Ref. 1279/Segr. DM 146 May 21/45.

Subject: Volunteer TRACUCCI ELVERIO

To: 73 B.L.V. 4197

We forward a copy of a signal sent us by Nembo Regt. in regard to the arrest of the Soldier above (belonging to 5th Nembo Regt Bty.) that occurred on 22 april/45. The soldier was arrested by the F.S.S. (CESANO) at Diegaro (Forlì).

We request B.L.V. to ascertain from the authorities concerned the reason for such an arrest and to obtain the immediate release of this man when the information received by the Regt H.Q. has been verified

Ex with "L" H.Q. 1 Dist. (FSS dept.) for information on the case

Copy

Vemb. Parachute Regt

Headquarters

Ref. 6921/ord. PM 146 May 13/45.

Subject: Volunteer FRACUCCI Elvezio. 4196

To: H.Q. Folgore Combat Group

2nd Personnel v Secretariat Sect.

For necessary action by the above H.Q. I communicate the following:-

- on 22nd/4 there was given to the #/m Soldier a 24 hr. pass for him to visit his family at Diegaro (Forlì)

- the said soldier has not yet reted to his unit.

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2nd Personnel v Secretariat Sect.

For necessary action by the above H.Q. I communicate the following:-

- on 4/5/22 nd/45 there was given to the H/m soldier a 24 hr. pass for him to visit his family at Diegaro (Forlì)
- the said soldier has not yet reted to his unit.
- This H.Q. has officially stated that ~~that~~ this soldier should have been arrested and put in a concentration camp
- a carabiniere of the Regtl. Sect. was sent to the place and he wrote the report of which a copy is attached.

I also state that the soldier concerned belongs to the 5 boy of the 2nd Bn. together with one of his brother; he has been on the Regt.

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N'embo' Regt.
Carabiniere Section.

Ref. 2.12 di prot. P.M. 146 May 11/45.

Subject: Parachutist PRACUCCI Elverio

To: HQ N'embo' Regt.

From investigations, made by the undersigned about the arrest by the Allied F.S.S of the parachutist above, the following facts have been ascertained.

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"About 15 days ago PRACUCCI obtained a pass from his HQ in order to go to DIEGARO (Forlì) to see his family.

It was not possible to find out for what reasons PRACUCCI had been arrested as the F.S.S. at present are at PADOVA. His sister Rina stated that the leaders of the Italian liberation committee had him arrested accusing him of taking part in the 'blackshirt brigade' (brigata nera), which does not appear to

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It is also revealed that Rina has been ill treated by the communists because of her brother.

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Subject : Di[illegible]ipbine.

To : 53 British Liaison Unit.

[illegible]iaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub-Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
c/o 1 District.
Ref. LO/G11.
21 May 45.

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25-MAY-1945

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The attached A.F. B-252 is forwarded for disposal.

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Major,
MMIA LO 1 District.

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25 MAY 1945

Pro C/3

Subject:- Discipline - Vehicles.

TO:- HQ. 53 BLU.

1. The attached Military Police report is forwarded for your inf and action as may be necessary.

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Declassified

Capt,
Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal.
for Major,
Assistant Provost Marshal.
217 Area.

CMF.
21 May 45.
WHM.

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Subject:- Discipline - Vehicles.

Pro. C/3 5071
25 MAY 1945

TO:- HQ 53 BLU

The attached copy of Military Police Report is forwarded for information and necessary action.

4189
Capt,
Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal,
for Major,
Assistant Provost Marshal.
217 Area.

CMF
22 May 45
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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Subject:- Discipline - Speeding.

Pro. C/3

TO:- HQ 53 BLU

The attached copy of Military Police Report is forwarded for information and necessary action.

25 MAY 1945

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B. Halliford
Capt,
Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal,
for Major,
Assistant Provost Marshal.
217 Area.

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CMF
22 May 45
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Copy to:- "A" 217 Area.

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Ref: 5122/Pers. P.M. 1-46 May 24/45

5123
27 MAY 1945

Subject: Disciplinary Action.

To: HQ 53 B.L.U. (Ref. A7-83 of May 11/45)

For your information we signal that the marine, BIANCO Ezio, of Grado Pos. responsible for the infringement of regulations as stated in above Ref. No. has been awarded the maximum punishment (detention)

4187

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Subject: Discipline - O.R.'s

53 D.L.U.
Ref A7 - 93
25 May 45

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To:- Hq Combat Group FOLGORE

Herewith 211 Sub Area letter ref 53 dated 19 May 45, passed to you for necessary action.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Rif. 4430/Pers. O

P.O 146. May 20/45.

5091

Subject: Disturbance at BORGO SAN LORENZO caused by Italian military.

4 MAY 1945

To: HQ 5 3 B. L. U.

(Rif. A 7-64 of 4/4/45)

For your information we signal that the I/M Soldier, responsible for the incident above, have been awarded 15 days C. P. R. (detention) for the following reason:

"Insisted in an abusive manner that they should be admitted to a private party to which they had not been invited"

4186

Generale COLACICCI Armando

" FURIN Ottorino

" SCARCELLA Giuseppe

Ref. 1295/Segr. T.M. 146 May 18/45.

5090

26 MAY 1945

Subject: Discipline Italian Soldiers.

To: 53 B.A.U.

(Ref. 720/3/2 - 4885 of May 16/45)

This HQ was informed by the medical section of the incident that took place at Forli on the afternoon of May 13th.

Investigations personally carried out by me, as commanding officer of the Group, have established that quite definitely a few soldiers of the a/m. unit went without permission to Forli and there behaved in an undisciplinary fashion.

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It was also revealed that contrary often

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afternoon of May 13th.

Investigations personally carried out by me, as commanding officer of the Group, have established that quite definitely a few soldiers of the 9/m. unit went without permission to Forlì and there behaved in an undisciplinary fashion. 4185

It was also revealed that contrary to existing order, often repeated, three of them were armed - 2 with daggers and 1 with a pistol, - war souvenirs.

Those responsible were all identified and below are listed their names and the punishments awarded them:-

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Serg. magg. TUCCI Amerigo, of exellent character,
never previously punished, awarded maximum punishment,
for the following reason:

" on his own initiative he took some soldiers
on leave to a locality out of bounds contrary
to orders given and did not make certain they
were not armed."

The a/n N.C.O has been charged with the
cost of petrol for the ~~auto~~ unauthorised journey
of from Faenza to Forli and back.

- soldato MARESCO Pasquale - of good character, already
~~conduct~~, recommended for promotion to corporal for exemplary
conduct, awarded 30 days C.P.R. (detention) - 30 days C.P.S. (half pay).
for the following reason:

" without authority he went on short leave out of
the garrison

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cost of petrol. for the ~~auto~~ unauthorised journey
from Faenza to Forlì and back.

- ~~soldato~~ soldato MARESCO Pasquale - of good character, already ~~cadet~~, recommended for promotion to corporal ~~through~~ for exemplary conduct, awarded 30 days c.P.R. (detention) - 30 days c.P.S. (half pay).
for the following reason:

" without authority he went on short leave out of the garrison area carrying a dagger although forbidden to do so and ~~caused~~ resisted with an incident with the English police "

- Soldato MUSOLINO Giuseppe - of good character, already recommended for the V.M. Bronze Medal - awarded 30 days c.P.R (detention) and 30 days c.P.S. (half pay) for the following reason:

" went without permission to a town nearby but outside of the garrison area, armed with a pistol although forbidden

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to carry such a weapon, caused an incident with the M.Ps.

- Paras. GIANFELICE Fortunato - of previous good character awarded 30 days C.P.R. (detention) & 30 days C.P.S. (half pay) for the following reason:

"without any authority he went on short leave to a town outside the garrison area limits and caused an incident with the M.Ps"

- Soldato DE FIGLIO Raffaele - Soldato MADAO Antonio
- Soldato BONAVITACOLA Stefano - Soldato FRAU Nicolino
- previous very good character and recommended for bravery. Did not take part in the uproar in the brothel. Awarded 5 days C.P.S. (half pay) for the following reason:

"went to a town outside garrison area without

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- Soldato DE FIGLIO Raffaele - Soldato MADAO Antonio
- Soldato BONAVITACOLA Stefano - Soldato FRAU Nicolino

- previous very good character and recommended for bravery. Did not take part in the uproar in the brothel. Awarded 5 days C.P.S. (half pay) for the following reason:

"went to a town outside garrison area without permission".

I must, however, agree that, without a doubt, it was revealed that the soldiers had threatened the M.Ps with their arms but that, on the contrary, it is revealed they were disarmed and taken without their offering any resistance.

In regard to the above I ask B.A.V. to communicate

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with the authorities concerned so that there may be absolutely no kind of physical maltreatment of soldiers arrested by M.Ps.

Such a practice for some little time has been spreading (besides the case in question, soldiers were arrested at Arezzo on 10th & 12th Mar. who after their arrest, had been struck so that bruises were caused) and such maltreatment (for which the Italian penal code provides legal action) are contrary and intolerable to the Italian way of thinking or methods. Such could, at a future date cause very serious consequences even by the most ~~patient~~ moderate & tranquil soldiers.

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SUBJECT: Disc ine - Carriage of civilian lab orers in US Transport

British Increment (A Branch)
Rear HQ Fifth Army
CMF

Phone No: LIGHTNING REAR 162

18 A

24 May 45

5044
25 MAY 1945

Rear HQ 6 SA Armd Div
50 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
215 Sub Area
216 Sub Area

Copy to: Pro

The attached copy of AFHQ letter G1(B)/4300/A3 dated 22 May 45 is forwarded for information and action where necessary.

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25 MAY 1945

J. Cromwell Jacq'r
Col.
A & QMG.

DIO/MY

COPY

SUBJECT: DISCIPLINE - Carriage of civilian labourers in W.D. transport

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
G.1(B)/4580/A.3
22 May 45

Rear HQ EIGHTH Army
Rear HQ FIFTH Army (Br Inc)
HQ No. 1 District
HQ No. 2 District
HQ No. 3 District
HQ NTSA
HQ LSA

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1. Permits

(a) GRO 343/43 was issued with the object of preventing the conveyance of casual civilians in WD transport, and was not intended to apply to the conveyance of civilian labourers employed in WD Depots and Installations, between their places of residence and places of work.

(b) Authority is given for the carriage of civilian labourers in WD transport for the latter purpose.

(c) No permits under GRO 343/43 will be issued to civilian labourers and any permits already so issued will be withdrawn immediately.

2. Use of trailers

(a) GRO 239/43 was issued with the object of preventing the conveyance of personnel in trailers, which are normally unsafe for this purpose.

(b) The use of trailers may however be permitted for the conveyance of civilian employees of W.D. installations, depots and units, subject to the following provisions of this letter.

(c) No trailer will be used unless it has been inspected by an officer of RAOC not below the rank of Major or an RAOC Workshop Officer who has certified that in his opinion it is safe for the conveyance of a specified number of persons.

(d) The use of trailers will be limited to a specified radius or area, normally the urban area surrounding the place of employment of the civilian employees.

(e) No trailer may be used for the purposes set out above unless the driver of the towing vehicle is in possession of a permit signed by the CO of the unit concerned, giving a description of the trailer

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(e) No permits under GRO 345/45 will be issued to civilian labourers and any permits already so issued will be withdrawn immediately.

2. Use of trailers

(a) GRO 239/45 was issued with the object of preventing the conveyance of personnel in trailers, which are normally unsafe for this purpose.

(b) The use of trailers may however be permitted for the conveyance of civilian employees of W.D. installations, depots and units, subject to the following provisions of this letter.

(c) No trailer will be used unless it has been inspected by an officer of REME not below the rank of Major or an REME Workshop Officer who has certified that in his opinion it is safe for the conveyance of a specified number of persons.

(d) The use of trailers will be limited to a specified radius or area, normally the urban area surrounding the place of employment of the civilian employees.

(e) No trailer may be used for the purposes set out above unless the driver of the towing vehicle is in possession of a permit signed by the CO of the unit concerned, giving a description of the trailer and specifying :-

(i) the number of persons authorised to be carried
(ii) the radius or area within which the use of the trailer for this purpose is authorised.

3. Within the limitations provided in this letter, HQs of Armies and Districts etc may issue such further instructions as may be appropriate.

4. Except as specifically provided in this letter, the provisions of GRO 239/45 and 435/45 remain in force.

(Sgd.) B. PARKINGHAM, Lt.Col.
AAG.
for Major General
D.A.&Q.M.G.1(S)

Copy to - HQ 15 Army Group
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50H9

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 93
24 May 45

Subject: Discipline

To:- HQ Combat Group POLOGNE

1. Herewith Eighth Army letter R.24060/3A with attachments, passed to you for necessary action.

2. It is requested that discipline patrols are maintained in towns and villages likely to be frequented by numbers of Gp personnel. 4173

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Subject : Discipline.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 92
23 May 45.

To :- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

1. The attached Military Police reports are forwarded for your information and necessary action.

Lt. Col.
A.S.
4178

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Subject:- Discipline - Italian personnel. Pro B/2.

TO:- HQ. 53 BLU.

1. The attached Military Police report is forwarded for your information and action as may be necessary.

Pro B/2

Capt,
Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal.
for Major,
Assistant Provost Marshal.
217 Area.

CMF.
20 May 45.
WHM.

4177

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SUBJECT:- Discipline.

Rear HQ EIGHTH Army, C.M.F.
Tel. Ext.209.

R 21.060/3 A.

16 May 45.

53 BLU.

4176

The attached correspondence is forwarded for any action considered necessary.

Sgt

Pass to

for Brigadier,
D.A. & Q.M.G.
EIGHTH Army.

Field.
HQ/8EH

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SUBJECT: Traffic Offences

A 100/9

MMIA LO,
British Increment,
Rear HQ Fifth Army.

Grazzini Ferruccio

The attached Military Police Report in respect of the above named soldier is forwarded for information and necessary action.

A Illegible
Colonel
Commander,
FLORENCE Command.

Sgt
Pan Egg Facto

CMP
19 Apr 45
FW/AH

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Subject:- Discipline - Vehicles.

Pro C/3
23 MAY 45

TO:- HQ. 53 BLU. (Att Folgore Gruppe).

Sgt
Pass to file after necessary action

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

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B. Mumford
Capt,
Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal.
for Major,
Assistant Provost Marshal.
217 Area.

CMF.
20 May 45.
WHM.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Subject: Discipline - Officers

To :- H.Q. Combat Group. BOLGORE

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 91
18 May 45

4941
21 MAY 1945

The attached CMP report in respect of Lt.CARLO MANUELE GANI, S.MARCO Regt, received from 507 Pro Coy, CMP, under cover of Rear HQ 10 Corps 302 A dated 10 May 45, is forwarded for necessary action.

Lt.Col. 4173
G.S.

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Copy of Military Police Report.

Ref. 792
23 Apr 45.

To :- OC Provost Coy

Sir,

At FLORENCE on 22 Apr 45, about 1130 hrs, I was on Mobile Patrol on Route 2 where I saw a WD vehicle carrying a civilian woman.

I overtook and caused the vehicle to be stopped and found it to be a WD DODGE 15 cwt No. Z.5336747 driven by Lt.CAIDO EMANUELE GAMI, SAN MARCO BRIGADE, GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO FOLGORE.

I ordered the civilian to produce a permit allowing her to travel in WD vehicles, this she was unable to do.

I pointed out the offence to the officer, i.e. that it was forbidden to carry civilians in WD transport without permission. I obtained his particulars, ordered the woman to alight from the vehicle, and allowed him to proceed.

The civilian was not taken to the 427 FSS for interrogation.

Signed - W.Cooper, L/Cpl. 4172
507 Provost Coy, CMP.

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H.Q. Military Garrison Forlì

4906

17 MAY 1945

Ref. 407 di prot.

Forlì May 3/45

Subject: Parachutist RENNA Cosimo -
1920 class - Military District of Toronto.

Ref: 53 B.A.V.

Re. Ref. No. 317 of Apl. 14th. of this H.Q.,
we signal that having examined the report sent
by the O.C. of the Assault Engineers Bn - Capt. Vittorio Doglioni
the parachutist RENNA Cosimo di Vito, 1920 class,
Military district of Toronto, temporarily assigned to
the above H.Q. in order to be at the disposal of 53 B.A.V.
is to be released so that he can proceed to the
Folgore Division Reinforcement centre at Trani.

It is brought to the notice of those concerned
that this H.Q. has supplied the necessary travelling
pass dated May 4/45

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Comando Presidio Militare
FORLI'

N° 407 di prot. Forlì, li 3 maggio 1945

O G G E T T O: Paracadutista RENNA Cosimo - cl. 1920 - D.M. Taranto.=

AL COMANDO GRUPPO CC.RR. = F O R L I' =
e, p.c..... AL CENTRO RACCOLTA DELLA " FOLGORE" = T R A N I =
e, per conoscenza:
AL COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO
" Folgore " Regg/to " Nembo " = P.M. 146 =
AL B L U 53 = S E D E =
AL PLOTONE COMANDO 405° REGG/TO I.P. = S E D E =

4170

Con riferimento al foglio N° 317 in data 14 aprile u.s. di questo Comando si comunica che vista la dichiarazione rilasciata dal Comandante il Battaglione Guastatori - Capitano Vittorio Dogliani-, il paracadutista RENNA Cosimo di Vito, classe 1920, distretto Militare di Taranto, consegnato provvisoriamente a codesto Comando perchè a disposizione del B L U 53, è da lasciare in libertà in modo che possa raggiungere il Centro Raccolta (complementi) della Divisione " Folgore in Trani.=

All'interessato è stato rilasciato a cura di questo Comando apposito certificato di viaggio in data 4 Maggio 1945.

IL COLONNELLO
Comandante il Presidio
(Camillo Scassotti)

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4903

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 99
16 May 45

Subject: Discipline.

To :- CHQ 2nd Echelon, CAF

2700900 Gdsmn.Ogle A. Scots Guards 4169

1. Ref your 02B/7495/MP dated 11 May 45.

2. Herewith completed AF B.252 in respect of the o/m OR.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Tel. No. VALJEAN 43. AFS 02[illegible]/74954/DP.

OC
53 Brit. Liaison Unit.

11 May 45.

2700900 Gdsn. OPIE A. Scots Gds.

1. It is recorded that the above named is located with the unit under your command, having been taken on strength w.e.f. 27 Nov. 44.

2. A period of AWOL, 19-27 Aug 44, is outstanding.

3. Certified extract of AF B103 with statement of evidence is forwarded herewith to enable disposal of the charge to be effected.

4. Please report the result, whether by dismissal or an award of punishment, to this HQ in due course on AF B252.

Cpl
Mate with charge sheet - award stoppage
8 days pay with HQ - cancelled
Sentence 168 K

CMF.
Encls. Extract of AF B103
Statement of evidence.

Brigadier,
DAG,
GHQ 2nd Echelon.

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BEST WISHES from JOCK'S BOX War Comforts Fund

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Statement

My No 2695164 Lt/Sgt Brennan N
Against No 2700700 Gdsn Opie N.

Sir

At 1315 hrs Saturday 19th August 1944. The roll was called of the leave party due to return to the camp. Gdsn Opie failed to answer his name on my return to camp I reported the case to the Sgt in waiting Lt.

A Brennan Lt/Sgt
Right Y Camp
1st Bn. Scots Gds
In the field
20 August 1944.

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Statement of Evidence on 1/0 2700900 Gds Offr a

By 1/0 2697216 Sgt Veitch J.

4166

Sir, On Saturday 19th August 1944 I was in charge of the Battalion party Returning from 5 C Rest Camp. We stopped in Rome for one hour for the purpose of obtaining a meal. Everyone was ordered to return by 1315 hrs. and on calling the roll at 1315 hrs I found this Guardsman to be absent. I held up the departure of the trucks until 1330 hrs and he still did not return. On return to camp I reported the case in the usual manner Sir.

In the Field
20/8/44.

Veitch Sgt
1st B/H Scots Guards.

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RIGHT. FLANK 1ST BN. SCOTS GUARDS.

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE BY
2700974 L/S. BLACK A IN THE CASE OF
2700900 GDSM. OPIE A

SIR:- ON THE NIGHT OF THE 19-8-44 I WAS
SGT. IN/WAITING FOR RIGHT FLANK Coy.
ON CALLING THE ROLL AT TATTOO 2200hrs.
GDSM OPIE FAILED TO ANSWER HIS NAME
I REPORTED THE CASE IN THE USUAL
MANNER

SIR -

4165

20-8-44
IN THE FIELD

L/S. Black A.
SGT. I/W R. FLANK
1ST. BN. SCOTS GUARDS.

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Subject: Discipline - Officers
Lieut CARLO EMANUELE GANI

Rear Headquarters,
10 Corps

302 A

10 May 1945.

53 BLU

The attached CMP report, in respect of the a/n officer, is forwarded.

A. Middleton
Capt.

Brigadier.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
10 Corps.

MILITARY POLICE REPORT

Ref.: 792.

Submitted to Company Office on: 23 APR 45

Submitted to DAPM on:

Distribution:

Remarks:

To: OC, Provost Company.

Sir.

At FLORENCE on 22 APRIL 45 about 11.30hrs., I was on Mobile Patrol on Route 2 where I saw a WD vehicle carrying a civilian woman.

I overtook and caused the vehicle to be stopped and found it to be a WD DODGE 15 cwt No.25336747 driven by:- 4163

LIEUT. CARLO MANUELE GANI, SAN MARCO BRIGADE, GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO FOLGORE.

I ordered the civilian to produce a permit allowing her to travel in WD vehicles, this she was unable to do.

I pointed out the offence to the officer, i.e. that it was forbidden to carry civilians in WD transport without permission. I obtained his particulars, ordered the woman to alight from the vehicle, and allowed him to proceed.

The civilian was not taken to the 427 FSS for interrogation.

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Submitted to APM on:

Distribution:

Remarks:

MENTO POLGORE.

I ordered the civilian to produce a permit allowing her to travel in MD vehicles, this she was unable to do.

I pointed out the offence to the officer, i.e. that it was forbidden to carry civilians in MD transport without permission. I obtained his particulars, ordered the woman to alight from the vehicle, and allowed him to proceed.

The civilian was not taken to the 427 FSS for interrogation.

Place FLORENCE. Signature W.COOPER. L/CPL.

Date 22 APR 45 Unit 507 PROVOST COY. C.M.POLICE.

(Do not cut this form or write in the margin)

Attachments:

1886 1377 1M x 100 x 2 11-44

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 14414 217

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY 4901 17 MAY 1945

Office Date Stamp

FROM (A) Originator: MAIA LO REAR EIGHTARMY | Date-Time of Origin: 140930 B

For Action

TO MAIA ROME

(W) For Information (INFO)

50 BLU 51 BLU 53 BLU
A REAR EIGHTARMY (BY HAND)

Message Instructions — CF. — 62

Originator's No. MM 529

RESTRICTED (.) ref your A 66 dated 8 apr (.) military tribunals NOT yet arrived for gruppi (.) please notify earliest eta

AWW

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions: Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op.
Signed	Signed	IMPORTANT	THI or TOR		
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Subject :- Discipline.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ.,I District
Ref LO/GII

4 May 45.

To :- 53 P.L.U. (for FOLGORE).

I. Will you please transmit attached reports to Folgore for disciplinary action in case of sten BILILLI Lorenzo, apparently a rft for an engineer unit.

2. He appears to have acted in a most reprehensible manner.

Capt.
MMIA LO., I District.

Copy to :-"G", I District.

1945

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14 MAY 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

700/6/GSI

1 May 45

4160

MILA LO,
HQ No 1 District. ✓

SUBJECT:- Incident at CHIUSI Station (31 Mar 45)

1. Enclosed is a copy of 418 FS Section letter ref Y/4 dated 27 Apr 45, together with copies of the attached Railway Control Detachment report and statement by Serg Magg MARIN Gino.

2. It is considered important that action be taken in the matter as MARIN Gino carried out his duties correctly and it is desired to prevent a recurrence of such a breach of movement control instructions.

Major,
GSO 2 (I),
No 1 District.

C.M.F.
CTH/MJB

Have you had this before?

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DFY

Incident at CHIUSI Station on 31 Mar 45

Y/4

To :- GSI (b) HQ No 1 District.

The attached two copies of reports about an incident which occured at CHIUSI station on 31 Mar 45 were forwarded to 'G' Branch 55 Area for information and any action considered necessary.

It now transpires that as a result of investigations carried out by OC 515 Guard Bn in connection with the assault of Serg Magg MARIN, the General Commanding 209 Inf Div (Italian Army), under whose command comes the 515 Giard Bn, reprimanded Sgt TOPLEY (which is the right action), tp assist him in detraining a civilian woman travelling on a military train in company of Italian soldiers .

Since the Italian soldiers of 515 Guard Bn att 418 FSS have been given instructions to call upon an FS NCO in case of difficulty it is not understood why Serg Magg was reprimanded.

This reprimand, after the Serg Magg has suffered a severe beating up at the hands of some fifteen Italian soldiers whilst an Italian Officer watched without any attempt to stop this breach of discipline, is liable to act as a deterrent to the Italian Det in carrying out their duties impartially and properly thus reducing the efficiency of the control of movement at CHIUSI.

Assurances have been given to the Italian Det that they should carry out their duties as hitherto.

(Sgd) ..... Officer i/c

418 FS Section.

CMF
27 Apr 45.

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COPY

SUBJECT:- Incident at CHIUSI Station. (W3282)

To : Officer i/c,
418 FS Section.
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At 0930 hrs on the 31 March, 1945, on arrival at the office, I was called to the station by Serg Magg MARIN Gino, in charge of the detachment of Italian soldiers who perform the duties of guards for the Security control at CHIUSI Station.

He informed me that in performing his duty of removing a woman from the train, he had been prevented by the interception of the Italian troops travelling on the train. This woman was concealed in one of the waggons and it further trabspired that she was travelling with a Sotto Tenente, BILILLO, Lorenzo, Nazionale Complimente del Genio Posta Militare No 92, Graziano, ROME.

I accompanied the Serg Magg to the train where we were greeted with derisive cries from the Italian troops there, aimed particularly at the Serg Magg. On arrival, I tried to interrogate the Sotto Tenente but was prevented by the troops swarming about me and shouting. The troops were all armed and appeared to be in a dangerous mood. In the midst of this, looking round, I saw that the Serg Magg had been attacked by a crowd of troops behind me and had suffered considerable damage to his face which was bleeding profusely. At this point the train began to pull out of the station and everybody rushed aboard. Some shots were fired as it left.

I informed the RTO at AREZZO and asked him if the Sotto Tenente and the women could be handed over to 417 FS Section for further interrogation when the train was cleared there. This was done and the woman was handed over to CC.RR AREZZO and charged with not being in possession of an Interprovincial Travel Permit. The Sotto Tenente was allowed to, proceed, his documents being in order. He was going forward to join the FOLGORE Division, but was ignorant as to what part of that Division he was to be posted to.

The troops on the train claimed to be volunteers and all members of either the NEMBO or FOLGORE Divisions.

Attached are the reports of Serg Magg MARIN Gino and of Dott. FERNALDO Galeotti, Medico Chirurgo, who attended to his injuries.

(Sgd) 955140 Sgt TOPLEY E.

2 Apr 45
418 FS Section.
Rly Control Detachment, CHIUSI.

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COPY

Translation of Declaration by
Serg Magg MARIN Gino

SUBJECT:- Incident at CHIUSI Station.

4157

I, the undersigned, Serg Magg MARIN Gino of No 8 Coy, 515 Guard and Security Battalion on duty at Chiusi Railway Station declare the following :-

On the morning of 31 Mar 45 at 0900 hours, Cpl MARTIN, Agostino, then on duty at the Railway Station, called me to the station and informed me that Italian soldiers of the NEMBO and FOLGORE Divs had opposed him in his duty of removing civilians from the train.

I went immediately to the station and saw that a women was being hidden in a goods waggon by these soldiers who opposed my demands that she should alight from the train.

There was a Sotto Tenente del Genio amongst the troops and I asked him to use his authority with them and assist me in forcing the woman to alight. At this stage the troops began to shout names at me in a jerring manner such as "FASCIST" COWARD" "VILE ONE".

The officer I approached refused to intervene and questioned my right to do so. On demanding his documents, he again refused and expressed strong disapproval of my actions.

At this point, to avoid further trouble, I moved away and asked Cpl MARTIN to get in touch with one of the FS, NCO's who came along after some minutes.

I informed him of the details and he took control of the matter but whilst he proceeded to identify the officer, the soldiers attacked me in mass, in the course of which I was thrown to the ground and trampled on.

The damage I sustained in this attack is appended on the Doctor's report.

Whilst I was walking away, supported by one of the soldiers who attempted to make peace, insults were shouted at me by the troops on the train and also some shots were fired which did no damage.

At this point the train commenced to leave the station and the incident ended without further consequences. The woman continued the journey without having been identified.

CHIUSI SCALO

Il Sergente Maggiore
MARIN Gino

The wounds stated on the Doctor's report are as follows :-

1. Deep abrasions of the length of one finger above the right eyebrow.
2. Light wounds and contusions on other parts of the face.

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53 D.L.U.
Ref A7-89
15 May 45.

4894

Subject:- Discipline

To:- H.Q 217 Sub Area

Herewith, Nro 62 of 7May together with A.F. B. 252 of 3 May duly completed.

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Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Subject :- Discipline

To:- H.Q. Combat Group POLAGRE.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7- 88
15 May 45.

4846

Herewith copy of C.M.P. report, received from 115 Provost Company CMP on traffic accident, in respect of CUCCH Guiseppe of the San Marco A/T. Regt.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

4155

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4860

Discipline:

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 87
14 May 45

Subject: Discipline

To; HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

Herewith HQ 86 (Army) Area letter AFM 41/1 of 8 May, passed to you for necessary action.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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4850

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 86
14 May 45

Subject: Dress

To:- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE
Camp

1. It has been observed that KD shorts are being worn incorrectly by members of your Group and that in certain cases shorts other than British KD pattern are being worn.

2. The correct way to wear Pr KD shorts is that the bottom of the trouser legs should be not more than one inch above the knee.

3. It is requested that steps are taken to ensure that the Pr type of KD shorts only are worn and that they are worn correctly.

Lt.Col. 53
G.S.

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4848

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - B5
13 May 45

Subject: Discipline

To:- HQ Combat Group POLGORE

A/Q

C.M. MASTINI RENO

1. The c/m driver was nominated as my relief driver during the 48 hours absence on leave of my permanent driver.

2. During this period I had no cause to use him and in fact had not recognised him as my relief driver since he had not reported to me at all.

3. On the afternoon of 12 May I required my Jeep and found it missing. It had not returned to the car park by midnight by which time I had ascertained that the above driver was also absent, although my regular driver CATANEO had returned from leave the same morning.

4. On being questioned this morning, 13 May, the driver MASTINI stated to me that he had taken my Jeep away for repairs in Workshops at 1700 hrs and had returned with it to his own lines at 2100 hrs. I could find no evidence to support this statement.

5. I ordered MASTINI to accompany me this morning to Workshops in order to verify his statement. Before leaving, however, he sent me a message by another driver saying that he now confessed to having taken my Jeep away to visit his home at PESARO and that his previous statement was untrue. 4752

6. The petrol tank of the Jeep and the spare can were both empty this morning, although they had both been filled up after my last journey in the vehicle 3 days ago.

7. It is expected that severe disciplinary action will be taken against this driver, not only as a penalty for the considerable inconvenience caused by the absence of this vehicle for over half a day and for the misuse of military transport and and petrol, but also as an example to other Italian drivers of this unit who may be tempted to commit a similar serious breach of discipline.

C Markes
Major.,
C. B.

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117-87 4838

REAR HQ 50 BLU

A/6/13

12 May 45

SUBJECT : Traffic Accident

53 BLU
rptd : 115 Pro Coy CMP
26 BLU
217 Area - Claims and Hirings

Att find copy of Military Police Report on traffic accident, in respect of CREON Guiseppe of the San Marco Atk Regt, which was forwarded to this HQ in error under 115 Pro Coy ref PRO/115/52 dated 5 May 45.

J.S. Lucas Maj 51
Maj
DAA and QMG

CMF
JDM/SYB

Report passed to Security Cont

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4816

Subj ect: Traffic Accident

To:- HQ Combat Group FOLCORE

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 84
11 May 45

Herewith 506 Provost Coy letter 14/MC/8/277 of 4 May 45, passed to you for necessary action.

4150

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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4515

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 83
11 May 45

Subject: Discipline

To:- 1Q Combat Group POLEGRI

Herewith 210 Sub Area letter Pro 4/4 of 2 May 45, and 211 Sub Area letter 968 of 29 April 45, passed to you for action.

Lt.Col.
C.E.

4149

CL/cu

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

Nº 1156/Segr. P.M. 146, li 7 maggio 1945

O G G E T T O:-Incidente stradale.

AL COMANDO SEZIONE SANITA' "FOLGORE" P.M. 146
(Rif.f.n. 1386 in data 2/5/45)

e, per conoscenza:

AL 53 B. L. U. 7148
(rif.f.n.A-7-71 in data 20/4/45)

Considerata la gravità della violazione alle norme regolanti la circolazione stradale, commesse dall'autiere GIAFFREDA Cesario, elevo a gg.30 di C.P.R. e gg.30 di C.P.S. la punizione inflitta al medesimo.

Stanti i buoni precedenti del militare, escludo, per questa volta, l'addebito dei danni derivati dall'incidente.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE a.p.s.
Ten.Col.Umberto De Martino
(Maggiore Lazzaro Dessy)

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55 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 82
5 May 45

Subject: Discipline

To:- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

1. Horsham 211 Sub Area letter ref 944 of 25 Apr 45, passed to you for information and necessary action.

4147/45

Lt.Col.
G.S.

MAY 1945

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

Prot. N. 1076/Segr. P.M. 146, li 4 Maggio 1945.

OGGETTO: Disciplina-Trasmissione rapporto M.P.

al COMANDO DIVISIONE "PICENO"
C.A.C.F.I.C. P.M. 92

e per conoscenza:

al 53° B.L.U.
(rif.A7-73 in data 24/4/45).

4146

Per competenza, si invia copia di segnalazione della Polizia Militare Alleata(3IO A del I9/4) riguardante incidente in cui è coinvolto ufficiale effettivo a codesto Centro.

Codesto Comando vorrà comunicare alle competenti autorità i provvedimenti presi.

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

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 1-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Per competenza, si invia copia di segnalazione della Polizia Militare Alleata(3IO A del I9/4) riguardante incidente in cui è coinvolto ufficiale effettivo a codesto Centro.

Codesto Comando vorrà comunicare alle competenti autorità i provvedimenti presi.

d ' o r d i n e
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Ten.Col.Umberto De Martino)

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DV/s.-

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
Ufficio Capo S. M. - 2ª Sez. Personale e Segreteria
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nº 3987/Pers. P.M.146, li 4 maggio 1945.-

OGGETTO: Autiere STRADIOTTO Oreste di Ruggero, cl.1923, distretto militare di Roma - Infrazione.-

AL 53° B. L. U.
(Rif. A. 7 69 in data 18 aprile 1945)

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Per opportuna conoscenza comunicasi che al Militare in oggetto, responsabile della infrazione segnalata con foglio a riferimento, sono stati inflitti gg. 10 di C.P.R. per il seguente motivo:

""CONDUTTORE DI AUTOMEZZO NON OSSERVAVA LE NORME DI DISCIPLINA STRADALE PILOTANDO L'AUTOCARRO A LUI IN CONSEGNA A VELOCITA' ECCESSIVA"".-

5 MAY 1945 4145

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

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DA COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"

AT COMANDO 5) B. L. U.

N.1456/SM. ALLE GIORNO 4 MAGGIO 1945 ORE 20,30 ALT PARTENZA MILITARI INTERESSATI PERMESSI INVIATI QUESTO B.L.U. PER AUTORIZZAZIONE EST PERDISPOSTA DOMANI 5 CORRENTE ALT QUADRUPLI PREGANTO CHE AUTORIZZAZIONI VENISSERO RILASCIATE ENTRO ORE 14 DOMANI SCOPO CONSENTIRE PARTENZA PRIMA ORE PRESTABILITE ALT

GENERALE MORIGI : 4145

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4747

5 MAY 1945

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 61
5 May 45

Subject: Discipline.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group ROGER

The attached report and statements, received from NAEM 75 Sec SIB CIP under ref SIB75/A/45/313 dated 29 Apr 45, are forwarded for information and necessary action.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

4243

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4435
4 MAY 1945

Ref.SIB75/A/45/313.

Your Ref .....

75 Section, S.I.B.
C.M. Police, C.M.F.
29th April, 1945.

Subject: Persons in Custody - Improper Use W.D. Transport.

(A) Caporale CASANOVA, Nino.
(B) Soldato NAVARRI, Bruno. both of
No. 3 Platoon, Transport & Supply Coy.,
Fighting Group "Folgore"., P.M. 146.

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To:- Officer Commanding,
No.53 E.L.U.

4160

The attached report and statements are forwarded for information and necessary action, please.

4162

Report & Statements passed to Lt.

H. B. SLOANE. Captain,
D.A.P.M.
75 Section, S.I.B., C.M. Police.

In the Field.

Copy to:- APM. (Br.Inc) Rear HQ 5 Army.
APM. 179 (Ports) Provost Company, CMF.
File.

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DES/zw.-

GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
Comando Tattico - Sezione Stato Maggiore
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nº 1438/S.M. di prot. P.M. 146 11, 2 maggio 1945

OGGETTO : trasmissione domanda.-

AL 53° B.L.U.
SEDE

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Si trasmette copia di lettera dei paracadutisti : NICCHIOTTI Bruno, FERRERO Leone, CAVAGNA Angelo, al Comando VIII Armata per l'inoltro.-

4141

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE 4140
(Ten.Col. Umberto De Martino)

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C O P I A

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P.M. 146, 1 maggio 1945

AL COMANDANTE L'VIII ARMATA INGLESE

Abbiamo appreso da "Radio Londra" che i bersaglieri del Gruppo Combattimento Legnano sono entrati in Milano unitamente alle truppe Alleate.-

Ne siamo stati felici ed orgogliosi!

Domandiamo a Voi, nostro Comandante, perchè i paracadutisti della "Nembo" e tutto il Gruppo "Folgore" non può avere la gioia di andare in una città dell'Italia del nord.-

Scusate la nostra franchezza di soldati.-

F/to parac. Nicchiotti Bruno
parac. Ferrero Leone
parac. Cavagna Angelo

p. c. c.
IL CAPO DELLA 1^ SEZIONE
(Maggiore Lazzaro Dessy)

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DV/a

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
Ufficio Capo di S.M. - 2ª Sez.Personale e Segreteria
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12 LUG 1945

N°3852/Pers. P.M.146, lì 1° maggio 1945

OGGETTO: Disciplina stradale.-

A L 5 3° B. L. U.
(Rif.f.n.4206 del Main HQ 13 Corps Pro 275 in data 12/4/'45)

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Per opportuna conoscenza comunicasi che all'artigliere BONAZZI Renato, appartenente al reggimento artiglieria "Folgore" - responsabile di contravvenzione alle norme sul traffico - sono stati inflitti gg.7 di C.P.R. per il seguente motivo:

4239

""Autista in servizio non ottemperava a norme sul traffico esplicitamente richiamategli dalla Polizia stradale""

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

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Subject: Discipline

To:- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

53 R.L.U.
Ref A7 - 80
1 May 45

1. Ref your 1111/Segr of 29 Apr 45.

2. Herewith copy of this HQ letter A7 - 60 of 2 Apr 45.

3. Disciplinary action has been taken against Sjt Boult and he has been posted away from the RAF Increment attached to this HQ.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

C O P Y

Subject: Discipline

To:- S.O. R.E.M.E.
53 R.L.U.

53 R.L.U.
Ref A7 - 60
2 April 45

The attached letter No.1702 dated 26 Mar 45 is forwarded to you for investigation and report.

My views are, that in whatever state the guns were, there was no excuse for rudeness on the part of Sjt Boult to a Lt.Colonel of the Italian Army. British NCOs and men placed in similar circumstances should confine themselves to pointing out any defects etc and adverse comments should come from you or the OC Workshops.

(Signed) C.M. Brooks Lt.Col.
C.S.

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CL/cu

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
Ufficio Capo di S.M. - 2^ Sez. Personale e Segreteria
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4645
29 MAY 1945

Nº 1111/Segr. P.M.146, lì 29 aprile 1945

OGGETTO:- disciplina - sergente BOULT.-
Subject:- Discipline - Sgt. Boult.

AL 53 B. L. U.

(seg.f.n.828/Segr. in data 31/3/45)
^ ^ ^ (Further to Ref 828/Segr. of 31 st Mar. 45)

Questo comando gradirebbe riscontro al foglio a riferimento.-
This Hq. would like an answer to above ref. No.

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

4138

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Subject: Discipline. 53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 79
30 Apr 45

4664

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

Herewith Military Police Report, received from APM 59 Area, passed to you for information and necessary action.

4136

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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FORWARDING SLIP. F6/74/45.

US Provost Marshal		
HQ 59 Area	→	For information.
Fr.O, AMG	→	For necessary action.
Det 509 Pro Coy.		For perusal and return.
Det 75 Coy GMP (TC).		For publication AROs.
52 BLU.		Initial and return.
Legal Officer, AMG.		For retention.
~~HQ 59 Area~~ 53 BLU.	←	

4646
30 APR 1945

A. KENYON Capt. for
~~A.W. SUDBURY,~~ Major,
Assistant Provost Marshal,
59 Area.

4235

CMF.
25.4.45.

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Ref 3659/Pers P.M. 146 apl. 27/45.

Subject: Incident. 4631

29 APR 1945

For your information we communicate that Cpl. Alloisio Dario of the S.V.T. Unit, responsible for the incident (report attached) has been punished, being awarded 30 days C.P.A. (detention) 30 days C.P.S (half pay) for the following reason:

"Detailed to collect petrol from an Allied Depot he considered himself wrongly preceded, disputed the matter & without reflecting started fighting with an English soldier striking him without due regard to the consequences of his action."

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Translation

Copy

Folgore S & T Coy.
2nd Mixed Platoon
PV. 9.

TM. 146 apl. 11/45.

Ref. 132.

Subject: Report of an accident

To. PV. 9 Folgore S&T Unit. 4133

For your information I signal an incident
that took place on apl. 10 th. at the Petrol ~~Unit~~ Depot
Vicchio between Cpl. Alloisio Dario belonging to the
A/a unit ~ an allied soldier.

The Cpl. was driving a Dodge U.) No. 5687751
and was part of a convoy that yesterday morning
reported to the petrol ~~depot~~ for the usual collection
of P.O.L. When the convoy arrived there were no
other vehicles from any other unit there and therefore
the first lorry began to unload the empty petrol
tins. Whilst this was happening there arrived
other English vehicles and the first were trying to
get ~~between~~ amongst our convoy to get dealt with first

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of all. One veh actually succeeded in passing one of ours, seeing which the A/M. Cpl. Alloisio politely approached the driver of this lorry & made him understand that what he had just done was rather irregular. The driver politely replied that as he was already in the middle of the convoy he could not do anything about it. At the same time another English vehicle tried to pass Alloisi 4232 vehicle and he & signalled them to stop where they were. The English driver then replied with forcible language & gestures, upon which A Alloisio asked him to get off his vehicle; ~~and~~ they started fighting and the English Soldier was knocked on the ground. They were then separated & interrogated by an officer at the petrol point.

The N.C.O. in charge of the convoy at the time of the incident was at the front of the convoy with the vehicles being unloaded

Folgore Combat Group
H. Q. Mobile Wksh.

4621
29 APR 1945

Ref. 1095 di prot

PM 146 apl 26/45.

Subject: Theft of tyres committed on the night of apl 22 nd. at Group H.Q. Mobile Wkshps.

To: H. Q. Folgore Combat Group
(2 nd Personnel - Secretariat Sec.)

4131

Ref.: H. Q. Folgore Carabinieri.
Folgore' Reinforcement Coy

On the night of 22 nd apl. theft was taken from 2 Austin Utility cars being repaired at Group H. Q. mobile Wkshps + complete wheels 6.00 x 16 and a motor cycle tyre.

Investigations made by this H.Q. brought to light the following:-

1) Sergt. Major Boccetto Efisio on 22 nd apl [illegible]

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a/f 22 nd. at Group H.Q. Mobile Wksh^ps.

To: H.Q Falgore Combat Group
(2 nd Personnel - Secretariat Sec.)

4131

Ref: H.Q Falgore Carabinieri.
Falgore Reinforcement Coy

On the night of 22nd a/f. stage was taken from 2 Austen Utility cars being refained at Group H.Q. mobile Wksh^ps 4 complete wheels 6.00 x 16 and a motor cycle type.

Investigations made by this H.Q. brought to light the following:-

1) Sergt Major Bossonetto Efisio on a/f. 1942 made the acquaintance of a civilian at Borgo - a certain Del Monte, no further identification has been possible, to whom he offered to sell motor parts. Del Monte accepted at a maximum price and offered to put Bossonetto in touch with two Carabinieri N.C.O.s that were trying to get hold of some tyres;

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He also said there was no risk as the men receiving the tyres were Carabinieri and the tyres went for the car of the Colonel of the Florence Carabinieri. Dellai Vittorio (living at 11 via del Canto, Borgo S. Lorenzo) was also present when this conversation took place.

d) On 21 st. a/l, about midday Del Monte informed Sgt. Major Bosonetto, by means a boy who was living with him, to go with him as he was requested urgently. Bosonetto went and met two Carabinieri N.C.O.s - vice brigadier (N.C.O.) Farina, belonging to the N.C. Florence Legion, dressed in an American jacket with a belt, and a brigadiere (N.C.O.), dressed in the ordinary blue uniform, who stated he was the driver of the Colonel, the C.O. of Florence Carabinieri.

e) The latter asked Bosonetto to get them 4 wheels complete, 6.00 x 16 that had not to be of manufacture 'Antiglio' and a motor cycle tyre. To decide how the theft was to be carried out, Bosonetto had fetched driver Banfi Luciano and parachutist Chiericketti Marino both belonging to N.C. from mobile whom in whose presence arrangements were made, to which all fully agreed. To all these, the Carabinieri N.C.O.s gave an assurance that there was not any risk as the tyres were for the Colonel's car.

Investigation S.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NWC No. 1885020

he was required urgently. Bosonetto went and met two
carabinieri N.C.Os - vice brigadier (N.C.O.) Farina, belonging to the
H.Q. Florence Legion, dressed in an American jacket with a belt
and a brigadiere (N.C.O), dressed in the ordinary blue uniform,
who stated he was the driver of the Colonel, the C.O. of Florence
Carabinieri.

3) The latter asked Bosonetto to get them 4 wheels complete,
6·00 x 16 that had not to be of manufacture 'Artiglio' and a
motor cycle tyre. To decide how the theft was to be carried
out, Bosonetto had fetched driver Banfi Luciano and
parachutist Chiericketti Marino both belonging to H.Q. Group
Mobile who, in whose presence arrangements were made, to
which all fully agreed. To all these, the Carabinieri N.C.Os
gave an assurance that there was not any risk as the tyres
were for the Colonel's car.

4) On the evening of 22nd Apl. Sgt. Maj. Bosonetto went to
the workshop and made an agreement with the guard (volunteer
Valerio Tari belonging to the 1st Coy) for the two soldiers to
be allowed to go in the workshop as they had to take something
& he promised in return two thousand lire.
the sentinel
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5) Soon after, Parachutist Chiericketti & Driver Banfi went into the whelk without being seen by the sentinel as it was dark and took two tyres of an Austin - also two from another one whilst Sgt. Maj. Bosonetto kept a look out; then they carried the tyres to an archway adjacent to the building where the rebels of the carabinieri was standing. One tyre was carried by Chiericketti another by Banfi - two by the Sgt. major who afterwards returned to take the m/c tyre that had already been taken 41 2.9 was in a box of the whelk.

6) When the tyres were handed over to the two Carabinieri N.C.Os there was also present Del Monte the boy & another civilian not yet identified. The Carabinieri gave Chiericketti 44,000 lire that were shared out thus:-

12,000l. to Chiericketti
12,000l. to Banfi
11,000l. to Bosonetto
2,000l to the guard (Fari)
7,000l. to the agents (Del Monte etc.)

The 2,000 lire for the sentinel was handed over by Sgt Maj. Bosonetto at about 2400 hrs.

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by Banfi - two by the Sgt. major who afterwards returned to take the m/c tyre that had already been taken 4123
was in a box of the wksh.

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7) During the course of investigations being made by this H.Q. to find those responsible for the theft it also became revealed that on the same night at about 2100 hrs. there had been taken, still by the two a/m carabinieri N.C.O's, from 42 nd. English 13 tyres on bank, adjoining the wksh. another 12 Jeep tyres with the help of some English soldiers,

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Borgo Santo v Bisonte Guido. Such facts confirm the guilt of the two Carabinieri N.C.O.s and facilitated their identification. Investigations concerning this theft were carried out by the English M.P.s who were informed by the C.O. 42nd English 'Bison' Camp.

8) On 24 th Apl. there reported to this H.Q. a capt. of Carabinieri, N.C. of a boy outside Florence. He arrived in a Fiat '500' driven by the already mentioned 'brigadier' (N.C.O) who declared himself the Colonels' driver. He was recognised by Bessonetto, Chiericketti, Bonfi, Benvenuti that at the same time were at this H.Q. for interrogation. The Carabinieri Capt. said he had come to be present at the questioning and that he had brought with him the 'brigadiere' incriminated but could not also bring the 'vice-brigadiere' having as he had been sent on duty to Rome and to recover the stolen property.

After having been interrogated Bonfi Luigi, Conti, Rosetti were taken by the a/m officer to the Borgo Police Station and he asked that an officer be sent with him to collect the stolen

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8) On the 28 Apl. there reported to this H.Q. a capt. of Terrain barabinieri, i.e. of a boy outside Florence. He arrived in a Fiat '500' driven by the already mentioned 'brigadier' (N.C.O) who declared himself the Colonels' driver. He was recognised by Bosonetto, Chierichetti, Banfi, Beni ~ Conti that at the same time were at this H.Q. for interrogation. The barabinieri Capt. said he had come to be present at the questioning and that he had brought with him the 'brigadiere' incriminated but could not also bring the vice-brigadier' having as he had been sent on duty to Rome and to recover the stolen property.

