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Ref: NPM/396

From: R.P.M., Toronto

Date: 28th April 1945

To: H. . Allied Commission
Navy Sub Commission.

Subject:- Traffic Accident.

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Ref your MSG 1887 of 20 March 45 to N.O.I.C.
party MIA, no action has been taken in the matter
by R.N. authorities in view of the fact that those
involved were Italians and observing that the vehicle
with trailer travelled 110 yds. before coming to a
standstill it would appear that blame should be
attributed to the driver of that vehicle.

Flau
Captain R.M.,
Naval Transport Bureau.

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SUBJECT: TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING A PARTY "MIKE" VEHICLE.
(Headquarters, Allied Commission, Navy Sub-Commission's Letter
No. HSC/1887 dated 20th., March, 1945.)

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No. 205/671.
Naval Officer-in-Charge,
TARANTO.
(Copies to: Headquarters, Allied Commission, Navy Sub-Commission)
Naval Provost Marshall, Taranto.
Asst. Provost Marshall, R3 52 Area.)

Referred. It is requested that the information called
for in paragraph 2 of Minute I be forwarded to the Navy Sub-Commis-
sion, observing that the vehicle in question is on loan to you.

G. A. Lawson.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER, R.N. (RETD.)
for COMMANDER, R.N.
(Absent on Duty)

Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Party "Mike",
ANCONA.
20th., March, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMB
APO 394
Navy Sub - Commission

NSC/1887

20 March 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Commanding Officer, Party MIKE,
~~BAO, Taranto~~
Subject: Traffic Accident.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission, AC is in receipt of a copy of a traffic accident report 231/Pro/11/278 dated 3 March which concerns a collision between Dodge truck No. L 5650960 belonging to Party MIKE and an Italian Fraschini truck and trailer on 2 March near Taranto.

2. In view of the large number of Italian Navy personnel who are reported to have sustained injuries in the above mentioned accident, information is requested as to what action has been taken in the matter. Information is particularly desired as to what steps have been taken to fix responsibility for the accident and as to what settlement has been made or is contemplated with Italian Naval authorities.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

cc: Naval Provost Marshal, TARANTO
Asst. Provost Marshal, HQ. 52 Area.



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SUBJECT :- Traffic Accident

PRO/40/26

8 Mar 45

Naval Provost Marshal, TARANTO.
Hq Naval Sub Commission, Allied Commission.
'A' 52 Area

Attached Traffic Accident Report
231/Pro/11/278 dated 3 Mar 45 is forwarded
for information and action considered
necessary.

E. Powell. Capt.

for DAPM.
Major.

Assistant Provost Marshal,
H.Q. 52 Area.

Field.



Subject: Automobile Accident.
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231 Pro Coy AMF

231/Pro/11/278

Sir,

I have to report that at Taranto on the 2nd March 46 at about 2120 hrs I was instructed with I/C FITZSIMMONS to proceed to the scene of an accident on the TARANTO-S.VITO road. On arrival at a point about one mile beyond the entrance to the OIL JETTY I found a DODGE W.D. TRUCK No. 5850980 belonging to PARTY MIKE, C/C S.A.O. TARANTO and an ITALIAN ISOTRA FRASCHINI TRUCK, with trailer No. 36183 attached belonging to UFFERA M.M. TARANTO standing at a distance of approx 119 YARDS apart and facing opposite directions, they had been in collision.

There was a crowd of bystanders present and on my asking if the drivers of the vehicles were present one Italian civilian and one Italian marine personnel stopped forward of which the following are their particulars:-
Driver of DODGE : CAROBIANCO MICHEL

PARTY MIKE, C/O S.A.O. TARANTO
Home address: VIA ROMARIO PORTAMEDENA
Driver of ITALIAN VEH.: TUCCI, A. TESSERINI GIUSEPPE,

UFFERA M.M. TARANTO
Also present was C/OX 153595 P.O. MILAN M.
H.M.S. PABUC TARANTO

and this Petty Officer was travelling in the cab of the DODGE at the time of the accident; a Lt. DI MAURO, UFFERA M.M. TARANTO an Italian officer, was travelling in the cab of the Italian vehicle. I was informed by the above persons that 10 people had been taken to hospital with injuries, all passengers in the ITALIAN TRUCK and trailer and all being ITALIAN MARINE PERSONNEL.

Having obtained the address of the hospital where the injured had been taken I then proceeded to take all available measurements of road, vehicles and tracks which will be found on attached diagram, I then allowed the drivers to take their respective vehicles back to their depots, the trucks being in a mobile condition.

On leaving the scene of the accident I next proceeded to the ITALIAN MARINE HOSPITAL in VIA PUPINO, TARANTO and found that 10 of the injured had been taken to hospital at S. Giorgio and the remaining 9 to the INFIRMARY at SAN VITO.

The damage sustained by the vehicles was as follows:-

DODGE TRUCK: Engine bonnet bent (offside), offside of body slightly dented.

ISOTRA FRASCHINI TRUCK: Offside sidewall ripped off, front offside head-lamp broken, front offside wing torn and crushed.

TRAILER: Front wall smashed, front part of off sidewall broken, tail board broken. The damage to the truck wing appeared to be of old duration and may have been caused by a previous accident.

Attached will be found statements by both drivers, also of 3 of the passengers who were riding in the cabs of the vehicles, also attached is sketch plan of accident and medical report of the injured persons.

Field
March 3rd 46

7691272 L.S. 4/3
C.M. POLICE

Statement by C/OX 153595 NORMAN MILNE, Petty Officer
H.M.S. "Pabuc" TARANTO

I was taking passage in a Dodge 3 ton truck driven by an Italian driver, at approx 2000 hrs 2/3/46, we were travelling along the S.Vito road from the S.Vito sit Camp going to Taranto. The driver was travelling at about 16 mph. I was in the front seat.

There was a crowd of bystanders present and on my asking if the drivers of the vehicles were present one Italian civilian and one Italian marine personnel stepped forward of which the following are their particulars:-

Driver of Dodge : GABRIELINO MICHEL
PARTY NAME, C/O R.A.O. TARANTO
Home address: VIA ROSSARIO FORTINERNA
Driver of Italian vehicle:- FIORELLA A. BISSERINI GINSAPES,
MILITARY R.A.O. TARANTO

Also present was C/O 153595 P.O. MILNE M.
R.A.S. FARIUS TARANTO

and this Petty Officer was travelling in the cab of the Dodge at the time of the accident; a Lt. DI MAURO, BISSERA R.A.O. TARANTO an Italian officer, was travelling in the cab of the Italian vehicle. I was informed by the above persons that 10 people had been taken to hospital with injuries, all passengers in the Italian truck and trailer and all being ITALIAN MARINE PERSONNEL.

Having obtained the address of the hospital where the injured had been taken I then proceeded to take all available measurements of road, vehicles and tracks which will be found on attached diagram. I then allowed the drivers to take their respective vehicles back to their depots, the trucks being in a mobile condition.

On leaving the scene of the accident I next proceeded to the ITALIAN MARINE HOSPITAL in VIA PUPINO, TARANTO and found that 10 of the injured had been taken to hospital at S. Giorgio and the remaining 9 to the INFIRMARY at SAN VITO.

The damage sustained by the vehicles was as follows:-
DODGE TRUCK: Engine bonnet bent (offside), offside of body slightly dented.
ISOMAT TRASHING TRUCK: Offside sidewall ripped off, front offside head-lamp broken, front offside wing torn and crushed.

TRAILER: Front wall smashed, front part of off sidewall broken, tail board broken. The damage to the truck wing appeared to be of old duration and may have been caused by a previous accident.

Attached will be found statements by both drivers, also of 1 of the passengers who were riding in the cabs of the vehicles, also attached is sketch plan of accident and medical report of the injured persons.

Field
March 2nd 45

7891272 L. S. S. L/O
C.M. POLICE

Statement by C/O 153595 NORMAN MILNE, Petty Officer
R.A.S. "FARIES" TARANTO

I was taking passage in a Dodge 3 ton truck driven by an Italian driver, at approx 2000 hrs 2/3/45, we were travelling along the S. Vito road from the R.A.O. Tran. sit Camp going to Taranto. The driver was travelling at about 15 M.P.H. being as the light was pretty bad for driving, we had covered about half the distance along the road from the R.A.O. Camp to Oil Jetty when we heard a diesel lorry, no lights could be seen.

The driver of the Dodge then flicked the lights off and on three or four times. Then the Italian truck put its headlights on, it was then about 15 yds away it was travelling fast at about 30-35 M.P.H. I felt the truck scrape past as we eased down to dead slow, then the trailer of Italian lorry which had not eased its speed swung into us. The fore end of the left side striking the Dodge just about of the cab. Our truck pulled up almost immediately we had part of the trailer side board jammed to the truck the Italian lorry was about a hundred yards along the road, quite a few sailors were lying injured. I then walked back to Taranto and informed the R.A.S.C. Transport Corporal who returned to the accident with me, so as to render information to the C.M.P.S.

Signed: N. MILNE P.O.

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CARLOMILANO MICHELE, driver, living at 65 Viaduce di Genova, employed at R. Navy, contd.
driver of Dodge 5650960 states as follows:-

At Taranto on the 2nd of March 45 at about 2010 hrs whilst returning with my Dodge-truck belonging to the R. Navy from S.Vito towards Taranto and near the oil jetty, an Italian Isotta-Fraschini truck with its trailer came from the opposite direction. Whilst reciprocally signalling by switching on and off our headlights we approached till to about 30 meters, when arriving at a distance of 6 meters each from the other the Italian truck had completely switched off its lights. At a moment later the collision happened between the above truck and my vehicle in a way, that the trailer crashed against the body of my truck, but causing only slight damage to the motor-wheel. I immediately stopped my vehicle and saw that the left sidewall of the trailer had been torn off and among its passengers, sailors, several were injured. I stopped on my spot whilst an Italian officer, likewise travelling on the Italian truck, has called a military hospital for help. A short time later ambulances arrived and conveyed the injured persons away. I proceeded at a speed of about 20 miles, whilst the Italian vehicle seemed to me to run at a high speed. The road was dry and good. I am unable to explain the reason of the collision as I proceeded on my right hand side.

Taranto 3/3/45
Signed: CARLOMILANO MICHELE
No. 63664 stoker A Tesserini Giuseppe, att. to VAREDEPO Taranto states as follows:
At Taranto on the 2nd March 45 at about 2010 hrs whilst driving the truck plate 36169 A.M. (Isotta Fraschini) with its trailer attached from Taranto to VAREDEPO a collision happened between my truck and the Allied vehicle Dodge 5650960 of the R.Navy, coming from S.Vito.

I was proceeding on my right hand side with about 150 people in the bodies of the truck and trailer when I saw the Allied truck running at a high speed towards my vehicle. To his light signals I answered switching down my headlights to a lower intensity and proceeded with the lower head lights on whilst that of the Allied truck were almost out. At a distance of about 20 meters the driver of the Allied truck suddenly switched on his headlights at the full strength blinding me in this way completely. At this moment the collision happened in a way, that the left front mudguard and the left sides of the truck and trailer were torn off. I state that the speed of my truck was not more than 30 km/hr and I was 90 feet on my right hand side, that swerving once more to my right, head side went following with the trees on the roadways. I further state, that the Allied truck travelled about 14 meters over the middle of the width of the road, this circumstance is to be seen by the traces of the tyres. Then I attempted to stop my vehicle slowly, as otherwise I had caused more injuries to the people on the truck and I stopped about 200 meters from the point of collision. Whilst I take care of our injured men the 2nd chief tarp. CARLOMILANO telephoned from the battery nearby to the VAREDEPO I.O. where the transport of the injured persons was provided. Altogether 19 men are injured, 8 of them rather badly.

The British Military Police intervened and made inquiries.
Plate number of my truck belonging to VAREDEPO: Isotta Fraschini R.N. 26169
" " of the Allied truck driven by CARLOMILANO R.N. 5650960 75 A.M.

Taranto 3/3/45
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Sgd: TESSARINI GIUSEPPE

Mr. No. 29935 2nd chief tarp. VAREDEPO att. VAREDEPO states as follows:
On the 2nd of March 45 inst. at about 2010 hrs I proceeded with truck Isotta Fraschini sitting in the driver's cabin together with driver TESSARINI GIUSEPPE and witnessed the accident.

the trailer had been torn off and among its passengers, sailors, several were injured. I stopped on my spot whilst an Italian officer, likewise travelling on the Italian truck, had called a military hospital for help. A short time later ambulances arrived and conveyed the injured persons away.

I proceeded at a speed of about 20 miles, whilst the Italian vehicle seemed to me to run at a high speed. The road was dry and good. I attempted to explain the reason of the collision as I proceeded on my right hand side.

Taranto 2/3/45

Signed: CAROTIANTO NICHELE

No. 63684 stoker A Tessierini Giuseppe, att. to MARIDERO Taranto entered as follows:

At Taranto on the 2nd March 45 at about 2010 hrs whilst driving the truck plate 86183 R.M. (Isotta Fraschini) with its trailer attached from Imarno to Maridero a collision happened between my truck and the Allied vehicle Dodge 6650680 of the H.Q. coming from S.Vito.

I was proceeding on my right hand side with about 150 people in the bodies of the truck and trailer when I saw the Allied truck running at a high speed towards my vehicle. To his light signals I answered switching down my headlights to a lower intensity and proceeded with the lower head lights on whilst that of the Allied truck were almost out. At a distance of about 10 meters the driver of the Allied truck suddenly switched on his headlights at the full strength blinding me in this way completely. At this moment the collision happened in a way, that the left front endward and the left sides of the truck and trailer were torn off. I state that the speed of my truck was not more than 20 km/hr and I was no far on my right hand side, that swerving once more to my right hand side meant delving into the trees on the roadside. I further state, that the Allied truck travelled about 15 meters over the middle of the width of the road, this circumstance is to be seen by the traces of the tyres. Then I attempted to stop my vehicle slowly, as otherwise I had caused more injuries to the people on the truck and I stopped about 100 meters from the point of collision. Whilst I took care of our injured men the 2nd chief corp. CAROTIANTO NICHELE telephoned from the battery nearby to the Maridero H.Q. where the transport of the injured persons was provided. Altogether 15 men are injured, 5 of whom rather badly.

