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1st Ind to Ltr, Allied Forces Headquarters, Italian Land Forces Branch,
dtd 20 May 47, subj: Violation of Motor Traffic Discipline.

AG 333.2 PM-0

1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS MPORCA, APO 616, US Army, 19 July 1947

TO: Director, Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch, APO 794, U. S. Army
ATTN: Italian Land Forces Branch

Enclosed report of investigation forwarded for your information.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

V. J. [Signature]
U. S. [Signature]
Major, AGD [Signature]
Asst Adjutant General

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- 1 - Carabinieri Ltr, dtd
10 May 47, w/trans.
- 2 - Ltr fr Ugo Lina, dtd
11 May 47, w/trans.
- 3 - Report of investigation

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1st Ind to Ltr, Allied Forces Headquarters, Italian Land Forces Branch,
dtd 29 May 47, subj: Violation of Motor Traffic Discipline.

AO 332.5 PM-0

1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS BRANCH, APO 812, US Army, 18 July 1947

TO: Director, Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch, APO 794, U. S. Army
ATTN: Italian Land Forces Branch

Enclosed report of investigation forwarded for your information.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

U. S. VETERAN
Major, ASD
Asst Adjutant General

3 Incls

- 1 - Carabinieri Ltr, dtd
10 May 47, w/trans.
- 2 - Ltr fr Ugo Luca, dtd
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- 3 - Report of investigation

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces BranchTel : 478421
Ext : 334

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24 May 47

Commanding General,
MTOUHA
AFO 512SUBJECT : Violation of Motor Traffic Discipline

The inclosed letter from the LAZIO Territorial Carabinieri Legion, VELLETRI Company, is forwarded for such action as may be deemed appropriate.

WJ/m

for *H. J. Robbins Capt*
Major General,
Director.Inc: Carabinieri letter
dated 10 May 1947.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI LAZIO
COMPAGNIA DI VELLETRI

N° 458/56 di prot.

Velletri, 14 10/4/1947

OCCORRENZA: Servizi di blocco per la repressione dei reati.

ALLA PREFETTURA ROMA
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE ROMA
AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE TERRITORIALE LAZIO ROMA
ALLA QUESTURA ROMA
AL COMANDO DEL GRUPPO CARABINIERI LAZIO I ROMA
ALL'U.S.H.Q. ITALIAN LAND FORCES FRANK ROMA

Alle ore 0,30 di oggi tre macchine allestite portanti i nn. M.T.O.X.

7108 - 4116170 - 2121044 provenienti da Napoli e dirette a Roma, al posto di blocco istituito da questo corpo lungo la Viale Roma - nei pressi abitato Velletri - anziché rallentare e quindi fermarsi, secondo i prescritti segnali trilingue ivi collocati e nonostante il brigadiere Felleschi Morlene avesse ripetuto il segnale di fermata con la lampada rossa, aumentavano la già notevole velocità investendo la tabella ed evitando per poco l'investimento del carabiniere Del Duce Antonio e del maresciallo maggiore Tagliarini Colagere, comandante la stazione di Velletri.

Poiché gli autisti delle tre macchine - che non erano state identificate - con tale comportamento, davano a credere che non fossero in regola, vennero operati tre colpi di mitra che ferirono la gamba anteriore sinistra dell'ultima macchina. In seguito a ciò, a circa 200 metri oltre il posto di blocco i tre autocarri si fermarono e si poterono

All' ore 0,30 di oggi tre macchine silente portanti i nn.M.T.O.X. 7153-4115170 - 2121664 provenienti da Napoli e dirette a Roma, al posto di blocco istituito da questo corpo lungo al Viale Reus -di pressi abitato Velletri- anzichè rallentare e quindi fermarsi, secondo i prescritti segnali trilingue ivi collocati e nonostante il brigadiere Palleschi Mariano avesse ripetute il segnale di fermata con la lampada rossa, anzimentavano la già notevole velocità investendo la tabella ed evitando per poco l'investimento del carabinieri Del Duca Antonio e del maresciallo maggiore Teglierini Celagero, comandante la stazione di Velletri.