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duties be indicted for the following Heroes:

1) - allowing entry into premises (art. 140 C.P.M.P. and that were guarded. art. 47 C.P.M.G.)

2) - Theft of military property (art. 230-231 No. 4-47 No 2. C.P.M.P. - Art. 47 C.R.M.G.).

Volunteer Tari Omero (parents Clemente & Franchi Assunta) 1923 Class, Mil. District Pistoia, born at Lizzano (Pistoia) on Sept. 13 & 1923, belonging to Hqrs. Coy, on detachment at wkshps for doing guard duties be indicted for allowing entry into guarded premises (art. 124 2 cpt. C.P.M.G.) 4127/7

Paratrooper Chiricchetti Marino di Giovanni 1921 Class Mil. District Milan, born at Locate Triulzi on Apl 21st 1921 belonging to Wkshps of CC Group be indicted for theft (art. 230-231 No. 4 C.P.M.P. & art. 47 C.P.M.G.

It must stated that all stolen property has been recovered

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1923 Class, Mil District Pistoia, born at Lizzano (Pistoia)
on Sept. 13th 1923, belonging to Offs. Coy, on detachment at
whose duties for doing guard duties he indicted for allowing entry
into guarded premises (art. 124 2 cpt. C.P.M.G.) 4127

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Mil. District-Milan, born at Locate Triulzi on apl. 21st 1921
belonging to Whse Coy of the Group he indicted for theft
(art. 230-231 No. 4 C.P.M.P. + art. 47 C.P.M.G.

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Also that Sgt. Maj. Brocchetto Efisio after interrogation
by an officer of the unit actively collaborated very willingly
in the not too easy task of finding the receivers + other
accomplices.

The Offs Coy to whom this communication is sent
for information is requested to send direct to the H.Q.
Combat Group reports + conduct sheets in respect of
Serg Maj. Brocchetto and volunteer Fari that today

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have been returned - awaiting court - martial - to their units, their detachment at Whalfo being cancelled.

(List of reports attached not translated)

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4600
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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: Discipline - Italian Forces - Italian Military Tribunals

Rear Headquarters,
10 Corps

2100 A

27 April 1945.

50 BLU
53 BLU

4345.

1. Ref this HQ letter of even ref dated 16 Apr 45.

2. Will you please report in due course, after the arrangements mentioned in the above quoted letter have come into effect, whether these arrangements are operating satisfactorily. 4125

R. Middleton
Capt

for Brigadier.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
10 Corps.

S/c
Adt Engrs 6 L
to Sq Lt Sorbonne 11 Hqs
Sgt
B7 5 Lt Hqs
SPAF

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XV. Military Garrison
Forli

4 5 6
APR 1945

Ref. 317 di prot. Forli aft. 14/45.

Subject: Arrest of Soldiers.

To: H.Q. Carabinieri Group Forli

Ref: H.Q Volante Combat Group "Nembo" Regt

53 B.A.O.

4125
APR 1945

The 07 S.S. H.Q. has today sent to this H.Q. the following soldiers that had been arrested at Faenza on 11 v 13 aft. because they were travelling without authority.

- Parachutist MARRAS Arturo di Amelio, 1921 class Cagliari district.
- Lspl. IACOVINO Giuseppe di Antonio, 1922 class. Foggia district.
- Parachutist RENNA Cosimo di Vito - 1920 class Taranto district.
- Parachutist MECOZZI Ambleto di Tommaso - 1923 class A. Piceno district.

Since this H.Q. has not any vehicle with which to return the men direct to their units + cannot find billets for them, they have been sent provisionally to the above Group.

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Mons Letter 4518

Ref. 3504/Tec.

P.M. 146 dtd. 21/45. 26 APR 1945

Subject: Cpl. SCARAVETTO Pietro.

To H.Q. 53 B.A.U.

(Ref. R. SS.I. (6), 13 Corps L 12 FSS of 30 Mar 45)

In respect of the offence committed by the N.C.O. above, the Bolgore Arty Regt - who furnished concerned with the case - signalled that they had awarded 30 days C.P.R. (detention) and 30 days C.P.S. (Lost pay) to SCARAVETTO for the following reason:

"He threatened to cut the hair of a woman who was accompanying an allied soldier."

As will be seen by Ref. 02/2096 of 16 Apl 45. the Arty. Regt. (only attached), then has been brought to the notice of the units the seriousness of this kind of offence and the necessity of suppressing it by all means possible.

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The H.Q. Holyoke Combat Group - Nembo 3 P - is requested to retain these soldiers that must be held at the disposal of 5ª A.V.

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Copy

H.Q. Zolgore Arty. Regt.

Ref. 02/096 di prot. P.M. 146 a/pl. 16/45.

To: H.Q. Zolgore Combat Group
(Chief of Staff Office - 2nd. Personnel & Secretariat Section)
(Ref. 3097/Pers. of 10 c/ a/pl.) - 4/22

To: H.Q. 1, 2, 3 & ~ 6 Bty.

To: H.Q. Unit of Regt.

I forward attached signal from 4/12 F.S.
I awarded 6/pl. SCARAVETTO 30 days C.P.R.
(detention) & 30 days C.P.S. (half pay) for the
following reason:

"He threatened to cut the hair of
a woman accompanying an allied soldier."

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It seems to be the first case in which a soldier of this Regt. has made a threat of this kind, even if not carrying it out, against a woman.

I hardly consider it necessary to point out to the unit o.s.c. the seriousness of such offences, their morale + political repercussions also the necessity of warning the men of such offences which must be suppressed, if necessary, by severe disciplinary action.

4120

Also SCARAVETTO was forbidden to wear the Spanish war volunteers ribbon.

In regard to the latter, I remind all of the strict orders that forbid the wearing (besides the a/m ribbon) of:

- Albanian campaign medal
- Albanian insignia for Italian soldiers that participated in operations against Greece + Yugoslavia
- Order of Skanderberg decoration.

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6 A AFR 1945

Subject:- INJURIES 'B.ACC.'

NO.A/2. 1254/45.
1254(Indpt) IND.PNR.COY.
C.M.F. 21-4-45.

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The DAA & QMG 53 B.L.U.

A copy of our letter No. A/2. 46G/45 dated 19-4-45 which was sent to H.Q. 46 Group, P.C. C.M.F., is sent herewith for your information and necessary action please.

4113

CAPTAIN.

O.C. 1254 (Indpt) Coy, Ind Pnr Corps.

Subject:-INJURIES 'B.ACC.'

NO.A/2.46G/45.
1254(Indpt)IND.PNR.COY.
C.M.F.19-4-45.

TO.
H.Q.46 Group,P.C. C.M.F.

On 18 th April 45 at approx 1915 hours the following

128938 Sweeper,RAM CHARAN
128883 Barber, MOHD.HUSSAIN

of this Company received bullet wounds from a TMC at approx 55 yds range fired by :-Sergente TRENTIN MARCELLO an N.C.O. of the IA Compagnia Parco Compale Genio,Gruppo Combattimente Folgore (Admin H.Q. 53 B.L.U.)who was placed under arrest by his C.O.The Italian Camp and ours adjoined.A short burst was fired from behind a Nissen Hut the bullets penetrating both walls and one bullet also penetrated both walls of our cookhouse.

4118

The two men were on far side of cookhouse from Nissen Hut when wounded and from eye witnesses report it would appear to have been quite accidental.

The DAA & QMG 53 BLU stated on the matter being reported to him this motning that the Italian authorities had already reported the incident and that appropriate action was being taken.

A casualty 3011 B has been rendered showing the incident as "Injury 'B.ACC.'" vide G.R.O.936/44 and unless you otherwise instruct no further action is proposed.

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Ref 3502/Pers

T.M. 146 aff. 21/45

4500

Subject: Infringement Regulations. 24 III 1945

To H.Q. 53 B.C.U.

(Ref. 230 Military Police beg. of 23 Feb. re. subject)

Re. infringement of Regulations stated 4117
as per above ref. No., we signal the following:

1) in favour of the men concerned the claim of actual theft is unjustified;

2) ~~the~~ b/d. ROSSI alfeo - fucilier CASTELLANI Aldo - as is shown by the copy of Ref. 02/2122 of aff. 16 of the army regt. - were furnished.

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Copy.

'Folgore' Arty. Regt.

H.Q.

Ref. 02/2122 di prot. Pm. 146 a/l. 16/45.

Subject: Infringement of Regulations

To: H.Q. 'Folgore' combat Group.
Chief of Staff Office - 2nd. Personnel - Segretariat
Section.

On Feb. 22/45. the 3 Ton Chevrolet (W.) No. 1327390 was sent by this H.Q., for returning material, to Rome, with Cpl. ROSSI alfeo di Ubaldo (1920 class, Bologna District) the driver in charge of the lorry Gunner CATELLANI neo di Giovanni (1918 class R. Emilia District)

The two soldiers had to report to Capt. BANZATTI in the 'Piazza Città Leonina' at 1830 hrs.

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Later that evening Capt. BANZATTI, finding the lorry did not report, made investigations & learnt that the two soldiers with the lorry had been arrested by the Allied police & were to be found in the Carabinieri Barracks in the vicinity of 'Via della Pilotta'.

Enquiring about the matter, Capt. BANZATTI was able to get the vehicle & material seized (consisting of the soldiers' arms & equipment) returned on the evening of the next day whilst the two soldiers were released on the morning of the 24th.

4115

Explaining the reason for the arrest, the M.P. told Capt. BANZATTI that the two Soldiers were arrested shortly after 1700 hrs. on Feb. 22nd, in a yard neighbouring on Via Flaminia, whilst they were transferring petrol from the tank of the lorry to a petrol can, for which reason the police deduced ~~their intention of~~ they intended selling the petrol.

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Interrogated, Sd. Two soldiers state that, having arrived in Rome with time to spare before reporting to Capt. BANZATTI, they had decided to stop in the a/m. locality where they knew they could find & found BRAGAZZI Roberto, their old comrade, wounded by a grenade at S. Maria Maggiore and still on sick leave in Rome. When the time came to leave, since they could not start the engine, they decided to take a little petrol out of the tank to store in the carburator. They were caught in the act of doing this.

although their reason for taking the petrol was not definitely proved and even though the explanations given can be considered plausible there always remains the fact that the taking of petrol from the tank was a serious offence and something that this H.Q. has very strictly forbidden drivers to do, in order to make possible a thorough check of petrol consumption.

Therefore, on Mar. 1st, when Capt. BANZATTI reported the matter the men were punished.

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- Gunner CATELLANI Meo awarded 15 days detention

~ 15 days C.P.S. (half pay) because: "as a driver carrying out his normal duties, contrary to general orders laid down, he took petrol out of the tank and transferred it to a petrol can, and thus gave cause for being suspected of stealing the petrol"

4113

- Corporal ROSSI Alfeo awarded 15 days detention because: "as a reserve driver, whilst carrying out his normal duties, contrary to general orders given, he allowed the driver in charge of the lorry to take petrol out of his tank, thus causing him to be suspected of stealing the petrol"

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The vehicle on charge to the men was taken away.

Also no report was made by the police, at least to Capt. BANZATTI, in respect of the works ticket; since the same works ticket is still with the police this N.C. cannot be certain if it was properly filled in and therefore could not charge the driver in this respect.

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Subject: Unauthorised carriage of civilians.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 78
25 Apr 45

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

The attached copies of Military Police Reports are passed to you for information and necessary action.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 76
24 Apr 45

Subject: Discipline.

To :- Combat Group FCLGCRE

1. Herewith CMP report, Ref. AFM/1/2 of 22 Apr, received from AFM Main HQ 10 Corps, and passed to you for necessary action.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

4110

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SUBJECT:- Incident involving a Carabiniere of the Folgore Gruppo.

Main H.Q. 10 Corps.
APM/1/2

22 Apr 45

DAA & QMG
53 BLU.

Attached copy of a Military Police Report is forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

4103

P. W. Stone Capt

for Lt. Col.
A.P.M.
10 Corps.

WGDS/FB

23 APR 1945

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Subject: Traffic Accident.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 77
24 Apr 45

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24 APR 1945

To:- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

Jeep and trailer WD No.M.5632017
Driven by - 9828237 Sepoy MACHENDERRAO
7 Jeep Fl RIASC
Morris 15-cwt WD No. not known
Driven by - ALEONE Bruno
Parachutist Bn, 'Nembo' Regt, FOLGORE I.C.G.

The attached CMP report on traffic accident at KEFRIDO on 15Apr involving above vehicles, is forwarded for information and necessary action.

4108

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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SUBJECT:- Traffic Accident

4434
APR

Main HQ 13 Corps
Pro 317
21 Apr 45

HQ 53 BLU
OC 7 (10 Ind Div) Jeep Pl RIASC

4107

Jeep & trailer WD No M5632017
Driven by - 9828237 Sepoy MACHENDERRAO
7 Jeep Pl RIASC
Morris 15-cwt WD No unknown
Driven by - ALEOSI Bruno
Parachutist Bn, Nembo Regt
Folgore Gp

The attached C/P report on traffic accident at REFRIDO on 15 Apr involving above vehicles is forwarded for information and action as necessary.

Sgt Pnk Gp Pro

22 APR 1945

Lt. Col
Assistant Provost Marshal

In the Field

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Ref: 2PR[illegible].7D/9A

17 Det., 2 L of C Provost Coy (V).,
U D F., C M F.
18 Apr 45.

C.C.,
No. 53 B.L.U.,

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

4105

The attached traffic accident report is forwarded for information and action as considered necessary.

.....Lt.,
DAPM 17 Det., 2 L of C Provost Coy (V).

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21 APR 1945

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53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 75
24 Apr 45

Subject: Discipline.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLICHE

Herewith CMP report, Ref. 2PRO/17D/9A of 18 Apr, received from 17 Det. 2 L of C Provost Coy (V), U.D.F., C.M.F., and passed to you for necessary action.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

4167
24 Apr 1945
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Subject: Discipline.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 74
24 Apr 45

A466
24 APR 1945

Herewith CMP report, Ref.880 of 17 Apr, received from DAFM 211 Sub Area, and passed to you for necessary action.

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Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Subject. Discipline.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 73
24 Apr 45

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

Herewith CMP report, Ref 310A of 19 Apr, received from DA&QMG Rear HQ 10 Corps and passed to you for necessary action.

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Lt.Col.
G.3.

4465
24 Apr 45

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Subject: Incident at CHIUSI Stn -
Sotto Tenente BILILLO LORENZO

Rear Headquarters,
10 Corps

310 A

19 April 1945.

53 BEU

The attached CMP reports in respect of the above-named officer are forwarded for any action you may consider necessary.

S/L. Asst. A.G.

J.B. Lewis Maj

DAAG 4102

for Brigadier.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
10 Corps.

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1 N.O. Fld Pk bay.

Ref. 978

Ref: 53 B.A.U.

4463

24 APR 1945

P.M. 146 apl. 18/45

Subject: Firearms Accident.

The signal to the above H.Q. that the 4101 evening at 1930 hrs. whilst Sergt. Brenton Marcello (1916 Class) belonging to the fld pk. bay. was moving his kit from one hut to another in the location where the stores platoon has recently arrived in the locality of Lanuvia in the neighbourhood of San Clemente, he unexpectedly left his Thompson Gun & shots that were in it.

Two shots caused the wounding of 2 Indian soldiers of the 1234 Ind. Pioneer by commanded by the English officer R.E. Lacey.

The Indians hit are: Mohd. Hussain - Ram Sharam, who were immediately given assistance

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and carried to the med post of their unit

They were examined by Capt N. Ahmed (IMS - IAMC - MO 1234. I.P.C.) who found the Indian Hussain had a slight wound in the neck whilst the Indian Charan had been more seriously wounded ~~Lac~~ as it was reported he had a wound with a laceration in of the ~~back~~ spine between the 10th & 11th rib.

Witness of the accident was Sapper Adolfo Cecchini 4100 who has attached a report of the facts.

Sergt. Trenton has been made to return to his unit where he is to be found available

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Report by Sapper Adolfo Leschin

APR 1945

Witness at ~~the~~ accident caused by Sergt. Marcello Trentin I report the following:

At about 1930 hrs. I had just finished arranging my kit when on clearing the hut Sergt. Marcello Trentin called me & ~~was giving~~ gave me instructions about fixing the canopy of 4099 lorry Sergt. Trentin at the same time he was speaking to me had with him his Thompson which was part of his kit that had to be taken to a new bed space. Whilst the Sergeant was speaking there, unexpectedly, left his gun & shot, two of which went through the two walls of the hut and shot two Ind. soldiers that were to be found nearby

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H 451
24 Apr 1945

Subject:- Unauthorised carriage of civilians.

II5 Provost Company,
IC Corps.
Ref:- PRO/II5/IC/205(3)
21 Apr 45.

Officer Commanding,
53 B.L.U.,
att. Foldore Combat Group.

The attached copies of Military Police Reports are forwarded for onward transmission to the units concerned.

H Jackson Captain, 4098
II5 Provost Company.

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H411 File

Subject: Discipline. 53 B.L.U.

Ref. A7 - 72

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE 20 Apr 45

The attached documents, DAPM 211 Sub Area Ref.857 of 16 Apr and APM 55 Area Ref. Pro 15 of 18 Apr, relating to traffic offences by soldiers of the Combat Group under your command are forwarded for information and necessary action.

Lt Col
G.S. Capt

4097

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4408

SUBJECT:- Italian Units.

Main HQ 13 Corps.
1286/A.
13 Apr 45.

'A' Gp 10 Corps.

3660

Copy to:- 53 BIU (ref your A7-57 dated 29 Mar 45)

The attached copy of AFHQ FX58343 dated 11 Apr 45 is forwarded for information.

Lieut-General.
Commander, 13 Corps.

ET.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No

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TO MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

Message Instructions — GR

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Restricted FX58343 ⊙ Continuing conversation DOBBS-STONEY ⊙ Signed SACMED and FHQAB ⊙ You will dispatch to FOLLORE GRUPPO accredited one experienced CCRR officer of rank not less than captain ⊙ Signal Main Eighth Army attn S3 BLU ETA ⊙ for Eighth Army ⊙ Your A351 of 9 refers ⊙ Officer will be attached pending consideration proposed establishment WE

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Subject: Traffic Accident. 53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 71
20 Apr 45

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

Fordson 15-cwt WD No. Z.4962882
Driven by - Capt. LLOYD DOLBEY
22 Civil Affairs Unit.

Bedford 3-ton WD No. L.526948
Driven by - Sold. CIANFEGNDA Cesario
Medical Section FOLGORE I.C.C.

The attached CMP report, statements and sketch plan relating to traffic accident at MR 898885 on 11 Apr involving the above vehicles are forwarded for your information and action as necessary.

4094

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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4395

Subject: Absentees.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 70
19 Apr 45

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

The attached letter is forwarded for information and necessary action.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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SUBJECT:- Traffic Accident

Main Hq 13 Corps
Pro 310
17 Apr 45

Hq 53 BLU
OC 22 Civil Affairs Unit

Fordson 15-cwt WD No Z4962882
Driven by - Capt LLOYD DOLBEY
22 Civil Affairs Unit
Bedford 3-ton WD No L526948
Driven by - Sold GIAFREDDA Cesario
Modicla Section, FOLGORE GP

The attached CMP report, statements and sketch plan relating to traffic accident at MR 898885 on 11 Apr involving the above vehicles are forwarded for your information and action as necessary.

In the Field

Assistant Provost Marshal

Reports passed to Group.

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Subject: Discipline.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 69
18 Apr 45

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

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

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Ref. 1000/Segr.

P.M. 146 apl. 17/45.

4356

18 APR 1945

Subject: Motor accident.

To 3 B.L.V.

For information we send a copy of a signal from Volgore Arty Regt. H.Q. in respect of an accident that occurred on apl 9th, in the vicinity of Scatteria, between a recce car belonging to the regt. & a Willy's Jeep belonging to a British unit unidentified.

The driver responsible has been reminded by the Arty. Regt. to which he belongs.

The same regt. has again been told, by this H.Q., of the necessity, in such cases as these of attaining the allied vehicles N.C.O.

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Appx. 6. to Rep 1000/Segr.

Copy.

Folgore Arty Regt # 9.

T.M. 146 apl. 14/45

Ref 02/223 di prot.

Subject: Motor accident

On apl 9th, according to orders given by the above H.Q., the Sec. Lieut. Giacomo Marsure was sent with 4 drivers to collect 4 Recce cars from O.F.T. Piazzano.

When he returned, the officer reported that during the return journey, the gunner Luigi Mutterle, to whom had been given 4089 charge the car W.D. No. 198214, whilst trying to pass another vehicle on a curve, that was going at a moderate speed, ~~he~~ collided with a Jeep approaching from the opposite direction.

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Because of the collision, although the recce car was not damaged, the Jeep received damage, not ascertained, to the front part.

The driver of the recce car also the personnel (1 capt - 1 O.R. of the English army) on the Jeep received no injuries.

It therefore awarded the gunner Luigi Mutterle 20 dys. detention for the following reason;

"whilst driver of a Lt. recce car, contrary to traffic regs., he passed a vehicle on a curve thus causing a collision with a vehicle proceeding in the opposite direction"

The punishment being extenuated ~~in 30 days~~ due to the fact that he was driving a vehicle belonging new to him

We attach the report of Sec. Lieut. Marani

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App. 2 Ref. 1000/Segr.
TM 146 apl. 9/45.

Subject: Report on the accident in which the driver Luigi Mutterle was involved.

To: Tolgorett/Regt. H.Q.

On apl. 9/45 by orders of the above H.Q., I reported to O.F.D. Piazzano to collect 4 Lor. Recce. Cars.

I left Piazzano at 0900 hrs. with the 4 cars in convoy, being in the last one to be able to control the convoy more easily and so as to help if any car had to stop for some reason.

When past Scarperia some vehicle passed me and got in between me and the others so that I could no longer see them. At one time the convoy suddenly stopped, and, after waiting a little, I got out of my recce car and walked towards the front of the convoy

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to find out why it had halted. A short way
in front I found, stopped in the middle of
the road, a Jeep that had the front damaged.
About ten metres further on I found stopped,
the recce car W.D.No. 19821 driven by driver
Luigi Mutterle.

I enquired about the accident and from
what I was told I gathered that Mutterle, having
in front of him a Chevrolet that was proceeding,
somewhat slowly, wanted to pass it on a curve;
just at that moment in the opposite direction
there came a Jeep and therefore the collision
was unavoidable. The accident took place
at 0945 about 4 or 5 kms. from Scanferia
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on the Jeep were a Captain & Soldier of the British
army that did not report any injury worth worrying
about.

I made it my duty to give the Captain all
information & details for the report he wished to
make out.

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4348
18 APR 1945

Subject: Italian Military Tribunals

Rear Headquarters,
10 Corps

2100 A

16 April 1945.

50 BLU
53 BLU

APM - for Information.

1. Information has been received to the effect that a Royal Decree was passed on 7 Apr 45 authorising Military Tribunals for each Italian Combat Group.

2. Personnel for two tribunals have already been selected and are ready to move. Initially, these two tribunals will be allocated as follows:-

(a) One with FRIULI CG with jurisdiction over CREMONA CG.

(b) One with FOLGORE CG with jurisdiction over LEGNANO CG.

3. It is also notified that there is a Territorial Tribunal at MACERATA with jurisdiction over neighbouring provinces including FORLI and RAVENNA.

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Florence Territorial Tribunal opens on 15 Apr 45.

Brigadier.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
10 Corps.

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Subject :- Discipline.

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District
Ref LO/G11

14 April 45.

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

I. Attached CMP report for your information and action please.

Capt.
MMIA/LO., I District.

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SUBJECT:- Discip'ine. To 53 PLM for Action.

HQ 55 Area.
PRO 15.

MMIA LO HQ No 1 District.

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

W Sykes
Major.
(W. Sykes) 4083
A.P.M.
55 Area.

In the Field.
12 Apr 45.

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REPORT

To:-
The Officer Commanding,
509 Provost Company,
C.M. Police.

Sir,

I have to report that at AREZZO on the 9 APR 45 about 0900 hrs I was on Motor cycle patrol on Route 69 accompanied by L/Cpl. LEE, C.M.Police where I saw a WD DODGE 15-cwt truck Nº Z 5335754 travelling at a speed which I considered to be excessive.

I followed the vehicle at an even distance for approx half a mile during which time the minimum and maximum speeds recorded on my speedometer were 45 to 53 mph.

I overtook the vehicle and signalled the driver, STRADIOTTO CRESTE of CAMP TRANSPORT, Nº 3 PLATOON, 'NEMBO Division' to stop.

I pointed out to him the offence committed, obtained his particulars, verified same from his Identification card, informed him he would be reported and ordered him to proceed at a speed not in excess of the maximum permitted for that type of vehicle, i.e. 35 mph.

Field.
9 Apr 45.

1607117 W. Hartland L/Cpl.
C.M. Police.
(W.HARTLAND).

Sir, I ~~was~~ was present on the above mentioned patrol and the speeds recorded on my speedometer were 44 to 52 mph.

509 PROVOST COMPANY
Field.
9 Apr 45.
CO P[illegible] OF MILITARY POLICE

6921424 T. Lee L/Cpl.
C.M. Police.
(T. LEE).

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Subject: Discipline.

53 B.D.U.
Ref. A7 - 68
18 Apr 45

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To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

Cpl Zaia Vittorio, Parco Mobile AGA .

Herewith documents relating to a traffic offence committed by the a/m NCO and forwarded to you for necessary action.

Lt.Col.
G.S. 4081

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4347 15 18 MAY 1945

PM/RA/PF 3

Transmittal Slip.

Ref N. PROVS 12/5818

Subject Traffic offence.

From: Office of the Provost Marshal,
Rome Allied Area Command.

To: PM.HQ AAI
PM U.S. Forces
DPM. 3 District.
DPM. R.A.F.
APM. Canadian Corps
APM. U.S.F.
G. 1 (Br) RAAC.
Chief of Public Safety.
HQ. A. C. C.
Commandant French Forces HQ.
D. A. D. CLAIMS.
OC 111 Provost Coy.
OC 'T' Provost Coy.
OC 76 Section, S. I. P.
OC 76 Coy. GHQ. (TC).
OC., 53 B L U.

For information
Necessary action, please
Investigation & report
Note & forward as Indicated
Perusal and return please
For report
For report & completion
Forwarded
Remarks

Date 18 APR 1945 Signature 40 J. C. Kupfoot Maj

for Lt.-Col.
Provost Marshal.

8HQS/707/Gen/11-44

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - Bartering of Rations.

4-3-24
17 Apr 45

Rear Hq EIGHTH Army, C.M.F.
Tel Ext 210.

R 18997 A.

16 Apr 45.

Hq 50 BLU
Hq 51 BLU
Hq 53 BLU

Copy to:- 'Q'
MTALO.

S/C

1. In order that all Italian personnel may be conversant with the position in respect of bartering of rations, please arrange for AMG 65 of 1945 to be republished in all formation and unit orders in the Gruppi.

2. Orders will also be published to the effect that it is also an offence for rations to be given away to civilians.

3. It should be stressed in these orders that not only will military personnel be liable to disciplinary action but that it is an offence for civilians to be found in possession of WD supplies.

Brigadier.
D.A.A.G. 4079
EIGHTH Army.

Field.
TA/lm.

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Ref. 3299/Pers.

P.O. 146 apl. 15/45.

H295

Subject: violation of Reg.
by Driver Augusto Paccucci.

Ref. 533-V (Ref dated 12/3/45 MMIA 200 Dist)

The presence of the O.R. Gualtiero Bondi on the lorry in charge of Driver Paccucci has not been definitely ascertained, whilst on the contrary it has been confirmed by two witnesses that the lorry was left unattended.

The accident certainly would not have taken place if the O.R. Bondi – as stated in above ref. – had been upon the lorry.

For the above reasons I hold the driver charge Paccucci responsible for having left the 4078. Lorry unattended also for not having readily obeyed the M.P.'s order.

Taking into account therefore that the same soldier on his entry into the above hospital readily reported the accident that happened to him, I award him 15 days detention.

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DV/P.-

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

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nº 3299/Pers. P.M. 146, lì 15 aprile 1945

OGGETTO: Infrazione dell'autiere PASCUCCI Augusto.-

ALLA DIREZIONE 516° OSPEDALE DA CAMPO "FOLGORE" P.M.146
(rif.f.n. 1582/ in data 9/4/1945)

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO 53° B. L. U. S E D E
(Rif.f.in data 12/3/45 M.M.I.A. LO 1 district)

La presenza del soldato BONDI Gualtiero sull'autocarro in consegna all'autiere PASCUCCI non é sufficientemente accertata, mentre al contrario risulta accertato da due testi che l'autocarro era incustodito.-

L'incidente infatti non avrebbe avuto luogo qualora il BONDI - come risulta dal foglio a riferimento - si fosse trovato sull'autocarro.-

Per quanto sopra ritengo l'autiere PASCUCCI responsabile di aver lasciato incustodito l'autocarro a lui in consegna e di non aver prontamente ottemperato all'ingiunzione degli agenti di polizia militare.-

Tenuto conto però che lo stesso al suo rientro a cotesto ospedale ha prontamente riferito sull'incidente occorsogli, lo punisco con 15 giorni di C.P.R.- 4077

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

M40738/1444 350M 11/43 M. Ltd. 51-755

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 424

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

14 APR 1945

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FROM	Originator	Date-Time of Origin.	Office Date Stamp
(A)	53 AIU	141140B	

For Action.

TO HQ Com Cat Group FULGOSI

(W) For information (INFO)

Message Instructions.	GR

Originator's No.

AIU/A7-57 Sottotenente Gpl Mgr FIORETTO RAFFAELLO - Ufficiale Cl

(Signal Gp) Intercepted 15 Sqdn. SIB CAMP FLORENCE with which Station arrange immediate collation of info and which Escort will be necessary on Info is under consideration

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Continuation S.O. 12065 Section 3-402/RMBO No. 785020

AIR(A7-6)0 [illegible]

flight Lt Atwood to Station SIS code FLORENCE with which to Base arrange
immediate collection of NFO and which to Escort will be necessary as NFO is under
arrest

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Signed [illegible]	Signed		THI or TOR		
			Time Cleared		

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 4675

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FROM (A) Originator: DATM 75 SECTION SIB CMP | Date Time of Origin. 121000B

For Action: 53 BLU

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Office Date Stamp: ARMY COMMUNICATIONS BLU-12 NOV 45 SERVICE

Message Instructions: GR 24

Originator's No. 75/A/253 confidential Ofcl MAJ FIORETTO

RAFFAELLO TELARADIO company folgore division at present detained at this HQ with vehicle O please arrange escort

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FT 13 NOV 1945

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75/A/253 confidential O/C/I MAJ FIORETTO RAFFAELLO TELARADIO company folgore division at present detained at this HQ with vehicle O/ please arrange escort

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P.S.S. "A" M 150 - 25.000 Pads 100-44

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Subject: Discipline - Italian Soldiers.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 66
11 Apr 45

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

Cap GUISMONDO Ugo - Med Sec FOLGORE Combat Group

1. Ref attached report - higher authority have requested a full report on this matter with information as to the reason for the attempted theft.

2. Please submit report to this HQ by 16 Apr.

Lt.Col.
G.S. 4073

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Subject:- Discipline - Italian Soldiers.

Main HQ 13 Corps.
1286/2/A. 4112.
10 Apr 45.

53 B.I.U.

Cap GUISMONDO Ugo - Sezione di Sanita Folgore
1st Reparto PM 146

1. Ref attached CMP report regarding arrest of the above mentioned Italian.

2. Would you please ascertain from FOIGORE Gp the soldier's reason for the attempted theft.

Brigadier,
DA&QMG. 4074

TS.

Unclassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

4128

Subject: Traffic Accidents.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 65
11 Apr 45

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

Herewith report on traffic accident in which a soldier of the Combat Group was involved. Please initiate disciplinary action against the soldier in question.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 6 APR 1945

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FROM (A) Originator: S.O. R.E.M.E. 53 B.L.U. Date-Time of Origin.

For Action.

C.O. 53 B.L.U.

April 4th 1945

TO DAAG. 8th Army.

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No. and Date

Subject:- S/Sgt. Boult - Discipline. I

1. Ref. your A7-60 dated 2/4/45. ↓3796.

2. I have spoken both to S/Sgt Boult and to the Italian Captain concerned (who is 2 i/c the workshop).

The Captain remembers the incident, and says that he too at the time considered the N.C.O's manner to have been rather rude. From my knowledge of this officer I consider his opinion 40A2 to be trusted.

3. S/Sgt Boult at first stated that he could not recall the incident, but later returned and said that he did remember it, and had merely pointed out that the guns were dirty. Asked if he realised at the time that he was speaking to an officer, that he did not realise it

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Originator's No. and Date and this Notification is not classified.

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4/ The remarks in para. 2 of your letter are completely agreed, and this point of view has been brought to the attention of every member of the Trng. Unit., and repeatedly so to S/Sgt Boult. The latter has all too frequently been very

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S.O.	R.E.M.E. 53 B.L.U.		April 4th 1945.

For Action.

C.O. 53 B.L.U.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

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S/Sgt Boult's work has always been good, and he knows his job.

5. Would it be possible to arrange for a posting for this man, who is Arm. Art A.A. (held in lieu of Arm. Art. Field)? I ~~do~~ consider it inadvisable at the moment for the Gunshop to be left without supervision, ~~at the moment~~, since a considerable number of guns are passing through the Workshops. If no substitute can be found, it might be wise to post S/Sgt Boult later, as even now the Italian N.C.O. and Fitters have a good knowledge of the various guns.

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6./ I must accept responsibility for the incident now reported, and tender any apologies which you consider should be made.

Thornton. Capt.

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Subject: Bloodline

To:- HQ Combat Group POLAND

55 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 6L
6 April 45

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1. Herewith copy of report by Major C.W. Lane RA on an incident which took place at HOMBO SAN LORENZO.

2. Please investigate and inform this HQ of the results.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Subject: Disturbance at BORGO SAN LORENZO by Italian Mili[illegible]y

Major C.N. Lane RA
Acting C.A.P.O. 13 Corps,
BORGO SAN LORENZO

To: 53 B.L.U.

1 April 45

Sir,

The following report is submitted for any action which you may consider necessary:

On the 31st March 1945 a private party was given by Signore Tirinange and his wife at their house at BORGO SAN LORENZO. Authority for this party was given by AMG in conjunction with the Town Major, and Military Police were advised the names of persons invited.

The front door of the house leads straight into the hall, where dancing was in progress. Music could therefore be heard in the street.

At approx 2200 hrs I was called to the front door and found three Military Police (112 Provost Coy) outside. They informed me that there were about 20 Italian soldiers in the street outside. In view of the number of cases of threatening which have occurred I requested them to inform the CCRR and also keep a watch on the building in the course of their duties.

Later I was told by Signore Tirinange that two or three of the soldiers had continually knocked at the door and demanded to come in. They were told that it was a private party and that both the Town Major (Major Marchant) and myself were present. The door was shut and bolted. Shortly afterwards I was sent for and coming down the stairs I saw three Italian soldiers fighting with the civilian guests. I was followed by the Town Major and together we arrested the three soldiers, retaining them in the hall until Military Police arrived with the Maresciallo of the CCRR BORGO SAN LORENZO.

I ordered them to take the soldiers to the Caserma. In the morning (1st April) I proceeded to the Caserma and interviewed the Italian Lieutenant in charge of the convoy to which the three soldiers belonged.

A convoy from 1st Compagnia Parco Campale Genio Gruppo di Combattimento FOLGORE P.M.146 had arrived in BORGO SAN LORENZO from CASTEL DEL RIO to collect bridging materials that evening.

After questioning the men it transpired that this was not an endeavour on the Italian soldiers' part to break up the dance, but merely a rude interruption to see me and enquire if they could be allowed to join the party.

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The facts appear to be as follows:- After several attempts to enter the house the soldiers demanded to see me. One of the civilians brought one into the house and took him by the arm to lead him upstairs. The soldier apparently objected to being led by the arm and broke loose. The two other soldiers then pushed their way in and the fight started between the three soldiers and the male guests.

The names of the soldiers are as follows:

COLACICCHI ARMANDO FURIN OTTARINO SCARCELLA GIUSEPPE

The Lieutenant in charge of the convoy was Tenente GELMETTI GIORGIA. After taking particulars I released the soldiers to continue their convoy telling the Lieutenant I would be forwarding a report of the incident.

(Signed) Major C.N. Lane R.A.

Borgo S. Lorenzo.
1st April 1945.

3877
5 APR 1945

To:- 53 B.L.U.
From:- Major C.N. LANE. RA Acting C.A.P.O. XIII Corps.
Subject:- Disturbance at Borgo S Lorenzo by Italian Military.

Sir

The following report is submitted for any action which you may consider necessary.

"On the 31st March 45 a private party was given by Signore Terinangé and his wife at their house at Borgo S. Lorenzo. Authority for this party was given by A M G. in conjunction with the Town Major, and Military Police were advised the names of persons invited.

The front door of the house leads straight into the hall, where dancing was in progress. Music could therefore be heard in the street.

At approx 2000 hrs. I was called to the front door and found three Military Police (112 Provost Coy) outside. They informed me that there were about 20 Italian soldiers in the street outside. In view of the number of ~~cases~~ 4068 of threatening which have occurred I requested them to inform the CCRR and also keep a watch on the building in the course of their duties.

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I ordered them to take the soldiers to the Caserma. On the morning (1st April) I proceeded to the Caserma and interviewed the Italian Lieutenant in charge of the convoy, to whom the three soldiers belonged.

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The names of the soldiers are as follows :-

COLACICCHI	ARMANDO
FURIN	OTTARINO
SCARCELLA	GIUSEPPE

The lieutenant in charge of the convoy was Tenente GELMETTI GIORGIA. After taking particulars I released the soldiers to continue their convoy telling the lieutenant I would be forwarding a report of the incident.

C.A. Hane Maj RA.

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53 Div

3841

4 APR 1945

Subject:- Discipline - Italian Co-operators.

Main HQ 13 Corps.
1326/1/A.
3 Apr 45.

LIST 'A'

The attached copy of AFHQ letter CR/3002/G1(Br) dated 30 Mar 45 is forwarded for information and action when required.

Brigadier,
DA&QMG.

TS.

COPY

Subject:- Discipline - Italian Co-operators.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/3002/G1(Br)
30 Mar 45.

4066

HQ FIFTH Army
HQ EIGHTH Army
XXXXX ... A

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2. Such reductions in the employment of an Italian Co-operator will in no way affect his rank and status in the Italian Armed Forces.

3. Any such reductions in employment will be reported to GHQ 2nd Echelon on A.F. W.3011A and demands for replacement made in the normal way. Attention is drawn to the provisions of "Administration of Italian Co-operators" para 29.

Sd. A.S. BARSDORF
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG, G.1(Br).

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - Italians.

CONFIDENTIAL.

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6 APR 1945

Main HQ 13 Corps.
1286/2/A.
3 Apr 45.

5 B.L.U.

The attached letter 1286/2/A of 3 Apr addressed to Commander, FOLGORE Group is forwarded for transmission to Gen MORIGI.

W.G. Roe
Lt-Col
DA & QMG.

ET.

SUBJECT:- Discipline - Italians.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Main HQ 13 Corps.
1286/2/A.

Commander, FOLCRE Group.

3 Apr 45.

1. I have read your letters Nos. 2615/Pers of 21 March and 712/Segr of 22 March, and have carefully considered the points you have raised.

2. As regards the behaviour of your troops I note the steps you have taken, and I am writing to HQs EIGHTH Army to ask them to support your requests for one CCMR Officer and a J.A. Branch to be attached to your HQs. I leave it to you to take such further disciplinary action as you consider necessary in respect of the various incidents mentioned in your letters, but I wish you to make it clear to all your officers that I will not tolerate indiscipline or misbehaviour in any troops under my command, and that if there are any further incidents of such a nature I shall insist on all those responsible being most severely dealt with. I agree with you that commanders cannot be held personally responsible for the acts of individual soldiers, but they are responsible for ensuring that cases of indiscipline are promptly and effectively dealt with. The behaviour of troops both on and off the battlefield is a direct reflection of the character and qualities of their officers, and will be so regarded by me. I and my staff will do all in our power to support you, but I shall judge the quality of your officers and troops by results, and I suggest that you should continue to impress upon them that the way to restore their national prestige is to devote all their energies to assisting the Allies in driving the Germans from Italy, leaving other matters to be dealt with by those responsible at the appropriate time and place.

3. I fully realise the difficulties you have had to contend with in matters of equipment, but I cannot accept them as an excuse for misbehaviour or indiscipline by your troops. Great efforts have been made to provide the equipment required by the Italian Groups. These efforts will continue, and my staff will do all they can to help your formation in this respect. In my opinion your troops are adequately equipped for the tasks they have been given. I wish you to make that clear to all ranks under your command, and to emphasise to them that it is the duty of a soldier always to do his best with whatever equipment he has. Success in war comes to those who make the best of what they have.

4. Finally I wish to confirm the instructions I gave verbally during my visit on 30 Mar, that all questions of policy affecting the operational efficiency, administration, organisation, discipline, morale and well-being of your formation will in future be dealt with through my HQs, and not direct to the Italian authorities. I shall treat your group in the same way as any other formation under my command, and you and your troops can rely on full support and assistance from me and my staff in all respects.

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J Dan Hawkesworth

This copy to 53 BLU.

Lieut-General,
Commander, 13 Corps.

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From: Comdr 0 Comp. "Folger"
To: Tactical HQ. — Chief of Staff Branch

9th April

NAVAL 146, 1 April U.S.

Subject: Utilizing the personnel employed for traffic duties on Ross Rd.

53. B.A.O.

Owing to the new Operational Order of the Combat Group, the presence of the elements employed on traffic duties on Ross Road is rendered undesirable. Particularly in take precautions etc:

— Flight leading Section with three of 10 Sub Div. of the Moment employed on traffic duties on the road

Sandoleone — Curiglio — S. Pasqualmare.

— Proceed to the Div. Comp. of the Div., the soldiers of the Regiment employed on road work.

Please bank this Log engine and keep it for the use

of 13 Corps.

4063

ROBERTO DE MARTINO
Chief of Staff

2 APR 1945

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Subject: Traffic Accident -- 16 Jan 45

To:- (CA) A.M.G., A.C., C.M.F.
66 Claims and Hirings

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 61
3 Apr 45

3498

1. Herewith copy of letter ref 66/50116/24/A of 24 Mar received from 66 Claims and Hirings.

2. Major Harris was posted to your HQ on 27 Mar 45.

3. It is requested that the attached copy of letter is passed to him for action.

Lt.-Col.
G.S.

COPY

Subject: Traffic Accident -
16 January 45

Ref: 66/50116/24/A

To: Headquarters
53 B.L.U. CMF

From: DAD Claims and Hirings,
66 Claims and Hirings, CMF.

4062

Major B.J. Harris

1. With reference to this office memo of even number dated 3 February 45, regarding the accident in which the above named officer was involved, AF A3676 is still wanted, please hasten.

In the Field
24 March 45

(Signed) ??????
Major
DAD, 66 Claims and Hirings

Unclassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Subject: Discipline

To: S.O. R.E.M.E.
53 B.L.U.

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 60
2 April 45

3796

The attached letter No.1702 dated 26 Mar 45 is forwarded to you for investigation and report.

My views are, that in whatevever state the guns were, there was no excuse for rudeness on the part of Sjt Boult to a Lt.Colonel of the Italian Army. British NCOs and men placed in similar circumstances should confine themselves to pointing out any defects etc and adverse comments should come from you or the OC Workshops.

4061

G.H.L. Marks . Lt.Col.
G.3.

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FOLGORE ARTY REGT

Ref: 1702

26 March 45

Subject: Sjt Boult

To:- HQ FOLGORE Arty Regt

I bring to your notice the following:

A few days ago the 2 i/c informed me that two guns of 9 Tp sent to the FOLGORE Workshops for light repairs were found by the British Sjt Boult to be dirty.

I recently had to send to other guns (of 10 Tp) for similar repairs. Whilst at RONTA on duty, I called at the Workshop for news about some trucks being repaired and to have further information about the cleanliness of the guns of 9 Tp and to see if by chance those of 10 Tp were in a similar condition.

While I was talking to 2/Lt Petri , an Italian Capt of the Workshops, whose name has slipped my mind, Sjt Boult approached me and indicated by gestures, words, and an extremely rude manner that all four guns were dirty.

Apart from the fact that this does not correspond to the truth, inasmuch as the two Italian officers were actually telling me that whereas the first two guns were in fact not sufficiently greased, the same could definitely not be said of the other two which they had found to be in order; apart from that there remains the, to say the least of it, strange behaviour of a British NCO towards an Italian officer.

For the dignity of the uniform that I wear, I respectfully ask you to intervention to ensure that similar incidents will not reoccur.

(Signed) Lt.Col. Avogadro di Vigliano.

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(A)	53 E.L.U.	031155 A	

For Action.

H.Q. Combat Group. FOLGORE.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

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PRO

Message Instructions.	GR

Originator's No.

A/Q 47-62 Restricted. Ref your 47 SM of 1st April 45. Reference is made to 13 Corps Admin Instruction No 4 of 2nd April para 15. Details will be arranged between Lt Clarke-13 Corps Pro-and your H.Q.

4059

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

A/Q A7-62 Restricted. Ref your 47 SM of 1st April 45. Reference is made to 13 Corps Admin Instruction No 4 of 2nd April para 15. Details will be arranged between Lt Clarke-13 Corps Pro-and your H.Q.

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For Action.

A 13 Corps

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

BC/87-600 Ref conversation G1BR - GARDINER re info of the No 87-51 of 17 Mar Serial.

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3694
30 Mar 1945

Subject: Traffic Accident 16 January 45.

Ref 66/50116/24/A.

To: Headquarters,
53rd B.L.U.,
C.M.F.

From: DAD Claims & Hirings,
66 Claims & Hirings, CMF.

2558/17.

MAJOR. B.L. HARRIS.

1. With reference to this office memo of even number dated 3 February 45, regarding the accident in which the above named officer was involved, AF A3676 is still awaited, please hasten.

Sgt Lee 1558 related to the position

In the Field.
24 March 45

Major.
DAD, 66 Claims & Hirings.

31 MAR 1945

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MESSAGE

3650

To: 55 B.L.U.

Copy for information: HQ. 71 Sub Area.-

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N. 363/Disc. - MARINES BERTOCCI MARCELLO AND MORELLO ENRICO OF SANMARCO BGT GRADO BTN WERE ARRESTED ON 25 MAR. BY CARABINIERI PETTOLA FOR STEALING PETROL. STOP THEY ARE DETAINED ON LOCAL CIVILIAN PRISONS AWAITING DISCIPLINARY ACTION STOP PLEASE ARRANGE TO COLLECT THEIR BODY BELFOLD L. 4878140 NOW HELD BY THE LOCAL MILITARY POLICE STOP FULL REPORT WILL FOLLOW BY NORMAL MAIL TO FORGONE HQ. STOP

27 March '45

A. OLIVIERI Captain,
I.O. 71 SUB AREA HQ.

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NMSA 10 - see my signal re this.
info passed to Group 8th.

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

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TO [illegible]

(W) For Information (INFO)

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Quartermaster's G.O. 12065 Section 3-602 (NEMC) No. 1850020

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C O P Y

MESSAGE

To: 53 M.L.U.

Copy for information: HQ 71 Sub Area

N.383/Disc. - MARINES BERTOCCI MARCELLO AND MONELLO ENRICO OF SAN MARCO REGT GRADO BN WERE ARRESTED ON 23 MAR 45 BY CARABINIERI PERUGIA FOR STEALING PETROL (.) THEY ARE DETAINED ON LOCAL CIVILIAN PRISONS AWAITING DISCIPLINARY ACTION (.) PLEASE ARRANGE TO COLLECT THEIR LORRY BEDFORD L.4878140 NOW HELD BY THE LOCAL MILITARY POLICE (.) FULL REPORT WILL FOLLOW BY NORMAL MAIL TO FOLGORE HQ

4053

27 Mar 45

(Signed) A. OLIVIERI Captain
L.O. 71 Sub Area HQ

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Subject: Discipline - Co[illegible]t Group FOLGORE (CONFIDENTIAL) 53 B.L.U. 3660
Ref A7 - 57
29 Mar 45

To:- HQ 13 Corps

1. HQ Combat Group Folgore letters 2615/Pers dated 21 Mar and 712/Segr dated 22 Mar are forwarded herewith.

2. The following comments are made

(a) Reference 2615/Pers re anti-British feeling.

Serious incidents involving fairly large numbers of Italian troops from different units of the Group had taken place at ASCOLI, FOLIGNO, AREZZO, BORGO SAN LORENZO, MARRADI, and smaller incidents in other places. In all incidents Italian women who worked for or had fraternised with the British were threatened and in some cases British authority had been defied. I could not agree with the Group Commander that this was all the work of a few bad elements or of the latest reinforcements, and that there was no anti-British feeling amongst troops of the Combat Group.

(b) Reference the same letter re failure of British authorities to equip the Group satisfactorily.

This is very true in parts, but represents a very biased view as the situation is and has been improving daily. The chief cause of bad discipline and discontent is, in my opinion, the poor quality of the Italian officers, who amongst other failings do not know the word "man management," and the delay in the issue of clothing down to the troops has often been the fault of staff and regtl officers of the Group.

(c) More vigorous patrolling has been stressed by both Army and Corps Commanders and the DCS on several occasions.

(d) Reference 712/Segr dated 22 Mar, para 2(b). This view is the opposite of the CRP report and in addition I have just received a further report from CRP that men of the SAN MARCO Regt are still carrying arms and grenades when not on duty.

3. There is a certain reluctance on the part of senior Italian officers to take effective disciplinary action against their troops as they can desert without much fear of being apprehended and reinforcements are generally of poor quality. I feel, therefore, that unless a very serious view is taken of these cases and adequate disciplinary action demanded, a very much more serious situation will develop ultimately.

