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Discipline

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may 24, 1945 - nov. 14, 1945

Subject: Trial of Italian Soldier

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A 267

14 Nov. 45

To : MMIA LO
c/o 54 Area, CMF

223
15 NOV 1945

Reference your LO/6/AQ dated 8 Nov 45 and attached copy letter.

1. We can find no trace in our files of the letter referred to by 54 Area in their s/m copy letter.
2. It is suggested you ask 54 Area for further details so that the matter may be traced.

JACP/er

JACP/er
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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2201
SUBJECT: Trial of Italian Soldier.

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17 NOV 1945

H.Q. Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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Ref. this H.Q. letter of even number dated 7 Nov 45.

Please delete heading "13905610 Spr. TAVE R." and
insert "Sgt. Wagg. LITIZIA".

G.M.F.
15 Nov 45
MTH/PT.

W. H. H. H. H.

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Lt.-Col.
A.C. & Q.M.G., 54 Area.

Copy to: Liaison Offr.
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. *Bair*

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI (IX)
UFFICIO Pers.-Sez.Disc.-

Prot. N. 4872/Disc.

Bari, 9 novembre 1945

Risposta al foglio del

N.

Allegati N.

OGGETTO: Tentato furto di oggetti di pertinenza
alleata da parte di militari italiani.-

Attempted theft by Italian soldiers

Al COMANDO DEPOSITO C.R.E.M.

c. p. c. : To: NAVY

TARANTO

ALLA M.M.I.A. Liaison Office-54 Area-
(rif. f. 10/6/Aq del 22.10.o.a.)

BARI

Si trasmette rapporto della Polizia Militare
Inglese a carico di militari italiani, per com-
petenza e con preghiera di dirette notizie allo
Ente cui la presente è diretta per conoscenza.-

13 NOV 1945

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. V. Petitti)

Ref. 10/6/Aq dtd 22 oct 45,
Attached please find English
Military Police report against
Italian soldiers
Please notify MMIA LO Bari
what action has been taken.

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C-O-P-Y

Subject:- Attempted theft by Italian Train Guard;

28 B.S.D., R.A.S.C.
Ref. No. 370/408
18 Oct. 45.

MMIA (L.O.)

52 Area.

1. At approximately 2200 hrs on the 17 Oct 45, it was reported to me by the N.C.O.i/c Polish Guard that 6 x 36 cases of Preserved Meat had been secreted by the Italian Guard, specially detailed to escort loadings to the Italian Navy, Taranto, on 17 Oct 45, on one of the wagons loaded to Italian Navy during the day.
2. I proceeded to the wagon in question, No. 300254, and on the way to the wagon the Polish N.C.O. i/c Guard indicated a further two cases of Preserved Meat which had apparently fallen off the Railway Wagon during shunting.
3. The Polish N.C.O. ~~xxx~~ stated that the cases in question were secreted along the girders which are underneath the main body of the wagon and form the chassis of the truck.
4. Since I had no interpreter available I was unable to interrogate the Italian Guard but I took the names and numbers of all concerned. They are as follows:-

N.C.O.i/c: SPB/30413 MIRABELLO. M.
V/924.MOTP.22352. MONFORTE. G.
137129/24. PERGOLLA. R.
24/69995. OLIVIERE. B.
131113/22. PYUANELLI.
86538/22. PAPALEGG.
95566/22. PECCI. G.
72732/24. RUCA.
5. On the same truck, i.e., 300254, there was a valise belonging to PYUANELLI. I searched this and found it to contain 1 x 18 lbs case Preserved Meat and 1 x 48 lbs case M & V.
6. All stores referred to above were identified as being the property of the British Government.
7. After taking names and numbers I allowed the Italian Guard to proceed.
8. Will you please, therefore, take this matter up with the Italian authorities - all the men appear to have been detailed by the Deposit C.R.E.M., TARANTO - and let me know what action has been taken against all concerned.

(Sgd) C.W. SHORTLAND

Major. R.A.S.C.

Copy to:- HQ 22 CRASC(S.O.) Commanding 28 Base Supply Depot, R.A.S.C.

224
SUBJECT:- Attempted theft by Italian Train Guard.

M.M.I.A. (LO) ✓
52 Area.

218
28 BSD., RASC., CMF.
Ref No. STC/408
7 November 1945.

Reference my STC/408 dated 18 Oct 45.

May this office be advised of what action has been
taken, or of any inquiries pending, referring to this matter.

9 NOV 1945

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Curran

Major, R.A.S.C.
Commanding 28 Base Supply Depot, R.A.S.C.

WC

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Tel: Bari, 13869

Subject:- Trial of Italian soldier

MMIA Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.,
C/o 54 Area C.M.F.

✓ LO/6/AQ

8 November 1945

HQ LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.,
(M.M.I.A)

1. Attached letter, reference 3948/A dated 7 Nov.45,
has been received in this office from AA & QMG 54 Area.
2. No trace can be found in our files of the soldier
or letter mentioned, so that it is forwarded to you for
such action and information as you may be able to afford.

JAMMS
Capt. R.A.S.C.,
MMIA LO., Eastern Italy

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Copy to:-
AA & QMG 54 Area

ELMM/ac

LO/6/AR

222

SUBJECT: Trial - Italians.3948/A.Liaison Offr. Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

8 NOV 1945

13905610 Spr. TAVE. R.

(NT)

Ref. your letter 6163/Q dated 23 March 45.

May this H.Q. please be informed of the result of
the trial of the above named Italian soldier.

LK Hamilton

Major

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C.M.F.
Nov 45
MTH/FP.Lt.-Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G., 54 Area.Copy to: GHQ 2nd Echelon (your letter 02E/42697/DP
dated 19 Oct refers).

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Tel: Bari 13869

Subject:- Discipline

219
MMIA Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.,
C/o 54 Area C.M.F.

File
LO/6/AQ

22 October 1945

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1. The attached statement, ref: STC/408 dated 18 Oct 45, concerning the attempted theft by Italian Train Guards, has been received from O.C. 28 BSD, RASC, BRINDISI.
 2. Please investigate immediately to what unit the soldiers named belong, and inform this office not later than 31 October, what disciplinary action has been taken against those concerned. *See reply at 221*
 3. It is pointed out, that in view of the serious nature of this case, strong disciplinary action is urged against the offenders, in order to prevent incidents of a similar nature in the future.

J.M.M.
Capt. R.A.S.C.
for Senior LO
Eastern Italy

Copy to: AFM 52 Area (for information)
HQ 22 CRASC (Sup.Units)
O.C. 28 BSD
HQ MMIA
Regia Marina, TARANTO (for action where necessary)

See also 224
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SUBJECT: Attempted theft by Italian Train Guard.

INIA (L.O.)
52 Area. ✓

(217)
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18. Oct. 45.

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See 219

Bartholomew

FJH.

Major, R.A.S.G.
Commanding, 28 Base Supply Depot, R.A.S.G.

Copy to:- H.Q. 22 C.R.A.S.G. (S.U.)

21 OCT 1945

F O N O G R A M M A A M A N O

DA COMILITER DIRA
AT M.M.I.A. LO/54

= B A R I =

N°4215/DIRA DATATO 18 OTTOBRE 1945 ALT PER DOVEROSA INFORMAZIONE
COMUNICASI CHE IERI AT ORE 18 CIRCA AUTIERE RUSSO COSTABILE CLASSE
1923 EFFETTIVO 9° RIPARAUTO ET IN SERVIZIO DI SENTINELLA AT PARCO
AUTOGUASTI VICINIORE TORRE QUETTA HABET FERITO CON COLPO MOSCHETTO
MILITARE DI COLORE APPARTENENTE ESERCITO INGLESE ALT SENTINELLA EST
STATA TRATTA IN ARRESTO DA POLIZIA AMERICANA CHE SVOLGE INCHIESTA ALT
FERIMENTO AVVENUTO FUORI RECINTO ALT SEGUE REGOLARE RAPPORTO ALT
GUERRAMOTORI ET PRESIDIO MILES GIA' INFORMATI ALT

COMILITER DIRA = Ten.Col. BONUTI



[Handwritten signature]

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LO/6/110 216

SUBJECT :- Disposal of monies confiscated
through BARI Military Tribunal
(Capt TORTELLI)

LO LAND FORCES SUB COMM
AC (MMIA) 3 DISTRICT
Baseball 2
Ref 3DLO/3

24 Sep 45

LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MMIA) ROME

Copy to :- HQ 227 DIV
MMIA LO o/o 54 AREA

Further to this office letter 3DLO/3 dated
14 Jul 45.

Information has been received that the trial
of Capt TORTELLI by BARI Military Tribunal opens
30 Sep 45.

GPH/ell

Internal
ILO (227 DIV)

Conrad

Maj
MMIA LO

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Bel: BARI 11458

Subject: Discipline

Lil 215

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm, AG
(MMIA) c/o 54 Area

Ref: 10/6/AQ
20 Sept 45

To : Navy Sub Comm., A.C.

1. Attached hereto is a report from the 510 Provost
Coy CMP concerning a member of the 2nd Coy Bn A Bafilo Italian
Marines.

2. Forwarded for your information.

214
Leverett C. Hamilton, Capt
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

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Copy to: 510 Pro.Coy CMP-year 510/PRO/SEPT/1804 dated 16 Sept
refers.

SUBJECT: - Discipline (Italian Marine)

Lo/6/AQ

HQ 54 Area CMC
APM/23/No. 143
Tel. 14121
18 Sep 45

214

TO:- MMIA L.O.
HQ 54 Area

The attached Military Police report dated 16 Sep 45
submitted by 510 Provost Coy is forwarded for your information.

EM



B. Allen Major
Assistant Provost Marshal
(B. O. ALLEN)

See 215

R E P O R T

510/PRO/SEPT/ 1804

TO

: THE OFFICER COMMANDING
510 PROVOST COY
C.M. POLICE

Sir,

I have to report that on the GIOVINAZZO-S. SPIRITO road +On the 12th Sept 45 about 2130 hrs I was returning to BARI from duty at MOLETTA in my Jeep accompanied by: -

3248933 L/CPL FLANNIGAN R.
C.M. Police

and TECAME LUIGI Questura Agent. I was closely following the Jeep driven by 7691157 L/CPL HAINES F. C.M. Police who was accompanied by 5624166 L/CPL STANSFIELD C.M. Police and GIOFFI Carmine Questura Agent.

Suddenly I saw in the glare of the headlights a man in K.D. clothing who was straddling a stationary motor/cycle that was facing towards us at an oblique angle, in the left centre of the road.

I saw that he had a pistol in his hand and was pointing it in the direction of the Jeep driven by L/CPL HAINES who by this time was pulling up towards the side of the road.

I immediately stopped behind the other jeep and alighted. I walked up to the man on the m/cycle accompanied by the rest of my party. He had then tucked the pistol in his belt.

On reaching the man I immediately disarmed him and saw the pistol to be an automatic BERETTA No. 548007. I took out the clip and found it to contain 6 rds and on examining the weapon I found another round in the breach, also in his pocket was a spare clip containing 7 rounds.

I arrested him and conveyed him to the 510 Provost Coy HQ where he was interrogated. I checked his particulars from his identity card and his AFB 3518 (Work Ticket) which are: -

CANNORI ROSSI GIORGIO
2nd Coy Bn A Bafile
Italian Marines

His AFB 3518 had not been signed since the 4th Sept 1945. He stated that he had been on convoy duty and was returning to his Unit at TRANI and due to trouble with his back tyre, which was flat, he had been left behind.

He also stated that the reason for drawing his pistol was because he was angry at the oncoming traffic because of their glaring headlights.

On being questioned about the pistol he said he had bought it off an American. On the 13th Sept 45 several attempts to contact his unit by telephone were made, to arrange for an attempt to contact

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and EUGENE LUIGI Questura Agent. I was closely following the Jeep driven by 7691157 L/CPL HAINES F. C.M. Police who was accompanied by 5624166 L/CPL STANSFIELD C.M. Police and GIORGI Carmine Questura Agent.

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On the 14th Sept 45 I detailed L/CPL HAINES and L/C STANSFIELD accompanied by an interpreter to convey the prisoner to his Unit at TRANI and hand him over on receipt to an officer of that unit, to be placed in close arrest. Also to arrange for someone to collect the m/cycle TRIUMPH No. 4853645 which I had impounded at 510 Provost Coy HQ.

Statements of L/CPL HAINES, and ROSSI GIORGIO also body receipt pistol receipt and vehicle receipt are attached to this report.

CMF
15 Sept 45

E. H. Leach
2191675 E.A. LEACH CEF
510 Pro Coy C.M.F.

R E P O R T

510/PRO/SEPT/

TO : THE OFFICER COMMANDING
510 PROVOST COY
C.M. POLICE

Sir,

I have to report that at about 2130 hrs on the 12th Sept 45
I was on duty on the Giovinazzo San Spirito road accompanied by: -

5624166 L/C J. STANSFIELD
C.M. Police

and Carmine Cioffi Questura Agent travelling in the direction of S. SPI-
RITO closely followed by a Jeep driven by Cpl. E. LEACH C.M. Police where
at a point approx. 1 mile south of GIOVINAZZO I noticed a stationary
m/cycle standing diagonally across the road.

As I approached the m/cyclist I noticed he was pointing a
pistol in the direction of my vehicle. I pulled to the side of the
road and stopped the motor cyclist then approached me putting the pistol
into his belt.

Cpl. E. LEACH who had apparently noticed the incident stopped
his vehicle approached the cyclist and took the pistol from him with the
aid of the rest of the party he was arrested and conducted to the 510
Provost Coy C.M. Police HQ. to await an escort to his unit. Upon being
questioned he gave his particulars as: -

ROSSI GIORGIO
2 A Coy Rafale
Italian Navy

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On the 14th Sept 45 about 1500 hrs I was instructed to escort
the a/m sailor back to his unit on proceeding to his camp I saw Lt. NATA-
LIERI MINNO an officer from the sailor's Unit who I handed him over to
on receipt.

CMF
15-9-45
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F. Haines
7691157 R. HAINES I/CPL.
510 Provost Coy C.M. Police

STATEMENT OF

ROSSI GIORGIO
2 Gp Fucilieri Btg A. RAFFLE
Regt. R. MARCO TRANI

On Sept. the 12th 1945 about 2130 hrs I was driving my m/Cycle Triumph No. 4853645 from MONTE SCAGLIOSO+ towards TRANI escorting three British trucks Bedford 3 tonners which empty had to reach TRANI. About a 20 kims before Bari the tyre on my back had burst which forced me to stop and to walk towards TRANI.

Just before GIOVINAZZO always walking with the m/cycle in movement, a civilian car approached dazzling me with the strong beam of its fully lights, when passing by.

Already angry about the lot what had happened, I met later another car which did not understand my signals to switch up its lights which took off my sight.

Because the car kept on fully shining at me I took my pistol out to ~~gi~~ frighten them, keeping the m/cycle in direction from the right towards the left hand side of the road.

The car stopped and four British Policemen with two civilians jumped to me, of whom one took my pistol up, beating me.

They put then the m/cycle and me into their car and took me up to their HQs.

The pistol was Italian make which I had about four month ago at BOLZANO received from an American soldier, paying Lire 1500. This name and camp I am not able to mention because I do not know him.

I hereby certify that to the best of my ability and belief this is a true and correct translation.

ROSSI GIORGIO

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LIRO FUCHS
OFF. INTERP
C.M. POLICE

TO

: THE OFFICER COMMANDING
510 PROVOST COY
C.M. POLICE

MINTESCAGLIOSO
15 Sept 45

1804

Sir,

As the Public Order Service which I have with my Company does not allow me to come personally, I pray your Command as from an agreement between a Corporal of yours and me, to hand over :

MARO' ROSSI GIORGIO's

Motor cycle and pistol to : -

Guardiamarina MATTIROLO FRANCO

Also I communicate that the a/m soldier was already absent since the 12th Inst. and will be reported to the Tribunale Militare Marittimo (Naval Military Court Marshall) of TARANTO for committed offences.

MARO' ROSSI GIORGIO is actually in colse arrest at Regt. S.MARCO of TRANI.

The Officer Commanding
Lt. NATALINI MIMMO

I hereby certify that to the best of my belief and ability this is a true and correct translation.

MIRO A. PEZZETTA
Off. Inter.
510 PRO COY C.M.P.

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PROCURA MILITARE DEL RE
PRESSO IL
Tribunale Militare Territoriale di Guerra
B A R I

Prot. N. 13698/44 Allegati

Bari, addì 31 agosto 1945

ALL LIAISON OFFICER

LAM FORCES SUB COMMISS. A/C
c/o H2 54th AREA

B A R I

Risposta al foglio del

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO: Segnalazione.-

Information.

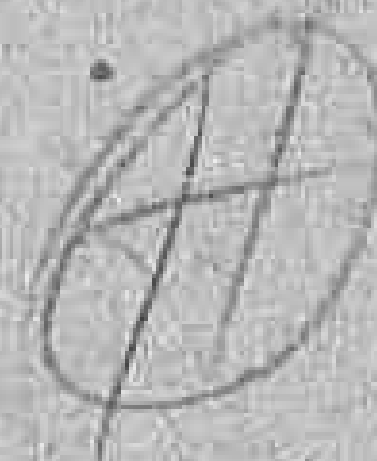
Riferimento al mio foglio n. 551/P di prot. del 19
luglio c.a. comunico che la celebrazione del dibattimento a carico del sergente maggiore LETIZIA Giovanni è stata fissata per lunedì 3 settembre.-

Ref. my letter 551/P
dated 19 July 45.

I inform you that the
celebration of the trial
against Sergeant LETIZIA
GIOVANNI has been fixed
on Monday 3 Sept. 45.

IL PROCURATORE MILITARE DEL REGNO
-Col. GM. Giovanni GRILLI-

Grilli



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5 - SEP 1945

SUBJECT:- Traffic Accident

HQ 54 Area CMF
AFM/2C/No. 980
Tel. 14121
18 Aug 45

TO:- Officer i/c
E.F.I. RASC

MMIA
HQ 54 Area

The attached Military Police Report dated 15
Aug 45, submitted by 510 Provost Coy is forwarded for your
information.

EM



at Denton Capt
DAPM
for Major
Assistant Provost Marshal
(Absent on Duty)
(H.R. DENTON)

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No action
necessary
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ACCIDENT REPORT.

TO:-

: THE OFFICER COMMANDING :
510 PROVOST COMPANY.
O.M.POLICE.

Sir,

I have to REPORT that at BARI on 15th. August 1945, at about 1030 hours, I was on duty at MILITARY POLICE H.Q. where I saw No. 6922365 Driver E.BAYLISS, E.F.I. Royal Army Service Corps, and No. 2033403 Corporal J.BROWN. MILITARY MISSION. ITALIAN ARMY Attached.H.Q.54 ARMA, both of whom had been concerned in an ACCIDENT.

It appears that at about 0830 hours on the 15th. August 1945 the above mentioned.

No 6922365 Driver E.Bayliss.
E.F.I. R.A.S.C.

was the Driver of a DODGE 3 Ton Truck No. 5653173 with an ITALIAN CIVILIAN ANACLETIO ALBERIO in the Cab of the Vehicle (this Civilian is employed by E.F.I) and Driver Bayliss was proceeding on duty and just leaving the H.Q.A.F.I. Garage VIA FRANCESCO CRISPI, when he observed a DODGE AND CASEI on his right hand side, and

No 2033403 Corporal J. Brown,
Military Mission Italian Army.
attached 54 Area. H.Q.

who was proceeding on W.D.Cycle Triumph No. 5425693 in an Easterly direction on VIA FRANCESCO CRISPI towards BARI, when a Collision occurred and the W.D. Cycle struck the Front Bumper of the DODGE TRUCK.

I obtained Statements from both the above mentioned Drivers of the W.D. Vehicles, and the Italian Civilian witness. Anacleto Alberto of No 2 Via Valdicco Bari.

There were no persons injured in the accident.

Damage to Vehicles concerned is as follows.

W.D.Motor Cycle. No. 5425693. TRIUMPH:-

Right Handlebar slightly bent.
Head Lamp Damaged.

W.D. Dodge 3 Ton Truck. No. 5653173. Damage Nil.

I examined the Documents of both Drivers and found same to be in order.

The Road where the accident occurred is a Second Class Road, surface moderate.

Statements obtained and a SKETCH MAP compiled from Evidence is

Corporal J. Brown, Military Police, both of whom had been concerned in an accident.

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No 6928365 Driver S. Bayliss.
E.F.I. R.A.S.C.

was the Driver of a DODGE 3 Ton Truck No. 5663173 with an Italian Civilian ANACLETIO ALBERTO in the cab of the vehicle (this civilian is employed by E.F.I.) and Driver Bayliss was proceeding on duty and just leaving the E.F.I. Garage VIA FRANCESCO CRISPI, when he observed a FORCE and came on his right hand side. and

No 2068465 Corporal J. Brown,
Military Mission Italian Army,
attached 54 Area. U.C.

who was proceeding on W.D. Cycle Triumph No. 5425693 in an Easterly direction on VIA FRANCESCO CRISPI towards BARI, when a collision occurred and the W.D. Cycle struck the front bumper of the DODGE TRUCK.

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BARI. August. 1945.

C. Sullivan
7891076. A. Sullivan. L/Col.
610 Provost Company. C.M. Police.

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STATEMENT MADE BY:

No 2008463 Corporal J. Brown,
Military Mission Italian Army,
Attached H.Q. 54 Area.

At BARI on 15th. AUGUST 1945 at about 0830 hours, I was on duty being the DRIVER of TRIUMPH Motor Cycle No 5425895. I was travelling down VIA FRANCESCO CRISPI BARI at approximately 10.M.P.H. when I saw a LORRY coming out of the R.F.I (M.A.A.P.I.) Car Park, according to the DRIVER of the TRUCK he saw me 50 yards away, he stopped and then as I was passing him, he advanced approximately 2 (two) yards.. I swerved to the left to miss him but as he advanced I grazed his FRONT BUMPER, and the MOTOR CYCLE fell over. I was not injured but the Motor Cycle in falling distorted the HANDLERS, damaged the HEAD LAMP and Speedometer.

Bari.
15th. August 1945.

Signed. J.Brown. Corporal.

I have read over the above Statement and it is true and correct.

Bari
15th. August 1945.

Signed. J.Brown. Corporal. 629

STATEMENT MADE BY:-

No. 8322386. Driver E.BAYLISS.
R.F.I. Royal Army Service Corps.

At BARI on 15th. August 1945 at about 0830 hours I was on duty being the DRIVER of DODGE 3 TON TRUCK No. 5655176. I was proceeding out of the R.F.I. CAR PARK VIA FRANCESCO CRISPI BARI at about 5 M.P.H. when I observed a HORSE AND CAR coming down on my right hand side, and a Motor Cyclist on my left hand side coming towards me. I applied my BRAKES and stopped when the MOTOR CYCLIST came in front of my Machine so swerved as he caught my FRONT BUMPER and fell off his Machine,

Bari.
15th. August 1945.

Signed E.BAYLISS.

I have read over the above Statement and it is true and correct.

Bari.
15th. August. 1945.

Signed. E.BAYLISS.

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Verbele del:-

Bari. 15th. August 1945.

ANACLERIO ALBERTO FU GAETANO.

27 ANNI. Meccanico impiegato presso,
N.A.A.F.I. Transport. abitante. Bari.
Via Valdoco. 2.

Stamattina 15 Agosto 1945 verso le ore 0830 io mi trovai nella Cabina d'una macchina Inglese della N.A.A.F.I. guidata dall'autista inglese BAYLISS della N.A.A.F.I. Arrivato all'uscita del cancello del Garaggio in Via Francesco Crispi. ad una distanza di circa 30 metri in fronte di noi una motocicletta Inglese passava la Strada Francesco Crispi verso il Giardino San Francesco ad una velocità di circa quaranta chilometri. Visto la nostra Macchina riscire dal Garaggio il motociclista ha cercato di rallentare la sua velocità, ma non è riuscito a per evitare l'urto ci è buttato sulla terra e la macchina nostra poteva salvo andare avanti.

Signed. ANACLERIO ALBERTO.

Statement of:-

Anaclerio Alberto fu Gaetano,
age 27 years Mechanician. Employed for
N.A.A.F.I. Transport. Living at:-
Bari No 2. Via Valdocco.

Bari. 15th. August 1945.

This morning August 15th. 1945 at about 0830 hours I was in the Cab of a British N.A.A.F.I. Truck, driven by the British Driver BAYLISS of N.A.A.F.I. arrived at the exit of the Gate from the Garage in VIA FRANCESCO CRISPI. I saw at a distance of about 30 metres a British Motor Cycle, which in front of us and a speed of about forty kilometres ran down the Francesco Crispi Street, in direction of San Francesco Garden. Seeing our Truck leaving the Garage the Motor Cyclist tried to slacken down his speed in which he did not succeed. In order to avoid a Collision the Motor Cyclist fell to the Ground bringing the Motor Cycle over with him, thus allowing the Truck to continue forward.

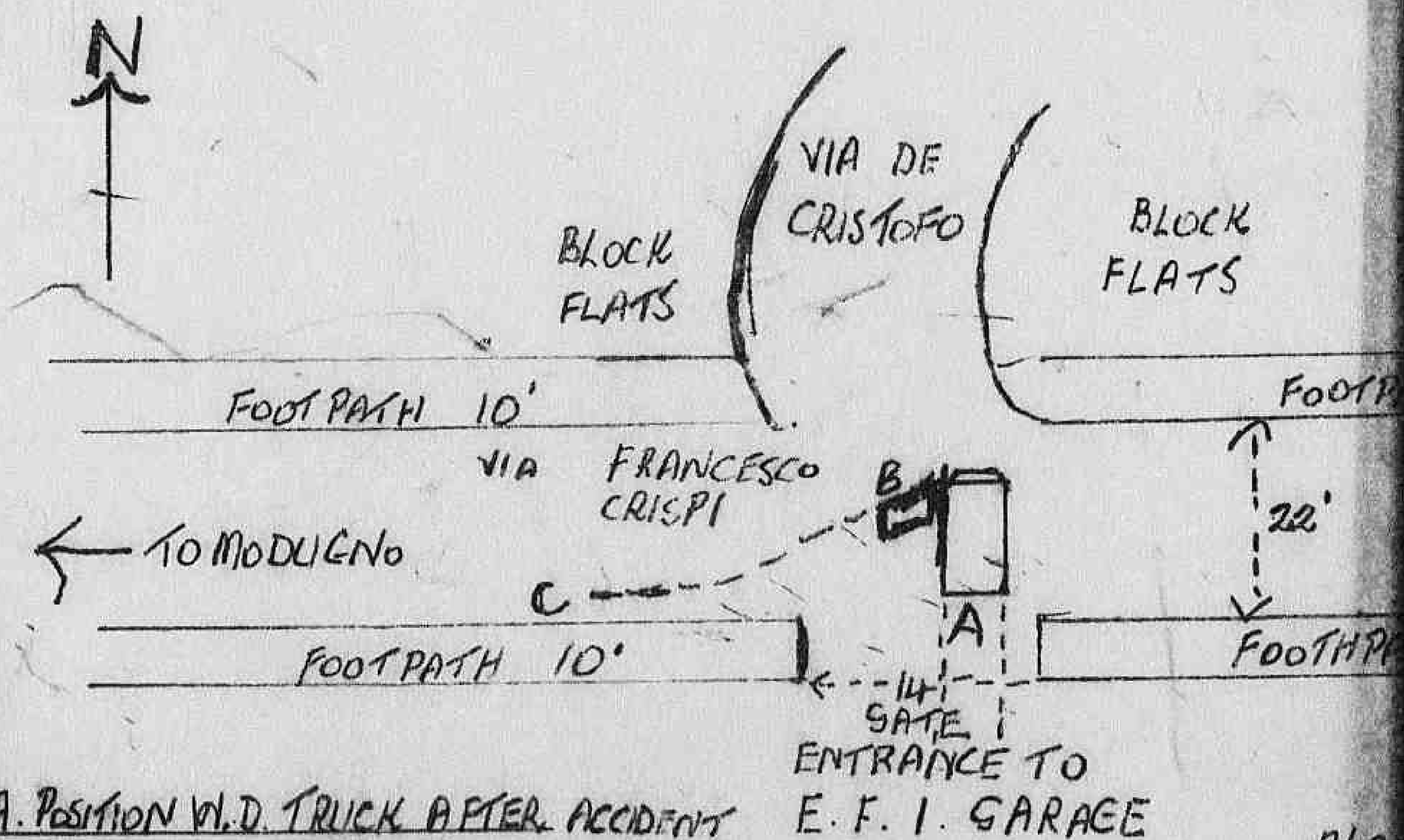
Signed. ANACLERIO ALBERTO.