Poichè gli autisti delle tre macchine -che non erano state identificate- con tale comportamento, davano a credere che non fossero in regola, vennero sparati tre colpi di mitra che fecero la gamma anteriore sinistra dell'ultima macchina. In seguito a ciò a circa 200 metri oltre il posto di blocco i tre autisti si fermarono e si poterono così accertare che gli stessi appartenevano al Campo Americano di Caserta n.1157 T.C.F.H.K.C.O. ed avevano a bordo 5 militari e il comandante del sergente ZURGUNG Cebaret S.P.T.

Quest'ultima alla richiesta perchè non si fosse fermato, rispondeva di non avere tale obbligo. Rilevati gli estremi delle macchine gli stessi proseguivano per Livorno loro nuove destinazioni.

IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE LA COMPAGNIA
(Paris Chis prefetto)

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TRANSLATIONLAZIO TERRITORIAL CARABINIERI LEGION
VELLETRI COMPANY

Ref : 462/56

Velletri, 10/5/1947

SUBJECT : Control services for repressing crimes.

TO : PREFECTURE..... ROME
 MILITARY TERRITORIAL COMMAND ROME
 "LAZIO" CC. TERRITORIAL LEGION H.Q..... ROME
 QUESTURA ROME
 LAZIO I CC. GROUP H.Q..... ROME
 A.P.H.Q. ITALIAN LAND FORCES BRANCH..... ROME

At 0.30 hours to-day, three Allied cars - licence numbers M.T.O.X. 7152, 4115170, 2121644 - travelling from NAPLES in the direction of ROME, instead of slowing down and stopping, according to the signals, written in three languages, at the control point, on the Viale Roma - near Velletri - and notwithstanding that Brigadiere PALLESCHI Mariano repeated the signal to stop with a red lamp, increased their already considerable speed, hit the 2nd board and just avoided running over Carabinieri Del Duca Antonio and Maresciallo Maggiore Tagliarini Calogero, commanding the Carabinieri Station at Velletri.

Since the behaviour of the drivers of the three cars - which had not been recognised - gave the impression that there was something wrong, three MMG shots were fired, which pierced the front left tyre of the rear vehicle. As a result, the three vehicles stopped at approximately 200 metres past the checking point, and it was then possible to find out that they belonged to the American Camp n. 1157 T.O.T.R.K.O.O. at Caserta and were transporting five men commanded by Sgt Burgess Cekuvet S.F.T..

The latter, asked for the reason why he did not stop, answered that he was not obliged to do so. Having taken note of the licence plates of the vehicles, they proceeded on their way to LECORON.

Sgt. CHIAPPARELLA,
Capt.

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Paleschi Mariano with the red lamp, they accelerated and struck the second barrier, almost striking Carabinieri De Luca Antonio and Marasciullo Maggiore Tagliarini Calogero. Because of the fact that the drivers of the three vehicles, which have not been identified, with such irregular behavior, aroused suspicion that they were not of legitimate status, were fired three shots from a machine-gun, which burst the rear left tyre of the last vehicle.

Afterwards, at about 200 metres further the Traffic Check Post, the three trucks stopped and it has been possible to find out that the s/m drivers belonged to the American Camp in Caserta n° 1157 T.C.T.R.E.C.O. and were carrying 5 soldiers under the command of Sgt. SURGES Cekuvel S.P.T.

The latter, being asked why he did not stop, said he did not have such an oblige. Having being taken the particulars of the vehicles, they went to Leghorn, their new destination.

Il Colonnello Comandante la Legione

- Ugo Luca -

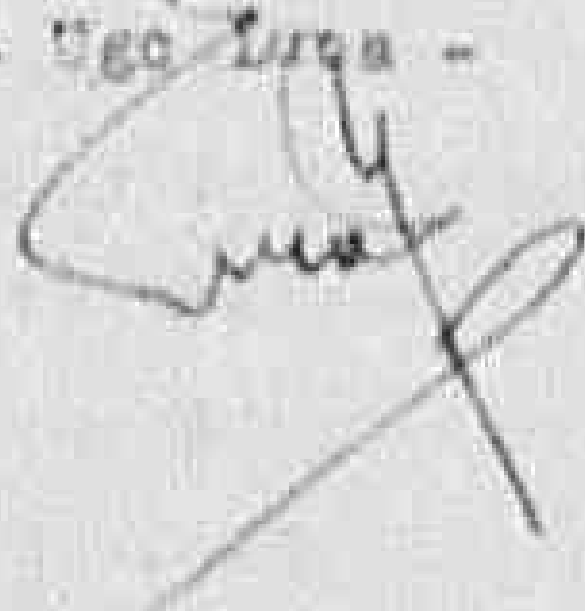
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Quest'ultimo alla richiesta perché non si fosse fermato, rispondeva di non avere tale obbligo.