G. H. Marks. Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Subject: Discipline

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 58
30 Mar 45

To:- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

3676

Herewith copy of 13 Corps letter 1241/A of Mar 45, passed to you for information and necessary action.

E. Milbourn Capt
Lt.Col.
G.S.

3638

Subject: Progress Report on the Folgore Combat Group Provost Company. (C.C.R.R.)

To/ Assistant Provost Marshal,

13 Corps.

G1 Gen

Sir,

I sub it herewith for you information , a report of the progress made by the above mentioned formation since they have been under your command.

GENERAL.

Prior to coming under command of 13 Corps there was not an organised Company Head Quarters; each of the three sections namely 314, 315 and 317 were operating as independent sections; as the Chief of the Carabinieri Reali would not permit the sections to be merged into one company. However representation was made to him throu gh the Company Commander and he has now agreed that the sections shal function as a company; although at present there is not an authorised war establishment for such.

The company is now working with four sections; this is ideal at present whilst the Group is in a static role but to my mind each section is still too large especially for such times as when the Group undertake an offensive role. At the present moment owing mainly to insufficient transport and shortage of sergeants. The War Establishment allows for twelve sergeants but at the present moment there are only six whilst the corporals are six over strength. Apparently when the sections were originally formed the corporals were posted in lieu of sergeants this being a normal custom in the Carabinieri. I have taken the matter up with the Company Commander and application is being made for the authorise establishment.

The standard of efficiency of the unit is not all that could be desired at present , this is mainly due to the fact that it has never functioned before as an operational unit, most of the duties they are now performing being entirely strange to them Progress is however steadily increasing but before any attention can be paid to the finer points of training it is essential that the organisation and administration of the unit be improved have been concentrating on these points during the past week and things ar now beginning to run much better.

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The general turnout and personal appearance of the company has greatly improved but there is still room for a great deal of improvement. The general handicap is that each man has only one suit of battledress and no fatigue dress it is therefore very difficult for the men to look as they should do. Within the near future it is hoped that every driver and motor cyclist will be issued with a suit of denims. Razor blades are not an issue and none seem to be available from local sources therefore it is very difficult for men to look really smart.

DUTIES.

Traffic Control is at present the primary duty of the unit and owing to insufficient manpower the company has been reinforced by fifty two men from the Divisional Artillery who are superimposed upon the company mainly engaged in traffic control on bridges and cooking for detachments;

A small percentage of the company are availa-ble for discipline patrols and manning of road blocks. These road blocks are established for the purpose of checking all vehicles of the Group entering and leaving the area, before any vehicle is permitted to leave the area the driver must be in possession of an authority to leave the area which must be signed by the Regimental Commander or equivalent authority

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1098 STORES.

With a few exceptions 1098 is complete, many of the articles are not required and I have obtained the authority of the D.A.D.O.S.C 53 B.I.U; to return these stores to the D.A.D.Of; Dump. These stores comprise mainly of articles which will never be required operationally and at present are a drawback to the unit as with the transport at present laid down it is absolutely impossible to lift all stores and kit even in two flights; when the stores which are non essential have been returned it may be possible to lift the unit in one flight; The stores I am returning are mainly traffic control equipment(luminous arrows, wire pyramids, lamp carriers and a certain amount of ammunution mainly 36 Grenades.)

VEHICLES.

The present establishment allows for three "3" ton lorries nine 1cwt trucks, two 3cwt cars 4x4 and one car 3cwt 4x2 and forty two motor cycles. An authorised increase has been made which will add three 1cwt trucks and nine motor cycles and one 3cwt car to date these have not been received.

motor cycles are attached to the present two 1cwt trucks and four the transport but apparently the last mentioned increase is to allow for these vehicles which are now with the F.S.C.

condition and well maintained. Transport is in a fair

F.S.C.

As will be seen by the disposition of the company one officer two sergeants, one corporal and six privates are attached to the F.S.C. as at present there is not a Car Establishment fot such a unit with the Group. The company is seriously handicapped by virtue of the fact that one third of its present establishment of sergeants are attached to this unit.

Field.
27 March 45;

J.B.Clark Lieut.
Corps of Military Police
Provost Liason Officer.
53 British Liason Unit.

Copy to/ 53 B.L.U.
D.A.A.G.M.G. 53 B.I.U.
File;

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FOLLORE COMBAT GROUP PROVOST COMPANY.

DISPOSITION OF THE COMPANY. March 27th, 1945.

LOCATION. Scale 1/100,000	Off	Mars W.O	Brig Sgt	V/Br Cpl	App L/C	Car Pte	Total	Attached Cpl	Attached Pte	Attached Total	Grand Total
Coy H.Q. RONTA Admin	2	2	1	5	-	16	26				
Coy H.Q. Duty; Ronta Ref 945946 SH98	-	1	-	2	-	8	11		4	4	16
Castel del Rio; Gaggio Bridge.	-	-	1	2	-	25	28	1	8	9	37
Castel del Rio. Group Tac H.Q; Ref 007167 Ref 045200	-	-	-	1	-	3	4				
Casola. Ref 105177	-	-	1	1	-	13	15	-	7	7	22
Baffadi. REF 083142	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	11	11	12
Castegna. Ref 068103	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	-	7	7	11
Palazzuolo. REF 039057.	-	-	-	1	-	7	8	-	5	5	13
Marradi. Ref 089013.	-	-	-	1	-	6	7	-	5	5	12
Borgo S. Lorenzo. Ref 564862	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	-	2	2	6
Vicchio. Ref 967854	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-	1	1	6
Polcanto; REF 875815.	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-	1	1	6
S. Piero a Sieve. Ref 849882.	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-	1	1	6
Firenzuola. Ref 893067.	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-	1	1	6
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Ref 10517.											
Baffadi. REF 083142	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	11	11	12
Castegna. Ref068103	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	-	7	7	11
Palazzuola. REF 039057	-	-	-	1	-	7	8	-	5	5	13
Marradi. Ref089013.	-	-	-	1	-	6	7	-	5	5	12
Borgo S. Lorenzo.	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	-	2	2	6
~~Ref 904682~~ Vicchio. ~~Ref 967854~~	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-	1	1	6
Volcanto; ~~REF 875819.~~	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-	1	1	6
S. Piero a Sieve. ~~Ref 843682.~~	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-	1	1	6
Firenzuola. ~~Ref 893867.~~	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-	1	1	6
Attd F.S.S.	1	-	2	1	-	6	10		4050		
Hospital;	-	-	-	-	1	4	5				
Leave.	-	-	-	-	1	5	6				
Attd Post Office.	-	-	1	-	-	2	3				
Total Strength.	3	3	6	21	2~~6~~	118	153	1	53	54	207
War Establishment;	3	3	12	15	~~4~~	123	156				
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GnB CI · to Lee

Subject: Progress Report on the Folgore Combat Group Provost Company. (C.C.R.R.)

Lee 29/3

To/ Assistant Provost Marshal,

13 Corps.

Sir,

I submit herewith for you information , a report of the progress made by the above mentioned formation since they have been under your command.

GENERAL.

Prior to coming under command of 13 Corps there was not an organised Company Head Quarters; each of the three sections namely 314, 316 and 317 were operating as independent sections; as the Chief of the Carabinieri Reali would not permit the sections to be merged into one company. However representation was made to him through the Company Commander and he has now agreed that the sections shall function as a company; although at present there is not an authorised war establishment for such.

The company is now working with four sections; this is ideal at present whilst the Group is in a static role but to my mind each section is still too large especially for such times as when the Group undertake an offensive role. At the present moment owing mainly to insufficient transport and shortage of sergeants. The War Establishment allows for twelve sergeants but at the present moment there are only six whilst the corporals are six over strength. Apparently when the sections were originally formed the corporals were posted in lieu of sergeants this being a normal custom in the Carabinieri. I have taken the matter up with the Company Commander and application is being made for the authorised establishment.

The standard of efficiency of the unit is not all that could be desired at present , this is mainly due to the fact that it has never functioned before as an operational unit, most of the duties they are now performing being entirely strange to them. Progress is however steadily increasing but before any attention can be paid to the finer points of training it is essential that the organisation and administration of the unit be improved. I have been concentrating on these points during the past week and things are now beginning to run much better.

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DUTIES.

Traffic Control is at present the primary duty of the unit and owing to insufficient manpower the company has been reinforced by fifty two men from the Divisional Artillery who are superimposed upon the company mainly engaged in traffic control on bridges and cooking for detachments;

A small percentage of the company are available for discipline patrols and manning of road blocks. These road blocks are established for the purpose of checking all vehicles of the Group entering and leaving the area, before any vehicle is permitted to leave the area the driver must be in possession of an authority to leave the area which must be signed by the Regimental Commander or equivalent authority

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1098 STORES.

With a few exceptions 1098 is complete, many of the articles are not required and I have obtained the authority of the D.A.A.&Q.M.G 53 B.L.U; to return these stores to the D.A.D.OS; Amp. These stores comprise mainly of articles which will never be required operationally and at present are a drawback to the unit as with the transport at present laid down it is absolutely impossible to lift all stores and kit even in two flights ; when the stores which are non essential have been returned it may be possible to lift the unit in one flight; The stores I am returning are mainly traffic control equipment(luminous arrows, wire pyramids, lamp carriers and a certain amount of ammunution mainly 36 Grenades.)

VEHICLES.

The present establishment allows for three "3" ton lorries nine 1bcwt trucks, two 3cwt cars 4x4 and one car 3cwt 4x2 and forty two motor cycles. An authorised increase has been made which will add three 1bcwt trucks and nine motor cycles and one 3cwt car to date these have not been received.

At present two 1bcwt trucks and four m motor cycles are attached to the Group F.S/S: which rather lessens the transport but apparently the last mentioned increase is to allow for these vehicles which are now with the F.S.S.

Transport is in a fai r condition and well maintained.

F.S.S.

As will be seen by the disposition of the company one officer two sergeants , one corporal and six privates are attached to the F.S/S as at present there is not a car establishment fot such a unit with the Group. The company is seriously handicapped by virtue of the fact that one third of its present establishment of sergeants are attached to this unit.

Field.
27 March 45;

J.E.Blark Lieut.
Corps of Military Police
Provost Liason Officer.
53 British Liason Unit.

Copy to/ [redacted] 53B.L.U.
D.A.A.&Q.M.G. 53 B.L.U.
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FOR[illegible]RE COMBAT GROUP PROVOST [illegible]PANY.

DISPOSITION OF THE COMPANY. March 27th; 1945.

LOCATION. Scale 1/100,000	Off	Warr W.O	Brig Sgt	V/Bt Cpl	App L/C	Cor Pte	Total	Attached Cpl	Attached Pte	Attached Total	Grand Total
Coy H.Q. Admin. KONTA	2	2	1	9	-	10	26				
Coy H.Q. Duty; Roster Ref 945946	-	1	-	2	-	8	11		4	4	16
Castel del Rio; Gaggio Bridge. Ref 045200	-	-	1	2	-	25	28	1	8	9	37
Castel del Rio. Group Tac H.Q; Ref 107167			-	1	-	3	4				
Casola. Ref 105177	-	-	1	1	-	13	15	-	7	7	22
Raffadi. Ref 085142	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	11	11	12
Castagno. Ref 068103	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	-	7	7	11
Palazzuolo. Ref 039057	-	-	-	1	-	7	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	13
Marradi. Ref 068915.	-	-	-	1	-	6	7	-	5	5	12
Borgo S. Lorenzo. Ref 904582	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	-	2	2	6
Vicchio. Ref 967854	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-	1	1	6
Polcanto; Ref 879815.	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-	1	1	6
S. Piero a Sieve. Ref 919882.	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-	1	1	6
Firenzuola. Ref 899967.	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-	1	1	6
Attd F.C.C.	1	-	2	1	-	6	10				

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[illegible] Ref 068[illegible]	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	11	11	12	
Castagna. Ref068103	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	-	7	7	11	
Palazzuolo. Ref 039057	-	-	-	1	-	7	8	-	5	5	13	
Marradi. Ref089015.	-	-	-	1	-	6	7	-	5	5	12	
Borgo S. Lorenzo. Ref [illegible]	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	-	2	2	6	
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Polesano; Ref 079819.	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-	1	1	6	
S. Piero a Sieve. Ref [illegible]	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-	1	1	6	
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SUBJECT:- Discipline.

Main HQ 13 Corps.
1241/A.
28 Mar 45.

'A' Main 10 Ind Div.

53 BLU	Ord
RA	REME
6 AGRA	Pro
2 AA Bde	Camp (Main)
RE	Camp (Rear)
16 AGRE	46 Gp Pnr Corps.
CRE 13 Corps Tps	55 Gp Pnr Corps.
CSO	126 FMC
13 Corps Sigs	127 FMC
ST	200 Transit Camp
Med	412 FS Sec
106 SW Sec.	605 1st Cl Fire Bde.
Def Coy.	Corps Car Coy.

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4046 28 MAR 45

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DA & QMG.

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Platoon & the Leaders of other Coys.

29 MAR 1945

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SUBJECT:- Discipline.

Main HQ 13 Corps.
1241/A.

Mar 45.

To:- All Unit Comds.,
13 Corps.

SALUTING AND TURNOUT.

1. I am appalled at the standard of saluting in the Corps as shown by the troops I have seen so far. Saluting is a greeting between soldiers. Prompt recognition of a superior followed by a smart salute is the outward and visible sign of an alert and observant officer and soldier. There is nothing demeaning about it, nor has it any connection with class distinction. Anyone who thinks it has will get a rude shock when he meets the Russian soldiers who are always most punctilious about saluting and turnout.

2. I am not prepared to accept anything less than the highest standard of saluting in 13 Corps, and I look to all unit Commanders to take this matter up and put it right without delay. All ranks will salute flagged and starred cars whether they recognise the occupant or not. Officers will insist on being saluted by other ranks in accordance with the custom of the services, and will return salutes promptly and smartly. Disciplinary action will be taken against all who fail to comply with these orders. Failure to recognise an officer or a flagged or starred car is usually due to lack of observation and therefore seldom an excuse.

3. I have not been with the Corps long enough to comment on turnout, but I want to make my views on this question clear to all unit Commanders from the start. I have no intention of opening what the troops scathingly call a spit and polish campaign, but I intend that all troops under my command shall always be as clean and smart as circumstances permit. Everyone can and will be tidy in his dress. A good soldier takes a pride in his appearance, and a good unit takes care that its officers and men are well turned out. I look to all unit Commanders to ensure that their officers and men are always a credit to themselves, their units, the Corps and the Army in this respect.

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Lieut-General.
Commander, 13 Corps.

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Subject:- Discipline - FGCM.

Main HQ 13 Corps.
1310/A.
27 Mar 45.

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53 BLU
2 AA Bde
RA
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The attached copy/copies of Rear HQ EIGHTH Army letter R 19201/2 A dated 22 Mar 45 are forwarded for information.

K.J. Gaudie
Brigadier.
DA & QMG.

CGO

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Subject: Discipline - Rear HQ Eighth Army, C.M.F.

Tel Ex.: 209.

R 19201/2 A.

22 Mar 45.

"A" Main HQ 5 Corps.
"A" Rear HQ 10 Corps.
"A" Main HQ 13 Corps.
26 ELU at Rear HQ 2 Polish Corps.
"A" Rear HQ 6 Brit Armd Div.
HQ 7 Armd Bde.
HQ 9 Armd Bde.
HQ 12 AA Bde.
"A" HQ 36 (Army) Area.
Camp Commandant, Main HQ Eighth Army.
Camp Commandant, Rear HQ Eighth Army.
O.C., No.1 Court Martial and Holding Centre.

1. The following context of AFHQ letter G.R/4052/G-1(Dr) dated 15 Mar 45 is forwarded for distribution down to all units:-

(a) Cases are arising in which soldiers are brought to trial by field general courts martial without having been remanded for trial on the charge preferred. This fact is not infrequently revealed in a petition by the soldier concerned.

(b) In the opinion of the Judge Advocate General it is an essential preliminary to bringing a soldier before a court martial (including a field general court martial) that such soldier should be brought before his commanding officer in order that the latter may determine whether the charge should or should not be dismissed (See Section 46 (1) of the Army Act).

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(c) Cases where this essential preliminary has not been carried out leave no alternative but to quash the proceedings and to order a re-trial in appropriate cases.

2. In order to avoid the waste of time and inconvenience which would be caused in the case of (c) above, the necessity for bringing a soldier before his commanding officer for remand will be brought to the notice of all concerned. This will be done by distribution of this letter on a liberal scale and not by means of a routine order.

Field.
HQ/...

[signature]
Lieutenant
for Lieut-Colonel, JC
D.A. & Q.M.G.,
EIGHTH ARMY.

HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE — TRANSLATION

Ref 2615/Pers

Subj: Discipline — 21 Mar 45

To: HQ 13 Corps

Infm: 53 B.L.U.

28 MAR 45

HQ copy

I do not know to what extent the opinions expressed by Lt.Col. Brooks during our conversation of 16 Mar and in the notes sent to me on the following day, reflect the feelings and the ideas of the Corps Commander.

I only know that I myself and my senior staff, to whom I made known the facts, were surprised, hurt, and even, I might say, mortified, that above all an anti-British feeling has been attributed not to some disaffected elements within the Group, but to the major part of the Group itself.

Surprised because it is the first time, since May 44, that Allied authorities, through 53 BLU, have made this accusation; on the other hand the reports from the Allied Police on the incident at MARRADI have not yet reached me and it is difficult to hold courts of inquiry without relevent documents from the prosecution.

1. Anti-British Feeling

The FOLGORE Group has not the slightest anti-British feeling and the British officers attached to its units, who have lived for some months among our officers and men, bear witness to this.

All Regt and Bn Comds whom I summoned to report on this verify this on their honour.

On the other hand, in all sincerity I must say that a certain sense of uneasiness has become apparent in units due to the numerous disappointments experienced since Sep 44, for few of the many promises made even by high ranking British officers (General Browning) have been entirely kept. We senior officers, by reason of our rank and age, fully understand the reasons for the difficulties which the higher Allied authorities encounter in bringing the Italian Combat Groups up to scale and close following the course of the war we can appreciate that the question of production, transport and supplies has today reached a difficult stage and that in consequence we must be satisfied with what can be given us.

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- the allocation of weapons, which in part were in poor condition and sometimes u/s (A.Tk Bty of FOLGORE Regt)
- the allocation of vehs in many cases u/s
- That there exists still a deficiency of clothing, weapons, transport, kitchen and signals equipment;
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Our reactions to this will be intensified, officers will be charged with the job of educating the troops and putting them in the picture and the officers made still further to realise their responsibility for discipline, but we must not skate over the problem but tackle it from its roots.

I have already mentioned more than once that we shall not obtain results by using coercive methods and I ask you to meet us halfway and to understand our position.

Perhaps this feeling of lowered morale does not exist among the other Combat Groups because

- they have had better treatment;
- they unburdened themselves on their way up of deserters and unruly elements;
- this is the first time they have been employed operationally within higher British formations and therefore cannot make comparisons;
- they do not possess the type of soldier of which the FOLGORE Gp is composed.

...../It is my

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composed/.....

It is my duty, however, to reveal the fact that this disapointment exists within the ranks of the Group, a sentiment that is not in the slightest degree anti-British , but rather it is the delusion of unfulfilled expectations.

2. More Vigorous Patrolling

Since 3 March, we have done over 122 patrols, that is an average of 8 a day, and it has repaid the period of getting to know the ground, a factor which of necessity made deep patrolling in the first days impracticable.

The request therefore, for more intense patrolling I take to mean deeper patrolling into the enemy lines. I would emphasise again, as I stated to the 10 Ind Div Comd, that I cannot compete with Indian specialist grps, who rely by nature and their primitive affinity to the earth.

It is not therefore sufficient just to have brave men to carry out these special tasks, which might easily result in bad reverses, needless sacrifice of men, and which would be detrimental to the spirit of the others. However, some of our patrols have already pushed as far as just below enemy strong points; others have gone on special spying missions behind the enemy lines.

Patrolling will become always more active, because this is natural, as they get to know the ground better and also the restricted time element in the present phase of operations.

As regards the final para of the a/m letter I wish to point out that my responsibility for the behaviour of my tps does not date from today but from the day that the Div was formed in SARDINIA, at a time when no-one had faith in the Div, and that only after an operational period (from May to Sep of last year) did we convince the unbelieving of its faith and valour in battle.

I wished to clear up these points with absolute frankness, for that is instinctive in my character and for an innate sense of dignity which can exist fully even in an Italian General. You who are soldiers will therefore understand me. I am fully aware that this attitude of mine could cost me the cond of the FOLGORE at the eve of reaping, on the battlefield itself, the benefit of a long material and, above all, spiritual preparation. It would be hurtful, I know that and I feel it, but my opinion is that one cannot command without the respect, not only of one's inferiors but especially of one's superiors; I would rather, in such a case, renounce my cond. I cannot have a sword of Damocles over my head for a responsibility of incidents incited by agitators and bad elements which are to be found in any mass of men.

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(Signed) GIORGIO MORIGI
Group Commander

OGGETTO: Disciplina.-

RISERVATO
53 BLU

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Rif. A 7 - 51
17 marzo 1945.

AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"

1. Si inviano le seguenti note a conferma della conversazione di ieri, al riguardo delle dimostrazioni anti-britanniche delle truppe italiane.

2. La questione viene considerata molto seria ed ulteriori incidenti non saranno più tollerati. Il Comandante del Corpo d'A. è pienamente al corrente della questione ed è deciso a prendere le più rigide misure nel caso di altri incidenti.

3. La questione dei Tribunali Militari, la selezione e l'assegnazione dei complementi ed un aumento della forza dei carabinieri è stata sottoposta a MMIA da parte di questo comando.

4. Si ritiene che, benchè certi individui possono agire come promotori di sommosse, vi deve essere un diffuso e profondo sentimento anti-inglese in tutto il Gruppo e sono certo che questo deve essere ben conosciuto dagli ufficiali responsabili, che non hanno fatto nulla di efficace per rimediare a questo.

5. Benchè ci si possa attendere un certo aiuto da quanto richiesto nel paragrafo 3, una azione efficace deve essere intrapresa dal Comando di Gruppo. Questa azione dovrebbe, secondo me, riguardare principalmente i seguenti punti:

   a) - Devono essere presi i più severi provvedimenti contro ogni ufficiale e militare che sia ritenuto implicato negli incidenti che hanno avuto luogo.
   b) - Dovranno prendersi provvedimenti ancora più severi nel caso di futuri incidenti.
   c) - Dovrà subito intraprendersi un'azione efficace per spiegare ad ogni ufficiale e soldato del Gruppo le conseguenze di ulteriori incidenti e diffondere con tutti i mezzi un miglior spirito di cooperazione. Ciò sarà difficile e richiederà un'azinne energica da parte di tutti gli ufficiali superiori. Nel passato è stato osservato che gli ordini e le istruzioni ci mettono molto ad arrivare agli uomini e talvolta non vi giungono affatto.
   d) - La disciplina generale deve essere rafforzata. E' ben noto che

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   c) - Dovrà subito intraprendersi un'azione efficace per spiegare ad ogni ufficiale e soldato del Gruppo le conseguenze di ulteriori incidenti e diffondere con tutti i mezzi un miglior spirito di cooperazione. Ciò sarà difficile e richiederà un'azione energica da parte di tutti gli ufficiali superiori. Nel passato è stato osservato che gli ordini e le istruzioni ci mettono molto ad arrivare agli uomini e talvolta non vi giungono affatto.
   d) - La disciplina generale deve essere rafforzata. E' ben noto che incidenti si sono verificati ad Ortona durante il trasferimento nella zona di Ascoli ed hanno continuato a verificarsi durante la permanenza nella zona di Ascoli. Questi incidenti sono venuti a conoscenza degli ufficiali e sembra che non sia stata presa alcuna misura efficace; e credo che altri incidenti si siano verificati a Foligno durante lo spostamento verso questa zona.

6. Si mette in particolare evidenza:

   a) - soltanto l'azione e non le parole aiuteranno ad eliminare la sfavorevole impressione causata da questi incidenti e questa azione deve comprendere un più vigoroso pattugliamento da parte della truppa avanzata.
   b) - Il Generale Comandante sarà ritenuto direttamente responsabile del comportamento delle sue truppe, da parte delle superiori autorità Britanniche, ed ulteriori incidenti causeranno senza dubbio, almeno il cambio nel comando e possono anche influire sull'avvenire del Gruppo.

F/to Ten.col. BROCKS = Ten.col. G.S.

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Ref 261/Pers

II Corps Group FOLGORE

TRANSLATION

Subject: Discipline

21 Mar 45

To: Hq 13 Corps

Spaeth
(? Zeb Brooks)

Info: 53 B.L.U.

I do not know to what extent the opinions expressed by Lt.Col.Brooks during our conversation of 16 Mar and in the notes sent to me on the following day, reflect the feelings and the ideas of the Corps Commander.

I only know that I myself and my senior staff, to whom I made known the facts, were surprised, hurt, and even, I might say, mortified, that above all an anti-British feeling has been attributed not to some disaffected elements within the Group, but to the major part of the Group itself.

Surprised because it is the first time, since May 44, that Allied authorities, through 53 BLU, have made this accusation; on the other hand the reports from the Allied Police on the incident at MARMADI have not yet reached me and it is difficult to hold courts of inquiry without relevant documents from the prosecution.

1. Anti-British Feeling

The FOLGORE Group has not the slightest anti-British feeling and the British officers attached to its units, who have lived for some months among our officers and men, bear witness to this.

All Regt and Bn Comds whom I summoned to report on this verify this on their honour.

On the other hand, in all sincerity I must say that a certain sense of uneasiness has become apparent in units due to the numerous disappointments experienced since Sep 44, for few of the many promises made even by high ranking British officers (General Browning) have been entirely kept. We senior officers, by reason of our rank and age, fully understand the reasons for the difficulties which the higher Allied authorities encounter in bringing the Italian Combat Groups up to scale and close following the course of the war we can appreciate that the question of production, transport and supplies has today reached a difficult stage and that in consequence we must be satisfied with what can be given us.

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- the delay in the distribution of clothing, especially winter, which also were to a large extent part-worn and unclean;
- the delay in the distribution of arms;
- the allocation of weapons, which in part were in poor condition and sometimes u/s (A.Tk Bty of FOLGORE Regt)
- the allocation of vehs in many cases u/s
- That there exists still a deficiency of clothing, weapons, transport, kitchen and signals equipment;
- and above all the fact that having fought in the CIL assisted very generously by higher authorities, today the Group, which to all intents and purposes forms part of the British Army and has just taken over a sector held by a first-rate British formation, finds its treatment instead of improving, has notably worsened ?

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Our reactions to this will be intensified, officers will be charged with the job of educating the troops and putting them in the picture and the officers made still further to realise their responsibility for discipline, but we must not skate over the problem but tackle it from its roots.

I have already mentioned more than once that we shall not obtain results by using coercive methods and I ask you to meet us halfway and to understand our position.

Perhaps this feeling of lowered morale does not exist among the other Combat Groups because

- they have had better treatment;
- they unburdened themselves on their way up of deserters and unruly elements;
- this is the first time they have been employed operationally within higher British formations and therefore cannot make comparisons;
- they do not possess the type of soldier of which the FOLGORE Gp is composed.

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It is my duty, however, to reveal the fact that this disepointment exists within the ranks of the Group, a sentiment that is not in the slightest degree anti-British, but rather it is the delusion of unfulfilled expectations.

2. More Vigorous Patrolling

Since 3 March, we have done over 122 patrols, that is an average of 8 a day, and it has repaid the period of getting to know the ground, a factor which of necessity made deep patrolling in the first days impracticable.

The request therefore, for more intense patrolling I take to mean deeper patrolling into the enemy lines. I would emphasize again, as I stated to the 10 Ind Div Cond, that I cannot compete with Indian specialists/ops, who rely by nature and their primitive affinity to the earth.

It is not therefore sufficient just to have brave men to carry out these special tasks, which might easily result in bad reverses, needless sacrifice of men, and which would be detrimental to the spirit of the others. However, some of our patrols have already pushed as far as just below enemy strong points; others have gone on special spying missions behind the enemy lines.

Patrolling will become always more active, because this is natural, as they get to know the ground better and also the restricted time element in the present phase of operations.

As regards the final para of the s/m letter I wish to point out that my responsibility for the behaviour of my tps does not date from today but from the day that the Div was formed in SARDINIA, at a time when no-one had faith in the Div, and that only after an operational period (from May to Sep of last year) did we convince the unbelieving of its faith and valour in battle.

I wished to clear up these points with absolute frankness, for that is instinctive in my character and for an innate sense of dignity which can exist fully even in an Italian General. You who are soldiers will therefore understand me. I am fully aware that this attitude of mine could cost me the cond of the POLONIA at the eve of romping on the battlefield itself, the benefit of a long meterid and, above all, spiritual preparation. It would be hurtful, I know that and I feel it, but my opinion is that one cannot command without the respect, not only of one's inferiors but especially of one's superiors; I would rather, in such a case, renounce my cond. I cannot live 4057 sword of Damocles over my head for a responsibility of incidents incited by agitators and bad elements which are to be found in any mass of men.

(Signed) GIORGIO MORIGI
Group Commander

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DAA & QMG
53. A.L.U.

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2nd Ind.

Sir, ref. attached report I agree that the max. speed of this truck is 35 m.p.h., but I disagree to the statement made by the military police that the truck was going at a speed from 45 to 50 mls. per hr.

On route I kept a constant check of the driver's speed and just before about three or four minutes the military police by passed me, I happened to look at the speedometer and it registered from 35 to 40 mls per hr. and as the road was not a straight one, but had some slight bends it was impossible to drive at 45 to 50 mls. per hr. as the military police stated.

This incident took place on the road to Viterbo about 6 mls. before.

Field.
6. March 1945.

[signature] Lieut.

53. A.L.U.

6 MAR 1945

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50 Brit Liaison Unit 3297

A/6/13

15 Mar 45

SUBJECT : Traffic D_sipline

HQ 53 BLU

Lt A CINIES

The attached report in respect of the above named officer is passed to you, having been delivered to this HQ in error.

Maj RTR
DAAG/G

Chf
FCRV/SYB

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Subject:- Traffic Offence

201 Sub Area
Pro 15/1260
10 Mar 45

OC 53 ELU

Re: Lieut. A. Ginies.

1. The attached report in respect of the above named officer is forwarded for your information and such action as considered necessary.

2. A further copy is also attached in respect of the driver of the vehicle, may this please be forwarded to unit concerned.

KIG/rah

14/6/13

BRITISH
LIAISON UNIT
14 MAR 1945

Capt.
DAPM.
(K N Gould).

Forward to 53 ELU

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75th Coy. C.M.P. (T.C.)

REPORT

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

Sir, I have to report that at VITERBO MAP.REF. 445250/I5
on 6.MARCH 1945 at about 18.15 hrs, I was on duty and had
occasion to check vehicle W.D. NO.542875 I5. CWT. FORD.
being driven at an excessive speed by CPL. HICBELL F.
of 2. GRUPPO COMBATANTE DIVISION FIULI

I followed the vehicle at an even distance for approximately 2.000 yards, and the following speeds were registered on my speedometer :-

Minimum speed over the whole distance 45. MPH
Maximum speed over the whole distance 50. MPH
The maximum speed allowed for this type of vehicle is 35. MPH
I informed the driver that he would be reported,

In the vehicle passenger seat was LT. GINES A.
of 53. B.L.U. ATT. 2.GRUPPO COMBATANTE DIVISSION FIULI.

I informed him that he would be reported for permitting the offence.

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NO.6091532 J.C.Hatel PTE.
75 Coy.C.M.P. (T.C.).

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NO.6091532 J.C.Hatch PTE.
75 Coy.C.M.P. (T.C.).

Field
6 / 3/1945.

Sir,

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

NO.1063548 E.Fitzgerald PTE.
75 Coy.C.M.P.(T.C.)

Field.
6 / 3/1945.

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AAI ROs 1944

299. DISCIPLINE - LOSS OF VEHICLES.

1. Numbers of WD vehicles continue to be lost through being left unattended, contrary to the orders in force.

2. Where such a loss occurs adequate disciplinary action is often not taken, and there is a lack of appreciation of the seriousness of such occurrences and of the responsibilities of COs for vehicles on charge to their units and of individuals in charge of vehicles.

3. In the case of vehicle losses occurring on or after 15 Nov 44 disciplinary action will be taken against the person or persons responsible in all cases where an offence under the Army Act has been committed. Financial contributions should in such cases be effected by the award of stoppages rather than by agreements to pay. Trial will be by FGCM unless the authority having power to convene the court authorises summary trial.

4. In all such cases the responsibility of the CO will be considered, and evidence on this point taken at any Court of Inquiry. The CO is responsible for ensuring that adequate orders are issued to his unit in conformity with AFHQ GRO 113 of 1944 and AAI RO 181 of 1944, and that these are understood and obeyed. 4032

5. The degree of negligence required to constitute an offence under Sec 24(2) or Sec 40 of the Army Act is not always understood. This is explained in the notes to those sections which are republished in para 7 below. The degree of negligence required is less than that commonly understood to be signified by the phrase "gross negligence" employed in KR para 769(b).

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AFHQ GRO 113 of 1944 - Guarding of WD Vehicles.

AAI RO 181 of 1944 - Guarding of Vehicles.

AFHQ GRO 157 of 1944 - Courts of Inquiry - Loss of WD Property.

AAI RO 246 of 1944 - Courts of Inquiry - Losses.

AFHQ GRO 244 of 1944 - Losses by Theft (Procedure).

AAI RO 250 of 1944 - Losses of Vehicles.

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7. (a) The footnote on "neglect" in Sec 24, Army Act, reads:

"This is not intended to punish a soldier for a deficiency in his kit occasioned by accident or mere carelessness, but for loss by culpable neglect. On the other hand, the fact that a man has not got his arms, regimental necessaries, etc, at a time when it was his duty to have them, is prima facie evidence of his having lost them by neglect, and the court may call on him to show that the loss was not occasioned by any fault on his part."

(The same principle applies to every kind of loss, including loss of vehicles, mentioned in Sec 24(2)).

(b) The definition of "neglect" given in notes to Sec 40, Army Act, reads:

"'Neglect' to be punishable under this section must be blameworthy. If neglect is wilful, i.e., intentional, it is clearly blameworthy. If it is caused by an honest error of judgement and involves no lack of zeal and no element of carelessness or intentional failure to take the proper action it is equally clear that it is blameless and cannot be a ground for conviction. Where it is not thus completely blameless, the degree of blameworthiness naturally varies, and a court trying such a case must consider the whole circumstances of the case and in particular the responsibility of the accused. For example, a high degree of care can rightly be demanded of an officer or soldier who is in charge of an armoured vehicle or an aircraft or is responsible for its condition, or who is handling explosives or highly inflammable material, where a slight degree of negligence may involve danger to life; in such circumstances a small degree of negligence may be so blameworthy as to justify conviction and punishment. On the other hand, such a slight degree of negligence resulting from forgetfulness or inadvertence,

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660/Segr

COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE
Ufficio Capo di S.M. - 2 Sez
Personale e Segreteria

TRANSLATION 3382

19 March 45

Subject: Road Convoys

To: 53 B.I.U.

2996

Ref your A7 - 50 of 26 Feb 45.

The results of enquiries made have excluded the fact that the convoy referred to was organised by units belonging to this Combat Group.

The Engr Bn signals that it may refer to 2 Fd Pk Coy which, on 26 Jan, was being transferred to CREMONA Combat Group.

The said unit, stated it was still belonging to this Group.

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The signal should therefore be sent to CREMONA Combat Group(Posta Militare No.64).

(Signed) ???????????
Lt.Col. U. De Martino

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CL/cu

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

N° 660 /Segr. P.M. 146, lì 19 MAR 1945

O G G E T T O:-Convogli stradali.

AL 53 B. L. U.
(rif.f.n.A.7-50 del 26 febbraio 1945)

Le risultanze delle indagini svolte hanno escluso che il convoglio in oggetto sia stato organizzato da reparti appartenenti a questo Gruppo di Combattimento.

Il Btg. Misto Genio segnala possa trattarsi di convoglio della 2^ Compagnia Parco Campale che il 26 gennaio u.s. era in corso di trasferimento al Gruppo di Combattimento "Cremona".

Detto reparto si dichiarava ancora appartenente a questo Gruppo.

La segnalazione dovrà quindi essere trasmessa al Gruppo "Cremona" Posta militare 64.

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

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Subject: Unauthorised Cor[illegible]ance of Civilians in [illegible] Tpt.

3388

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 54
20 Mar 45

To:- 'A' Main HQ 13 Corps

1. Ref your 1286/A of 17 Mar, with enclosure which is returned,

2. 50 MLU is attached to Combat Group FRIULI, and not this HQ.

3. It has already been clearly represented to Combat Group FOLGORE in the past that the practice of carrying civilians in WD tpt is contrary to regulations and constitutes a danger to security. This will again be stressed to the Group.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 53
20 March 45

Subject: Unauthorised Conveyance of Civilians

To: Combat Group FOLGORE

1. A further charge against a soldier of the [redacted] Regt for carrying a civilian passenger is forwarded herewith.

2. HQ 13 Corps have requested me to issue instructions on the subject, and to ensure that disciplinary action is taken against the offenders.

3. Instructions on the subject have been repeatedly issued to the Group for the past five months by this HQ, and on 17.1.45 I pointed out in a personal letter to the Commanding General that these instructions have been frequently disregarded and that I have even seen Italian officers taking no notice of flagrant cases.

4. Will you please ensure that suitable orders are issued and that severe disciplinary action is taken against offenders. Corps point out that the carriage of unauthorised civilians constitutes a danger to security, especially in the forward areas.

C. H. L. Norton

Lt.Col. 4023
G.S.

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Subject:- MP Report - Unauthorised Movement of Civilians

Main HQ 13 Corps
Pro 11
17 Mar 45

53 B.L.U.

No 52972 Pte CARLO PASQUALE 1st Gp NEMBO Div HQ Sec

1. Copy report in respect of a/n soldier is forwarded for information and any disciplinary action deemed necessary.

2. May it please be impressed upon FOLGORE Gp that carriage of unauthorised civilians in WD transport constitutes a danger to security and all such cases will be arrested and charged.

In the Field

Lt. Col.
Assistant Provost Marshal.

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Subject: Discip[illegible] - C.M.P. Reports

To: O.C.53 BLU.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
A/G

14 March 45

1. The attached C.M.P. Report/s are forwarded for onward transmission to the proper authority in order that disciplinary action may be taken.

2. It is requested that any punishment awarded may be endorsed on the reverse and the report returned to this HQ for information.

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U.S. MAR 1945

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

SPA/fc

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3/8/c

REPORT

To : Officer Commanding
230 Provost Company

Boccardelli Alberto

Compagnia Trasporti Gruppo Combattimento'Fulgore FM I46

Sir,

I have to report that at 2000 on the 6th.Mar.45. at about 0810 hours, I was IDO i/c Impounded Vehicle Park, when the above named soldier..... reported that he wished to collect 1/4 3 Ton.Dodge..... Number 5.68777I..... which had been brought to the Park on the 5th.Mar.45... by .L/Cpl.Heap.230.Provost.Company.

I requested to see his authority to remove the vehicle and found this to be in order. I asked him who was the responsible driver at the time at which the vehicle had been impounded and he replied, ".I.was"....
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I informed him that the matter would be reported and allowed him to proceed with the vehicle after obtaining the necessary receipt.

The above vehicle is on charge to the.above.unit.
.....

No 4384532...D.Nichol...L/Cpl

230 Provost Company

C.F.F
6th.Mar..45.....

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Subject:- Unauthorised Conveyance of Civilian in WD Transport.

Main HQ 13 Corps.
1286/A.
17 Mar 45.

53 BLU

The attached CMP report is forwarded.

The practice of carrying civilians in WD vehicles is contrary to regulations (A.R.O. 299/44 refers), and constitutes a danger to security. If it has not already been done, it is requested that orders should be issued on this subject, and the necessary disciplinary action taken against offenders.

P. W. K. Lunn 4022
Brigadier.
DA & QMG.

CGO

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Italian Army.

Rear HQ 13 Corps
1286/A

17 Mar 45

53 BLU

53 BLU

Attached report on the incident at MARRADI on 14 Mar is forwarded reference conversation GI 53 BLU - acting A/Q 13 Corps.

Brigadier,
DA & QMG.

18 MAR 1945

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Subject: Discipline - Incidents at MANRADI and BORGO SAN LORENZO area.

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 52
19 March 45

To :- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

1. The attached report on the MANRADI incident is forwarded for necessary action. It is noted that

(a) About 100 men of the SAN MARCO Regt were present and some were armed when not on duty in direct contravention of orders.

(b) The Carabinieri appeared incapable of taking action and, further, sympathized with the rioters.

(c) The Carabinieri appear to employ civilian agitator who is equipped, amongst other items, with 5 pairs of socks and 5 blankets of British manufacture and issue.

2. An immediate report is required by this HQ to forward to higher authority stating the results of investigations carried out by the Combat Group, and what disciplinary action has been taken or is pending. It is considered that the battalion and company commander concerned should be liable to severe disciplinary action if full details are not available and a very satisfactory explanation is not immediately forthcoming from them as to how such a state of ill discipline could exist in their units.

3. Similar action is required on all other incidents.

4. A further case of a soldier of the FOLGORE Gp carrying an Italian grenade and being involved with threats of haircutting to women and other disturbances occurred at AREZZO on 10. 3. 45. A report of this has been forwarded to you. It is again noted that instructions for return of Italian equipment issued by [illegible] through this HQ have been disregarded.

5. Failure to supply the details asked for may well cause Higher British Authority to come to the conclusion that effective action to deal with these incidents is neither desired nor intended by your HQ

C. M B.

Lt. Col.
G. S.

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Subject: Discipline

To: HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

CONFIDENTIAL

53 B.I.U.
Ref A7 - 51
17 Mar 45

1. The following notes are forwarded in confirmation of conversation of yesterday on anti-British demonstrations by Italian troops.

2. The matter is considered as very serious and further incidents will not be tolerated. The Acting Corps Commander is fully in the picture and is prepared to take the most drastic steps to deal with any further trouble.

3. The question of military tribunals, selection and posting of reinforcements, and an increase in the strength of the Carabinieri has been taken up with MMIA by this HQ.

4. It is considered that, although certain individuals may act as ringleaders, there must be a widespread and deep seated anti-British feeling throughout the Group and I am certain that this must have been well known to responsible officers, who have taken no effective steps to remedy the matter.

5. Although certain help may be expected in answer to the requests made in para 3, effective action must be taken by Group HQ. This action, should, in my opinion, fully cover the following points.

(a) The most severe disciplinary action must be taken against any officers and men who may be found to be implicated in the incidents that have taken place.

(b) Even more severe action must be taken in the event of future incidents.

(c) Immediate and effective steps must be taken to explain to every officer and man in the Group the consequences of further incidents and foster by every means a better spirit of cooperation. This will be difficult and will need energetic action by all senior officers. In the past it has been observed that orders and instructions take a long time or never get down to the man.

(d) General discipline must be tightened up. It is well known that incidents occurred at ORTONA on the journey up to the ASCOLI area. These incidents went on with the full knowledge of officers and no effective action appears to have been taken: and I believe that further incidents occurred at FOLIGNO on the move to this area.

6. The following points are emphasised:

(a) Only action and not words will help to wash out the unfavourable impression caused by these incidents and this action should include more vigorous patrolling by forward troops.

(b) The Commanding General will be held directly responsible for the conduct of his troops by Higher British Authority and further incidents will no doubt cause at least a change in command and may also affect the future of the Group.

C. H B.

Lt. Col.
C. S.

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SUBJECT:- Loss of WD Vehicles.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Main HQ 13 Corps.
1225/A.
6 Jan 45.

'A' Main 6 Brit Armd Div. 53 BLU
'A' Main 1 Brit Inf Div.
'A' Rear 78 Inf Div.
'A' Rear 8 Ind Div.
RA — Med
6 AGRA — Ord
RE — REME
CRE 13 Corps Tps — Pro
CSO — Camp
13 Corps Sigs. — HQ 46 Gp Pnr Corps.
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(b)	WOs and Officers below the rank of Major.	Div Comd.	See Secs 40 (7) 137) AA. 138)
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3. There has been a tendency for cases of losses by neglect to drag on for months whilst Courts of Inquiry are convened, reassembled etc, with the result that punishment of the offender takes place a very long time after the offence has been committed. Mitigating factors which existed at the time may be overlooked, witnesses dispersed, and very often the offender himself has been posted elsewhere. All possible steps should be taken to bring offenders quickly to trial.

W G Roe

Brig.,
DA & QMG.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:- Losses of W.D. Vehicles

Rear HQ Eighth Army, CMF,

R 18987/2 A,

30 Dec. 44.

A Rear HQ 5 Corps
A Rear HQ 10 Corps
A Main HQ 13 Corps
A HQ 9 Armd Bde
A HQ 12 AA Bde
A HQ 86 Area
Lieut Col N. Faulks, Mx Yeo.,
att 20 C.M. and H.C.
Major M.A. Bompas, Buffs,
att 1 C.M. and H.C.

Copy to:- A Rear HQ 1 Cdn Corps
A Rear HQ 2 NZ Div
A Main HQ Eighth Army
ADJAG Rear HQ Eighth Army.

1. The numbers of W.D. vehicles being lost by theft has increased to alarming proportions. In nearly every case of such a loss being reported to this HQ, it has been observed that the provisions of GRO 113 of 1944 have not been carried out. In some cases the failure has been due to no action being taken by the unit to publish Routine Orders on the GRO and in other cases where it has been published its provisions have not been complied with.

2. AmI RO 299 of 1944 lays down that in the case of vehicle losses occurring on or after 15 Nov 44 disciplinary action will be taken against the person or persons responsible in all cases where an offence under the Army Act has been committed and that trial will be by FGCM unless the authority having power to convene the court authorises summary trial.

3. Stoppages of pay should be awarded against the offender in addition to any other penalty if his negligence occasioned the loss of the vehicle. If the loss was only facilitated by the negligence of the person charged, thenno stoppages can be imposed. Further, if the loss was occasioned by the person charged, stoppages can only be imposed if the amount of the loss is stated in the charge sheet as having been occasioned by the person charged. Proof of the amount of the loss is necessary.

4. Sufficient copies of this letter are enclosed for distribution down to Bde Comds.

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GHW

Brigadier,
D.A.& Q.M.G.
EIGHTH ARMY.

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Subject: Discipline - Re Convoys

To: HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

2996

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 -50
26 Feb 45

The attached report on the conduct of a FOLGORE convoy is forwarded to you. Please investigate and furnish a report to this HQ.

for Lt.Col.
G.S.

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2913

Subject:- Discipline Road Convoys - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

20. Feb 45.

H.Q. 1 District
O.C. 53 B.L.U.

1. The attached copy report is forwarded for your attention.

2. It is requested that the matter reported upon may be investigated and, a report furnished to this H.Q. for information.

S P Archer Capt.
4016
S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SPA/ab

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53 F.L.U.
Ref A7 - 49
23 Feb 45

2685/A7

Subject: Cutting of Tre by Military Perso el.

To:- A.M.G. ASCOLI PICENO

1. The enclosed letter from Agostino Agostini fur Emidio dated 19 Feb 45 is returned to you.

2. Lorry No.L4616039 is not held by either this HQ or by Combat Group FOLGORE. It is presumed therefore, that this lorry belongs to another British unit in this area.

for Lt.Col.
G.S.

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ACTION REPORT

Defect No.	Action taken or pending by O. i/c Workshops	Date	Defect No.	Action taken or pending by O. i/c Vehicle Section	Date
(a)*	(b)*	(c)*	(d)	(e)	(f)
				For Action by B2W	

Date .....

..... O. i/c Workshops.

Date .....

..... O. i/c Vehicle Section

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Defect No.	Unit Commander's Remarks	Defect No.	Workshop Officer's or Section Officer's Replies

Date ..... O.C. Unit. Date ..... Officer i/c Vehicle Se

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ACTION REPORT

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				For Action by B2W		

Date.....

.....O. i/c Workshops.

Date.....

.....O. i/c Vehicle Section

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MECHANICAL WHEELED VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT

Attention is directed to Section 128 and Appendix I of the Manual of Driving and Maintenance for Mechanical Vehicles (Wheeled), 1937, and to the Note at the foot of the Inspection Chart, A.F. G810.

~~Unit~~ R&E UNIT

Driver's Name CATONE MARIO AUSTIN UTILITY W.D.NO 5288550

ENGINE

		Miles	Date
1. Sump—			
	Present Speedometer reading	.....	.....
	Sump last drained at	.....	.....
	Sump to be drained again at ...	.....	.....

2. Engine Dirty

3. Radiator and Cooling System

4. Fuel System

Average m.p.g. last A.F. G3519.....

5. Governor System(s)

6. Ignition Injector System

FRONT AXLE

7. Axle, Stub-Axles and Hubs Dirty

8. Springs Dirty

9. Steering Not greased

10. Road-wheels

11. Tyres	N/S.	O/S.	Spare
Condition	.....	.....	.....
Pressure	.....	.....	.....

12. Clutch and Control (or electrical controller if petrol-electric vehicle)

TRANSMISSION

13. Gearbox(es)

14. Power Take-off (or change-over switch and solenoid if petrol-electric vehicle)

15. Footbrake Requires adjustment

16. Handbrake

17. Shafts, Joints, Torque-reaction Linkage, etc. Requires greasing

REAR AXLE(S)

18. Axle(s) and Hubs

19. Road-wheels

20. Tyres	Middle Axle		Rear Axle	
	N/S.	O/S.	N/S.	O/S.
Condition	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pressure	.....	.....	.....	.....

21. Chassis Frame Dirty

22. Body

23. Cab and Superstructure

24. Condition of Tools and Equipment No tools. No kit on vehicle

25. Tyre-Pump and Airline

26. Electrical Equipment (including main electric drive if petrol-e vehicle) Battery terminals co roded

27. Lubrication Bad

28. Cleanliness Bad

29. Remarks on Road Test

30. General Condition Requires thorough clea and grease

Date 14/12/45 Inspected by CM

Unit 53 R.L.U.