The British Military Police interviewed and made inquiries.

Plate number of my truck belonging to Maridero: Isotta Fraschini R.M. 66160

" " of the Allied truck driven by CAROTIANTO NICHELE. 6650680 R.M.

Taranto 2/3/45

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Sgd: TESSIERINI GIUSEPPE

Plat. No. 20938 2nd chief corp. CAROTIANTO NICHELE att. Maridero states as follows:

On the 2nd of March 45 inst. at about 2010 hrs I proceeded with truck Isotta Fraschini sitting in the drivers' cabin together with driver TESSIERINI GIUSEPPE and witnessed the accident.

I corroborate the above statement as it is true.

Taranto 2 March 45

Signed: CAROTIANTO NICHELE

2nd Lt. of Met. Det. DI MAURO Vincenzo att. at Maridero, Taranto, states:

On the 2nd March 45 I was lying in the hammock in the drivers' cabin of the Isotta Fraschini truck driven by TESSIERINI GIUSEPPE, when at about 2010 hrs the collision happened. I was able to observe the occurrence and it seemed to me as if the lights on the Allied truck were completely switched off and turned on only when it was nearby our vehicle. I corroborate the above statement of driver TESSIERINI, as it is fully true.

Taranto 3rd of March 1945

Sgd: DI MAURO VINCENZO
2nd Lt. of Met. Det.

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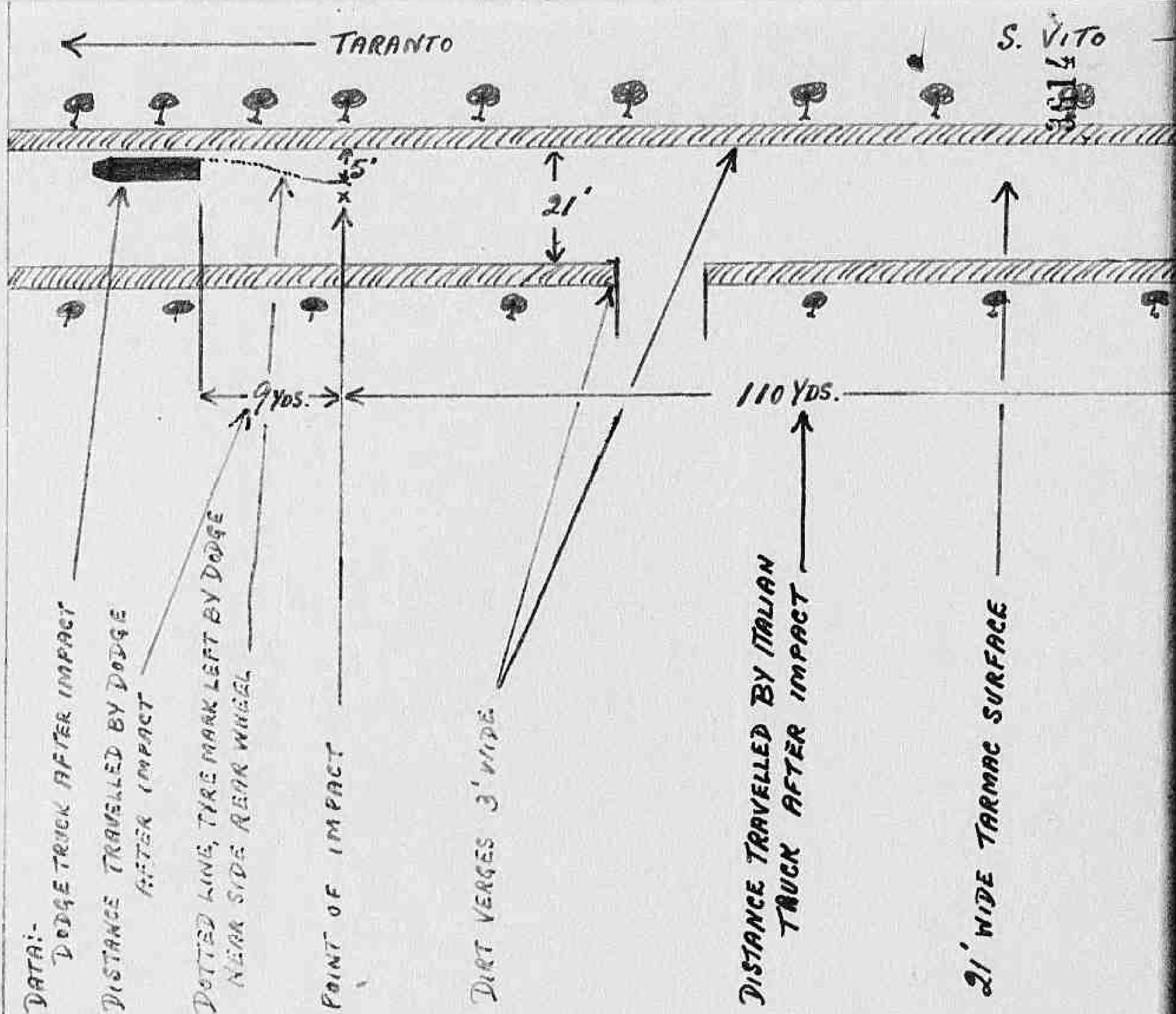
The following injured service-men are attached to MARINER TARANTO

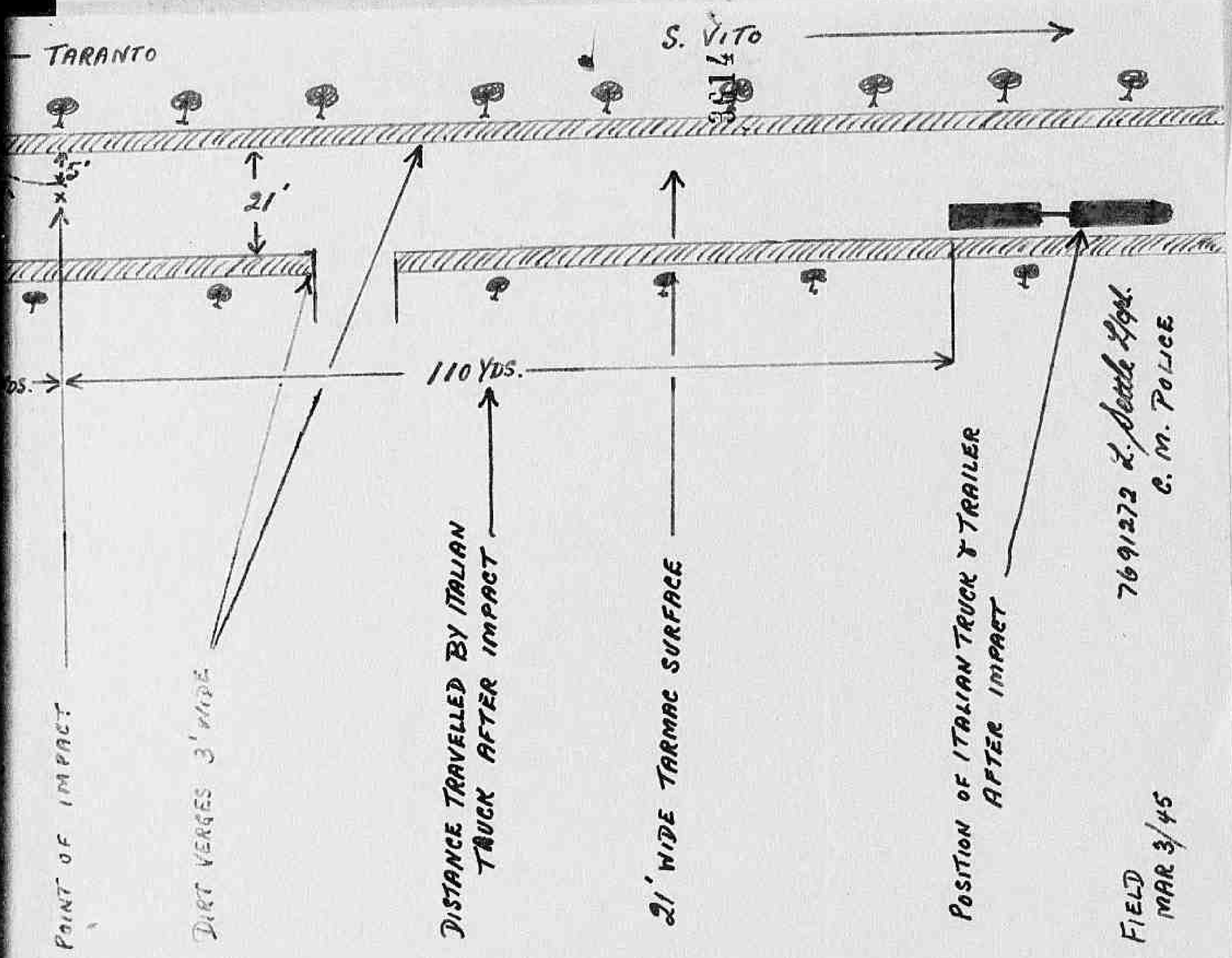
- 1) 62588 S.C. Cnr. GIRARDO PIERINO, injuries: large and deep laceration and contusion on his left leg reaching till to the bones and concerning the whole tissue, traumatic shock, spots of heavy effusions of blood caused by lesions of arteries. Prognosis very doubtful.
- 2) 95709 Cnr. DOMITO GIUSEPPE, injuries: Compound fracture of his left leg. The injured man was treated on the scene.
- 3) A.E.P. VENEZIA CARLO, injuries: Simple fracture of his left leg. Treated on the scene.
- 4) 119525 stoker POLISSONE PIETRO, injuries: Fracture on his left thigh on its under third, treated on the scene.
- 5) 10639 sailor POVARO GIROLAMO, injuries: Probable fracture of his pelvis. The man was treated on the spot of the scene.
- 6) 143214 Cnr. PANDOLFO ROCCO, injuries: dislocated left knee.
- 7) 147839 Cnr. CATALANO ISIDORO, injuries: Various excoriations on his face, forehead, hands, traumatic shock.
- 8) 12573 sailor ALBERICI DEGIOMO: various excoriations on his forehead nose knees hands and fore-arms.
- 9) 12393 helmsman MELI ALDO: Various excoriations on his face and right hand.
- 10) 70117 sailor DROVANTZ GINO: Various excoriations on his face and right hand.
- 11) 8618 sign. man PELISSI MARIO: excoriations on his left leg and contusions on his left knee.
- 12) 54042 S.C. Cnr. DI ORZO MARIO: excoriations on his left knee.
- 13) 21155 sailor GUANNINI MICHELIE: Contusions at the lumbar-region of his vertebra.
- 14) 70248 R.E.F. PAVIS ALESSANDRO att. Batt. P. 610 injuries: laceration and contusion on his left cheek.
- 15) 144928 nurse CHARENZA PIETRO att. Marinfirma Taranto showed: various excoriations on his face, contusion on his right shoulderblade excoriations on his hands, traumatic shock.
- 16) 191813 Cnr. RUSCIGNO GIUSEPPE att. Battery Alessandro, injuries: Amputation of the third finger 3rd phalanx of his right hand, various excoriations on his hands.
- 17) 22236 MARCHOL MATTEO, sailor att. Battery Alessandro: Contusion and excoriations on his legs.
- 18) 47875 REBERMAN PALOMBA CIRO att. Marina Salto, Taranto, injuries: traumatic shock large excoriations on his left knee.
- 19) 55878 2nd chief mechanic PAVONE FRANCESCO att. Marina Salto, Taranto: excoriations on the right poplitea and his legs.

Autonomous infirmary of the R. ITALIAN NAVY
 Registrature and Secretariate
 TARANTO

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SKETCH PLAN OF ACCIDENT
ON ARRIVAL OF MILITARY POLICE
NOT DRAWN TO SCALE MEASUREMENTS APPROX.





7691272 L. Delella Sgt.
C. M. POLICE

FIELD
MAR 3/45

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Navy Sub-Commission

HRC/BRIS

23 April 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC.
 To: Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic & Liaison Italy.
 Subject: Damage to M/V "HENDERSON" by Tug "PORTO ROBERT".

Enclosure: (a) FYTALI Minute II No. T.A. 686/59 dated 29
original sent March 1945 on ROEU Brindisi's No. D/5/2895a
copies not kept of 19 March and enclosures thereto.

1. Enclosure (a) is returned herewith for necessary action.
2. Unfortunately, there is at present no mechanism whereby sterling can be paid to a company in the United Kingdom either by the Allied Commission or the Italian Government.
3. In any event it would appear that in the present case as the damage was inflicted by a tug operating under the jurisdiction of the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Brindisi, there is a strong possibility that the claim is one for final settlement by the British Admiralty.
4. If the claim by Messrs. T. & C. Harrison, Ltd. is admitted, it would appear that it should be paid to the firm by the Admiralty. If it is decided that the claim should be charged against the Italian Government, the Admiralty should, after payment, report it to the Chief Accountant, Allied Commission who will make an appropriate charge in his accounts with the Italian Government.



(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

YOUR AMIRAL,
 CHIEF, NAVY SUBCOMMISSION, AC.

Copy to: 24 APR 1945
 NOIC-Brindisi.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

130118/F

SUBJECT: Claim by M/V Hardingham.

20 April 1945

TO : Navy Sub-Commission.