Rilevati gli estremi delle macchine gli stessi proseguivano per Livorno loro nuova destinazione.

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE LA LEGIONE
- Ugo Lora -



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REPUBBLICA ITALIANA
LEGIONE CARABINIERI LAZIO.,
UFFICIO SERVIZIO

N. 46/9 di prot.

Roma, 11 maggio 1947.

Espresso al

di

all'Espresso

OGGETTO: F o t i s i a r i o.

AL PROVOST MARCHAL R.A.A.C. - Questura -
Via S. Vitale -

R O M A

Il 10 corrente, verso le ore 5,30, tre macchine alleate portan-
ti i nn. S.V.O.L. 7152 - 415170 - 2121644 provenienti da Napoli
e dirette a Roma, al posto di blocco istituito al Viale Roma - nei
 pressi abitato Velletri - anziché rallentare e quindi fermarsi, se-
condo i prescritti segnali trilingue ivi collocati e nonostante
il brigadiere Dilleschi Mariani avesse ripetuto il segnale di fer-
mata con la lampada rossa, mantenevano la già notevole velocità
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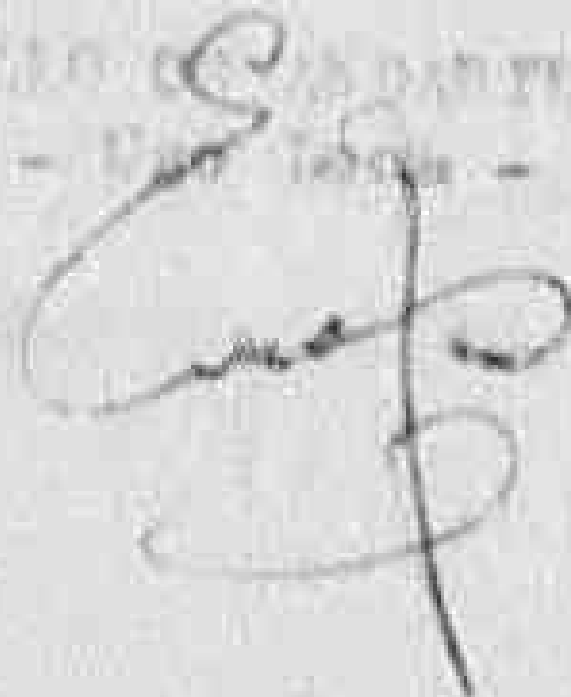
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che non fossero in regola, vennero sparati tre colpi di mitra che
forarono la gomma anteriore sinistra dell'ultima macchina. In se-
guito a ciò e circa 200 metri oltre il posto di blocco, i tre au-
tomobili si fermarono e si poteva così accertare che gli stessi
appartenevano al Campo Americano di Base n° 107 S.V.O.L. R.A.C.O.
ed avevano a bordo 5 militari al comando del sergente BURGESS
Gekovet S.F.T.

Quest'ultimo alla richiesta perché non si fosse fermato, rispondeva di non avere tale obbligo.

Rilevati gli estremi delle macchine gli stessi proseguivano per Livorno loro nuova destinazione.

IL COLONNELLO DI SOSTITUTO LA LUSTON

- Per legge -



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HEADQUARTERS

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

APO 782 U.S. ARMY

This case originated at: Velletri, Italy	Case No. CID-P/L 47-132
Report made at: Leghorn, Italy	Date Forwarded: 10 July 1947
Title: (Name(s) of accused or victim(s)) Incident between Carabinieri of Velletri, Italy and U.S. Military Personnel.	Period for which made: 10 May 1947 - 7 July 1947 Character of case: (offense(s)) Shooting.