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DMT

Type Name CATONE NIMROD ..... AUSTIN UTILITY W.D.No 5208550

1. Sump—

	Miles	Date
Present Speedometer reading	.....	.....
Sump last drained at	.....	.....
Sump to be drained again at ...	.....	.....

2. Engine Dirty

3. Radiator and Cooling System

4. Fuel System

Average m.p.g. last A.F. G3519 .....

5. Governor System(s)

6. Ignition Injector System

7. Axle, Stub-Axles and Hubs Dirty

8. Springs Dirty

9. Steering Not greased

10. Road-wheels

11. Tyres	N/S.	O/S.	Spare
Condition	.....	.....	.....
Pressure	.....	.....	.....

12. Clutch and Control (or electrical controller if petrol-electric vehicle)

TRANSMISSION

13. Gearbox(es)

14. Power Take-off (or change-over switch and solenoid if petrol-electric vehicle)

15. Footbrake Requires adjustment

16. Handbrake

17. Shafts, Joints, Torque-reaction Linkage, etc. Requires greasing

REAR AXLE(S)

18. Axle(s) and Hubs

19. Road-wheels

20. Tyres	Middle Axle		Rear Axle	
	N/S.	O/S.	N/S.	O/S.
Condition	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pressure...	.....	.....	.....	.....

21. Chassis Frame Dirty

22. Body

23. Cab and Superstructure

24. Condition of Tools and Equipment No tools. No 412 on vehicle

25. Tyre-Pump and Airline

26. Electrical Equipment (including main electric drive if petrol-electric vehicle) Battery terminals corroded

27. Lubrication Bad

28. Cleanliness Bad

29. Remarks on Road Test

30. General Condition Requires thorough cleaning and grease

Date 14/2/45 Inspected by AM

Unit 53 R.L.V.

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ACTION REPORT

Defect No. (a)*	Action taken or pending by O. i/c Workshops (b)*	Date (c)*	Defect No. (d)	Action taken or pending by O. i/c Vehicle Section (e)	Date (f)
		2 7 8 9 15 17 21 24			
	A very bad report Disciplinary action necessary	26 27 28 30			
	Date 15/2/45 [illegible] for O. i/c Workshops.			Date..... ..... O. i/c Vehicle Section	

Defect No.	Unit Commander's Remarks	Defect No.	Workshop Officer's or Section Officer's Replies

Date.....O.C. Unit. Date.....Officer i/c Vehicle S

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ACTION REPORT

No.	Action taken or pending by O. i/c Workshops	Date	Defect No.	Action taken or pending by O. i/c Vehicle Section	Date	
(a)*	(b)*	(c)*	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
		2				
		7				
		8				
		9				
		15				
		17				
		21				
		24				
	A very bad effort	26				
	Disciplinary action	27				
	necessary	28				
		30				
	Date 15/3/45			Date.....		
	for Commanding Officer O. i/c Workshops.			..... O. i/c Vehicle Section		

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No.	Unit Commander's Remarks	Defect No.	Workshop Officer's or Section Officer's Replies

Date..... O.C. Unit. Date..... Officer i/c Vehicle Section.

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Driver's Name .....

ENGINE

1. Sump—

	Miles	Date
Present Speedometer reading	.....	.....
Sump last drained at	.....	.....
Sump to be drained again at ...	.....	.....

2. Engine

3. Radiator and Cooling System

4. Fuel System

Average m.p.g. last A.F. G3515 .....

5. Governor System(s)

6. Ignition Injector System

FRONT AXLE

7. Axle, Stub-Axles and Hubs

8. Springs

9. Steering

10. Road-wheels

11. Tyres	N/S.	O/S.	Spare
Condition	.....	.....	.....
Pressure	.....	.....	.....

12. Clutch and Control (or electrical controller if petrol-electric vehicle)

TRANSMISSION

13. Gearbox(es)

14. Power Take-off (or change-over switch and solenoid if petrol-electric vehicle)

15. Footbrake

16. Handbrake

17. Shafts, Joints, Torque-reaction Linkage, etc.

18. Axle(s) and Hubs

REAR AXLE(S)

19. Road-wheels

20. Tyres	Middle Axle		Rear Axle	
	N/S.	O/S.	N/S.	O/S.
Condition	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pressure...	.....	.....	.....	.....

21. Chassis Frame

22. Body

23. Cab and Superstructure

24. Condition of Tools and Equipment

25. Tyre-Pump and Airline

26. Electrical Equipment (including main electric drive if petrol-electric vehicle)

27. Lubrication

28. Cleanliness

29. Remarks on Road Test

30. General Condition

Date ..... Inspected by .....

Unit .....

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Driver's Name .....

		Miles	Date
1.	Sump—		
	Present Speedometer reading	.....	.....
	Sump last drained at	.....	.....
	Sump to be drained again at ...	.....	.....
2.	Engine		
3.	Radiator and Cooling System		
4.	Fuel System		
	Average m.p.g. last A.F. G3519		
5.	Governor System(s)		
6.	Ignition Injector System		
7.	Axle, Stub-Axles and Hubs		
8.	Springs		
9.	Steering		
10.	Road-wheels		

11. Tyres	N/S.	O/S.	Spare
Condition	.....	.....	.....
Pressure	.....	.....	.....

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TRANSMISSION

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	N/S.	O/S.	N/S.	O/S.
Condition	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pressure	.....	.....	.....	.....

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22. Body

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24. Condition of Tools and Equipment

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26. Electrical Equipment (including main electric drive if petrol-electric vehicle)

27. Lubrication

28. Cleanliness

29. Remarks on Road Test

30. General Condition

Date ..... Inspected by .....

Unit .....

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ACTION REPORT.

Defect No.	Action taken or pending by O. i/c Workshops or Unit Fitters.	Date.	Defect No.	Action taken or pending by Platoon, Section, etc., Of

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O. i/c Workshops or Transport Officer.....

.....*Platoon, Section, etc.,*

Defect No.	Unit Commander's Remarks.	Defect No.	Workshop Officer's or Section Officer's R

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Date.....*O.C. Unit.* *Date*.....*Platoon, Sec*

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ACTION REPORT.

Action taken or pending by O. i/c Workshops or Unit Fitters.	Date.	Defect No.	Action taken or pending by Platoon, Section, etc., Officer.	Date.
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O. i/c Workshops or Transport Officer. ..... *Platoon, Section, etc., Officer.*

Unit Commander's Remarks.	Defect No.	Workshop Officer's or Section Officer's Replies.
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O.C. Unit. *Date* ..... *Platoon, Section, etc., Officer.*

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COPY OF W/S INSPECTION ON U/M VEHICLE

MECHANICAL WHEELED VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT.

Attention is directed to War Office Pamphlet "...spection, Maintenance and Care of Army V...cles (Wheeled)," and to the Note at th... of the Inspection Chart, A.F. G. 810.

Items marked :— A—To be kept under observation. B—Should receive attention of unit. C—Should receive Workshop attention.

Driver's Name CATTANEO

Austin Lt. M5288550

ENGINE.

1. Lubrication System.
   Sump last drained at — Miles: not working
   To be drained again at ...
   Present speedometer reading
   Oil Filter Condition
2. Engine. Average
3. Radiator and Cooling System. Good
4. Fuel System. Good
   Fuel Pump last cleaned ... (Miles)
   Average M.P.G. last month ...
5. Governor System(s). //
6. Ignition or Injector System. Good
   Injector last cleaned ..... miles
7. Axle, Stub-Axles and Hubs. Good
   Hubs last packed with grease ..... miles
8. Steering. Good
9. Road-wheels. Good
   Date rims last graphited .....
10. Tyres.

	N/S.	O/S.	Spare.
Condition	Good	Good	//
Pressure	26/30	26/30	

TRANSMISSION

11. Clutch and Control (or electrical controller if petrol-electric vehicle.) Good
12. Gearbox(es). Requires overhaul
    Last drained at ..... miles
13. Power Take-off (or change-over switch and solenoid if petrol-electric vehicle) //
14. Footbrake. Good
    Lubrication of Servo.
    Level of Hydraulic Fluid
15. Handbrake. Good
16. Shafts, Joints, Torque-reaction Linkage, etc. Good

REAR AXLE(S)

17. Axle(s) and Hubs. Good
    Hubs last packed with grease — Miles.
    Axle(s) drained at ... ...
18. Road-wheels.
    Date rims last graphited .....
19. Tyres.

	Middle Axle.		Rear Axle.	
	N/S.	O/S.	N/S.	O/S.
Condition				
Pressure ...				

20. Chassis Frame. Good
21. Road Springs and "U" Bolts. Good
22. Body. Average
23. Cab and Superstructure. def mirror
24. Condition of Tools and Equipme... def Tools
25. Tyre-Pump, Airline and Filter. def ~~Tools~~ Pump
26. Electrical Equipment (including main electric drive... electric vehicle). Good
27. Lubrication. Good
28. Cleanliness. Average
29. Remarks on Road-Test. 2nd gear very tight. requires... not engaging properly.
30. General Condition. Medium

Date 18/2/43 *Inspected by* .....
Unit .....

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Items marked :—
A—To be kept under observation.
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C—Should receive Workshop attention.

Name CATTANEO Austin Ut. M5288550

...cation System.

	Miles
...o last drained at	not working
...e drained again at ...	
...nt speedometer reading	

...Filter Condition

...Average

...tor and Cooling System.
Good

...System.....
Good

	Miles
...Pump last cleaned ...	
...ge M.P.G. last month ...	

...nor System(s).
—

...n or Injector System.
Good
...r last cleaned ..... miles

...Stub-Axles and Hubs. Good
...bs last packed with grease ..... miles

...ng.
Good
...-wheels. Good
...e rims last graphited .....

	N/S.	O/S.	Spare.
...ition	Good	Good	
...ure	24/30	24/30	

TRANSMISSION

11. Clutch and Control (or electrical controller if petrol-electric vehicle.)
Good

12. Gearbox(es).
Requires overhaul
Last drained at ..... miles

13. Power Take-off (or change-over switch and solenoid if petrol-electric vehicle)

14. Footbrake.
Good
Lubrication of Servo.
Level of Hydraulic Fluid

15. Handbrake.
Good

16. Shafts, Joints, Torque-reaction Linkage, etc.
Good

REAR AXLE(S)

17. Axle(s) and Hubs.
Good

	Miles.
Hubs last packed with grease	
Axle(s) drained at	

18. Road-wheels.
Date rims last graphited .....

19. Tyres.	Middle Axle.		Rear Axle.	
	N/S.	O/S.	N/S.	O/S.
Condition				
Pressure ...				

20. Chassis Frame.
Good

21. Road Springs and "U" Bolts.
Good

22. Body:
Average

23. Cab and Superstructure.
def mirror

24. Condition of Tools and Equipment.
def Tools

25. Tyre-Pump, Airline and Filter.
def Foot Pump.

26. Electrical Equipment (including main electric drive if petrol-electric vehicle).
Good

27. Lubrication.
Good

28. Cleanliness.
Average

29. Remarks on Road-Test.
2nd gear very tight. requires overhaul. not engaging properly.

30. General Condition.
Medium

Date 18/4/45 Inspected by .....

Unit .....

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ACTION REPORT.

Defect No.	Action taken or pending by O. i/c Workshops or Unit Fitters.	Date.	Defect No.	Action taken or pending by Platoon, Section, etc., Officer.
1	Clutch not working	18/2	1	Transmission cord broken replacement necessary
12/29	Overhaul of gear Box necessary	18/2	12/29	Overhaul of Gear Box to be done by W/S.
23	Less Mirror	18/2/	23	Mirror fitted
24	Less Tools.		24/25	Parts to be indent for.
25	Less Pump.			

O. i/c Workshops or Transport Officer. ..... *Platoon, Section, etc., Offic*

Defect No.	Unit Commander's Remarks.	Defect No.	Workshop Officer's or Section Officer's Repli
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Date..... *O.C. Unit.* *Date*..... *Platoon, Sectio*

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Less Mirror	18/2/	23	Mirror fitted	
Less Tools.		24/25	Parts to be indent for.	
Less Pump.				

O. i/c Workshops or Transport Officer.

Platoon, Section, etc., Officer

Unit Commander's Remarks.	Defect No.	Workshop Officer's or Section Officer's Replies.
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O.C. Unit. *Date* *Platoon, Section, etc., Officer.*

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MECHANICAL WHEELED VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT.

Attention is directed to War Office Pamphl[illegible] Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Arm[illegible]ehicles (Wheeled)," and to the Note of the Inspection Chart, A.F. G. 810.

Items marked :— A—To be kept under observation. B—Should receive attention of unit. C—Should receive Workshop attention.

Driver's Name .....

ENGINE.

1. Lubrication System.

	Miles
Sump last drained at ...	
To be drained again at ...	
Present speedometer reading	

Oil Filter Condition.....

2. Engine.

3. Radiator and Cooling System.

4. Fuel System.....

.....

	Miles
.....	
Fuel Pump last cleaned ...	
Average M.P.G. last month ...	

5. Governor System(s).

6. Ignition or Injector System.

Injector last cleaned.....miles

7. Axle, Stub-Axles and Hubs.

Hubs last packed with grease.....miles

FRONT AXLE.

8. Steering.

9. Road-wheels.

Date rims last graphited.....

10. Tyres.	N/S.	O/S.	Spare.
Condition			
Pressure			

TRANSMISSION

11. Clutch and Control (or electrical controller if petrol-electric vehicle.)

12. Gearbox(es).

Last drained at.....miles

13. Power Take-off (or change-over switch and solenoid if petrol-electric vehicle)

14. Footbrake.

Lubrication of Servo.

Level of Hydraulic Fluid.....

15. Handbrake.

16. Shafts, Joints, Torque-reaction Linkage, etc.

REAR AXLE(S)

17. Axle(s) and Hubs.

	Miles.
Hubs last packed with grease	
Axle(s) drained at	

18. Road-wheels.

Date rims last graphited.....

19. Tyres.	Middle Axle.		Rear Axle.	
	N/S.	O/S.	N/S.	O/S.
Condition				
Pressure ...				

20. Chassis Frame.

21. Road Springs and "U" Bo

22. Body.

23. Cab and Superstructure.

24. Condition of Tools and Eq

25. Tyre-Pump, Airline and Fi

26. Electrical Equipment (including main electric electric vehicle).

27. Lubrication.

28. Cleanliness.

29. Remarks on Road-Test.

30. General Condition.

Date.....*Inspected by*.....

Unit.....

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B—Should receive attention of unit.
C—Should receive Workshop attention.

Driver's Name .....

Lubrication System.

	Miles
Sump last drained at ...	
To be drained again at ...	
Present speedometer reading	

Oil Filter Condition .....

Engine.

Radiator and Cooling System.

Fuel System.

	Miles
Fuel Pump last cleaned ...	
Average M.P.G. last month ...	

Governor System(s).

Ignition or Injector System.

Injector last cleaned ..... miles

Axle, Stub-Axles and Hubs.
Hubs last packed with grease ..... miles

Steering.

Road-wheels.

Date rims last graphited .....

Tyres.	N/S.	O/S.	Spare.
Condition			
Pressure			

TRANSMISSION

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Last drained at..... miles

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Level of Hydraulic Fluid .....

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	Miles.
Hubs last packed with grease	
Axle(s) drained at	

18. Road-wheels.

Date rims last graphited .....

19. Tyres.

	Middle Axle.		Rear Axle.	
	N/S.	O/S.	N/S.	O/S.
Condition				
Pressure ...				

20. Chassis Frame.

21. Road Springs and "U" Bolts.

22. Body.

23. Cab and Superstructure.

24. Condition of Tools and Equipment.

25. Tyre-Pump, Airline and Filter.

26. Electrical Equipment (including main electric drive if petrol-electric vehicle).

27. Lubrication.

28. Cleanliness.

29. Remarks on Road-Test.

30. General Condition.

Date..... *Inspected by*.....

Unit.....

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HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE
2 Sez Personale e Segreteria

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TRANSLATION

21 Feb 45

751/A.U.

Subject: Discipline

To:- 53 B.L.U.

The Commanding General having seen the report of 3 Feb, No.445 of the above unit, and the reports forwarded by the Allied authorities in respect of an incident which happened in the vicinity of SAN VITO CHIETINO at 1600 hrs on 1 Feb, has awarded to 2/Lt BONELLI Luigi 10 days detention for the following reason

" Whilst on a lorry trying to cross in front of another lorry, on a stretch of road where crossing was difficult, he was provoked by the driver of the latter lorry. During the lively argument which ensued, instead of keeping calm and deporting himself correctly, he assumed a threatening attitude so as to cause the intervention of Allied officers who had to force him to desist.

He displayed little self control on the occasion, and an absence of either tact or discretion

(Signed) Major Dessy

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PHONOGRAM (By hand)

F. A.

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21 FEB 1945

FROM: HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

TO: HQ 53 B.L.U.

1765/Pers Ref signal accident which took place in ASCOLI PICENO on 17 Feb 45. We signal that the one responsible for the accident has been to HQ MEDBO Regt. It concerns the Parachutist LISSIDINI EVARISTO. Enquiries are being made, the results of which and the provisions made, will be communicated to to the above BLU.

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(Signed) Major Dessy

Ex UK

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MONOGRAMMA A NASO

DA COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
AT COMANDO 53° B. L. U.

N°1765/PERS. RIFERIMENTO SEGNALAZIONE INCIDENTE AVVENUTO IL 17/2/1945 IN ASCOLI PICENO PUNTO COMUNICASI CHE RESPONSABILE INCIDENTE IN PAROLA SI E' SPONTANEAMENTE PRESENTATO AT COMANDO REGGIMENTO "NEMBO" PUNTO TRATTASI DEL PARACADUTISTA LASSEDINI EVARISTO PUNTO EST IN CORSO INCHIESTA LE CUI CONCLUSIONI CON I PROVVEDIMENTI DEL CASO SARANNO COMUNICATE AT CODESTO B. L. U.

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DI COMANDO TRUPPE AGGIORE DESSY

P.M.146, LI 21 FEBBRAIO 1945.

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20 FEB 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBJECT:- Shooting by Sentries

Rear H.Q. 10 Corps
300 A
19 Feb 45

53 B.L.U. ✓

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Reference your A7-47 dated 16 Feb 45.

Herewith copy of AFHQ letter CR/4381/G1(B) dtd 16 Nov 44 as requested.

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2417 Refers

G. [illegible]
Brigadier,
D.A. & Q.M.G.
10 Corps.

20 FEB 1945

Copy...FE.

Subject:- Shooting by Sentries.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/A.G.81/G1(R)

16 Nov 44.

Main Hq AAI	(20)
HQ . . District	(10)
HQ Rome Allied Area Command	(5)

1. The question of shooting by Patrols and Sentries at saboteurs, thieves, or suspected thieves attempting to acquire or damage AD property, in Italy has been under consideration, and it has been decided that the following policy shall be adopted.

2. Shooting at such persons is permitted, after clear challenge, in the following circumstances only :-

(i) It must be confined to properly constituted guards, patrols, and sentries.

(ii) Every attempt must have been made to apprehend the thief, saboteur, or suspected person.

(iii) There must be no other effective way of stopping that person.

(iv) There will be no following up in order to shoot, beyond the immediate area guarded.

(v) Women and children will not be fired upon in any circumstances.

(vi) The use of automatic weapons incapable of firing single shots is forbidden; automatic weapons capable of firing single shots may be used only as single-shot weapons, unless armed resistance is encountered, in which case automatic fire may be employed.

3. Full protection is guaranteed to any Commander who, in good

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(vi) The use of automatic weapons incapable of firing single shots is forbidden; automatic weapons capable of firing single shots may be used only as single-shot weapons, unless armed resistance is encountered, in which case automatic fire may be employed.

3. Full protection is guaranteed to any Commander who, in good faith, acts in accordance with these principles, issues orders to shoot, and to every officer and soldier who, in like circumstances, does shoot.

4. If shooting results in the killing or wounding of any person the G.O. will, within twenty-four hours, convene a Court of Inquiry, and forward the proceedings as speedily as possible to the next higher Commander, who will decide what further action, if any, should be taken. In cases of doubt on matters of policy, instructions should be sought from this HQ.

The SIB will not be called in to investigate until such time as the Brigade, etc., Commander so decides.

5. These instructions apply to British Troops only.

Signed.....M.W.A. MacLeod,
Major General,
D.A.G. G.(P).

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Loss of Vehicle
5662583 - Willys Jeep

HQ Combat Group FULCORE

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 48
18 Feb 45

1. Ref your 588/Serv dated 16/2/45 in connection with the loss of the above vehicle by theft.

2. Please convene a court of enquiry to enquire into the loss. The court should, after examining the evidence and witnesses, state their findings and allocate the blame to an individual or individuals, if the finding werrants this. If no blame can be attached to any individual this should be stated in the findings.

3. Please forward the proceedings of the court in duplicate to this HQ for onward transmission to higher authority.

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Lt.Col.
G.S.

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/Aut

t: Disipline

53 B.L.U.

HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE
Ufficio Automobilistico

TRANSLATION

14 Feb 45

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18 FEB 1945

Considering that the instruction given to most of the personnel new to driving was done hurriedly, it is certain that such incidents as knocking of the big end and cracking of the cylinder blocks are generally due to carelessness.

Therefore, whenever it is ascertained that the damage is due to the carelessness or negligence of the driver in charge of the vehicle, I order that disciplinary action be taken against the guilty soldier and that he be charged with the value of the damage the vehicle has sustained, and that his driving licence be withdrawn.

(Signed) Gen di Brg G. Morigi

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H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'
Chief of Staff Office

27773
17 FEB 1945

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16 Feb 45

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Subject: Theft of car.

To:- 53 B.L.U.

We forward a copy of the report sent by the Engineers HQ in respect of the theft of the Willys Jeep 5662588 which took place in S.Severo (Foggia) during the move from Telese to Ascoli.

The a/m car is on charge to the 2 ParaEngr Coy.

All the investigations expertly made by the police authorities, up to date have given no results.

We state the above so that the BLU, whenever possible, will arrange for the issue of another Jeep to the 2 Engr Coy to replace the one stolen.

Attached find duplicate copies of Part X Census Form 186, asking for one signed copy to be returned, so that the unit concerned may be authorised to take it off charge.

Signed - U. De Martino.

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17 FEB 1945

Gt.

Has the Gp to be told to court martial the driver?
No, Court of Inquiry to allocate blame &
or exonerate the driver - H.Q. Engineer Bn
were in the building from outside of which the Jeep was
stolen. Were Bn must have been in Car Park - Guard etc. GnB

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SECRET

UNIT GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
FORMATION, AREA or DISTRICT 2a Comp. Artieri-Paracadutisti P.Om.1/46

PART X ORDER No. B/ 1945
Date 15 FE

LAST PART X ORDER No. B/ Dated

REPORTING ALL MOVEMENTS AND C
(EXCLUDING 2nd LI

(To be rendered within 24 hours of a m

Distribution of Part X Orders:—
Original — To Q(AE)4 GHQ MEF.
Duplicate — To Q(AE) AFHQ CMF.
Tripleate — To ADOS or DADOS Formation, Area, etc.
Quadruplicate — Retained by Unit.

W. D. No.	TYPE AND CAPACITY	MAKE	DESIGNATION OF UNIT	
			FROM	TO
M-5668588	1/4 Ton. 4x4	Willys	-	-

* (a) Enemy Action; (b) Fire; (c) Accident; (d) Wear and Tear, or (e) Otherwise B.L.R.

SEE OVER

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FOLCOMB
P.Gm.1/46

PART X ORDER No. B/4945
Date 15 FEB 1945
LAST PART X ORDER No. B/ Dated

C.M.F. FORM 54
Census Form 186
(In lieu AF G3929)
Sheet No of

REPORTING ALL MOVEMENTS AND CASUALTIES OF "B" VEHICLES (EXCLUDING 2nd LINE REPAIR)

(To be rendered within 24 hours of a movement or casualty occurring)

	MAKE	DESIGNATION OF UNIT		WASTED (Here state cause) *	AUTHORITY
		FROM	TO		
	Willys	-	-	Junto	Com. Bty. Genio

Wear and Tear, or (e) Otherwise B.L.R.

SEE OVER

Signed [signature] Commanding O.C.

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17 FEB 1945

H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'
Chief of Staff Office

539/S.M. 17 Feb 45

Subject: Soldiers indicted and undesirable.

To:- Chief of Staff, Royal Army.

Inf - 53 B.L.U.

I state it is absolutely necessary, if the tribunal expected for the Combat Group cannot sit before the departure of the Group for the fighting zone, for the soldiers indicted (at present held in special units, waiting as per orders stated in the above General Staff letter 9967/Mob of 12 Dec 44) not to follow the Combat Group.

Such elements cannot be taken any more into a fighting zone, as they represent a danger to the maintenance of the Group morale and they would also be able to go over to the enemy or directly become enemy agents.

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17 FEB 1945

Signed - G.Morigi

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CONFIDENTIAL 767

17 FEB 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline - Bounds: POLACCO Campo Area

10/11/23/A

14 Feb 45

HQ G1 Area

1. The GOC's attention has been directed to the number of Allied troops who are in the habit of visiting the area at present occupied by the POLACCO Gruppo and, in particular, the town of ASCOLI PICENO.

2. You are requested to take such action as you consider necessary to avoid so far as possible any incidents resulting from the presence of this Gruppo in your Area. For this purpose you may consider it necessary to place the town of ASCOLI PICENO out of bounds to all troops except those on duty.

3. The attention of all BMUs has already been directed to AMG 35/45 which expressly prohibits the carrying of arms of any kind by Allied or Italian troops when not onduty.

17 FEB 1945

for Lieutenant Colonel,
A. A. G.,
No 1 District.

A.A.G.

Copy to :- Rear 10 Corps
53 BMU

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(Foto - Documentazione)

ENTE PROVINCIALE [redacted] DI ASSISTENZA
ASCOLI PICENO

IL DIRETTORE

Ascoli Piceno

Via Malta 25
2nd Floor

Taglio abusivo di alberi d'alto fusto sul fondo di proprietà Agostini in Rocca di Morro (Folignano) contrada Colleforca: Colono Bollettini Pietro detto Nori

tre robinie (~~[illegible]~~) Re cutting down
dei due acacie 4 trees by RE MC (10
un frassino da frutto lungo): DORE has told
them to leave
this

automezzo targato L 46160 39. '7/2

otto militari inglesi di stanza al
marino del fronte (probabilmente
nella Villa Raimondi) o Marcatili

Esprimendosi molto male in Italiano,
han fatto capire al colono che come hanno
preso legna i Tedeschi prendono legna an-
che loro dove pare e piace.

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NZ FEB 1945

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 47
16 Feb 45

Subject: Shooting by Sentries

To:- Rear HQ 10 Corps

1. Ref your 300A of 13 Feb 45.

2. May a copy of your 300A of 7 Dec 44 with enclosure, AFHQ letter CR/4381/G1(B) of 16 Nov 44, be forwarded to this HQ please.

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Lt.Col.
G.S.

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16 FEB 1945

H.Q. Comab't Group 'Folgore'

347/Segr 2 Sec Personals e Segreteria 12 Feb 45

Subject: Incident between Negro and Italian soldiers.

To:- 53 D.L.U. 2561

Further to our 329/Segr of 7 Feb 45.

Herewith copy of Divisional Carabinieri Report containing the results of investigations.

As a result it is verified that :-

1. The Negro soldiers who were drunk, started the incident.
2. The same were using arms.
3. The Italian soldiers acted without use of any kind of arms.

Signed - Umberto De Martino.

Conf. N/A

16 FEB 1945 3993

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TRANSLATION 16 FEB 1945

H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'
H.Q. 314 Sec. CCRR Parac.

14/21 -C.R. 6 Feb 45

Subject: Report on incident between American Negro and Combat Group 'Folgore' soldiers.

At about 1800 hrs on 4 Feb we were informed that a dispute between American Negroes and Italian Combat Group 'Folgore' soldiers, had arisen in the Piazza del Popopo of Ascoli.

The writer, together with all the carabinieri available in the barracks, went immediately to the spot to make sure of what was happening and to be ready to intervene if it was necessary to quell the incident.

Having arrived on the spot, it was not possible to find any of those responsible for the incident as they had all gone away.

Knowing that a Negro soldier had been escorted to the HQ 'Nembo' Regt, we went there, and the arrested Negro soldier was handed over. It was arranged to have him escorted to 314 Sec barracks to await the result of investigations.

We returned to the place where the incident occurred and here learned that the cause of the disturbance - was, 'That for no apparent reason, three drunken Negro soldiers started firing pistol shots at random into the air.' Since at that time the streets were full of passers-by, these being frightened, called for some of the passing parachutists to interfere and disarm the Negroes. A group of 'Folgore' soldiers tried to approach the Negroes, but one of the latter pointed his pistol at them to make them keep back. At the shout of "Nembo", other soldiers came along and tried to surround the Negroes and disarm them, but one of the latter, the most infuriated, gave flight, shooting with his pistol thoughtlessly.

He was followed and reached by the parachutists who after a struggle made him powerless, and escorted him to the 'Nembo' Regt HQ.

The other two who remained on the spot, were surrounded and after wild exchanges of fists with Italian soldiers, were consequently made powerless. During the struggle they gained several wounds through which because of the prompt action of a Combat Group officer they came to be transported to the local civil hospital for treatment, but because of their condition, were kept there.

The Negro soldier, escorted first of all to our barracks in order to keep him from any reprisals on the part of Italian soldiers, was taken, under escort, to the barracks of the 'Arma Territorale' to await such time that he could be returned to his unit, either alone or under escort.

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The soldiers responsible for the incident, were -

Arthur Bryant	ASN	12022630
Ernest O. Crawford		38320547
Raymond Bennett	ASN	15113874

It was ascertained that the a/m were in Ascoli on leave from Iesi where their unit is located.

Notwithstanding the efforts of the writer, it has not been possible to

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Notwithstanding the efforts of the writer, it has not been possible to obtain further particulars on the incident, nor was it possible to take possession of the Negro soldiers' firearms.

From the interrogation of persons present at the incident, it is possible for the undersigned to state that the Negro soldiers and they only, started the incident because as mentioned previously of their drunken state.

Signed - 2/Lt. Giuseppe Giordina
O.C. Section.

To :- 960 T.N. Service Group APO 520 U.S.Army.
H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'

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H.Q. COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE — TRANSLATION.

Ufficio Automobilistico

79/Aut — 13 Feb 45. 2725 A7

Subject : Discipline.

To : 53 B.L.U. 2602

Ref A7-46 of 9 Feb 45.

On 8 Feb 2/Lt COMBERTI Piero of the Nembo Parachute Regt stopped the Driver ALBERGO Franco with a 3 ton lorry 4x4 GS WD No L.4877020, as he was driving at such an excessive speed on a curve to have avoided with difficulty a collision.

The officer, because of orders already issued, was aware of the consequences that can be caused by taking away a works ticket. This, nevertheless, the 2/Lt COMBERTI ignored in the case of this particular works ticket because it was not completed as shown on the Model Army Form G 3518.

In fact on the ticket taken from the driver, and attached, there were not any registered number, date, journey or signature of authorising officer.

Since, besides the above, the soldier did not formally recognise the officer and was not properly dressed I have ordered that he be punished, returned to his unit, and replaced with a driver more suitable and better disciplined.

(Signed) Ten/Col. Umberto De Martino

39 GEB 1945

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Army Form G 3518 (Revised 1942)

TRANSPORT WORK TICKET

MAKE OF VEHICLE: Redford | CLASS: B Tan | UNIT: 53 - T B L. 11. | SECTION: | DRIVER'S NAME: ACBERGO

DATE (1)		FOR WHOM JOURNEY IS PERFORMED (2)	DETAILS OF LOAD (3)	ROUTE From (4)	ROUTE To (5)	ROUTE Via (6)	SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORISING JOURNEY (7)	LUBRICATING OILS Type (8)	LUBRICATING OILS Pints (9)	FUEL GALLONS At Start (10)	FUEL GALLONS Drawn At (11)	FUEL GALLONS At (12)
	A			Brought forward from Work Ticket No.....								
	B										80	
5	C									28		
	D											
	E											
	F											
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	J											
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	M											

M.P.G. for week.....or totals carried over.

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TRANSPORT WORK TICKET

No

UNIT 53. TB L.U. | SECTION | DRIVER'S NAME ACBERGO | W.D. No. 44877020 | MONTH & YEAR Feb 45

ROUTE From (4)	To (5)	Via (6)	SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORISING JOURNEY (7)		LUBRICATING OILS Type (8)	Pints (9)	FUEL GALLONS At Start (10)	Drawn (11)	At End (12)	Used (13)	TIME Out (14)	In (15)	SPEEDOMETER In (16)	Run (17)	Dor (18)
Brought forward from Work Ticket No.....				A											
				B				30							
				C			28								
				D											
				F											
				G											
				H											
				J											
				K											
				L			Authorized to draw POL								
				M			& take Military stocks								
Carried over.											—	—			

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DATE (1)	FOR WHOM JOURNEY IS PERFORMED (2)	DETAILS OF LOAD (3)	ROUTE From (4)	ROUTE To (5)	ROUTE Via (6)	SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORISING JOURNEY (7)	LUBRICATING OILS Type (8)	LUBRICATING OILS Pints (9)	FUEL GALLONS At Start (10)	FUEL GALLONS Drawn At (11)	FUEL GALLONS At (12)
	N		Brought forward from Reverse			N					
	O					O					
	P					P					
	Q					Q					
	R					R					
	S					S					
	T					T					
	U					U					
	V					V					
	W					W					
	X					X					
	Y	M.P.G. for week.....or totals carried to Work Ticket No.....				Y					

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H.Q. COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE

2 Sez Personale e Segreteria

TRANSLATION.

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353/ Segr

14 Feb 45

15 FEB 1945

Subject : Boundaries for the Combat Group FOLGORE area

To : 53 B.L.U.

Ref A7-45 of 5 Feb 45.

I am perfectly in agreement upon the necessity of the precautions proposed to 10 Corps.

On its own side this HQ has provided an increase of patrols, who have been given strict orders.

I personally have given strict orders in this respect to all my Commanding Officers.

The orders forbidding the carrying of arms have been repeated afresh; and there has also been ordered a severe check on all soldiers that are out on pass and other checks from time to time are carried out by the patrols in the areas where soldiers are recreating.

The Italian arms should have been completely returned; I have asked the units for a definite assurance in regard to this matter.

(Signed) General G. Morigi.

353 SEGR 5 FEB 1945

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2717
5 FEB 1945

Subject: Shooting by Sentries

Rear Headquarters,
10 Corps

300 A

13 February 1945.

Main 8 Ind Div 'A'
1 AGRA
53 BLU att FOLGORE Gruppo

Def Coy	Camp
G	X
RA	AFM
RE	10 CRC
ST	28 CCFLA
ORD	31 CCFLA
EME	115 Pro Coy

ADC for Comd - for Information.
1400 File

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1. Further to this HQ letter 300 A of 7 Dec 44 (not to first 3 addressees) enclosing copy of AFHQ letter CR/4381/G1(B) of 16 Nov 44.

2. Indian Tps are now permitted to shoot at such persons in the same circumstances as are set out in the above quoted AFHQ letter (authority AFHQ letter of 2 Feb 45 of the same ref).

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15 FEB 1945

Brigadier.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
10 Corps.

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Subject:- Traffic Accident on Route [illegible].

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14 FEB 45

115 Provost Company,
10 Corps.
Ref:- PRO/115/10/101
12 Feb 45.

50 B.L.U.,
FRIULI Group.

P.P.S.O.,
A.M.G., MACERATA.

53 B.L.U.,
FULGORE Group.

The attached copy of a Military Police Traffic Accident Report is forwarded for your information and action as deemed necessary.

[signature]
Captain,
115 Provost Company.

Copy to:-

Officer i/c,
Claims & Hirings,
61 Area.

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R E P O R T.

To:-

The Officer Commanding
115 Provost Company.

Sir,

I have to report that on the 6th FEBRUARY, 1945, at about 1000 hrs., I was on motor-cycle patrol duty on Route 77, in company with L/Cpl. H. BENHAM, C.M.Police, when at SFORZACOSTA (map ref. 529079) I saw a stationary cart on the right-hand side of the road. I further perceived a horse tied to a nearby tree. I stopped and pursued enquiries regarding the owner of the horse-and-cart, and found him to be

GIACOBINI ALESSANDRO
Via Garibaldi, Tolentino.

Whilst questioning this civilian I saw a W.D. vehicle completely overturned on a track 15ft. below the level of the road.

I went down to the vehicle and found it to be a BEDFORD 3-ton lorry (No. 4877586), with the driver, an Italian soldier,

TAGLIAFERRI SALVATORE
26 Sanitary Section
Group Friuli,

in attendance. He told me in broken English that his two companions had been taken to the 226 Field Ambulance, Macerata.

Lance-corporal Benhem proceeded to the 673 Recovery Unit to obtain the assistance of a breakdown vehicle, which arrived at approximately 1330 hrs.

I took Giacobini (the Italian horse-and-cart driver) to the 226 Field Ambulance, where he was examined and found to be free from injury. Whilst at the Field Ambulance I was informed that the two Italian soldier-passengers of the W.D. lorry had been evacuated to the 71st General Hospital. In view of the fact that I could not speak Italian, I returned to this H.Q. to obtain the services of an interpreter.

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At about 1400 hrs., in company with ALBERTO GUADA (interpreter), att. 115 Provost Company, I proceeded to LORETO, where the 71st General Hospital is situate. There statements were obtained from the two Italian soldier-passengers who had sustained injuries in the accident. The particulars of the two casualties are as follows:-

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Sergente Maggiore MAZZARONI ALFREDO
184 Compagnia, Teleradio Battaglione,
Combattimento "Turgoro,"

and

GIANANDREA MARIO
Division Friuli, 87 Infantry Regt,
Fanteria CCR.

Certificates of injuries were also obtained (copies of statements and certificates attached). On the 9th FEBRUARY, 1945, at about 1400 hrs., I proceeded to 673 Infantry Recovery Unit, where I learned that the damaged W.D. vehicle had been sent to ANCONA L. of C. Workshops.

Macerata.
9/2/45

6097002 A. Ashby ...L/Cpl.
Corps of Military Police

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STATEMENT by:driver TAGLIAFERRI SALVATORE -born in Roma on the 2 of April 1922 -Italian Soldier -26 Sanitary section Fighting group "FRIULI"- Posta Militare 79.

who states that:

at about 0930 hrs on the 6 of February 1945 I was travelling on route 77 proceeding to Forlì driving a BEDFORD L.4877586 at a speed of 30 m.p.h.- As I had yust past Tolentino (Km.10) Isaw in front of my truck a horsen-cart.Coming from the opposite direction.it was a small FIAT CAR.
I used the brakes but the truck skidded, hit the back of the horsen-cart and still skidding went off the right side of the road,tourning over.
I had two passengers on the truck: an Italian Sargent Major and an Italian Soldier:a driver.- They were both enyured in the accident and conveyed to the hospital by a vehicole.-

Signed by : TAGLIAFERRI SALVATORE

STATEMENT by:Giacobini Alessandro,aged 53 living in Tolentino,Via Garibaldi.

who states that :

at about 0930 hrs on the 6 of February 1945 I was travelling with an horsen-cart on the road Tolentino- Macerata. Iwas on the right side of the road and I saw a small FIAT car coming from the opposite direction. We were yust passing each other when a Military truck tried to overtake my horsen-cart. He hit the cart at the back and the driver, apparently loosing control of the vehicole, went off the right side of the road and tourned over.-

Signed by :GIACOBINI ALESSANDRO

Statements taken down in Italian by Brigadiere of Carabinieri TOMASELLI and translated by BATTUADA ALBERTO.-

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Copy of Statement made by Ciamandrea Mario, Friuli Division, 87 Inf Regt., Posta Militare 79.

At about 0930 hrs on the morning of the 6th Feb 45 I was travelling on Route 77 between SERRAVALLE and FOLIGNO. As we arrived on the top of a slope we saw in front of us a horse and cart.
A little Italian car was just coming from the opposite direction pulling on the middle of the road, my driver used his brakes but the road was wet and slippery and the truck skidded.
The driver tried to do his best to keep it on the road but the truck went off and turned over.
I am now in hospital with broken right arm and lacerations of right knee and face.

(Sgd) Ciamandrea Mario.

Translation of Statement taken in official notebook of L/Cpl Ashby and signed on pages 13/14.

Translation of Statement made by Mazzaroni Alfredo.

On the 6th inst., I was coming back to my unit. At FOLIGNO I had a lift on an Italian military truck driven by an Italian soldier who was going to MACERATA. My unit is stationed at ASCOLI PICENO. When we were a few kms from MACERATA our truck skidded off the road into the ditch. the truck overturned and as I was in the back of the truck (which was a covered one) I cannot give any information about the accident.

(Sgd) Mazzaroni Alfredo.

Statement of injuries.

Sergente Maggiore Mazzaroni Alfredo - Lacerations of the right leg: Contusion of the back.

Soldato Mario Ciamandrea - Severe fracture (comminuted) of radius Lacerations of right upper lid, required 4 sutures. Contusion of right eye.

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71 Br. Gen. Hosp.
8 Feb 45.

(Sgd) F.J.Rutter, Major, RAMC.

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SKETCH MAP SHOWING SCENE OF ACCIDENT AT:-

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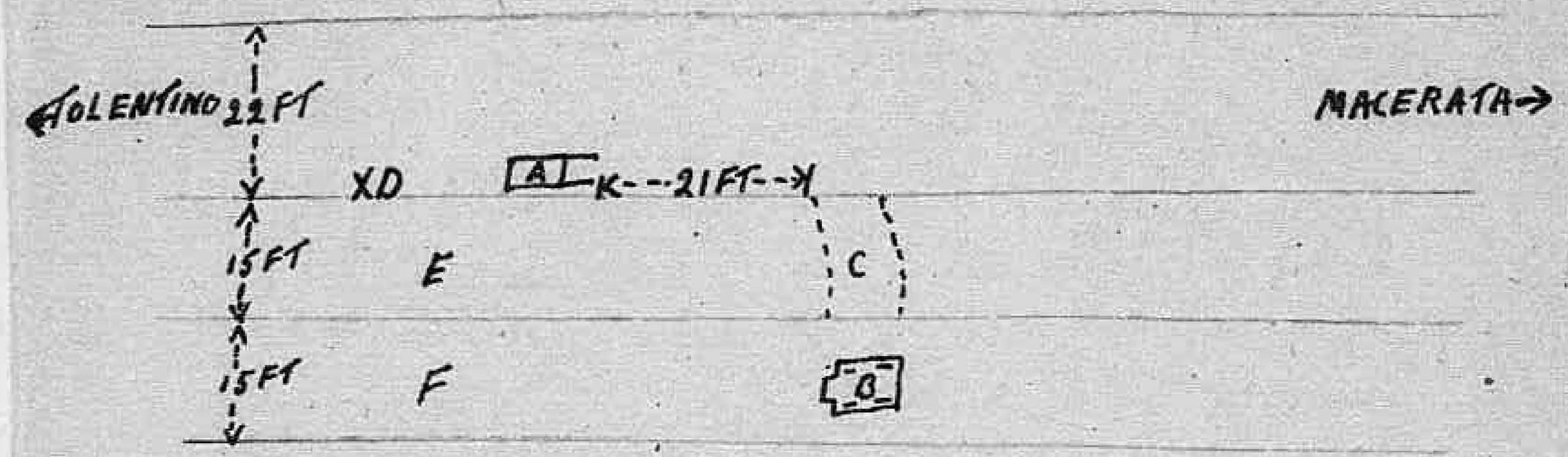

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C SHOWING TRACKS OF VEHICLE

D POSITION OF HORSE

E 15 FT DROP

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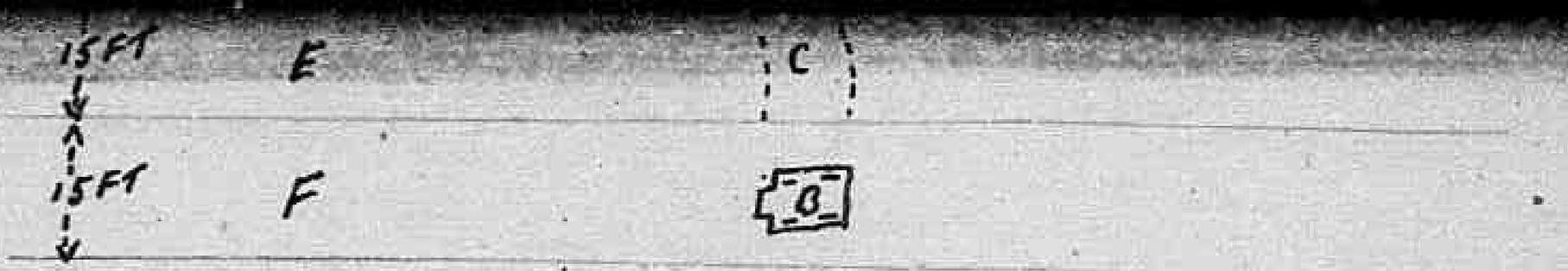

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115 PROVOST COMPANY
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TRANSLATION 2692 14 FEB 1945

H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'
2 Sec. Personale e Segreteria

12 Feb 45

311/Segr
Subject: Discipline.

To:- 53 R.L.U. (Ref A7 - 41 dated 12 Jan 45) — 2073

The Italian soldiers suspected, have given a version stating different facts from those shown in the above quoted letter, (Appx 1)

In any case, as it was apparent that the delay was caused by them, the following disciplinary action has been taken -

(i) 10 days detention for the NCO i/c convoy
(ii) 10 days detention for each of the drivers belonging to the convoy.

The Unit O.C. has warned all soldiers of the seriousness of this sort of thing.

Signed - Lt.Col. Umberto De Martino
Chief of Staff.

COPY

TRANSLATION

Report in respect of the convoy from TELESE to PORTICI for the collection of stores on 8 Jan 45.

The convoy left TELESE at 0700 hrs precise and arrived at PORTICI (Naples) at 0930 hrs. The loading of materials began at 1130 hrs and was left off at 1230hrs for lunch. Permission was given to all the members of the convoy to go outside to eat, being free until 1330 hrs. The undersigned declares that both he and the drivers returned to the Sub Depot at 1400 hrs, 30 minutes later than the time previously arranged, the lateness being justified due to the fact that all the inns at that time were crowded with workers from the same depot, and therefore they had to wait until it was possible to cook the ration that every soldier had been issued with by the respective platoon cookhouse.

When the work of loading re-commenced, an English sergeant wanted the drivers to load the lorries themselves, but this they refused, quite definitely, to do, for it was not their responsibility. Because of this general refusal of the drivers, the a/m English NCO accused them of drunkenness. I personally state that the convoy drivers were not at all drunk but rather tired as they had done several days' duty without an hours sleep, and therefore not in a fit state to carry out so much work that was not their business. The u/m, having agreed with the drivers' arguments, was called up before an English major who deplored my action and that of all the drivers, would not listen to reason and ordered us to be put in the guard room by the Carabinieri on duty at the Sub Depot. After three hours waiting, the u/m spoke with the depot

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14 FEB 1945

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At 1900 hrs we were set free, but owing to the lateness, I thought it best to let the convoy return the following morning.

The above is written faithfully.

Signed - Sgt. Arnaldo ALFEI

15 FEB 1945

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2602

Subject: Discipline

53 B.L.E.
Ref A7 - 46
9 Feb 45

To :- HQ Combat Group FOLKORE
Camp

Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS WD No.L4677020, Dvr Albergo Italian Inc to 53 BLE

1. During the morning of 8 Feb the above vehicle driven by driver as shown was halted by Lt Fioro Camberti of the Nembo Regt and the driver's particulars taken by that officer as the vehicle was being driven at an excessive speed.

2. This action is greatly appreciated and it is presumed that a full report will be forthcoming in due course so that action can be taken against the driver.

3. However, the a/m officer took the a/m driver's works ticket (AF G3518) and refused to hand it back when asked by the driver.

4. Such action is obviously wrong as the driver then has no authority for his journey and is liable to arrest for driving a WD vehicle without such authority.

5. It is requested that instructions are issued that after the necessary information has been taken from the AF G3518 it is returned to the driver, who, provided he is capable of driving the vehicle, should be allowed to proceed.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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10 FEB 1945

SUBJECT:- Carabinieri Training - Italian Combat Groups - Report on visit to 'Folgore' Group, 53 BLU and Nos 314 and 315 Sections CC.RR.

To:-
Provost Marshal (Br).
AFHQ. (2).

SECRET.

H.Q. 57 Area,
C.M.F.
February 7th 1944.

1. The visit to the 'FOLGORE' Group and 53 BLU took place on 1 - 5 Feby '44. The Group had just moved from the TELESE Area and were in the process of concentrating in the ASCOLI Area.

2. In general it can be said that at least this group is conscious of the necessity of TC and are aware that the primary function of the CC.RR is that of TC. Noticeable pointers to this were:-

(a). Use of CC.RR during the move of the Group.

TPs were established on the route and a sector control system was used. Elements of the CC.RR went forward with Group HQ and a number were used to clear the area being vacated. Progress reports were forwarded to the Italian Chief of Staff who controlled the move. Very little signing was done en route.

(b). State of TC in the Army Area.

Although below British standards, the CC.RR were at least trying. As an example, ASCOLI itself presents a traffic problem due to the two main bridges in the town being out of commission. To overcome this, two diversions were being operated, one approximately three miles long for through traffic and for vehicles over 15 cwt, the second, which was shorter, for single-way traffic and light vehicles. Both diversions were controlled at each end by traffic posts, the latter by use of telephone. The CC.RR were a little slow and hesitant in their signals but at least they were effecting a measure of control. The importance of clear and firm signals and for the adequate signing of the diversions was very much stressed to the CC.RR officers.

(c). Training of CC.RR.

The Officer Commanding 315 Section has prepared TC notes (based on what he learned during the course of instruction at the C.M.P Depot) for the use in training of both sections in the Group. The officers are well aware of the role in the Group, but this could not be said of the men. A need exists for a nucleus of good NCOs from the sections to form a cadre to carry out the training. It is the intention to carry out much practical training now that they have received all their transport, most of their equipment and are in a new training area. A copy of the notes referred to above, are enclosed for information.