I hereby certify that to the best of my belief and ability this is a true and correct translation of the above Statement by.
ANACLERIO ALBERTO. Mechanician.

MIRO FUCHS. Official Interpreter.
510 Provost Company. C.M. Police.

SKETCH MAP OF ACCIDENT COMPILED FROM EVIDENCE

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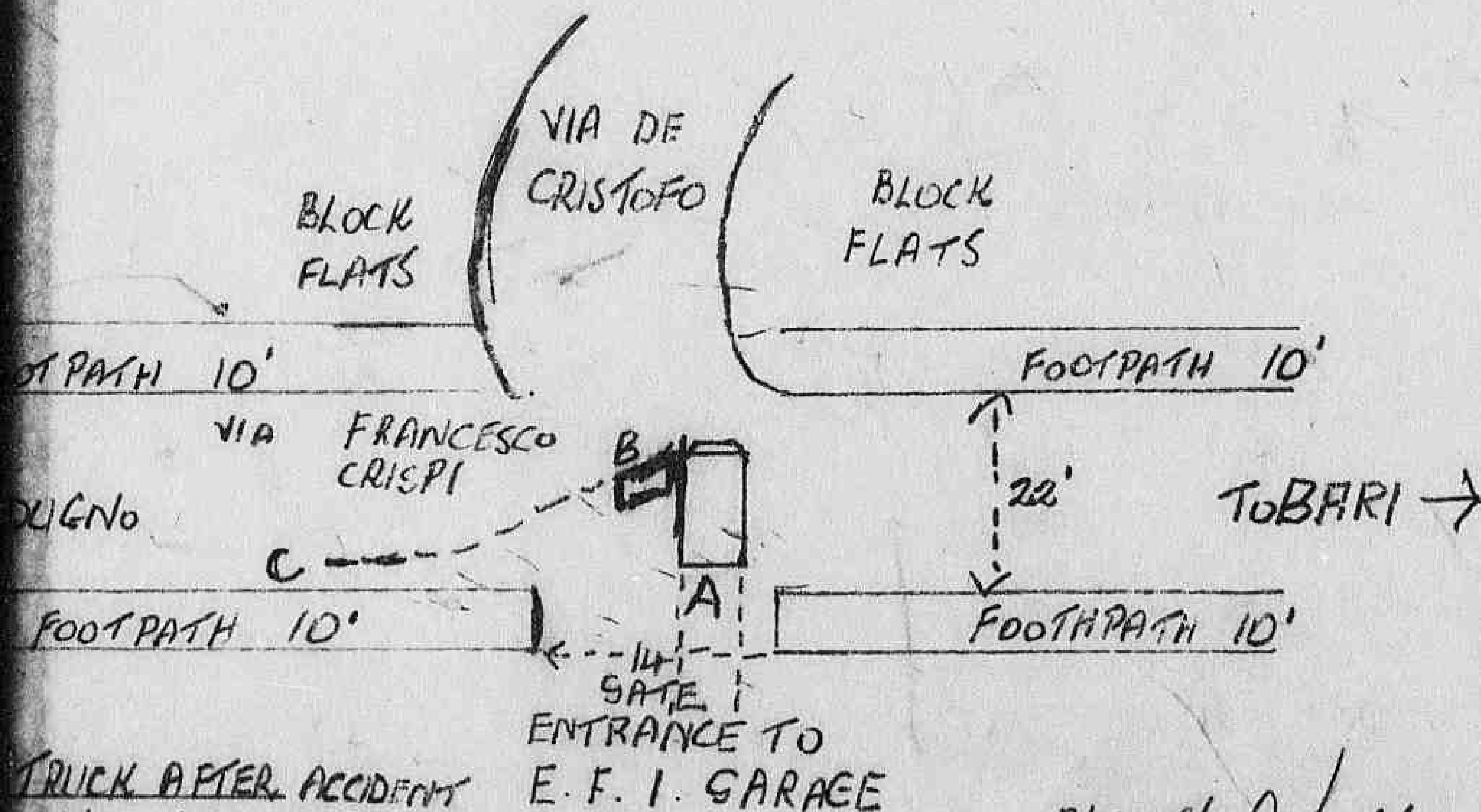
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OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL, HEADQUARTERS, ADRIATIC BASE COMMAND, APO 388,
U.S. Army. 16 August 1945.

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TO: Liaison Officer, Land Forces Sub Commission, A/C (MMIA) c/o 54 Area.

Your attention is invited to attached statements.

John W. Ottinger
JOHN W. OTTINGER,
Major, Signal Corps,
Provost Marshal.

Coff to Rome

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188TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY ZI
APO 388

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14 August 1945

S T A T E M E N T

At 0145 hours August 8 1945 while on duty as flashmen we, Pfc. James Moore and Pvt. Wm. L. Kelley, 188th M.P. Co. ZI, returned from Camp Casablanca and found Lt. Edward C. Pontz 15th A.F. Hq. and Pvt. Moon 188th M.P. Co. discussing an incident with Pfc Oscar Maness 188th M.P. Co. ZI, who was C.Q. at M.P. Hqs. Pfc. Maness dispatched us to #4 Via Tanzi to check on what appeared to be an English vehicle loaded with American equipment that appeared to be hiding behind a locked gate without authorization. Upon our arrival at #4 Via Tanzi we found it to be an Italian vehicle loaded with Italian equipment belonging to the Italian installation at #4 Via Tanzi and was authorized to be parked behind the gate.

James H. Moore
JAMES H. MOORE
34128020 Pfc.
188th M.P. Co. ZI

William L. Kelley
WILLIAM L. KELLEY
44048129 Pvt.
188th M.P. Co. ZI

Sworn and subscribed to before me this
14 day of August 1945:

Edwin R. McClelland
EDWIN R. MC CLELLAND
1st Lt., (Inf)
188th MP Co ZI
Summary Court Officer.

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Tel : BARI 11458

Subject : Irregular entry into Italian Army Premises

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm, A/C
(MMIA) c/o 54 Area

Ref : IO/6/AQ
9 Aug 45

To : Provost Marshal, ABC

1. On 8 Aug 45 at 2430 hours Lt.Col. Bonuti, Italian Army, commanding 3rd Repair Unit was awakened by a loud knocking on the gates to the workshop. These workshops are the property of the Italian Army. When the Col went down to investigate the disturbance, he found a jeep with several soldiers dressed in American uniform who demanded to inspect the premises. The Col refused as the men were demanded to none wore the MP brassard. One of the men then produce and brandished a pistol and a flashlight and forced, at a point of a gun, the Col to open the gates and entered the premises. The men would not allow the Col to accompany them on their inspection so he went to the nearest phone and called the U.S. military Police. The MPs responded by sending two men, both of whom were wearing MP brassards. These two men did nothing but assist the others and when all were apparently satisfied with their inspection all left together in the same jeep. The Col was unable to get the number of the vehicle as it was a dark night.

2. Please investigate this matter and furnish this office with a explanation as to why the premises were forced into and why this office was not notified that such action against the Italian Army was to occur.

3. Please ensure that any future action against the Italian Army be done through the Land Forces Sub Commission - short title Military Mission to the Italian Army.

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HQ MMIA, Rome

HQ Adriatic Base Command

Leverett C. Hamilton
Leverett C. Hamilton, Cpt
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Leverett C. Hamilton, Capt

Senior MMIA LO

Eastern Italy

Rec. PM office
1445-Base 11 Aug 45

188TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY Z/I
APO #388

STATEMENT

At 0130 hours, Aug. 8, 1945, Lt. Edward C. Pontz, 15 A.F. Hq., came to the desk at MP Hq. where I was C.Q. and reported seeing an English vehicle loaded with American equipment enter #4 Via Tanzi, and quickly close and lock the gate. The Lt. said this looked suspicious to him so he left, Pvt. Moon, 188th MP Co Z/I who was riding with him, near the scene to observe what was taking place there and he (Lt. Pontz) brought the incident to me. Since the flashmen were not available at that time I gave the Lt. two flashlights and asked him to go to the spot and wait there until the flashmen could be sent to investigate the matter. Upon his arrival back at #4 Via Tanzi, he discovered that the vehicle was authorized to be there and that everything was in order, so he returned with Pvt. Moon to MP Hq. and reported same to me. When flashmen were available I sent them with Pvt. Moon to #4 Via Tanzi to investigate and obtain information concerning what had happened - Flash returned and reported that everything was in order.

Oscar Maness

OSCAR MANESS
34312546, Pfc.
188th MP Co Z/I

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14 day of August 1945:

Edwin R. McClelland

EDWIN R. MC CLELLAND
1st Lt., (Inf)
188th MP Co Z/I
Summary Court Officer.

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Copy to Rome

Tel: BARI 11450

Subject: Irregular entry into Italian Army premises

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 Liaison Officer
 Land Forces Sub Comm, 4/C
 (SMI) c/o 54 Area

Ref: LO/6/AQ

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To: Provost Marshal, ARV

- On 2 Aug 45 at 2430 hours Lt. Col. Montt, Italian Army, commanding the Repair Unit was awakened by a loud knocking on the gates to the workshop. These workshops are the property of the Italian Army. When the Col went down to investigate the disturbance, he found a jeep with several soldiers dressed in American uniforms who seemed to inspect the premises. The Col refused as the men were unidentified; none wore the MP brassard. One of the men then produced and brandished a pistol and a flashlight and forced, at a point of a gun, the Col to open the gates and entered the premises. The men would not allow the Col to accompany them on their inspection so he went to the nearest phone and called the U.S. Military Police. The MP responded by sending two men, both of whom were wearing MP brassards. These two men did nothing but assist the others and when all were apparently satisfied with their inspection all left together in the same jeep. The Col was unable to get the number of the vehicle as it was a dark night.
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Lt. Col. Montt, Rome

Lester C. Hamilton
 Lester C. Hamilton, Capt
 Senior

TO : Provost Marshal, MC

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HQ/EMIA, Rome

HQ Atlantic Base Command

Lester C. Hamilton
Lester C. Hamilton, Capt

Senior Staff LO

Eastern Italy

Tel : DARI 11458

Subject : Military Personnel

File 189
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comd, A/C
(MMIA) G/c 54 Area

Ref : IO/G/AQ
9 Aug 45

To : HQ MMIA, Rome
For att: Capt. Pacini

Ref conversation Capt. Pacini - Hamilton.

1. I did as you suggested and brought the matter before Col. Salteni, Direzione di Sanita, and he told me that many men who were being transferred from US-ITI and IR-ITI were using every conceivable excuse to be discharged prior to being transferred to the ITI-ITI category. He further told me that the major in all probability did say exactly that, but without malicious intent and said it merely to get rid of an insistent man.

He suggested that I send the man to him (to Col. Salteni) for a medical examination and also for questioning in order to determine the identity of the major as there are many majors in the 9th Military Hospital. I did so - the Cpl was unable to identify the major and the medical report is attached.

2. As far as I'm concerned, this case is now closed. Thanks for the help.

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Leverett C. Hamilton, Capt
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

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Subject : Literary TribunaIs

Liaison Officer
Island Forces Sub Comm, A/C
(MILIA) c/o 54 Area

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Below is outlined in a general form the situation as it is today with complete details attached as appendices:

4. No of cases pending :

1.	1943	-	808
2.	1944	-	17054
3.	1945	-	<u>12364</u>
		Total	

B. No. of cases (average) tried in a month's period

C. No of new cases per month (June)

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2. Detained for trial (included in accused)

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A. No of cases pending:		
1.	1943	808
2.	1944	13054
3.	1945	12361
Total		26226
B. No of cases (average) tried in a months period		350
C. No of new cases per month (June)		
1. Accused during month		5406
2. Detained for trial (included in accused)		8019
D. No of Courts sessions operating		1
E. No of personnel in the session (includes scrub-women)		62

With 25000 cases pending plus an influx of 200 new cases per month and only 350 cases per month being tried, the greater part of prisoners will die a natural death before being tried.

3. However, this situation is tragic rather than comic and Colonel Gallili assured me that even though the judges have been reduced to 4 from 12 which were on the rolls on 30 Dec 44, he can operate additional sessions with the following additions to the personnel for each additional session:

A. Relator Officers	2
B. Substitutes	2
C. Chancellors	2

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4. Some of the other pertinent and relevant points which were brought out during our conversation were:

- A. Col. Gsilli has the authority to "Throw out" cases when the evidence is insufficient.
- B. Civilian lawyers and judges will not work for the military due to the low pay scale in comparison to their earnings as civilians.
- C. Many of the specialized personnel have been sent as cadres to the north.
- D. The majority of the cases are for desertion or minor misdemeanors.
- E. The colonel was very emphatic on the need for additional sessions as in para 3 above.
- F. It is impossible for this one session to try all cases involving Italian Military Personnel, but only those cases which involve litigious action between Italian Military and Allied Military.

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 Eastern Italy

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Appendix A to 40/815/AQ

MILITARY TRIBUNAL BARI

LIST OF CASES PENDING

30 JUNE 45

	1943	1944	1945	NOTE
1 Crime (murder)	1	2	1	
2 Fraudulent fires	-	-	-	
3 Treason	3	2	-	
4 Cowardice before enemy	1	-	-	Perveant's demun- -81-8015 glasse
5 Other misdemeanours of violence	-	-	-	
6 Sexual misdemeanours	-	-	-	
7 Desertion	-	-	-	
8 Absence without permit	656	11431	9975	
9 Inebriation	-	-	-	
10 Political misdemeanours (Fascist activity)	-	20	250	
11 Political activity	-	-	-	Compressed nel reato di tradimento
12 Intercourse	-	-	2	
13 Discipline misdemeanours of minor entity	31	190	250	
14 Other misdemeanours	47	405	560	
15 Total	89	1004	1226	
	608	13054	12364	

Appendix B to 10/5/8/AQ

(1)
TRIBUNALE MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GUERRA
BARI

IN SERVIZIO DAL 30 DIC. 1944

UFFICIALI

Procuratore Militare	1
Sostituti	11
Uff. Relatori	4
Giudici istruttori	2
Cancellieri	10
Collaboratori interni	2
	<u>30</u>

Collaboratori

(sottufficiali graduati e militari di truppa)

Procura Militare	47
Tribunale	12

IN SERVIZIO ALLA DATA DI OGGI 23 LUGL. 1945

UFFICIALI

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Uff. Relatori	2
Giudice Istruttore	1
Cancellieri	4
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Collaboratori

(sottufficiali e impiegati civili)

Procura Militare	38
Tribunale	9

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IL PROCURATORE MILITARE DEL REGNO
(Colonelo Giovanni Grilli)

Recommendations as to Military Tribunals.

1. Respectfully, I submit the following recommendations having read Capt. Pacini's report number 13 dated 15 Jan 45 and Maj. Bird's letter 10/6/45 dated 16 Jan 45. Something revolutionary and drastic should be done.

A(1) Occasionally, when following literally the letter of law, a court convicts a person for a wrong-doing. It does so even though the court is convinced that a moral injustice is being committed in convicting the wrong-doer. England was the first nation to recognize this injustice and gave such a person the right to present his case before the King or a nobleman for redress and relief from the injustice. This grew to considerable proportions so the King appointed a court to act in his stead. This of course is history - 17th Century. However, the United States followed England's example and we now have "Courts of Equity" in the U.S.

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TRIBUNALE MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GUERRA

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ELENCO DEI REATI DI ACCUSA PENDENTI NELLA ZONA DI B A N I

a fine giugno 1945

NATURA DEI REATI DI ACCUSA		PRIMA DEL ANNO		ANNO		NOTE
		1940	1941	1942	1943	
1	DELITTO (OMICIDIO)	1	1	1	2	1
2	INCENDI DOLOSI	1	1	1	-	-
3	TRADIMENTO	1	1	1	301	201
4	CODARDIA IN PRESENZA DEL NEMICO	1	1	1	1	-
5	ALTRI REATI DI VIOLENZA	1	1	1	-	-
6	REATI SENSUALI (comp. strupo viol.)	1	1	1	-	-
7	DISERZIONI	1	1	1	636	11.431
8	ASSENZA SENZA PERMESSO	1	1	1	-	-
9	INSUBORDINAZIONE	1	1	1	-	250
10	REATI POLITICI (attività fascista)	1	1	1	-	-
11	ATTIVITA' FOLCLORICA (alvar. fascista)	1	1	1	-	2
12	FURTO	1	1	1	31	190
13	REATI DISCIPL. DI MINORI ENTITA'	1	1	1	47	405
14	ALTRI REATI	1	1	1	89	1004
15	TOTALE	1	1	1	808	13054
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BARI

ELENCO DEI CAPI DI ACCUSA PENDENTI NELLA ZONA DI BARI

fine maggio 1945, 1945

NATURA DEI CAPI DI ACCUSA	PRIMA DEL 1940	ANNO 1941	ANNO 1942	ANNO 1943	ANNO 1944	ANNO 1945	NOTE
-1 DELITTO (omicidio)				1	2	1	
2 INCENDI DOLOROSI				-	-	-	
3 TRADIMENTO				3+	2+	-	+Pervenuta denuncia solo giugno 45
4 CODARDIA IN PRESENZA DEL NEMICO				1	-	-	
5 ALTRI REATI DI VIOLENZA				-	-	-	
6 REATI SESSUALI (comp. strupo viol.)				-	-	-	
7 DISERZIONE				-	-	-	
8 ASSENZA SENZA PERMESSO				676	12151	5391	
9 INSUBORDINAZIONE				-	-	-	
10 REATI POLITICI (attività fascista)				-	30	50	
11 ATTIVITA POLITICA (diver. fascista)				-	-	-	compresi nel reato di tradimento
12 FURTO				-	-	2	
13 REATI DISCIPL. DI MINORE ENTITA				35	230	250	
14 ALTRI REATI				47	415	460	
15 TOTALE				89	13854	7458	
				892	13854	7458	

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ELENCO DEI CASI DI ACCUSA PENDENTI NELLA ZONA DI BARI

a fine maggio 1945

NATURA DEI CASI DI ACCUSA	PRIMA DEL 1940	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	NOTE
1 DELITTO (omicidio)	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	
2 INCENDI DOLOSI	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
3 TRADIMENTO	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1. Pericolo di guerra nel giugno 1945
4 CODARDIA IN PRESENZA DEL NEMICO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
5 ALTRI REATI DI VIOLENZA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
6 REATI SESSUALI (comp. stupro viol.)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
7 DISERZIONE	1	1	1	1	6	12	15	539
8 ASSENZA SENZA PERMESSO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
9 INSUBORDINAZIONE	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	50
10 REATI POLITICI (attività fascista)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	comparsi nel ruolo di fascismo
11 ATTIVITA' POLITICA (diver. Fascista)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
12 FURTO	1	1	1	1	3	5	2	250
13 REATI DISCIPL. DI MINORE ENTITA'	1	1	1	1	4	7	1	415
14 ALTRI REATI	1	1	1	1	8	9	1	1024
15 TOTALE	1	1	1	1	8	52	13	858

Terr Military Curt Bari

Denounces received during the month of	may	1685
" " " " " "	june	5406

Prisoners during the month of	may	224
" " " " " "	june	183

TRIBUNALE MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GUERRA
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Denunzie pervenute nel mese di maggio	1685
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TRIBUNALE MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GUERRA DI BARI
=====P R O M E M O R I A

per il Maggiore Holt LIAISON Officer - LAND FORCES SUB COMM.
A/C - (M.M.I.A.) c/o H Q 54th AREA =

Il Tribunale Militare Territoriale di Bari é stato costituito ed ha funzionato sempre con una sola sezione fino al settembre 1944 alla quale data se ne aggiunse una seconda al fine esclusivo di giudicare celermente gli imputati dei delitti in danno delle Forze Armate Alleate.

Le due sezioni hanno così funzionato contemporaneamente fino al 31 maggio scorso, alla quale data si é tornati ad una sezione ordinaria ed una straordinaria che funziona saltuariamente ed in casi eccezionali per procedimenti di particolare gravità, 1°) perché il diminuito ~~ritorno~~^{ritmo} della delinquenza in danno delle F.A.A. e la precedenza assoluta che si dà alla definizione di tali procedimenti consente alla unica sezione ordinaria di equilibrare perfettamente ~~la~~ definizione con le nuove denunce (attualmente tali procedimenti sia in istruzione che in attesa di giudizio sono complessivamente circa 150;

2°) perché dal dicembre 1944 ad oggi ^{gli} ufficiali tecnici in servizio alla Procura ed al Tribunale ed il personale di collaborazione (sottufficiali, militari impiegati civili) sono stati ridotti di numero in modo impressionante.

Col personale attualmente in servizio ~~non~~ é possibile il funzionamento appena soddisfacente di una sola sezione.

Lo specchio ~~allegato~~^{allegato} scolpisce la situazione alla data ~~30~~³¹ dicembre ed alla data odierna.

Da notare che non si é tenuto conto dei giudici d'arma che erano 12 al 30 dicembre e sono soltanto 4 oggi perché il loro eventuale aumento non incontra difficoltà di ordine tecnico e trova ostacolo soltanto nel numero delle razioni assegnate al Tribunale.

La situazione del personale ha costituito ed assorbito le mie principali cure preoccupazioni ma a nulla é valso ogni mio intervento presso la Procura Generale Militare e presso il Comando Territoriale per le ragioni che già dovrebbero essere note alla S.V..-Per il funzionamento di due sezioni occorrerebbe quanto meno l'assegnazione del seguente altro personale:

Uff. Relatore	n.2
Sostituti	" 3
<i>Cancellor</i> Cancellieri	" 2 =====
totale	" 7

Ove invece si pretendesse il funzionamento di 3 sezioni bisognerebbe raddoppiare esattamente il numero dei funzionari sopra indicati senza parlare del personale di collaborazione che andrebbe adeguatamente aumentato.-

IL PROCURATORE MILITARE DEL REGNO
(Colonnello Giovanni Grilli)

Giovanni Grilli

8607

TRIBUNALE MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GUERRA
BARI

ELENCO DEI CAPI DI ACCUSA PENDENTI NELLA ZONA DI B A R I

a fine giugno 1945

NATURA DEI CAPI DI ACCUSA		Prima del ANNO				ANNO				NOTE
		1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945			
1	DELITTO (omicidio)				1	2	1			
2	INCENDI DOLOSI				-	-	-			
3	TRADIMENTO				3+	2+	-	+Pervenuta denun- -cia solo giugno 45		
4	CODARDIA IN PRESENZA DEL NEMICO				1	-	-			
5	ALTRI REATI DI VIOLENZA				-	-	-			
6	REATI SESSUALI(Comp.strupo viol.)				-	-	-			
7	DISERZIONE				636	11431	9975			
8	ASSENZA SENZA PERMESSO				-	-	-			
9	INSUBORDINAZIONE				-	20	250			
10	REATI POLITICI(attività fascista)				-	-	-	compresi nel reato di tradimento		
11	ATTIVITA POLITICA(diver.fascista)				-	-	2			
12	FURTO				31	190	350			
13	REATI DISCIPL.DI MINORE ENTITA				47	405	560			
14	ALTRI REATI				89	1004	1226			
15	TOTALE				808	13054	12364			

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LO/6/AB

Subject: Discipline MTHQ 54 Area CMF
APM/42/No.24
Tel. 14121
8 Aug 45To : MMIA LO
HQ 54 Area

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The attached copy of Military Police report dated 3 Aug 45, submitted by 200 Provost Coy CMP is forwarded for your necessary action.

Major
Assistant Provost Marshal
(B.O.ALLEN)10 Aug 45

8605

COPYMILITARY POLICE REPORTTo:- O.C. Troops, PESCARA

Sir,

I have to report that at PESCARA on the 3-8-45 at about 18.00 hours I proceeded to DET No.7 B.P.F.C. ORTONA where it was reported that an ITALIAN SOLDIER as attempting to draw petrol without authority. Upon arrival I saw a W.D. BEDFORD 3 TON No 546 3243 driven by NA/T 26897 SOLDATO MOTTOZZI SERAFINO 760 Coy RASC(ITALIAN). This work ticket was correctly signed for the journey but was not stamped with an authority to draw petrol from Allied Forces stock. He was not carrying any load but was carrying a civilian without a permit to do so, and was in possession of a permit to carry grain from BOLOGNA to TORRICELLA. As the amount carried was only eight(8) QUINTALE in a 3 TON vehicle it appears that this journey may not have been authorised by a competent authority. The grain had been delivered at TORRICELLA and the driver was returning to this unit. This work ticket was signed by MAJOR GRANT O.C. TROOPS, PESCARA and authorised to draw petrol from Allied stocks. The permit to carry grain was confiscated and it is attached to this report. The vehicle was allowed to proceed.

FIELD
3 Aug 45.F. BOOTH CPL.
200 PROVOST COY, C.M.F.

8604

L 08/10

SUBJECT: Civilian Labour - Desertion Italian Army.

4150 A.

Tel. No. 13900.

651 It. L. of O. Group RUM

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BENINCASA Giuseppe di Pietro

1. This M.Q. is informed that the above named person employed by you is a deserter. A release document he possesses should be considered as void.
2. He will be discharged forthwith and handed over to the Carabinieri. Please report when this has been done.
3. Please return to this M.Q. any certificates of exemption which may have been issued.

C.M.F.
1 Aug. 45
MS/PP.

2 Aug 45

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G., 54 Area.

Copy to: 66 Group Pioneer Corps
MMIA LO Eastern Italy
Carabinieri Transl.

8603

2 AUG 1945

20/6/42
URGENTE**COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI (IX)****UFFICIO Pers.-Sez.Disc.**

Prot. N. 3792/Disc.