1. Reference conversation Col. Crawshaw - Lt. Wotherspoon we return herewith papers in connection with the claim by M/V Hardingham.
2. As it would appear that the damage was inflicted by a tug operating under the administration of N.O.I.C. Brindisi it would seem that the claim was one for settlement by the British Admiralty.
3. In any case there is no means whereby this claim can be paid in sterling to a company in the U.K. either by the Allied Commission or by the Italian Government. If the claim by Messrs. J. & C. Harrison Ltd. is admitted it seems to me that it should be paid by the Admiralty. If it is decided that the claim should be charged against the Italian Government it should be reported by the Admiralty to the Chief Accountant, AC, who will raise the charge in his accounts with the Italian Government.

A.P. Grabber

Brigadier,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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LT. Watters from
Navy Sub-Comm.
Tel: 478-263

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2030
4 April 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.
Subject: Damage to M/V "HARDINGHAM" by tug "PORTO FOSSONE".

1. Receipt is acknowledged of FOTALI Minute II No. T.A. 656/59, dated 29 March and a copy of Naval Officer-in-Charge, Brindisi letter No. D/5/2893a dated 19 March.

2. It is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission be forwarded copies of the enclosures to NOIC-Brindisi letter No. D/5/2893a dated 19 March in order that appropriate action may be initiated in regard to the claim of the owners of the M.V. "HARDINGHAM".

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

DEAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC

Copy to:
NOIC-Brindisi



5 APR 1945

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MILA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

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TO (FOR ACTION): 71 BRITISH GENERAL HOSPITAL CMF

REF NO: A 44

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PLEASE ADVISE THIS HQ PRESENT CONDITION AND NATURE OF WOUND OF
ITALIAN OFFICER SOTTO TENENTE SPIGA UMBERTO 88 INF REGT

PRECEDENCE RoutineAUTHENTICATED SP/John Capt.

Ext. 524 A.C.

For info Navy Sub Comm.
Lt Col Davies.

Information requested by
Cdr BASLINI. (D)

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Opinion on authorization Personal
of Capt. Arnold —
C.B.B. 7/4/45

○ Lt Comdr E.C. Davis, R.N.V.R.
Advised Capt. Basini, via telephone to
Lt Comdr. Barni Navy Sub-Commission
0915 - 7/4/45
C.B.B.
Wheeler. J.H. Allied Commission

Capt. S. P. Archer
MIA
Rome

Dear Davis,
71. Br Gen Hospital
have advised us that
S/Ten Spina Ambrosio is
in hospital with G.S.W
with fracture of left hand;
his condition is satisfactory
Hope this is what you
wanted

Yours sincerely

S P Archer

3 Apr/45.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/2072

9 April 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Motor Vehicle Offense.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission has been informed that at approximately 0850 on 24 March 1945 an Italian Navy lorry, license No. RM 36262 was halted on the BRINDISI road by a member of an Allied Military Police Company as the vehicle was out of control and narrowly missed colliding with an automobile. The driver of the Italian Navy lorry was Chief MILANI, Orfeo of the Italian Navy Detachment, MARUGGIO. At the time the lorry was stopped there were five members of the Italian Navy in the cab, including the driver.

2. The above is forwarded for information and any action deemed appropriate.



H. ST. J. GIER,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
for

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUBCOMMISSION, AC.

10 APR 1945

~~01 APR 1945~~

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Subject :- Traffic Offence - Italian

FRG/78/14

HQ Naval Sub Commission AC
CLP

28 Mar 45

Attached report (in triplicate) dated 25 Mar 45 by
NCO of 251 Pro Coy CLP is forwarded for information and
necessary action.

E.O. Powell. Capt.
for Major
Assistant Provost Marshal
HQ 52 Area

DATE: Field *6 Apr 45*
FROM: FIELD *6 Apr 45*
TO: *6 Apr 45*
FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
6 AM
CLP
AC

Copy to :- Italian Military Police, Taranto.

REAR ADMIRAL

3508

REPORT

SUBJECT: Vehicle Offence (Italian)

To: O.C. 231 Provost Company

Sir,
I have to report that at Taranto on the 24th March 1945 at about 08.50 hrs I was on special escort duty when I had occasion to stop traffic on the main BRINDISI Road at the JUNCTION of the road to the 368 PW Camp (Annexe)

As I was standing in the middle of the road giving the correct signal for stoppage of up and down traffic I heard shouting behind me and jumped clear to avoid being run over by an Italian Marine Lorry, driven by 2nd Chief MILANI Orfeo, number of vehicle being RM 36262, IRN Detachment MARUGGIO.

The vehicle just missed colliding with the car in which the G.O.C. 3 District Maj.Gen.H.CLOWES was a passenger. Eventually the ITALIAN vehicle stopped and I found there were 5 (five) naval personnel of the Italian Navy riding in the cab of the vehicle and my observation was that the driver could not have control of the vehicle thereby being a danger to other traffic on the road. I obtained the driver's particulars and tried to make him understand that he would be reported.

In Campo
25/3/45

f.to 6446097 Cpl E.Layzell
231 Provost Company

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSG/1984
30 March 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Hq. AC.
Subject: Casualty Reports.

1. Reference your 568/3/EC dated 30th March 1945, casualty reports of Italian Naval personnel should be addressed to: -

Capo di Gabinetto
Ministero della Marina
Rome.

through Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.

H. ST. J. BUTLER
Captain, U. S. Navy
for
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.



30 MAR 1945

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Tel Ext 301

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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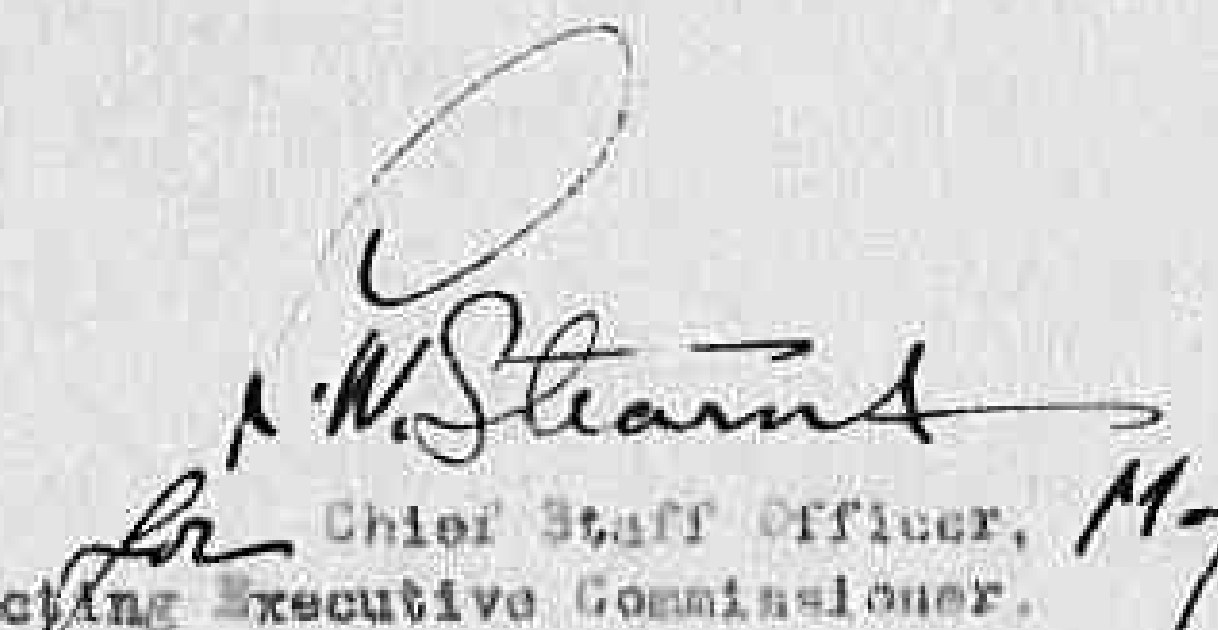
Ref: 568/3/EC

30 March 45

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Land Forces Subcommittee
Air Forces Subcommittee
Navy Subcommittee

1. Reference is AFHQ cable F50540, dated 27 March 45, subject casualty reports (copy thereof transmitted to you on 28 March).
2. Please supply this office with the address to which casualty reports (admission, disposition, sickness and death cases) of Italian military, air force, and naval personnel should be sent.
3. May this matter please be treated as urgent.


J. W. Stewart
for Chief Staff Officer, M-7
To Acting Executive Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1912

22 March 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: MAGNONI, Spartaco, IRN Claim for
loss of Bicycle.

1. In answer to Ministry of Marine's letter 6061/2 of 18 March, the Navy Sub-Commission has been informed by the U.S. Claims Service that MAGNONI's claim for loss of his bicycle on 1 September 1944 has been sent with recommendations to the Allied reviewing authority and that a final decision on the matter has not yet been reached.

2. The Navy Sub-Commission has been assured by the U.S. Claims Service that the Ministry of Marine will be informed as soon as final action is taken on the claim.

H. ST. J. BUTLER.
Captain, U. S. Navy,
for
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUBCOMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
U.S. Claims Service
Largo del Lombardi, 21
Rome.



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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 18.3.45
Ref.: 6061/2

Subject: Bicycle Stolen from P.O.Wrtr.
MAGNONI, Spartaco.

1. At 2200 on 1st Sept. last, two American soldiers, who stated they were M.Ps., stopped MAGNONI (attached to this Office) and putting forward Service reasons, took his bicycle and failed to return it, as investigated by Allied M/P. Command, Rome.

2. With letter N°13433 of 24th Oct. '44, this Cabinet Office sent full particulars to "U.S. Claims Service" with a request that this claim be given consideration.

3. Said Allied Authority, in letter dated 13th Jan. last, informed this Ministry that the whole matter had been submitted to Allied Authority concerned for a final decision.

4; As MAGNONI is in poor circumstances and the bicycle is essential to him as he lives far away from his post of duty, we shall be very glad if F.O.L.I. will approach United States Claims Service Commission - Largo dei Lombardi N°21, Rome - to expedite a favourable decision on this matter.

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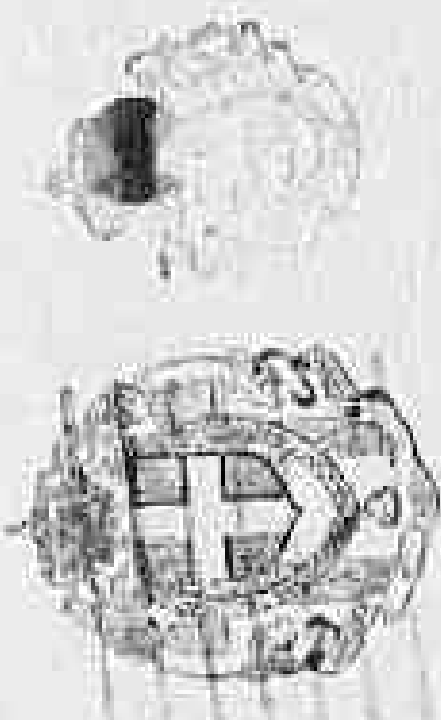


20th March, 1945
DATE: 20th March, 1945
FROM: DG/P. MIN. MARINE
TO: NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HQ. AC.

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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REAR ADMIRAL.

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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Dist. M. 6061 Allegati 2

Roma.

AS F.O.I.I. = ROMA

Furto di bicicletta a danno del S.Capo furiere MAGNONI
Spartaco.-

ARGOMENTO:

- 1°) = Alle ore 22 del 1° Settembre 1944 due militari Americani dichiarando di appartenere alla Military Police, fermavano il S.Capo furiere MAGNONI Spartaco di questo Ufficio e, con la scusa di adoperare la sua bicicletta per motivi di servizio, non la restituivano più al proprietario, come risultò da accertamenti eseguiti dal Comando della Polizia Militare Alleata di Roma.-
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- 3°) = La predetta Autorità Alleata, con lettera in data 13 Gennaio 1945 comunicò a questo Ministero che tutta la pratica era stata trasmessa alla competente autorità Alleata interessata per le decisioni finali del caso.-
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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
G. di N. E. BALINI

SUBJECT :- Traffic Accident

PRO/40/50

15 Mar 45

Ministry of War Tpt Rep, TARANTO.

NFM, TARANTO.

Hq Naval Sub Commission, Allied Commission.

'A' 52 Area

Attached Traffic Accident Report 231/PRO/11/300
dated 12 Mar 45 is forwarded for information and action
considered necessary.

E. Powell Capt.

DAPM.

for Major.

Assistant Provost Marshal,

H.Q. 52 Area.

Field.

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51/224/11/300 cont

Statement by John C. Bentley Ministry of War Transport Survey, 1.
 Subject: Accident

I was proceeding along Corso Umberto towards the Arsenale about 1215 pm on 12 Mar 45, driving a grey Fiat car No 43 17802, the property of the Ministry of War Transport. A large Italian lorry was proceeding in the same direction in front of me at a speed of no more than 10 mph. I had to keep behind him as he was in the middle of the road and there were cars parked on my left. Just at the junction of Corso Umberto and Regina Elena a chance presented itself for me to pass him. This I proceeded to do, giving a long blast on the horn. When I had drawn alongside him, he suddenly turned left and his left front wheel caught my car between the two right hand doors. Instead of stopping he carried on, with the result, my car was twisted round in front of him and pushed broadside on for about 24 feet. I saw no signal from the lorry. My speed when passing him could have been no more than 15 mph, as I was in top gear. After the collision I took the following particulars of the driver and the lorry:

Name- Donato Vittorio

Lorry: Fiat 88 57123 run by Mirco Comissariato 101

signed John C. Bentley
 Turin 1/3/45

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Subject: Reggio Emilia

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231 Pro Coy CMC

Sir, At "pranzo" on the 12 Mar 45 about 1030 hrs I was on duty at my Company HQ, where I was instructed to proceed to the road junction of Corso Umberto I and Via Regina Elena where an accident had occurred.

On arriving at scene of the accident I found that a vehicle Fiat (car) No 17002 driven by J B Bentley, surveyor, Ministry of War Transport, had been involved in an accident with an Italian Fiat lorry No 101 57408, driven by Conte Vittorio, Azienda di Confezionamento, Villaro (vicino di Lurano).