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(d). Signing. 3982

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3. Two points were discussed at length with the Italian Chief of Staff to the Group:-

(a). March and Traffic Discipline

He appreciated the importance of this (he having formerly been with an Italian motorised division) and an effort was being made to get a good standard in the Group. Apparently all punishments against offenders (including officers) are published in Group Orders.

(b). The necessity for training other personnel in TC duties, not to supersede the CC.RR organisation but to be complementary to it. It is understood this is to be put into effect.

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into effect/

4. A copy of notes on the general principles of TC was left with the G2 of the HQ with the promise that a number of copies translated into Italian would be sent to him as soon as they were available. The contents of those notes were very ably put over to the officers and men of the CO.RR sections by Lieut. Gordon (7th TC Coy CMP) who, speaking very good Italian, was able to get them interested. It was much easier for this type of instruction to be put over by someone who could speak Italian, than try to do it through an interpreter, which had been the case on a recent visit to another Group. More was done in the space of four days, than had been done in ten days on the previous occasion.

5. Further remarks in connection with M4 and M5 CO.RR sections are as follows:-

(a). W.E.

It was discussed with both officers that it may be better to have three composite squads with 4 MCs and 1 15 cwt per squad than have the present set-up of one mobile squad and two foot squads. Both officers agreed and are going to try it out.

(b). G1098 Stores.

Sections are very well off and have extremely few deficiencies. They are awaiting issue of stencil sets and masks for traffic lamps. As said before, they seem very reluctant to use equipment until they are committed in the line.

(c). Transport.

Are in possession of full W.E. Approximately 50% of personnel in each section are able to ride MCs and 25% able to drive vehicles. The intention is to train all personnel to be able to ride or drive for the purposes of interchangability with squads.

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Clothing in both sections is of terribly mixed variety - partly British E.P., partly CO.RR uniform and in some cases, U.S trousers. Very few of the men have a complete outfit, of one uniform. It is understood that the Chief of the CO.RR has requested that all CO.RR should be fitted out with the standard CO.RR uniform. If this is done, it is felt that it will do much to bring them on to a better level with the formation, in the same way that a stiff cap, armlet and cap cover does for British C.M.P. They are awaiting orders regarding the painting of helmets. The necessity for a distinguishing armlet is even more obvious with these two sections, owing to the mixed state of uniform.

(e). Officers.

Both officers are very promising. One only has had a course at the C.M.P Depot. Both seemed to have a grasp of what they had to do and were very keen.

(f). ORs.

Quite good material and have an average of 6 years service in the CO.RR. Were very interested when being lectured or when signing demonstrations

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Quite good material and have an average of 6 years service in the CO.NR. Were very interested when being lectured or when signing demonstrations were being given - in fact they almost fell over one another in order to do something. Senior NCOs were well acquainted with their role in the formation, whereas many of the other ORs hadn't the slightest idea. Once training cadres are started, however, they should easily respond to training.

(g). Map Reading.

Although the officers maintained that all CO.NR have map reading as part of their training at the CO.NR schools, the standard is very low. This is to be given a priority as soon as the cadre gets under way.

(R.S.L.B. Dobson) Major.
Assistant Provost Marshal.
57 Area.

Copy to 53 B.L.U.

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SUBJECT:- Bounds - Combat Gp FOLGORE Area

2617
10 FEB 1945

Rear H.Q. 10 Corps
303 A
9 Feb 45

H.Q. 1 District

53 B.L.U. ✓ for infm

1. The attached copy of a letter A7 - 44 dated 5 Feb 45 from 53 B.L.U. is forwarded.

2. Apart from the FOLGORE Gp itself there are no units under comd this H.Q. in the area concerned. In view of this it is requested that you issue such orders as you may think necessary with regard to bounds in that particular area.

I.B. Lewis Maj
for Lt-Gen.
Comd 10 Corps.

SUBJECT:- Bounds - Combat Group FOLGORE Area

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53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 -44
5 Feb 45

To: H.Q. 10 Corps

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(sgd) G.H. BROOK, Lt-Col.
G.S.

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H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'
2 Sec. Personale e Segreteria

1 [redacted] 9/Pers 8 Feb 43

2608
10 FEB 1943

Subject: Breaches of discipline encountered by the town patrol.

To :- H.Q. 53 B.L.U.

Herewith copy of report Ref.4096/Ord of 3 Feb received from H.Q. 'Nembo' Regt.

For your information and necessary action in this case, we communicate the breaches of discipline which the patrol of the 3 Bn met with in the town :

On 29 Jan at 1900 hrs, the patrol assisted in quelling a noisy dispute created at the dance hall Via XX Settembre, between English soldiers in a drunken state and civilians. The three soldiers acted so rebelliously towards the patrol that the latter was forced to make them leave the building itself.

The A/m have broken a pane of glass and the exit door of the building.

Signed - Lt.Col. Francesco Ronco.

Signed - Lt.Col. U. De Martino.

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TRANSLATION

H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'
2 Sec. Personale and Segreteria.

329/Segr

7 Feb 45

8 FEB 1945

Subject: Incident between Negro soldiers and Italians.

To :- 53 B.L.U.

On 4 Feb at about 1700 hrs, there took place a fight between some negro soldiers who arrived on lorries, and Combat Group soldiers.

It has not yet been possible to ascertain the origin of the conflict, but it is certain that the negro soldiers at acertain point, opened fire with pistols with which they were armed and threw some hand grenades.

The noise of the first shots, the screaming of the people that were running away from the place of the incident (Via Malta), made several Paratrutists and Carabinieri of the Combat Group go there, and who after many attempts and violent struggling, succeeded in disarming the negro soldiers and stopping them.

The same were escorted to the civil hospital and there guarded by the Carabinieri.

The use of arms by Italian soldiers is forbidden.

Patrols immediately organised afterwards, succeeded in quelling any further incident.

The above has been communicated for the information of the above BLU, and we shall communicate further as soon as investigations now taking place, have been completed.

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We attach copies of - (1) Signal from the Carabinieri of the 'Tenenza of Ascoli Piceno' and (2) Report by Capt.PAPI and 2/Lt.ROMANATO.

Signed - Lt.Col. Umberto De Martino.

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8 FEB 1945

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TRANSLATION

CARABINIERI 'ASCOLI PICENO'

4 Feb 45

109/I di prot. Div.III

Subject: Wounding of Allied Soldiers - Signal

109/1. AT ABOUT 1700 HRS ON 4 FEB IN ASCOLI PICENO FOLLOWING AN UPROAR THAT OCCURRED THROUGH SENSELESS MOTIVES NOT YET ASCERTAINED BETWEEN THREE DRUNKEN NEGRO SOLDIERS AND ELEMENTS OF THE 'FOLGORE' COMBAT GROUP. THERE CAME FROM ONE OF THE NEGROES, AT RANDOM, PISTOL SHOTS THAT LIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE LEFT HAND MANCINI LUIGI FU GIULIO, 17 YEARS OF AGE, FROM ASCOLI PICENO (.) RENDERED POWERLESS TWO OF THE NEGROES WERE SENT TO THIS CIVIL HOSPITAL; ONE FOR WOUNDS, LACERATIONS AND BRUISES OF THE FOREHEAD, THE OTHER FOR ABDOMINAL CONTUSIONS(.) THE THIRD WAS KEPT BY THE 314 CARABINIERI SECTION WHO ACTS ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE AFORESAID GROUP.

SIGNED - 2/LT. ROMUALDO DI GIUSEPPE

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TRANSLATION 8 FEB 1945

REPORT

The undersigned Regular Army Lt.ROMANATO LINO, O.C. 10 Paracinitist Coy, walking with two Subalterns in the vicinity of the Piazza del Popolo, hearing some shots and a crowd of people coming towards Via Malta from which were shouting civilians " "Fermo" disarm them, they have killed a paradutist"

Whilst the crowd was running away along other streets and into the doorways of adjacent houses, I noticed that from the end of the street where there was a stationary vehicle, they were shooting and throwing hand grenades at the civilians who were running away. The paradutists and other soldiers of various units amongst whom were two 'Folgore' Combat Group Carabinieri and some of the 'San Marco' regiment, took refuge in doorways. I immediately noticed amongst those that were trying to reach the armed men, Capt.Cesare PAPI. I ran over to him whilst the negroes continued shooting. A negro, probably hit by his own companion, was lying on the ground. Whilst Capt.PAPI and the 2/Lt were trying to approach the last of the armed men standing in the centre of the street and still shooting. Paradutist BRUNELLO of the 10 Coy, threw himself upon him from behind, trying to disarm him, but the negro succeeded in getting free and fled to the Tronto R. followed by paratroops, (S.Marco and COMI). The nearest, following him, was Capt.PAPI. The undersigned did not succeed in keeping with him, because suffering from sciatica. The negro, still followed, went down under the bridge that crosses the R.Tronto. At last he was without ammunition (after having again thrown a hand grenade), and was reached and made powerless by the soldiers. The soldiers and some civilians continued to shout vindictively as he had killed a paradutist. With much difficulty, Capt.PAPI, the undersigned and another officer, managed to get the ill-treated man away from the soldiers, getting him into a vehicle and taking him with another negro collected on the road, to the civil hospital. As soon as we arrived at the hospital, with the the common consent of Capt.PAPI, I telephoned the 'Folgore' Combat Group H.Q. to report the matter and for a guard for the two negroes. A short while afterwards, 2/Lt.Giuseppe GIARDINA (O.C. 3rd Carabinieri Section), reported with a guard of Carabinieri. The Medical Capt, director of the hospital, (at least he was called such) asked in an uncivil way that Capt.PAPI, the undersigned and the 2/Lt of the Carabinieri, should get out because he alone was in charge, and he transferred them inside.

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I agree that being with us some paradutists that had helped to transport the two negroes, there was a little (I repeat, a little) confusion, not enough indeed to make the medical officer forget that he was dealing with officers.

I have nothing further to state and in good faith put my signature to the above report.

Ascoli Piceno
4 Feb 45

Reported and signed by -
Lt. ROMANATO LINO.

The undersigned Capt.PAPI Cesare, confirms in every respect the above report given by LT. ROMANATO LINO.

Ascoli Piceno
4. Feb 45

Signed - Capt.PAPI,Cesare.

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Subject: Traffic Accident, 16 Jan. 45

Ref: 66/50116/24/A

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8 FEB 1945

To: Headquarters,
53 rd. B.L.U., C.M.F.

From: D.A.D. Claims & Hirings,
66 Claims & Hirings, C.M.F.

MAJOR E.L. HARRIS.

1. The above named officer reported to the Military Police that whilst driving W.D. vehicle M5661897 he was involved in an accident at PESCARA on the above date.

2. A.F.A. 3676 has not been received please have this rendered together with statements of driver and witnesses, if any, as quickly as possible.

In the Field
3 Feb. 45

D.A.D. 66 Claims & Hirings. Major,

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8 FEB 1945

AFA 3676 Rendered to
Major Harris for completion

25-20/A7

7 FEB 1945

CONFIDENTIAL.

SUBJECT:- Powers of American Military Police. A/16

LIST 'B'

1. The question of the use of firearms by American Military Police has recently been under discussion at AFHQ.

2. American Police, by virtue of the Law and Customs of the United States, which differ from those of the United Kingdom, are armed. Disobedience of orders given by US Police is liable to cause them to draw and use their arms. Steps have been taken to ensure that US Police do not use their firearms improperly against Allied Military.

3. Arrangements have now been made for Road Blocks to be clearly illuminated at night with red lanterns so that no question can arise in future as to whether or not a vehicle is required to stop.

In the Field
31 Jan 45

Lt-Col,
AA & QMG,
HQ 56 Area.

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JS.

2 FEB 1945

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A-7 Incidents - Disciplinary

Oct. 29, 1944 - May 28, 1945

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Subject: Bounds - Combat Group FOLGORE Area

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 45 2508
5 Feb 45

To:- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

This H.Q. has asked H.Q. 10 Corps to place the whole area occupied by the Group out of bounds to all Allied troops not on duty, as it is felt that incidents such as happened yesterday 4.2.45 are very liable to take place, especially with regard to native coloured troops whose attitude to Italian women is not always as correct as it should be.

It seems, however, that serious incidents might be avoided if Italian soldiers were prevented from carrying revolvers and grenades when on pass. Will you, therefore, ensure that strict orders are issued to stop this practice and that all unauthorised arms etc are withdrawn from troops. No Italian weapons should be in possession of anyone at this time as orders have been given for the disposal of all Italian equipment.

L. H. B.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Copy to:- A.M.G. Ascoli.

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Lt.Col. 3972
G.S.

Copy to:- A.M.G. Ascoli.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

From Major General G. LAWKIE.

HQ 3 District
CMF

DO/119.

18 Jan 45.

Dear

1. I have already drawn attention to the deplorable lack of interest and pride amongst all ranks of His Majesty's Forces in regard to dress and saluting. While there has been some slight improvement a very long way has yet to be traversed before Commanding Officers can feel satisfied that they have reached a standard that can be maintained and improved.

2. The excuses which are so often advanced for slackness in dress and non-saluting do not, upon careful examination, hold water.

The fact is that in any Formation, Unit, Installation or Depot which has a good Commanding Officer the turn out and saluting on all occasions of all ranks, is of the highest order. It is also true to say that no matter what task they are asked to perform, under good or bad conditions, this high standard is and will be maintained.

This is so because it is a matter of good administration, example, and discipline. The Commanding Officer really commands, and he ensures that all his officers, WOs, and NCOs, do likewise in their own particular sphere of influence.

3. It is realised that some Units or Establishments find it easier than others to cope with this problem, but the more difficult the situation the greater should be the effort by all concerned.

Sound Administration, Organisation, and good Discipline, is the essence of the whole problem, and efficiency can be measured in direct proportion to the efficiency of the Commanding Officer. He alone can effect improvement.

4. Now there is no doubt that within the precincts of the Formation/Unit's quarters the standard of dress is better, and of saluting, good. It is after hours when all ranks are off duty, or on duty away from their Formation/Unit etc., and in contact with the outside world in the shape of other Services, nationalities, and civilians that everybody shows up so badly.

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The fact that others do not turn out well or salute is NO excuse.

Pride in oneself, the unit to which one belongs, and that one is a member of the British Army should be sufficient reason for maintaining a high standard in this respect.

If one lets oneself go in such matters it does not take very long before this slackness shows itself in other ways within the Unit. It is much easier to deteriorate in, than to build up, efficiency.

5. As regards dress and smartness of turnout there is no excuse and none can be accepted. A unit can and must have its own method of ensuring that all ranks leave their barracks, camps, etc properly dressed. If this is not so, then there is some flaw in the administrative machinery.

6. On the question of saluting there are on occasions, some possible explanations such as ignorance of the regulations, shyness of the man, blindness,

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:- Dress and Saluting.

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ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS.

1. I have received the attached letter from G.O.C., 3 District. I spoke to you all personally on this subject last October but regret to say that there has not been a marked improvement.

2. I stress again that you, as Commanding Officers, are responsible for the dress and saluting of all ranks in your unit. I ordered every unit to have a guard or N.C.O. on duty to inspect the turn out of N.C.Os and men going out and returning from pass and I am not satisfied that this order is being complied with.

3. There can be no improvement unless you and your Officers take a personal interest in the matter and see that a higher standard is enforced.

4. I have instructed my A.P.M. to watch the position and to let me have the names of the men and units who are checked by C.M.P. personnel for being slovenly dressed or for failing to salute an officer. I will demand an explanation from my Commanding Officer whose men are checked for these offences.

In the Field
10 Jan 45

Brigadier,
Comd 56 Area.

JS.

25 JAN 1945

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Brigadier,
Comd 56 Area.

JS.

25 JAN 1945

Camps Comdt to see - Our own troops would also with a bit of tightening up. Especially with regard to dress.

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and "I didn't know I had to salute inside a building" and so on. These may be accepted once, but never a second time.

In places such as Clubs etc., Canteens, Cinemas, Theatres, and Opera Houses SALUTING, except on the part of officials, is NOT expected; but on all other occasions and in all other places it must be enforced.

Officers, WOs and NCOs are more to blame in this matter than their men as the latter see how they behave and are naturally quick in copying them. Example is everything.

7. The above applies in the main to most of the members of His Majesty's Forces but there is possibly a section which consider that the army of today is much tougher than its predecessors, and to appear smartly turned-out and to show signs of discipline in the form of saluting, is not in keeping with the toughness required in these enlightened days, and is also a sign of subservience. Nothing could be further from the truth, and as to saluting, it is due to ignorance as to its origin on the part of all concerned.

8. In GRO 302/44 there is a very good and clear explanation as to this origin and I repeat it:-

"Saluting dates from the time of armour, the salute representing the motion of a knight raising the visor of his helmet with the open hand to the front showing that, though raised, it contained no missile.

"The practice of combining 'eyes right' or 'eyes left' with the salute originated from the olden days, when it was the privilege of men-at-arms to look their superiors in the face, while others must pass with downcast eyes.

"The salute is, therefore, a recognition of comradeship and mutual trust between men-at-arms; it is, at the same time, an acknowledgment of discipline and has become a visible indication of common allegiance which all ranks owe to the Crown and its service.

"The standard of saluting is, therefore, an indication of the esprit-de-corps of units and formations. History, and the experience of the present war, have proved that high esprit-de-corps and good discipline increase the military efficiency of Units and Formations.

"The recognition of comradeship and mutual trust inherent in the salute must be mutual and not one-sided, e.g. both parties must look each other in the eyes, and officers receiving the salute must return it in a smart, soldierly and orthodox manner. The slovenly return of a salute cannot but breed slovenliness. The officer will, therefore, return the salute in a proper manner and will invariably look the giver in the eyes".

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9. Officers and soldiers on detachment, or on duty, away from their units for one reason or another, will show by the standard of their saluting and turn-out, their determination to maintain with pride the reputation of their Formation/Unit etc.

10. Now, how are we to regain the standard which we have lost? Writing, talking, and punishing appear to have little effect, largely I think because men do not understand either the importance of these matters, the reason as to their enforcement, or their origin.

I leave you to deal with this matter in any way you like but there must be a decided improvement.

I wish you to see every Commanding Officer under your command, sometime, go through this letter with him, giving him a copy if you so

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desire, and arrange a method which will bring about a lasting improvement.

The Officer is in many respects the worst offender, but both he and the OR must look for a salute and not, as is invariably the case, look in the other direction. He must take the trouble to check ORs who fail to salute him. There seems to be a feeling amongst Officers that they are acting officiously if they carry out their duty in this respect; nothing could be further from being the case. I consider that an Officer is guilty of an offence himself, i.e. neglect of duty, if he fails to check an OR.

To effect this there is only one man who can do it and that is the Commanding Officer. He has a Command and responsibility which is the envy of many men, and he must see to it that he is worthy of the high honour which has been conferred upon him.

Yours sincerely

(signed) G. LAMMIE.

Brigadier B.W.S. Cripps, DC.,
Commander,
56 Area,
C.M.F.

JS.

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Subject:- Report - Traffic Accident.

Office of the C.O.,
645 Provost Company.
Ref: Pro/645/62/1/9
14th January, 1945.

DAD 50 Claims & Rirings.
D&PW, 209 Sub Area.
Sirt, B.L.O.

The attached report is forwarded for your information.

Capt.,
Comdg., 645 Provost Company.
(T. H. Papworth).

C.M.F.
Ms.

23 JAN 1945
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MILITARY POLICE REPORT - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

THE OFFICER COMMANDING,
665 PROVOST COMPANY,
CORPS OF MILITARY POLICE.

Sir,

I have to report that at PESCARA on the 16th January, 1945 about 1320 hours, acting on instructions received I proceeded accompanied by Unit Interpreter to the scene of an accident at SILVI, on ROUTE 16.

MAJOR P.L. HARRIS, G(S) II 'D' TRAINING MOVEMENT, attached 5Srd B.L.U. and MAJOR J.K.L. BYRNE, DEVONSHIRE REGT., also attached 5Srd B.L.U. had reported to HQ 665 Provost Company that they were involved in the accident and conducted me there.

On my arrival, I enquired the whereabouts of the injured person and was informed that BRUNO DI BLASIO, LI TOMMASO aged 7 years had been removed to his home on VIA ROMA, SILVI which was situated opposite the scene of the accident and was being attended to by a civilian Doctor, Dr MICHELE ZAICH.

Major Harris stated, " As I was approaching a group of boys standing on the right hand side of the road, one of them ran out onto the road in front of me without looking either way, I did not have a chance to avoid him, I was driving MT Vehicle No. M 5861087 PRIVATE BAKER at the time".

Major Byrne corroborated his statement.

Through the medium of the interpreter I obtained particulars and statement of the civilian witness, also the medical report from the examining Doctor, and particulars of injured person who was in too bad a condition to say anything at that time.

Statements and Medical Report together with Sketch Plan are attached.

C.M.F.
18th January, 1945.

7686645 Provost No. 3967
665 Provost Company.
C.M. POLICE

Statement by:- CARLO CIFERRI, aged 45 years, living at SILVI in 78 CONTRADA S. SILVESTRO, (TERAMO PROVINCE)

On the 15th January, 1945 at about 1300 hours whilst stopped on the left sidewalk of the main road I saw an Allied convoy coming from the North and proceeding on the right side and another Allied vehicle coming from the south at a medium speed proceeding on the other side; a boy at that moment came out of a gate and was struck by the vehicle. The driver stopped in order to help the boy.

SILVI.
16-1-1945

(Signed) CARLO CIFERRI.

MEDICAL REPORT.

By:- DR. MICHELE ZAICIK (SILVI)

Today BRUNO DI BLASIO, DI TOMASO aged 7 years living at SILVI in 921 Via Roma was run over by an Allied Vehicle. He received a large injury to the left side of the forehead, bruises to the head, legs and knees. Prognosis reserved.

SILVI
16-1-1945

(Signed) MICHELE ZAICIK
Examining Doctor.

I certify that to the best of my belief and ability this is a true and correct translation of the originals which are held at H.Q., 645 Provost Company.

Interpreter,
645 Provost Company.

Statement by:- Major E.L. [illegible] GSO II.,
Att 52nd L[illegible] C.M.F.

On the 16th Jan 45th 1945, at about 1315 hours we were proceeding towards Ancona on Route 16, when a boy ran out on to the road, and was knocked down by our jeep, which was travelling at a speed of 30 to 35 m.p.h. It was quite impossible to avoid hitting him even though I braked violently and swerved towards the centre of the road. A civilian doctor was called and attended the boy using small dressings and other medical supplies provided by us.

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(Signed) E.L. ROGERS Major,
GSO II (I) Training Movement,

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SILVI
16-1-1945

(Signed) MICHAEL SAFFIN
Examining Doctor.

I certify that to the best of my belief and ability this is a true and correct translation of the originals which are held at H.., 645 Provost Company.

Interpreter,
645 Provost Company.

Statement by:- Major R.[illegible] [illegible] G.S.O. II.,
Att 56rd [illegible] C.M.F.

On the 10th Jan ~~1945~~ 1945, at about 1815 hours we were proceeding towards Ancona on Route 16, when a boy ran out on to the road, and was knocked down by our jeep, which was travelling at a speed of 50 to 55 m.p.h. It was quite impossible to avoid hitting him even though I braked violently and swerved towards the centre of the road. A civilian doctor was called and attended the boy using small dressings and other medical supplies provided by us.

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(Signed) R.H. HANKIN Major,
GSO II (i/c Training Movement,
Att 56rd H.L.U., CMF.

I corroborate the above statement.

(Signed) A.K.F. BYRNE Major,
Devonshire Regt.
Att 56rd H.L.U., CMF.

The above statement was taken down in my presence in my A.B. 466 and signature witnessed by me on 18th January, 1945.

7668643 Sgt. W.H. L/C.I
645 Provost Company.

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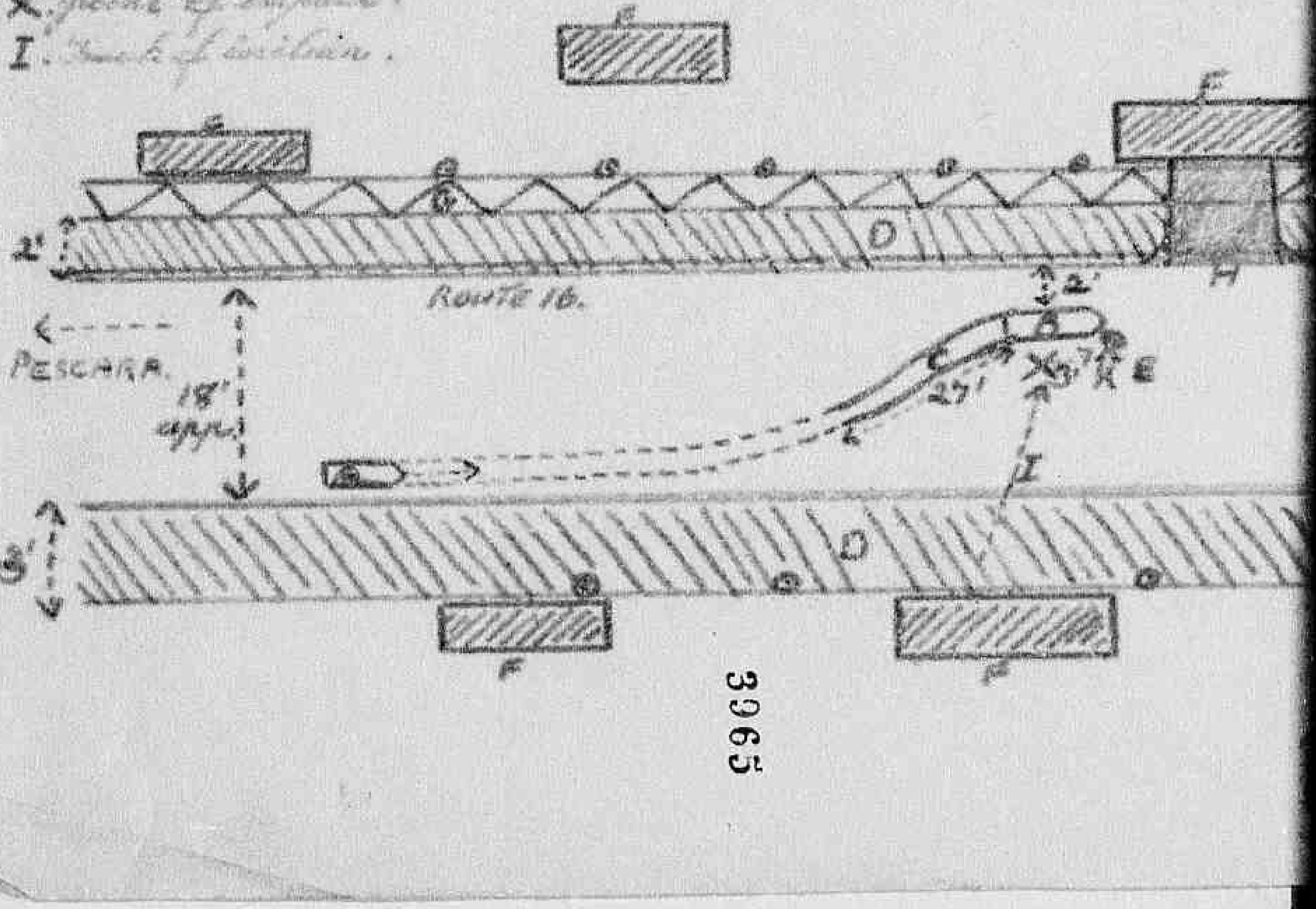
A. Entrance Crossing Gates Arrangement.
B. Position of Automatic Engine Starting Emergency Switch.
C. Location of Relay.
D. Open Track.
E. Position of Crossing Gate Mast.
F. Crossing Gates.
G. Automatic Switch. (Operated by Train Passing)
H. Concrete Abutments.
O. Center of Track.
X. Point of Engine.
I. Point of Contact.



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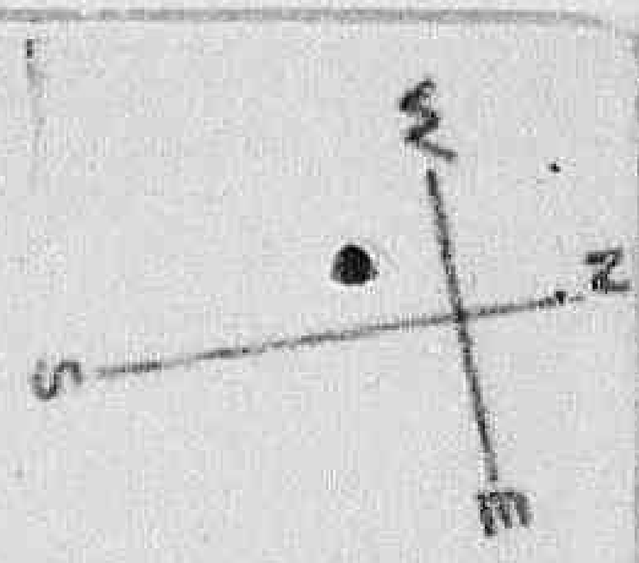

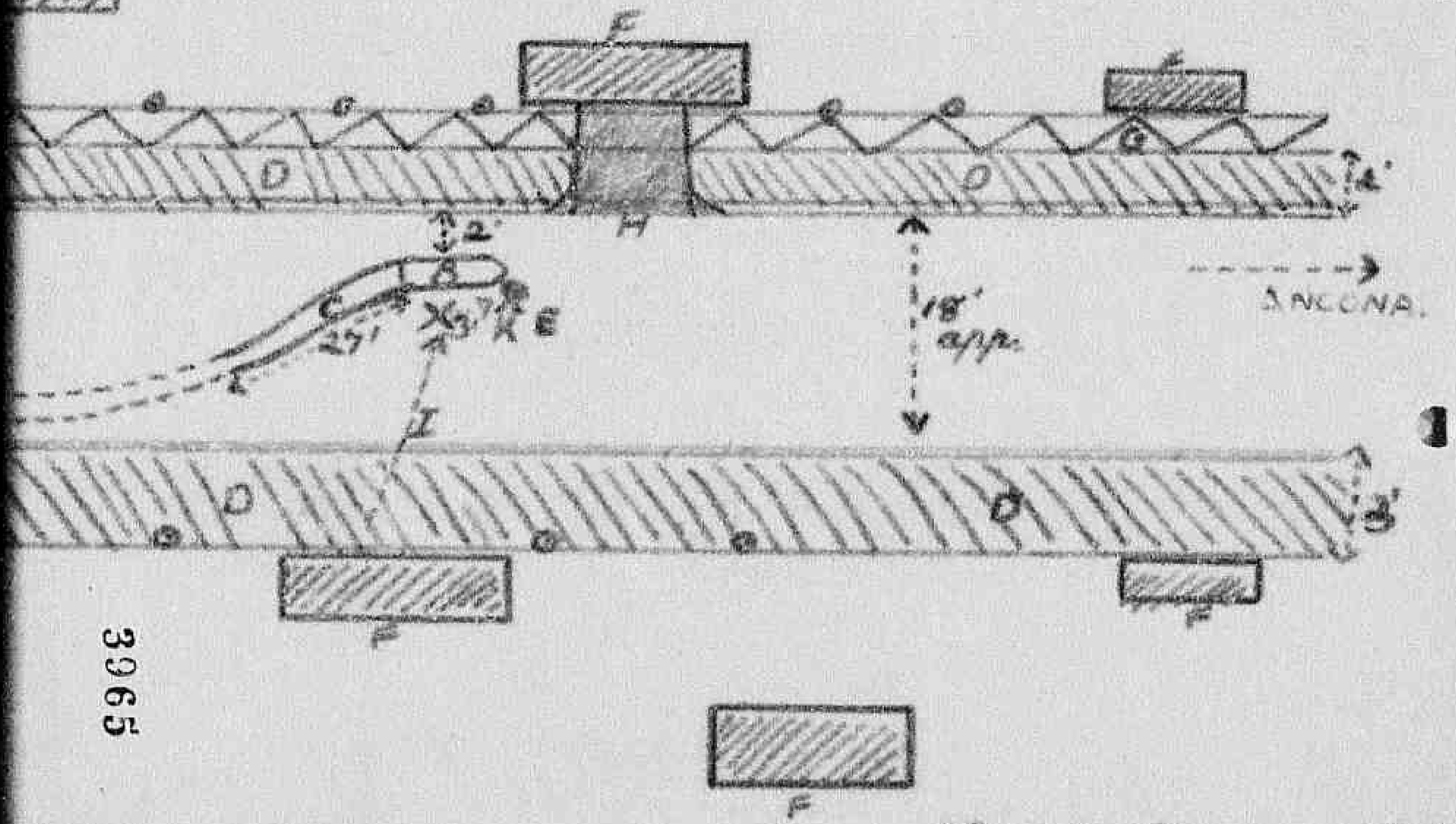

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HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE

TRANSLATION

2302

22 Jan 45

145/Segr.

2nd. Sect. Pers. & Sec.

Subject; Discipline

1675

To:- 53 B.L. U. (Ref. A7-28 of Dec. 23rd./44)

JAN 1945 NWP-33a

The S&T Unit soldiers found in possession of arms on Dec. 23rd./44 are two: Driver VENUTELLI Sirio keeping a hand grenade, Gunner PAGANINI Carlo a Beretta pistol.

Both have been awarded 10 days detention.

The attention of all our HQs has been brought to the necessity of making it understood that it is forbidden to carry arms and in this respect all personnel at traffic blocks are checking soldiers themselves and their kit when they leave the group area seizing the arms they discover.

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(Signed) G.F. Cangini

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21 JAN 1945

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - Venereal Disease. A16/16.

LIST 'B'

1. It is clear from medical statistics that venereal disease is still being contracted through failure of the individuals concerned to take adequate precautionary measures. Existing instructions on this subject, slightly modified at para 7, are therefore republished herewith.

2. If the instructions contained in para 7 are followed, there can be no excuse for a soldier failing to use a condom, when incurring the risk of venereal disease.

3. Commanding officers will ensure that unit orders are duly posted to implement these instructions, and will take disciplinary action against personnel contracting V.D. who have failed to obey such orders. Disciplinary action in such cases is taken under AA Sec. 11 for failure to take precautions in accordance with unit orders, duly posted, not for contracting V.D. per se.

4. Application for verification of registration in the case of personnel using American PA Centres will be addressed to OC 62 Field Hygiene Section except in the case of CASERTA, when application will be made to OC 15 Field Sanitary Section.

5. Applications will be made on the proforma given below.

Camp Commandant

Lt-Col,
AA & QMG,
HQ 56 Area,

In the Field
19 Jan 45
JS.

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Form of application for verification of registration at an American PA Centre

To: OC 62 Field Hygiene Section (2 copies) (Cross out which is not applicable)
or
OC 15 Field Sanitary Section (2 copies)

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Please confirm that the following personnel of .....(unit) used an [illegible] on the dates shown.

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1 JAN 1945

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To: OC 62 Field Hygiene Section (2 copies) (Cross out / which is / not applicable)
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Please confirm that the following personnel of .....(unit) used an American PA Centre in NAPLES / CASERTA on the dates shown.

Regimental number Date .....
Signed.....

To.....

Reference above
(1) Confirmed
(2) No record held

(signed) OC 62 Field Hygiene Sec.
OC 15 Field Sanitary Sec.

JS.

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Appendix 'A' to 56 Area H.Q.
letter A 16/16 dated Jan 45.

1. All other ranks, before and after intercourse with a woman, will carry out the directions on their ET packets. They will then proceed to the nearest PA Centre and make use of its facilities. If there is no PA Centre immediately available, they will proceed to, and use, the ET Room provided by their unit.

PACs must be used whenever possible. ET Rooms are not as efficient and should only be used when it is not practicable to visit a PAC.

2. Every individual who reports for treatment at a British PA Centre will enter his Regimental number in a register which will be kept by the NCO i/c for that purpose. Each entry will be given a serial number and the user will receive a printed slip certifying that he has used "No X" PA Centre and bearing the serial number.

3. Every individual who reports for treatment at an American PA Centre or at an ET Room will place his Regimental number and unit on a slip of paper and drop the slip of paper in a locked slotted box which will be provided for that purpose. From these slips of paper, a confidential register will be kept of all personnel using the Centre or ET Room, in the case of American PA Centres under arrangements HQ 56 Area, in the case of an ET Room by an officer detailed by the unit for that purpose.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken against any individual without exception, who contracts VD, and who has not taken the above preventative measures after intercourse with a woman, and registered as described above, as proof that he has done so.

5. Where units are able to provide a guard or Orderly NCO on Duty, the following procedure will be adopted. When an OR (other than WO) returns to unit lines, except when returning from duty, he will report to the Guard Room or Orderly NCO. The Guard Comdr or Orderly NCO will check the man's sobriety. He will interrogate any man under the influence of alcohol, as to whether he has had intercourse with a woman, and if so whether he has used a PA Centre. If any NCO requires interrogation, and the Guard Comdr or Orderly NCO is not of equivalent rank, he will not interrogate him himself, but will obtain an NCO of equal or higher rank to perform this duty.

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6. Any man so interrogated, who is found not to have used the PA Centre after intercourse, will be immediately taken to the unit ET Room. The purpose of this measure is to ensure that any man who, under the influence of alcohol, has intercourse with a woman and who may therefore forget or omit to use a PA Centre, receives treatment at an ET Room at the earliest possible opportunity.

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7. ET packets and condoms will be made available under unit arrangements, and be replaced automatically at PA Centres. Once issued, they will be carried as part of the soldier's individual Kit. Particulars of all who object to an issue will be maintained in a unit register. Should an objector subsequently contract VD, the register will be used as evidence to show that precautionary measures were refused.

8. Commanding Officers will explain to all ranks that these measures are introduced to preserve the health of the Army, to maintain its man power, and thereby assist the prosecution of the war. They are not introduced to create embarrassment, and do not restrict the liberty of any individual who abstains from promiscuous intercourse.

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9. It is the duty of Commanding Officers to impress upon all ranks that sexual intercourse outside marriage is neither necessary nor beneficial to physical fitness, and further that it is morally wrong and prejudicial to the maintenance of the civilisation for which we are fighting. Our civilisation is based on family loyalty, the undermining of which reduces human life to an animal level. The above regulations are designed to ensure that those who lack the will power to lead a reputable private life are at least maintained, so far as is possible, in a fit state to carry out their military duties.

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19 JAN 1945

HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE
1 Sez Op Inf Serv

TRANSLATION

122/Serv

18 Jan 45

Subject: Discipline

Infm: 53 B.L.U. 1775

Ref A7 - 30 of 28 Dec 44

The General has awarded 8 days detention to Cpl ROSSI Giovanni and Spr GALANTINI Settimo of the 10th Engr Coy - the first in charge of a lorry, the second, the driver - for consenting to the illegal transportation of civilian goods, through a mistaken spirit of friendliness.

Similar measures will be taken in respect of the NCO of the S Marco Regt, as yet unidentified.

19 JAN 1945

(Signed) Maggiore Lazzaro Dessy
For: G.F. Cangini

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

Nº 122/Segr. di prot. P.M. 146, li 18 gennaio 1945.=

OGGETTO: Disciplina.=

AL COMANDO ETG. MISTO GENIO
(Rif.f.4513/Bis-6 in data 12/1/1945) P.M. 146
e, per conoscenza
AL 53º E.L.U.
(Rif.f.A 7-30 in data 28/12/44)

Il Sig. Generale Comandante ha punito con gg. 8 di C.P.R. il Caporal maggiore ROSSI Giovanni ed il Genieire GALANTINI Settimo dell 10^ Compagnia Artieri perché il primo, quale capo macchina, e il secondo, quale autista, acconsentivano ad eseguire un abusivo trasporto di masserizie borghesi per malinteso spirito di cameratismo.

Riserva di prendere adeguati provvedimenti a carico del sottufficiale del Rgt. "S.Marco" non appena identificato.=

d'ordine
P.O. IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE a.p.s.
Ten.Col.S.M.-G.F.Cangini
(Maggiore Lazzaro Dessy)

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TRANSLATION

2225
18 JAN 1945

H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'
2 Sec Personale e Segreteriae.

16 Jan 45

256/Pers

1718

Subject: Discipline.

To :- 53 B.L.U. (further to Ref. 9152/Pers of 23 Dec 44)

For information.

Signed - C.F.Cangini. Lt.Col.
Chief of Staff

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HQ NEMBO Parachute Regt.

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7 Jan 45

Subject: Discipline.(Soldiers deserted to reach Section 'F')

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE.

In reply to Ref. 9347/Pers of 31 Dec 44, I forward the requested details.

Para DAL MZ Paolo di Antonio, Cl.1925, District - Genova, absent from his unit since 27 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1 pr Trousers, 2 Cloth shirts, 2 Cotton shirts, 1 Towel, 4 prs Socks, 1 pr Gaiters, 1 Vest, 1 Groundsheet and 1 Blanket.

Para BARSANTI Benso di Giovanni, Cl.1923, District - Genova, absent from his unit since 27 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1 pr Trousers, 2 Cloth shirts, 2 Cotton shirts, 1 Towel, 4 prs Socks, 1 pr Gaiters, 1 Vest, 1 Groundsheet, 1 Blanket & 1 Rifle Sling Mk.4.

Para DE CICCO Francesco di Lorenzo, Cl.1922, District - Consenza, AWOL from his unit since 24 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1 pr Trousers, 1 English shirt with collar, 3 prs Socks & 1 pr Boots.

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Para PEROLFI Alfredo di Pietro, Cl.1923, Military district Pavia, AWOL from his unit since 1 Dec 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material:-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1pr Trousers, 2 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks, 1 pr Gaiters, 2 prs Drawers, 1 Vest, 1 Groundsheet, 1 Blanket & 1 small 2-pole Tent.

Sold D'ANGELO Felice di Michele, Cl.1915, Military district - Caserta, AWOL from his unit since 7 Dec 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1 pr Trousers, 3 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 pr Gaiters, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks & 1 Vest.

Para SOMASCHINI Antonio di Carlo, Cl.1921, District - Milan, AWOL from his unit since 2 Dec 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1pr Trousers, 2 Shirts, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks, 1 Vest, 1 Ground-

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In reply to Ref. 954/Para dt 31 Dec 44, I submit the following report:-

Para DAL MAS Paolo di Antonio, Cl.1925, District - Genova, absent from his unit since 27 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1 pr Trousers, 2 Cloth shirts, 2 Cotton shirts, 1 Towel, 4 prs Socks, 1 pr Gaiters, 1 Vest, 1 Groundsheet and 1 Blanket.

Para BARBANTI Benso di Giovanni, Cl.1923, District - Genova, absent from his unit since 27 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1 pr Trousers, 2 Cloth shirts, 2 Cotton shirts, 1 Towel, 4 prs Socks, 1 pr Gaiters, 1 Vest, 1 Groundsheet, 1 Blanket & 1 Rifle Sling Mk.4.

Para DE CICCO Francesco di Lorenzo, Cl.1922, District - Consenza, AWOL from his unit since 24 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1 pr Trousers, 1 English Shirt with collar, 3 prs Socks & 1 pr Boots.

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Para PEROLFI Alfredo di Pietro, Cl.1923, Military district-Pavia, AWOL from his unit since 1 Dec 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material:-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1pr Trousers, 2 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks, 1 pr Gaiters, 2 prs Drawers, 1 Vest, 1 Groundsheet, 1 Blanket & 1 small 2-pole Tent.

Sold D'ANGELO Felice di Michele, Cl.1915, Military district - Caserta, AWOL from his unit since 7 Dec 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1 pr Trousers, 3 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 pr Gaiters, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks & 1 Vest.

Para SOMASCHINI Antonio di Carlo, Cl.1921, District - Milan, AWOL from his unit since 2 Dec 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1pr Trousers, 2 Shirts, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks, 1 Vest, 1 Groundsheet & 1 small 2-pole Tent.

Arrangements are being made to accuse the above six men of desertion and stealing Allied military material.

Sold MARRERO Gennaro di Giovanni, Cl.1925, District - Benevento, AWOL from his unit since 20 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1 pr Trousers, 3 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks & 1 Vest.
On 27 Dec 44 he was accused by the 'Military Tribunal of War' Naples, for desertion, stealing military material and using physical violence. (Ref 1953/Ris)

Sold WELPONER Vellone Paolo di Piero, Cl.1925, District - Trieste, AWOL from his unit since 20 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1 pr Trousers, 3 Shirts, 1 Towel, 1 pr Gaiters, 1 Vest & 3 prs Socks.
On 30 Dec 44 he was accused by the 'M T of W' Naples, for the acts of desertion and stealing Allied material.

Sold CORSI Antonio, fu Guglielmo, Cl. 1927, District - Roma, AWOL from his unit since 20 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
1 B.D.Blouse, 1 pr Trousers, 3 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 pr Socks, 1 pr Gaiters & 1 Vest.
On 30 Dec 44 was accused by the 'M T of W' Naples of acts of desertion and stealing military materials (Ref. 1969/Ris)

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Cpl D'ANASTASIO Armando di Giustino, Cl.1922, District - Genova, AWOL from his unit since 22 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied military material :- 1 B.D.Blouse, 1 pr Trousers, 4 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks, 1 pr Gaiters, 1 pr Drawers, 1 Vest, 1 Green English Jacket, 1 pr Green English Trousers & 1 English Gas Cape.

Cpl. COCCIOLO Luigi, fu Salvatore, Cl.1921, District - Lecce, AWOL from his unit since 27 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :- 1 B.D.Blouse, 1 pr Trousers, 3 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks, 1 Vest & 1 Blanket.

Pvr. ANTONIOLI Aldo, fu Antonio, Cl.1916, District - Pesaro, AWOL from his unit since 27 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :- 1 B.D.Blouse, 1 pr Trousers, 1 pr Boots, 3 Shirts, 2 pr Socks, 1 pr Gaiters, 1 pr Drawers, 1 Vest & 1 English Gas Cape.

Arrangements are being made for accusing the above three men of desertion and stealing Allied military material.

Para. [redacted] Pietro di Ernesto, Cl.1920, District - Sacile, AWOL from his unit since 7 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following allied material :- 1 pr Boots. On 19 Dec 44 was denounced by the 'M T of W' Naples, for acts of desertion and theft of military material. (Ref. 1825/Pie)

Para FILIPA Francesco di Francesco, Cl.1921, District - Novara, AWOL from his unit since 1 Dec 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :- 1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks, 1 pr Gaiters, 2 prs Drawers, 1 Vest, 1 Blanket, 1 Groundsheet & 1 pr Green English Trousers.

Para ISITTO Mario fu Edoardo, Cl. 1919, District - Naples, AWOL from his unit since 15 Dec 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :- 2 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks, 1 pr Drawers, 1 Vest, 2 Blankets & 1 Gas Cape.

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Sold [redacted] Giuseppe, di Pietro, Cl.1923, District - Pesaro, AWOL from his unit since 5 Dec 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :- 2 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks, 2 prs Drawers, 1 Vest, 2 Blankets & 1 Gas Cape.

Sold PARAGLIA Alessandro di Augusto, Cl.1926, District - Rome, AWOL since 4 Dec 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :- 1 Shirt, 1 pr Boots, 3 prs socks, 1 Vest & 1 pr Green English Trousers.

Para PAGIN Bruno di Primo, Cl. 1923, District - Padova, AWOL since 27 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :- 2 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks, 1 pr Gaiters, 1 Vest, 2 prs Drawers, 2 Blankets, 1 Groundsheet & 1 Overcoat.

Arrangements are being made to accuse the above five men of desertion and theft

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Para FILIPA Francesco di Francesco, Cl.1921, District - Novara, AWOL from his unit since 1 Dec 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks, 1 pr Gaiters, 2 prs Drawers, 1 Vest, 1 Blanket, 1 Groundsheet & ½ pr Green English Trousers.

Para ISIFFO Mario fu Edoardo, Cl. 1919, District - Naples, AWOL from his unit since 15 Dec 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
2 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks, 1 pr Drawers, 1 Vest, 2 Blankets & 1 Gas Cape.

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Sold FORMEDA Guiseppe, di Pietro, Cl.1923, District - Pesaro, AWOL from his unit since 5 Dec 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :-
2 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks, 2 prs Drawers, 1 Vest, 2 Blankets & 1 Gas Cape.

Sold FARAGLIA Alessandro di Augusto, Cl.1926, District - Rome, AWOL since 4 Dec 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :- 1 Shirt, 1 pr Boots, 3 prs socks, 1 Vest & 1 pr Green English Trousers.

Para FAGIN Bruno di Primo, Cl. 1923, District - Padova, AWOL since 27 Nov 44. Had in his possession thefollowing Allied material :- 2 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks, 1 pr Gaiters, 1 Vest, 2 prs Drawers, 2 Blankets, 1 Grounsheet & 1 Overcoat.

Arrangements are being made to accuse the above five men of desertion and theft of Allied military property.

Pte. COSMI Mario, di Giuseppe, Cl.1923, District - Teramo, AWOL since 10 Oct 44. Had in his possession NO Allied material.
On 29 Nov 44 he was accused by the 'M T of W' Naples, of desertion. (Ref.1402/Pis)

Sgt. PIATTI Piero di fu Arturo, Cl.1920, District -Milan, AWOL since 18 Oct 44. NO Allied material in his possession.
He has never been denounced by the 'M T of W', see Ref.1763/Pis of this HQ dated 18 Oct 44.

Para GORLA Luigi di Rodolfo, Cl.1921, District - Milan, AWOL since 17 Oct 44. Had the following Allied material in his possession :- 1 Blanket, 1 Groundsheet & 1 Mosquito net.
On 30 Nov 44 he was accused by the 'M T of W' Naples, of desertion and stealing military property. (Ref.1435/Pis)

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Dvr. BARTO Guido di Garibaldi, Cl.1922, District - Genova, AWOL since 4 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :- 1 Blanket, 1 Groundsheet. On 8 Dec 44 he was accused by 'M T of W' Naples, of desertion and stealing military property. (Ref. 1547/Kia)

Para CAMICIOTTOLI Dagoberto, di Eugenio, Cl.1923, District - Florence, AWOL since 27 Nov 44. Had in his possession the following Allied material :- 2 Shirts, 1 pr Boots, 1 Towel, 3 prs Socks & 1 Vest.
Arrangements are being made for accusing him of desertion and misappropriation.