Bari, 1° Agosto 1945

Risposta al foglio del N. Allegati N. due

OGGETTO : Processi militari.-

AI LIAISON OFFICE = LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) C/o 54^a AREA

B A R I

Si trasmettono i dati richiesti col
paragrafo 2 - lettera D, relativi ai mesi
di giugno e luglio.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col.V.Petitti)

2 Aug 46

8602

TRIBUNALE MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GUERRA

B A R I

Mese di Giugno

Procedimenti penali pervenuti	n. 5406
Rinvii xxxxxx ^{ad altri} per competenza Tribunali	154
Definiti con condanne	303
Definiti con assoluzione	24

Bari, li 1 Agosto 1945

IL PROCURATORE MILITARE DEL REGNO
(Col. Giovanni Grilli)*Giovanni Grilli*

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TRIBUNALE MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GUERRA
B A R I

	Mese di Luglio
Procedimenti penali pervenuti n.	2745
Rinviati per competenza ed altri Tribunali	161
Definiti con condanne	239
Definiti con assoluzione	26

Bari li 1 Agosto 1945

IL PROCURATORE MILITARE DEL REGNO
(Col. Giovanni Grilli)*Giovanni Grilli*



COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI (IX)
UFFICIO Pers.-Sez.Disc.

Prot. N. 3666/Disc.

Bari, 26 luglio 1945

Risposta al foglio del 15 c.m. N. LO/C/o HQ 54^a Area - All.1

OGGETTO: Furto effettuato dal personale btg. guardie

AL L'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO -SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
FORZE SBARCO A/C 5M.M.I.A.) C/O 54^a AREA-
B A R I

Ho preso atto di quanto segnalatomi col foglio in riferimento.-

Per quanto la questione sia di competenza della 227^a Divisione, già informata, e che non dipende da questo Comando, seguirò lo svolgimento della pratica.-

Restituisco il testo inglese del rapporto.-

IL COMANDANTE
(Generale Guido Boselli)

28 JUL 1945

8600

a/d'a



COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI (IX)

UFFICIO Pers.-Sez.Disc.-

Prot. N. 3711 /Disc.-

Bari, 25 luglio 1945

Risposta al foglio del 14 corrente N. LO/6/A2 Allegati N.

OGGETTO :Disciplina - MOLINARO Giuseppe e SECCHI
Pietro.-Al l'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
FORZE SBARCO A/C (M.M.I.A.) c/d H.Q. 54 AreaB A R I

Non è possibile stabilire sin d'ora la data in cui potrà essere definito il processo a carico dei nominati in oggetto in quanto non è stato ancora possibile rintracciare uno degli imputati contro cui è stato emesso ordine di cattura.

Appena i CC.RR. effettueranno la cattura di detto imputato il procedimento sarà definito.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. V. Petitti)

29 JUL 1945

8599

BARI 11458

Subject : - Traffic Accident

(175)

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm, A/C
(MMIA) c/o H. 54 Area

Ref : LO/6/AQ ✓
23 July 46

To : - 9 Terr HQ

1. Attached correspondence concerning traffic accident on TRANI-BARLETTA road submitted by 510 Provost Coy CMP is forwarded for your information.


Leverett C. Hamilton, Capt
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

LCH/es

8398

ACCIDENT REPORT

To, The Officer Commanding,
510 Provost Company, O. M. Police.

Sir,

I have to report that at Barletta on the 6th July 1945 about 1735 hrs I was on duty at Detachment H.Q. where I was detailed to proceed to the scene of an accident on the Railway Level Crossings about One and a Half (1½) Miles South of Barletta on the Trani road.

On arrival I was informed that the two vehicles involved had been removed one to either side of the crossing so as ~~to~~ to allow the free passage of traffic. On questioning the drivers, /

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1933 Civilian Transport Company,
Barletta.

/ driving a 3 Ton Ford, ED No 4720266, and /

Anzani Isidico,
1st Gruppo Aviazioni,
15, Compagnia, P.M. 127.

/ driving Bianchi No 99352 3 Ton.

I learned they had collided on the West side entrance to the crossing, whilst travelling at approximately 15-18 Km P.H.

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The road at alleged point of impact is approximately 24ft wide.

One Italian Soldier Pinna Giovanni was injured but was removed to Trani Civil Hospital before arrival of Military Police, and died before a statement could be obtained.

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Twisted Chassis, Rear Axle, knocked off mountings, Driving Shaft broken.

Damage to Bianchi No 99352 :-

Left hand side torn off, Left side of Drivers Cab smashed, Radiator and Left wing smashed.

Anzani Isidico, Driver of Bianchi 99352 informed me that his Brakes were of very little use.

Statements of both Drivers and a witness travelling on Italian Lorry attached, and also Death Certificates for Pinna Giovanni, address unknown at the time of rendering this report.

Barletta
12th July 45.

W. Mather
4806293. P. Mather. I/Opl.
510 Provost Company, O. M. Police.

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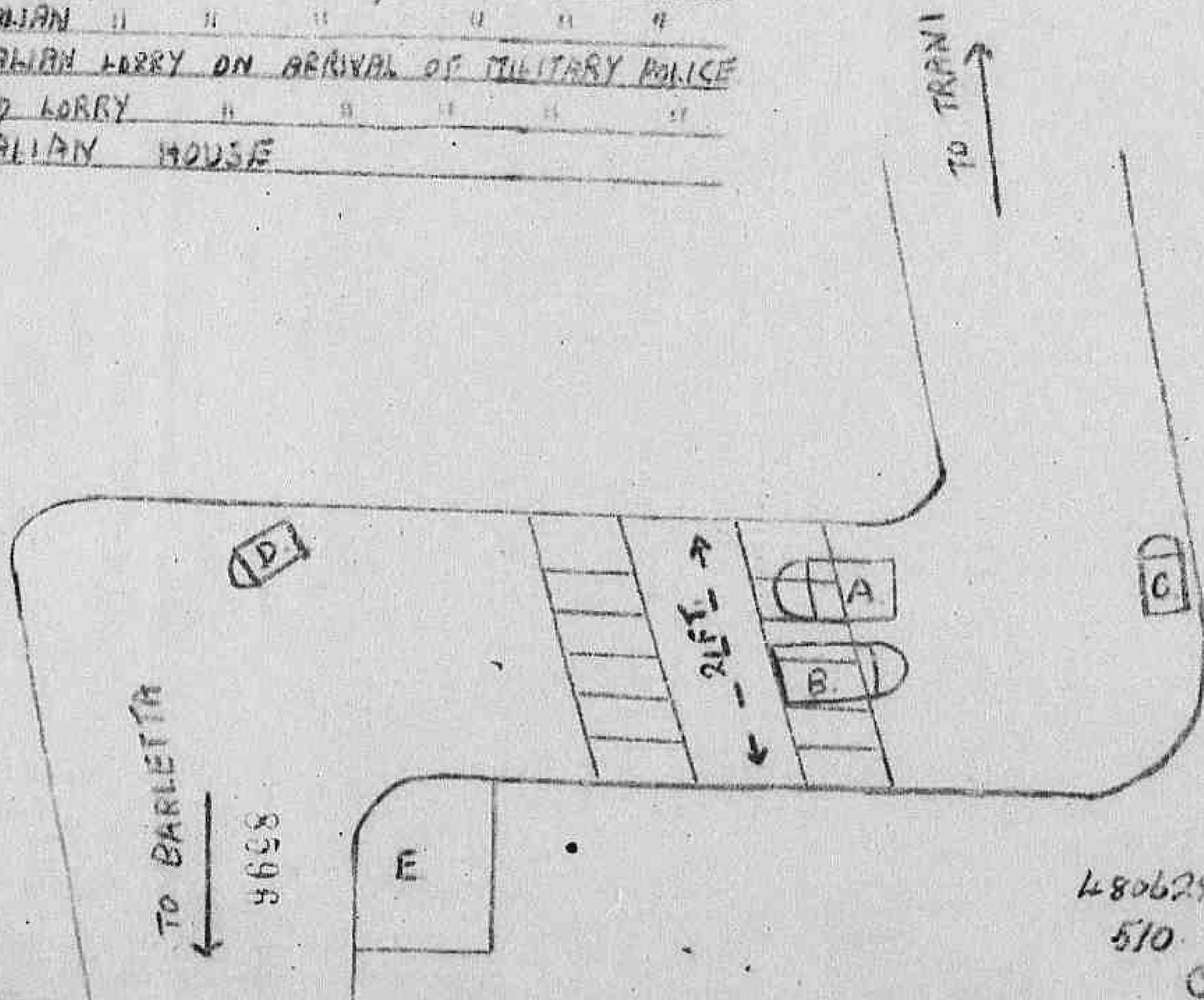
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510 Provost Company, C. M. Police.

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SKETCH PLAN

NOT TO SCALE

- A. W.D. LORRY AT ALLEGED POINT OF IMPACT.
 B. ITALIAN " " " " " "
 C. ITALIAN LORRY ON ARRIVAL OF MILITARY POLICE
 D. W.D. LORRY " " " " " "
 E. ITALIAN HOUSE



BARLETTA
 12th July 45.

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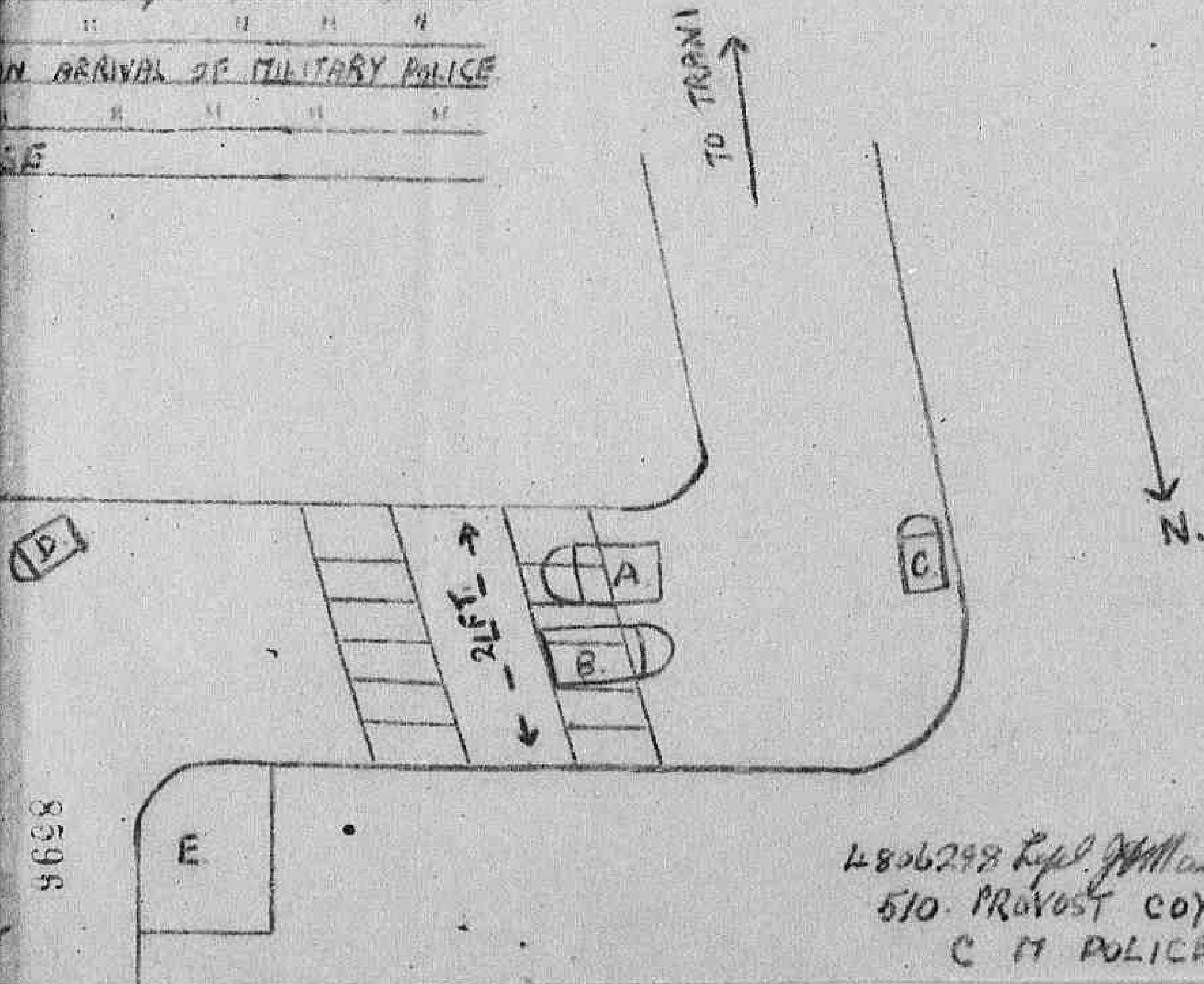
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4806298 Lpl. J. M. Malters
 510. PROVOST COY.
 C M POLICE

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Statement by Cpl. TOSIAI ENZO di NOLANDO 29 yrs. 1 Gruppo Aviazioni P.M. 127.
.....

On the 6 July 1945 at about 1715 hrs, we were coming from Foggia to Bari, and we were on the Barletta - Mand road, we were arriving near at the level crossing and the our speed was of about 15 to 18 km. per hour, whilst we were crossing the level crossing, we saw another English lorry driven by Italian which was coming from the opposite direction, the accident was inevitable, and an Italian was heavily wounded.

The Italian driver of the lorry, had used the brake, and the horn also.

Barletta
6 July 1945

/s/
Cpl. Tosia Enzo.

8595

Statement translated by Postiglione Bartolomeo. Interpreter.

data

Statement by Soldier ARZANI ISAACCO 1 Gruppo Aviazione 15 Compagnia, P.M. 127.
.....

On the 6th July 1945 at about 1715 hrs, I was on the Barletta - Trani road, driving the Lorry
BIANCHI, No 99352 3 Ton.

On arrival at the level crossing, I slackened the speed of the lorry, and used the horn
to warn somebody coming from the opposite direction.

I was on the middle of the level crossing, when I saw another lorry which was coming
from the opposite direction.

This lorry was going at the speed of about 20 KPH. and it was obstructing the level
crossing so that, the accident was inevitable.

My lorry was going at the similar speed of the other one.

Barletta
6th July 1945

/s/
Soldier Arzani Isaacco.

Statement translated by Postiglione Postiglione Bartolomeo. Interpreter.

8594

Statement by DRIVER DE MARCO VINCENTO.

COPY.

I had finished my duty on the 11 Con. Depot, and I was returning to my Camp in Barletta. I was arriving at the level crossing before Barletta, and I slowed the speed of my lorry, because I knew that the curve of the level crossing was very dangerous.

I was crossing the lines and I used the horn, because the railway house hindering me to see in the other side of the curve, at the meantime I saw coming from the other direction an Italian lorry, which was travelling on the left hand side of curve and at a fast speed,

I braking the lorry, and turned it on the right hand side, where I was also, but the Italian lorry dashed into my lorry, between the cab, and the wagon.

Where about 1715 hrs. of the 6th July 1945.

Barletta
6th July 1945

/s/
Driver: Di Marco Vincenzo.

Statement translated by Postiglione Bartolomeo. Interpreter.

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 174

Call

Srl.No.

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

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OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

TO

HQ MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions GR

Originator's No.

MMIA LO 314(.) RESTRICTED (.) Ref conversation Holt-Bruce MMIA LO

Naples informs that Lt. FIORENTINO P. witness in war Criminal

Trial and Lt. CASTELLI E. escort arriving British Airport Bari

0730 on 20 July by flight 300 (.) Please arrange meet (.)

Request arrange return Air Passage CASTELLI to Naples (.)

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT) WIRELESSIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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C. M. M.

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Tel BARI 11438

Subject : Military Trial

(173)
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm AG
(MMIA), o/o 54 Area

Ref. : LO/6/AQ ✓
21 July 45

To : 9 Terr HQ

170
1. I am astounded to see from the Military Prosecutor's letter reference 551/S.d. 'prot. dated 19 July 45, that an Italian soldier accused of the murder of an Allied soldier has been permitted to remain at large pending his trial.

2. Please keep me informed as to when this trial will actually take place.

Curro Major
SENIOR MMIA LO
EASTERN ITALY

Copy to HQ MMIA (with copy of 551/S.d. of 19 July 45).

GPH/mn

8591

PROCURA MILITARE DEL REGNO
presso il
TRIBUNALE MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GUERRA

B A R I

N°. 551/Sd' prot.

Bari, 11 19 Luglio 1945

OGGETTO: Segnalazione.-

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE
ALL'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO
presso la COMMISSIONE ALLEATE
LIAISON OFFICER - LAND FORCES
Sub Comm.AO.(M.M.I.A.)c/o HQ
54 Area

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ref. LO/6/AQ

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Per opportuna conoscenza si comunica che per l'udienza del 25 luglio p.v. che sarà tenuta da questa Tribunale Militare di Guerra nella sua sede ordinaria in Piazza Umberto n.8 è fissata la celebrazione del dibattimento a carico del sergente maggiore LETIZIA Giovanni, imputato di omicidio per avere la sera del 30 maggio 1944, in Barletta, cagionato mercede vari colpi di baionetta la morte del soldato zappatore mauriziano TAVE René.

Risulta dalla istruttoria espletata che il LETIZIA si determinò al delitto e seguito della confessione resagli della moglie, il giorno innanzi, di avere avuto rapporti carnali con il militare di colore per lo spazio di otto mesi.-

L'imputato ora in congedo e residente in Napoli è a piede libero.-

A tutt'oggi non è ancora pervenuta alla Cancelleria dell'udienza la relazione di notifica del decreto di citazione a giudizio, sicchè non può dirsi a priori se il dibattimento potrà celebrarsi o meno nell'udienza fissata.-

IL PROCURATORE MILITARE DEL REGNO
(Colonello Giovanni Grilli)

8590

Tel : BARI 11458

Subject : Alleged Pillage by Gd Bn Personnel

(172)

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm, 54
(MIA) c/c 54 Area

Ref: LO/6/AQ

19 July 45

To : 9 Terr Hq
227 East Det

Further to LO/6/AQ of 29 May (to 9 Terr Hq only);

1. I enclose copies of :
SIB Report/63/B/A/45/43 of 7 July (to 9 Terr Only),
A.38/5 dated 16 July from 52 Area.
2. I need hardly say how painful it is for anyone, who is concerned to uphold the good name of the Italian army in the eyes of the Allies to have to read such a report.
3. I noticed two points in particular:
a. The alleged complicity of an officer
b. The alleged use of Italian military transport for the furtherance of the crime.
4. When 9 Terr Hq have translated the report will they please let me have the English version back, and pass on a copy of the translation to 227 Div East Det.
5. I have already discussed this affair with 858.0 LORITO. I would like him to inform me by 28 July what concrete steps have been taken to cut down crime in the Gd units at BRINDISI.

Copy to : 54 Area

Camell
Senior MMIS LO
Eastern Italy

Maj

Lo/6/AA

SUBJECT:- SIB ReportCONFIDENTIALA.38/5MEMIA - IO
o/o HQ 54 Area

1. Herewith is forwarded copy of SIB Report SIB/63/B/A/45/43 dated 7 Jul 45 regarding alleged larceny of USAAF parachutes by personnel of 525 Italian Guards Bn.
2. The investigation has now been handed over to USA, CID, BARI but in view of the serious nature of the matter it is considered that the appropriate Italian Authority (believed to be 227 Div) should be informed of the present position of the case.
3. Will you please arrange accordingly and in due course return the enclosed SIB Report to this HQ.

C.M.F.
15 Jul 45
RHM/VA

[Signature]
for Lt Col
AA & QMG
52 Area

Copy to:- 91 Garrison.

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 LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI BARI
 Compagnia interna Bari

N°217/53-2 di prot.

Bari, li 16 luglio 1945

Risposta al foglio n°4159 A del 22 giugno u/s.

OGGETTO: Militari italiani in servizio presso enti alleati. =

Italian Milit. Personnel on duty with Allied Unit.

AL COMANDO DEL 66° GROUP PNR CORPS AREA EASTERN ITALY
 -54° Area-

B A R I

La Torgia Corrado (e non Gaetano) di Antonio e di Silvestri Carmela, classe 1924 distretto Barletta domiciliato e residente a Molfetta via Lamarmora n° 6 è stato arrestato dall'Arma di Molfetta che lo detiene tuttora, circa 15 giorni or sono. =



IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE
 Aldo Giannone -

8787

20 JUL 1945

PROCURA MILITARE DEL REGNO
presso il
TRIBUNALE MILITARE TERRITORIALE di GUERRA

N. 551/P. d. l. *Aut.*

OGGETTO: Segnalazione.-

Court Martiale

Bari, 11 19 luglio 1945-

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE
ALL'UFFICIO di COLLEGAMENTO
presso la COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
LIAISON OFFICER - LAN FORCES
Sub Comm. A/O (M.E.I.A.) c/o H2
54^a ARMA
(rif. Lo/6/A Q →)

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IL PROCURATORE MILITARE DEL REGNO
(Colonnello Giovanni Grilla)



Giovanni Grilla
8586

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FONOGRAFIA A MANO (URGENTE)

18.7.1945

DA COMILITER BARI

AT LIAISON OFFICER LAND FORSE SUB COM A/C RMIA c/o H.Q. 54 Area
B A R I

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Nr. 3602/Disc. alt Riferimento IO/6/AQ del 14 corrente alt
Questo Comando est attesa notizie da parte Procura Militare
circa pratica furto zucchero alt Procura stessa est stata
sollecitata alt Riserva riferire al più presto possibile alt
Castanagione Colonnello Petitti

Visto:

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Ten.Col. V. Insinna)

8

Subject:- Italian Co-operators.

SMRE (Italian War Office).

MEMIA 54 Area. ✓ (2)

60/6/1945
27 BSD. R.A.S.C. C.M.F.
27/BSO/66
16 July 45.

The undermentioned Italian Co-operator is reported absent without leave having failed to return to this unit on 3 July 45.

<u>Name.</u>	RIZZATI, Spero,
<u>Number.</u>	NA/T/185239
<u>Home Address.</u>	Via Abortetara, 76 FERRARA.
<u>Next of Kin.</u>	Wife.
<u>Description.</u>	Age. 28 Complexion. Dark.

Copy for action
Sent to 227 Div
East Det

17 JUL 1945

17/7 Coms

J. F. Farayle Lt

Major,
Commanding 27 Base Supply Depot, R.A.S.C.

8581

(Tel : BARI 11458

Subject : Military trials

(166)
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm, A/C
(MMIA) c/o HQ 54 Area

Ref : LO/6/20 ~~70~~
16 July 45

To : 9 Terr HQ

162
Ref your 3471/Disc. of 10 July 45.

I have read with interest the information you provide. There are however one or two points which are NOT clear to me, and I would be obliged if you would arrange for an officer conversant with these matters to call upon me on 18 Jul 45 at 1100 hrs to explain them.

2. I list below some of the points on which I am NOT clear.
- (a) In your first appx you state that there are 20,671 cases awaiting the military prosecutor and 1,493 the Military tribunals - total 22,164. This figure equals the total cases shown in your second appx for 1945 only. What about cases dating from prior to 1945?
- (b) The classification is para 2(c) of my letter was intended to cover all the cases pending. Your reply only accounts for the whereabouts of the accused. ~~1874~~ Am I to take it that the whereabouts of the rest is NOT known?
- (c) Is it beyond the powers of the Military prosecutor to throw out cases?
- (d) What are the "other tribunals" to which some of the cases are being referred?

Maggi
Guzmo
Luglio
GPH/es

22,164
1874
20,290

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C. M. M. M. Maj
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

Tel : BARI 11458

165

Subject : Removal of Eqpt from Italian Soldiers.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm, A/C
(MMIA) c/o HQ 84 Area

Ref : LO/6/21AA
14 July 45

To : Adriatic Base Command

On 26th May 45 I wrote to you under the above reference regarding the alleged removal of equipment from Italian Soldiers by U.S. Military Police. A copy of the letter is attached for easy reference.

2. On the 11 June 45 I ventured to remind you of this letter.

3. As I can still trace no reply after nearly two months, I would be very grateful if you could inform that my letter of 26 May has not been overlooked.

W. R. R. R.
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

Copy : MMIA LO 3 Dist.

GPH/es

8582

COPY

Subject : Removal of Egypt from Italian Soldiers.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(MMIA) o/o 54 Area

LO/6/AQ
25 May 45

To : Adriatic Base Command

1. I have received information that two Italian Military drivers of 83 Searchlight Platoon (Italian)
LENA, Fulgio
RUSSU, Salvatore
were stopped when travelling on duty by US Military Police at the control post, BARLETTA.
2. The US Military Police removed from their truck two comforters cotton on the grounds that these were US Army stores which were unlawfully in the possession of the Italian Soldiers.
3. The MPs were apparently unaware that this equipment is also a standard issue to Italian Military and was rightfully held by the individuals concerned.
4. It is requested that you investigate the incident referred to and if the comforters cotton can be recovered forward them to me at 161 Corso Vittorio Emanuele BARI.
5. I would also be grateful if you could take any possible steps to avoid a recurrence of incidents of this nature.

Major
SENIOR MMIA LO
EASTERN ITALY

Copy to : - MMIA LO 3 Dist.

GPH/jd

/mn

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI (IX)
UFFICIO Pers.-Sez.Disc.

Prot. N. 3409/Disc.

Bari, 11 luglio 1945

Risposta al foglio del 12/6/1945 N. 11458

Allegati: 10/6/HQ-

OGGETTO: illecito possesso di armi da fuoco-furto,
ricettazione ecc.-MOLINARO Giuseppe di Ange-
lo e SECCHI Pietro di Gavino entrambi del
514 btg. guardie ed altri estranei alle FF.AA.

AL
ALL'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO = SOTTOCOMM.FORZE SBARCO =
A C (M.M.I.A.) C/o 54^ AREA - B A R I

Si informa codesto Ufficio che il procedimento
penale a carico delle persone in oggetto indicate non
ha potuto essere definito entro il 7 corrente per i se-
guenti motivi:

- a)- numero degli imputati da interrogare e dei testi
da esaminare;
- b)- stato di latitanza di uno degli imputati per cui
dovrà attendersi l'esecuzione della cattura;
- c)- complessità delle indagini per l'accertamento del-
le responsabilità dei numerosi imputati.-

Riserva di comunicare l'esito del procedimento
appena definito.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. Nettiti)

164

attached) Folio

Ref : LO/6/AQ 2
14 JULY 46

Ref 3409/disc. of 11 July 46.

C. Mott Maj
Senior NMIA LO
Eastern Italy

8579

(163)
4150 A.
Tel. No. 11433

SUBJECT: Civilian Labour - Deserters Italian Army.

D.A.D.O.S. C.P. and P. Bari

Engr IACONELLI Vincenzo

1. This HQ is informed that the above named person employed by you is a deserter from Italian Army (Depot and Engr. Regt).
2. He will be discharged forthwith and handed over to the Carabinieri. Please report when this has been done.
3. Please return to this HQ any certificates of exemption which may have been issued.

C.M.F.
13 July 45
MS/FP.

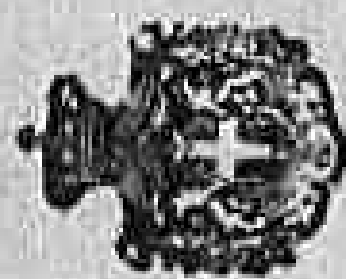
W. H. Goff
Lt. Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G., 54 Area.

Copy to: 66 Gp Pte Corps
MIA LO Eastern Italy
Carabinieri Bari

WMS

14 JUL 1945

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI (IX)

UFFICIO PERS. = SEZ. DISCIPL.