J B Bentley states that he was driving along Corso Umberto I, in the direction of the Arsenal at approximately 15 mph. The Italian lorry was in front of him, and, when arriving at Via Regina Elena, an opportunity for overtaking was presented, he considered overtaking, the Italian lorry then turned left to go into Via Regina Elena, and he was just overtaking it when it crashed into his right side. It then pushed him over about 12 feet backwards. J B Bentley states that he saw no signal or indication to the fact that the lorry was going to turn.

Conte Vittorio, driver of the Italian vehicle stated that he was proceeding along Corso Umberto I at about 2 km per hour, on arriving at Via Regina Elena, he had signalled that he was about to turn left, his passenger, Maria Silvestro had also signalled to that effect. He then stated that he had just started to turn, when he felt a bump on the front of the vehicle, he had then stopped his lorry immediately.

Conte Vittorio, driver's statement and passenger's statement attached, also sketch plan of accident.

- Damage sustained by the vehicle
- Both right hand doors damaged
- Right hand running board damaged
- Right hand rear mudguard slightly damaged

Damage sustained by Italian lorry

Viability Good.
Roads very good, street signs installed
Corso Umberto I approx 24 feet wide. Via Regina Elena approx 22 feet wide.

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12 Mar 45

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231 Pro Coy CMC

Statement made by Conte Vittorio No 76317 driver, att "arrangement of the Rev.", Commissionist, driver states as follows:
At "pranzo" on the 12 Mar 45 at about 1030 hrs, whilst driving my truck No 101 57408 along Corso Umberto I towards the Arsenal, and about to turn left into Via Regina Elena my vehicle collided with another vehicle as followed at my request the sailor Maria Silvestro sitting on my left in the cabin, signalled with his arm, my intention to turn left, whilst the truck was entering the junction at a speed of about 2 km/hr. At this moment another vehicle coming behind me and going along Corso Umberto I crashed into me whilst overtaking me, with his right side against the left front wheel of my truck. This vehicle gave no warning sounds. I immediately stopped my truck.

Terento
12 Mar 45

and Conte Vittorio

Maria Silvestro, sailor att to management of Revy, Camis-trait states as follows:

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Conte Vicario, owner of the Italian running business, had signalled Donso Unzué at about 2 p.m. last night, on arriving at Via Regina Elena. Conte Vicario had also signalled to him that he was about to turn left, his position, however, being such that he had just started to turn, when he felt a heavy on his back. He then started his lorry immediately.

the front of the vehicle, driving at about 60 miles per hour. The driver was identified as Victorio, alias "El Chino," a resident of Sacramento, California.

Plan of acquisition.
expense sustained by vehicle
operator

Both right main gear wheels
slight inward turning board damaged.
slight inward turning board slightly damaged.

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London very good. First class installed
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Statement made by Carlos Viterbo, No. 76917 member, 4th Wingment of the 1st SF.

Commissioner, driven, states as follows:
 13. Auto on the 12 Mar 45 at about 1430 hrs, whilst driving my truck to the 3793
 entry begins alarm
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along Berne Aderto towards the waterfront and asked to park my vehicle adjacent to my frequent the sailor area. My vehicle collided with another vehicle as follows:

My vehicle was parked at the 1400's parking lot.

I was sitting on my lot in the camp, and while the truck was entering the junction at a speed of about 3 m.p.h.,

At this moment another vehicle coming behind the two men drove into the car and the two men were overtaken. The two men were overtaken by a car.

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... sailor and to management of Navy, Camisano's utterance as follows:

I witnessed the accident and corroborate the above statement made by [redacted] [redacted]

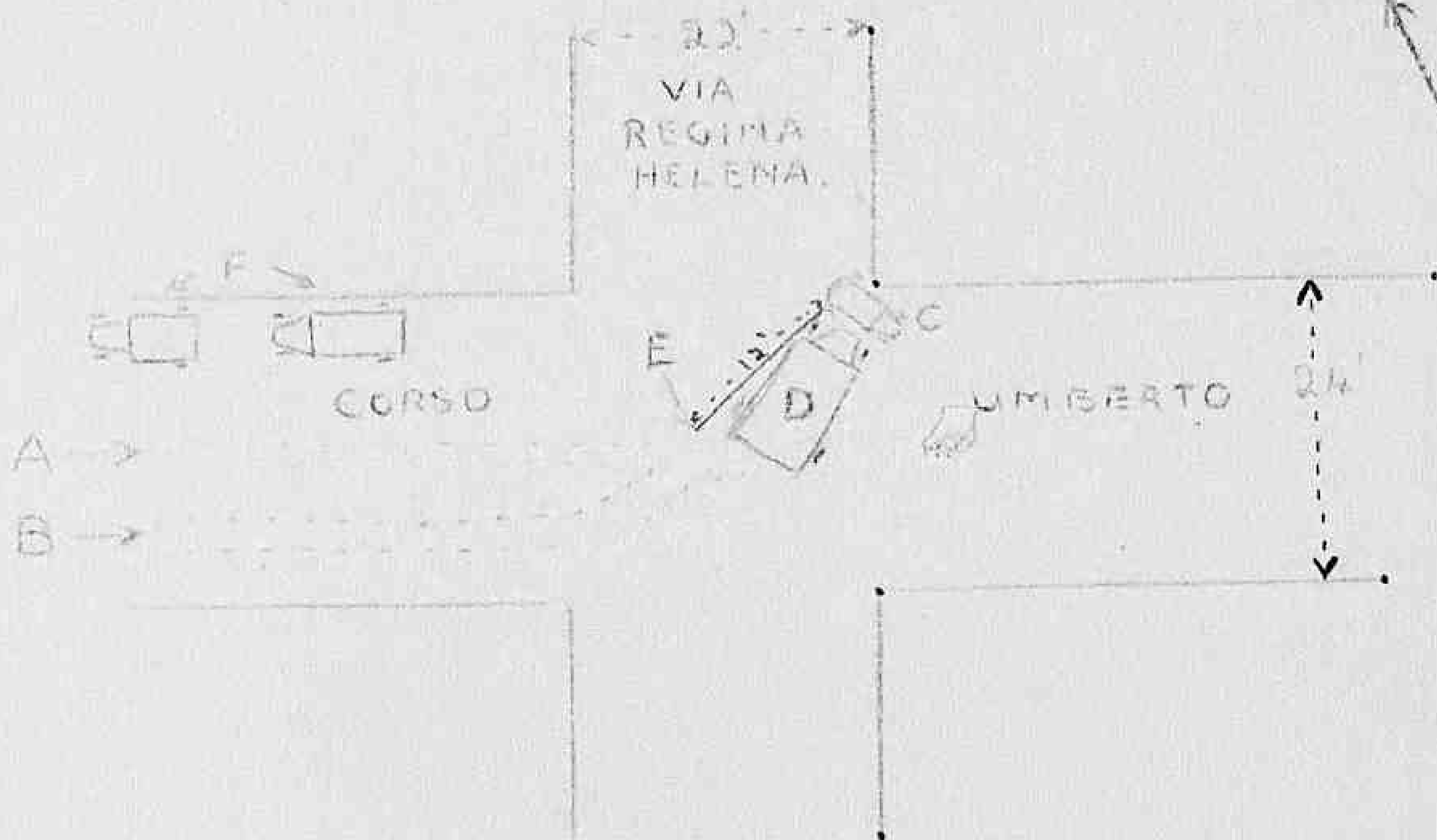
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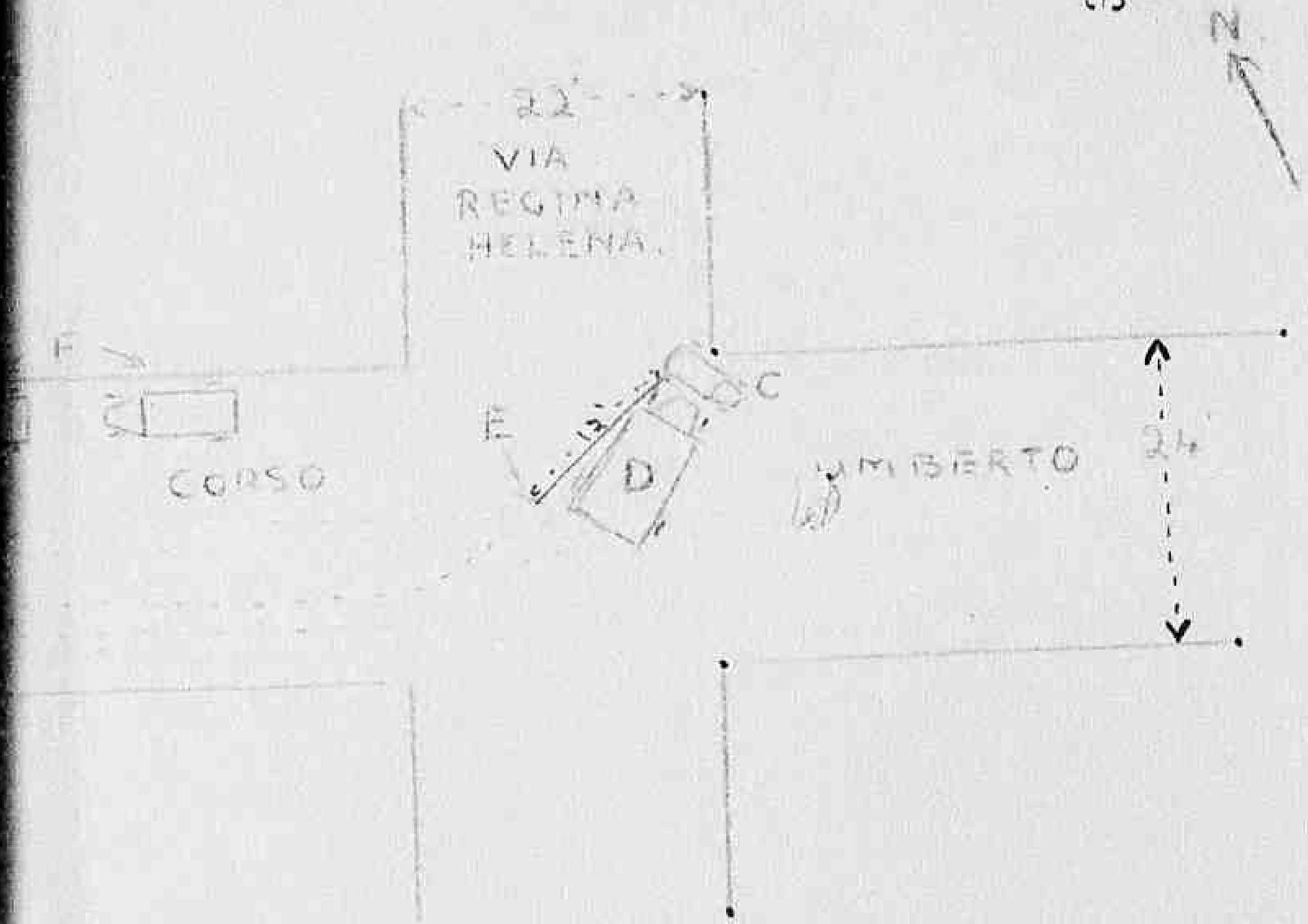


- A DIRECTION OF FIRST FIAT CAR
B " " ITALIAN LORRY.
C POSITION OF FIRST CAR AFTER COLLISION
D " " ITALIAN LORRY AFTER COLLISION
E POINT OF IMPACT.
F PARKED VEHICLES.
— TYPE MARK FROM WHERE CAR HAD BEEN PUSHED.

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12-5-45

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SKETCH MAP OF ACCIDENT (NOT ~~DOWN~~ TO SCALE)



MINI FIAT CAR
ITALIAN LORRY
MINI CAR AFTER COLLISION
ITALIAN LORRY AFTER COLLISION
PUSHED
WHERE CAR HAD BEEN PUSHED.

FIELD
12-3-45

4610008 P. Dwyer. Cpe.
201 Provost Company.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1774
10 March 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - ROME.
Subject: Traffic Accident - Report of.

1. In reply to your letter 18174 of 31 December 1944, to FOLI, Rome, an accident report was submitted to the Rome Allied Area Command, involving a traffic accident at 1445 on 20 December 1944, at Via Frattina and Via del Gufalo, Rome.

2. The accident is reported to have occurred between a truck driven by Corporal James G. Gillespie, 317th Fighter Squadron, 325 F.G. APO 520 and Francesco Belotti, Italian Navy.

3. No official investigation was conducted nor is any further action now pending.

H. W. ZIROLLI
Commodore, U. S. Navy

for
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.



13 MAR 1945

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1st Ind. WPH/AA/jpl
OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN PROVOST MARSHAL, HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA
MTOUSA, APO 794, US ARMY, 3 March 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Allied Commission, Navy Sub-Com-
mission, APO 394, US Army.

1. Attached is a copy of Accident Report and pertinent
data sent to this office by the 317th Fighter Squadron.

2. Your attention is invited to paragraph 3, section 1,
Headquarters ~~NATO~~USA Circular No-74, dated 23 May 1944.

For the American Provost Marshal:



ALBERT ALVIN
1st Lt. Inf.
Adm. Officer.

2 Incls:
Incl1-Statement of Cpl Gillespie.
Incl2-Accident Report.

→ "The immediate responsibility for investigation
of an accident rests upon commanding
officer of unit concerned etc. etc."

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317TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
325TH FIGHTER GROUP
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 520, U. S. Army.
28 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Accident Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, Headquarters Military Police Detachment,
Rome Allied Area Command, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with Circular 74, NATOUSA, dated 23 May 1944, submitted herewith Report of Accident and pertinent data of accident occurring in your vicinity on 20 December 1944, by Corporal James G. Gillespie, this organization.

For the Commanding Officer:

HAROLD M. CHAMBERS,
Captain, Air Corps.
Adjutant.