Signed - Francesco Honco, Colonel.

Commanding 'Nembo' Regt.

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H.Q. Combat Group POLGORE
2 Coo Para & Sec.

TRANSLATION
16 Jan 45

2187

17 JAN 1945

17 JAN 1945

Subject: Road Accidents.

To :- 33 B.L.U.

I attach copy of a report No 02/202 of 11 Jan 45 of HQ 'Polgore' Army Regt and other ~~Formation~~ copies because this HQ can make arrangements concerning the case.

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Signed - G.P.Gaugard.

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17 JAN 1945

H.Q. Combat Group PICENO.
2 Sez Posta & Soc.

16 Jan 45

118/[illegible]

Subject: Discipline.

To :- HQ Combat Group PICENO.

Inf :- 53 B.L.U. (Ref. A7 - 42 of 12 Jan 45)

Attached is a copy of an Italian translation of an accident that happened. Forwarded by 53 BLU, soldiers of the 4th Pack Bty belonging to the above HQ being involved in it.

18 JAN 1945

We ask you to furnish required details direct to the English authorities.

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Signed - G.F. Cerqua.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

COPY

TRANSLATION

H.Q. 'Folgore' Arty Regt.

17 JAN 1945

Subject: Incident.

Ref. No. 02/202
11 Jan 45.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'

On the 9 Jan at about 1200 hrs, on the BENEVENTO - CASERTA road, the Bedford 3-ton Lorry WD No. L.1760963 driven by Cpl.MARTINI Gino, 1922 Class, District - Florence, belonging to the HQ of the Regt, collided with a 15-cwt Dodge (English) WD No.Z.5180228 driven by H.ZADIK, Army No. 156, of the 1216 Road Construction Coy.

No one received injuries.

The Bedford reported damaged radiator, left mudguard broken, twisted bumper and damaged cyclinder.

The English lorry - right mudguard damaged, broken door and dmage to oil tank.

The police from MADDALONI Garrison (Allied Police) called to the spot by Cpl MARTINI, came and interrogated the drivers and the witnesses present at the time of the accident, who gave details, about the lorries involved in the accident and the damage sustained, which agreed.

The Bedford was taken away by an Allied breakdown lorry to the 676 Infantry Troops Recovery Unit, REME.

Yesterday, in order to make more certain as to whose was the responsibility, an officer of this HQ, 2/Lt.PACONTO Ottavio, was sent to the abovementioned Allied Police Post from whom he obtained a copy (translated) of the report, which is attached.

From the English W/Shps, the same officer received an assurance that the Bedford lorry would be completely repaired in a few days.

The lorry, at the time of the accident was officially travelling to CASERTA to collect fuel.

From the statements of the witnesses present (amongst whom was Sgt.G[illegible]I, 1920 Class - Viterlo, of this HQ) and above all from the report of the Allied Police, it is evident the complete blame must be attached to the English driver. In fact whilst the Italian Bedford was proceeding at a steady speed, keeping to the correct right side, arriving near a stationary lorry that blocked the left side of the road (Road No.7 nr the 6.3 Km stone from MADDALONI) there was seen coming towards it, an English 15-cwt that at first appeared to slow up and get behind the stationary vehicle, then suddenly tried to pass it; perhaps because the asphalt surface was wet and slippery, in the sudden manoeuvring the 15-cwt collided into the wheels of the Bedford that could not then avoid the collision. Given these undoubtful reports, we shall not take disciplinary action against this our driver. We attach - Translation of the Allied Police Report and Report of Sgt. G.Gunstini.

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Signed - Giovanni PACIFICI

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To : 'Bolgore' Arty Regt. ☒ TRANSLATION.

Subject: Automobile Accident.

17 JAN 1945

I feel it my duty to communicate the following :-

Today I was being taken to Caserta to collect fuel on a 3-ton Bedford MD No. L.1760963 in charge of Cpl MARTINI, Gino di Antonio, 1922 Class, District - Florence, belonging to the Bty Unit of the Regt.

On the main road No.7, on the stretch Benevento - Caserta, about 12.00 hrs and about 50 metres from the 'milestone' 6.300 km from MADDALONI, an American Dodge lorry had stopped on the road in the direction for BENEVENTO, when a 15-cwt English Dodge appeared, going towards [illegible] (MD No.5180228).

Cpl MARTINI who was going at a speed of about 30 km an hour, slowed down, but seeing that the 15 cwt was leaving the road free by going behind the stationary lorry, he gradually increased the speed, but when he was by the radiator of the American Dodge the English 15-cwt lorry unexpectedly pulled out and tried to pass it, then having his correct right side impeded and having seen the impossibility of the manoeuvre, he suddenly tried to cross over to the other side of the road.

Cpl MARTINI immediately braked and at the same time steered over to the right to avoid the collision, but the wet road made the Bedford skid for about 8 metres, after which, it uncontrollably crashed into the English lorry. No one was injured.

The Bedford reported the following damage - broken windscreen, smashed radiator, left mudguard broken, bumper twisted and a damaged cylinder.

Having left MARTINI near the vehicle, with orders to retain the English driver, holding him responsible for the accident, I immediately reported at MADDALONI to call the Allied Police.

Two English military police from the Garrison arrived and took particulars from me, MARTINI and the English driver of the 15-cwt Dodge, and made a sketch of the position of the two lorries and arranged for the Bedford to be towed to the 675 Infantry Troops Recovery Unit REEB, CAPUA.

I have stated the above two facts for whatever it may interest at the above HQ.

Signed - Guenther Clement (Sgt.)

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TRANSLATION

'Folgore' Arty Regt
Police of MADDALONI Garrison

17 JAN 1945

Subject: Accident.

I bring to your notice that on 9 Jan 45 at 12.45 hrs whilst I was on police duty at MADDALONI Garrison, an Italian soldier informed me that an automobile accident had occurred on the Caserta - Benevento road. (Map Ref 1969 Sheet 19 Scale 1:200.000)

Accompanied by Sgt.J.GARNER I went to the scene of the accident.

When I arrived on the spot I realised that an accident had taken place between a 15-cwt Dodge WD No. Z.5180228 driven by H.ZADIK, Army No.156 of the 1216 Road Construction Coy R.E.(Levant) and a 3-ton Bedford belonging to Artillery Regt HQ, Italian Combat Group 'Folgore'.

From the position of the 15-cwt after the collision (North West to the direction which it stopped) it appeared that it was going towards BENEVENTO, the tracks of the braking found along the side of the road were 8 ft in length.

The Italian Bedford, in a direction with its radiator against the side of the 15-cwt was travelling towards CASERTA and from the track (about 19 ft long) on the road caused by the breaking, it appears it was travelling on the correct side of the road. Nobody was hurt.

It appears the Italian Bedford was travelling on the correct side of the road whilst the 15-cwt tried to pass the stationary vehicle.

At this point, the road is second class, asphalted and almost 5 metres wide, with walls at the side about 1½ metres high.

The surface of the road was very wet from the rain. Visibility was good.

Visible damage to the Italian Bedford - smashed radiator, left mudguard broken, bumper twisted and a damaged cylinder. It has been transported by the breakdown lorry to 676 Infantry Troops Recovery Unit, RMT.

The 15-cwt - right mudguard damaged, door smashed and oil tank ruined.

A plan has been made out and is attached.

Copy of Statement - Unsigned.

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - Italian Army.

3DLO/3
13 Jan 45

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15 JAN 1945

To:- 53 DLO
(for onward transmission)

Herewith two copies of police reports in connection with offences by Italian Army personnel under your command.

When the accused have been tried, please forward to this office one copy of each report, with the punishment awarded entered on the reverse.

Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - ORs.

Ref. 5261/6.2

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1. Reports. Herewith offence report(s) submitted by the Military Police.

2. Framing of Charges. Responsibility for framing charges is laid down in ACI 1911/41. (GRO 403/43)

3. Evidence. Attention is also directed to ACI 131/41 as to the circumstances requiring the attendance of C.M.P. witnesses should the evidence be in dispute. (GRO 19/43)

4. Disposal. When the charges has been dealt with, AF B252 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. Reasons for Action Taken. Reasons for le nient treatment should also be attached. (KR 1940, para 562(b))

6. The AF B252 or explanation under para 5 above should not be returned to Provost or Offier i/c Military Police originating the charge(s).

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A. Shuker Capt.
Major
Assistant Provost Marshal.
Headquarters 56 Area.

6/1/45

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On disposal forward to Higher Formation.

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CHARGE

Army Form B 252
(See King's Regulations

R.A.Folgore. Italian Army. Regiment

Direzione Office III Gruppo Reparto } Battery / Squadron / Troop or Company

CHARGE against No. - Rank Soldato

Name MARGARITA ADELE

Place Caserta - Capua Road Date of Offence 4th Jan'45

OFFENCE W.O.A.S.

Capt.
O.C. 501 PROVOST COMPANY,
C.M.P. - C.M.F.

Names of Witnesses:—

224813 Sgt. E. Green 501 Provost Coy.C.M.Police

6011948 L/cpl.W.Sendall 501 Provost Coy.C.M.Police.

Signature of O.C. Battery, Squadron, Troop or Company }

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Punishment Awarded }

By whom Awarded }

Adjutant.

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CHARGE 8 JAN 1945

Army Form B 252
(See King's Regulations)

Italian Army ..... Regiment

R.A. Folgore III Gruppo Reparto ..... Battery / Squadron / Troop or Company

CHARGE against No. – Rank SOLDATO

Name GIUBERTOIN FIARRIO

Place Caserta - Capua Road Date of Offence 4th Jan'45

OFFENCE M.O.A.S.

Capt.
O.C. 501 PROVOST COMPANY,
C.M.P. - C.M.F.

Names of Witnesses:—

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Signature of O.C. Battery, Squadron, Troop or Company } 3948

Punishment Awarded }

By whom Awarded }

Adjutant.

P.T.O.

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - Italian Army.

3DLO/3 15 JAN 1945

To:- 53 BLU

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Major,
MMLALO,
3 District.

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SUBJECT:- Traffic Accident

HQ 56 Area
Ext 60
116/35/Pro
11 Jan 45

DAD Claims
MALO (2) ✓

The att copy of CMP report, statements and sketch plan are forwarded for information.

Major
A.P.M.

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A/553

Accident Report.

To:-

The Officer Commanding,
501 Provost Company.

Capt.
O.C. 501 PROVOST COMPANY,
C.M.P. - C.M.F.
10 JAN 1945

Sir,

I have to report that at CASAGIOVE on the 5th January 1945 about 1300hrs I was informed that an accident had occurred on the MADDALONI - TELESE ROAD about 1300hrs, and that Three(3) ITALIAN Soldiers had been fatally injured.

I proceeded to MADDALONI where I located the scene of the accident, 4 MILES EAST of MADDALONI, but on my arrival the vehicle and bodies had been removed to the ITALIAN MILITARY HOSPITAL at MADDALONI which I later visited and was informed that the accident had occurred on the above mentioned road with a W.D. DODGE WATER-CARRIER No.L.5654673 and driven by an ITALIAN Soldier, AUINE DUCI GIOVANNI of the " GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO FOLGORE ", also riding in the front of the vehicle was a GATTI GIOVANNI of the Same Unit, and riding on the Top of the WATER-CARRIER were the following three(3) Italian soldiers:-

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LAMBRUNO GIOVANNI of the 2nd REGT." NEMBO DIVISION", M.P. 146
FIORILLO SALVATORE of the 184 " NEMBO DIVISION"
VENTURINI FOLIERO of the 2nd REPARTO. MILITARY POST 146(FOLGORE)

these soldiers were fatally injured when the WATER-CARRIER, which at the time of the accident was full of water, overturned throwing them off into the road with the vehicle finishing up on the top of them.

I later visited the scene of the accident but was unable to secure any witnesses concerning same, although I had previously been informed that a horse drawn vehicle had been involved.

Damage to W.D. DODGE WATER-CARRIER:-

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Damage to W.D.DODGE WATER-CARRIER:-

Windscreen and Cab all smashed and forced back. Fittings for Water Pump etc, Canopy superstructure all smashed.

This vehicle had been taken to the MILITARY HOSPITAL at MADDALONI, where it was later removed to the drivers Unit.

From the information received that at the time of the accident it was raining heavily and the condition of the road was Muddy and Slippery, and quite a number of Pot-Holes, the road at this point is a SECOND CLASS ROAD, 18 FEET wide.

Statements and Sketch Map of accident are attached to this Report.

D Waring L/cpl.

Field. 4754328
6th Jan'45 W.Waring 501 Provost Coy.C.M.Police.

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True Copy of Translation of Statement:-

I, the undersigned AVINE DUCI GIOVANNI Di Battista born 1921 of the Gruppo Combattimento Folgore, working as a mechanic do state as follows:-

Yesterday the 5-1-45 at about 1300hrs I was on duty collecting water with the water truck No.5654673. After having filled up with water at MADDALONI I was returning to my Unit stationed at TELESE I had with me a paratrooper named GATTI GIOVANNI as assistant of the same Unit.
After having passed the level crossing of VALLE di MADDALONI I had to slow down and was in third gear.on the right hand side of the road and travelling in the same direction were two horse drawn carts. I pulled over towards the left to pass them, still being in third gear and doing a speed of 20-25 M;P.H. Whilst passing these two carts another cart approached coming from the opposite direction and on his left hand side.On seeing me he commenced to pull over to his right and then pulled back on to his left hand side again, thereby forcing me to first pull over to my right and then rapidly to pull over to my left hand side to avoid running into him.On my last sway towards the left I felt the truck lurch and commence to turn over on its right hand side. I think the reason for the truck overturning was due to the shifting of the water in the tank, the capacity of which is 800 Gallons and to the double twist I had to give the steering wheel. This may also have been helped by the bad state of the road which was pot-holed wet and muddy, and made visibility rather bad due to the mud thrown up.
After the incident, I, with difficulty managed to extricate myself from the Cab, having to break the windscreen to liberate GATTI and together we tried to render first aid to the three soldiers who were victims of the accident.This proved useless as all three were killed instantly.
The three soldiers were riding on the back part of the tank without my consent.
One of these asked me, when I was leaving if he could have a ride, but I told him I was not allowed to carry anyone. It is possible that they jumped on when we were not looking as I have no mirror on the car seeing behind me.

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(signed) Avine Duci Giovanni

I declare and confirm that the incident happened as stated by the driver.

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Caserta. 6-1-45 (signed) Gatti Giovanni, Paratrooper.

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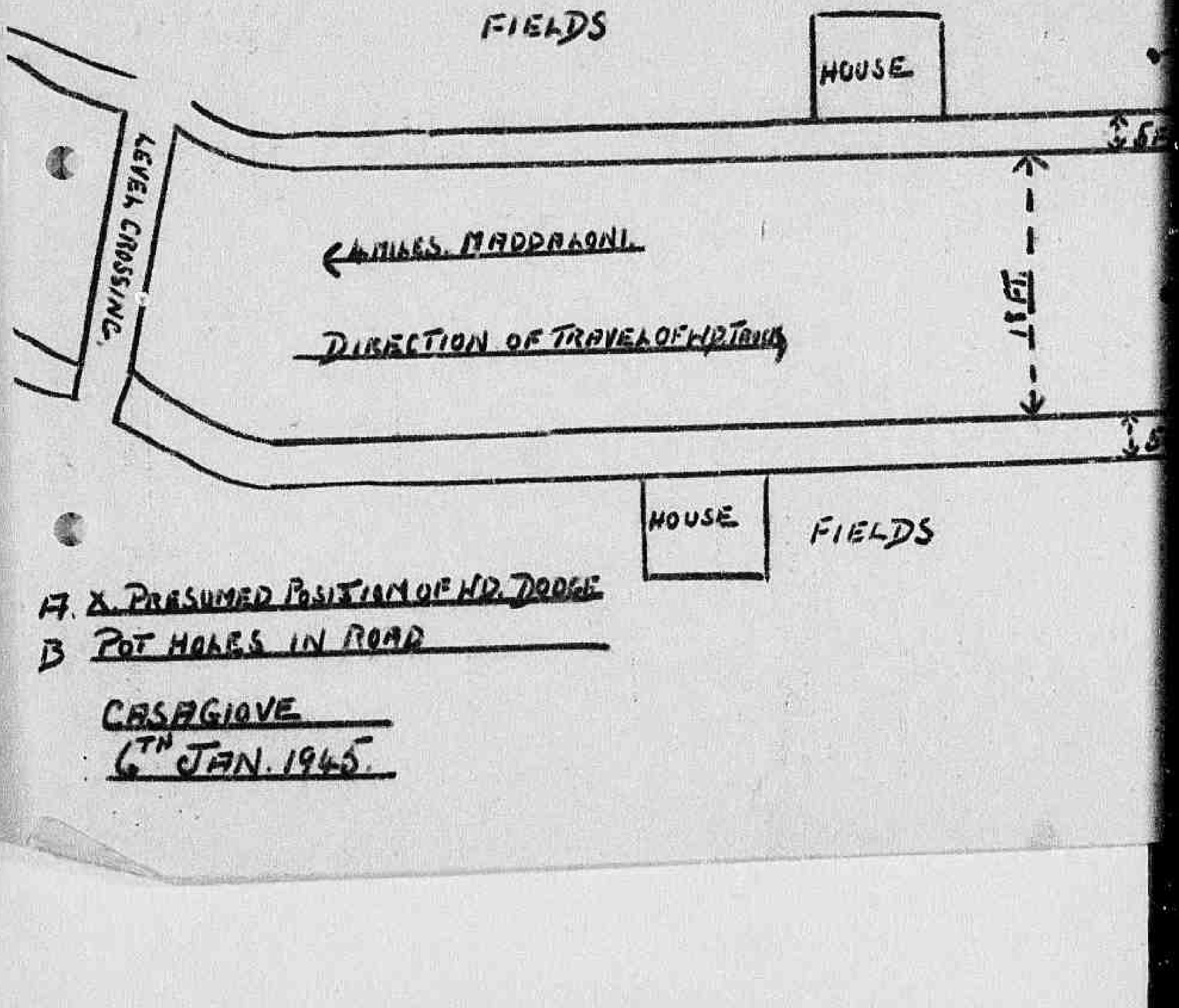
SKETCH MAP OF ROAD ACCIDENT ON THE MADDALONI-TE

AS DESCRIBED BY DRIVER OF H.D.
NOT DRAWN TO SCALE



A. PRESUMED POSITION OF H.D. DODGE

B POT HOLES IN ROAD

CASERGIOVE
6TH JAN. 1945.

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ACCIDENT ON THE MADDALONI - TEANESE RD. ON THE 5TH JAN 1945

DESCRIBED BY DRIVER OF W.D. DODGE

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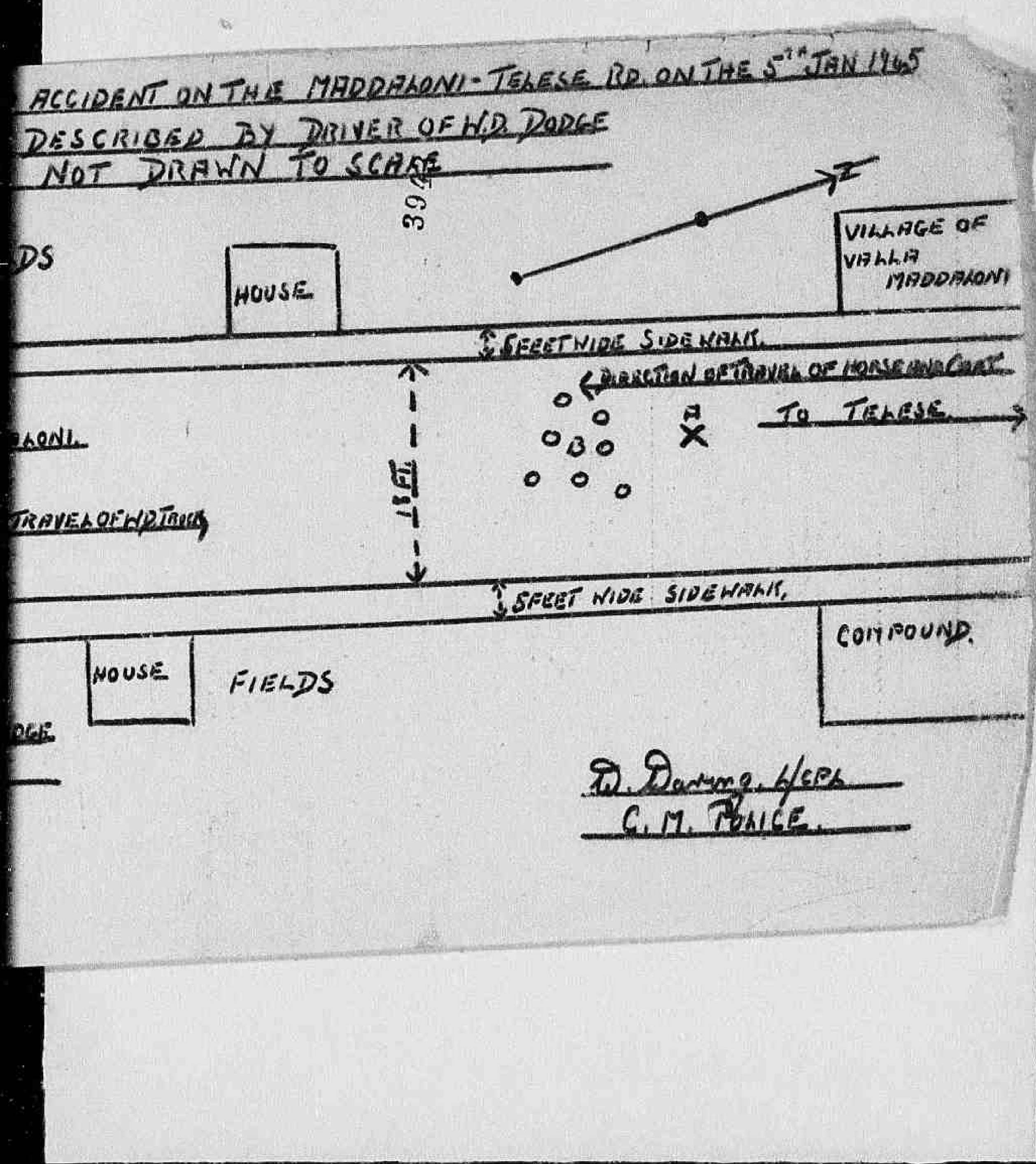

D. Dorman. H/Cpl.
C.M. POLICE.

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55 P.W.-W.
Nes A7 - 42
12 Jan 45

Subject: Blasting

To : CG Area
Ltd Combat Group POLCORA

83 INA Hosps
APO

1. Herewith is report on an incident that took place at PONTELATONE d'ALIFE on 9 Jan 45.

2. The Dr Ofs concerned belong to 83 INA Hosps attached to this HQ.

3. It is requested that this matter be investigated both by the British and Italian authorities.

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Lt.Col.

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Copy

Subject: Incident Incident

To :- Officer Commanding
63 FAA

63 FAA Regt S/shop
B.E.A.F.
11 Jan 1945

The following is a report of an incident whereby a number 100 of this unit was shot and wounded in two ways.

The personnel of this unit involved are S/Sjt Coe, S/Sjt Watterson, Sjt Galloway, Sjt Marsh, S/Sjt Green and Sjt Broderick.

On the evening of the ninth of January the e/n soldiers went to the Empire. At approximately 2130 hrs they left a taxi rank in the company of four Italian soldiers with whom they had been drinking. A truck was waiting some distance from the taxi rank to pick them up and bring them back to our camp. Three of the Italian soldiers accompanied them as far as the truck. The boys got aboard the truck and prepared to move off. As the truck moved off a shot was fired which hit Sjt Marsh in the leg. Sjt Marsh was apparently the last one to get aboard and was in the act of getting over the tailboard when the shot was fired. As the truck gathered speed four more shots were fired and these were taken in the centre cover of the truck - c. 15 cut type.

On the morning of the tenth of Jan 1945, the incident was investigated and reported to the National Police in Florence. The following Italian soldiers belonging to the 4th Group Artillery in Florence were identified as the soldiers involved

(1) Leopoldano Antonio
(2) Fausto Lamano
(3) Egano Giovani
(4) Giuppani Nello

Each one of these soldiers denies that he fired the shots. Three civilians near the truck as it moved off but Sjt Marsh says that one of these soldiers fired. Sjt Marsh has been admitted to hospital.

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(Signed) E.T. Jenkins Lt.
11 Jan 1945

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Subject: Statement.

TRANSLATION

Lieutenant of Carabs Giovanni FACCHI 1900 Class, District of Arezzo, Parents - Pietro and Gervieni Maria. Born 20 March 1900 at Bourbito Verbee Ligure (Spezia) and living there but having no fixed abode - Verbee Ligure Carabinieri.

Yesterday Tuesday 9/1/45 I was with my friends Pollo CHAPPINI, Antonio MENCHINARD, and Lorenzo MANCINI in the inn belonging to Signor Marcello VENTUROLI and situated in Via B. Bernardo No.20, when five English soldiers entered the place.

The Allied soldiers offered us wine and cigarettes and together with them we passed an hour happily talking and singing. About 2030 hrs having picked up our Alpine hats we prepared to get out when we discovered we had an English hat and they had an Alpine hat. We then went towards the lorry on which they had got in order to disarm them. Whilst I was trying to make myself understood I heard a shot fired from a weapon followed afterwards by others. I had no way of telling exactly where the shots originated.

(Signed) Giovanni Facchi

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Subject: Statement

TRANSLATION

Statement by Gunner Leonardo MARRUZ, 1921 Class, Naval Artillery, Regiment - Francesco and Petronilla Maria, born Sep 1st 1921 at S. Edoardo in Galilea (Pisa) and living then at No.57 Via Solferino. - Resigning and Enlistment R. Carabinieri.

Yesterday Tuesday 9/1/45 I was with my friends Nello CHIAPPEZ, Antonio LUCHETTONI, and Giovanni FICHER in the inn belonging to Signor Duccello Venticchi that is situated in Via S. Domenico No.29 when five English soldiers entered the place.

We exchanged a few words of welcome with the English soldiers. They asked us if we had taken part in the C.L.N. (Party of Italian Liberation); having replied in the affirmative they offered us cigarettes and wine. Whilst we were smoking friendly one of them took our flying helmets from us and we failed to realise . At about 20[illegible] the proprietor of the building asked us to leave and we failed to notice the English understood that we should have to go since it was time for curfew. In a friendly manner we wished each other goodbye, took our hats and found one of them was missing. I then approached the lorry on which the Allied soldiers had jumped in the meantime and while I was trying to raise myself unnoticed I heard a shot from an automatic weapon came from the back of the lorry. Immediately I took cover on the ground; I heard the explosion of three other shots whilst the lorry was moving away. I had the impression that the shots had been fired from inside the lorry which surprised me very much since up till then we had conversed amicably.

(Signed) Leonardo Leonardo

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Subject: Statement

TRANSLATION

Statement of Carmen Antonio MARCOLARO, 1923 Class of Verona District, Parents Angelo and Maggio Angela, born 25/II/23 at Cologna Veneta (Verona) and lived there at No.60 Via Spagna. Cologna Veneta Cannichioni.

Yesterday Tuesday 9/1/45 I was with my friends Nello CHIAPPA, Giovanni PICCHI, and Lazzaro MASSA in the inn belonging to Signor Marcello Verdicchi, situated at No.29 Via S. Benedico, when five English soldiers entered the place. After a few words of welcome we became friends, they kindly offered us cigarettes and wine. At about 2030 hrs the proprietor of the building asked us to leave as picking up our hats (that the Allied soldiers had wished to try on) we wished them goodbye. Then since one of our Alpine hats was in their hands and we had one of their hats we approached the lorry on which they had got, to divide them. When we were making enquiries, one of the Allied soldiers, a little tipsy, tried to grasp my friend PICCHI who was left without a hat. I managed to separate them and whilst I was trying to make an NCO (the one who spoke Italian best and who had drunk the least) understand what we wanted, a shot was fired from inside the lorry by an automatic weapon. Immediately I took cover and whilst the lorry was moving away I heard the sound of four other shots without being able to see their aim. 3038

(Signed) MARCOLARO Antonio

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Subject: Statement.

CLASSIFIED.

Statement of Gunner Italo CHIAPPINI, 1922 Class of Regio Nuova Scuola Marinari, Regnano Sturmo and Coppellini Livio, born 6/9/22 at Cisano d'Ema (R.Nuova) and living there with no fixed abode. S.Italo d'Ema R. Carabinieri.

Yesterday Tuesday 9/1/45 I was with friends Antonio MARTINANO, Lorenzo LUNARDI and Giovanni PICCHI in the inn belonging to Signor Arnaldo Venturini, situated in Via S. Reparata, No. 29, when five English soldiers entered the place. They carried on conversation and then, we passed a hour together happily talking and singing. Whilst we were preparing to leave my friend PICCHI found that his hat had been left in the hands of an English soldier. My other friends approached the lorry to take back the hat: I intend went straight away in the direction of the billet. When I was already far away I heard the sound of shooting but was not able to see where they originated.

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(Signed) CHIAPPINI Italo

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Subject: Shooting Incident.

85 HAA Regt w/Chak
R.E.M.E.
11th Jan 1945.

To
Officer Commanding.
53. B.L.U.

The following is a short of an incident whereby a senior N.C.O. of this unit was shot and wounded in the leg.

The personnel of this unit involved are:
S/Sgt-Cox, S/Sgt-Silverman, Sgt-Galloway, Sgt-Marsh, S/Sgt-Grear and Gnr Macdonald.

On the evening of the ninth of January the a/m soldiers went to Piedimonte. At approximately 21.30 hrs they left a wine-shop in the company of four Italian soldiers with whom they had been drinking. A truck was waiting some distance from the wine shop to pick them up and bring them back to San Potito. Three of the Italian soldiers accompanied them as far as the truck. The N.C.O.'s ~~were~~ got aboard the truck and prepared to move off, as the truck moved off 9236 shots was fired which hit Sgt-Marsh in the leg. Sgt Marsh was apparently the last one to get aboard and was in the act of getting over the tail board when the shots were fired. As the truck gathered speed four more shots were fired and ~~there~~ made holes in the canvas cover of the truck, - a 15 cwt-Bedford.

On the morning of the 10th Jan 1945, the incident was investigated and referred to the National Police in Piedimonte. The following Italian soldiers belonging to the 4th Grand Artillery in Piedimonte were identified as the soldiers involved.

1) Meggiolaro Antonio
2) Maestri Luigino
3) Figone Giovanni.
4) Biaffoni Nello.

~~Each~~ Each one of these soldiers denies that he fired the shots. There were civilians near the truck as it moved off but Sgt Marsh says that one of the soldiers fired.

Sgt-Marsh has been admitted to Hospital.

E. J. Jenkins Lt.
11 Jan 1945.

O G G E T T O: - Relazione.

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Relazione dell'artigl. FIGONE Giovanni classe 1920 distretto di Apuania di Pietro e di Cervieri Maria nato il 20 marzo 1920 a Scortabò Varese Ligure (Spezia) e ivi abitante senza via e senza numero. CC.RR. Varese Ligure.-

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Ieri martedì 9/1/1945 mi trovavo con i miei compagni CHIAPPONI Nello, MEGGIOLARO Antonio e MAESTRI Lazzaro nella osteria di proprietà del Signor VENTICCHI Marcello sita in Via S. Domenico N.29, quando entrarono nel locale cinque militari inglesi.-

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Figone Giovanni

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marzo 1920 a Scortabò Varese Ligure (Spezia) e ivi abitante~~a~~ senza via e senza numefo. CC.RR. Varese Ligure.-

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IL COMANDANTE LA BATTERIA
(Ten. Cerasani Giuseppe)

IL MAGGIORE
Comandante del Gruppo
(Salvatore Orlando)

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O G G E T T O : - Relazione .

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Relazione dell'artigl. MAESTRI Lazzaro, classe 1921 Distretto di Forlì, di Francesco e di Battistini Maria, nato in S.Giovanni in Gallilea (Forlì) il 1° settembre 1921 e ivi abitante in via Selbrano N.57 - CC.mo. Savignano sul Rubicone.

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Scambiate brevi parole di saluto i militari inglesi ci chiesero se avevamo fatto parte del C.I.L.:- avendo noi risposto affermativamente e ci affrirono sigarette e vino. Mentre stavamo famigliarizzando alcuni di essi presero per celia i nostri cappelli alpini e noi ci provammo il loro copricapo.

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Maestri Lazzaro

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abitante in Via Selbrano N.57 - CC.RR. Savignano sul Rubicone.

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IL MAGGIORE
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(Salvatore Orlotano)

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IL MAGGIORE
Comandante del Grup
(Salvatore Orlando)

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O G G E T T O : - Relazione .

Relazione dell'artigl. MEGGIOLARO Antonio classe 1923 del Distretto di Verona, nato di Angelo e di Maggio Angela nato il 23/3/1923 a Cologna Veneta (Verona) e ivi abitante in via Spessa N.60 - Co.Mu. Cologna Veneta.

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Dopo brevi parole di saluto incominciammo a familiarizzare: ci furono offerte gentilmente sigarette e vino. Alle ore 20,30 circa il proprietario del locale ci invitò ad uscire e noi ripresi i nostri copricapi (che i militari alleati avevano voluto provare) ci salutammo. Poichè un nostro cappello alpino era rimasto nelle loro mani e noi avevamo una loro bustina ci avvicinammo al camioncino sul quale erano saliti per effettuare lo scambio. Uno dei militari alleati un pò alticcio alle nostre richieste voleva venire alle mani con il mio compagno FIGONE che era rimasto senza cappello. Io riuscii a separarli e mentre cercavo di far capire le nostre intenzioni ad un sottufficiale (quello che parlava meglio l'italiano e che aveva bevuto di meno) dall'interno della macchina partì un colpo di arma da fuoco automatica. Subito mi riparai e mentre il camioncino si allontanava sentii echeggiare altri quattro spari senza poter vedere l'esatta provenienza. 3933

Meggiolaro Antonio

Art. MEGGIOLARO Antonio

visto:

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Art. MEGGIOLARO Antonio

Visto:

IL COMANDANTE La BATTERIA
(Ten. Cerasani Giuseppe)

T.M. Cerasani Giuseppe

PGT. ARTIGL. GR. C. "PICENO" Comando IV° Gruppo

IL MAGGIORE
Comandante del Gruppo
(Salvatore Ortolena)

Salvatore Ortolena

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O G G E T T O : - Relazione.

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Relazione dell'art. CHIAPPONI Nello classe 1922 - distretto Reggio Emilia di Giuseppe e di Coppelini Livia nato il 6 settembre 1922 a Ciano d'Ensa (R.Emilia) e ivi abitante senza via e senza numero- CC.RR. S.Polo d'Ensa.-

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Gli altri miei compagni si avvicinarono alla macchina per riprendere il copricapo: io invece mi diressi subito verso l'accantonamento. Quando ero già lontano sentii echeggiare degli sparisenza potetne osservare la provenienza.

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Art. CHIAPPONI Nello

Chiapponi Nello

Visto:

IL COMANDANTE LA BATTERIA

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3932.

Art. CHIAPPONI Nello

Chiapponi Nello

Viste:

IL COMANDANTE LA BATTERIA
(Ten. Cerasani Giuseppe)

Ten. Cerasani

RGT. ARTIGL. GR. C. Comando

IL MAGGIORE
Comandante del Gruppo
(Salvatore Ortoleva)

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2014

33 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 43
12 Jan 45.

Subject :- Discipline.

To :- HELIO,
3 District.
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1. Ref your 3111/3 of 2 Jan 45.

2. One copy of police report, with the punishment awarded entered on the reverse, is enclosed herewith as requested in your above mentioned letter.

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Lt. Col.
C.T.

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H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'
2 Sec. Pors & Sec.

2033
11 JAN 1945

10 Jan 45

58/Serv

Subject: Discipline.

To :- 53 B.I.U. (Ref AA - 37 of 4 Jan 45)

This HQ was informed of the accident by the dependent Arty Regt.

We return the report sent by the above HQ with disciplinery action taken against the driver of the Tractor SPA R.E.774, shown on reverse.

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Sgt Hist Rec SIS NYPET

Signed - G.F.Cangini.

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

2033
11 JAN 15:5

N. 58/Segr. P...146,11 10 gennaio 1945.

OGGETTO : Disciplina.-

Al 53° B. I. U.
(Rif. fº A/7-37 del 4.1.1945)

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Questo Comando fu informato dell'incidente dal dipendente reggimento Artiglieria.

Si ritorna il rapporto inviato da codesto Comando, con a terzo indicati i provvedimenti disciplinari a carico del conducente il Trattore [illegible] R.E. 774.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Ten.Col. S.M. G.F.Cangini)

G. Cangini

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53 D.A.D.
Ref. A7 - 41
12 Jan 43

Subject: Discipline.

To :- H. A. Content Group HEADQUARTERS

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1. Herewith report submitted to this H, re an incident that took place in PORTICI on 8 Jan, and which may well have led the most serious results.

2. Please investigate the matter and ensure that ~~the~~ the necessary orders are issued to prevent its re-occurrence.

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Lt.Col.
G.S.I.

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Copy of statement by 7653604 Pte. Stilling L.

Major Fagelson.

Sir,

I was detailed by you, to proceed with a convoy of 5 trucks, to collect stores at 2 Sub Depot, Suffolk on Monday 8 Jan. I duly arrived at the a/m depot and commenced loading at approx 11.30 hrs. Loading was ceased at 12.30 hrs for the lunch break and at this time I instructed the 5 drivers to have their lunch and be back at the same place at 13.30 hrs. I myself went to lunch and returned at 13.30 hrs, there was no sign of any of the drivers and they eventually arrived at 14.30 hrs. Loading was re-commenced. I was approached by the soldier in charge of the Department, who complained that the drivers were under the influence of drink and that he would make the fact known to his O.i/c. Later, I was taken before Major Cawson, who informed me that the drivers would be detained until the following morning, as they were not in a fit state to drive. The convoy eventually left 2 sub Depot at 07.30 hrs Tuesday 9 Jan and arrived at Tolleshunt at 11.00 hrs.

I remain Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

7653604 L. Stilling, Pte.

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Tues Jan 9th '45

Major Tegetmeir,

Sir,

I was detailed by you, to proceed with a convoy of 5 trucks, to collect stores at 2 sub depot Perlici, on Mon. Jan 7th. I duly arrived at the A/Fld depot and commenced loading at apx. 11-30 hrs. Loading was ceased at 13-30 hrs for the lunch break and at this time I instructed the 5 drivers to have their lunch and be back at the same place at 13-30 hrs. I myself went to lunch and returned at 13-30 hrs, there was no sign of any of the drivers and they eventually arrived at 14-30 hrs. Loading was re-commenced. I was approached by the 3926 in charge of the department, who complained that the drivers were under the influence of drink and that he would make the fact known to his O/C. Later, I was taken

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Before Major Brown, who informed me
that the drivers would be detained
until the following morning, as the horse
were in a fit state to drive. The convoy
eventually left Sub depot at 01-30 hrs
this 9th and arrived at Telese at 11-00 hrs

I remain Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
7653644
Pte. Stilling L.

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31 JAN 945

H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'
2 Sec. Pers. & Sec.

249/Pers

10 Jan 45

Subject: Discipline.

To :- 53 B.L.U.

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Further to 9245/Pers of 23 Dec 44.

As stated in previous ref no. we communicate that thorough investigations, undertaken to find the originators of the incidents that took place at BENEVENTO on 4 Dec 44, have given no results.

The same investigations, were also made amongst the soldiers who were present on these days from the Combat Group (appx 1) and soldiers sent to the driving school located in the vicinity of the railway line to BENEVENTO (appx 2) but always with negative results.

17 JAN 1945

Signed - G.F.Cangini.

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Appx 1.

11 JAN 1945

H.Q. San Marco Regt.

13 Dec 44

71/Adp

Subject: Incident at BENEVENTO.

To : H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'

Ref 8797 dated 11 Dec, we communicate the following -

This HQ has made enquiries in order to find the soldiers responsible for the uproar at BENEVENTO, without, however, succeeding to trail those responsible.

This, without doubt, can be attributed to the fact that, this HQ having recently got rid of numerous personnel habitually returning late from leave, the soldiers responsible for the incident at BENEVENTO are to be found amongst those got rid of.

We should also like to point out that the soldiers of the San Marco Regt could not have been very many because nearly all were at the unit for the lottery competitions that were taking place on 4 Dec 44.

Signed -Augusto Tesi

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'Folgore' Parachute Regt.

29 Dec 44.

Appx 2

11 JAN 1945

Subject: Incident at BENEVENTO caused by Combat Group 'Folgore' soldiers.

To : H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'

Ref phonogram 9390/Ters of 28 Dec.

I communicate that the soldiers who caused the incident above, have not yet been identified.

This HQ continues to make investigations which are rendered difficult, due to the fact that, as is known by the above HQ, near the BENEVENTO railway line there is a detachment of pupils of the unit at the driving school, and in the same detachment there are taking place changes daily, for when the course is completed, a few of the pupils at a time return to their own companies.

If it can be assumed that our soldiers took part in the incident, then they are certainly to be found amongst the soldiers of the school itself.

If our inquiries give any results, this HQ will arrange to signal immediately the names of those responsible.

Signed - Giuseppe Izzo

2065

12 JAN 1945

292/Pers

HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE
1 Sec Op Inf Serv

TRANSLATION

Subject: Discipline on Convoy to BARI

11 Jan 45

To :- 55 B.L.U. (Ref A7 - 11 of 1 Dec 44)

The investigation undertaken resulted as follows:

On the morning of 27 Nov at 0730 hrs a convoy of 12 lorries belonging to our S & T Unit left TELESE for BARI to collect clothing from the Allied Depots in that city.

On every lorry, besides the driver, a soldier from FOLGORE Ordnance Depot was put, as personnel for garding the material. The convoy commander was Serjeant Major Alfredo BARBIERI of the S & T Unit; the guard commander was Serjeant Leo BASSO of Ordnance.

Only 6 lorries returned to TELESE on the evening of 29 Nov. SM BARBIERI explained that two lorries had remained behind at BARI in an Allied wksps because of damage not specified; two on the road BENEVENTO - ARIANO di PUGLIA in the vicinity of the crossroads for AVELLINO, because one of them had a broken spring; and finally two at BENEVENTO through having lost touch with the rest of the convoy.

An officer of the S & T Unit was sent to find the dispersed lorries. 3921
During the night and the following morning all the vehicles left behind were recovered and made to return by the said officer.

Afterwards, as we had been informed of other matters not reported by the convoy commander, investigations were made by both the O.C. of the unit and the Personnel Officer of this HQ. Consequently it was discovered that the drivers Cpl Guiseppo SAPONARA, Dvr Giovanni BERTHOT, Dvr Severino CAVALLARO, Dvr Gino FORTINI, Dvr Alfredo NOBILI, Dvr Quinto GERVASI and Cpl Antonio CIGOGNANI (the latter by permission of the convoy commander with whom he was travelling) had picked up and were carrying several civilians.

Moreover, when the unloading of the material was taking place, under the personal direction of Major FONTANA, O.C. of the Ordnance Depot (Arty and Engr Materials), it was found that an overcoat and some groundsheets were missing. It has not been possible to find the persons responsible for these thefts; meanwhile 3 pairs of trousers have been recovered which the soldier Roberto TERRINONI had improperly acquired at BARI, and had entrusted on arrival to a civilian to take away in case of subsequent enquiries.

In consequence of such facts and of the responsibility the following action has been taken:

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In consequence of such facts and of the responsibility the following action has been taken:

1. SM Alfredo BARBIERI, convoy commander, stripped for neglect of duty and for exercising the minimum of authority expected of a Warrant Officer.

2. Sjt Leo BASSO, guard commander, 15 days C.B. (maximum of such punishment) for letting soldiers returning from leave mount his lorry and so provided opportunities for theft of the goods it was carrying.

Both NCOs will be transferred to line units.

3. Cpl Giuseppe SAPONARA, Cpl Alfredo NOBILI, Dvr Giovanni BERTHOT, Dvr Severino CAVALLARA, Dvr Gino FORTINI and Dvr Quinto GERVASI, 15 days detention each for, when having been sent as drivers and belonging to a convoy, to collect and transport material, unlawfully picked up civilians.
These men will be transferred to line units.

...../4. Cpl

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4. Cpl Antonio Cigognani 20 days suspension from driving duties, and to be employed as a non-tradesman because he was the driver of the vehicle on which one of the thefts took place.

5. Cpl Silvio CARRERA, Cnr Emanuele LUIGGI, Infantryman Roberto TERRENONI remanded pending Court Martial, the same men being in charge of loads on the lorries on which the theft of the materials took place.

The C.O. S & T Unit had already received instructions for convoys to be in charge of officers, but on that particular day, the order could not be carried out through lack of personnel. 39220

Signed - G.F.Cengini.

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2054

12 JAN 1945

53 B.L.U.
Doc. A7 - 40
11 Jan 45

Subject: Traffic offense - Major E.H. Broadley.

To :- 134 MP Co (U.S.)
APO 782
CMF

Receipt is acknowledged of your TV 0531 dated 4 Jan 45.

Necessary disciplinary action has been taken.

S.H.

Major
GSO II
'D' Tac HQ

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Subject: Clearance

To : CG U.S.A.

Attn to 3 Division

2012

- 9 JAN 1945

53 D.A.D.
Ref A7 - 59
9 Jan 45

1. 3 Division 300/3 of 30 Dec 44 with attachments is forwarded. This correspondence was passed to this HQ in error.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

- 3918

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Subject :- Traffic Accidents.

1945

6 JAN 1945

56 BLU.

AG/9

4 Jan 45.

53 BLU.

Copy to :-

MMIALO., 3 District.

Reference 3 District 3DLO/3 dated 30 Dec 44.

Herewith police reports on a vehicle of your Division.

6 JAN 1945

3917

Lt-Col.
GS.

In the Field.
AWG/ec

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2803

TRANSLATION

HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE
1 Sez Op Inf Serv

- 9 JAN 1945

9 Jan 45

45/Segr di protocollo

Subject: Discipline

949

To :- 53 B.L.U. (Ref A7 - 6 of 20 Nov 44)

The investigations made by the HQ TELESE Garrison to identify the Italian soldiers responsible for the incident which took place on 17 Nov have had negative results; and also, as the two English soldiers concerned and other Italian eyewitness could not recognise the Italian soldier who was the first to quarrel with the English, neither could they furnish sufficient details for his identification.

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(Signed) G.F. Cangini

- 9 JAN 1945

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H.Q. COMBAT GROUP FULCORE
1 Sec Op Inf Serv

TRANSLATION

8 Jan 45

2002

9 JAN 1945

21/Secr

Subject: Italian Personnel at ELU

To :- G.H.Q. Combat Group FULCORE

Info: 55 ELU

I have punished the soldier Antonio COLINELLI with 20 days detention, for the reason stated below :

"such driver, being under the orders of a co-belligerant Command, did use, without permission, a vehicle not on charge to him. When questioned he made made excuses which were untrue."

This soldier must be replaced immediately by another to take charge of the vehicle.

9 JAN 1945

3915

(Signed) G.F. Cengini

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

1944

Subjx

Subject: Discipline - Traffic Accident

To :- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 30
7 Jan 45

1. Herewith 71 Sub Area letter ref fRO/20 of 30 Dec with attachments, passed to you for action.

3914

Lt.Col.
G.S.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'
2 Sec Pers and Sec.

1918
15 JAN 1945

4/Segr

3 Jan 45

Subject: Road Discipline.

To :- HQ Composite Coy 'Folgore'

Inf. - Lt.Col.Brooks, 53 B.L.U.

1714

(Ref. A7 - 25 of 26 Dec 44)

The soldier Giuseppe CARNEVALI of the above unit on the 25 Dec doing his duty as a driver, was driving a lorry in his charge, along the Cerreto - Telese road at a speed varying from 50 to 60 kn per hour.

Punishment awarded to driver - 15 days Detention (15 C.P.R.) for the following reason :-

"Whilst on duty as driver of a lorry, was driving at an excessive speed."

3913

I reprimand the O.C. of the unit for the insufficient attention of his men to the rules of road discipline.

Signed - G.F.Cungini

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

1905

53 Bde.U.
Ref. A7 - 37
4 Jan 45

Subject: Discipline.

To : H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE
BA

1. Herewith report on traffic accident in which one of your Artillery Unit drivers was involved.

2. Please deal with this matter and return the attached report with the punishment (if any) awarded endorsed on the reverso.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

3912

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

SUBJECT:- Discipline - Italian Army.

3DLO/3 1899

2 Transmitted 4 JAN 1945

To:- 53 BLU

(Forward Transmission Block)

Herewith two copies of police reports in connection with offences by Italian Army personnel under your command.

When the accused have been tried, please forward to this office one copy of each report, with the punishment awarded entered on the reverse.

Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

3911

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

SUBJECT:- Air Tic Accident.

() 56 Area
Ext 60
116/112/Pro
31 Dec 44.

/EMIA LO 3 District
O.C. Inf Tps Recovery
Unit R.E.M.E.

The att copy of CMP report, and sketch plan are forwarded for information and any action as considered necessary.

(W Blacker Capt
for Major
A.D.J.G.

/F

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL, APO 782, U. S. Army

14 JAN 1945 /6325

Case No. TV 8581

REPORT OF DELINQUENCY

Offender: Bradley (Last Name) Edgar (First Name) William (MI) 77384 (ASN) Major. (Grade)

5 3 (Organization) B. L. U. (Company) British. (AFO)

Time: 1930 hours, Date: 26 Dec. 44. Place of Offense: Caserta Road.

Type and number of Vehicle:

Violation: Speeding 45 mph

Details of Offense:

Apprehended by: Pvt. Hunt Unit: 134th MP Co.