N. 3471/Disc. di prot.

Risposta al foglio del 16 giugno 1945

Bari, li 10 luglio 1945

N. 11458 Alleg. N. due.

OGGETTO: Processi militari.-

SU LIAISON OFFICE = LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C. = (M.M.I.A.)
C/o 54^a AREA - 10 / 6 / AQ. -

B A R I

Si trasmette uno specchio contenente i dati relativi ai procedimenti penali pendenti presso il Tribunale Militare di Bari, richiesti col foglio in riferimento, suddivisi secondo il titolo del reato (capo di accusa).-

Nel mentre si assicura che il numero dei procedimenti pendenti è esatto, si segnala che la suddivisione di essi, secondo i vari titoli di reato, è alquanto approssimativa giacchè tali dati non possono essere ricavati se non soltanto dallo specifico esame di ogni singolo processo, poichè nella compilazione delle statistiche presso i Tribunali Militari non si usa suddividere i procedimenti secondo i vari titoli di reato, prassi, invece, che viene praticata presso i Tribunali Ordinari.-

Per lo stesso motivo anche i dati relativi alle richieste di cui alla lettera C) 2°, 3°, 4°, 5°, sono ugualmente approssimati.-

Nessun mutamento è avvenuto di recente nella organizzazione giudiziaria militare nella zona del Tribunale Militare di Bari.-

ME NACCARATO ^{d'ordine} IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. V. Petitti)

20/6/may
Urgente

OGGETTO: Processi militari.-

Al LIAISON OFFICE = LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C. = (M.M.I.A.)
C/o 54^a AREA - LO / 6 / AQ. -

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~~Mc~~ NACCARATO d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col.V.Petitti)

P. N. 12375

[Signature]

TRIBUNALE MILITARE TER. DI GUERRA
BARI

n. di prot.

Bari, 11 6 luglio 1945

SPECCHIO NUMERICO DELLE PENDENZE presso il Trib. Mil. di Guerra di Bari

In pendenza presso la R. Procura Militare.....n.	20.671
In pendenza presso il Tribunale Militare.....n.	1.493
In prigione nella zona di Bari.....n.	72 164 224
In prigione in altre località.....n.	==,==
Preparati dalla Procura (nel mese di aprile.....n.	1.213
(nel mese di maggio.....n.	1.685
Rimessi ad altri Tribu (nel mese di aprile.....n.	72
nali (nel mese di maggio????.....n.	296
Condannati dal Tribunale (nel mese di aprile.....n.	314
(nel mese di maggio.....n.	238
Assolti dal Tribunale (nel mese di aprile.....n.	32
(nel mese di maggio.....n.	34
Rilasciati sotto condizioni ed in essere) presso l'Esercito Italiano)	
Rilasciati sotto condizioni in altre loca-) lità)	n. 1.650
In località non conosciute)	

IL PROCURATORE MILITARE DEL REGNO
(col. Giovanni Grilli)

Sott. Procuratore Militare del Regno
(Colonnello Teodoro Diestro)



TRIBUNALE MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GUERRA

B A R I

ELENCO DEI CAPI DI ACCUSA PENDENTI NELL'AREA DI BARI

N°	NATURA DEI CAPI DI ACCUSA	Prima del 1941	Anno 1941	Anno 1942	Anno 1943	Anno 1944	Anno 1945	NOTE
1	DELITTO		1	2	2	4	5	Totale Il Tribunale Militare è stato istituito in Bari il 1941
2	INCENDI DOLOSI		-	-	-	-	-	
3	TRADIMENTO		-	-	-	-	-	
4	CODARDIA IN PRESENZA DEL NEMICO		-	-	10	3	-	
5	ALTRI REATI DI VIOLENZA		-	-	-	-	-	
6	REATI SESSUALI (compr. strupo viol.)		2	3	9	5	-	10
7	DISERZIONI		90	327	4560	10470	19130	10
8	ASSENZA SENZA PERMESSO							10
9	INSUBORDINAZIONE		34	252	3500	5400	6050	10
10	REATI POLITICI (attività fascista)		-	-	-	4	9	
11	ATTIVITA' POLITICA (attiv. div. Fasci)		-	-	-	-	-	
12	FURTO		121	676	400	800	150	
13	REATI DISCIPL. DI MINORE ENTITA'		120	167	300	480	360	
14	ALTRI REATI		227	694	676	545	2560	
15	TOTALE		895	1921	6557	19011	22164	

SAC. Francesco Lombardo del Regno
(Colonnello, Cavaliere di Ferro)

22164
19011
6557
1921
895
50548

Tel. BARI 11368

Subject: Furto di zucchero in danno degli alleati--
1.)-Cap/le magg/re SCARDIA ITALO di Pasquale
del 3- reparto riparazione automob. Bari--
2.) autiere LAMBERTUCCI Flavio di Cesare, del
Posto Carburanti del Comiter Bari--
3.) artigliere D'AMBROSIO Angelo di Salvatore,
del 510.0tg. Guardie Bari.--

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm AC.,
(MMIA) c/o 54 Area

Ref: LO/6/AQ
5 July 45

To: 9 Terr. HQ.

Ref. No. 7156/7287/45/SP.

Please report progress.

G. M. ex Major
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

GFH/MN

8574

Subject: - Traffic Accident.

HQ 54 Area CMT. (158)
Tel: 14121.
Ref: AFM/20/No. 777
2 Jul 45.

To: - MATA LO HQ 54 Area.

GILIO GIUSEPPE

The attached AF B.252 and report in respect of the a/m,
submitted by 510 Pro Coy ~~AA~~ forwarded for your necessary action.

IL.

R. O. Allen
Assistant Provost Marshal
(R. O. ALLEN) 8373

Statement by: Soldier of the Italian Army GIGLIO GIUSEPPE DI CALOGERO.
 223 Company Italian Transport 3rd Platoon. TRAM.

REF.

On the 25th June 1945 I was driving my lorry "FORD" 3 Ton, I was coming from TRAM to BARIETTA.
 At about 0900 hrs. I was travelling at the speed of approximately 12 MPH. in Barletta, when I saw a cyclist which was coming ~~from~~ out from the "Barra di Napoli" in Corso Garibaldi Barletta, the cyclist wanted to cross the road, and to avoid him, I braked and swerved to the right, in doing so I crashed my lorry into the wall of the Barra di Napoli.

Barletta
 25th June 1945

Signed:
Giglio Giuseppe.

I hereby certify that to the best of my belief and ability this is a true and correct translation of the above statement made by Soldier Giglio Giuseppe.

Signed: Portiglione Bartolomeo, Interpreter.

Portiglione Bartolomeo

Tel : BARI 11458

Subject:- Traffic Accident.

(157)
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C.(MMIA)c/o 54 Area

Ref : LO/6/AQ
30 June 45

To:- 9 Terr HQ.

Attached is copy of PRO/40/54 of 21 June 45
and original of PRO/277/1510.

C. Brown Maj
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

GPH/ja

8571

C O P YSubject:- Traffic Accident.PRO/40/5421 June 45

AFM 54 Area
AFM TARANTO
MMIA LO BARI

Attached Traffic Accident Report
PRO/277/1510 dated 11 June 45 is forwarded for information
and necessary action.

The statement in the CMP NCO's report and the
Italian dvr's own admission re skid marks seem to indicate
that he was travelling at an excessive speed. However,
the Italian was travelling along a main rd and had
the right of way and the RN Veh should have halted at
rd junc.

S/ E.O.Powell.Capt
DAPH.

for Major
Assistance Provost Marshall,
H.Q. 52 Area.
(Absent on Duty)

Field

8570

el BARI 11450

Subject: Employment of Labour-Italian Military.Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C.(MMIA) o/o 54 AreaRef: LO/6/A
30 June 45To: 9 Terr HQ
227 Div East Det.Attached for your information is copy of 4150 A.
dated 22 June 45.*C. M. S. A.*
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

GPH/ja

8569

Tel BARI 11458

Subject: Employment of Labour-Italian Military.

Ltd son Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C.(MMIA)c/o 54 Area

Ref: LO/6/A4

20 June 45

To: - 9 Terr HQ
227 Div East Det.

Attached for your information is copy of 4150 A.
dated 22 June 45.

C. P. S. O. L. S. aj
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

GPH/ja

8569

C O P Y

Subject:- Employment of Labour- Italian Military.

4150. A.

Tel. No. 11433.

To:- 651 L.of C. w/shops R.E.M.E.
6666

LA FORCIA Corrado.

1. This HQ is informed that the above named person employed by you is AWOL from 404 Pnr Regt.
2. He will be discharged forthwith and handed over to the Carabinieri. Please report when this has been done.
3. Please return to this HQ any certificates of exemption which may have been issued.

C.M.F.
22 June 45.
NS/AI

Lt Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 54 Area

Copy to:- 66 Group Pnr Corps
EMIA LO Eastern Italy
Carabinieri Bari

8568

Tel : BARI 11658

154

Subject:- Employment of Labour- Italian Military

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o Hq 54 Area

Ref : LO/6/AQ
June 45

TO:- 9 Terr Hq

Further to my LO/6/AQ dated 30 May 45
please see 4150^a of 27 June 45, copy attached.

[Signature] Maj
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

GPH/jd

8567

Subject: Deserters - Italian Army. Copy

4150 A.

Tel. No. 11433.

H.Q. 3 District 'A'.

APPELLA ERNESTO

Reference your 390/2A of 23 May 45.

1. The soldier in question was returned to 510 Btn Guardia, Bari, on 30 May 45.
2. he was originally posted to 173 D.I2D. from the above named Btn as a replacement, and was employed in a military capacity only.

C.M.F.
27 June 45.
WEJG/CG.

Brigadier,
Commander, 54 Area .

Copy to: 66 Gp P.C.)
MMIA LO Eastern Italy.)
Carabinieri BARI)

even reference letter dated
29 May refers.

8566

Tel-Bari 11458.

Subject: -D'ALESSANDRO Italo.

Liaison Office,
Land Forces, Sub Comm.,
A.C. (MMIA) c/o 54 Area.

Ref. LO/6/AQ.

28 June 45.

To: - 9 Terr. HQ.

Ref my LO/6/AQ of 7 June 45, attached is
3 Dist's reply Ref 75/III/GSI of 20 June 45.

W. M. A. L. Maj.
Senior MMIA LO.
Eastern Italy.

GPH/agn

8565

SUBJECT:- D'ALESSANDRO Italo.

Liaison Office,
Land Forces, Sub Comm.,
A.C. (MMIA),
c/o 54 Area.

CONFIDENTIAL

3 District,
Baseball, Ext 6
75/III/GSI.

20 June 45.

Reference is made to your LO/6/AQ dated 7 June 45.

1. Subject, interned in "A" Civilian Internee Camp, PADULA, in November 44, was handed over to the Italian Authorities in February 45.
2. His present whereabouts is not known.

(E.M. ROBERTS) Capt.,
for Lt. Col.
GSI.

Copy to:-

"A"

"A", 54 Area (your 4812 A dated 14 June 45 refers).

8564

SUBJECT: Deserters Italian Army.

R. G. 3 District 'A'.

10/6/94
4150 A.

Tel. No. 11433.

152

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C.M.F.
27 June 45.
WELG/CG.

W. G. G. G.
Brigadier,
Commander, 54 Area.

Copy to: 66 Gp P.C.
MMIA IO Eastern Italy. } even reference letter dated
Ceramini Bari. } 29 May refers.

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8563

SUBJECT: Employment of Labour - Italian Military,

4439 A.

Tel. No. 11433.

651 L. of C. Macpa R.E.M.E.

LA FORTE Corrado.

1. This H.Q. is informed that the above named person employed by you is AWOL from 404 Pwr Regt.
2. He will be discharged forthwith and handed over to the Carabinieri. Please report when this has been done.
3. Please return to this HQ any certificates ^{of} exception which may have been issued.

C.M.F.
22 June 45.
HS/AT

Chalkley
16-44
Lt. Col.
A.A. & C.M.G. 54 Area.

Copy to: 66 Group Pwr Corps
MMA 10 Eastern Italy
Carabinieri Bari.

8562

SUBJECT:- D'ALESSANDRO Italo
Liaison Office,
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
A.C. (MIA),
c/o 54 Area.

CONFIDENTIAL

3 District
Baseball, Ext 6
75/III/GSI

20 Jun 45.

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EMR/VH.

COPY TO:- "A"

(E.M. ROBERTS) Capt.
for Lt Col.
GS.

"A", 54 Area (Your 4812 A dated 14 Jun 45 refers).

22 JUN 1945

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COPIA

TRIBUNALE MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GUERRA

B A R I

n° 7156/7287/45/SP

Bari, li 14 giugno 945

OGGETTO: Furto di zucchero in danno degli alleati - 1°) - Cap/le magg/re SCARDIA-Italo di Pasquale del 3° reparto riparazioni automob. Bari = 2°) - autiere LAMBERTUCCI Flavio di Cesare, del Posto Carburanti del Comiter Bari = 3°) - artiglieriere D'AMBROSIO Angelo di Salvatore, del 510° btg. Guardie Bari.-

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE - Uff. Pers. - Sez. Disc. - B A R I

Con riferimento al foglio n. 2939 in data 2/6/c.a. si rappresenta che il procedimento penale a carico dei militari in oggetto non può essere definito entro il 19 corrente.-

Ciò perchè, in sede di istruttoria, sono emerse responsabilità concorrenti a carico di estranei alle FF.AA. dei quali molti debbono essere ancora identificati.-

Per quanto sopra, stante la complessità delle indagini, in data odierna si è richiesto il Giudice Istruttore per il formale procedimento.-

Con riserva di comunicazioni in merito all'ulteriore corso della istruttoria.-

IL PROCURATORE MILITARE DEL REGNO
f/to: Col. G. Grilli

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI (IX)
Uff. Pers. - Sez. Disc.

n° 3176/Disc.

Bari, 18/6/1945

= ALL'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO - SOTTOCOMMISSIONE FORZE SBARCO =
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) C/o 54° AREA - LO/6/H.Q.-

B A R I

..... per notizia a seguito del foglio n. 2938/Disc. del 2 c.m.-

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. V. Petitti)

20 JUN 1945



LC/61ae
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DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI

- Ufficio del Direttore -

N.5/ 7188/Ris/Pe ci prot. 4

Bari, li 18 giugno 1945

OGGETTO: Incidente automobilistico S. Tenente commissario complemento
Speziante Placido fu Ermegegildo - classe 1916 - distretto Bari.

Al Ministero della Guerra - Gabinetto -

Al Ministero della Guerra - D.G.S.C. ed Ann/vi

Ispettorato Generale Servizi Commissariato

Al Comando Militare Territoriale

- Ufficio Terr/le ed Affari Vari -

Al distaccamento M.M.I.A.L.O.

ROMA

ROMA

Bari

Bari

Seguito foglio n. 5/16757 dell'8 corrente si trasmettono:

- copia relazione dell'autista Stellini Aurelio
- copia relazione Comando Stazione CC.RR. di Mola di Bari
- Copia relazione medica dell'ospedale militare riserva "Zalilla" Bari
- copia foglio di viaggio rilasciato dal Centro Regionale Recupero al S. Tenente Speziante;
- copia foglio n. 53/28/1 della Tenenza CC.RR. di Bari esterna.



Il Colonnello Commissario Direttore
(in) (per) Occhipinti

ROMABari
Bari

Al Ministero della Guerra - D.C.S.C. ed Amm/vi
 Ispettorato Generale Servizi Commissariato
 Al Comando Militare Territoriale
 -Ufficio Terr/le ed Affari Vari-
 Al distaccoamento M.M.I.A.L.O.

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 - copia foglio di viaggio rilasciato dal Centro Regionale Recupero al S.Tenente Spaziente;
 - copia foglio n. 53/28/1 della Tenenza CC.RR. di Bari esterna.



Il Comandante
 Occhipinti)

8559

20 JUN 1945

Copia

Oggetto: Incidente.AL VICE COMANDO DELLA 227^a DIVISIONE PANTERIA B A R I

Il sottoscritto autiere STELLM Aurelio di Emilio e di Rivelaro Rosa nato il 1^o/12/1921 a Melandino S. Pide, zio (Padova) effettivo al Distaccamento del Quartier Generale della 227^a Divisione dichiara quanto segue:

- Comandato in servizio con un'autocarro presso il magazzino del Centro Regionale Recupero di Bari il mattino del 6 giugno 1945 partivo da Bari alle ore 10,30 per recarmi a Fasano.
- Raggiunto Fasano, ripartivo per Bari alle ore 13,30 con a bordo il sottotenente commissario SPALIANTE Flacido.
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- L'ufficiale da una macchina allestita sopraggiunta dopo circa tre quarti di ora è stato trasportato all'ospedale militare di Mola.
- La macchina investitrice è quella proveniente da Mola, non si sono potute identificare poiché sono partite subito dopo l'incidente non curandosi dell'accolto.

Bari, li 9 giugno 1945.

L'AUTIERE
P/to Aurelio Stelin.

Visto: Il Comandante del Distaccamento
del Quartier Generale Della
227^a Divisione di Panteria
P/to S. Tenente Rosario Fellicchia.

Il sottoscritto entiere STELIN Aurelio di Emilio e di Rivelaro Rosa nato il 10/12/1921 a Melardino S. Fide, zio (Padova) effettivo al Distaccamento del Quartier Generale della 227^a Divisione dichiara quanto segue:

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227^a Divisione di Fanteria
F/to S. Tenente Rosario Pellecchia.

L'AUTIERE

F/to Aurelio Stelin.



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Alia procura del Regno presso il Tribunale Civ. e Pen.
 All'Ufficio Enlgh Hing - Via Vittorio Veneto 24-
 Al Comando della 227^a Divisione
 Al COMMISSARIATO MILITARE Centro Recupero
 Al Comando della Tenente CC.RR.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI BARI
 Stazione di Mola di Bari.

Rapporto N. 91

OGGETTO Rapporto circa le lesioni riportate dal S. Tenente Di Coma/to
SPAZIANTE PIACIDO di Ermenegildo, per incidente a tomobilistico in Mola
 di Bari il 6 giugno 1945.

Mola 7 giugno 1945

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Il Maresciallo Maggiore Comandante della
 Stazione
 F/ to Giuseppe De Vitis



OGGETTO: rapporto circa la lesioni riportate dal S. Tenente Di Comma/to
SPAZIANTE PLACIDO d'Ermenegildo, per incidente a tomobilistico in Mola
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Stazione
F/ to Giuseppe De Vitis

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Ospedale Militare Territoriale Riserva Balilla - Bari
Direzione

N. 383 al prot.

Bari, 11 8 giugno 1945

OCCETTO: S. Tenente Spaziante Pascido.

AL COMANDO CENTRO REGIONALE RECUPERI
 (Rif. fono 5428 odierno)

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Stamane condizioni migliorate.

Nutrizione del piede sinistro soddisfacente.

F/ To il Chirurgo curante
 C/no medico Bonomo Prof. Dott. Vincenzo.

Visto: Il Tenente Colonnello medico Direttore
 Carrara Dott. Nicolo



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MILITANTEN COMMISSARIO A.F.
(A. B. Leo)

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Sostituisce il modello 551 A

CERTIFICATO DI VIAGGIO PER UFFICIALI E MILITARI ISOLATI

Il S. Tenente Spaziante Placido deve partire domani, per recarsi a Fasano e Rutigliano in seguito ad ordine del Centro Regionale Recupero per contrabbando lavorazione farsetti a maglia e lavorazione borraccia.

Bari, li 5 giugno 1945



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Copia

Legione Territoriale dei Carabinieri Reali di Bari
Tenenza Bari esterna

N.53/28/1 di prot.

Bari, 11 7 giugno 1945

OGGETTO: Investimento automobilistico in Mola di Bari

Al Comendo Generale Arma Carabinieri Reali
Al Comendo Militare Territoriale
Al Comendo della 3^a Divisione Carabinieri Reali
Al Comendo della 5^a Brigata Carabinieri Reali
Al Comendo della Legione CC.RR. -Ufficio Servizi
Al Comendo della 227^a Divisione
Alla Direzione di Comm/to. Militare -Centro Recupero-
Al Comendo del Gruppo Interno CC.RR.
Al Comendo della Compagnia Interna CC.RR.
American Police I.M. -A.P.O. - 0.520
C.I.D. - Via De Giosa
American Claims And Hirings -Via Abate Gimma
A.P.M. 54 Area -Casa Mutinati
6 2.S.I.B. -Istituto Gioglio Cesare-Corso Cavour
English Claims And Hirings -Corso Vittorio Emanuele 24

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Il S.Tenente Comandante
F/to. Francesco Liberio

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Il Tenente Commissario Aiutante Maggiore

(A. de Leo)



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Al Comando delle 3^a Divisione Carabinieri Reali
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Il S.Tenente Comandante
 F/to. Francesco Miberio

Il Tenente Commissario Aiutante Maggiore



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Tel. 11458

Subject:- Military Trials.

Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(MIA) C/o 54 Area

LO/C/AQ ✓

16 June 45

To:- 9 Territorial H.Q.

Ref. your 405/Segr. of 15 Apr.

1. I wish to examine rather more closely the position of the handling of military processes in this area.

2. For this purpose I should be obliged to receive the following information:-

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(ii) Trial by the Military Tribunal 1.493
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(ii) In prison elsewhere.

1680 (iii) Conditionally released and in the Italian Army. 1680

(iv) Conditionally released elsewhere.

20,290 (v) Thereabouts NOT known.

(d) A report on the number of cases by types according to the analysis referred to in (b):-

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4. Please confirm that there has been NO recent change in the Military Judicial Organization in this Area as described in your letter above quoted.

5. I hope you will be able to furnish me with a reply to this letter by 30 June.

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copy to: HQ. MMIA

[Signature] Major
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

Analysis of Charges
Pending in BARI Area
(i) For preparation by Military Prosecutor

Ser. No.	Nature of Charge	Before 1941	1941		1942		1943	
			1st half	2nd half	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1	MURDER							
2	ARSON							
3	TREASON							
4	COWARDICE in face of enemy							
5	OTHER CRIMES OF VIOLENCE							
6	SEXUAL CRIMES (incl. Rape)							
7	DESERTION							
8	ABSENCE without leave							
9	INSUBORDINATION							
10	POLITICAL OFFENSES (a) Fascist activities							
11	POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (b) other than fascist							
12	THEFT							
13	MINOR DISCIPLINARY OFFENSES							
14	OTHER OFFENSES							
15	TOTAL							

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Before 1941	1st half	2nd half	1942	1943	1944	1945	Remarks
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of Fascist							
MAJOR OFFENCES							

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Tel. 11458

Subject:- Disposal of Money.

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Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) C/o 54 Area

Ref:- LO/6/AQ ✓

14 June 45

To:- D A P M 62 See CMP SIB.

52 (old jacket)
Ref my LO/6/AQ of 9 Jan addressed to HQ MMIA copy
to you, the Italian Army has NO claim to the lire
referred to in para 2 and 3.

C. M. M. K.
Major
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

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REPORT.

To,
The Officer Commanding,
510 Provost Company. C.M. Police.

510 PROVOST COMPANY

Sir,

I have to report that at Barletta on 9th. June 1945, about 17.45hrs. in company with I/Bdr. G.H. Oldfield, att. 510 Provost Company, C.M. Police, I was on Mobile Patrol on the Barletta - Trani Road, about four miles south of Barletta, where I saw a W.D. 3 ton Bedford No. 4878432, which appeared to be travelling at a speed in excess of that allowed for this particular vehicle. The vehicle is restricted to 30 mph.

I followed the vehicle, maintaining an even distance for approximately 1 mile and the speedometer of my vehicle registered a maximum speed of 55 mph. and a minimum of 50 mph. I over took the vehicle and stopped it and found it to be driven by an Italian soldier,

FAGGIANO SALUSTIO, 804 Campo Affluenza, Trani.

Seated in the cab of the above mentioned vehicle were two other Italian soldiers. I ordered one of these soldiers into the rear of the vehicle.

I pointed out the offences to the above named Italian driver, obtained his particulars from his documents, which were in order, told him that he would be reported and allowed him to proceed.

Barletta.
10th. June 1945.

4806298 J.F. Mathers/Cpl.
(J.F. Mathers.)
510 Provost Company,
C.M. Police.

Sir,

I have read over and corroborate the above statement.

Barletta.
10th. June 1945.

1800649 G.H. Oldfield I/Bdr.
(G.H. Oldfield) 550
att. 510 Provost Company,
C.M. Police.

Tel-Bari 11438/

Subject:- Accused Military Personnel.

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Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MIA) C/o 64 area

Ref: LO/6/AQ ✓

12 June 45

To:- 9 Territorial HQ

(Copy sent)

1. Attached is copy of SIB/BA/45/A/26 dated 3 June 45.
2. Please report by 7 Jul action taken with regard to these men.

Wm M. Major
Major
Senior MIA LO
Eastern Italy

GPH/tv

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RESTRICTED.

Ref:-- SIB/BA/45/A/26.

Your Ref:--

62 Section,
S.I.B., C.M. Police,
C.M. Forces.

3rd. June, 1945.

SUBJECT:-- Persons Arrested. - Larceny, Receiving,
Unlawful Possession of Firearms, and
Improper Possession of Allied Forces
Property.

1. VITALE FELICE, fu GIUSEPPE,
Corso Garibaldi, No. 159, CANOSA.
2. ANGELINO DOMENICO, di PICCOLA,
Via Stazione, No. 3, CANOSA.
3. MOLINARO GIUSEPPE, di ARZUFFO,
214 Battaglione Guardia, 4. Compagnia,
MARLETTA.
4. SPICHI PIETRO, di GAVINO,
214 Battaglione Guardia, 4. Compagnia,
MARLETTA.
5. VALACCIULO MARIO, fu SAVINO,
Via Domenico Cotugno, No. 17, CANOSA.
6. EDMEST GABRIELE, fu GIUSEPPE,
Via Pretelli Bandiera, No. 23, CANOSA.
7. PORRO ALFONSO, fu MICHELE,
Vico Nicola Sacchiavelli, No. 8, CANOSA.
8. LEONE PAOLO, fu MICHELE,
Vico Rongo Palestro, No. 2, CANOSA.
9. MULLO GOSIHO, fu SAVINO,
Via Savino, No. 16, CANOSA.
10. SANTANGELO LUIGI, fu GIUSEPPE,
Via Regina Margherita, No. 4, CANOSA.

To:--

The D.A.F.M.,
62 Section,
S.I.B., C.M.P.

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Copy sent to Rome 1/11/45

Corso Garibaldi, No. 139, CANOSA.

2. AMOTUSO DOMENICO, di NICOLA,
Via Stefione, No. 2, CANOSA.
3. COLIHARO GIUSEPPE, di ANTONIO,
224 Battaglione Guardia, 4, Compagnia,
BARLETTA.
4. SEUCHI PIETRO, di GAVINO,
514 Battaglione Guardia, 4, Compagnia,
BARLETTA.
5. CALACCIOLLO MARIO, fu SAVIO,
Via Domenico Cotugno, No. 17, CANOSA.
6. BIMASE GABRIELE, fu GIUSEPPE,
Via Pretelli Bandiera, No. 23, CANOSA.
7. PORRO ALFREDO, fu MICHELE,
Vico Nicola Noddi, No. 3, CANOSA.
8. LEONE PAOLO, fu MICHELE,
Vico Rengo Palestro, No. 2, CANOSA.
9. NILLO COSIMO, fu SAVIO,
Via Savino, No. 26, CANOSA.
10. SANTANGELO LUIGI, fu GIUSEPPE,
Via Regina Margherita, No. 4, CANOSA.

To:-

The D.A.P.M.,
62 Section,
S.I.E., G.A.P.

ed and submitted.