3 Incls:
Incl 1 - Standard Form 26.
Incl 2 - Rept of Trans Off, 317th F Sq.
Incl 3 - St of Cpl Gillespie, driver.

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27 December 1944.

Testimony of Corporal James G. Gillespie, 33092319, 317th Fighter Squadron, 325th Fighter Group, APO 520, U. S. Army.

Having read A. W. 24 and had his rights thereunder explained to him, Corporal James G. Gillespie, 33092319, 317th Fighter Squadron, 325th Fighter Group, deposed as follows:

The date of the accident was 20 December 1944. I was coming up the street VIA Via Propaganda Camp Marco and at the cross section where the other street crossed it, the other vehicle pulled out in front of me. I was driving very slowly but the corner of the bumper of my truck hit his door. This was about three o'clock in the afternoon. I took his name, made out the accident report and reported it to the police at once. There was no investigation made.

James G. Gillespie

James G. Gillespie,
Corporal, 33092319,
317th Fighter Squadron.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of December 1944 at APO 520,
U. S. Army.

Harold M. Chambers
HAROLD M. CHAMBERS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant, 317th Fighter Squadron.

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ROME AREA COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL
APO 794 U.S. ARMY

ACCIDENT REPORT

1. Name of Government driver CPL. JAMES G GILLESPIE
2. Stationed at: 317 FIGHTER SQ. 325 F.G. APO 520
3. Make and Type of Vehicle 2 1/2 TON GMC TRUCK WD 4279103
4. Name and address of owner of other vehicle (or owner of property damaged): BELOTTI FRANCESCO ROYAL ITALIAN NAVY
N° 32 VIA LIZIO ROME
5. Lic. No. of other vehicle UNKNOWN
6. Place of accident: City ROME Street VIA XIX FRATTINA
AND VIA DEL GUFALO
7. Date of accident DEC 20: 1944 Time 1445
8. Name and address of persons injured, nature of injuries:
NONE
9. Describe damage to Government Vehicle: NONE
10. What signal was given by each driver prior to accident:
NONE
11. State condition of light, weather, and roadway:
DAYLIGHT CLOUDY DRY ROAD
12. Explain how accident happened: I WAS CROSSING THE INTERSECTION
AND BELOTTI FRANCESCO PULLED IN FRONT OF ME
13. Was an investigation made by a policeman (Civil or Military)
NO If so, state Name No.
District or station
14. Name and addresses of persons other than driver in Government Vehicle:

HOME AREA COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL
APO 79+ U.S. ARMY

ACCIDENT REPORT

1. Name of Government driver CPL. JAMES G GILLESPIE
2. Stationed at: 317 FIGHTER SQ. 325 F.G. APO 520
3. Make and Type of Vehicle 21/2 TON GMC TRUCK WD 4279103
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NO 32 VIA E. 10 ROME
5. Lic. No. of other vehicle UNKNOWN
6. Place of accident: City ROME Street VIA BOX FRATTINA
AND VIA DEL BUFALO
7. Date of accident DEC 20:1944 Time 1445
8. Name and address of persons injured, nature of injuries:
NONE
9. Describe damage to Government Vehicle: NONE
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DAYLIGHT CLOUDY DRY ROAD
12. Explain how accident happened: I WAS CROSSING THE INTERSECTION
AND BELIOTTI FRANCESCO HUILED IN FRONT OF ME
13. Was an investigation made by a policeman (Civil or Military)
NO If so, state Name No.
District or station 3395

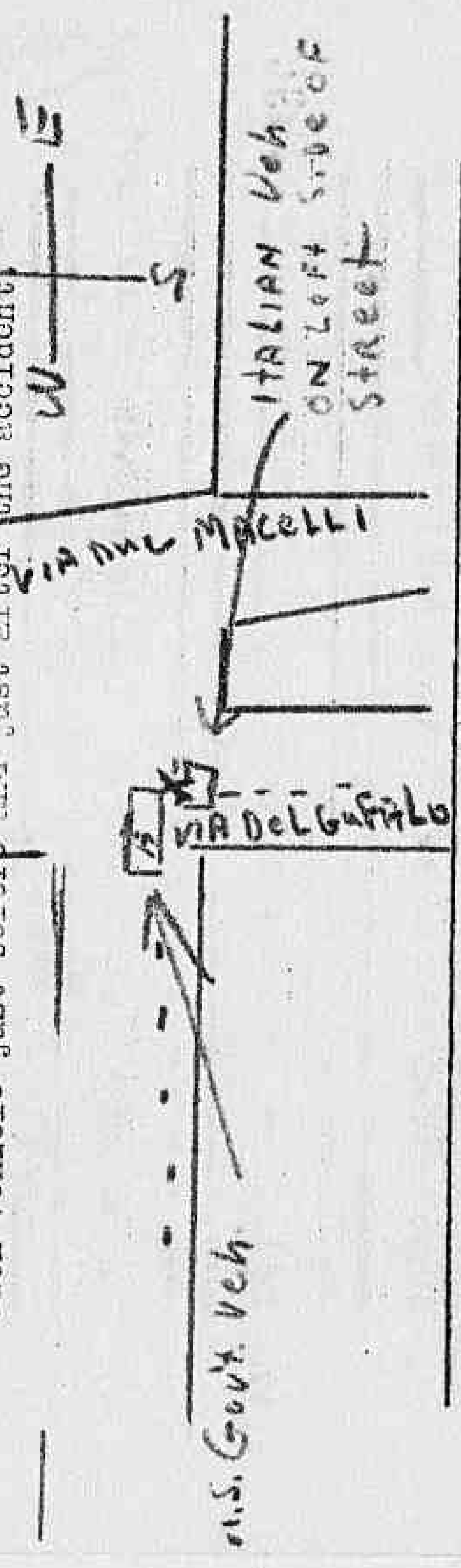
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32 VIA LEO ROME
5. Lic. No. of other vehicle UNKNOWN
6. Place of accident: ROME Street VIA MAX FRATTINA
AND VIA DEL BUFALO
7. Date of accident: DEC 20:1944 Time 1445
8. Name and address of persons injured, nature of injuries:
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AND BALOTTI FRANCESCO PULLED IN FRONT OF ME
13. Was an investigation made by a policeman (Civil or Military)?
NO If so, state Name No.
District or Station
14. Name and addresses of persons other than driver in Government Vehicle:
NONE

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15. Name and address of Witnesses:

16. Make a Diagram of accident, label streets and indicate measurements; show the position of each vehicle at the time of the accident and show by dotted lines the course of each vehicle just before and just after the accident.



James H. Smith
 (Signature of driver)

I certify that the above report was delivered to me on the _____ day of _____ 194__ at _____ o'clock

 (Signature of officer in charge)

 (Official title)

 (Government department or establishment)

NOTE.--This report should be attached to report of Investigating Officer.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

File
NSC/1714

27 February 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To: Rome Allied Area Command, Rome.
Subject: Traffic Accident on 20 December 1944.

1. The Ministry of Marine report an accident occurring at 1420 on 20 December 1944 at Piazza di Spagna, Rome between a 6 wheel U.S. Ford truck driven by a "James Gillespie, APO 520" and an Italian Navy car driven by sailor chauffeur Francesco Belotti. Belotti is reported to have been injured and his car damaged in the collision.

2. It has not been possible to identify a "GILLESPIE", but Headquarters 325th Fighter Group, APO 520, U. S. Army report that a Corporal James C. Gillespie, 33092319, is attached to 317th Fighter Squadron and that this squadron forwarded an accident report and pertinent data to Rome Allied Area Command on 28 December 1944 for investigation in compliance with Circular 74, NATOUSA dated 23 May 1944.

3. The Navy Sub-Commission requests to be informed of the findings of investigation referred to in paragraph (2) above and of any action taken.



H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

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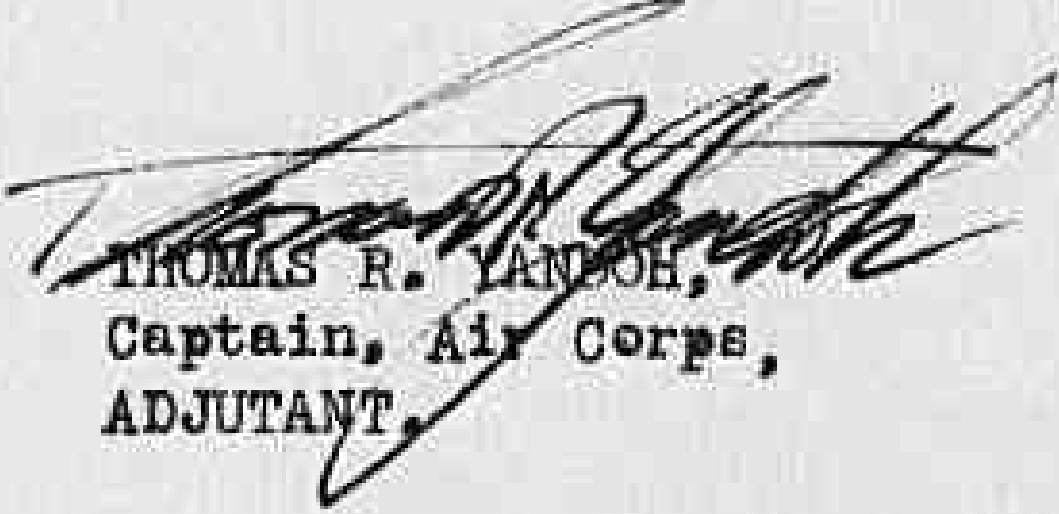
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HEADQUARTERS, 325TH FIGHTER GROUP, APO 520, U. S. Army, 21 February 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Hq Allied Commission, APO 394, Navy Sub-Commission.

1. Attention invited to preceding indorsement.

For the Commanding Officer;



THOMAS R. YANSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
ADJUTANT.

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1st Ind.

3; 20 February 1945.
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HEADQUARTERS, 325TH FIGHTER GROUP, APO 520, U. S. Army, 17 February 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 317th Fighter Squadron, 325th Fighter Group,
APO 520, U. S. Army.

For investigation.

By Order of Colonel BEVERLY:


THOMAS E. PADDEN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HMC/cwr

317th F Sq, 325th F Gp, APO 520, U. S. Army, 20 Feb 45. TO: CO, Hq
Allied Commission, APO 394, Navy Sub-Commission.

1. Corporal Gillepie is a member of this command.
2. Accident report and pertinent data forwarded to Rome Allied
Area Command 28 December 1944 for investigation in compliance with
Circular 74, NATOUSA, dated 23 May 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:


HAROLD M. CHAMBERS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1638

9 February 1945.

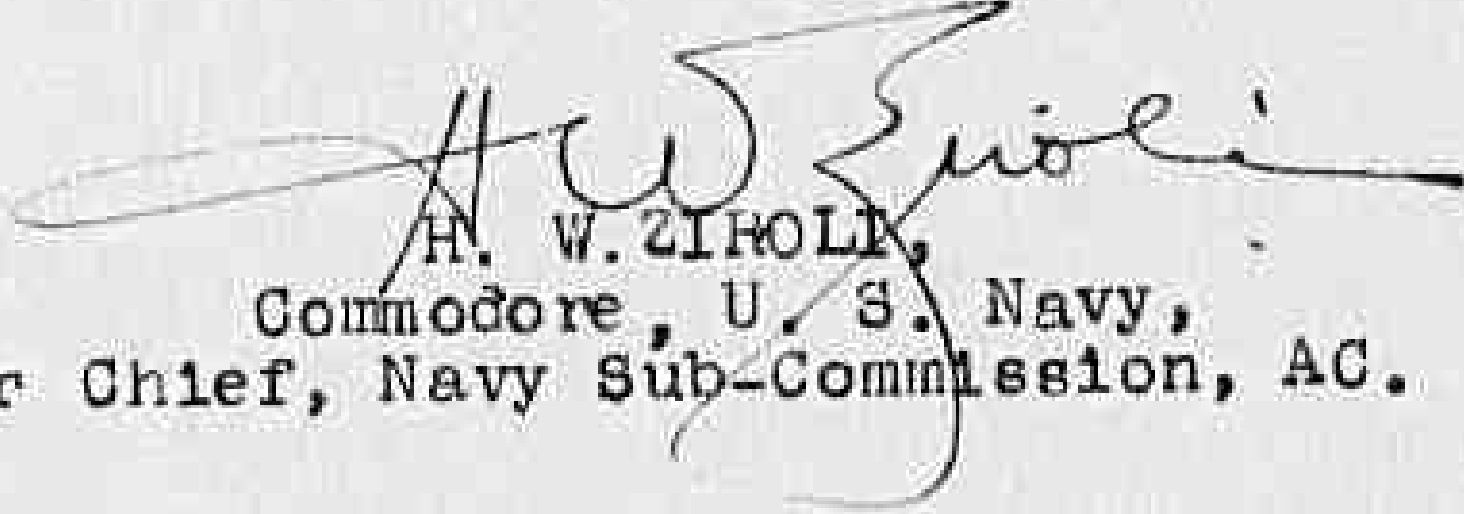
From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Commanding Officer, 325th Fighter
Group, APO 520 Local.

Subject: Traffic Accident on 20 December 1944.

1. The Ministry of Marine report an accident occurring at 1420 on 20 December 1944 at Piazza di Spagna, Rome between a 6 wheel U.S. Ford truck driven by a "James Fillespee, APO 520" and an Italian Navy car driven by sailor chauffeur Francesco Belotti. Belotti is reported to have been injured and his car damaged in the collision.

2. It has not been possible to locate a "James Fillespee"; but it has been reported that Corporal James C. Gillespie, 33092319 is attached to your command.

3. Because of the similarity in names, information is requested as to whether or not Corporal Gillespie is reported to have been involved in accident described in paragraph 1 and if so, what action has been taken.