Witness (es): Sgt. C. Vaughn (Desk Sergeant) L. BURNS, 1stLt. Inf. (Duty Officer) Unit:

APO 782. (Sub-Station)

3909

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

TICKET NO. 4

TRAFFIC VIOLATION REPORT

British 8581

12-26-44
DATE

EDGAR WILLIAM BRADLEY 77384
NAME OF OFFENDER ASN

MAJOR
GRADE

53 'B. L.U.
ORGANIZATION

¼ TON 4X4 M5156776
TYPE & NUMBER OF VEHICLE

APO 45 M.P.H.

SPEEDING 1930 287 AA
OFFENSE COMMITTED (SEE REVERSE SIDE) TIME VEHICLE MARKINGS

CASERTA ROAD
PLACE OF OFFENSE

PVT HUNT
WITNESSES

SGT POER
NAME OF ARRESTING OFFICER OR M. P.

(OVER)

134 m.p.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

26-Dec.-1944

I Sgt. Fred L. Poer with Pvt. Robert Hunt of the 134th M.P. Co. while of duty as a M.P. patrol of the Caserta Highway, saw a Jeep pass us at an excessive rate of speed, at about 1930 hours, we followed this Jeep for about one mile at a speed of 45 miles per hour, this highway has a 30 mile per hour speed limit, we stoped this Jeep an found it being driven by Major Edgar William Bradley A.S.N. 77384, of the 53rd. B.L.U., to whom we gave a ticket for speeding.

Sgt. Fred L. Poer 3908
134th M.P. Co.

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HQ COMBAT GROUP BOLGONE

TRANSLATION

3 Jan 45

1894

4 JAN 1945

Ref: 22/Sm

Subject: Excessive Speed

To :- 53 B.L.U.

We forward for your information a copy of 2672/Sm of 2 Jan, the text of which - "Excessive Speed" - has been distributed to all services and dependent units.

(Signed) G.F.Cangini.

Ref: 2672/Sm

2 Jan 45

Subject:- Excessive Speed

To :- All Services and dependent units (for distribution to Coy Hqs)

Further to circulars 389/1/op of 10 Oct, 2127/Serv and 2231/Serv of 23 and 27 Nov respectively, and 2349/Serv, 2403/Serv, 2405/Serv, 2515/Serv of 7, 8, 10, and 21 Dec respectively.

Deaths, serious injuries, bruises, smashed vehicles, serious and light damage are known to have already taken place in the brief period of vehicle distribution.

Constant Cause: Irresponsible and stupid excessive speed.

This is criminal !

I shall demand that the severest disciplinary action be taken against drivers and the senior soldiers riding on the vehicles, and I hold as directly respon[illegible]e Unit O.sC.

With such an end in view I have given orders for the strictest control.

(Signed) G. Morigi (Cp Comd)

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53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 26 1861
2 Jan 45

Subject: Traffic Accident

To:- HQ 765 Coy RASC (Gen Tpt)

1. Ref your MT1/18 of 26 Dec 44.

2. An officer of this Hq has interviewed witnesses to the accident referred to in your above mentioned letter and it appears that the accident was caused solely by the bad driving of the Italian soldier. In view of this the soldier in question has been punished.

3. It is presumed that no further report is required.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

3905

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

1835

53 E.A.U.
Ref A7 - 53
30 Dec 53

Subject: Italian Internment to 53 Bn

To :- H& Coy Gen Serv Regt

No. 3 Pl
Camp

Pte Caldwell - Driver - Italian Internment to 53 Bn

1. On 27 Dec the above soldier took t/c W No. 370231 out of the vehicle park at the rear of this Hq and used it for his own purposes for approximately 1 hour. The v/c is on charge to this Hq and is not assigned to the above driver. On his return to the Hq he was questioned by the Sgt i/c the v/c and told to whom he stated that he had permission to take the v/c. This statement has since proved to be false.

2. The unauthorised use of MT tpt is considered a serious offence and it is therefore requested that this man be dealt with by your Hq, that he be removed from the Internment, and that a replacement driver be posted in his place.

Lt.Col.
C.O.

3906

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Subject: Movement

To : Lt Corbet with Packet

SECRET

WD3

1. On the night of 29 Dec a convoy carrying AA equipment returned to this Unit expected to late to be unloaded.

2. The personnel on the convoy reported to 4/5 Jt Headquarters at 100 1/c there depots and he ordered them to proceed to No.5 Camp and await the arrival of the 1st, who would guard the vehicles for the night.

3. The 1st arrived at No.5 Camp within a very short time but found no Jpt there. It is presumed that the convoy drivers drove the vehicles to their own unit lines and returned to the depot with the storm on the morning of 30 Dec.

4. It is essential that adequate guards are provided for stores on their arrival in this area irrespective of the time of day of their arrival. As the convoy personnel must report to HQ 1/c depots, no caution what guards are required. It is also essential that NO orders be given to the convoy personnel are discharged - please ensure that orders are issued to this effect. The arrange- ment by which this HQ contacts ~~officer~~ 1st Jpt appears to be working satisfactorily. yours

Robert Mylne Lt.Col.
G.S.

1215 53 Sqn RAF
Dec 27 - 31
31 Dec 41

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1790

30 DEC 1944

Subject: Traffic Accident

HQ 765 Coy RASC (Gen Tpt)
(78 HAA Regt)

Ref: M.T. 1/18

H.Q.
53 B.L.U.

26 December 1944

1491

Ref your letter A7 dated 15 Dec 44 to 78 HAA Regt relating to traffic accident which occurred on the 14th Dec 1944 between a 3 ton Ford WD No. 4524228 on charge to the 244 HAA Battery RA and a Carrier Universal WD No. 58024, driver ANTONIO UTTARO (No. 1446)(183 Regt NEMBO FOLGORE DIV)

Would you kindly forward a copy of the report given by the Italian Unit to this HQ in order that the case may be cleared.

Para 3 of your a/quoted letter refers.

3 JAN 1945

Major, R.A.
Commanding 765 Coy (Gen Tpt) RASC
(78 HAA Regt)

3903

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDU No. 785020

1783

Subject: Discipline - Deserters

To : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MAIA)

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 32
29 Dec 44

1. Ref your Hq signals SS501, 502, 503 of 27 Dec 44.

2. The question of desertion from Combat Gp FALCON is being investigated and a report will be submitted to your Hq in due course.

3. I visited 51 AGU immediately before Xmas and was informed by them that Combat Gp CHEROKEE had experienced an unduly large number of deserters since moving to their new location. It is obviously essential to prevent this happening as far as is possible with Combat Gp FALCON.

4. Early this month enquiries were made at this Hq by 78 Section S.I.B., AFHQ re the whereabouts of a Captain Gay of the Italian Army who it was desired to interrogate in connection with a war crime.

5. Enquiries were made immediately and the two attached reports were submitted by the Combat Gp.

6. It is considered that every effort should be made to obtain the return of any men found with "F" Recce Regt who are deserters from Combat Gp FALCON and on their return it will be arranged that they are dealt with severely.

7. Please inform this Hq if any assistance can be given in this matter.

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L. H. Brooke
Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Subject: Discipline.

To :- 78 Section SIB
AFHQ GMF

55 H.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 31
29 Dec 44

1776

1. Further to this HQ letter A7 - 20 of 16 Dec.

2. Herewith copy of further report re Capt.Gay submitted by HQ Combat Group FOLGORE.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

3901

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

1775

Subject :- Discipline.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 30
28 Dec 44.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOGGORE
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1. Herewith as appx 'A' statement by Major R.P.D.Gibb, R.Sigs, on an incident he witnessed today.

2. Please investigate this matter and inform this HQ in due course.

L. H. Marks.
Lt. Col.
G.S.

3900

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Annx 'A' to 53 INDU
letter Ref. A7-30
of 28 Dec 44.

Statement by Major R.F.D. Gibb, R.Sigs.

At approximately 1620 hrs on 28 Dec I was travelling along the road from Madaloni to the Amoroso Rly bridge. Roughly 2 miles from the above rly bridge. I passed a 3 ton lorry WD No. L 4625097 driven by an Italian soldier. Seeing that it was carrying certain civilian furniture I stopped the vehicle and asked the driver for his works ticket AF G3518 and AB 412. He was in possession of neither. All he could produce was a certificate No. 84 dated AM 126 28 Dec signed by an officer of 10 Coy FOLGORE Arty Regt. I examined the rear of the lorry and found that it contained civilian furniture, mirror, marble slab for washstand and wardrobe.

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Major,
R. Sigs.

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HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE
I Sec Op Int Serv

172.
27 DEC 1944

TRANSLATION

25 Dec 44

Subject: Road Accident

To:- 53 Mtnbo Regt

Copy - 53 B.L.U.

Herewith a report by Lt.Col.Brooks, commanding 53 BLU, concerning Dvr Mantinotti Francesco, 3 Bn Nembo Regt.

The Commanding Officer has given orders that the driver will be punished by 15 days imprisonment, relevant to the following charge:

Driving a vehicle without due care and attention thereby causing an accident.

(Signed) G.F. Cangini

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Fb.-

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
Ufficio del Capo di S.M. - 1ª Sez. Op. Inf. Serv.

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Nº 2594/S.M. di prot. P.M. 146, lì 26 DIC

OGGETTO : Incidenti stradali.=

AL COMANDO RGT. PARACADUTISTI "NEMBO"
e, per conoscenza :
AL 53° B. L. U.

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Si trasmette copia del rapporto inoltrato dal T.Col. Brooks, comandante del 53° B.L.U. a carico dell'autiere Mantinotti Francesco del III btg. "Nembo".-

Il signor Generale Comandante ha disposto che all'autiere suindicato siano inflitti gg. 15 C.P.R. con la seguente causale :

" conduttore di automezzo percorrendo una strada a semplice transito sorpassava un altro automezzo causandogli avarie".=

d'ordine 3897
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Ten.Col. S.M. G.F.Cangini)

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TRANSLATION 1718 A7

HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE

General Staff Office - 2 Branch, Personal & Secret

27 DEC 1944

9152/Pers 23 Dec 44

Subject: Captain Gay

To :- 53 B.L.U.

The 3rd Bn of the NEMBO Parachutist Regt is constituted of personnel who belonged to 185 Para Regt, which in 1943 operated independently in SICILY and CALABRIA.

At the Armistice, one of those officers who united with the Germans, and brought pressure to bear to get a part of his own battalion to follow him, was Capt Gay who was then commanding 8 Coy.

Due to those activities he was denounced to War Military Tribunal in NAPLES in March 1944 (see Major Massimino's statement, copy of which was sent as appx to 4177/Pers of 11 Dec).

This officer today would command a unit called 1st Sqn "F Recce" Paratroopers the members of which would be in TUSCANY. He has worked up intense action within the Bn to get its soldiers to join his unit, where they would enjoy a treatment throughout identical to the troops of the United Nations.

The ORs who left the 3rd Bn turn out to have entered the abovenamed unit; it appears certain re the Paratroopers LOVATTI Mario, GORLA Luigi and VALENTINI Primo. These men were denounced as deserters and of stealing the equipment they took with them.

On 16 Nov, professing to be calling for some empty LMG magasines, the a/m unit reported first to the Bn and then to the NEMBO Regt. to an offr of the 1st Sqn, 2nd Lt TRINCAS Aldo. By watching over him and the vehicle in his charge, an attempt by several ORs to leave the Bn was thwarted.

Since this officer's activities of luring the men away could not be proven, the NEMBO Regt had to be content with having both officer and vehicle sent away immediately. In the period shortly after his leave (22Nov - 7 Dec), inspite of vigilance arranged beforehand, 20 ORs deseted the Regt.

Neither the deserters nor the truck, which was waiting somewhere in CAMPANIA to take them to the 1st Sqn could be traced through investigations carried out by the Dependent Commands and C.C.R.R.

The ORs who went away taking with them their weapons and equipment are being posted as deserters and accused of stealing military equipment. I arranged to have any theft of equipment reported to this BLU.

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It will be advantageous if the competent authorities get the deserters to return, and that necessary steps be taken to prevent any similar cases of desertion in other formations taking place, particularly if these are, like Combat Gp FOLGORE, intended for operations.

(Signed) G.F.Cangini.

Copy to M.M.I.A. for action. I visited Cremona group immediately before leave and was informed by them that they had experienced an unduly large number of desertions since moving to their new location - and I would like to prevent this happening as far as is possible with Folgore. It would obviously be a deterrent if the deserters from Folgore, believed to be with 1st Sqn 2nd Recce Gred be apprehended and severely dealt with by us.

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CLL/p.-

COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "[illegible]GORE"
Ufficio Capo S.M. - 2ª Sez. Personale e Segreteria

1718
27 DEC 1944

nº9152/Pers.

P.M.146, lì 23 dicembre 1944

OGGETTO: Capitano Gay.-

AL 53° B. L. U.
(rif.f.n.A7 - 21 in data 16/12/1944)

SEDE

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Il III Btg. del reggimento paracadutisti "Nembo" risulta costituito dagli elemen i dell'ex 185° Rgt.Paracadutisti che ebbe, nel 1943 un impiego autonomo in Sicilia ed in Calabria.

Al momento dell'armistizio uno degli ufficiali che si unì ai germanici e fece pressione perché parte del proprio battaglione lo seguisse fu il capitano Gay, allora comandante l'8ª Compagnia.

Per tali motivi egli fu denunciato al Tribunale Militare di Guerra in Napoli nel marzo 1944 (vedi relazione Maggiore Massimino inviata in copia con allegato al foglio 4177 dell'11 c.m.).

Oggi detto ufficiale comanderebbe un reparto denominato 1° Squadrone "F.Recce" Corpo Paracadutisti i cui componenenti si troverebbero in Toscana. Egli fa svolgere nell'interno del Btg. un'attiva opera perché i militari dello stesso si uniscano al suo reparto che godrebbe un trattamento di perfetta eguaglianza con le truppe delle Nazioni Unite.-

Risulterebbe che militari allontanatisi dal III Btg. sarebbero stati incorporati in detto reparto; la cosa sembre certa per i paracadutisti LOVATTI Mario, GORLA Luigi e VALENTINI Primo. Detti militari sono stati denunciati per diserzione e sottrazione degli oggetti di corredo portati con loro.

Il 16 novembre u.s. con il pretesto di ottenere dei caricatori di mitra vuoti di cui detto reparto difetterebbe si presentavano al Btg. prima, al reggimento "Nembo" poi,un ufficiale di detto Squadrone, sottotenente TRINCAS Aldo. La vigilanza esercitata sullo stesso e sul mezzo di cui egli disponeva permisero di sventare un tentativo di allontanamento da parte di un certo numero di militari del battaglione.

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Il 16 novembre u.s. con il pretesto di ottenere dei caricatori di mitra vuoti di cui detto reparto difetterebbe si presentavano al Btg. prima, al reggimento "Nembo" poi,un ufficiale di detto Squadrone, sottotenente TRINCAS Aldo. La vigilanza esercitata sullo stesso e sul mezzo di cui egli disponeva permisero di sventare un tentativo di allontanamento da parte di un certo numero di militari del battaglione.

Non avendo potuto accertare l'opera attiva di allettamento da parte dell'ufficiale, il reggimento "Nembo" dovette accontentarsi di ottenere l'immediato allontanamento dell'autocarro e dell'ufficiale. Nel periodo immediatamente successivo a tale partenza (22 novembre -7 dicembre) si avevano, malgrado il controllo predisposto, l'allontanamento di 2o militari del Rgt.-

Le ricerche fatte dai comandi dipendenti e dai CC.RR., non permisero di rintracciare né i fuggitivi, né l'autocarro, che evidentemente li attendeva in qualche località della Campania per recarli al predetto reparto.-

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I militari che si sono allaontanati, portandosi seco armamento ed equipaggiamento, vengono denunciati per diserzione e per sottrazione di oggetti,di corredo militare. Ho dato disposizione perché ogni sparizione di materiale venga tempestivamente segnalata a Codesto B.L.U.

Sarà utile che le autorità competenti ottengano che gli elementi allontanatisi vengano fatti rientrare dal reparto a cui sono affluiti e vengano presi i provvedimenti necessari per impedire l'allettamento ed il trattenere militari di altri corpi da parte di formazioni speciali, specie quando questi altri corpi siano anch'essi, come il Gruppo di Combattimento "Folgore", destinati ad operare.-

d'ordine
P. IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE a.p.s.
(Ten.Col.S.M. G.F. Cangini)
-Magg. Lazzaro Dessy-

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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(B); also to paragraph 764, et seq., King's Regulations, 1940.

PROCEEDINGS of a* Court of Inquiry

assembled at The Grand Hotel Telese

on the 10th day of December 1944

by order of Lt. Col. J.H. Brooks R.T.R.

for the purpose of Inquiring into the loss of four blankets by 1105 2332 Pte Smith H. RENE. 63 H.A.A.Y. AHd. 53 BLU.

PRESIDENT.

Lt. M.J. Callaghan.

MEMBERS.

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IN ATTENDANCE.

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The Court having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to examine the witness, 1105 2332 Pte Smith H, who, having been duly sworn, states:

On the 25 Nov I was sent with Milano Aldo Pte by Captain Wilton to collect Ordnance Stores for the Workshops [Italian] in Telese.

1105 2332 Pte Smith H

I went first to 2 Sub Depot Naples where

I collected stores: these were put in the back of the lorry. From 2 Sub Depot I left for Salerno - to 80 to 1 Sub Depot where I had to collect further stores - and in going to Salerno I was travelling in front with Milano alelo the driver.

Having collected the stores from 1 Sub Depot I proceeded in the lorry to the R.S.D in Salerno where I had to pick up further stores. From there we returned to Naples where the driver and myself spent the night in the car park.

The driver slept in the cab and I slept in the back, using my own blankets. In the morning I folded my blankets and wrapped my groundsheet around them leaving them in the back of the lorry.

We then returned to 2 Sub Depot to collect further Stores: Having done so we returned to the Royal Palace NAAFI, where I had some food: During this time the lorry was in the Day leave Car Park with the driver guarding it.

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After I had had some food I proceeded on the return journey from Naples to Telese. I was travelling in the front of the lorry with the drivers. We were halted by a cross Roads near Maddaloni, because of the traffic for about ten minutes. When we had got past this point I halted the lorry to get out and go round to the back to see if all my stores were in tact.

I found them to be correct, but I found that my four blankets had been removed, that-

H Smith 11052332

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Whoever had done so had left my groundsheet and mosquito net in the truck. As I felt there was nothing I could do we proceeded back to Telese. I was again travelling in the front of the cab with the driver Milano Aldo.

End of page 3.

H Smith
11052332.

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Sheet 4.

Pte Milano Aldo, having been duly sworn, states:
I was driving my truck back from Naples
along the Caserta Road on Cpl Smith & myself
had been away for two nights, during the time
Cpl Smith was in possession of his blankets.
We had both been sent by Captain Winton
to collect stores from various depots. At
about midday I stopped somewhere along the
main Caserta-Naples Road at the Canteen
in Cairano where I had some food while
Smith guarded the vehicle. After I had finished
I returned to my front seat and we both
drove off together. As soon as we had stopped
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stolen somewhere between Torre Annunziata and
Cairano, presumably in or around Naples
as this was the only place where I had to
go slowly.

From Cairano I returned via Benevento
to Telese with Gen Sinclair, both travelling in the
front. Milan Bldg

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Signed. M. J. Callaghan. M. President.

1853798. J. E. Neville. Ofm. Member.

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H.Q. Combat Group 'Folgore'
2 Sec. Personnel and Secretaries.

Dec 44

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To :- All dependent units.

Inf:- 53 B.L.U.

Reference urgent investigation of this incident. We are endeavouring to trace the man concerned and will inform you as soon as possible.

Signed - G.F.Cangimi.

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17/14

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 29
26 Dec 44

Subject: Discipline - Speeding.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLOGNE.

I have already drawn attention to single vehicles being driven at excessive speed but it is evident that no effective steps are being taken to check the practice and even the road past this Headquarters and the main avenue in Telese where the road surface is good are used by drivers as speedways.

On 25 Dec 44 at about 1615 hrs I followed a Dodge 3 ton lorry No. L.5616513 driven by Guisseppi Carnevalli from the reinforcement company about a mile North of this HQ to the bridge immediately South of it. This lorry came out onto the road from the farm without any warning and proceeded towards Telese. Its speed rapidly reached 30 m.p.h. on the corners and held 50 m.p.h. on the straight road down to the Grand Hotel. I stopped the driver by the bridge and took his particulars. He stated that his reason for speeding was that his speedometer was not working.

This excuse cannot be accepted for such excessive speeding and I shall be pleased if you will take effective action in this case and also ensure that steps are taken to check speeding which is a common practice in the area.

L. H. Brooks.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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URGENTE

53 B.L.U.
Ref . A7-27
23/12/1944

OGGETTO: Disciplina.

A: COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
S.I.S.- COMANDO POLIZIA MILITARE DI NAPOLI

1) Un sottufficiale del S.I.S., Comando Polizia Militare di Napoli, ha visitato oggi questo Comando per fare inchieste circa un incidente avvenuto a Napoli verso le ore 19 giovedì 21 dicembre .-

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3) Per quanto è noto del soldato italiano, indossava l'uniforme inglese, apparteneva ad un Reggimento Paracadutisti e portava il basco dell'arma.- E' alto circa 1,95, di costituzione piuttosto magra, ha il viso lungo e scarno con denti inferiori sporgenti.-

Aveva le maniche dell'uniforme rivoltate, lasciando vedere gli avambracci molto sottili e teneva nella mano destra qualche oggetto bianco.-

Ha capelli bruni con tendenza a bruno leggero.-

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4) Pregasi assicurare se nel vostro Gruppo di Combattimento esiste alcun uomo avente i suddetti connotati e informare questo Comando con la massima celerità.-

F/to L.H. BROWN Lt. Col.
G.S.

URGENTISSIMO

SI/Ps.-

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

nº613/Segr. P.M.146,11 dicembre 194

A TUTTI I CORPI E REPARTI DIPENDENTI LORO SEDE

e per conoscenza:

AL 53 B.L.U. S E D E

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e per conoscenza:

AL 53 B.L.U. S E D E

.....per le urgenti indagini del caso con preghiera
re se presso il Reparto esista o meno un elemento che r
latici sopra indicati.-
Segnalazione anche negativa.-

IL

P. C. C.
IL CAPO SEZIONE
(Ten. Col. A. Castrat

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HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE
2 Sec Personale e Segreteria

10 Dec 44

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25 DEC 1944

Subject: Incident that happened in BENEVENTO

To :- Compania Military Command

On 4 Dec some military personnel of the dependent units (Paratroopers, Engineers, and Sailors) went to BENEVENTO aroitrarily.

According to the British military police about twenty of these men, under the influence of drink, were in a bar called Cafe Roma situated in Via Garibaldi at about 2030 hrs. On the square facing the bar there were other soldiers of this Combat Group. There was no officer present.

A patrol of British military police entered the Cafe Roma and as they thought that the Italian soldiers had an aggressive and hostile attitude about them they ordered the English soldiers to leave the bar to avoid incidents.

The Paratroopers and sailors began to sing "Giovinezza" and went out of the bar and along the Via Garibaldi still singing.

No incident happened in the Cafe Roma or in the Via Garibaldi.

Immediately afterwards the soldiers in question dispersed and returned to 3985
their respective camps.

According to the 314 Provost Sec Comd's report of the 7 Dec he, and also Allied Authority, think that the above incident was due to excitement and the amount of wine consumed.

To avoid further incidents of the same nature we have ordered an officer to go to BENEVENTO to make full investigation and to ascertain those responsible, also, for this purpose, we have ordered three patrols consisting of one offr and five men each day.

(Signed) G. MORICI.

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HQ COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE
1 Sec Op Inf Serv

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25 DEC 1944

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9245/Pers

23.Dec 44

Subject: Discipline

To :- 53 B.L.U.

Ref A7 - 18 of 15 Dec .

Attached is a copy of the report sent to the Italian Army authorities regarding an incident. This HQ has taken all steps to find out the men concerned in the incident and to punish them.

Your HQ has already knowledge of the measures taken to avoid new incidents, as specified in 2371/SM of 7 Dec.

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Measures already taken have given good results and they will be maintained. Military personnel will not be allowed in BENEVENTO except on duty or in possession of a pass.

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(Signed) G.F.Cangini.

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53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 28
23 Dec 44

URGENT

Subject: Discipline

To :- HQ Combat Group FOGGIA

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1. A number of 3 ton lorries proceeding to 2 Sub Depot FOGGIA to collect stores this morning were halted in the NAPLES area and searched by American military police.

2. This convoy was in the charge of Lt. Guilpa Guiseppe, Identity No.064.

3. The military police ascertained that three men in the convoy were carrying grenades (guinea red devils) and five men were detained.

4. It is reported that when asked why they were armed the men in question replied that it was in order to protect the stores.

5. Please investigate this matter and inform this HQ of the result as soon as possible.

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Lt.Col.
G.S.

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53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 27
23 Dec 44

Subject: Discipline

To :- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

S.I.S. Military Police HQ NAPLES

1. An NCO of S.I.S. Military Police HQ, NAPLES, visited this HQ today to make enquiries regarding an incident that took place in NAPLES at approximately 1900 hrs on Thursday 21 Dec.

2. The incident took place on the junction of Via Roma and Piazza D'Arte and involved an Italian soldier throwing a bomb as a result of which an American soldier had to have his leg amputated.

3. From what is known of the Italian soldier he was dressed in British battle dress, belonged to a parachutista Regt and was wearing a paratroopers hat. His height was approx 6'2" and remarkably thin, had a long thin face with protruding lower teeth. His battledress sleeves were rolled up and disclosed very thin forearms and he wore some white material on his right hand. His hair was brown to light brown in colour.

4. Please ascertain whether any men of your Gp fill the above description and inform this HQ with all possible speed.

L. H. Mark

Lt. Col. 3883
G.S.

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Subject :- Discipline Re Reports.

To :- Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (ANZIA)

53 B.L.U. 1646
Ref. A7 - 26
22 Dec 44.

1. Ref your A/6 of 30 Nov 44.

2. Herewith duplicate copies of CIF Reports endorsed as requested.

Lt. Col. G.S. 3882

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No.

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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OFFICE DATE STAMP

FROM (A) Originator: 53 Anti-Aircraft Brig. Unit

Date-Time of Origin: 21/10/43

For Action

TO Hqr Combat Group Ferguson

(W) For information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR —

3632/GHQP/12-43

Originator's No. AQ-A7-25 Ltr to Hqr 1st A.A. Bde re req supply of equipment

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 1608

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FROM (A) Originator: 53 Radio Intercept Unit

Date-Time of Origin: 2 Nov 0400 A

For Action

TO 16th Int Grp FAIGORE

(W) For information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR —

Originator's No.

AQ-AY-24 Ref No W/T Msg AI-19 of 15 Oct 42 Il early sigs is requested

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Subject: Discipline.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FULCRUM.

55 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 25
19 Dec 44.

1. Herewith as Appx 'A' statement by Major R.F.D.Gibb, an incident which occurred on Sunday 17 Dec at Courts, passed to you for information.

L. H. Marks.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Appx 'A' to 53 R.L.U. letter
Ref. A7 - 23 of 19 Dec 44.

Statement by Major R.L.D.Gibb R.Sigs.

On Sunday 17 Dec. I was proceeding along the Caserta - Mdoloni road at approximately 1800 hrs. I passed 6 or 7 15 cwt vehicles each with 6 pdr guns on tow. The convoy was halted and I stopped to investigate. I ascertained that the vehicles were part of a convoy returning to TELESE from PONTICI where they had been to collect arty pieces for your Gp. The following points were noticed :-

(1) All vehicles were at a minimum of four feet in to the road from the pavement, some being as much as six feet.
(2) No traffic control posted to assist passing traffic.
(3) Drivers of all six vehicles clustered around one vehicle though one of the vehicles was fully 30 feet ahead of the others.
(4) Two women with their luggage in the back of 15 cwt truck WD No. 5345848.

The officer in charge had returned to collect two vehicles of the convoy which had got into difficulties and on his arrival he ordered the women to be turned off. I gathered that he had no previous knowledge that they were in the vehicle.

Prior to the arrival of the officer, I started to move the vehicles into the side of the road and close them up into one compact bunch.

Major.

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Subject: Discipline.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group WOLGORE.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 22
16 Dec 44.

1521

1. Herewith report as Appx 'A' on an incident which occurred on 14 Dec, passed to you for such action as you consider necessary.

C. H. Morris.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Appx 'A' to 53 B.L.U. letter
Ref. A7 - 22 of 16 Dec 44.

Statement by Major R.P.D.Gibb R.Sigs.

At approximately 1845 hrs on 14 Dec I was proceeding from TELESE to this HQ in a Jeep driven by Driver Cattanco of the Italian Increment attached to this HQ.

My driver was approaching a left hand bend on the hill on the above road when he saw lights shining from a vehicle approaching the bend from the opposite direction. He accordingly changed his headlights to 'dip', back to 'full' and back again to 'dip' and pulled over to the right of the road as much as possible, though his original position on the road was correct, being well on his half of the road.

The first approaching vehicle then came into sight travelling very slowly, and when it was half way round the bend a second vehicle swung past it travelling at fully 25 m.p.h.. Fortunately owing to the previous action taken by my driver and him now placing the car on the grass verge beside the road an accident was avoided.

I turned my vehicle and followed the vehicle whose driver had been guilty of such bad driving till he halted in your Mechanical Engineers' area. I then ordered him and the officer riding in the front of the vehicle to dismount.

As I speak no Italian it was difficult to obtain all the particulars necessary, but the following were obtained:- 3876

(1) Vehicle - Dodge W/T 4x2 WD No. Z.5509016.
(2) Driver's signature as by exhibit 'A' attached.
(3) Signature of officer riding in front of vehicle as by exhibit 'B' attached.

I also inspected the A.B.442 of the vehicle and I suspect that the signature of the driver by that document and the signature as by exhibit 'A' were not the same.

I formed the opinion when obtaining the above information that the Italian officer did not appreciate that he as the senior officer driving in the vehicle, was personally responsible for seeing that the vehicle is driven safely by the driver.

This opinion may be unfounded as the language difficulty in this incident was considerable.

Major

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Subject: Discipline.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group Poltava.
Card.

53 D.A.U.
Ref. A7 - 21
16 Dec 44.

1501

1. Ref your 4177/M1 of 11 Dec 44.

2. It would appear from the report made by Major Anselmino that
(a) Personnel have deserted from the Op to F Force Unit
(b) These men were in possession of British arms and equipment which were G.1090 scale of equipment for the Op.

3. According to the report these desertions and losses of equipment occurred more than 4 weeks ago.

4. It is not understood why this HQ has not been informed of the above losses.

5. Please submit a report covering the whole question as soon as possible including information as to what action has been taken by your HQ.

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L. H. Morse

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Subject: Discipline.

53 D.J.U.
Ref. A7 - 20
16 Dec 44.

To :- 78 Section, SIB, CMP
AFHQ

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1. Further to this HQ signal AQ/Q4 - 24 of 11 Dec 44.

2. Herewith copy of report re Captain Guy submitted by HQ Combat Group Police.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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53 B.I.U.
Ref A7 -
15 Dec 44

Subject: Traffic Accidents

To :- 78 A.A.Regt R.A.

1. It has been reported to this HQ that one of your vehicles WD No.4524228 driven by Dvr Goodins H. No.1140826S was involved in an accident with a carrier universal driven by an Italian OR of the unit to which this HQ is attached. Your driver is believed to be of your 24 Bty.

2. The accident is believed to have occurred p.m. 14 Dec in the neighbourhood of CASERTA.

3. A report is being obtained from the Italian unit concerned. Please inform this HQ of any further action you wish taken in this matter.

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L. H. Marks

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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1485

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 19
15 Dec 44

Subject: Traffic Discipline

To :- HQ Combat Group POLGOPS

1. Herewith as Appx 'A' is a report by me of a traffic accident I witnessed, and I would like you to take strong disciplinary action against the offender who was guilty of very bad driving.

2. I found other faults with convoys arriving in this area over the last few days, and I shall be pleased if you will take steps to see that they do not happen on future convoys.

(a) Drivers of vehicles being towed have no idea of keeping the towing rope tight at all times by the correct use of the brakes.

(b) The particular convoy I saw halted about one mile East of TELESE in order to collect all the vehicles together. The vehicles were all closely spaced and there were no traffic sentries. Vehicles halted should be more widely spaced or spaced in small groups of about five vehicles and traffic sentries must always be posted for each vehicle or group of vehicles.

(c) Vehicles which are delayed for any reason must not try and catch up the convoy but must proceed at the speed which they have been given before starting.

(d) It is most important that only skilled drivers are sent to collect vehicles. The carrier convoy was badly organised in this respect, and as a result several accidents occurred.

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L. H. Marks.

Lt. Col
G.S.

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Appx 'A' to 53 RAE letter
Ref A7 - 19 dated 15 Dec 44

Report on Traffic Accident by Lt.Col. G.H.Brooks RAR

At about 1145 hrs on 14.12.44 I was on the TELESE - PONTE road watching the arrival of the convoy of new vehicles, when I saw an accident take place about one mile to the East of SOLOPACA Railway Station.

A Breda tractor towing a broken down lorry was proceeding towards TELESE when a Bedford 4 x 4 lorry No.M5366326 towing a recovery trailer and driven by Mantionoti Francesco of the 3rd Battalion of the Nembo Regiment attempted to overtake it.

It was quite obvious to me that the road was too narrow for this to happen and the Bedford lorry after running over piles of stones on the left-hand side of the road for about two hundred yards eventually came into collision with the Breda tractor damaging its radiator.

The driver of the Breda was in no way to blame but the driver of the 3871
Bedford was guilty of rash and negligent driving.

My driver Pte Celano also witnessed the accident.

G.H.Brooks

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 13
13 Dec 44

Subject: Discipline

To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLTAVA
G.11

1. Herewith copy of 55 Area letter A16/15 of 12 Dec received by this H.Q.

2. It is presumed that your H.Q. has already been informed of any incidents occurring in BUDWEIS involving personnel of the Gp in accordance with your operational order of 7 Dec 44, subject: Police Service in the City of BUDWEIS.

3. Please ensure that action in accordance with para 3 of attached letter is taken and inform this H.Q. of any serious incidents that have occurred recently.

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Lt.Col.
G.S.

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CONFX

Subject: Discipline.- Italian troops

AG/15

55 British Liaison Unit

1. It is reported by higher authority that Italian Parachute troops from TARANTO are entering BENEVENTO, and causing disturbances.

2. This town is out of bounds to Italian troops from TARANTO.

3. The troops concerned are understood to be training under your supervision. Please ensure that they do not enter BENEVENTO in future.

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(Signed) ??????????
Lt.Col.
AA & QMG,
HQ 5C Area.

In the Field.
12 Dec 44.

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Subject : Discipline.- Italian Troops.

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53 British Liason Unit.

14 DEC 1944

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Lt Col,
AA & QMG,
HQ 56 Area.

In the Field.
12 Dec 44.

Letter to Combat Gp. What are them police doing. Have they reported anything

Then letter to 56 area

Saying, what the form is & what steps have been taken

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12 Dec 44

15 DEC 1944

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13 DEC 1944

HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

2 Sec. Personnel and Secretaries.

4177/RU

11 Dec.44

Subject: Capt.Gay.

To ;- 53 B.L.U.

G1 1283

Further to our phonogram No.8804/Pers of 10 Dec 44.

In reply to your request made on AQ/A7 - 12 of 4 Dec 44, I forward a copy of the report made out by the O.C. 3rd Parachute Bn (f No.1327/RU of 7 Dec) in respect of the officer in subject.

Capt.Gay would now have been O.C. of a unit called 1st Squadron "F Recce" Parachute Corps.

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Signed - G.F.Cangini.

'Nembo' Prachite Regt
HQ Sec. 3 Bn.

1327/R.U. di prot

7 Dec.44

Subject: Capt. Gay.

To :- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

Inf - HQ 'Nembo' Parachute Regt.

With reference to your telephone request I communicate the following :-

(a) It does not appear that Capt.Gay has been seen in this area.

(b) On 16 Nov Lt. Aldo Trincas at present working with the "F Recce" Unit introduced himself asking if he could take 300 automatic rifle magazines. With the said officer was Sgt.Piero Piatti that was absent without leave from the Bn 16 Oct.44 and had joined the strength of the "F Recce" Unit.

When the lorry set off, some soldiers of the bn, a few carrying complete kit and others blankets, went off with it. The matter was discovered and the lorry was stopped at Telese, and 2/Lt.Trincas with the soldiers returned to the bn. Questioned, a few admitted that they wished to join the "F Recce" Unit and others denied such a proposition.

Sgt.Piatti was arrested by me and put in the local prison, he has since been released and has again joined the "F Recce" Unit in accordance with the Regt C.O's order.

(c) On 26 Nov 2/Lt.Ganzini and 2/Lt.Scaranari both of the "F Recce" Unit came to find men to join the unit. Some officers deplored this form of encouragement that the "F Recce" Unit offers to soldiers willing to go. The two officers answered that they had need to make up for the losses and that however from time to time they had authority from the General Staff.

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Some soldiers had English clothes and arms.

Other previous absentees were found at the "F Recce" Unit.

(d) It is not certain that real propaganda was used to instigate the soldiers to join the "F Recce" Unit, but on the contrary were skilfully made known the advantages which the men of the said unit could enjoy : Rations of English troops, possibility of leave and frequent passes, plenty of transport, situation in a locality where the men could enjoy themselves to the fullest extent.

Indeed during the period that the 185 Parachute Regt was working with the English division in Tuscany, the soldiers of the "F Recce" Unit were continually making excursions to Florence on lorries and motor cycles.

(e) Capt.Gay deserted from the Regt on 9 Sep 43 taking with him, his company (8th of 3rd Bn) with armament, equipment, money and transport etc.

During the inquest and after the questioning some soldiers of the Regt the following resulted :

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(2) That Capt.Gay and Romano were the only two O.Cs. that during a conference held in the afternoon of 9 Sep at 'Soveria Mannella' by Capt.Sala, temporary O.C. of the 3rd Bn (the real O.C. was myself, but at that time I was temporary commander of the Regt) instigated the latter to follow the Germans, threatening him whenever he did not make a decision, they having the full support of their men would have abandoned him.

Capt.Gay by order of the LI C.A. has been accused by the Military War Tribunal, Naples, for complicity in the following :-

(a) Unauthorised movement of Military Forces
(b) Disobedience
(c) Abandoning the Corps to fight against the Italians
(d) Action detrimental to the operation of the Armed Forces

(No.967 of 10 Mar 44)

ø (No.906/3 of 17 Nov.44)

Signed - Angelo Massimino

IL MAGGIORE COMANDANTE.

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'Nembo' Parachute Regt.

HQ Sec. 3rd Bn.

List of soldiers absent without leave that have no longer returned from 16 Nov 44. to 7 Dec.44.

Unit	Rank.	Surname.	Christian Name.	Date of Absence.
12 Company	Sold.	D'ANGELO	Felice	6 Dec 44
11 "	Paŧac.	FORMICA	Giuseppe	5 " "
"	"	BOREAN	Lino	7 " "
"	"	ISITTO	Mario	7 " "
12 "	Sold.	FARAGLIA	Alessandro	3 " "
9 "	Parac.	FILPA	Francesco	1 " "
"	"	PEROLFI	Alfredo	1 " "
"	"	SOMASCHINI	Antonio	1 " "
HQ	C.Magg	COCCIOLO	Luigi	27 Nov "
HQ	" "	D'ANASTASIO	Armando	27 " "
HQ	Driver	ANTONIOLI	Aldo	27 " "
9 Company	Sold.	COSMI	Mario	27 " "
12 "	Parac.	BARSANTI	Benso	27 " "
"	"	DEL RE	Paolo	27 " "
10 "	"	PAGIN	Bruno	26 " "
9 "	"	DE CICCO	Fracesco	25 " "
HQ	Sold.	CORSI	Antonio	22 " "
HQ	"	MAMMERO	Gennaro	22 " "
HQ	"	WELPONER	Paolo	22 " "
10 Company	Parac.	CAMICIOTTOLI	Dagoberto	22 " "

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HQ Combat Group FOLGORE
2 Sec. Personnel & Secretaries.

8861/Pers di prot 8 Dec.44

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Subject: Discipline.

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To :- HQ 53 B.L.U. (Ref. A7 - 3 of 15 Nov.44)

Inquiry made has ascertained that the theft of material was the work of escort personnel belonging to the collecting transport.

The men reponsible have been punished: Sgt.Major Giovanni Tirella of the Ordnance Depot, for the theft of 1 pair of Boots, D.R. by reversion to an O.R. The Pioneer R.A. Ferruccio Teseo of the Composite Coy, responsible for taking a pair of boots and 20 laces, by the maximum punishment (30 days C.P.R. & 30 days C.P.S.) - (30 days prison & 30 days with half pay).

As regards the other similar incidents, the individuals have more or less been ascertained and similar measures will be taken.

I thank the above B.L.U. for the information given that has enabled us to rapidly identify those reponsible.

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Signed - G.Morigi.

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Subject: Discipline.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 17
12 Dec.44.

M.G. Coma: Group FOLCOKE.

1. Ref your 2388/S.M. of 10 Dec.44.

2. Herewith copy of 53 B.L.U. Routine Order No.49 forwarded for information.

A7

Major
GII

FOLCOKE GROUP

Serial No. 10

of

Lt.Col. G.H.Brocks RE:

Officer Commanding 53 Bridging Platoon RE.

A9. Use of ARNHEM Railway Bridge.

1. All units are reminded that the Railway Bridge over the River at ARNHEM is closed during the hours of darkness to all traffic except single vehicles which carry a special pass signed by Chief of Staff, "ARNHEM" Combat Group.

2. Special passes as above have already been issued to Corps of this B.L.U. and 'D' Day Force. Any further passes required for specific vehicles will be applied for through DAA & QMG.

3. Instances have been reported of British personnel, in vehicles, obstructing and contravening the orders of the Italian Transport Control Post on ARNHEM Bridge. It is explained that personnel of this Control Post are acting on orders issued by the Combat Group and approved by 53 B.L.U., and which will be obeyed.

4. Disciplinary will be taken in the case of any infringement of these orders.

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Signed - R.P.D.Cobb,

Major
DAA & QMG

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55 B.L.U.
A7 - 16
11 Dec 44

1400
A7.

Subject: Discipline

To: Hq Combat Group FoLGGR2

1. Herewith Car reports on three cases of driving at speed in excess of that laid down for the vehicle in question.

2. Please return one copy of each report to this HQ with a statement of the action taken and punishment, if any, awarded, endorsed on the reverse side of the report. This returned copy will then be forwarded to Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.(MIDX).

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions	Register No.
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 53 Anti Aircraft Group HQ

Date - Time of Origin: 11.30.44

OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

TO 75 Section 52B Corps HQ

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No. A/Q-Q4-24

Report by Sgt Osborne of 1 H HQ & Eqpt Sec 11 AA Gp of H Strength of 2 mbd Sqns Portsmouth

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TRANSLATION

9 DEC 1944 11 DEC 1944

Phonogram (Secret --- delivered by hand)

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To :- 53 B.L.U.

No. 8804/Pers. Ref your AQ/A7 - 12 of 4 Dec we communicate that Capt Gaj is not included in the strength of the Combat Group FOLGORE. The present location of the officer in question will be communicated as soon as possible.

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(Signed) G.F. Cangini.

10 Dec 44.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Subject: Discipline - Road accidents

To: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (AMIA)

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 15
8 Dec 44.

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1. Ref your AG/6 of 25 Nov, herewith report on this matter by the Italian officer driving in one of the vehicles involved in the accident.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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E 9 DEC 1944

Subject: Disciplins - C.M.P. Reports.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(N. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

20 Nov 44.

C. C. 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
54 BLU

1. Will you please forward the attached C.M.P. Reports to the proper authority in order that disciplinary action may be taken as necessary. 3858

2. The punishment awarded should be endorsed upon the reverse of one copy and returned to this H.Q. for information.

F. J. HOMES, Col.
DA & QMG.
N. M. I. A.

SPA/wk

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Subject: Discipline - C.M.P. Reports.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/S

6 Dec 44.

HQ 3 District
HQ P.B.S. (South)
O.C. 52 BLU
O.C. 53 BLU

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It is requested that you will forward the attached C.M.P. Reports to the appropriate Authority in order that disciplinary action may be taken as necessary.

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

SPA/wk

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 5

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FROM (A) Originator: 53 Brdgd Liaison Unit — Date-Time of Origin: 081810A — Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO: HQ Combat Group FORGOTTE

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No.: AG/A7-44 regretted

Ref 4th HQ HQ/A7-12 of 4 Dec. Acknowledged by:

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Patrick H Mgr. Brdgd

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H.Q. Combat Group Folgore

2 Personnel Secretary

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6 DEC 1944

TRANSLATION. 1208

341/Segr.

20 Nov. 44

Subject: Accident Statement.

To :- Commander, Italian Police.

On the morning of 19 Nov., about 10.30 I was travelling in a Stejer car, coming from Viale Castro Pretorio to Via Castro Pretorio ex Italo Balbo.

At the end of Viale Castro Pretorio, while the car was entering the square, where five roads meet, a Ford vehicle No. L.4974512 driven by a Canadian soldier F.Sears of the 46th L.M. Section R.A.A.C. was drawing out from Via Castro Pretorio to Viale Universita, the driver of the Stejer was in the centre of the square, when suddenly he saw the Ford travelling at a discreet speed, coming from Via Castro Pretorio.

The driver of the Stejer, to avoid the Ford, swerved his car towards Viale Universita, but could not avoid the Ford.

The damage to the car was slight, and I slightly injured my knee and buttock.

Cause of accident was lack of initiative on part of the Canadian driver who did not try to avoid the car. He must have been sleepy and inattentive.

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Name of a witness, is - Signor CELI SALVATORE, via dei Carneti 36 - Rome.

Signed - G.F.Cangini.

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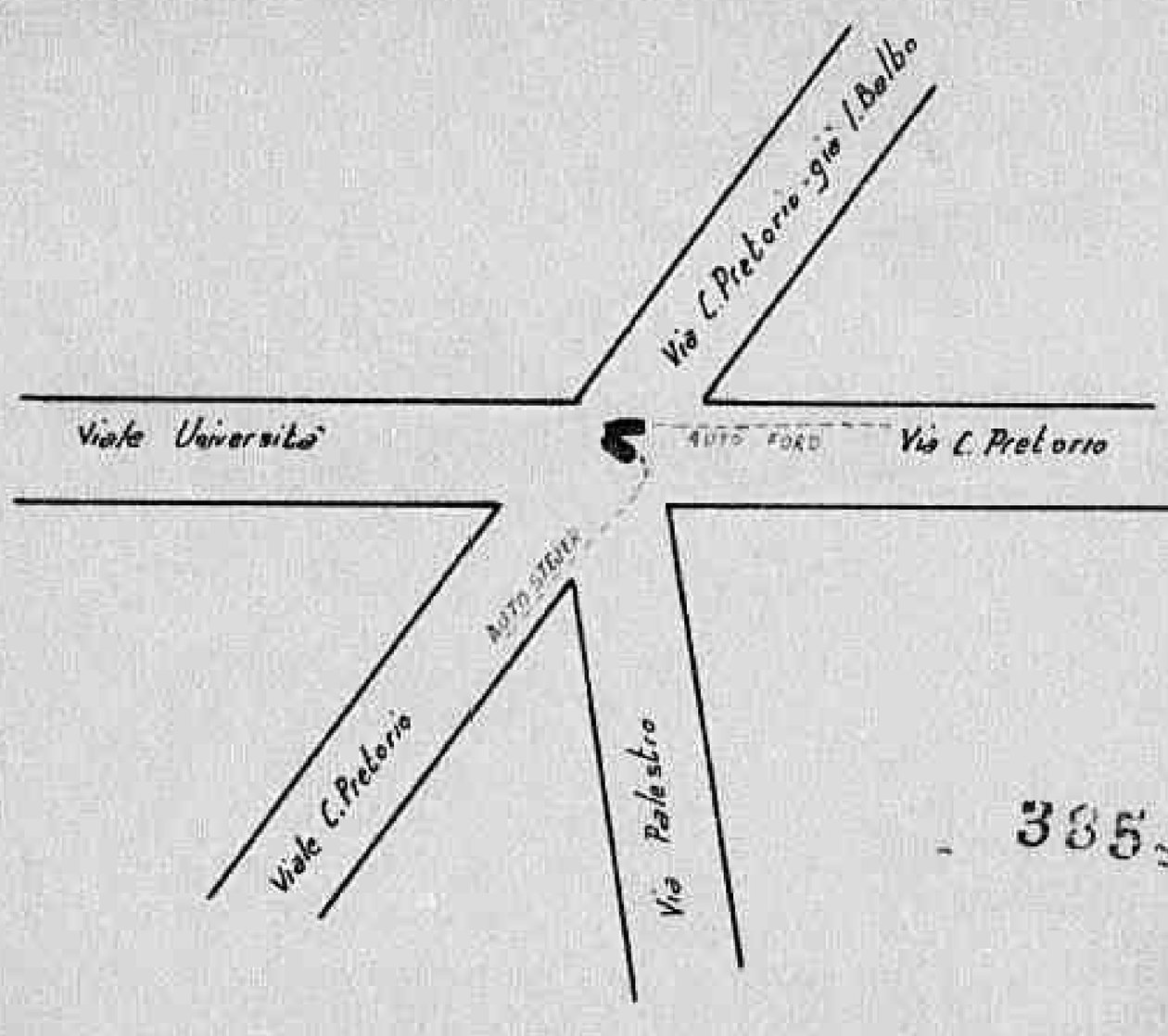
Allegato al foglio N°423/Segr.
del 2 dicembre 944



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H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE
2 Personnel Secretary.

TRANSLATION.
-6 DEC 1944 1268A

2 Dec.44

423/Segr.

Subject: Road Accident. 1119

To :- 53 B.L.U.

Ref. A7 - 8 of 28 Nov.44.

The accident in question occurred when Lt.Col.Cangini, my commanding officer, was leaving Rome on his return journey to Telese.