Sir,

On the 29th. May, 1945, I arrested the above named 1; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and on the 31st. May, 1945, I arrested the above named 7, 8, 9, and 10.

From the evidence obtained it appears that the following charges may be preferred.

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SROCHI PIETRO, the Sergeant Major referred to in the statement made by MOLINARO, has been interviewed and interrogated through the medium of the Official Interpreter, and strongly denies all knowledge of the thefts. He has also been implicated by the two civilians who admit the thefts, and on the 29th May, 1945, I caused him to be arrested together with MOLINARO.

Two local civilians, CARACCIOLLO, and SINESI, both lorry drivers, have been closely interrogated and have made statements admitting that they received 27 gallons of petrol from AMORUSO, one of the persons who committed the theft, they also state that VITALE AND AMORUSO, informed them prior to the theft of their intentions and told them they could collect some the following morning if they required it. After the actual theft had been committed VITALE and AMORUSO went to CARACCIOLLO'S garage and told him that they had been seen by the Italian Night Guards but they had squared everything by giving the Night Guards 5,500 Lire to keep quiet about the affair. I caused CARACCIOLLO and SINESI to be arrested and detained.

At 14:00. hours on the 31st May, 1945, I again went to CANOSA, and interviewed SANTANGILO LUIGI, the Commandante of the Night Guards, who AMORUSO alleges allowed a third person, FRASCONELLA, by name, to escape after he had been arrested together with VITALE, and AMORUSO, on reason of him paying a 1,000 Lire to SANTANGILO. I questioned SANTANGILO respecting the matter but he strongly denied all knowledge of it. I then told him I would like to search his premises, and with a member of the local Carabinieri present the house was searched, and an automatic Mauser loaded with six rounds was found on top of a dresser, and another revolver was found in a drawer. I asked SANTANGILO if he had a permit authorising him to keep the pistols, and he produced a Certificate in respect of the broken revolver, and stated that he bought the automatic and had applied for a permit for it. A quantity of soap etc, was also found in various drawers. (See list in charge) I then conveyed him to the Carabinieri Station and caused him to be detained. I made enquiries of the Marescialle and no application has been made in respect of the automatic found in SANTANGILO'S possession. When questioned the automatic found in SANTANGILO'S possession, he stated as regarding the soap, etc, found in his possession, he stated that he bought it from Italian Civilians.

The same afternoon I arrested FERRO ALFONSO, LEONE PAOLO, BULLO COSIMO, and COLUCCI NICOLA, all Night Guards, employed at CANOSA, each of these men has been interrogated

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The same afternoon I arrested PORRO ALFONSO, LEONE PAOLO, NILLO COSIMO, and COLUCCI NICOLA, all Night Guards, employed at CANOSA. Each of these men has been interrogated and have made statements under caution, in respect of the 5,000 Lire which was paid to them by VITALE, during the night of the 9th. May, 1945, when he first stole petrol from the Railhead. Each man admits receiving 1,375 Lire, an equal share of the money given to them by VITALE, but also states that the following morning, on hearing rumours regarding the theft of the petrol and the money given to them as a reward, they immediately reported the matter to the Director of the Night Guards, and handed him the money back, asking him to return it to VITALE. I have again questioned VITALE and he states that the Director of the Night Guards sent for him and

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and asked him to take back the money which had been paid to the Night Guards earlier that day, but VITALI stated he did not wish to have the money back but wanted it given to the poor in the district. Owing to this fact there is not sufficient evidence to prove a case of Bribery, and COLUCCI was later returned to his home.

With the Official Interpreter and a Carribiniere the houses of PORRO, LIGONE, and NULLO, were searched and a pistol was found in each house. The aforementioned were asked if they had a permit allowing them to possess firearms, and PORRO stated that he had bought his pistol from his uncle at the beginning of March, 1945, and had later applied for a permit but had not received it yet. Both NULLO and LIGONE state that the pistols found in their possession were loaned to them by the Director of the Night Guards, but also state that application has since been made for the necessary Permit. Each man stated that he was aware that he was not allowed to be in possession of a firearm without a permit. I have seen the Marescialle of Carribiniere at CANOSA, and he states that no permits have been issued as yet in respect of the pistols possessed by LIGONE, PORRO, and NULLO. I have caused these men to be detained by the Carribiniere.

The pistols confiscated from PORRO, PORRO, NULLO, and SANTANGILO, have been retained at this Office, pending further instructions.

The soap, torches, etc, recovered from the house of SANTANGILO, is now at this Office awaiting instructions for disposal.

The four drums of petrol, 176 gallons, stolen by VITALE and AMORUGO, on the 27th May, 1945, and found in their possession when arrested, has been identified as W.M. Petrol by Sergeant Taylor of the 544 Company, R.A.S.C., and a statement to this effect is attached. The petrol in question was conveyed by Sergeant Taylor to the Car Park of 'C' Platoon, 544 Company, R.A.S.C., stationed at CANOSA, the Officer of that Platoon being in charge of the Railroad.

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The pistols confiscated from LEONE, PORRO, NULLO, and SANTANGELO, have been retained at this Office, pending further instructions.

The soap, torches, etc, recovered from the house of SANTANGELO, is now at this Office awaiting instructions for disposal.

The four drums of petrol, 170 gallons, stolen by VITALE and AMOROSO, on the 27th May, 1945, and found in their possession when arrested, has been identified as W.L. Petrol by Sergeant Taylor of the 544 Company, R.A.S.C., and a statement to this effect is attached. The petrol in question was conveyed by Sergeant Taylor to the Car Park of 'C' Platoon, 544 Company, R.A.S.C., stationed at CANOSA, the Officer of that Platoon being in charge of the Railroad.

Two other men are wanted in connection with the two larcenies, and enquiries are continuing to effect their arrest, and when this has been completed a further report will be submitted. These two men, are not at present, in this locality.

Respectfully submitted.

In the Field,
2nd June, 1945.

J. C. Turner

F.C. TURNER, BSM.
62 Section, S.I.B., C.M. Police.

Civil Prison,
CANOSA.

28th May, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- VITALE FELICE, ex FUSARPE,
No. 159, Corso Garibaldi, CANOSA.

Who states:-

I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but that anything I do say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence.

Signed, Vitale Felice.

I am an Italian civilian and live with my family at the above address. About a fortnight ago an Italian civilian named PAPPINO asked me to take my horse and cart to the Railway Station at Canosa. He told me that two Italian drivers had already arranged with the Italian Sergeant at the Station, to take some petrol. At about 22.00. hours in company with ANGELO DOMENICO and PAPPINO I took my horse and cart to the Station, and took two large empty drums with me. When we arrived at the petrol pumps we were approached by the Italian sentry, he later turned on the tap of the petrol pipe and we filled the drums with petrol. We then took the drums of petrol back to Canosa on the cart and left them on the cart, in a little side street. The following morning I found that the two drums of petrol had been taken away. I saw the drivers later in the day and they told me they had collected it. Whilst in the station I went to home, which is quite near and collected 2,000 Lire, I returned to the Station with it and handed it to the ITALIAN NIGHT GUARD, ALONSO FORRO, just to keep his mouth shut about the matter. The drivers sold the petrol for 3,800 Lire, out of that I had my 5,000 Lire back which I had payed to the Night Guards, 2,000 Lire was given to the Italian Sergeant in charge of the sentries at the Station, and PAPPINO had 500 Lire. At about 20.30. hours on the 26th May, 1945 I saw the Italian Sergeant in Canosa and I agreed to take some more petrol from the Station. At 01.00. hours on the 27th May, 1945, together with ANGELO DOMENICO and PABLOMICHAEL MICHELLE, I went to the Station with my horse and cart. Near the petrol pumps we were met by an Italian sentry whose name I do not know. This guard turned on the tap and filled the drums with petrol. I and on my cart, with petrol.

Signed. Vitale Police.

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When we a talk the evening before the robbery took place, the Sergeant in charge of the guard at the Station told me he would arrange everything with sentry on duty that night. We left the place as soon as we had filled the barrels with petrol and when a short distance away we were arrested by the Italian Night Guards, SANTANGILO LUIGI and CANDIDO GERARDO. These guards let PERSICHELLA run away and said they wouldn't speak about it.

Signed. Vitale Felice.

I have read over the above statement, it is correct and true. I have had the opportunity of making any alteration or addition where necessary, and no threat, promise, or persuasion, has been made or held over me.

Signed. Vitale Felice.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by me in the presence of Sergt Turner, 62 Section, Special Investigation Branch, on the 28th May, 1945, at 12.00. hours.

Signed.

Vincent J. P. Smith

Official Interpreter.

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by VITALE FELICE, in Italian, into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed.

Vincent J. P. Smith

Official Interpreter.

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Signed.

Vincent R. Panti

Official Interpreter.

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Signed.

Vincent R. Panti

Official Interpreter.

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Civil Prison,
CANOSA.

28th. May, 1945.

WITNESSED BY:- ALFONSO DOMENICO, di NICOLA.

No. 2, Via Stazione, CANOSA.

Who states:-

I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but that anything I do say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence.

Signed. + (Cross of AMCHUSO)

I am an Italian civilian and live at the above address with my family. About a fortnight ago, two Italian civilian drivers told me they had arranged with the Sergeant of the Italian Guard to allow them to go to CANOSA Railway Station and steal petrol. They told me all arrangements had been made and asked me if I would accompany VITALE and PAPPINO to the railway station and collect some petrol, this I agreed to do. I went to the Railway Station about 01.00. hours in the morning, with PAPPINO and VITALE. VITALE took his horse and cart and two large empty drums and we were met at the station petrol pumps by four ITALIAN NIGHT GUARDS, SANTARELLO ZILUET, and COLASCI, the other two I do not know. The Italian sentry who was on duty turned on the petrol and we filled the two drums that were on the cart. VITALE, who lives near the station, sent me to his house to collect 5,000 Lire from his wife. I returned to the station with the 5,000 Lire and handed it to VITALE, who in turn handed it to one of the Italian Night Guards. The 5,000 Lire was given to the Night Guards to stop them from informing the Police. When the drums were full of petrol we took them back to CANOSA and left them on the cart, in a side street. The two Italian drivers who had made arrangements for us to collect the petrol, informed me later that day that they had taken the petrol from the cart. The two drums of petrol was sold by the two drivers for 8,500 Lire, VITALE was repaid 5,000 Lire, and the remainder was given to PAPPINO to pay to the Italian Sergeant who was in charge of the Guard at the station. About 22.00. hours on the 26th. May, 1945, I was with VITALE and PAPPINO when we saw the Commandant 8528.

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Signed, + (Cross of AMOROSO)

I am an Italian civilian and live at the above address with my family. About a fortnight ago, two Italian civilians, drivers told me they had arranged with the Sergeant of the Italian Guard to allow them to go to CANOSA Railway Station and steal petrol. They told me all arrangements had been made and asked me if I would accompany VITALE and PAPPINO to the railway station and collect some petrol, this I agreed to do. I went to the Railway Station about 01.00. hours in the morning, with PAPPINO and VITALE. VITALE took his horse and cart and two large empty drums and we were met at the station petrol pumps by four ITALIAN NIGHT GUARDS, SANTAGRO ALIPI, and CONNOL, the other two I do not know. The Italian sentry who was on duty turned on the petrol and we filled the two drums that were on the cart. VITALE, who lives near the station, sent me to his house to collect 5,000 Lire from his wife. I returned to the Station with the 5,000 Lire and handed it to VITALE, who in turn handed it to one of the Italian Night Guards. The 5,000 Lire was given to the Night Guards to stop them from informing the Police. When the drums were full of petrol we took them back to CANOSA and left them on the cart, in a side street. The two Italian drivers who had made arrangements for us to collect the petrol, informed me later that day that they had taken the petrol from the cart. The two drums of petrol was sold by the two drivers for 8,500 Lire, VITALE was repaid 5,000 Lire, and the remainder was given to PAPPINO to pay to the Italian Sergeant who was in charge of the Guard at the Station. About 22.00. hours on the 26th. May, 1945, I was with VITALE and PERSICHIELLA MICHELE when we saw the Commandant 8543, ITALIAN NIGHT GUARDS, he spoke to us and told us it would be alright for us to go to the station and collect some more petrol. About 01.00. hours on the 27th. May, 1945, I went to the station in company with VITALE and PERSICHIELLA, VITALE took his horse and cart and two large empty drums. When we arrived at the petrol pumps VITALE spoke to the sentry who was on duty, and he later turned on the petrol and filled the two empty drums which were on the cart with petrol. While the sentry was filling the two drums which were already on the cart, VITALE and I went to the Depot and collected two more empty drums. These we took back and placed on the cart and the sentry filled them with petrol.

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We saw the Commandant of the Italian Night Guards and his men as we went to the Station, after filling four large drums of petrol at the Station, after filling and when a short distance away we were stopped by the Commandant of the Night Guards. He told us he would be taking us to the Carabinieri for one night, and then told PERSICHIELLA if he gave him a 1,000 Lire he could go. I then saw PERSICHIELLA hand the Commandant a 1,000 Lire Note and run away. We were then taken to the Carabinieri Station.

Signed. + (Cross of AMORUSO)

I have read over the above statement, it is correct and true. I have had the opportunity of making any alteration or addition where necessary, and no threat promise, or persuasion, has been made or held over me.

Signed. + (Cross of AMORUSO)

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by me in the presence of Sergt Turner, 62 Section, Special Investigation Branch, on the 28th May, 1945, at 14:30 hours.

Signed.

Vincenzo Infante

Official Interpreter.

This is to certify that the above statement is a true and correct translation of the one made by AMORUSO DOMENICO, in the Italian language, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed.

Vincenzo Infante

Official Interpreter.

Signed. + (Cross of AMORUSO)

I have read over the above statement, it is correct and true. I have had the opportunity of making any alteration or addition where necessary, and no threat promise, or persuasion, has been made or held over me.

Signed. + (Cross of AMORUSO)

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by me in the presence of Sergt Turner, 62 Section, Special Investigation Branch, on the 28th May, 1945, at 14.30 hours.

Signed.

Vincenzo R. Panti

Official Interpreter.

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Signed.

Vincenzo R. Panti

Official Interpreter.

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62 Section, S.I.E.,
BARCELONA.

2nd. June, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:-- CARACCILO MARIO, fu SAVINGO.

Via Domenico Cotugno, No. 17, CANOSA.

Who states:--

I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but that anything I do say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence.

Signed. Mario Caracciolo.

I am an Italian civilian and live at the above address. I am a driver by trade and have known VITALE FELICE and AMORUSO for the past year, I also knew that during that time they had been smuggling petrol. About 18.30. hours on the 8th. May, 1945, VITALE and AMORUSO came to me and informed me that they were going to steal some petrol from the Railway Station at CANOSA, and they told us we could go to their house the following morning if we wanted any petrol. About 07.00. hours the following day, 9th. May, 1945 VITALE and AMORUSO came to my garage and told me that during the night they had been stopped by the Night Guards, but everything had turned out alright because they had paid the Night Guards 5,500 Lire as a reward. Shortly afterwards I left for Naples, and returned at about 18.00. hours on the 11th. May, 1945. On the 12th. May, 1945, at about 16.10. hours I was with my friend PINESI when a boy informed us that an Italian lorry was short of petrol. We got on the lorry and took it to the house of AMORUSO, there we got 120 Litres of petrol, which was contained in large square tins. The driver paid us 3,600 Lire for the petrol which we had obtained for him, we gave AMORUSO's wife 3,000 Lire, and the other 600 Lire we shared between us, that is, myself and PINESI. The driver of the lorry wanted more petrol but we could not get any more from AMORUSO's wife because it had been sold previously. About 20.00. hours on the 26th. May, 1945, VITALE FELICE came to the usual VINO BAR and informed us that he was going to steal some petrol that night from the station at CANOSA, and as usual he offered us some. We told him we would go to his house if we wanted any. The following morning I heard they had been arrested. On the 28th. May, 1945 I left for ANGELO SACALANO with the VICE-PRETOR, when I

Signed. Mario Caracciolo.

I am an Italian civilian and live at the above address. I am a driver by trade and have known VITALE FELICE and AMORUSO for the past year, I also knew that during that time they had been smuggling petrol. About 28.30. hours on the 5th. May, 1945, VITALE and AMORUSO came to me and informed me that they were going to steal some petrol from the Railway Station at CANOSA, and they told us we could go to their house the following morning if we wanted any petrol. About 01.00. hours the following day, 9th. May, 1945 VITALE and AMORUSO came to my garage and told me that during the night they had been stopped by the Night Guards, but everything had turned out alright because they had paid the Night Guards 5,500 Lire as a reward. Shortly afterwards I left for Naples, and returned at about 18.00. hours on the 11th. May, 1945. On the 12th. May, 1945, at about 15.30. hours I was with my friend SINISI when a boy informed us that an Italian lorry was short of petrol. We got on the lorry and took it to the house of AMORUSO, there we got 120 Litres of petrol, which was contained in large square tins. The driver paid us 3,600 Lire for the petrol which we had obtained for him, we gave AMORUSO's wife 3,000 Lire, and the other 600 Lire we shared between us, that is, myself and SINISI. The driver of the lorry wanted more petrol but we could not get any more from AMORUSO's wife because it had been sold previously. About 20.00. hours on the 26th. May, 1945, VITALE FELICE came to the usual VINO Bar and informed us that he was going to steal some petrol that night from the station at CANOSA, and as usual he offered us some. We told him we would go to his house if we wanted any. The following morning I heard they had been arrested. On the 28th. May, 1945 I left for ASSOLI SARRIANO with the VICE-PREROTTORE, when I returned home I was informed by my wife that the Carabinieri wanted us at the Caserma. I went there immediately and was detained and later handed over to the English Police.

Signed. Mario Caracciolo.

I have read over the above statement, it is correct and true. I have had the opportunity of making any alteration or addition where necessary, and no threat, promise or persuasion has been made or held over me.

Signed. Mario Caracciolo.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by me in the presence of Sergt Turner, 62 Section, Special Investigation Branch, at 11.00. Hours on the 2nd June, 1947.

Signed. Vincenzo DePaulis
Official Interpreter.

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by CARACIOLO MARIO, in Italian, into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed. Vincenzo DePaulis
Official Interpreter.

52 Section, 1 U.S.,
BARLETTA.

2nd. June, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- SINESI GABRIELE, IN GIUSEPPE,

Via Fratelli Bandiera, No. 23, CANOSA.

Who states:-

I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but that anything I do say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence.

Signed. Sinesi Gabriele.

I am a driver by trade and have known VITALE and AMORUSO for the past year, and I knew they had been smuggling petrol. During that period I had nothing to do with them. On the 8th. May, 1945, while I was in a 'Vino Bar' with my friend CARACCIOLLO, I was met by VITALE AND AMORUSO, who told us they were going to steal some petrol from the Railway Station at CANOSA. They told us we could have some petrol in the morning if we needed any and also told us where to collect it from. At about 16.30. hours on the 12th. May, 1945, I went with my friend CARACCIOLLO, near the 'Vino Bar', when a boy told us that an Italian lorry was short of petrol. CARACCIOLLO and I got on the lorry and went to AMORUSO'S house, where we got 120 litres of petrol. It was contained in six large square tins, and was all he had, the rest having been sold previously. The driver gave us 5,600 lire for the petrol, 3,000 lire we paid to AMORUSO'S wife, and the other 600 lire we shared between us, CARACCIOLLO and myself, and then we went home. On the 26th. May, 1945 I was in the 'Vino Bar' with CARACCIOLLO when VITALE came in and told us he was going to steal some more petrol from the Station with his friend AMORUSO, and told us we could have some more if we needed it. The following morning I heard that VITALE had been arrested. On the 26th. May, 1945, I drove a sick man to the hospital at Bari, and when I returned to CANOSA I was taken to the Carabinieri Station and detained.

Signed. Sinesi Gabriele.

I have read over the above statement, it is correct and true. I have had the opportunity of making any alterations or addition where necessary, and no threats, promise, or persuasion, has been made or held over me.

Signed. Sinesl Gabriele.

I am a driver by trade and have known VITALE and AMORUSO for the past year, and I knew they had been smuggling petrol. During that period I had nothing to do with them. On the 8th. May, 1945, while I was in a 'vino bar' with my friend CARACCIOLLO, I was met by VITALE AND AMORUSO, who told us they were going to steal some petrol from the Railway Station at CANOSA. They told us we could have some petrol in the morning if we needed any and also told us where to collect it from. At about 16.30. hours on the 12th. May, 1945, I was with my friend CARACCIOLLO, near the 'vino bar', when a boy told us that an Italian lorry was short of petrol. CARACCIOLLO and I got on the lorry and went to AMORUSO'S house, where we got 120 litre of petrol. It was contained in six large square tins, and was all he had, the rest having been sold previously. The driver gave us 3,600 Lire for the petrol, 3,000 Lire we paid to AMORUSO'S wife, and the other 600 Lire we shared between us, CARACCIOLLO and myself, and then we went home. On the 28th. May, 1945 I was in the 'vino bar' with CARACCIOLLO when VITALE came in and told us he was going to steal some more petrol from the Station with his friend AMORUSO, and told us we could have some more if we needed it. The following morning I heard that VITALE had been arrested. On the 28th. May, 1945, I drove a sick man to the hospital at Bari, and when I returned to CANOSA I was taken to the Carabinieri Station and detained.

Signed. Sinesl Gabriele.

I have read over the above statement, it is correct and true. I have had the opportunity of making any alterations or addition where necessary, and no threats, promise, or persuasion, has been made or held over me.

Signed. Sinesl Gabriele 2540

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by me in the presence of Sergt Turner, 62 Section, Special Investigation Branch, at 12.00. hours on the 2nd. June, 1945.

Signed. *Vincenzo De Santis*
Official Interpreter.

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct translation, of the statement made by SINESI GABRIELE in Italian, into English, to the best of my ability and belief

Signed.

Vincenzo De Santis

62 Section, S.I.R.,
BARLETTA.

1st June, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- PORRO ALFONSO, fu MICHELE,
Vico Nicola Machiavelle, No. 8, CANOSA.

Who states:-

I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but that anything I do say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence.

Signed. Porro Alfonso.

I am an Italian civilian and reside with my family at the above address. I am employed by the Italian Night Guards, and have been doing duty at CANOSA since the beginning of April, 1945. About three weeks ago I was on duty with NULLO, a Night Guards, we were walking along Corso Garibaldi, at about 03.00. hours, when we met COLUCCI and LECHE, also of the Night Guards. An Italian civilian named VITALE was talking to them and I saw VITALE hand some money to LECHE and say, 'You can get a drink with this', VITALE then left saying he was going into the country. The money was then shared between us, I had 1,575 lire. I thought the money was a present, but the following morning I heard that VITALE had been smuggling petrol, so I went to the Director of the Night Guards and handed him the money, and told him what I had heard. Owing to the fact that I am in the Night Guard I required a pistol, and the one found in my possession by the Police on the 1st May, 1945, I bought from my uncle, PORRO GIUSEPPE, at the beginning of April, 1945. About four or five days later I informed the Director of the Night Guard that I had bought a pistol and asked him to apply for a permit, but so far I have not received it. I know I have no right to have a pistol in my house without a permit, but I thought it would be alright until it came through.

Signed. Porro Alfonso.

I have read over the above statement, it is correct and true. I have had the opportunity of making any alteration or addition where necessary, and no threats, promise, or persuasion, has been made or held over me. 8339

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I am an Italian civilian and reside with my family at the above address. I am employed by the Italian Night Guards, and have been doing duty at CAMOSA since the beginning of April, 1945. About three weeks ago I was on duty with RULLO, a Night Guards, we were walking along Corso Garibaldi, at about 05.00. hours, when we met COUSCOCI and LIONE, also of the Night Guards. An Italian civilian named VITALI was talking to them and I saw VITALI hand some money to LIONE and say, 'You can get a drink with this', VITALI then left saying he was going into the country. The money was then shared between us, I had 2,575 Lire. I thought the money was a present, but the following morning I heard that VITALI had been smuggling petrol, so I went to the Director of the Night Guards and handed him the money, and told him what I had heard. Owing to the fact that I am in the Night Guard I required a pistol, and the one found in my possession by the Police on the 31st. May, 1945, I bought from my uncle, FURIO GIUSEPPE, at the beginning of April, 1945. About four or five days later I informed the Director of the Night Guard that I had bought a pistol and asked him to apply for a Permit, but so far I have not received it. I know I have no right to have a pistol in my house without a permit, but I thought it would be alright until it came through.

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Signed. Porro Alfonso.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by me in the presence of Sergt Turner, 62 Section, S.I.B., at 10.00. hours on the 1st. June, 1945.

Signed. Vincenzo De Fanti
Official Interpreter.

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by PORRO ALFONSO, in Italian, into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed. Vincenzo De Fanti
Official Interpreter.

62 SECT. 06, S.I.B.,
BARLETTA.

1st. June, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- NULLO COSIMO, FA NAVINO,

VIA SABBINO, NO. 25, CANOSA.

Who states:-

I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but that anything I do say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence.

Signed. Nullo Cosimo.

I am employed by the Italian Night Guards at CANOSA, having carried out this duty since the 29th. March, 1945. About four or five days ago I was walking along Corso Garibaldi, in Canosa, in company with ROMEO ALFONSO when we met LEONE PAOLO and COLUCCI who were accompanied by a person named VITALE whom I know as a big property owner in CANOSA. We stood talking together for a short time when VITALE produced money from his pocket and gave several notes to LEONE PAOLO. We all asked what the money was for and VITALE replied that it was for a reward. He did not explain what the reward was for. VITALE then went away and when we looked at the money we were surprised as the amount was 5,500 Lire. We shared the money and I received 1,375 Lire. During the day we learned that petrol had been stolen from near the Canosa Railway Station. I do not know who stole it, but it was said by people whom I only know by sight that VITALE was responsible for receiving it. When we, myself, ROMEO, LEONE, and COLUCCI learned of the theft of the petrol we became suspicious of the money given to us by VITALE. About seven days after receiving the money I learned that the other three persons had been to the Director of the Night Guards and told him everything and had handed over to him the money. I saw the Director also and gave him my share of the money. The pistol produced to me by Sergt Hodgetts of 62 S.I.B., which was found in my house on the 31st. May, 1945, I received from the Director about one month ago. I have no licence for the pistol and I am aware that I should not have it in my house, but the Director has forwarded all particulars to Bari for a licence. I carried the pistol with me whilst on duty.

Signed. Nullo Cosimo.

evidence.

Signed. Nullo Cosimo.

I am employed by the Italian Night Guards at CANOSA, having carried out this duty since the 25th March, 1945. About four or five days ago I was walking along Corso Garibaldi, in Canosa, in company with PORRO ALFONSO when we met LEONE PAOLO and COLUCCI who were accompanied by a person named VITALE whom I know as a big property owner in CANOSA. We stood talking together for a short time when VITALE produced money from his pocket and gave several notes to LEONE PAOLO. We all asked what the money was for and VITALE replied that it was for a reward. He did not explain what the reward was for. VITALE then went away and when we looked at the money we were surprised as the amount was 3,500 Lire. We shared the money and I received 1,375 Lire. During the day we learned that petrol had been stolen from near the Canosa Railway Station. I do not know who stole it, but it was said by people whom I only know by sight that VITALE was responsible for receiving it. When we, myself, PORRO, LEONE, and COLUCCI learned of the theft of the petrol we became suspicious of the money given to us by VITALE. About seven days after receiving the money I learned that the other three persons had been to the Director of the Night Guards and told him everything and had handed over to him the money. I saw the Director also and gave him my share of the money. The pistol produced to me by Sergt Hodgetts of 62 S.I.B., which was found in my house on the 31st May, 1945, I received from the Director about one month ago. I have no licence for the pistol and I am aware that I should not have it in my house, but the Director has forwarded all particulars to Bari for a licence. I carried the pistol with me whilst on duty.