Synopsis of facts:

On 7 June 1947 a Carabinieri Report was received from C.I.D. Headquarters in regards to an incident on 10 May 1947 near Velletri, Italy when Italian Police fired on 3 U.S. Army vehicles when said vehicles failed to halt at an Italian road block.

Investigation revealed that on 20 May 1947, at about 0130 hours said shooting occurred when drivers of three vehicles from 7152 T.C. Trk Co., part of a convoy proceeding from Caserta, Italy, to Leghorn, failed to recognize an Italian road block and passed same. The Italian Police, not recognizing the vehicles as U.S. Army Property, fired upon them. One shot took effect, on one of the wheels of the weapons carrier. No one was injured.

Case closed.

Report made by: <i>Amos J. Linger Jr.</i> AMOS J. LINGER, JR., Agent, C.I.D.	Do not write here: File: _____ Grade: _____
Approved and forwarded: <i>Henry J. Maffei</i> HENRY J. MAFFEI, Chief Agent, CID, Leghorn.	Distribution of Reports: 1 - C.O. 7152 T.C. Trk Co. 1 - AFHQ, Italian Land Forces Branch (Rome) 1 - P.H. P/L, APO 782, U.S. Army 1 - Hqs 7102nd CID Flt., APO 782 2 - File, Leghorn CID, Leghorn, Italy.

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From the above stated facts it can be reasonably concluded that:

1. On 24 May 1947, at about 0130 hrs, three U.S. Army vehicles, in the company of Sgt. Clarence BUCHANAN, who did not recognize Italian Police authorities as a roadblock near Velletri, Italy; that said convoy feared a hold-up and consequently failed to stop at an official Italian Police road block.

2. That the Italian Police not recognizing said vehicles as U.S. Army vehicles since they failed to stop, fired at said cresting said incident.

Amos J. Linger Jr.
Amos J. Linger Jr.
Agent, C.I.A.

7 Inclosures:

- Incl. 1 - Italian Police Report on Incident from Captain FALDI
- Incl. 2 - Italian Police Report and translation by Col. Gus Lutz
- Incl. 3 - Statement of Sgt. Clarence BUCHANAN
- Incl. 4 - Statement of Pfc Louis STUBBS
- Incl. 5 - Statement of Pfc George W. BROWN
- Incl. 6 - Statement of Sgt. Wilburn G. BROWN
- Incl. 7 - Certificate of Inc. Lt. Frederick BROWN

Agency Notes:

1. That as a result of the misrepresentation of the Italian Police and the American military personnel involved, as here to fore explained, it is recommended that this case be closed.

2. Since the impending phase-out mission of this theatre is in the offing it is then recommended that Convoy Commanders brief their personnel to the effect that Italian Police authorities are conducting official roadblocks on various Italian State Highways.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch.

Tel. : 478421
Ext. : 334

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20 May 1947

Commanding General,
AFUSA
APO 612

SUBJECT: Violation of Motor Traffic Discipline.

The inclosed letter from the LAZIO Territorial Carabinieri Legion, VILKTRI Company, is forwarded for such action as may be deemed appropriate.

s/ W. J. Jenkins, Capt.
for t/ Major General,
Director

WF 5/51

Incl: Carabinieri letter
dated 10 May 1947.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY :

William B. Hardin
WILLIAM B. HARDIN,
1st Lt., Inf.

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ITALIAN REPUBLIC

"LARIO" CARABINIERI REGION

R.46/2 31 prom.

Rome 11 May 1947

TO : Provost Marshal R.I.I.C. - ROMA.-

On the 10th of May 1947, at about 0800 hrs., three Allied vehicles (M. V.T.O.X. 7182 - 4115170 - 0101844) coming from Naples and going to Rome at the Traffic Check Post in Viale Roma, near Colonna, instead of slowing down and then stopping, according to the repeated signal given by Brigadiere FAIRBORN MARIANO with the red lamp, they accelerated and struck the second barrier, almost striking Carabinieri DE LUCA ANTONIO and Carabinieri VAGLIA-RO TAGLIAPINTE CALABRO.