H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

File
NSC/1638

9 February 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Commanding Officer, 325th Fighter
Group, APO 520 Local.
Subject: Traffic Accident on 20 December 1944.

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H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.



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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1519

17 January 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Postal Officer, APO 520, Local.
Subject: FILLESPEE, James.

Information is requested of the rating or rank, Army Serial Number and unit designation of James FILLESPEE (or GILLESPEE) for purposes of official correspondence. Subject is reportedly receiving mail at APO 520.


H. W. ZIHOLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

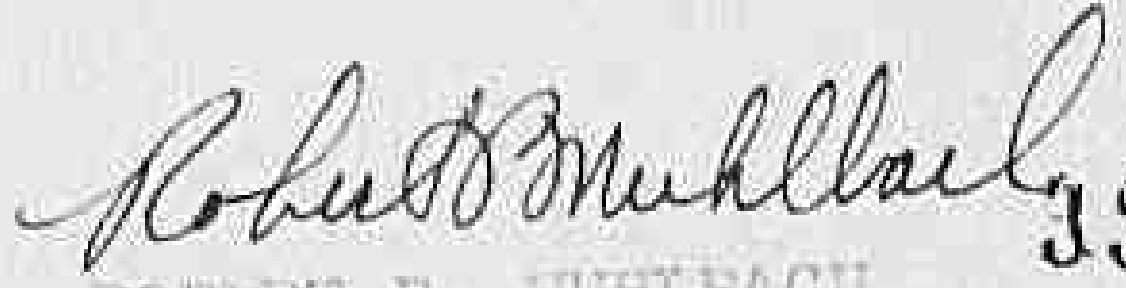
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Postal Officer, APO 773, US Army, 23 January 1945.

TO: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.

1. Postal directory records show the following men named Gillespie to be receiving mail under APO 520:

Cpl. James G. Gillespie, 36092319, 325th Pz Cn
Cpl. James P. Gillespie, 42032848, 98th Bomb Cn

2. There is no record of a James Fillespee or James Gillespie in our files.


ROBERT F. MUHLBACH
Major, AGO
Postal Officer

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1st Ind. RPM/wws
Postal Officer, APO 775, US Army, 28 January 1945.

TO: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.

1. Postal directory records show the following men named Gillespie to be receiving mail under APO 520:

Cpl. James G. Gillespie, 33092319, 325th Ftr Gp
Cpl. James P. Gillespie, 42032648, 98th Bomb Gp

2. There is no record of a James Pillespee or James Gillespee in our files.

ROBERT P. MUHLEACH
Major, AGD
Postal Officer

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APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

File
NSC/1519

17 January 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Postal Officer, APO 520, Local.
Subject: FILLESPEE, James.

Information is requested of the rating or rank, Army Serial Number and unit designation of James FILLESPEE (or GILLESPEE) for purposes of official correspondence. Subject is reportedly receiving mail at APO 520.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.



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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 31/12/44
Ref.: 131714

Subject: Collision on 20th Dec. '44 between
an I.R.N. Car and an American Lorry.

1. At 1420 on 20/12/44 an American FORD truck, driven by James FILLESPEE (? - possibly GILLESPIE) APO-520, ran into an I.R.N. motorcar.

2. We attach copy of a report on the collision by Seaman-driver Francesco BELOTTI for any action to be taken.



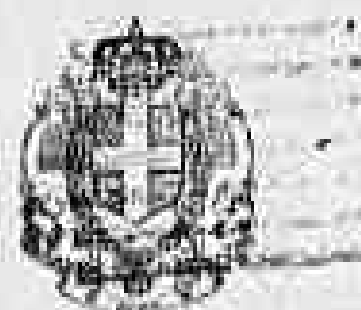
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T's Note: BELOTTI's car had Port forward door damaged and the glass broken. His left thigh was injured, necessitating 5 days' rest. American driver would appear to be to blame.

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Ministero della Marina
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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Det. N. 181741 Allegati

ARGOMENTO Incidente automobilistico del giorno 20 dicembre c.a. tra una macchina della R. Marina e un autocarro americano.

1. Alle ore 14,20 del giorno 20 Dicembre un autocarro Americano "FORD" guidato dal non meglio identificato James FILLESPEE APO 520, investiva una autovettura della R. Marina.
2. Si trasmette una copia del rapporto sull'incidente redatto dal marinaio autista Francesco BELOTTI, per i provvedimenti del caso.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. F. BASLINI



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RELAZIONE

Alle ore 14,20 di oggi 20 dicembre 1944, di ritorno dall'Albergo Elvetia, dopo aver accompagnato il Gen. G.N. Francesco VITERBO, mentre proseguivo da Via S.Andrea delle Fratte e stavo imboccando Piazza di Spagna, venivo investito da un autocarro Americano "FORD" tre assi il quale, sbocato da Via Prattina, a causa della sproporzione tra l'autocarro medesimo e la strada assai stretta che percorreva, nel compiere una curva dell'ampiezza di circa 90°, si portava sulla sinistra urtando col paraurti l'autovettura da me guidata, danneggiandomi lo sportello anteriore sinistro, ed infrangendomi il cristallo.

Poichè era evidente che le responsabilità erano unicamente da attribuirsi all'autocarro americano, l'autista di quest'ultimo provvedeva a lasciarmi le sue generalità e l'indirizzo in caso di contestazioni giuridiche o di attribuzioni di responsabilità. Da parte mia, per legalizzare le contingenze verificatesi provvedevo a far redigere un verbale dall'agente di P.S. FAVERO Luciano (Scuola Tecnica di Polizia - Via G.Reni Roma) nel quale risulta l'esatta posizione dei due autoveicoli all'atto dell'urto.

Faccio presente che, oltre ad essere stato urtato sulla mia mano, mi spettava la precedenza poichè, oltre a transitare su una arteria principale, io provenivo da destra.

L'ambulatorio del Distaccamento della R.Marina, al quale mi sono recato alle ore 18 di oggi, mi ha riscontrato una contusione al terzo superiore esterno coscia sinistra per cui mi sono stati assegnati giorni 5 di riposo.

In fede

Roma 20.12.1944

Firmato Francesco BELOTTI

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1714

27 February 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Rome Allied Area Command, Rome. ✓
Subject: Traffic Accident on 20 December 1944.

1. The Ministry of Marine report an accident occurring at 1420 on 20 December 1944 at Piazza di Spagna, Rome between a 6 wheel U.S. Ford truck driven by a "James Fillespee, APO 520" and an Italian Navy car driven by sailor chauffeur Francesco Belotti. Belotti is reported to have been injured and his car damaged in the collision.

2. It has not been possible to identify a "FILLES-PEE", but Headquarters 325th Fighter Group, APO 520, U. S. Army report that a Corporal James C. Gillespie, 33092319, is attached to 317th Fighter Squadron and that this squadron forwarded an accident report and pertinent data to Rome Allied Area Command on 28 December 1944 for investigation in compliance with Circular 74, NATOUSA dated 23 May 1944.

3. The Navy Sub-Commission requests to be informed of the findings of investigation referred to in paragraph (2) above and of any action taken.


H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

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Ltr. Hq Allied Commission, Navy Sub-Commission, Subj: Traffic Accident
on 20 Dec 44.

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HQ. 98TH BOMB GP (H) AC, APO 520, N. Y., N. Y., 16 Feb 45.

TO: CO, Allied Commission, Navy Sub-Commission, APO 394.

S/Sgt James P. Gillispie, 42032648, of this organization has not
been on a pass or leave since arrival overseas.

For the Commanding Officer:

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Robert N. Donley
ROBERT N. DONLEY,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1640

9 February 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Commanding Officer, 93th Bombing Group,
APO 520 Local.

Subject: Traffice Accident on 20 December 1944.

1. The Ministry of Marine report an accident occurring at 1420 on 20 December at Piazza di Spagna, Rome between a 6 wheel U.S. Ford truck driven by a "James Fillespee, APO 520" and an Italian Navy car driven by sailor chauffeur Francesco Belotti. Belotti is reported to have been injured and his car damaged in the collision.

2. It has not been possible to locate a "James Fillespee", but it has been reported that Corporal James P. Gillespie, 42032648 is attached to your command.

3. Because of the similarity in names, information is requested as to whether or not Corporal Gillespie is reported to have been involved in accident described in paragraph 1 and if so, what action has been taken.



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H. W. Ziroli
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Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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NSC/1661
15 February 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine - ROME.
Subject: Seaman CINQUEGRANO, Giovanni.

1. Reference is made to Ministry of Marine letter No 831/FO of 27 October 1944 to POLI, Rome, which reported the incident in which Seaman CINQUEGRANO was wounded.

2. A careful investigation has been made of the incident; however, it is regretted that it has been impossible to obtain complete information regarding final disposition of the case due to the official movements of the American military units involved.

3. From the facts which are available to the Navy Sub-Commission it appears that the assault on Seaman CINQUEGRANO was unwarranted and that the persons involved were held and appropriate action taken.

4. The Ministry of Marine is assured that Allied authorities have taken a serious view of the incident involving Seaman CINQUEGRANO and that they will take all possible steps to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents in the future.



H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

SECOND ENDORSEMENT on
Navy Sub-Com. ltr. NSC/1356
of 16 December 1945.

NSC/1514
16 January 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commanding Officer, 71st Military Police Company,
APO 772, U.S. Army.

1. Forwarded.

2. It is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission be advised of all additional information regarding the alleged wounding of CINQUEGRANO that is available in the files of the 71st Military Police Company. An indication is particularly desired as to the final disposition of the case by U.S. Army authorities, together with an indication of any disciplinary measures taken.

H. W. Ziroli
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Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission AC.

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HEADQUARTERS 71st M.P. Co (PCS), APO 667, US Army, 7 February 1945.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission, Navy Sub-Commission, APO 394, US Army.

1. All station records kept by this organization at Pozzuoli, Italy, were left at the station upon our departure.

W.D. James Jr
W.D. JAMES JR
Capt., Infantry
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1356
16 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Provost Marshal General, PBS., South, Naples.
Subject: Wounding of Seaman CINQUEGRANO, Giovanni, by
American Enlisted Men.

1. An early reply would be appreciated to Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/1080B of 3 November 1944, in connection with the alleged wounding of the subject named man. The Italian Ministry of Marine reports that CINQUEGRANO was knifed at the Bagnoli (Naples) Railway Station at about 1900, on 21 August 1944, and that the U.S. Army enlisted men involved were arrested by the Bagnoli Carabinieri and turned over to Allied military police.

H. W. Ziroli
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Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS SOUTHERN DISTRICT, PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, Office of the
Provost Marshal, APO 782, U. S. Army, 9 January 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Enclosed herewith is original communication and report of investigation relative to the wounding of Seaman Cinquegrano. This report of investigation was prepared by the Military Police Unit presently stationed in the Pozzuoli-Bagnoli Area.

2. The 71st Military Police Company, the unit that was stationed in the Pozzuoli-Bagnoli Area at the time of the incident has left this station. Their present address is APO 772, U. S. Army. All available records of this unit have been searched and no record of the incident has been found.

For the Provost Marshal:

71st M.P. Co.

H. D. Chaplin
HENRY D. CHAPLIN
Captain, CMP,
Executive Officer

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Original Communication

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission AFO 394

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3 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Provost Marshal General's Office,
FBS, Naples.
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2. The Ministry further states that CINQUEGRANO was taken to the Ospedale Militare Marittimo di Napoli and placed under observation and that the U.S. Army enlisted men were arrested by the Bagnoli Carabinieri and turned over to Allied Military Police.
3. It is requested that this office be advised as to the facts involved in the incident and the action taken.

H. S. J. Butler
H. S. J. BUTLER,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
By direction.

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59th MP Co. (PC&S)
APO 782
22 November 1944

Subject: Report of Investigation

To: Commanding Officer, 59th MP Co. (PC&S), APO 782

Investigated the case of the wounding of seaman Cinquegrano Giovanni by American enlisted men and found the following statement from the Carabinieri of Bagnoli:

On 21 August 1944 at 1930 hours near the railroad station in Bagnoli a group of American soldiers were drunk. One of the soldiers threw a punch at the Italian seaman who was passing by, and another American soldier stabbed the seaman in the back with a knife. The Pozzuoli Military Police on duty at the time saw a gathering and came to the scene. The Military Police arrested four American soldiers, Mrs. Avico Giacinta fu Domenico, age 56 and her two daughters Ida age 24 and Giuseppe age 31 for questioning. Upon questioning Mrs. Domenico and her two daughters, it was found that they were trying to help the Italian seaman. Ida, upon seeing the American soldiers grip on the seaman's throat, bit the wrist of the American soldier. The American soldier released his grip and the seaman escaped to a nearby garage. After questioning the arrested, Mrs. Domenico and her two daughters along with three soldiers were released. The fourth American soldier was held for the stabbing.

The cause of the attack is not known.

Mrs. Domenico and her two daughters were looking out the window and saw a group of American soldiers attacking an Italian seaman. The three ran out to help the seaman escape. The Military Police arrived at the scene and arrested the three for questioning. The mother and her two daughters were released after questioning.

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Servizio della 59^a Compagnia M.P.

AFO 782

Dalle informazioni circa il marinaio Cinquegrana Giovanni, risultano i seguenti particolari.- Alle ore 19,30, del 21 Agosto 1944, nella Stazione Cumana di Bagnoli, il marinaio si incontrava con un gruppo di soldati Americani, in stato di ubriachezze il quale prima lo colpirono con pugni e poi da un'altra veniva colpito proditoriamente alle spalle da un'arma da punta e taglio. Intervenuta prontamente la M.P. di Pozzuoli procedeva al fermo di quattro soldati, mentre tre di essi venivano successivamente rilasciati, cioè costui che non fu rilasciato sarebbe il colpevole del ferimento. In quella circostanza la M.P. fermava la signora Avico Giacinta fu Domenico di anni 56 con due figli Ferrante Ida di anni 24 e Giuseppe di anni 31 abitante in via Prolungamento strada Conzi i intervennero nella colluttazione cercando di sottrarre il marinaio dalle prese dei soldati Americani. Costoro dichiararono che il loro intervento fu originato dal fatto che un soldato Americano stava strangolando il marinaio, mentre in pronto intervento della Ferrante Ida che dava un morso al soldato Americano all'intento di far lasciare la mano al collo del marinaio, in questa circostanza il marinaio si andava a nascondere dentro un garage per mettersi in salvo, la Avico assieme ai due figli furono subito rilasciati dalla Polizia Americana. Ignorasi il motivo della aggressione. Rapporto dei CC.RR. N°542, RF de 10/9/44.