Signed. Nullo Cosimo.

Statement taken down and signed ⁵³⁸addressed by me in the presence of Sergt Hodgetts, 62 Section, S.I.B., at 15.00. hours on the 1st June, 1945.

Signed.

Official Interpreter.

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by NULLO COSIMO, in Italian, into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed. Official Interpreter.

62 Sex Mon, S.I.B.,
BARLETTA.

1st June, 1945.

STATEMENT OF: LEONE PAOLO, ex MICHELLE.

Vico Rongo Palestro, No. 3, CANOSA.

Who states:-

I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but that anything I do say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence.

Signed. Leone Paolo.

I am an Italian civilian and was employed in the Italian Field Guard for three years. I resigned from the Field Guards about the middle of February, 1945, and joined the Italian Night Guard about the 7th March, 1945. Since that date I have been doing duty in CANOSA between the hours of 22.30. hours and 05.00. hours. About three weeks ago I was on duty with COMUCCI, another Night Guard, in Corso Garibaldi, that was about 05.00. hours. An Italian civilian named VITALE came up to me and handed me 5,500 Lire, telling me to get a drink with it as a friend of his. At this time I was joined by two more Night Guards, NUNO and PORRO. VITALE then left saying he was going into the country. I then shared the 5,500 Lire between us, having 1,375 Lire myself. The following morning I thought it was rather a lot of money so I took it to the Director of the Night Guards, who I understand sent me VITALE. About ten days later I was on duty in Corso Garibaldi, near CANOSA Railway Station, in company with SANTANGELO LUIGI and DICAMMIO, both Night Guards. This would be about 01.30. hours, when we saw VITALE and two other civilians. VITALE had his horse and cart, the cart contained four large drums of petrol. VITALE asked if the matter could be kept away from the Police, but he was conveyed to the Carabinieri Station at CANOSA. On the way to the Carabinieri Station one of the civilians ran away, I fired at him with a pistol but missed. Owing to the fact that I am in the Night Guards I require a pistol, and the one found in my possession by the Police on the 11th May, 1945, was loaned to me by the Director of the Night Guards, and therefore I have no permit for it. I know I am not allowed to have a pistol in my house without a permit.

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Signed. Leone Paolo.

I have read over the above statement, it is correct and true. I have had the opportunity of making any alterations or addition where necessary, and no threat, promise, or persuasion, has been made or held over me.

Signed. Leone Paolo.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by me in the presence of Sergt Turner, 62 Section, S.I.B., at 15.00. hours on the 1st. June, 1945.

62 Section, S.I.B.,
BARCELONA.

1st. June, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:-- COLUCCI NICOLA, fu VITO.

Via Ettore Fieramosca, No. 17, CAPOSA.

Who states:--

I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but that anything I do say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence.

Signed. Colucci Nicola.

I am an Italian civilian and reside with my family at the above address. I am employed by the Italian Night Guards, and have been doing duty in CAPOSA for the past month. I commence duty at 22.30. hours and usually finish about 05.00. hours. About three weeks ago I was on duty in Corso Garibaldi, in company with another Night Guard, LEOENE Paolo. That was about 03.00. hours, and shortly afterwards we were joined by PORRO ALFONSO and MULLO, also Night Guards. While we were talking an Italian civilian named VITALI came to us and handed LEOENE 5,500 lire, saying, 'Keep this and have a drink with me'. He asked VITALI what he was doing and he said he was going to the country side. After VITALI left we shared the money between us, I had 1,375 lire, and the remainder was shared between LEOENE, PORRO, and MULLO. The following morning I heard that VITALI had been smuggling petrol, and I thought that the money had been given to us during the night to keep our mouths closed, so I went to the Director of the Night Guards and informed him of what I had heard and handed my share of the money to him. I did not inform the Police. From what I heard I had reason to believe that VITALI had been smuggling petrol, I did not inform the Police because I had no prove, other than the money which was given to us by VITALI, and I hoped to catch him on a future occasion.

Signed. Colucci Nicola.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by me in the presence of Sergt Turner, 62 Section, S.I.B., at 11.30. hours on the 1st. June, 1945.

Signed. Vincenzo Th. Panty

Official Interpreter

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Signed. Colucci Nicola.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by me in the presence of Sergt Turner, 62 Section, S.I.B., at 11.30. hours on the 1st. June, 1945.

Signed. Vincenzo Th. Parry
Official Interpreter.

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by COLUCCI NICOLA, in Italian, into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed. Vincenzo Th. Parry
Official Interpreter.

62 Section, S.I.B.,
BARBADOS.

2nd May, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:-- P/191261, SERGT. TAYLOR, A.,
"C" Platoon, 544 Company, R.A.S.C.,
B.T.P., C.M.Force.

Who states:--

At 20.30. hours on the 28th. May, 1945, I was informed by the Carribinieri, at CANOSA, that they had four drums of petrol at their Headquarters which had been stolen from the Canosa Railhead the previous day.

The same evening, 28th. May, 1945, I went to the Carribinieri Station, Canosa, and was there shown four 44 gallon drums of petrol, which I identified as W.D. Petrol, it was contained in W.D. Drums.

I conveyed the petrol to the Car Park of 544 Company, R.A.S.C., Canosa, the same evening, and informed the Company Officer of my action, the following morning.

I have read over the above statement, it is correct and true.

Signed. A. Taylor. Sgt.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by Sergt Turner, 62 Section, Special Investigation Branch, at 14.00. hours on the 2nd. June, 1945.

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62 Section, S. I. B.,
BARLETTA.
3rd. June, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- 14360216. SEROT. TURNER, T.O.

62 Section, Special Investigation Branch,

Central Med Forces.

Who states:-

At 11.00. hours on the 29th. May, 1945, I went to the Civil Prison, CANOSA, in company with the Official Interpreter attached to this Section, and there interviewed VITALI FELICE and ANTONIO POMOLO. They were informed who we were, cautioned and made a voluntary statement, admitting stealing a quantity of W.D. Petrol from the Railhead at CANOSA, on the 9th and 27th. May, 1945.

At 16.00. hours the same day I interviewed MOLINARO GIUSEPPE and SECOCHI PIETRO, at the Carribinieri Station, CANOSA. They were both cautioned and MOLINARO made a statement admitting turning on the tap on the main pipe line and allowing three Italian civilians to take petrol away. SECOCHI PIETRO was closely interrogated but strongly denied all knowledge of being concerned in the theft

At 14.00. hours on the 31st. May, 1945, in company with the Official Interpreter and a Carribinieri I entered the house of SANTANGELO, at CANOSA. He was closely interrogated but denied an allegation of having accepted a bribe. His house was subsequently searched and an automatic Mauser Pistol, loaded with five rounds was found on top of a dresser, and a broken revolver was found in a drawer. In other drawers a quantity of soap, two torches, one boot brush, six torch batteries, a tin of insecticide, one pair of pants, and two pairs of socks was found. When questioned regarding his possession of the goods mentioned and the revolvers, he stated that he had bought the soap etc. from some Italian civilians, and he had a permit for the broken pistol, and had applied for a permit for the automatic. I conveyed him to the Carribinieri Station, CANOSA, and caused him to be detained.

About 16.00. hours the same afternoon, I arrested LEONE, NULLO, and POMOLO; their houses were searched and a pistol found in each. I questioned POMOLO, through the medium of the Interpreter, and he stated he had bought it from his uncle and had applied for a permit but had not received it.

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In the Field,
3rd. June, 1945.

H. C. Turner

F. C. TURNER, SGT.

52 Section, S.I.B., C.M. Police.

Tel-Bari 11458

Subject:- Traffic Accident.

(140)
Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(MIA) C/o 54 Area

Ref:- LO/6/AQ ✓

12 June 45

To:- 9 Territorial H.Q.

Attached for your information is a copy of a traffic
accident report ref.APR/20/No.633 dated 9 June 45
forwarded to me by A P M 54 Area.

(Copy sent) *[Signature]* Major
Senior MIA LO
Eastern Italy

GPH/tv

Copy to:- 54 Area

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SUBJECT:- Traffic Accident (FATAL)

HQ 54 Area CMP
APM/20/No. 636
Tel. 14121
9 Jun 45

TO:-OC 501 A.A.D. RAOG
MIA HQ 54 Area
DAD Claims and Hirings (49)

The attached Military Police report dated 5 Jun 45,
submitted by 510 Provost Coy CMP is forwarded for your information.

H.R. Denton Capt
for Major
Assistant Provost Marshal
(Absent on Duty)
(H. R. DENTON)

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11 JUN 1945

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TRANSLATION S. Spiri June 3rd 1945

Territorial Legion of
R. Carabinieri BARI
Section S. SPIRITO
No. 20/22 of Reg.

Subject; - Fatal Accident

At 2030 hrs of June 2th, 45 on the cross-roads pre-
cise BITONTO-BARI, the Italian truck Reg. No. 59112 R.E.
coming from GIOVINAZZO directed to BARI, pushed violently
the British truck Reg. No. 15686826 which that moment faced
Via Napoli coming from Bitonto.

This vehicle owing to the collision finished on the
opposite pavement and involved with an accident the Sgt.
Major, driver of carier: -

DI LAURO NICOLA di Michele
MONTESORVINO ROVELLO
(SALERNO)

in effective 1th Regt. Aviere BARI and detached to R.
ALMOFORO PALISE MACCHIE, who was there stopped with
a bicycle, perhaps attending the vehicles to pass-by.

The mentioned NCO was immediately by a transport
of luck, American, badly injured, taken up to the University
at BARI, where deceased at about 200 hrs at the same day.

The Italian truck was driven by soldier-driver: -

SENIGAGLIA ANTONIO
510 Btg. Guardia
BARI

the Allied one (British) by the British soldier: -

C. CHECOMAN belonging to
Camp 501 A.D.O.
BARI

Both of the vehicles remained damaged. Inside the
Italian truck were travelling the Italian airman: -

belonging to
ICAMONI PIETRO DI Alessandro 24 aged
44 Company Servizi
FOGGIA

who suffered slight injuries on the yoke-bone left and

Cpl. BERGONZOLI REMO effective at
510 Btg. Guardia
BARI.

The damaged bicycle is taken in custody into

This vehicle owing to the collision finished on the opposite pavement and involved with an accident the Sgt. Major, driver of carrier: -

DI LAURO NICOLA di Michele
MONTESORVINO BOVILLO
(SALERNO)

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FOGGIA

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510 Btg. Guardia
BARI.

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Caserma Arma - S. SPIRITO.

Sign: - The Marshal MAGGIORANI
FERDINANDO FERRAIOLI

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the original report made by Marshal MAGGIORANI Carabinieri St. SPIRITO FERDINANDO FERRAIOLI to the best of my ability and belief.

510 Provost Coy C.M.F.
Miro Fuchs.

COPY of STATEMENT made by: -

GIACOVAZZO FRANCO, 17 aged, students
28 VIA MONTEILLO
S. SPIRITO

On 2-6-45 at about 0900 hrs I was about 10-15 yds distant from the cross-road Via Napoli-Corso Umberto when I saw an Italian Military truck to approach along its right hand side at a speed of about 40 kilometers an hour, contemporary a British truck running at a maximum speed down Corso Umberto.

Because the Italian truck just before it collided slackened the speed I can state that brakes were applied by the Italian driver.

It remained useless as the Italian driver saw cut him off the road, so his truck hit with its front part against the middle of the British Truck's body, causing it to turn with its face in direction towards GIOVINAZZO, while the Italian truck was removed towards the left hand side but facing EARL.

An NCO from Italian Aerial Navigation, as far as some people, who were on the spot and seen the accident, referred it to me, was starting with his bicycle on the left hand side of Corso Umberto, precise in front of the fountain and was thrown against a wall.

It was not dark yet and both of the trucks had their lights put on.

GIACOVAZZO FRANCO

This is to certify that to the best of my belief and ability this is a true and correct translation.

Miro Puota
510 Pro Coy

C E R T I F I C A T E

Damage sustained by Ford 3 Ton No. 15636826

Damage to body ; left side, rear, axle and pump shaft displaced.

Right hand stub axle bearings on rear axle appear to be broken.

Suspected damage to chassis. Superficial damage to tool box etc.

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L. ELSTON
R.E.M.E.
501 A.A.D. E.A.O.C.

3/6/45

It remained useless as the Italian driver saw cut him off the road, so his truck hit with its front part against the middle of the British Truck's body, causing it to turn with its face in direction towards GIOVINAZZO, while the Italian truck was removed towards the left hand side but facing BACK.

An NCO from Italian Aerial Navigation, as far as some people, who were on the spot and seen the accident, referred it to me, was standing with his blade on the left hand side of Corso Umberto, precise in front of the fountain and was thrown against a wall.

It was not dark yet and both of the trucks had their lights put on.

GLIOVINAZZO FRANCO

This is to certify that to the best of my belief and ability this is a true and correct translation.

Miro Fuots
510 Pro Coy

CERTIFICATE

Damage sustained by Ford 3 Ton No. L5685826

Damage to body ; left side, rear, axle and pump shaft displaced.

Right hand stub axle bearings on rear axle appear to be broken.

Suspected damage to chassis. Superficial damage to tool box etc.

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E. ELSTON
R.E.M.E.
501 A.A.D. R.A.C.C.

3/6/45

Copy of STATEMENT made by: -

Sgt. Major MAIESANI ALBINO
510 Btg. Guardia, 3 Coy
BARI - Parco Nord

On 2-6-45 at about 0905 ^{hrs} I was on return from duty terminated at Giovinazzo riding in the Italian Military Truck C.M. TAURUS belonging to the same Battaglione, driven by artilleryist: -

SINIGALIA ANTONIO

from the same 510 Btg. Guardia of BARI. Arrived at St. Spirito at the moderate speed of about 20-25 KIL. an hour, suddenly a British truck at an enormous speed, which to precise I'm not able, crossed our principle road in direction of a crossing Bitonto towards Lungmare of S. SPIRITO.

The Italian driver beside me were then at a very short distance of about 10 yds far of it and I can not state which movements were by him at this short seconds carried out, if he applied brakes or not before he pushed into the body's midst of the British truck, with the front part of our truck.

The collision caused the British truck to turn towards left, direction to Barlotta, whilst our vehicle got displaced towards left but remained in direction towards BARI.

I got hurt when the collision happened, because I laid hold on the carriage door, but the push was so strong that I hit with my head against the roof of the cabine, injuring my forehead and both of my knees.

I received first aid by the son of a chemist: -

GIACOVAZZO FRANCO
28 VIA MONTELLA

who was present when the accident happened.

In the body(rear) of the truck were riding with us an Italian Cpl. belonging to the 1st Coy of the same Battaglione, then 2-3 soldier on passage.

I could not see the Italian bicycle to come along the road before that accident.

When I left the truck I was very angry because of the accident so I turned round my and the British truck and saw it near the British truck, about 1-2 yds distant, a bicycle's wheel near which was the body of the cycle's driver dressed in khaki, very sad injured and surrounded by civilians and Military personnel.

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BARI
4 JUNE 1945

a British truck at an enormous speed, which to preside I'm not able, crossed our principle road in direction of a crossing Bitonto towards Lungomare of S. SPIRITO.

The Italian driver beside me were then at a very short distance of about 10 yds far of it and I can not state which movements were by him at this short seconds carried out, if he applied brakes or not before he pushed into the body's midst of the British truck, which the front part of our truck.

The collision caused the British truck to turn towards left, direction to Barletta, whilst our vehicle got displaced towards left but remained in direction towards BARI.

I got hurt when the collision happened, because I laid hold on the carriage door, but the push was so strong that I hit with my head against the roof of the cabine, injuring my forehead and both of my knees.

I received first aid by the son of a chemist: -

GIACOVAZZO FRANCO
28 VIA MONTELLO

who was present when the accident happened.

In the body(rear) of the truck were riding with us an Italian Opl. belonging to the 1st Coy of the same Battaglione, then 2-3 soldier on passage.

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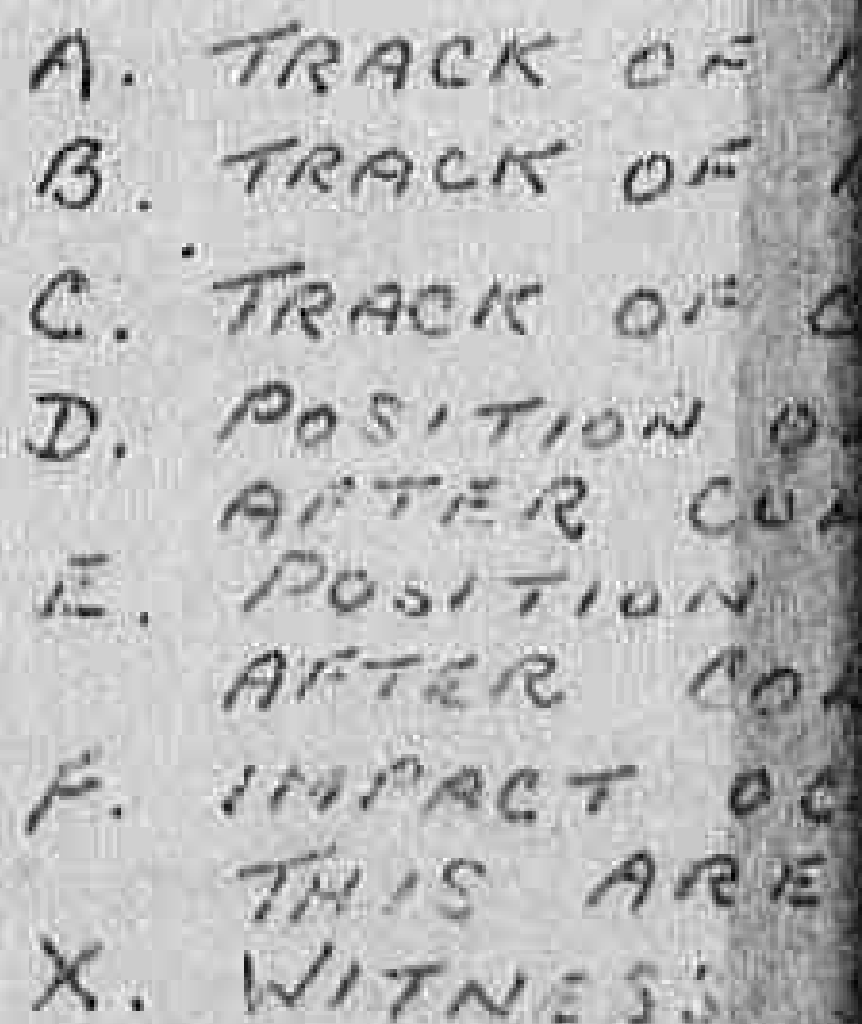
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Sgt. Major MALESSANO ALBINO

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct translation made by me to the best of my ability and belief.

NIPPO FUCHS

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Tel-Bari 11458.

Subject:- Capt. D'ALESSANDRO Italo

Liaison Office,
Land Forces, Sub Comm.,
A.C.(MMIA) c/o 54 Area.

Ref. LO/C/AQ. ✓

7 June 45.

To:- HQ. 3 Dist.

54 Area's

184 (10/6/45)

Ref. 4512 A of 4 June 45, 9 Terr.Hq. are enquiring about
the present position of the above named officer, on behalf of the
Ministry of War.

2. I should be grateful for any information you can supply.

Connor Maj.
Senior MMIA LO.

Eastern Italy.

Copies to:-
54 Area
9 Terr.Hq.

GPH/agn

8527

Tel-Bari 11458 -

(139)

Subject:-Employment of Labour-
Italian Military.

Liaison Office,
Land Forces, Sub Comm.,
A.C. (MMIA) c/o 54 Area.

Ref. LO/6/AQ. ✓

7 June 45.

To:- 9 Terr.HQ.

110 (LO/6/AQ)

Further to LO/6/AQ of 23 May 45 please see
4150 A of 5 June 45, copy attached.

Crenolt Maj.
Senior MMIA LO.
Eastern Italy.

GPH/agn

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COPY

SUBJECT: Employment of Labour-Italian Military.

4150 A

Tel.No.11433

O.C. Troops, Foggia.

Reference your 412/4 Q of 1 June 45.

1. METERANGELIS Vincenzo.

Please furnish an explanation as to why the Carabinieri refused to accept custody of the above named.

2. CREMA Alfredo.

On 28 May 197 D.I.D. signalled under their 197/DID/17(copy to you and to 510 Provost Coy) that this man had received his calling up papers and had reported to Military District Campobasso on 28 May.

C.M.F.
5 June 45.

Lt.Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G., 54 Area.

Copy to:-

Carabinieri Foggia.

MMIA LO Eastern Italy.

66 Gp.PC.

} even number letter

d/d 22 May refers 8525

/agn

Tel. 11458

Subject:- Employment of Labour- Italian Military
-----Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) C/o 54 Area

LO/6/AQ ✓

7 June 45
-----TO:- 9 Territorial HQ.
-----Please see 4150 A dated 7 June 45 copy
attached.*W. H. H. H.*
Senior MMIA LO Major
Eastern Italy

GPH/tv

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SUBJECT: Employment of Labour - Italian Military. 1120 A.

20 (137A)
Tel. No. 11A55.

G.C. Troops, Foggia.

136
Cpl Maj POMPA Davide
617 Service Stn.

1. This HQ is informed that the above named person employed by 617 Service Station is a deserter from the Italian Army.
2. He will be discharged forthwith and handed over to the Carabinieri. Please report when this has been done.
3. Please return to this H.Q. any certificates of exemption which may have been issued.

G.M.F.
7 June 45.
MS/OC.

14.-col.,
A.A. & Q.M.G., 54 Area.

Copy to: 617 Service Station.
66 Gp Pz Corps.
MMIA LO Eastern Italy. ✓
Carabinieri Foggia.

8523

8 JUN 1945

SUBJECT: Mind of WD Vehicles *Ann*HQ 54 Area CMF
AFM/13/1/No. 638
Tel. 14121
7 Jun 45

(138)

TO: Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Commission
A.C. (MMIA) c/o 54 Area

133

1. Reference your letter LO/6/AQ dated 4 Jun 45.
2. It is suggested that this matter be closed since
 - (a) the Italian unit is not known by you
 - (b) the vehicle has no tyres nor rear wheels
3. The vehicle is being evacuated to 409 RVP, which is a sub unit of 38 Veh Coy who have facilities for dealing with such vehicles and issue of replacements if necessary.

Copies to: 9 Terr HQ
HQ MMIA*B.G. Allen* Major
Assistant Provost Marshal
(B.G. ALLEN)

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SUBJECT: Employment of Labour - Italian Military.

Tel. No. 1235.

O.C. Troops, Foggia.

Reference your 412/4 of 1 June 45.

1. METRANZILLI Vincenzo.

Please furnish an explanation as to why the Carabinieri refused to accept custody of the above named.

2. ORSA Alfred.

On 28 May 197 A.I.D. signalled under their 197/DIR/17 (copy to you and to 513 Provost Coy) that this man had received his colling up papers and had reported to Military District Campobasso on 28 May.

O.M.P.
5 June 45.
WJG/OC.

Edoardo Bongioli
Capt
for the A.I.D.,
A.I. & O.M.C., 5th Area.

Copy to: Carabinieri Foggia.
MIA IO Eastern Italy.
66 Op IO.

} even numbered letter
dtd 22 May refer.

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7 - JUN 1945

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6016/AG

(134)

SUBJECT:- Enquiries - Italian Military Personnel.

MMMO Eastern Italy.

4812 A.

Tel.No. 11452.

Capt. D'ALESSANDRO Italo.

117
Ref your LC/6/AQ of 25 May.

1. The above named was interned in 571 PW Camp in November 44 upon instructions from 3 District.
2. Further enquiries should be addressed to that H.Q.

C.M.F.
4 June 45.
WEIG/AI

Robb Langford
Lt. Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 54 Area.

Copy to 3 District 'A'
9 Terr H.Q. BARI

8520

17 JUN 1945

Tel-Bari 11458.

(133)

Subject:- Finding of WD Vehicles.

Liaison Office,
Land Forces, Sub Comm.,
A.C.(MMIA) c/o 54 Area.

Ref. LO/6/AQ. ✓

4 June 48.

To:- 54 Area (APM).

Ref your APM/13/1/No 619 of 2 June 48.

129
(20/6/48)

1. The Italian military authorities here know nothing about the ownership of HILLMAN P.U. M4862209.
2. As there is no such unit or formation in the Italian army as 6 Italian Combat Group, it is suggested that GHQ MEF Q AE 4 be asked to verify the information they have supplied to you, and to state, if possible, when the car was issued and through what depot.

Grant Maj.
Senior MMIA LO.

Eastern Italy.

Copies to:-

8 Terr.HQ.
HQ.MMIA (with copy of APM/13/1/No 619
of 2 June 48.) (can you throw any light on this?)

8519

GPH/agn

Tel. 11458

Subject: Sjt D'A LICO Luigi.

(132)

Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(MIA) C/o 54 Area

Ref: LO/6/AQ

— 5 June 45 —

TO :- M.M.I.A. L.O. 8 Army

95 (copy)

Further to LO/6/AQ dated 16 May 45 please see *Old Jacket*
2851/Disc dated 1 June 45 copy attached.

[Signature] Major
Senior MIA LO
Eastern Italy

GPH/tv

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1 h 20/6/ra (131)

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI (IX)
UFFICIO Personale Sez. Disc.

Prot. N. 2851/Disc.

Bari, 1° giugno 1945

Risposta al foglio del

N.

Allegati N.

OGGETTO Sergente d'ANGELICO Luigi di Antonio - cl.
1915. =

A/1'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO SOTTOCOMMISSIONE FORZE
SBARCO A.C. (MM.IA.) L.O. 6 A2

B A R I

Si comunica che il sottufficiale
in oggetto, tratto in arresto dalla Polizia
Alleata l'11.5. u.s., perchè imputato di diser-
zione, è stato tradotto dai militari dell'Ar-
ma CC.RR. di Foggia al Comando Deposito 9°
Rgt. Genio.-

Foto-119 } d'ordine
99 } IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
86 } (Col. V. Petitti)
87 }
95 }
89 }

8517

SUBJECT: Findings of WD Vehicle

Lo/6/1/A
HQ 5th Area CMB
APM/13/1/No. 619
Tel. 14121
2 June 45

TO: 9 Territoriale
HQ Bari
MMIA HQ 5th Area

M 4962209 HILLMAN P.U.

1. The a/m vehicle has been found by British Military Police.
2. It is stated by CHQ M-F QAE4 that the vehicle was on charge to 6 Italian Combat Group.
3. Can you confirm that this is still the case or otherwise.
4. If so, please arrange collection from Foggia Det 510 Pro Coy.

Il sopradetto veicolo è stato trovato dalla Polizia Militare Inglese.

Risulta presso il CHQ M-F QAE4 che il veicolo era in dotazione al "6 Italian Combat Group".

Potreste confermare se il veicolo risulta ancora essere in dotazione a detto gruppo.