The officer who was urgently required to return, limited himself to a verbal report to the Metropolitan Brigadier of the Italian police in Rome, also writing a report on the accident, which was despatched the following day by m/c, which is attached.

I did not obtain a medical certificate as the injuries were slight.

Signed - G.Moric 8853

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Subject :- Discipline.

To :- H.Q. : 55 Area.

1. Ref IE) 207 dtd Area 33 21/44.

2. Certificate as requested in the above RO is attached herewith as Appx 'A'.

55 D.L.O.
Ref. A7 - 13
5 Dec 44.

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Lt. Col.
C.E.

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Appx 'A' to 53 HAA
Letter Ref.A7-13
of 5 Dec 44.

CERTIFICATE.

It is certified that during the preceding quarter

(a) Section 4 - 44 Army Act have been read and explained to all ranks of 53 HAA.

(b) The notices referred to in para 551(c) KR and para 555 KR have been read out to British Offs of 53 HAA on parade.

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L. Hill.

Lt. Col.
C.S.

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8391/2/PMFC/3-44

Army Form C348
(Lifts of 100 in duplicate)

MEMORANDUM

From _____

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To _____

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Date _____ 19

14249911 Sgt Osborne G.
78 Section, SIB, CMP,
AFHQ.
Telephone :- Freedom 111.

Fill Hr with my signal

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) — **MESSAGE FORM** — Register No. 1224

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FROM (A) Originator: 5th Armd Engr Bn — Date-Time of Origin: 6 1430H — Office Date Stamp

TO: HQ Combat Group FARGO — For Action

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR

3633/GHQ /44

Originator's No.: AG/A7-12

Field ops A. HQ of Fargo GAS 1 bldg 4 story type Ex-Lot 900 for operation as the Sears Section of the Fargo Mdse Mart and 2 Parcels Miscellaneous Rpt

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Ringold Asst. Adjt Gen

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53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 11
1 Dec./44.

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Subject: Discipline.

To:- H.Q. Combat Group FULCRUM.
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1. Herewith copies of statements by two Br RAOC personnel on incidents which occurred during a convoy run to SARI and back to TELESE.

2. This matter has already been taken up by the G1 this HQ and your Commanding General.

3. Kindly let this HQ have a report on the matter in due course.

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Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Copy of Statement by [redacted].7619986 Sgt. Edwards A.R. RACC.

On the night of 29 Nov.44 at about 7.30 pm, a convoy arrived at Telese from Bari, containing Ord Stores. Pte. Stilling who escorted the convoy, reported to me that he had quite a bit of trouble with the Italian Sergeant Major who was in charge of the Italian personnel, in that he had taken an Italian woman from Telese to Bari and back on the convoy, and that he kept stopping on the way back to pick up civilians.

After informing Pte. Stilling to proceed to No.3 Dump to have the lorries unloaded, I proceeded, ten minutes after, to see the unloading of these Stores and on arriving at No.3 Dump found a young woman outside the Dump, and thinking this may be the woman who had travelled to Bari and back with the convoy, instructed the Italian Tenente to make investigations, who did so and found three pairs of Trousers, Battle Dress on her, he took these off her and had her taken to the jail.

After seeing the last load unloaded proceeded to the jail with Pte. Stilling, to make sure this was the woman, on arriving there he said that this was the woman.

Signed - A.R.Edwards, Sgt.

7619986

30/11/44

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Executive Order 12065 Section 3-402/3000 No. 785020

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Copy of statement by 7655544 Pte. Stilling L. RAOC.

I was detailed by DADOS 53 B.A.O. to proceed to 2 Sub Depot Bari with a convoy of 12 vehicles to collect Ord stores. On Monday 27 Nov.44 the convoy left [redacted] at approximately 0630 hrs - the convoy consisted of 12 vehicles, 12 Italian drivers, 12 Italian GRF staff to act as escort, one for each vehicle, Pte. Ridout and myself.

On the journey to Bari I travelled on the first vehicle in the convoy and Pte. Ridout in the last vehicle.

There were no incidents on the way to Bari though the only check I carried out during this part of the journey was to check that all 12 vehicles were in convoy - I did not examine each vehicle. The convoy arrived at the railway station at Bari at approximately 1700 hrs 27 Nov. and all 12 vehicles were parked there for the night. I spoke to the senior Italian NCO and told him that I and Pte. Ridout would return first thing in the morning. I then went with Pte. Ridout to 197 Transit Camp where we obtained accommodation for the night. We returned to the convoy at 0730 hrs Tuesday 28 Nov. On arrival I checked the vehicles and saw a young Italian girl in the cab of one of the lorries. I asked the interpreter to get the senior Italian NCO present and through the interpreter I explained that it was forbidden to give lifts to civilians in army transport and that the convoy would not leave the station area till she was turned off. Through the interpreter the Italian NCO said that they had brought her from [redacted] and that they couldn't leave her in BARI. He then explained that two of the vehicles had to go to Wops - the two vehicles then drove off, the girl riding in one of them. The NCO explained that one vehicle had wheel trouble and the other had an oil leak.

I then took the remaining 10 vehicles to 2 Sub Depot where they were loaded with stores - the two lorries that had proceeded to Wops arrived at the Depot in the afternoon and loading of them was carried out. I supervised the loading of ten of these lorries and without exception the stores loaded were correctly cased or baled - no cases were damaged prior to loading. After loading the 12 vehicles, the senior Italian NCO asked me where the the convoy was staging for the night. I told him in the convoy staging area near 197 Transit Camp BARI. I then got the interpreter to give this information to all drivers. We then proceeded out of the Depot and the convoy was in order - 12 vehicles with one man in the rear of each vehicle as escort. On arrival at the staging area only ten vehicles were present though previously I had warned all drivers to drive slowly as it was getting dark - the convoy having left the depot at approximately 1715 hrs. The missing two vehicles could not be found but next morning I was told by one of the Italians that the remaining two vehicles had been at the station at BARI the whole night. I ascertained that the senior NCO [redacted] 36 46 with the 10 lorries at the staging area. I then proceeded with the 10 lorries to the station and was informed that two lorries had left at 0700 hrs that morning, the 29th - the time then being 0740 hrs.

I then started to return in convoy with 10 lorries from the station - the convoy being checked and found correct - one man in the back of each lorry. On arrival at Barletta I checked the vehicles and found two missing and was told by one of the drivers that the two had broken down and would be returned to Wops in BARI for repair - Pte. Ridout was in one of these vehicles. At Barletta the two vehicles reported to have spent the night at the station at BARI, were found stationary. There were five civilians standing around these two vehicles and I ascertained that they had not been carried in the vehicles. I told the senior Italian NCO that civilians must not be given lifts on the vehicles and I then formed the convoy up of 10 vehicles and

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One of these was broken down. I waited till the balance of the convoy arrived and then proceeded to Benevento leading the convoy, the driver of the broken down lorry having told me that he'd be able to get his lorry repaired. At Benevento I was stopped by the senior Italian NCO, who had passed my vehicle, who informed me that many of the vehicles had no lights and as it was dark, 1830 hrs, the diversion at Ponte may be difficult. I checked the vehicles and found only six were present, one man in the back of each lorry and no civilians were being carried as far as I could see. I then went to the Town Major for instructions and was told that as the town is out of bounds to all troops, I would have to proceed.

On arrival at [illegible] with six lorries I reported to Sgt. Edwards at Br Ord Depot No. 1 and told him of the trouble I had had with the convoy and particularly with the senior Italian NCO. He advised me to proceed to No. 3 Depot and have the lorries unloaded. The first lorry to be unloaded contained groundsheets, after a few bales had been unloaded I saw that one bale had been tampered with. I stopped unloading and checked the bale finding 5 groundsheets missing from it. I completed unloading the lorry and unloaded a second lorry - this one contained greatcoats, again I saw a case had been tampered with. I then stopped all unloading. While unloading the second lorry I saw the Italian officer who works in the Br Ord Depot, come into the store bringing a girl who was carrying battle-dress suits. This girl was the one mentioned previously in this statement. Sgt. Edwards arrived on the scene at this moment. All six lorries were then unloaded and several bales and boxes of stores had been tampered with. I was then taken by Sgt. Edwards and the Italian officer to the Carabinieri Hdl to identify the girl above referred to as the girl seen in Bard and Barletta. I identified her as the same girl.

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Signed - L. Stilling, Pte.

30/11/44

7653644 RAOC

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Sir

On the night of 29th January 1941 at about 7-30 hrs a convoy arrived at Tobruk from Bardia containing Port Stores. The Station at Tobruk reported to me, that he had quite a lot of trouble with Station Sergeant Major who was in charge of the Station Personnel, in that he had taken a Italian woman from Tobruk to Bardia and back on the convoy and that he had Shopping on the way back to pick up Provisions. After enquiring the Station he proceeded to 3 Rehmk to have 3844 lunch received. I proceeded Immediately after to see the Landing of Port Stores and on arriving at 3 Rehmk found a young woman under the Bench, and thinking she may be the woman who had travelled to Bardia with the convoy

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instructed the Italian Consul to make
investigations, & to deal as and Journal there
fore of Trieste & Letter Dros on her
he took thereupon Let and Load her
taken to the Jail. Upon seeing the
last Load removed proceeded to the Jail
with the Letter. & make sure the
Jews the women, on answering there
he said that the was the Consul.

Sd
H Edwards Sgt
7/6/1944

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Signed Ralph Hoyt Lt Col Sig C

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H.Q. COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE.

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TRANSLATION.

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29 Nov 44.

Subject :- Discipline. 10444

To :- 53 B.L.U.
(Ref A7 - 7 of 24 Nov 44)

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The Austin utility W.D. No. M 5394807 is not on charge to this Combat Group.

(Signed) C.F. Cangini.

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53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 9
28 Nov 44.

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Subject :- Loss of Boots.

To :- 1Hj Combat Group FOLGORE
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Ord
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1. Ref your Hj letter 2136/Serv of 16 Nov 44.

2. Delay in replying to your letter is regretted but was unavoidable owing to the absence of the Br personnel, involved in this incident, from this Hq.

3. It is not considered that further correspondence on this particular incident will be fruitful, it appears obvious that both Italian and British personnel were to blame in this case and this Hj has dealt with the British personnel in question.

4. Ref para 3 of you letter this Hj is in full agreement about the necessity for the orders referred to and similar instructions have been given to British personnel employed in the collection of stores.

5. As regards replacement for these 8 prs of boots the necessary arrangements will be made by this Hq.

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C. M. C. Norton.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Subject :- Disc(Lge.

To :- HQ Combat Group POMORIE

Ord

- - 233276 Pte Prather J. IAOB

55 B.A.D.
Ref. A7 - 10
20 Nov. 44.

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1. Herewith report, submitted to this HQ by the above named soldier, on an incident that took place at 2 Sub Depot 557 BOD.

2. No report has been received from the Depot to date on this matter but it is expected that one will be forthcoming shortly.

3. Kindly inform this HQ if you have any information on this matter.

Lt. Col.
C.O.

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Statement by No. 3530276 Pte Buckle R. RASC

I submit this, my report on a case of pilferage at 2 Sub-Depot 557 EOD on Thursday 22/11/44.

Being detailed along with Pte Rideout S to pick up stores at Portici, I proceeded to do same.

I checked each truck at the loading point, and at approximately 12.30, Pte Rideout and myself proceeded to 2 Sub-Depot Mess Dining Hall, for the purpose of dinner, this was the usual procedure as the Italian Sergeant-Major stayed with the vehicles and Italian personnel.

At 13.30 hrs I had my convoy ready to move off, but had to wait until 1400 hrs for Gate-Passes for my loaded vehicles.

I arrived at the exit at 14.05 hrs when the Policeman on duty climbed on to the running board of my vehicle (the first) and pulled a tarpaulin cover from the rear of the vehicle, I got out of the cab and with the policeman discovered 26 Vests Woollen, on inspecting the further vehicles the S.I.B. who had appeared found

1. 1 Case of Boots, ankle.
2. Officers slippers 5 prs.
3. Officers socks 2 prs.

The S.I.B. searched the drivers personnel kits and took material, which the Italians claimed was kit issued by this unit.

My No. rank and name was taken and I was told to report the incident to Dukes on my return, which I did.

etc.,

I remain your obedient servant

3530276 Pte R Buckle R.A.S.C.

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To Major Gibbs.
Ref. Pilferage at. 2. Sub-Depot.

Sir,

I submit this, my report on a case of pilferage at 2 Sub-Depot 557. B.O.D. on Thursday. 22/11/44.

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when the Policeman on duty climbed
on to the running board of my
Vehicle (The first) and pulled a
Tarpaulin Cover from the rear of the
Vehicle, I got out of the cab
and with the policeman discovered
26 Vests Woollen, on inspecting the
further Vehicles the S.I.B. who had
appeared found 1. 1 Case of BOOTS. ANKLE.
2. Officers Slippers 5 prs.
3. 2 prs. Officers Socks.

The S.I.B. searched the drivers personal
kit and took material, which the
Italians claimed was kit issued
by his Unit.

My No. Rank and Name was
taken and I was told to 3837 report
the incidence to D.A.P.O.S on my
return, which I did.
Sir.

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Sir

This is a true statement from
everything I understand of the matter.

Sir

I remain Your Obedient Servant.

3530276. Pte. Buckley. J.
R.A.O.C.

27/11/44.

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Subject :- Discipline - Road Accidents.

To :- H.Q. Combat Gp FULGORE

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 8
28 Nov 44.

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1. Herewith copy of MAIA letter AQ/6 of 25 Nov with C&P reports on this matter

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Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Subject:- Pilfering from stores drawn from No 2 Sub. Depot. 1004

No 2580367. CPL. WASHER. G.,
ROYAL SIGNALS.

To:- Major Jegetmeir.
DADOS.. 53 B.L.U.

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28 NOV 1944

Whilst stores (Boots, Ankle) were being loaded on to the vehicles from No 67 Shed, No 2 Sub Depot, I observed one case was smashed badly at one end: so I examined same, with No 10544791. PTE. RIDOUT. S.E. R.A.O.C., standing by to witness, and found ~~there~~ there was 24 pairs of Boots in the case instead of 25 pairs. I pointed out same to PTE WILLIAMS (No: 4184191) RAOC., No 2 Sub-Depot, who informed me that he did not have a case of Boots to exchange for the smashed one, and that it was up to me whether I accepted same or not. As boots were urgently required; I accepted the smashed case, but before signing the voucher, wrote:- "One case smashed."

After all vehicles were loaded, I informed all Italian drivers, we were going to the 'petrol point', to fill up. Then we proceeded out of No. 2 Sub-Depot, in slow convoy, making for the 'petrol point'. Upon arrival, Sigman. Herbert informed me that the two vehicles in front of him went straight across the crossroads, instead of turning left for the petrol point. (I could not understand this, as every driver there knew we normally went to fill up with petrol, and also I had told every Italian driver personally our intentions.)

When every vehicle was OK for petrol and oil, we left the petrol point to return to Telese, the time being 1630 hrs. (Approx..)

Darkness set in, so I stopped the convoy to check the number of vehicles with lights; only two vehicles had lights, so we moved to our usual meeting place just outside Caserta. Upon arrival, I sent Sigman Herbert in one of the vehicles with lights, to find the other two vehicles. But on return he reported he could not find the two trucks, and that after enquiring found out they had passed through Maddalone towards Amorisi.

Just running we moved off from Caserta to return to Telese. As soon as I arrived I reported to Staff Sgt. Harrington, who [illegible]

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informed me that the other two vehicles returned the previous evening, and on one of the vehicles was a smashed case with nine pairs of Boots, Ankle missing.

As I told Staff Sgt. Harrington that there was one case smashed on said vehicle, but only one pair missing when loaded, and pointed out that I had written "One case smashed" on voucher, as well as point out same at No. 2 Sub-Depot.

I Am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

A. Dasher Capl., R. Sigs.

No. 2580367.

CMF.
26/11/44.
GW

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53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 7
24 Nov.44.

Subject: Discipline.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE.

1017 copies

1. Austin Utility W.D. No. M.5394807

1. The above vehicle driven by Lt.Paolo Pittalunga was involved in an accident on 9 Nov.44 on the Casino - Rome road.

2. Kindly inform this HQ if this vehicle is on charge to your Gp and if so what action has been taken in this matter.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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23 NOV 1944 1017

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Subject: Discipline - Traffic Accidents

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/6

21 Nov 44.

CC. 50 BLU
" 51 BLU
" 52 BLU
" 53 BLU
" 54 BLU
for DADST

Austin Utility W.D. No M: 5394807

1. Will you please advise this H.Q. whether you are able to state to whom the vehicle, particulars as above, is on charge.

2. The vehicle, driven by Lt PAOLO PITTALUNGA, was involved in an accident on 9 Nov 44 on the Casino - Rome road.

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S. P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Col. DA & QMG.
M. M. I. A.

SPA/wk

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Subject: Discipline.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 6
20 Nov.44

To:- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

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1. Ref this H.Q. letter A7 - 4 of 19 Nov. 44 and appendices attached thereto.

2. Pte Stilling and Buckley now state after having attended three identification parades that they would be unable to identify the Italian soldier who appeared to be responsible for the brawl with any certainty.

3. It therefore appears that no further assistance can be given by the this HQ in this investigation till the Italian soldier in question is found. The two British soldiers agree that the San Marco soldier present at the two identification parades today was in the line in question during the evening. This soldier is therefore the only person capable of helping in the case.

4. Kindly keep this HQ informed of any further developments.

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Lt. Col.
A.A.

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Subject :- Disarmament.

53 D.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 5
20 Nov. 44.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group MOS/OSS.

1. Herewith G&P report on an incident in which an Italian HCO was involved in Benevento, passed to you for information.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Subject :- Misc Info.

To :- H.Q. Combat Gp (Polish)
Ord

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 4
19 Nov. 44.

1. At approximately 2200 hrs on 17 Nov. an incident occurred at a wine shop in Tivoli involving two British ORs and certain Italian army personnel.

2. One of the above British ORs reported this to DAAG&Q and SORA of this HQ at approximately 2300 hrs on the same day and these officers with the British OR proceeded to the scene of the incident. On arrival they were informed by Italian Gro personnel that one British OR had been taken to the Grand Hotel.

3. The officers returned to this HQ and found Major Pallovicino, an HCO of the Carabinieri, and the second British OR waiting for them.

4. The incident was immediately investigated and a statement taken from Pte Stilling, copy attached in Appx 'A'.

5. On 18 Nov. a statement was taken from Pte Buckley, copy attached in Appx 'B'.

6. By arrangement with your HQ an identification parade was held today at which DAAG&Q and the two British ORs in question were present. The British ORs failed to identify any Italian soldiers who were involved in the incident. A further identification parade has been arranged for 0930 hrs tomorrow.

7. It is understood that the San Marco Regt may be able to produce a man this afternoon who they think was involved in the incident.

8. Pte Buckley received injuries in this incident which have turned out not to be serious. In this he was extremely fortunate for it appears that he received a bite on his arm and his head was kicked a number of times.

9. It would appear that this was an unnatural type of brawl and therefore it is requested that this matter be thoroughly investigated and this HQ kept informed of the results.

C. H. Brooke.
Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Statement by Pte. L. Stilling 7653644 A1
R.A.O.C.

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On Friday Nov. 16 at about 1900 hrs. I went with Pte. Buckley to an inn in Telese, where we drank two glasses of wine. We then left this inn & went to ~~a inn~~ another wine-shop. In this wine-shop, there were a number of Italian Soldiers (about 25 to the best of my knowledge). We sat at a table apart alone except for a young Italian boy. We ordered a bottle of wine. Pte Buckley started a conversation with four Italians standing behind me. I do not know what they were talking about. I then heard a scuffle & turned round & saw Buckley & an Italian Soldier fighting. I told Buckley to stop and tried to separate them. The fighting stopped & the landlord invited Buckley & myself into a back-room. We went into the backroom with the landlord & his family. Soon after we went back into the main room as we felt matters had quietened down. An Italian Soldier whom I think I could recognize came up to Buckley & offered to fight. Buckley refused & I took him into the backroom again. When we came out of the backroom, 3823 Pte

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behind me. I do not know what they were talking about. I then heard a scuffle & turned round & saw Buckley & our Italian soldier fighting. I told Buckley to stop and tried to separate them. The fighting stopped & the landlord invited Buckley & myself into a back-room. We went into the backroom with the landlord & his family. Soon after we went back into the main room as we felt matters had quietened down. An Italian soldier whom I think I could recognize came up to Buckley & offered to fight. Buckley refused & I took him into the backroom again. When we came out of the backroom, the same incident occurred again & was repeated later. The last time we came out, Buckley accepted the challenge & went with the Italian soldier into the backroom to fight. They started to fight, but other Italian soldiers came into the room & Buckley said "There are two of them against me" & ran out of the room. I followed him out. About ten Italian soldiers followed us. The landlord locked the front door behind us. The Italians set on Buckley & then on me. I tried to get back into the room, but failed. I then escaped & reported the incident to my unit.

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-Q Did Buckley remove his coat?

-A Yes. When he accepted the challenge to fight

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Q – Were you or Buckley the worse for drink?

A – I was not. Buckley did not give the impression of being the worse for drink

Q – Were the Italians the worse for drink?

A – Yes.

Q – Why did you not report the incident to the authorities in Telese?

A – I have only been here a few days & do not know where the Carabinieri post is or anywhere where I can find British Officers or N.C.O's except at the Grand Hotel.

Q – Could you get out of the back room without going through the main room?

A – There was another door, but it had a pole across it and the Head Cook said we could not get out that way.

L. Stilling

Taken down in my presence

W. Thomas
Major R.A.

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Q — Could you get out of the back room without going through the main room?

A — There was another door, but it had a pole across it and the Landlord said we could not get out that way.

L. Stilling

Taken down in my presence

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W. Brunt
Major RA.

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Statement by Pte J. Buckley 3530276 RAOC.

On 17 Nov. at about 1900 hrs. I went with Pte Stilling into Telese, where we entered a wine-shop and had 2 glasses of wine. We left at about 2000 hrs & were directed by Civilians to another inn, which they said was the only one in the village open. When we got to this ~~Inn~~ line, we found there were several Italian soldiers there, who appeared to be rowdy. Stilling did not wish to enter, but I persuaded him to have a drink and we sat down at a table apart. The wine was brought by the landlord's wife. I took out my wallet to pay. On top of the wallet there is photograph of a small girl (aged about ten) which the ~~French~~ woman wished to see. I showed it to her & was talking with her & a small Italian boy, about a little girl I had known at San MANGO which is a village near Sateno where I was stationed. At that moment an Italian soldier was being supported out of the inn by two other Italians. As he passed me, he said "San Marco". I said "Si" thinking he said "San MANGO" He then struck me in the face: I 3827 repaired

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Stilling did not wish to enter, but I persuaded him to have a drink and we sat down at a table apart. The wine was brought by the landlord's wife. I took out my wallet to pay. On top of the wallet there is photograph of a small girl (aged about ten) which the Italian woman wished to see. I showed it to her & was talking with her & a small Italian boy, about a little girl I had known at San MANGO which is a village near Salerno where I was stationed. At that moment an Italian Soldier was being supported out of the ship by two other Italians. As he passed me, he said "San Marco". I said "Si" thinking he said "SAN MANGO". He then struck me in the face. I prepared to box him, but Pte. Stilling separated us. We were then taken into a back room by the landlord. After a few minutes, we thought the Italian Soldier had left, so we returned to the main room to finish our drinks. The Italian Soldier was waiting for us with his friends, so we returned to the back room. This happened several times. The last time Pte. Stilling went out a two Italian sailors came in. One of them was my assailant. I took off my coat to fight, but finding both men wished to fight, I called to Pte Stilling & ran out of the room. When I got out of the

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him I went about 30 yards, but finding Stilling was not with me, I went back to find him. I was then thrown to the ground, and was manhandled by about 3 men. Other men went for Stilling. I was kicked on the head several times & bitten in the ~~right~~ left arm. I eventually escaped pursued by my assailants and reported to the first light I saw, which happened to be an Italian Officers' Mess. I was taken by an Italian Officer back to the inn to look for Stilling and my belongings jacket. I found neither. My jacket is still missing.

Q - ~~Would~~ you recognize any of the assailants?

A - Yes, those I saw in the inn.

Q - Were you drunk at the time of the incident?

A - No, far from it.

Q - Was the man concerned in the incident in the inn drunk?

A - Yes

pte J. Buckley

Taken down in my presence

H. Bruns

Major RA

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To:- Land Forces Sub Comm (MMIA)
and for infm 53 BLU

From:- MMIA LO, FOLGORE

Tps on ... of Combat Gp awaiting Court Martial

1. I attach copy of letter of this HQ regarding their personnel awaiting court martial and who must, under their present regulations, be held on the str of units.

2. At present there is long delay pending court martial and units must keep on str and attempt to train men who must later be struck off str and who are often disaffected.

3. This HQ has received an evasive reply from their higher fmn and action seems unlikely unless you intervene.

I. N. Playfair
Lt Col

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Subject:- C M Police Report

94 Sub Area
Phone 126
Pro 100
15 Nov 44

50 BLU

Cpl BELLEGRINI Guiseppe
2 Bn 'NEMBO' Regt APO 146. File

The attached C M Police report in respect of incident in which the a/m Italian NCO was involved is forwarded for information.

Capt.
DAPM.
(F. W Kohler).

T O S.....A
FAS

Forward to 52 BLU

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H.Q. COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE

1 Sez, Op. Inf. Serv.

TRANSLATION.

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16 Nov. 44.

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Subject :- Loss of Boots.

To :- 53 B.L.U. 773

Ref Q1-23 of 13 Nov. 44.

1. We forward attached copy compiled by Major Fontana of the Ordnance Stores, in relation to the loss of 8 pairs of boots, which shows that :-

(a) The boots were missed, as it has been verified, only from the two vehicles in which for the reason as shown in the attached account, in which there not placed extra Italian soldiers. The vehicles mentioned were carrying instead English personnel.

(b) There had been loaded, contrary to the wish of the Italian NCO belonging to the convoy, broken cases.

(c) The English personnel did not permit the Italian escort personnel to get on the above two mentioned lorries.

2. As regards to the above

(a) The Italian NCO has been punished for not having given express orders to the Italian soldiers to guard theloads of all the lorries.

(b) The orders given by the O.C., Ordnance Depot, have been confirmed (see attached account) about the duties of the escort.

3. We sould be grateful to know if the BLU are in agreement about the neccessity of such orders, in which case we would kindly ask them to let the English soldiers in charge of collecting clothes to know these orders.

4. As regards what was siad in the last paragraph of the sheet referred to, the O.Cs of the Ordnance Depot and S. & T. Coy have made sure, because of the sheets attached, that none of their soldiers were in possession up to yesterday, of any new footwear from an Allied source.

(Signed) G.F. Cangini.

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Deposito Mobile Materiali
(Ordnance Depot)

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Subject :- Loss of Boots.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE.

Following the verbal order of the above H.Q. the under-signed proceeded to make inquiries about the diappearance of 8 new pairs of English boots discovered in the load of 8 vehicles detailed to carry clothing and materials from the Allied Ordnance Depots of St. Giorgio a Cremona on the 12 Nov.

Following the order of the above H.Q., their were sent 8 soldiers of which one was a sergeant major resposible for the job and seven NCOs and ORs amongst them who should have been in the back of every single lorry where they could watch the loads during the return journey. These soldiers were accompanied by and English NCO and two soldiers of EKU.

During the course of a thorough investigation of the Sergeant Major GIOVANNI TIRELLA and the other soldiers sent on this job, the under-signed has been able to find out the following:-

The convoy having arrived about 10.30 at St. Giorgio a Cremona, proceeded loading the cases of boots, during which Sergeant Major TIRELLA, Corporal SMACCHIA ALESSANDRO and the soldier GAIA GIUSEPP were able to verify that the workers at Ordnance were loading with others, broken cases.

They had immediately brought notice of the fact asking the English personnel to replace the cases in a damaged condition with others perfectly sound but the reply was that it did not matterand the broken cases were to be carried just the same.

Sergeant Major TIRELLA had received the order from this H.Q. to place a man in the back of each vehicle but at the moment of departure it was noticed that this was impossible because of the large number of cases loaded in the back of several vehicles there did not remain any space for a man on guard. Sergant Major TIRELLA confesses not to have insisted that by unloading a case their would have been made space sufficient for one soldier to lodge himself in the back of every lorry where he could watch the load.

Therefore, the eight lorries set of taking on two of them only the English personnel and on others, some in the cabin and others on the back of the lorries where the loading permitted, Italian personnel.

Sergeant Major TIRELLA found himself on the last but one lorry of the convoy. When the column arrived round about Portici, the soldier GAIA, who was in the back of the lorry of the Sergeant Major TIRELLA saw that the last lorry, which had not a guard

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The two last lorries were immediately stopped to look in vain for, and catch the civilian who meanwhile had jumped down.

After about ¼ hour halt the two lorries proceeded counting on catching up with the others without indeed knowing that they had gone to refuel at Naples.

Therefore the two lorries proceeded to Telese which they reached on the evening of the same day without having seen any more of the ones who proceeded them at Portici, and had stopped the night at Caserta reaching Telese alone on the 13th.

When these last lorries were unloaded, from the cases on the two lorries on which only the English personnel had taken seats, there was discovered missing eight pairs of boots. In view of the facts discovered the under-signed thinks he can conclude:-

A responsibility existed without doubt on Sergeant Major TIRELLA who had been sent to watch over the load and to see to the discipline of the column.

...../he

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H.Q. COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE.

S. & T. Coy.

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16 Nov. 44.

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Subject :- Communications.

To :- O.C. Combat Group FOLGORE.
Chief of Staff Office. 1 Sez. Op. Inf. Serv.

In reference to your verbal request, I communicate that no soldier of the Transport Coy is in possession of new boots from an Allied source.

(Signed) Michele Stella.

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1. He did not insist enough with the English personnel for the broken cases to be substituted by unbroken ones.

2. He did not trouble, even to the extent of unloading a part of the cases in the back of the lorries, to make roon for the Italian personnel sent for guarding the loads, and that was contrary to the explicit orders received by him, and therefore, he has been punished with gg. 8 S.P.R. for the following reason 'that sent in charge of some men to guard a convoy of lorries loaded with clothing and material he did neglet his duty and did not obey the precise orders received thus causing the loss of some pairs of boots'.

The under-signed maintains that some blame must be attached to the remaining personnel and therefore also to the English soldiers of BLU that did not permit the Italian soldiers to take their places on the two lorries from which, indeed, the eight pair of boots were found to be missing.

If in future transport it is found that in the loading at the Allied Ordnance Stores that the cases or bundles are evidently damaged which could mean the loss of clothing or materials the under-signed has given the following strict orders :-

The Italian personnel will not permit the loading on lorries of cases or bundles not evidently complete or loading when the contents cannot be checked at the moment of loading.

Their will be left on the back of every lorry a place where an Italian soldier can guard the load and that - even if it means reducing the load.

In case of any insistence against these orders, by the Allied personnel, the soldiers in charge will definitely refuse to move off.

The under-signed then checked the soldiers under his charge and their boots and found that none of them were in possession of footwear from an Allied source.

(Signed) Magg. C. Fontana.

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Subject : Pilferage.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group Polonia

Sir,

SZ B.L.H.

Ref. AF - 5

15 Nov.44.

1. On 14 Nov. a convoy of vehicles went to 2 Sub Depot 937 DID Legion. Cpl. Hosker of this H.Q. accompanied the convoy to supervise the collection of Civ stores from this depot.

2. While collecting these stores in the Depot, the depot staff informed Cpl. Hosker that they suspected that a theft of stores had occurred and requested that a search of the Italian vehicles be carried out.

3. This search was carried out and the following Civ stores were found on vehicle number MD 953799 :-

Serpetch: Mixed Boots	1 pair
Boots ankle	1 pair
Boot laces	20 pairs.

4. The names of the personnel riding on this vehicle were as under :-

Pte. Fernando ZUCCO
Pte. Leopoldo SCALA
Pte. Antonio CUTRONI

5. A signed statement by Cpl. Hosker in connection with this case is attached.

6. Theft of stores is considered a most serious offence and more especially so when it is committed by personnel whose duty it is to collect stores for your Camp.

7. Kindly investigate this matter and inform this H.Q. of what action will be taken.

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Maj. C.C.L.
Comdg.

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SECRET.

Sqdn. Ldr. Flying Area No. 2 Sqd Dept. R.A.F.

To :- O.C. 5
55 British Aviation Unit.

Sir,

X. No. 2580367 Sgt. WALKER C. after checking stores on four vehicles (Nos.- L.569134, L.565729, L.562243, and L.563272.) from Unit. 67. Res. L. No. 2 Sqd depot, Martlesham engaged my patrol with a F/W. Hurricane L.B. (No. 4164191, Mk.) and found our patrol followed by one case of Brake failure, no this was immediately re-checked under Lorry. The first break was corrected (No. L.562704). but after proceeding to check the second vehicle; No. 565729 he threw out one pair of boots, S.A. (Gen), which were deliberately left amongst the stores issued, as once he jumped out of the cars and went straight to the front seat, and upon checking the position found one pair of boots, ankle, and 20 yards of hose. (Leather). which he has to keep I checked every vehicle, but found every one O.K.; therefore I took particulars of the personnel. (Italian) on the brake. (The time being 15.40 hours 14 Nov. 44), and Sgt. WALKER, also Hurricane obtained particulars to hand to his immediate superior.

When I (No. 2580367, Sgt. WALKER) returned to this H.Q., I reported same to Major Engineer, Unit, Base, and handed all particulars to him, including the names of the personnel concerned, which are :- SGT. WALKER, SERGT. HALL and SERGT. LEWIS.

Trusting the above information will prove material,

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

No. 2580367

G.H.Q.
15 Corps Adv.
Gp.

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A/G Subject: Pilfering - Looting.
Re attached:

Cpl Washer was with a convoy
to day collecting stores from No 2. Sub Depot
557. BOD. RASC. (Pontic - Uaples)
whilst there the depot staff
suspected theft of stores and
caused the convoy of Lorries to
be searched. Items listed per
attached were discovered on the
Vehicle - W.D. No. 5654799. and
the three Italians named (per
attached) were on this Vehicle.
It would seem that one (2 or 3)
Convoys were committed this theft.

This is obviously the more
far reaching when the
"custodians" of stores are
themselves dishonest.

Please inform HQ Combat Group

14.11.44.

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Subject:- Pilfering from No. 2 Sub Depot, RAOC.

To:- O.C.,
53 Brit. Liaison Unit.

Sir,

I, No. 2580367 CPL. WASHER. G., after checking stores on four vehicles (Nos:- L. 5655184, L. 5654799, L. 5653415, and L. 5653272.) from Shed. 67. Sect. 3., No. 2 Sub-Depot, PORTICA compared my totals with a PTE. WILLIAMS. C.D. (No. 4184191, RAOC.) and found our totals differed by one case of Boots ankle; so this man immediately rechecked cases loaded. The first truck was correct (No. L. 5655184), but after proceeding to check the second vehicle, No. 5654799; he threw out, one pair of Boots, D.R. (NEW)., which were definitely not amongst the stores issued, at once he jumped out of the truck and went straight to the front seat, and upon lifting the cushion found, one pair of Boots, ankle, and 20 pairs of laces. (leather.) With no time to lose I examined every vehicle, but found every one OK; therefore I took particulars of the personnel (Italian) on the truck, (The time being 1540 hrs. ~~14th~~ 14th Nov. 1944), and No. 4184191, PTE. WILLIAMS obtained particulars to hand to his immediate superior.

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When I (No. 2580367, CPL. WASHER) returned to this H.Q., I reported same to Major Tegetmier, DADOS, RAOC, and handed all particulars to him, included the names of the personnel concerned, three of which, are:- SOLDATE CBONTATI, and SOLDATE SCALI. SOLDATE TESEO

Trusting the above information, will prove useful,

I am, Sir.

Your Obedient Servant,

G.M.F.
15/11/44
GH.

G Washer Cpl
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2 Sez. Personale e Segreteria.

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13 Nov. 44.

Subject :- Motor Accident.

To :- M.M.I.A. Unit Office
at Combat Group FOLGORE.

We submitt for your information copies of the relevant documents regarding a motor accident between a 'Regis Esercito' lorry and an Allied ambulance showing the enquiries for determining the facts and attaching the blame is all now in progress.

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(Signed) G.F. Cangini.

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Copy.

TRANSLATION.

Phonogram delivered by hand.

From :- O.C. Coy. Transport.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE.

2454 di prot

10 Nov. 44.

Lt. Rosati Giacomo of 2nd Arty Group FOLGORE communicated today that on 4 Nov. a lorry taking part in a convoy under his command had collided with a English ambulance - as a result of the accident the driver of the ambulance died - I consider it my duty :-

to send detailed report on the accident, not yet fully told by the officer, and if really necessary I will have him sent back to this H.Q.

to take disciplinary action against the officer himself for the delay in communicating the accident.

(Signed) F/to Ten. Col. Stella

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Copy.

S. & T. Coy.

2454 di prot. 12 Nov. 44.

Subject :- Motor Accident.
(Following phonogram of same No. dtd 10 Nov. 44)

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE.
(Office of the Chief of Staff - 1 Sec Op Inf Serv.)

Appendix No. 2.

I submit the complete report of Lt. Rosati Giacomo of the 2nd Group Artillery Regt FOLGORE on the automobile accident of 4 Nov. between a vehicle belonging to the convoy in charge of the above mentioned officer and an English ambulance.

As regards the delay in communicating the accident the officer declares in his report that he made a verbal communication when he returned to the 2nd in Command of the Transport Coy, Capt. Cevenini Bruno. The latter asserted that from information given him by the officer on his return he thought he was referring to a minor accident in the convoy, and something that only interested the unit.

(Signed) IL TEN. COLONNELLO,
Comandante
F/to Michele Stella.

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TRANSLATION

Copy.

Subject :- Automobile Accident. 8 Nov. 44.

To :- O.C., S & T Coy FOLGORE.

For inf. H.Q. 4 Combat Group Artillery FOLGORE. LL. SS.

On the day of 4 Nov. 44 I was ordered as the commander of a convoy of lorries detailed to collect clothes from the English Ordnance Depots situated in Naples.

Whilst I was making my way with the convoy along SS. 'Sannitica' Naples - Caserta, at the place where three roads, Naples - Caserta - Casoria meet the lorry SPA. Dovunque 35, driven by Corporal REDIGHIERI Costante di Guglielmo, class 1914 of the military district of Mantova and belonging to the 4th Artillery Group FOLGORE collided with an English ambulance.

I found myself at the head of the convoy of 8 lorries with a control almost non-existent because of the absence of a motor cyclist and other traffic of several lorries.

I stopped at Caserta to wait for all the lorries since on the stretch Naples - Caserta it is forbidden to halt convoys; two lorries were missing, the last and last but one of the convoy.

After about 30 mins the last vehicle arrived and told me of the accident.

I immediately returned in a vehicle to the place and hardly did I arrive there when I set about finding eye-witnesses of the accident. That had been impossible fro every civilian found at the place had only vague information.

At 15 hrs on 4 Nov. 44, whilst the lorry SPA Dovunque 35 was going along in convoy on the Naples - Caserta road, at the junction of the three roads Naples - Caserta - Casoria the traffic policeman gave the indication that the road was clear for the lorry going along Naples - Caserta road and at the same time an English ambulance was cutting across the road Caserta - Casoria which had been signalled as clear to the Dovunque.

The ambulance crashed into the lorry Dovunque, the driver of the ambulance was tossed out of his cab and run over by the lorry Dovunque.

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On the ambulance besides the driver who was killed were 4 other English soldiers that reported slight injuries.

The ambulance was damaged and to clear the road was towed away in charge of the Allied police.

The driver of the lorry Dovunque reported slight injury to the right arm and the breakage of two ports of the radiator of his lorry.

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Attached is the declaration of the driver, Corporal Redighieri Costante. It has not been possible to have drawn up a declaration by the traffic policeman and witnesses because the former aws immediately taken off point duty by the Allied police and the witnesses were gone on in order to overtake the head of the convoy.

Hardly had I returned to the unit (5 Nov.44.) when I gave verbal notice of the accident to the 2nd in Command of the S & T Coy. FOLGORE.

(Signed) F/to s.ten Rosati Giacomo.

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Copy. TRANSLATION.

H.Q. COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE

S & T Company

H.Q. 3rd Transport Platoon.

Statement.

Corporal REDIGHIERI Costante di Guglielmo, born in Dosolo (Mantova) the 19 Oct 24. in the district of Mantova, on the strength of the 4th Artillery Group FOLGORE.

I was making my way in convoy along the Naples - Caserta road when at the junction of the three roads Naples - Caserta - Casoria the traffic policeman gave me the indication that the road Naples - Caserta was clear.

I immediately saw that an English ambulance was cutting across my path going along the Caserta - Casoria raod.

I breaked abruptly and immediately the vehicle stopped because of the slow speed at which I was going, but the ambulance did not manage to stop and collided against the left side of the back of the lorry.

The driver was thrown out of his cab and his head was hit by the back left wheel of my lorry remaining entangled there.

The driver of the ambulance was killed and other soldiers in the amoulance reported slight injuries.

Telese. 5 Nov. 44. (Signed) F/to Corporal REDIGHIERI Costante

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H.Q. COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE. 13 NOV. 1944

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NOT TO 53 BLO

Subject :- Soldiers Travelling in M.T.

To :- O.C., Provost Sections. 314, 319.

Further to 1928/S.M. of 4 Nov.

You are asked to impart precise orders to the traffic posts, when checking transport passing by they must ascertain that all soldiers on the vehicles themselves - travel on duty, in which case the reason will be on the work ticket - they are furnished with a special pass signed by the Bn, Gp or unit O.C.

All soldiers that do not possess the above signed documents will [illegible] to get off the vehicles and sent back to their units. Any suspicous persons will be held by the sections till their case is confirmed.

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Copy to 53 B..U. (2006/S.M.) (Signed) G.F. Congini.

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Subject : Collection of Ord stores.

53 B.L.U.

Ref. 91 - 23

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOGGIA.

13 Nov. 44

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Ord.

1. On 12 Nov. eight 3 ton vehicles went to the Ord Depots in the Naples area to collect new boots for the Combat Group.

2. Ord this HQ arranged with your Ord Fd Pk that sufficient Italian personnel would be provided to allow one man to ride in the back of each lorry - the lorries being driven by your 6 & 7 Coy personnel.

3. The above arrangement was carried out and it was clearly understood between Lieut this HQ and Major Fontana that the Italian Ord personnel provided would return riding in the back of the lorries to guard the stores.

4. By A.M. 15 Nov all of those lorries had returned and when checking the stores signed for at the Ord Depots against those received at the Br Ord Depot TELESE the following deficiency was found :-

8 pairs of boots

5. On previous convoys pullovers, socks and shirts have been missing when the convoy arrived in this area.

6. As every single item of clothing issued to your Gp has to be accounted for these losses will mean that certain of your personnel are not equipped with British clothing.

7. The loss of boots referred to above must be investigated immediately and kindly inform this H.Q. of the result. For your information no one of the Ord Fd Pk or of the Supply and Tpt Coy should be in possession of new British issue boots at present.

C. A. Brooks.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

12 NOV 1944 747

Register No.

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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FROM (X) Originator: 6 S.A. ARMD. DIV. RES. SAM C. Coy. | Date-Time of Origin: 11 11.30 A

For Action

TO: O/C 53 BRIT. LIASON UNIT

(W) For Information (INFO)

OFFICE DATE STAMP

Room 1 Hdqrs
Sgt to be arranged

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No. MED-27. WITH REFERENCE FATAL ACCIDENT ITALIAN MILITARY VEHICLE NO ETO 12464 7 SPA 3 TON ON 4 NOV KINDLY HOLD DRIVER REDICHIERE CONSTANTINO 4 GRUPPO FOLGRE FACCHIO FOR COURT OF INQUIRY WHOM WILL 3810 YOUR UNIT AT 10.00 HRS ON 15 NOV END

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT / WIRELESS)	IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER	ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY
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File 1471A

Subject: Traffic Accident on

To whom it may concern.

12 Nov 1944

Sir,

I was travelling on duty in the passenging seat of the rear vehicle of a convoy of stores for the Lol-gore Division, ~~Travelling~~ along the Naples - Caserta road. As the vehicle in front of mine was passing a right-fork turning, an ambulance travelling in the opposite direction, turned inwards with the apparent intention of taking the fork road. This caused the front of the ambulance to strike the front left-hand mudguard of the Italian vehicle. The Italian vehicle moved onwards for a few feet, swinging the front of the ambulance round.

I did not see the policeman on duty give his signals, nor did I see the ambulance driv-er fall out of his vehicle, but on approaching the scene found him lying with his head bet-ween the two left-hand back wheels of the Italian vehicle.

14654345 Signalman Scaffham. B.
53 British liaison Unit.
C. M. F.

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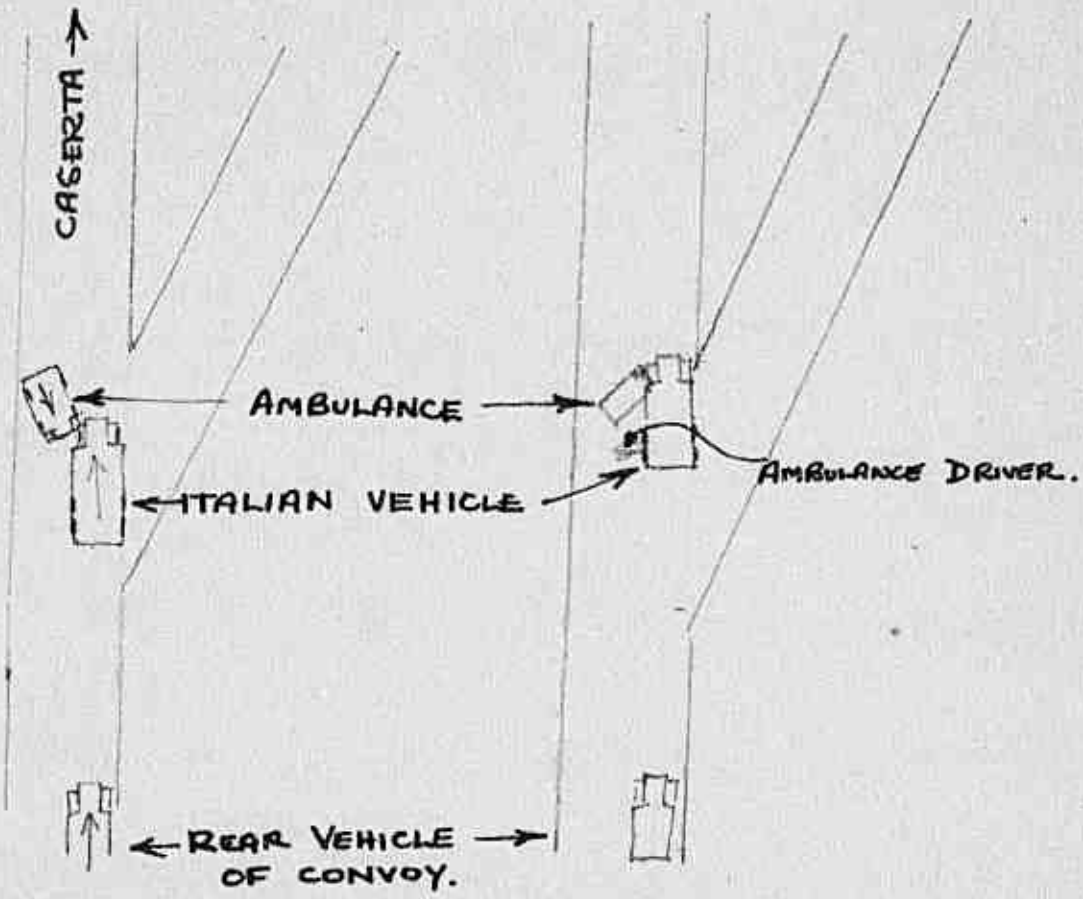

① POSITION AT MOMENT OF COLLISION

② FINAL POSITION.

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To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

8 Nov. 44

1. It is noticed that it is common practice in your Combat Group to remove silencers off all motor tpt including motor cycles and for all drivers to make as much noise as possible even outside Hqs.

2. This is contrary to British orders and practice and in anticipation of this Group being equipped with British tpt and being employed under British fmns it is suggested that the following orders be issued by your Hq :-

(a) The silencing system of vehicles will not be altered in any way nor will any parts of it be removed.
(b) Motor cyclists and DRs will dismount and park their vehicles in the DR park provided which will be at a reasonable distance from the Hq.

3. If no DR park can be provided then DRs should dismount at a reasonable distance from the Hq and wheel their vehicles to it.

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To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

1. Ref your H.Q. letter 223/Secr. of 30 Oct. 44.

2. This matter is being investigated and this H.Q. is attempting to identify the two British soldiers in question. Any further information your H.Q. can give on this case will be welcomed as some difficulty is being experienced in identifying the men involved.

3. If in the future any breaches of discipline occur involving British troops, it will be greatly appreciated if you will bring the matter to our notice as you have done in this case.

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Subject: Communication

To 53 B.A.V.

I submit a copy report from the G.H.Q of this group asking what measures the G.H.Q are to take in respect of this case.

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Subject-

SECRET

~~For your~~ distinct knowledge

Re ~~bring~~ to your notice that we were informed that today at about 20 hrs. Capt Boscaro Franco & two English soldiers came to this command complaining of the theft of an overcoat which they said they had left on a jeep that was parked in front of our transport company.

From careful investigations we found out the following:

— The two English soldiers that claimed the theft, after leaving the jeep before the transport company, entered in the hut to day 3,804, ...

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From careful investigations we found out the following:

— The two English soldiers that claimed the theft, after leaving the jeep before the transport company, entered in the hut to dry themselves, leaving the overcoat on [illegible] 380½

When they came and discovered the coat was missing, they did not remember where they had left it and began to claim the theft

A search was immediately carried out by an officer of the coy in the area, that came across the ward it had been left and it was returned immediately

The inconvenience caused was solely due to the drunkenness of the 2 English soldiers

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