Interrogato la signora Avico dichiara quando segue:-
 Il 21 Agosto 1944, trovandomi sulla finestra della mia abitazione, vidi che un gruppo di soldati Americani bastonavano violentamente un marinaio Italiano, accorsa dai gridi di questo marinaio mi lanciava contro il soldato Americano che lo aveva stretto le mani al collo dandogli un morso alle mani solo così il marinaio si poté mettersi in salvo:-

Pozzuoli li 20/11/944. Capo Giovanni
 59 M.P. AFO 782

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1514
16 January 1945

SECOND ENDORSEMENT on
Navy Sub-Com. ltr. NSC/1356
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for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission AC.



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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 13204.

Revised - May 1980
Revised - January 1986

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From:

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SUBJECT IS ALLIED WOUNDED ON 31 AUGUST OF SEAGRAM CINQUEGRANO, ITALIAN NAVY.

REFLE TO NAVY SUB COMMISSION LHM-MS 1000 AND 1386 FORWARDED ON FIVE JANUARY THIS YEAR.

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E.C.B. A.M.

DATE 12-7-85.

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394.

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Pfc., 59th MP Co. (PC&S)

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

WSC/1020B
3 November 1944.

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H. ST. J. BUTLER,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
By direction.



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14 NOV 1944

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
 To: E.O.S.I. - Rome
 Date: 27.10.44
 Ref.: 131/TO.

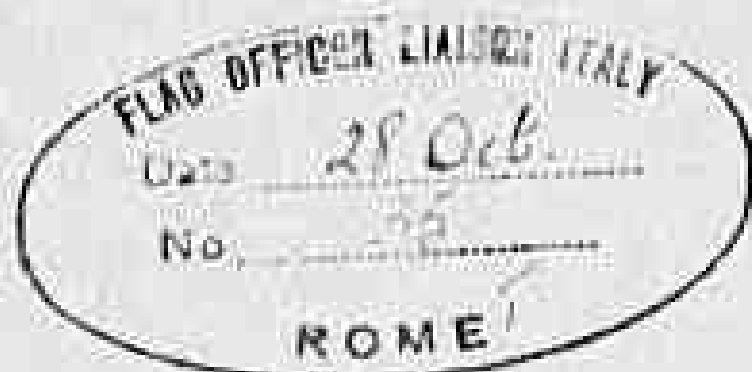
Subject: Wounding of Sergeant CINQUEGRANO, Giovanni
by American Servicemen.

At about 1300 on 24th Aug. last, Sergeant CINQUEGRANO, Giovanni, having alighted from the train at Bagnoli (Naples) and while heading for the town, was accosted by a group of American Servicemen who were apparently drunk. One of them, for no particular reason, knifed CINQUEGRANO in the back, causing a menacing penetration of the mid-thorax, left side, plus a grazed forehead and bridge of the nose.

The wounded man was taken to the Naval Hospital at Naples and placed under observation.

The American Serviceman was immediately arrested by the Bagnoli Carabinieri and taken to the Allied Military Police.

While informing you of the above, we shall be glad if your Command will let us know what steps have been taken in regard to the aggressor.



CHIEF OF CABINET

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Roma 27 OTT 1944

Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

Al F.O.L.I. - ROMA -

MINISTERO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 834/5 Allegato

ARGOMENTO: Lesioni gravi riportate dal marinaio Cinquegrano Giovanni ad opera di militari americani.

Verso le ore 19 del 21 agosto u.s. il marinaio Cinquegrano Giovanni, dopo sceso dal treno della Cumana in Bagnoli (Napoli) e mentre si dirigeva verso l'abitato, fu percosso da un gruppetto di militari americani, apparentemente ubriachi. Uno di essi, senza alcun motivo particolare, colpì il Cinquegrano con una coltellata alle spalle causandogli ferita da punta e taglio sottopetto penetrante in cavità dell'emitorace sinistro, contusioni escoriate alla regione frontale e al dorso del naso.

Il ferito fu ricoverato all'Ospedale Militare Marittimo di Napoli con giudizio riservato.

Il militare americano, subito arrestato dai Carabinieri Reali di Bagnoli, venne accompagnato presso la Polizia Militare Alleata.

Nel comunicare quanto sopra, si sarà grati se codesto F.O. L.I. vorrà far conoscere quali provvedimenti sono stati presi a carico del militare aggressore.

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
C. di V. F. Bislini

Int. V. 831/63 *all'ignote*

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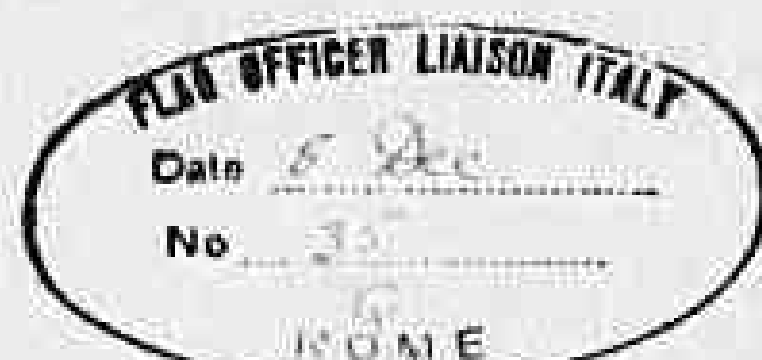
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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
C. di V. V. Baslini

From: I Navy Ministry
To: Poli Rome
Date: Nov 30 1944
Ref: IO53/10

We send , for your information , copy of the letter I659 dated Nov. 5 1944 from Naval Office , Pozzuoli, regarding an incident originated by an American MP.

The Chief of Cabinet



C O P Y

From : Ufficio Circondariale Marittimo di Pozzuoli
To: Circomare-Napoli
Date: Nov 5 1944
Ref: N I659

On Nov 4 around 4.30 P.M. the motorboat Anna of the American Police with only one American soldier on board came in the port of Pozzuoli. The motorboat stopped at the S. Paolo dock near the fishing boat S. Vincenzo belonging to Palladio Gennaro. The policeman disembarked and went on board of the S. Vincenzo arresting two boys, nephews of Palladino Domenico. The uncle Palladini Domenico asked the reasons of the arrest but the soldier , completely drunk, took him to the cabin of the motorboat , where; making him undress, began to strike him with his hands and revolver butt on the breast , on the shoulders and on the head , and then, with the revolver butt, on the mouth producing a deep cut on the lips.

The Port Commander asked the help of two British sailors of the local Signal Office in calling MPs but nobody answered at the MP station. So the two sailors went to speak directly with the drunken soldier. After much discussion they could convince him to free PALLADINO but they could not obtain the boat back. The motorboat left the harbour taking away the fishing boat. After a few minutes the fisherman DI ROBERTO Zaccaria went to the port Command to report that when he was coming back from fishing he was stopped by the same motorboat and he was obliged to give to the American soldier 20 kilograms of fish.

The Port Commander went to the Signal Office to call Lt. Cmr. Marshall on the phone. Lt. Cmr. Marshall came immediately to Pozzuoli with a member of the British Naval Police and enquired about the American policeman. He told them that the American MP would be heavily punished and he promised to keep the Port Commander informed.

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Roma 30 NOV 1944

Ministero della Marina

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Al F.O.L.I. - Roma -

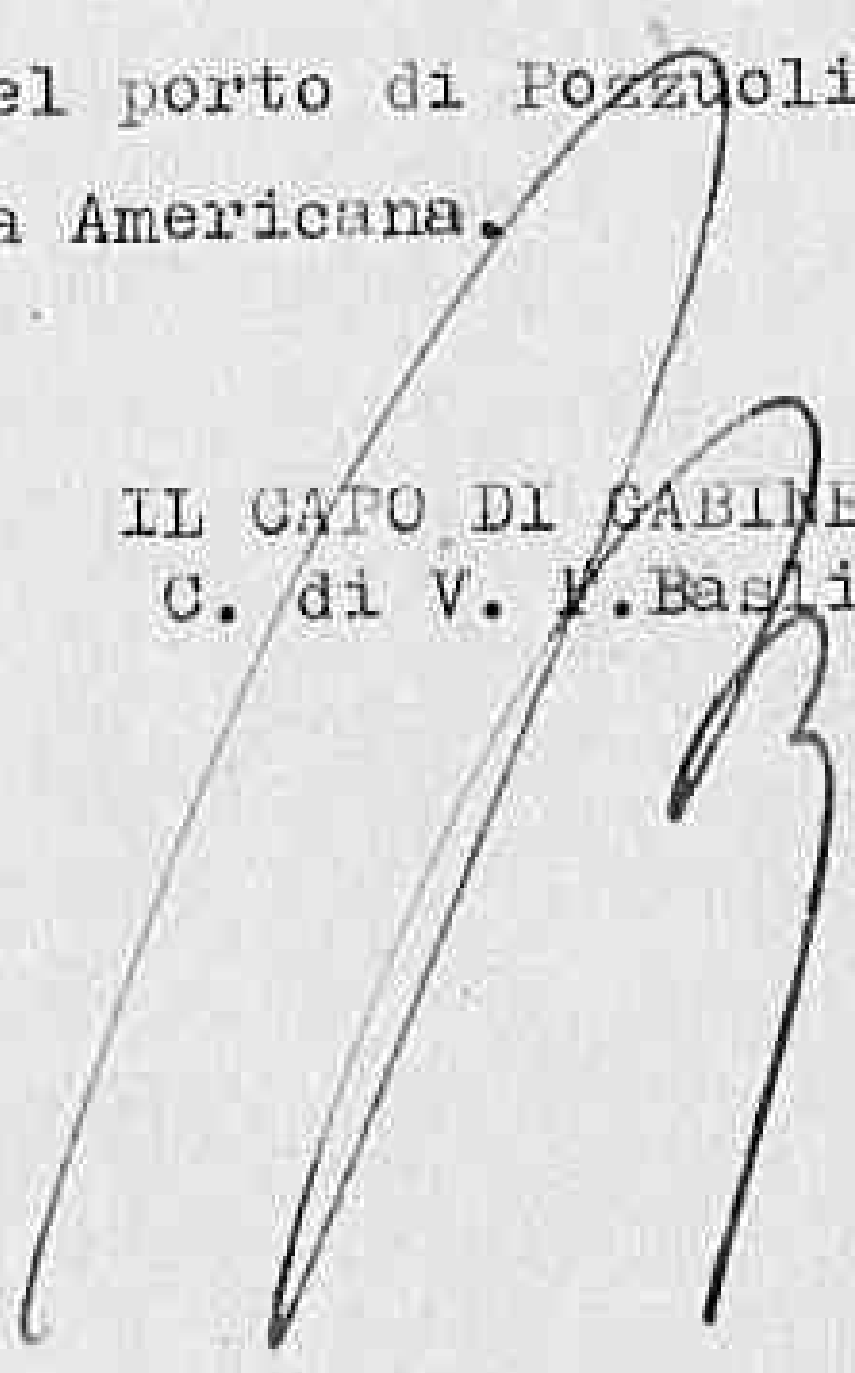
INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 1053/6 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Incidente provocato nel porto di Pozzuoli da
un militare della polizia americana.

Si rimette, per conoscenza, copia di foglio
N° 1659 in data 5 Novembre u.s. dell'Ufficio Cir-
condariale Marittimo di Pozzuoli, riguardante in-
cidente provocato nel porto di Pozzuoli da un mi-
litare della Polizia Americana.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. F. Baslini



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UFFICIO CIRCONDARIALE MARITTIMO
DI POZZUOLI

Pozzuoli, 12 5 novembre 1944

A CIRCOMARE = N A P O L I =

Prot. N° 1659

ARGOMENTO: Rapporto sull'incidente creato da un militare della polizia americana in questo porto.

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Per opportuna conoscenza si informa codesto Comando di quanto appresso:

Ieri sera 4 corr. verso le ore 16,30 circa giunse improvvisamente in questo porto il motoscafo "Anne" della polizia americana con equipaggio formato da civili italiani e con a bordo un solo militare americano.

Detto motoscafo si ormeggiò alla banchina S. Paolo, di fianco al caseggiato di questo Ufficio ove trovavasi attraccata la barca da pesca denominata "S. Vincenzo" di proprietà PALLADINO Gennaro con a bordo due ragazzi, i nipoti del pescatore PALLADINO Domenico i quali stavano aiutando lo zio a prepararsi per uscire alla pesca.

Il militare americano scendeva dal motoscafo tenendo in pugno una grossa rivoltella con la quale minacciava gli astanti, saltava nella barca e prendeva i due ragazzi trascinandoli sul motoscafo. Nel fare ciò egli li colpiva ripetutamente e brutalmente sulla testa.

Interveniva allora il PALLADINO Domenico cercando di calmare il militare americano e chiedergli di quali infrazioni potevano essere incolpati i propri nipoti; ma il militare, che trovavasi in istato di completa ubriachezza, lo prendeva per il petto e lo trascinava nella cabina del motoscafo ove, fattolo quasi completamente denudare, lo colpiva con pugni e col calcio della pistola sul petto, sulle spalle, sulla testa ed in ultimo, sempre col calcio dell'arma, sulla bocca producendogli una profonda lacerazione alla labbra.