In caso affermativo si prega disporre per il ritiro del detto veicolo dal Distaccamento della Polizia Militare Inglese di Foggia.

Copy to: 510 Pro Coy

EM

4 - JUN 1945

Please retain veh until further instruction

Assistant Provost Marshal
(Absent on Duty)
(H. R. DENTON)

8516

Tel: BARI 11458

Subject:- Employment of Labour - Italian Military.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C.
(MMIA) c/o 54 Area

Ref: LO/6/AQ
5 June 45

To:- 9 Terr HQ

Copy of 4150 A of 2 June 45 is attached for your information.

Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

Maj

GPH/jd

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COPY

SUBJECT: Employment of Labour - Italian Military

60/6/aa

4150A

93 E.B.W. (SSEC)

1. This HQ is informed that the undermentioned persons employed by you are deserters from the Italian Army:

	Class	1923
LEONINO Domenico	"	1922
MARAZZO Domenico	"	1916
MARAZZO Giuseppe	"	1924
MATEI Pietro	"	1923
LORENTO Giuseppe	"	1924
ERPOSITO Fioravante	"	1923
SCALZI Giuseppe	"	1922
ORISARIO Pietro	"	1919
FERRAZZO Eugenio	"	1921
LA VIGNA Francesco	"	1924
SERRAVALLE Attilio	"	1917
MANTIA Giuseppe	"	1917
COSCO Antonio	"	1924
BARLETTA Francesco	"	1920
TERARDI Pasquale	"	1914
EROSINIO Luciano	"	1922
CRISPARO Genaro	"	

2. They will be discharged forthwith and handed over to the Carabinieri. Please report when this has been done.

3. If any certificates of exemption from military service have been issued in ignorance of the fact of their desertion, they will be returned to this HQ for cancellation.

C.M.P.
2 June 45
HS/AT

(Sgt) WEJ Goldsborough Capt
for Lt Col
AA & QMG 54 Area

Copy to: 66 Group Pioneer Corps
M.M.I.A. L.O. Eastern Italy
Carabinieri Maffei.

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"	1920
"	1914
"	1922

MARAZZO Damiano
 MARAZZO Giuseppe
 MARTELLI Pietro
 LONNETTO Giuseppe
 ESPOSITO Fioravante
 SCALZI Giuseppe
 CRISTARO Pietro
 FERRAZZO Eugenio
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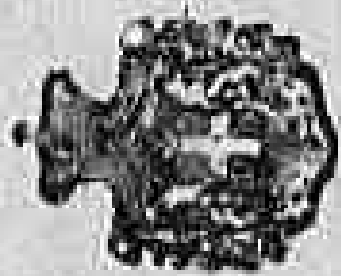
C.M.P.
2 June 45
MS/AL

(Sgd.) WEJ Goldebrogh Capt
for Lt Col
AA & QMG 54 Area

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Copy to: 66 Group Pioneer Corps
M.M.I.A. L.O. Eastern Italy
Carabinieri *Maffei*

4 - JUN 1945



COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI (IX)

UFFICIO PERSONALE - SEZ. DISC.

N. 2938/Disc. di prot.

Risposta al foglio del

Bari, 14 2 giugno 1945

OGGETTO: Azioni illegali da parte di militari italiani. -
N. Alleg. N. uno

AU L'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO - SOTTOCOMMISSIONE FORZE SBARCO -
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) C/o 54^a AREA - IO/6/A.Q. =

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V = B A R I =

Riferimento al foglio in data 29 maggio u.s. si comunica:

I)- Il Cap. Mass. SCARDIA Italo appartiene al 3° Reparto Riparazioni Automobilistiche - Bari - ed il militare LAMBERTUCCI Flavio al 9° Posto Carburanti del Com/do Terr/le Bari;

II)- Disposizioni di massima erano già state emanate dall'aprile scorso per quanto concerne la disciplina dell'impiego degli automezzi con il foglio di cui si unisce copia.

Controlli ed ispezioni saltuarie vengono eseguiti per accertare che non vi siano abusi; i militari del Nucleo CC.RR. di questo Comando sono incaricati di volta in volta della vigilanza e del controllo.

La responsabilità per l'irregolare impiego dell'automezzo, verificatosi il 17 maggio scorso, va attribuita principalmente alla inefficiente azione di controllo e disciplinare del comandante del reparto il quale avrebbe dovuto seguire molto da vicino l'impiego degli automezzi in consegna al reparto, anche in considerazione dello esiguo numero di autocarri di cui dispone. - E' in atto la sostituzione dell'ufficiale.

Saranno in ogni modo intensificate le misure di controllo atte a prevenire il ripetersi di abusi del genere.

III)- I tre militari sono stati denunciati al Tribunale Militare Territoriale di Guerra cui è stata richiesta la rapida definizione del procedimento, in modo da poter riferire a cotesto Ufficio entro il termine fissato del 20 corrente.

Al l'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO = SOTTOCOMMISSIONE FORZE SBARCO =
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) C/o 54° AREA = IO/6/A.Q. =

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. V. Pettiti)

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asked whether
he has been replaced

Copia

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI
Ufficio ServiziSLD / Wan
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n° 1216/Serv.Auto di prot.

Bari, 15 aprile 1945

OGGETTO Nuovo ordinamento del servizio automobilistico.-

ALLA COMPAGNIA TRASPORTI AMMINISTRATIVI.....BARI
 ALLA 3^a COMPAGNIA TRASPORTI SPECIALI.....BARI
 AL 3° PARCO VEICOLI EFFICIENTI DEL COMANDO TERRITORIALE.....BARI
 AL COMANDO 84^a SEZIONE AUTOAMULANZE.....BARI
 AL COMANDO POSTO CARBURANTI.....BARI

La fase di "movimento" di personale e mezzi per la realizzazione della nuova organizzazione del servizio automobilistico e costituzione dei reparti può considerarsi ultimata.-

Ad essa succede un periodo di "assestamento" che deve essere il più breve possibile e che richiede azione vigile, costante, appassionata di tutti gli ufficiali e specialmente dei comandanti di reparto.-

Conoscenza immediata e profonda del carattere, capacità, attitudini, dei subordinati, delle caratteristiche e delle possibilità di rendimento dei mezzi a disposizione, costituiscono la premessa essenziale per una azione di comando sicura ed a pieno rendimento.-

Errori e difetti d'impostazione nel funzionamento del servizio interno di reparto; incertezza nelle attribuzioni, ripartizione dei compiti, suddivisione del lavoro, commesse in questo periodo di assestamento, non sono facilmente correggibili in seguito.-

E' perciò che l'attività di ciascuno va in questo periodo moltiplicata dalla bontà dell'indirizzo attuale (disciplinare, educativo, addestrativo, amministrativo) dipenderà la capacità di rendimento del singolo e del reparto nel suo complesso.-

L'automezzo è materiale prezioso e delicato; è necessario pretendere subito e con fermezza che da parte di tutti vi sia per esso una cura meticolosa.-

Ciascun consegnatario deve considerare il materiale come cosa propria.-

Con ogni mezzo, con attento lavoro preventivo, con dedizione appassionata, devono essere evitate le avarie.-

Nell'impiego degli automezzi ordine preciso è quello di evitare movimenti e trasporti che non siano imposti da vere, inderogabili necessità.-

Esse sono vagliate da questo Comando: nessuna macchina in movimento quindi, senza la preventiva autorizzazione.-

I trasporti debbono essere eseguiti con un criterio di stretta economia nell'impiego di automezzi (nessuna diversione rispetto all'itinerario che deve essere sempre il più breve) e senza perdita di tempo.-

Saranno eseguite ispezioni e controlli per accertare che ordine, disciplina, sistemazione di personale e materiale, funzionamento dei servizi, consumo di carburante, impiego degli automezzi rispondano nel modo più completo ad un ottimo funzionamento del reparto.-

./././.

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Chi ha la fortuna di potere esercitare oggi azione diretta di comando deve sentirne anche l'orgoglio e la coscienza responsabilità; deve essere di esempio per dedizione al dovere, spirito di sacrificio e dare prova di essere dotato di sano spirito di iniziativa, capacità nell'espletare azione di comando e di essere di completo, sicuro rendimento in ogni circostanza.-

d'ordine
IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGG.
Ten.Col. Ugo Bianchi

P.C.O.
IL TEN.COLONN. CAPO UFFICIO
(F. P.C.O.)



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P *lu* *bp/6/100*
125
SUBJECT: Enquiries - Italian Military Personnel.

4812 A.

Ref. No. 11433.38 Port Security SectionCapt. D'ALESSANDRO Italo.

1. The Italian Ministry of War are making enquiries regarding the whereabouts of the above named Italian off.
2. It appears that he was arrested as a precautionary measure on 25 July 44 by 315 P.S. Sec. and was transferred to an unknown destination on 29 November 44.
3. Please notify this HQ if you have any knowledge of the above named as soon as possible.

C.M.F.
29 May
WJG/AT

Boothroyd
for Lt. Col.
A.A. & C.M.G. 54 Area.

Copy to: MILANO Eastern Italy ✓
3 Terr HQ BARI

2 - JUN 1945

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Tel/11458

Subject:- Offences by Italian Military.

(124)

Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm/A.C.
(MMIA) C/o 54 Area

LO/6/AQ

24 May 45

To:- 9 Terr. HQ.

1. Ref. SIB 62/A/45/447 dated 23 May (attached).
1. This report from which it would appear that Italian military personnel and transport were used in a conspiracy to steal allied property is highly ^{dis}creatable to the Italian army.
2. Please furnish me with the following inform. by dates shown:
 - (a) To what units do SCARDIA+LAMBERTUCCI belong - by 3 Jun.
 - (b) What steps have been taken to increase supervision ~~by~~ by officers of use of Italian Tpt, to prevent such incidents - by 3 Jun.
 - (c) What action has been taken with regard to the three ~~accused.~~ by 20 Jun.

C. M. M. M. Major
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

GPH/tv

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Ref:- SIB62/A/45/47.

Your Ref:-

62nd Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
C.M. Police, C.E.

23rd May, 1945.

SUBJECT:-

Persons in Custody - LARCENY.

A.

Cpl. Maj. SQUARZA Italo di Pasquale,
Piazza Duomo Corli Abruzzi, No. 21, BARI.

B.

Det. LAMBERTUCCI Flavio di Cesare,
Pesto Carburanti, Comando Territoriale, BARI.

C.

Cor. D'AMORISIO Angelo di Salvatore,
510 Pattuglia Guardia Ferroviaria, BARI.

TO:-

D.A.P.M.,
62 Section,
E.I.B., C.E.READ & SUBMITTED

Sir,

About 1500 hours on Thursday, 17th May, 1945, I received the above-named (A) from the custody of the Maresciallo of Carabinieri, Stazione di Bari, Corso Messini, at 0930 hours on Saturday, 19th May, 1945, I arrested the above-named (B), and at 1045 hours on the same day, arrested (C) on charges of:-

A. 1. STEALING

B.

C.

- Being jointly concerned together and with others not yet in custody, in that they 1st PARCO NOVO, BARI, on the 16th May, 1945, feloniously did steal 24 sacks of sugar, valued at £21. 11. 0d., (8620 lire) from a wagon No. 1006412, being the property of the British War Department.

The accused persons are now in custody (A) and (C) at the CO. Re Corso Messini, and (B) at his Unit, Pesto Carburanti, Comando Territoriale, BARI.

The photo leading up to the arrest of

Report & Statement by
A.M. 54 Area.

HQ. News, 54 Area.

MIA Liaison Officer,

HQ. 3 District, (2)

Questura, Bari.

(translated copy)

A.	Orl. Maj. SCARDIA Italo di Pasquale, Piazza Duca degli Abruzzi, No. 21, BARI.
B.	Dir. LANCIFANTI Flavio di Cesare, Posto Carbonanti, Comune Mottorinale, BARI.
C.	Cap. D'AMORISIO Angelo di Salvatore, 510 Battaglione Grande Ferroviarie, BARI.

D.A.P.M.,
62 Section,
B.I.E., C.M.F.

LOAD & SUBJECT NO. :-

Walla 21

Capt.
D.A.F.M.
62 Section, S.M.

DISTRIBUTION:

Report & Summary to
ARM. St. Area.

HQ. MOVE. 54 Area,
META Liaison Officer,
HQ. 3 District, (2)
Questura, Bari.
(translated copy)
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Report

Statements

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About 1600 hours on Tuesday, 17th May, 1945, I received the above-named (A) from the custody of the Maresciallo of Carabinieri, Stanione di Bari, Corrado Mascini; at 0930 hours on Saturday, 19th May, 1945, I arrested the above-named (B), and at 1045 hours on the same day, arrested (C) on charges of:-

1. STEALING - Being jointly concerned together and with others not yet in custody, in that they let P400 NORD, B&N, on the 15th May, 1945, feloniously did steal 2 1/2 sacks of sugar, valued at £21. 11. 0d., (8620 lbs) from Railway wagon No. 1036412, being the property of the British War Department.

The accused persons are now in custody (A) and (C) at the CO.IR Corso Mazzini, and (B) at his Unit, Porto Cervo, Comando Territoriale, BARI.

The facts leading up to the arrest of the accused persons and evidence and same obtained are as follows:-

About 2230 hours on the 16th May, 1945, SOARINA was arrested at Parco Nord by Cpl. Maj. CRISTIANI Giacchino, 510 Battaglione Guardia, BARI, assisted by Ctr D'ARMOSIC, for alleged stealing of sugar from a Railway wagon. He was placed in the custody of Sgt. Mry. MARINANI Albino and was later transferred to the CC. Mr Corvo Massini by Lt. BANGIERE, also of 510 Battaglione Guardia.

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About 1200 hours on the 17th May, 1945, Lt BARBERE requested assistance from this Section for the purpose of enquiring into the alleged theft of sugar from a railway box wagon No. 1006412, for which SCARDIA had been arrested.

In consequence of this, at 1600 hours on the same day, I removed SCARDIA to this Investigation Office. I told him, through the medium of an Interpreter, who I was and the nature of the enquiry. He protested his complete innocence and after being cautioned made a statement (attached), showing the circumstances under which he came to be at Parco Nord on the night of his arrest. From this statement, it appears that he was a victim of circumstances.

As a result of this, I went to Parco Nord, at 0900 hours on the 18th May, 1945 and examined the wagon referred to above. I saw that it was sealed and was informed by the RSO that it had been resealed at his orders, and was now awaiting examination by 27 A.S.D. prior to its departure for 13 C.R.A.S.G.

I interviewed Sgt. Maj. ALBERTINI, Cpl. Maj. CRIBARI, and Cmr. D'AMBROSIO, who were concerned in the arrest of SCARDIA, and obtained from them the attached statements. From these statements, it appeared evident that SCARDIA was a member of a gang of thieves engaged in the theft of sugar from the above wagon. Also Sgt. Maj. ALBERTINI and Cmr. D'AMBROSIO recovered a heavy bar sealing iron and four unused 5 mm. seals from beneath the wagon. These I took possession of.

I then made enquiries about a certain INDIA LECOLA referred to by SCARDIA in his statement and ascertained that this man was not employed at Parco Nord, as stated.

At 1500 hours on the same day, I saw SCARDIA at the ANSILIONI C.I.D. HQ. BARI, and told him that I could find nothing to bear out his statement. After being cautioned, he made a further statement (attached) admitting taking part in this theft and in which he implicated 10 other men.

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Acting on the information contained in this statement, I arrested LAIBERUCCI in Via Dieta, BARI, and later DISMUSIO at his Unit. Both were informed of the nature of the enquiry and after being cautioned made statements (attached).

From these statements, as well as SCARDIA's second statement, it appears that 3 men, including SCARDIA, formed this gang, and were led by an Italian civilian called RUDOLFO NICOLA (not yet arrested) and that they planned to steal the sugar from the above wagon. To enable them to do this, LAIBERUCCI was instructed to drive them to the scene of the theft in an Italian Army truck, followed by a

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As a result of this, I went to Parco Nord, at 0900 hours on the 18th May, 1945 and examined the wagon referred to above. I saw that it was sealed and was informed by the KGO that it had been resealed at his orders, and was now awaiting examination by 27 B.S.D. prior to its departure for 13 C.R.A.S.C.

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Noting on the information contained in this statement, I arrested LAZZERINI in Via Dieta, BARI, and later D'AMORIO at his Unit. Both were informed of the nature of the enquiry and after being cautioned made statements (attached).

From these statements, as well as SCARDIA's second statement, it appears that 8 men, including SCARDIA, formed this gang, and were led by an Italian civilian called RUDIA INOZIA (not yet arrested) and that they planned to steal the sugar from the above wagon. To enable them to do this, LAZZERINI was instructed to drive them to the scene of the theft in an Italian Army truck, followed by a horse and cart, driven by a certain KINCHI (not yet arrested), KINCHI and a certain "Pronosco" went ahead and made arrangements with D'AMORIO and an Italian Railway employee, (not yet known) to allow them to open this particular wagon.

D'AMORIO, whose duty it was to guard this wagon, apparently remained on the scene during the opening of the wagon and then left after having agreed to accept some consideration for his part in the theft. As the sugar was being unloaded on to the motor vehicle and the horse and cart, it appears that the thieves were disturbed by the approaching guards, Cpl. Maj. CRISANTI and Cmr. D'AMORIO, when CRISANTI had asked to accompany him. All the thieves then made off but SCARDIA was arrested by Cpl. Maj. CRISANTI before he could get on to the truck.

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About 1115 hours on the 19th May, 1945, LAMBERTUCOI took me to a stone hut in the country-side, STIETTO area, where he said he had driven his vehicle and unloaded the sugar, but no sign of any sugar could be found, although there were recently made tyre impressions on the loose soil in the vicinity of the hut.

On the 20th May, 1945, I received the attached 'statement of loss' from Capt. SOLMAN, G.S.O. 27 B.I.D. This statement confirms the loss of 2,400 lbs. of sugar in 160 lb. bags from the above wagon.

Every effort is being made to trace the persons named in SCARDIA's statement and various houses have been searched for evidence, but so far without result. The persons wanted include PETERMILLI, PISCITELLI, Arcangolo, POINTE Raffaele; their addresses are not known. Details of these and other persons have been furnished to the G.O.R.R., Corse Masini for further enquiry and subsequent action.

The tummy bar sealing iron and three of the scales are held at this office pending the trial of the above-arrested persons.

Inquiries are continuing and should any further information come to hand, or the sugar be recovered, a further report will be submitted.

Respectfully submitted.

In the Field.

S. J. Dines.
Sgt. J. DINES, Sgt.
62 Section, S.I.D., G.M. Police.

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27 Base Supply Depot,
R.A.S.C. Earl.

Statement of: T/207399 Cpl. CUMMINGTON, J.
37 B.S.D. R.A.S.C.
C.M.F.

who states:

On the morning of the 20th. May, 1945, I was instructed by Captain MORRIS of this Depot, to go to Faroo Ward Station, Earl, for the purpose of checking the contents of Railway Wagon, No. 1006412.

About 09.45 hours the same day I was at Faroo Ward Station, and examined the above mentioned wagon. I saw that both doors were sealed with 5 mm. wire seals and Acme seals. I noticed that one of the Acme seals on one door was not the same as that placed on by my Depot.

I then opened the wagon, and checked the contents, finding that there were only 356 x 100 lb. bags of Sugar, as against 570 x 100 lb. bags loaded by this Depot, a loss of 2,100 lbs.

I then revealed the wagon, and informed the R.F.O. that the wagon should be returned to this Depot.

The above loss is valued at £21.11s. 0d.

I have read over the above statement. It is correct and true.

(Signed) J. CUMMINGTON. Cpl.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by Sgt. DUNES, of No. 62 Section, B.I.B. on the 20th. May, 1945.

About 09.45 hours the same day I was at Barcoo Road Station, and examined the above mentioned wagon. I saw that both doors were sealed with 5 mm. wire seals and loose seals. I noticed that one of the loose seals on one door was not the same as that placed on by my Depot.

I then opened the wagon, and checked the contents, finding that there were only 336 x 100 lb. bags of Sugar, as against 370 x 100 lb. bags loaded by this Depot, a loss of 2,400 lbs.

I then resealed the wagon, and informed the R.T.O. that the wagon should be returned to this Depot.

The above loss is valued at £21.11s. 0d.

I have read over the above statement. It is correct and true.

(signed) J. CUMMINGS, Cpl.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by Sgt. DINES, of No. 62 Section, B.I.B. on the 20th May, 1945.

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FARCO - LORO, LORO.
10th May 1945.

Statement of : CRISANTO GIACOMO DI ALESSANDRO,
born in 1900, 210 CH. RAILWAY GUARDS, CARL.
who states :

At about 22.30 hrs, on the 10th May 1945, I entered the guard room at Farco Nord, where I saw MONOGILLO Saverio, on the station. He instructed me to go to the junction of Farco Nord with Via Napoli, as a certain number of people was going round there, with the object to see what they were doing.

While I was going there, I met another guard, D'AMORESCIO Angelo, and invited him to follow me. When I was at about 200 metres from Via Napoli, I saw two men near a railway wagon, which was stationary on the 1st rail. As soon as these men had seen us, they went across the road (Farco Nord), towards a truck. The engine was firing. I pointed the rifle at the two men and told them to stop. One of them jumped on the truck and the other one was arrested by me. The man, I know now, is named SCAROLA Italo di Casquale. I brought him to the guard room and handed him over to Sgt. Maj. CRISANTO ALDO.

SCAROLA, when questioned, by me, as to what was he doing there, told me that he had just come from PROVINEZZO, and did not say anything else. The truck was a military British vehicle, uncovered, and two men were sitting in the front of it, and 3 or 4 in the back. At the time, the vehicle was out of the line, as being screened by a big cage.

I have read over the above statement and it is correct and true.

Signed : CRISANTO GIACOMO.

Statement taken down by me and signed by witnesses at the presence of Sgt. Maj. CRISANTO S. I. D., on the 10th May 1945.

Sgt. SCAROLA Michele, interpreter.

I certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by CRISANTO GIACOMO, from Italian into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed : SCAROLA Michele, interpreter.



While I was going there, I met another friend, Don Amador Angulo, and invited him to follow me. When I was at about 200 metres from the station, I saw two men near a railway wagon, which was stationary on the 1st rail. As soon as these men had seen us, they went across the road (ferrocarril), towards a truck. The engine was firing. I pointed the rifle at the two men and told them to stop. One of them jumped on the truck and the other one was arrested by the two men. I know now, his name is SERGIO TRINIDAD de Laguarda. I brought him to the Guard-house and handed him over to Sergeant MAJ. RAMON ANGULO.

Scardella, when questioned, by me, as to what was he doing there, told me that he had just come from Giovinazzo, and did not say anything else. The truck was a military British vehicle, uncovered, and two men were sitting in the front of it, and 3 or 4 in the back. At the time, the vehicle was out of the line, as being screened by a big case.

I have read over the above statement and it is correct and true.

Signed: WILLIAM T. BLAUG.

Statement taken down by me and signature witnesses at the presence of SGT. JONES, and S. I. H., on the 10th Nov 1943.

• Resistant to Steroid Therapy : 0.85

I certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by CHRISTIAN VLAHOMO, from Italian into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed : SARKIS MICHEL, INTERPRETER.

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PARCO NORD, Bari.
18th May 1945.

Statement of : D'AMBROSIO Angelo, di Salvatore,
Born 6/5/1920, 510 Btn. Railway Guards, Bari.

who states :

At about 22.30 hrs., on the 18th May 1945, I was on guard duty at Parco Nord, when I met Cpl. Maj. GRISANTI, another guard, who asked me to accompany him to the road, Via Napoli, to enquire about the presence of some persons.

On the way, we saw two men near a railway wagon, which was stationary on the 1st rail, not far from the road, Via Napoli. When we got near the wagon, I lighted my torch and saw two men running across the road (Parco Nord), towards a vehicle which was waiting with the engine firing. GRISANTI pointed his rifle at them, intimating to stop, but one of them jumped on the vehicle, which started off, leaving the other man on the ground. I know now, his name is SCARDIA Italo di Pasquale. GRISANTI arrested him and left me to watch the wagon, where the two men had been seen. This wagon was opened and the sacks of sugar inside, were in disorder, and some traces of sugar could be seen on the floor.

Short/after, I was joined by Sgt. Maj. MALESANI Albino Chief-Guards, and in his company, we examined the wagon and under it. I found a Tommy-Bar used by the R.T.O. for sealing wagons, under the pilfered wagon. I found also 4 seals, 5 mm., which I handed over to the Sgt. Maj. I saw that the Sgt. Maj. revealed the wagon with one of the seals we had found. This was a bit later, when the wagon was taken to the station.

I have read over the above statement and it is correct and true.

Signed : D'AMBROSIO Angelo.
Statement taken down and signature witnessed, in the presence of Sgt. DINES, 62nd S.I.B., on the 18th May 1945.

Signed : SFORZA Michele, Interpreter.

I certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by D'AMBROSIO Angelo, from Italian into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed : SFORZA Michele, Interpreter.



was stationary on the 1st rail, not far from the road, Via Napoli. When we got near the wagon, I lighted my torch and saw two men running across the road (Parco Nord), towards a vehicle which was waiting with the engine firing. CRISANTI pointed his rifle at them, intimidating to stop, but one of them jumped on the vehicle, which started off, leaving the other man on the ground. I know now, his name is SCARDIA Italo di Pasquale. CRISANTI arrested him and left me to watch the wagon, where the two men had been seen. This wagon was opened and the sacks of sugar inside, were in disorder, and some traces of sugar could be seen on the floor.

Short/after, I was joined by Sgt. Maj MALESANI Albino Chief-Guards, and in his company, we examined the wagon and under it. I found a Tommy-Bar used by the R.T.O. for sealing wagons, under the pilfered wagon. I found also 4 seals, 5 mm., which I handed over to the Sgt. Maj. I saw that the Sgt. Maj. revealed the wagon with one of the seals we had found. This was a bit later, when the wagon was taken to the station.

I have read over the above statement and it is correct and true.

Signed : D'AMBROSIO Angelo.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed, in the presence of Sgt. DIMAS, 62nd S.I.B., on the 18th May 1945.

Signed : SFORZA Michele, Interpreter.

I certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by D'AMBROSIO Angelo, from Italian into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed : SFORZA Michele, Interpreter.



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PARCO NORD, Bari.

Statement of: Sergeant Maj. MALIZIANI Albino, in Milano,
Born 2/10/1918, 510 Bta. Railway Guards, Bari.

Who states:

At about 23.00 hrs. on the 16th May 1945, I was the Chief of the Guards at Parco Nord, when Cpl. Maj. CRISIANI handed over to me a prisoner by name SCAROLA Italo di Casquale, whom, he said, he had arrested near the road, Via Napoli.

Because of what CRISIANI told me, I went to a railway wagon, which was stationary on the 1st rail, near Via Napoli.

This wagon was at about 200 meters from the said road. When I arrived it was being watched by Cmr. D'Ambrosio. I saw that the wagon was open and from its appearance, 20 sacks seemed to have been removed and a certain quantity of sugar could be seen scattered on the floor of the wagon. Under the wagon, I saw a Tommy-Bar used by the M.R.C. for loading wagons and 4 sacks, 5 lbs. Each I instructed D'Ambrosio to pick up. Few minutes later, I had the wagon taken near the Office Parco Nord, where it was examined by the soldier on duty.

I have read over the above statement and it is correct and true.