Because of the fact that the Drivers of the three vehicles, which have not been identified, with such irregular behaviour, aroused suspicion that they were not of legitimate status, were fired three shots from a machine-gun, which burst the rear left tire of the last vehicle.

Afterwards, at about 200 meters further the Traffic Check Post, the three trucks stopped and it has been possible to find out that the a/c drivers belonged to the American Camp in Caserta n. 1157 T.O.T.P.X.C.O. and were carrying 2 soldiers under the command of Sgt. HUMMER Sokovet S.P.T.

The later, being asked why he did not stop, said he did not have such an oblige. Having being taken the particulars of the vehicles, they went to Leghorn, their new destination.

THE COLONNEL COMMANDING THE REGION

t/ Ugo Luca
a/ Ugo Luca

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY:

William B. Harding
WILLIAM B. HARDING
1st Lt., Inf.

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HEADQUARTERS
7182 TC Tpk Co (PROV)
APO 812, U.S. Army

5 June 1947

Statement of PFC Lois Stewart, ASN 1821187, 7182 TC Tpk Co, APO 812, U.S. Army.

Having been read AN 34 and having had his rights there under explained to him PFC Lois Stewart, ASN 1821187, deposes and says:

My name is PFC Lois Stewart, ASN 1821187, assigned 7182 TC Tpk Co as a driver. On the 10th of May 1947 I was proceeding from Caserta to Legherno, Italy. I was on authorized dispatch on a 4-5 ton tractor. We were towing two vehicles that were a part of a Convoy of 1st Lt Frederick Dodge Jr, ASN 01290139. Sgt Clarence E. Burgess ASN 38010912, was riding in my vehicle. At about 0130 hours, 10 May 1947, in the town of Velletri, Italy, a large group of Italian Civilians were gathered. Seeing no light, signs or any other indication of an authorized "Road Block" I continued on. Upon hearing two shots I was directed to halt by Sgt Clarence E. Burgess. We were made to understand that this was an Italian road block and that U.S. Army vehicles would stop or the drivers would be killed.

FURTHER DEPOSITION SAYS NOTHING:

Lois Stewart
PFC Lois Stewart, 1821187

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 5th June 1947.

Carl B. Pigby
Capt QMC
Investigating Off

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Italian Land Forces Branch

Tel : 478421
Ext : 334

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11 May 47

Commanding General,
MTCUSA
APO 512

SUBJECT : Violation of Motor Traffic Discipline

The inclosed letter from the LAMO Territorial Carabinieri Legion, VILLAFRANCA Company, is forwarded for such action as may be deemed appropriate.

WJ/MS

[Signature]
Major General,
Director

Incl: Carabinieri letter
dated 10 May 1947.

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TRANSLATION

From: Lazio CC Territorial Legion
To : I.L.F.B.

Ref: 462/36
Date: 10 May 1947

Subject: Control services for repressing crimes.

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Since the behaviour of the drivers of the three cars - which had not been recognised - gave the impression that there was something wrong, three MMG shots were fired, which pierced the front left tyre of the rear vehicle. As a result, the three vehicles stopped approximately 200 metres past the checking point, and it was then possible to find out that they belonged to the American camp n. 1157 T.C.F.R.K.C.O. at Caserta and were transporting five men commanded by Sgt BURGESS Cekuvel S.F.T. -

The latter, asked for the reason why he did not stop, answered that he was not obliged to do so. Having taken note of the licence plates of the vehicles, they proceeded on their way to Leghorn.

sgt. Chippafredda
Capt

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Lord POWERS Report

Tel : 470001
Ext : 577

6/4/47

29 April 47

0 - 5 Southern,
A. P. H. G.

SUBJECT : REDA Battista - Accused of
Columbo Assassination.

Reference your O-5: 955.02 of 10 Feb 47 and
further to our DMG/63/41/12 of 16 Feb 47.

While HQ has been informed by the Prosecutors
Military that the n/a appeared before the Naples Military Tribunal
on 14 April 47, and was acquitted because of insufficient evidence.

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SEE Folio 9.

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Major General.
Director.