Signed: Sergeant Maj. MALIZIANI Albino.
Statement taken down and signature witnessed by me in the presence of Sergeant MAZZA, 52nd S.I.B., on the 18th May 1945.

Signed: Sergeant Michele.
I certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by Sergeant Maj. MALIZIANI Albino; from Italian into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed: Sergeant Michele, Interpreter

Boat on the river, which was stationary on the 1st rail, near Via Napoli.

This wagon was at about 200 meters from the said road. When I arrived it was being watched by Carr. D'Ambrosio. I saw that the wagon was open and from its appearance, 20 sacks seemed to have been removed and a certain quantity of sugar could be seen scattered on the floor of the wagon. Under the wagon, I saw a Henry-Jer used by the R.T.O. for loading wagons and 4 soldiers, which I instructed AMBROSIO to pick up. Ten minutes later, I had the wagon taken near the Carmine Verde Road, where it was examined by the colonel on duty.

I have read over the above statement and it is correct and true.

Signed: Sargent, Maj. MICHAEL ALVINO.

Statement taken down and signed and witnessed by me in the presence of Sargent. White, S.I.D., on the 10th May 1945.

Signed: SPADA MICHAEL.

I certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by Sargent Maj. MICHAEL ALVINO; From Italian into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed: GEORGE MICHAEL, Interpreter

George Michael

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H.Q. 62nd S.I.B.,
17th May 1945.

Statement of : SCARDIA Italo di Pasquale,
born on the 19th May 1915,
living Piazza Area degli Abruzzi No. 21, Bari.

who states :

I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything, unless I do wish to do so, but that anything I do say, will be taken down and may be given in evidence.

Sgd. SCARDIA Italo.

At about 22.30 hrs. , on the 16th May 1945, I left a girl outside the road, Via Napoli, and entered the Parco Nord, to see if my friend, PAOLO GIOVANNI Raffaele, who works on the railway, was there, as I liked to have a walk together.

At a distance of about 100 meters from the road, I met 5 or 6 railmen, whom I asked concerning this friend of mine, but these men answered that they did not know if he was there and advised me to ask for him at the Command. I went on the same way, towards the Office, when at about 200 meters from the group of the railmen, I saw two soldiers, a Corporal Major and a soldier, who pointed the rifle against me and intimidated to stop. I stopped and the soldiers arrested me and brought to the Office, where a sergeant, Maj. asked me why I was there, and I answered that I was looking for a friend. I was then asked of my documents and as to if I knew about the theft on the railway; and I answered that I was quite unaware of it. I was arrested and brought to the Carabinieri station.

I think that the soldiers who arrested me, are involved in the theft and want to frame me. I did not see anybody, that night, near any wagon. I saw only a truck which was going to the direction opposite mine.

I have nothing else to add.

I have read over the above statement and it is correct and true.

Signed : SCARDIA Italo.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed, in the presence of Sergt. DINI, 62nd S.I.B., at about 18.30 hrs. on the 17th May 1945.

Signed : STORZA Michele, Interpreter.

I certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by SCARDIA Italo, from Italian into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed : STORZA Michele, Interpreter.

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I think that the soldiers who arrested me, are involved in the theft and want to frame me. I did not see anybody, that night, near any wagon. I saw only a truck which was going to the direction opposite mine.

I have nothing else to add.

I have read over the above statement and it is correct and true.

Signed : SCAROLA Italo.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed, in the presence of Sergt. DINI, 62nd S.I.D., at about 12.30 hrs. on the 17th May 1945.

Signed : STORZA Michele, Interpreter.

I certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by Scardola Italo, from Italian into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed : STORZA Michele, Interpreter.

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BARI.
18th May 1945.

STATEMENT OF :

SCARDIA Italo di Pasquale,
born 19/5/45, Piazza Duca degli Abruzzi, No. 21, BARI.

WHO STATES :

I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything, unless I do wish to do so, but that anything I do say will be taken down and may be given in evidence.

Signed : C.M. SCARDIA Italo.

At about 22.30 hrs. on 16/5/1945, I was with 6 men, POTERE Raffaele, PISCITELLI Arcangelo, PETRUZZELLI Nicola, a certain Gaetano, a certain Michele, and another man by name Francesco, on an Italian vehicle, O.M., driven by a certain LAMBERTUCCI Flavio. At a short distance from us, an horse cart was following, driven by Mts. proprietor, MANCINI, who lives in the vicinity of the CASE POPOLARI, Via Francesco Crispi, Bari. The truck and the cart stopped on the road, Via Napoli, at the junction with the Parco Nord. Two of my friends, PETRUZZELLI and the said Francesco, left us, in order to go into the Parco Nord, and take some arrangements with two railmen, a military guard, and a line-watcher. About a quarter of an hour later, they came back and joined us. All of us, with the truck and the cart, went to a wagon, which was stationary on a rail, in the Parco Nord. Upon our arrival, I saw that the wagon was opened, later I learned, by PETRUZZELLI and Francesco, in complicity with the line-watcher and the guard. All of us took some sacks of sugar from the wagon, about 15, and loaded part on the cart, part on the truck. The guard, who had agreed with the two above mentioned friends, went away and about 5 minutes later, another guard was seen coming down, towards us. I do not know who he was. The cart, then, left, and 5 of my friends got on the truck, which left immediately. I could not run away, because the guard, who had come, had pointed his rifle at me. I was arrested and brought to the Office, Parco Nord.

The vehicle, an O.M., is in charge to the driver, LAMBERTUCCI, from the REPARTO AUTONOMO, COMPAGNIA TERRITORIALE, 9° REGG. AUTIERI. As far as I know, the sugar was going to be taken to different places of the town, one of which is in the vicinity of the Tobacco Factory, Bari. The irons and the seals belong to the above mentioned PETRUZZELLI, but I do not know where he has got them from. I do not know the name of the railman, who was agree with us, but I could recognize the military guard, if I saw him again. This guard is about 1.70 meters (5' 8") of height, rather thin in his face, aged about 25 years, dressed in blue jacket, of an English derive, and in long trousers.

I have read over the above statement and it is correct and true.

Sgd: Cpl. Maj. SCARDIA Italo.

Statement taken down and signed by me, [signature]

Gaetano, a certain Michele, and another man by name Francesco, on an Italian vehicle, O.M., driven by a certain LAMBERTUCCI Flavio. At a short distance from us, an horse cart was following, driven by its proprietor, MANCINI, who lives in the vicinity of the CASE POPOLARI, Via Francesco Crispi, Bari. The truck and the cart stopped on the road, Via Napoli, at the junction with the Parco Nord. Two of my friends, PETRUZZELLI and the said Francesco, left us, in order to go into the Parco Nord, and take some arrangements with two railmen, a military guard, and a line-watcher. About a quarter of an hour later, they came back and joined us. All of us, with the truck and the cart, went to a wagon, which was stationary on a rail, in the Parco Nord. Upon our arrival, I saw that the wagon was opened, later I learned, by PETRUZZELLI and Francesco, in complicity with the line-watcher and the guard. All of us took some sacks of sugar from the wagon, about 15, and loaded part on the cart, part on the truck. The guard, who had agreed with the two above mentioned friends, went away and about 5 minutes later, another guard was seen coming down, towards us. I do not know who he was. The cart, then, left, and 5 of my friends got on the truck, which left immediately. I could not run away, because the guard, who had come, had pointed his rifle at me. I was arrested and brought to the Office, Parco Nord.

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I have read over the above statement and it is correct and true.

Sgd: Cpl. Maj. SCARDIA Italo.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed in the presence of sergt. DINES, 62nd S.I.B., at about 17.00 hrs. on the 18th of May 1945.

Sgd: SFORZA Michele, Interpreter.

I certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by SCARDIA Italo, from Italian into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Sgd: SFORZA Michele, Interpreter.

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62 nd S.I.B.,
19th May 1945.

Statement of : LAMBERTUCCI Flavio di Cesare,
Born at Treia (Macerata), on 22/1/1922,
Posto Carabinieri, Comando Territoriale, Bari,
who states :

I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything but that anything I do say, will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence.

Sgd: LAMBERTUCCI Flavio.

At about 22.00 hrs. on the 16/5/45, I was going back to my Unit, on my vehicle, a O.N. TARKER, when, on Via Nazionale Capruzzi, I was stopped by SCARDIA Italo, a driver from the 9th Reg. Artieri, who was with three other civilians, never known by me before that time. All of them were walking. SCARDIA asked me if I wanted to do a favour to him, by going with him and loading some vegetables, from a place in the Area of the Viera del Levante, because his vehicle had something wrong. After we had some words, I accepted and the four men jumped on my vehicle, which I drove to the vicinity of the Tobacco Factory, where Via Manzoni joins with Via Grimaldi. There we picked up another civilian, whose name, I think, is Nicola, and who, from his acting, seemed to be the leader of the group of civilians. Then I was told to drive to the Macello, near Via Napoli, where I was told to stop, in the street which leads to the said Via Napoli, from the Macello. The three men, who were with SCARDIA, left, saying that they were going to see where the stuff had been put. About 6 or 7 minutes later, they came back and said that the stuff had been put into a railway wagon, at Parco Nord, where we were going, in order to take it away. I was then told to drive to Parco Nord, where I found some other civilians, whom I do not know, with a horse-drawn cart. I stopped on one side of the road, near the railway siding and the civilians started loading some sacks of sugar from the wagon onto my vehicle. During the loading I saw on the spot a railway Guard, standing with the others. By the words of my friends, as well as by the presence of this guard on the place, I was induced to believe that the matter was quite legit, and no theft was being performed. It was ten minutes later, the guard had gone away, about twenty sacks had been loaded onto the truck, when I saw two others

--- us, pointing their rifles at us and intimating to stop. I saw all my friends run away, and when reached the truck, but onto it, while somebody said: "Don't go, go away" (Don't go, but

At about 2:00 hrs. on the 16/5/45, I was going back to my Unit, on my vehicle, a D.M. FAHNE, when, on Via Stramurale Caprucci, I was stopped by SCARDIA Italo, a driver from the 30 Reg. Autieri, who was with three other civilians, never known by me before that time. All of them were walking. SCARDIA asked me if I wanted to do a favour to him, by going with him and loading some vegetables, from a place in the area of the Fiera del Levante, because his vehicle had something wrong. After we had some words, I accepted and the four men jumped on my vehicle, which I drove to the vicinity of the Tobacco Factory, where Via Manzoni joins with Via Grisanzio. There we picked up another civilian, whose name, I think, is Nicola, and who, from his acting, seemed to be the leader of the group of civilians. Then I was told to drive to the Macello, near Via Napoli, where I was told to stop, in the street which leads to the said Via Napoli, from the Macello. The three men, who were with SCARDIA, left, saying that they were going to see where the stuff had been put. About 6 or 7 minutes later, they came back and said that the stuff had been put into a railway wagon, at Parco Nord, where we were going, in order to take it away. I was then told to drive to Parco Nord, where I found some other civilians, whom I do not know, with a horse-drawn cart. I stopped on one side of the road, near the railway siding and the civilians started loading some sacks of sugar from the wagon onto my vehicle. During the loading I saw on the spot a railway Guard, standing with the others. By the words of my friends, as well as by the presence of this Guard on the place, I was induced to believe that the matter was quite legit, and no theft was being performed. It was ten minutes later, and the Guard had gone away, about twenty sacks had been loaded onto the truck, when I saw two others

---us, pointing their rifles at us and intimating to stop. I saw all my friends run away, and when reached the truck, set thought I was somebody said: "Mamma, scappa" (Get off). So, sugar to the country near the district of S. Caterina, where the sugar was deposited in a country-house. This is the place where I load the English Policemen, this morning, I do not know who took the sugar away from this place. I am sorry to be involved in this matter, as I was deceived by the others, who told me that it was a legit favour. On the way back from Parco Nord, while taking the sugar to the country-house, the others assured me that there was no offence and promised to me that they were going to reward me for that favour, later.

I have read over the above statement and it is correct and true.

Signed: LAMBERTUCCI Flavio.

Witness : LAMBERTO I. Florio //

Statement taken down in writing and signed and witnessed by me, in the presence of -witness. WITNESSES: L.I. Florio, at 1500 hrs. on the 19th day 1949.

Witness : WILSON MICHAEL, Interpreter.
I certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by LAMBERTO I. Florio, from Italian into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Witness : WILSON MICHAEL, Interpreter.

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62nd S.I.B., Bari.
19th May 1945.

Statement of :

D'AMBROSIO Angelo di Salvatore,
born on the 9/5/1926,
510 Bm. Railway Guards, Bari.

who states :

I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything, unless I do wish to do so, but that anything I do say, will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence.

Sgd. D'AMBROSIO Angelo.

At about 21.30 hrs., on the 16th /5/1945, I was on guard duty on Parco Nord, when a man, rather low, almost blond, with moustaches, dressed in a grey suit, came to me on the sidings, and tried to bribe me, in the sense that I had to let them pilfer a railway wagon of sugar, which was stationary, at the said Parco Nord. I refused and he went away. At about 22.30 hrs., on the same evening, 7 or 8 persons came to the place with a truck. They approached me and said that they were going to pilfer a wagon, asking me to agree with them. I refused, but they threatened me, if I had reported the fact. As I was alone, and I could not refuse, I accepted. They promised to give something, which I never received. After 4 or 5 minutes, I left the wagon and got off. I did not see if there was a cart, or not.

While I was getting off, I met Col. Maj. GRISAFI, who asked me to accompany him to a place, where a certain number of people were suspectedly acting, that is, to the wagon which I had just left. When we arrived to the wagon, we found two men near it. We pointed the rifles at them, and intimidated to stop. They ran away to the truck, but only one of them could get on it and get away with the others, who had already jumped onto it. The other man could not do so and was arrested. This man is SCARDIA Italo.

I have read over the above statement and it is true and correct.

Signed : D'AMBROSIO Angelo.

Statement taken down by me and signature witnessed in the presence of Seret. DINIS 62nd S.I.B., Bari, At 16.00 hrs, on the 19/5/45.

Signed : SPORNA Michele, Interpreter.

I certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by D'AMBROSIO Angelo, from Italian into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed : SPORNA Michele, Interpreter.

Sgt. D'AMBROSIO Angelo.

At about 21.30 hrs., on the 16th /5/1945, I was on guard duty on Parco Nord, when a man, rather low, almost blond, with mustaches, dressed in a gray suit, came to me on the sidewalk, and tried to bribe me, in the sense that I had to let them pilfer a railway wagon of sugar, which was stationary, at the said Parco Nord. I refused and he went away. At about 22.30 hrs., on the same evening, 7 or 8 persons came to the place with a truck. They approached me and said that they were going to pilfer a wagon, asking me to agree with them. I refused, but they threatened me, if I had reported the fact. As I was alone, and I could not refuse, I accepted. They promised to give something, which I never received. After 4 or 5 minutes, I left the wagon and got off. I did not see if there was a cart, or not.

While I was getting off, I met Cpl. Maj. GAZDANTI, who asked me to accompany him to a place, where a certain number of people were suspectedly acting, that is, to the wagon which I had just left. When we arrived to the wagon, we found two men near it. We pointed the rifles at them, and intimidated to stop. They ran away to the truck, but only one of them could get on it and get away with the others, who had already jumped onto it. The other man could not do so and was arrested. This man is GUARDIA Italo.

I have read over the above statement and it is true and correct.

Signed : D'AMBROSIO Angelo.

Statement taken down by me and signature witnessed in the presence of Serget. DINI and S.I.E. Bari, at 16.00 hrs, on the 19/5/45.

Signed : SPORZA Michele, Interpreter.

I certify that the above is a true and correct translation of the statement made by D'AMBROSIO Angelo, from Italian into English, to the best of my ability and belief.

Signed : SPORZA Michele, Interpreter.

62nd Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
G.M. Police.

22nd May, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:-

No. 14288376, Sgt. DINES S. J.

62nd Section, Special Investigation Branch.

About 1600 hours on the 17th May, 1945, I saw the accused SCARDIA at the 62nd Section HQ., and through the medium of an interpreter I told him I was Sgt. DINES of the G.M. Police and that I was asking enquiries regarding the theft of sugar from a railway wagon at Paroo Road Station on the night of the 16th May, 1945. He replied that he was innocent and after being cautioned made a statement, which I now produce.

At 0930 hours on the 18th May, 1945, I went to Paroo Road Station and was given a Tommy bar sealing iron and three 3 mm. wire seals by Sgt. Maj. MAZZANTI, which I retained possession of.

About 1500 hours on the same day I again saw SCARDIA, this time at the American CID Office, BARI. I cautioned him and told him that I had enquired into the facts contained in his statement and found them to be false, whereupon he made a further statement, which I now produce.

As result of this statement, I arrested the accused LAMBERTUCCI at 0930 hours on the 19th May, 1945 at his Unit, and took him to the HQ, 62 Section, 31B, where after being cautioned, he made a statement, which I now produce.

At 1045 hours on the same day, I arrested the accused D'AMBRASIO in Via Dieta, BARI and took him to the HQ, 62 Section, 31B, where I cautioned him and after which he made a statement, which I now produce.

Sgt. Dines S. J.

Sgt. DINES S. J.

STATEMENT of:-

No. 14258336, Sgt. DINES S.J.

62nd Section, Special Investigation Branch.

About 1600 hours on the 17th May, 1945, I saw the accused SCAMILLA at the 62nd Section HQ., and through the medium of an Interpreter I told him I was Sgt. Dines of the G.M. Police and that I was making enquiries regarding the theft of sugar from a railway wagon at Parco Nord Station on the night of the 16th May, 1945. He replied that he was innocent and after being cautioned made a statement, which I now produce.

At 0930 hours on the 18th May, 1945, I went to Parco Nord Station and was given a 'key' bar sealing iron and three 5 mm. wire seals by Sgt. Maj. MANNING, which I retained possession of.

About 1500 hours on the same day I again saw SCAMILLA, this time at the American CID Office, DALL. I cautioned him and told him that I had enquired into the facts contained in his statement and found them to be false, whereupon he made a further statement, which I now produce.

As result of this statement, I arrested the accused LAMBERTO I at 0930 hours on the 19th May, 1945 at his Unit, and took him to the HQ, 62 Section, SID, where after being cautioned, he made a statement, which I now produce.

At 1045 hours on the same day, I arrested the accused D'ALMEIDA in Via Dieta, DALL and took him to the HQ, 62 Section, SID, where I cautioned him and after which he made a statement, which I now produce.

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S.J. DINES, Sgt.

62nd Section, Special Investigation Branch

Tel: BAKI 11458

Subject: Employment of Labour- Italian Military.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(MMIA) c/o 54 Area

Ref : LO/6/AQ
30 May 45

To: 9 Terr HQ

Attached for your information is copy of 4150 A
of 29 May 45.

G. P. M. R. Maj
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

GPH/ja

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40/6/AA.

SUBJECT: Employment of Labor - Italian Military. A150 A.Ref. No. 11411.22 G.R.A.S.C. (Sup Units)

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AMILLA Ernesto.

1. This HQ is informed that the above named person employed by 173 D.L.D. is a deserter from the Italian Army.
2. He will be discharged forthwith and handed over to the Carabinieri. Please report when this has been done.

G.M.F.
29 May 45.
MB/CG.

Goldberg
pr. Lt. -col.,
A.A. & C.M.C., 54 Area.

Copy to: 173 D.L.D. — This HQ letter A146/2/A dated 16 Mar 45 stated exception in respect of this man (in the letter called AMILLA Ernesto) had been refused.

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L0/6/AA

SUBJECT: Exemption from Military Service.
Discharges.

3 District
Baseball 23
390/2A
25 May 45.

Liaison Office,
Land Forces Sub Commission,
AO (MIA)
Eastern Italy.

Sgt D'ANGELIO Luigi.

Reference your LO/6/AA dated 29 Apr 45.

1. The above named has been discharged from 617 Italian Service Stn REME and handed over to the Reali Carabinieri.
2. Exemption certificate has been forwarded to Territorial HQ BARI for cancellation.

AW/SM.

Copy to: ILO, 3 District.

29 MAY 1945

Col.
DA & CG.

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Jointly concerned with another, in that they at CANOSA, on the 12th. May, 1945, feloniously did RECEIVE 27 gallons of W.D. Petrol, to the value of 810 Lira, the property of R.A. Government, well knowing the same to have been stolen.

In that he at CANOSA, on the 31st. May, 1945, was unlawfully possessing a pistol and five rounds of ammunition, not having a permit to retain the same.

Improper Possession of Allied Forces Property, in that he at CANOSA, on the 31st. May, 1945, was found in improper possession of 2 American type torches, 1 boot brush, 3 tablets of toilet soap, 1 stick shaving soap, 1 tin of insecticide, 6 small torch batteries, 1 pair woollen pants, and 2 pairs of socks, being Allied Forces Property and valued at 370 Lira.

The facts of the case and evidence in support thereof is briefly as follows.

On the 28th. May, 1945, a telephone message was received at this Office, from the Officer in charge 'C' Platoon, 544 Company, R.A.S.C., stationed at CANOSA, stating that two civilians had been detained for stealing a quantity of petrol from the Railroad, at CANOSA Railway Station.

Acting on this information I went to CANOSA on the 29th. May, 1945 and at 11.00. hours I interviewed VITALE and AMORUSO, at the Civil Prison. They were interviewed through the medium of the Official Interpreter, and both made statements admitting stealing 88 gallons and 176 gallons of petrol on the 9th and 27th. May, 1945, respectively, and also implicated a number of other people.

The same day I interviewed MOLINARO GIUSEPPE, an Italian soldier who had been performing sentry duty at the Station, he made a statement admitting that he had turned the tap on at the main pipe line and had allowed the civilians to take away four drums of petrol, (176 gallons) and also stated that he was told, prior to going on duty, by the Sergeant Major in charge of the Guard, that some Italian civilians would be calling to steal some petrol while he was on duty and he was to allow them to take it.

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AM 54. Aron.
H.M. 54. Aron.
M.C. of Can.
Barletta.
(translated copy)
C/O 'C' Platoon.
544 Coy. R.A.S.C.

O/V 54.
Zataglionis
Gardile, No. 4
Compagnie,
Barletta.
(translated copy)

File.

MILIA Liaison Officer.
HQ. 3 District(2)

Wm *LO/6/AD*
 SUBJECT: Exemption from Military Service.

M50 A.

Tel. No. 11433.

H. 2. 3 District 'A'.

FINORI PAOLO.
46 B.S.D. R.A. C.O.

Reference your 390/2A dated 20 May 45.

46 B.S.D. state that the above named man
 ceased to be employed by them on 24 March and that
 no information is available as to his whereabouts.

C.M.F.
 26 May 45.
 LR/OG.

W.B. Jones
May
 Brigadier,
 Commander, 5th Area.

Copy to: 65 Gp Pwr Corps.
 MIA L.O. Eastern Italy
 Carabinieri, Bari.

(This is letter M50A
 dated 22 May 45
 refers.)

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Tel. 11458

Subject:- Discipline.
-----Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(MMIA) C/o 54 Area

LQ/6/AQ

25 May 45
-----TO:- 54 AREA
-----Ref attached translation of letter from 9 Terr.HQ
ref 2708/Disc. dated 22 May.

1. I would be grateful for any information that you can supply about the disposal of this individual.

C. Kiser MajorSenior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

GPH/tv

Copy to:- 9 Terr.HQ.- Bari

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Copy Translation

No 2708/Disce.

Bari 22 May 45

Subject:- Ex Console Commissioned Capt. D'ALESSANDRO Italo
fu Quirino and fu Rodolico Francesca, born in
Fania (Catania) 14 June 1889.--

From:- 9 Territorial HQ - BARI
To:- AMIA LO 54 Area- BARI

This officer was arrested on 25.7.44, as a precautionary measure by the British 515 FS Second committed to prison in BARI (Carcere Giudiziaria).

On the 29.11.944 the FS. Police transferred him to an unknown destination.

Ministry of War has asked about his present position, Accordingly you are requested to give any information about the a/m officer.

CABO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. V. Petitti)

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Tel-Ari 11450.

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Subject:- employment of Labour-Italian Military.

Liaison Office,
Land Forces, Sub Comm.,
A.C. (MMIA) o/o 54 Area.

Ref. LO/6/AQ.

25 May 45.

To:- 9 Terr. HQ.

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Further to my LO/6/AQ of 23 May 45, please see
attached copy of 197/Det/17 of 24 May 45.

Consult
Maj.
Senior MMIA LO.
Eastern Italy.

GPH/agn

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Subject: Employment of Labour-Italian Civilians 197/Det/17

A.A.S. M.G.
54 Area

De Gregorio Michele
Meterangelis Vincenzo
Crema Alfredo

1: Reference your 4150 A of 22 May.

2. I am certain that some misconception of true facts exist. The following is the "case history" of each man:-
(a) De Gregorio Michele.

Has not at any time performed military service. He was first called up in January 1945. I then obtained temporary exemption, the last 21 days period expiring on 21 May.

(b) Meterangelis Vincenzo.

Possesses documents showing his completion in Feb 44 of training at Officers Training Academy, IX Battaglione di Istruzione, Oria (Brindisi). His documents show indefinite leave from the school until such time as he may be called to perform officer service. He was called up in 19 Jan 45 and I obtained temporary certificates of exemption, the last of which expired 21 May 45.

(c) Crema Alfredo.

With 20 Regt Artillery in Savigliano N. Italy. Captured by Germans on 10 Sept 43 and placed in concentration camp at Apunzia. Escaped 21 Sept and reported to Carabinieri at Termoli on 20 Sept. Since that date has been employed by 170 GT Coy, 60 MAC, 460 GT Coy and Det 197 DID. Although I have no proof of his story, I am prepared to believe same, but as he has been instructed to report to Campobasso for military service immediately he has been affirmed and instructed to report. The local Carabinieri have been informed of this action.

3. The first two named are indispensable to the running of the depot, one being employed as infants clerk and one on the P.S. a/c. I can see no possible chance of replacements as both jobs call for considerable training. I have only two RASC personnel in the depot.

4. I therefore submit that, due to the fact that these two clerks have been called for service several times, and only temporary exemption has so far been granted, the Italian Military authorities have quite erroneously classified them as deserters. Would you please investigate and instruct me further in the matter.

Field

Lieut RASC

O i/c Det 197 DID (Diluted)

the last 21 days period expiring on 21 May.

(b) Meterangelis Vincenzo.

Possesses documents showing his completion in Feb 44 of training at Officers Training Academy, IX Battaglione Di Istruzione, Oria (Brindisi). His documents show indefinite leave from the school until such time as he may be called to perform officer service. He was called up in 19 Jan 45 and I obtained temporary certificates of exemption, the last of which expired 21 May 45.

(c) Crema Alfredo.

With 20 Regt Artillery in Savigliano W. Italy. Captured by Germans on 10 Sept 43 and placed in concentration camp at Apuzia. Escaped 21 Sept and reported to Carabinieri at Termoli on 30 Sept. Since that date has been employed by 190 GT Coy, 60 MAC, 400 GT Coy and Det 197 DID. Although I have no proof of his story I am prepared to believe same, but as he has been instructed to report to Campobasso for military service immediately he has been dismissed and instructed to report. The local Carabinieri have been informed of this action.

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Field

24 May 45

Lieut MAC

O i/c Det 197 DID (Diluted)

Copy to:-

O.C. Troops, Foggia (Conversation a.m. 24 May refers).
66 Gp. Pioneer Corps.
MMIA LO Eastern Italy.

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