Il sottoscritto cercava di intervenire; ma, visto inutile ogni tentativo di calmare l'energumeno, a causa della sua ubriachezza si rivolgeva ai due marinai inglesi della Signal Office perchè telefonassero alla locale M.P.

Poichè però la M.P. non rispondeva al telefono, i due militari si offrirono di parlare direttamente al militare americano.

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Sceso a terra il PALLADINO, il motoscafo si allontanava mentre il

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Sceso a terra il PALLADINO, il motoscafo si allontanava mentre il militare americano minacciava, con la pistola, da bordo, tutte le persone che incuriosite dalla disgustosa scena vi avevano assistito sia dalla banchina sia dai balconi delle case prospicienti al mare.

Mentre il motoscafo si allontanava, si presentava al sottoscritto il pescatore DI ROBERTO Zaccaria il quale riferiva di essersi imbattuto in mare nel Golfo di Pozzuoli, mentre rientrava dalla pesca, con lo stesso motoscafo, e che il militare americano su di esso imbarcato,

armato di pistola, gli chiedeva, senza giustificato motivo, la consegna immediata di tutto il pescato (circa 150 Kg. di pesca) e solo dopo molta insistenza egli era riuscito a convincerlo di prenderne una sola cassetta del peso di circa 20 Kg.

Quanto asserito dal DI ROBERTO viene confermato dal fatto che il sottoscritto vide a bordo del motoscafo una cassetta di pesce insieme a un catino contenente delle seppie.

Il sottoscritto allora, appena partito il motoscafo, si recava nell'Ufficio dei due militari inglesi facendo chiamare a telefono il Lt. Cr. Marshal presso il quale protestava energicamente per gli abusi commessi dal militare americano.

Il Comandante Marshal in seguito a ciò veniva immediatamente a Pozzuoli con una macchina accompagnata da un militare della Polizia Marittima inglese e sottoponeva ad interrogatorio i due pescatori danneggiati dal comportamento del militare americano, i due militari inglesi, nonché alcuni dei civili che avevano assistito alla scena.

Egli non ometteva di palesare il suo disgusto e il suo rincrescimento per l'incidente avvenuto promettendo nella maniera più categorica che il militare americano sarebbe stato esemplarmente punito riservandosi di informare il sottoscritto dall'esito della questione.

IL CAPITANO DI PORTO
Comandante
f.to R. Salvia

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1266
4 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - ROME.
Subject: Seaman CINQUEGRANO, Giovanni.

1. In reply to your letter No. 831/FO of 27 October 1944, to FOLI, Rome, reporting an incident involving the alleged aggressions by American Servicemen against the subject man, as corrected by your letter No. 950/FO of 14 November 1944, an inquiry has been made to determine the actual facts involved in the case.

2. It is observed from paragraph 2 of your letter of 14 November 1944, that the Ministry of Marine conclusively presumes, without awaiting the outcome of a complete investigation, that all responsibility for the incident rests with the American servicemen allegedly involved.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 14.11.44
Ref.: 950/FO.

Subject: Seaman CINQUEGRANO, Giovanni.

1. Further to letter N° 831/FO of 27th ulto, you are informed for your guidance that, from a more recent and detailed report, it appears the wounds CINQUEGRANO received are not serious as had been reported previously.

2. However, this does not lessen the seriousness of the incident in any way, and we therefore await to know what steps have been taken in regard to the aggressors - American Serviceman.



CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA-ROMA

Prod. N. 950/Fo Allegato

Off. 539

14 NOV 1944

Roma.

M. F.O.L.I. = ROMA =

ARGOMENTO: Marinaio CINQUEGRANO Giovanni.

1. Prosecuzione nostro foglio 831/FO in data 27 Ottobre, si comunica per vostra informazione che, da ulteriore rapporto dettagliato pervenuto all'argomento, risulta che le lesioni riportate dal marinaio CINQUEGRANO non sono gravi come comunicato precedentemente.
2. Quanto sopra non diminuisce però in alcun modo la gravità del fatto e si rimane pertanto ugualmente in attesa di conoscere i provvedimenti presi a carico del militare americano aggressore.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. F. PASLINI



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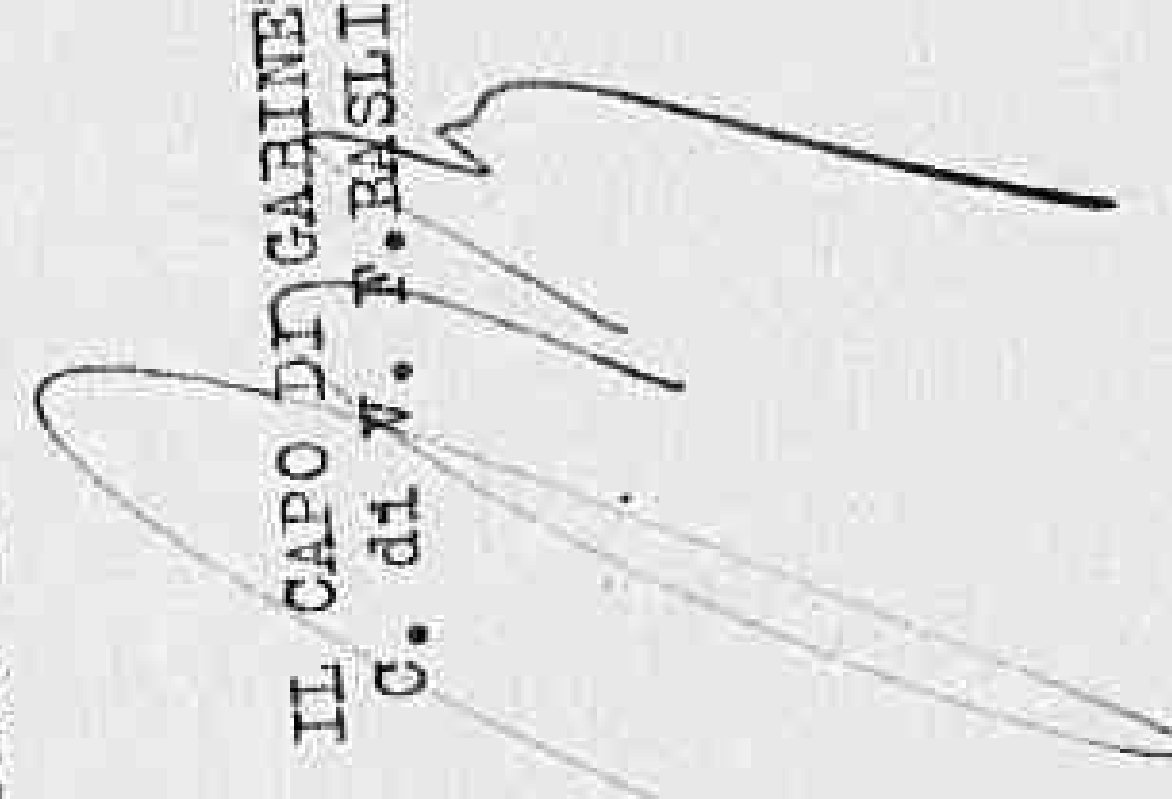
Ord. N. 950/Fo Allegato

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
C. di V. F. BASLINI



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APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

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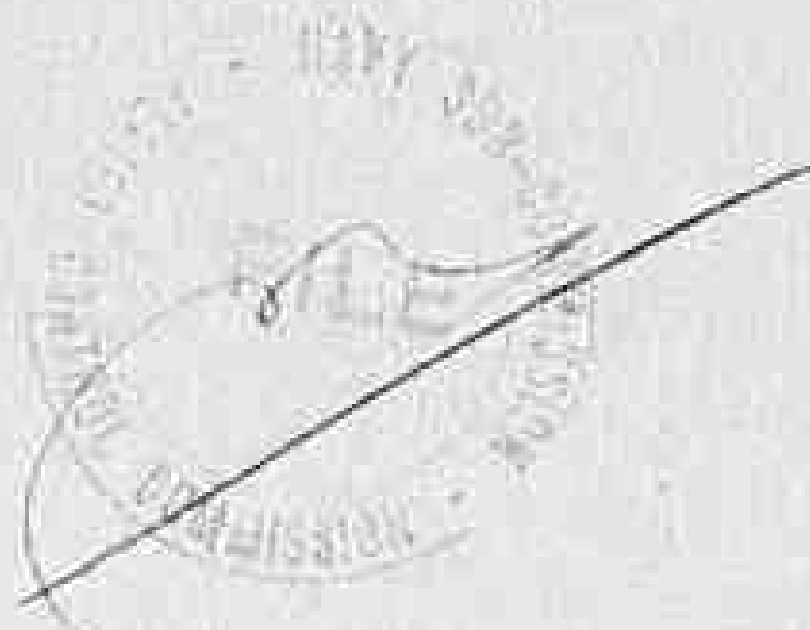
23 January 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: 2° Capo Cannoniere Luigi VIASCIANO.

In reply to your Prot. No. 16734 of 15 December regarding Beretta revolver of subject rating, since United States Army Military Police, Naples, have no record of the incident reported, it is not possible to verify information given or to take steps to secure return of revolver as requested.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AG.



22 JAN 1945

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1456
29 December 1944

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Provost Marshal General, PBS. (South).
Subject: Beretta Revolver - Return of.

1. A copy of a receipt issued to gunner's mate Luigi VIASCIANO, IRN. for Beretta revolver No. 205518, is enclosed herewith. The Italian Ministry of Marine states that revolver was taken away from VIASCIANO when he presented himself to Allied authorities shortly after Naples was occupied by Allied Forces and requests that it be returned.

2. If the revolver can be located without undue difficulty, it is requested that it be delivered to Italian naval authorities in Naples, located at COMANDO MARINA, Via Santa Lucia, Naples, and that this office be advised.

H. W. Zioli
H. W. ZIOLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

1st Ind. HDC/em
HEADQUARTERS, PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, SOUTHERN DISTRICT,
Office of the Provost Marshal, APO 782, U.S. Army, 16 Jan. 45.

To: HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, Navy Sub-Commission,
APO 394

This office has no record of the incident on revolver in question.

For the Provost Marshal:

H. D. Chaplin
HENRY D. CHAPLIN
Captain, C.M.P.
Executive Officer

COPY OF RECEIPT.

(undated)

Luigi VIASCIANO 2nd Capo of R. Marina was found carrying
a 7.65 Berretta pistol - This pistol was requested by us and is
now in our possession.

Frank Fortunato
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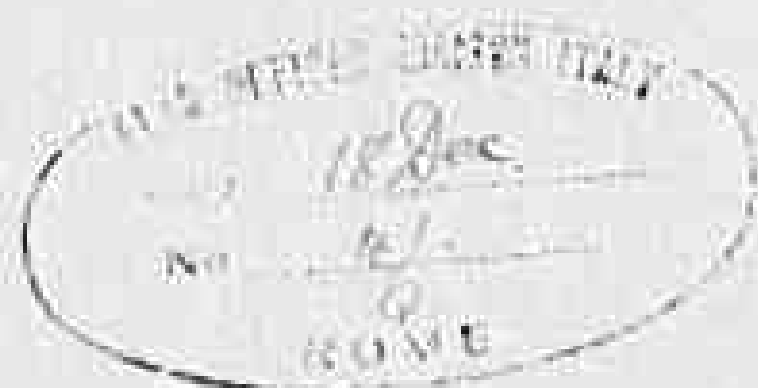
Via Crispi No. 106 Tel. 16803

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.D.I. - Rome
Date: 15/12/44
Ref.: 16734

Subject: Second Gunner's Mate Luigi VIASCIANO.

1. The above undertook Guard duties at Taranto Dockyard in August '43. On 11.8.43 he was sent on convalescent leave to Naples, armed with a Beretta revolver (N°205513) and one clip, handed over to him by Dockyard Command.
2. He remained in hiding at Naples during the German occupation, but presented himself to the Naval Command immediately after the arrival of the Allies. While on this way to do so he was stopped by American M.P. who took away his revolver.
3. This Petty Officer then went to American M.P. Command in Via Crispi, Naples and on mentioning the occurrence he obtained a receipt as per copy attached.
4. We request you kindly take up this matter so that the weapon in question, I.R.N. property, may be returned.



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CHIEF OF CABINET

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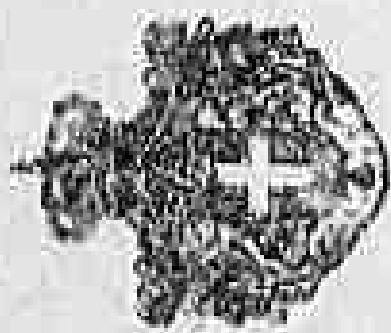
Frank Fortunato
Capt Sn C
SECURITY POLICE

Via Crispi No.106 Tel.16803

No date!

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Copy of card forwarded -



Ministero della Marina

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 16724 Allegati

Roma 19 DIC. 1944

Al F.O.L.I. - ROMA

ARGOMENTO. 2° Capo Cannoniere Luigi VIASCIANO.

1. Il 2° Capo Cannoniere Luigi VIASCIANO prestava servizio di vigilanza nell'Arsenale di Taranto nell'Agosto 1943. Il giorno 11.8.43 egli si recava in licenza di convallescenza a Napoli arma to di pistola Beretta (No. 205518) con un caricatore, avuta in con segna dal Comando R. Arsenale di Taranto.
2. A Napoli, durante il periodo dell'occupazione tedesca, egli è rimasto nascosto, e subito dopo l'arrivo delle truppe alleate si recava al Comando Marina di quella sede per ricevere ordini. Mentre si recava al predetto Comando, egli fu fermato dal persona le della Polizia Militare Americana che gli tolse la pistola di cui era armato.
3. Il sottufficiale in argomento si recò allora al Comando Ame-ricano di Polizia in Via Crispi a Napoli e riferì dell'accaduto, ottenendo una ricevuta firmata da un Capitano della O.S.S. di cui si allega copia.
4. Si prega di voler intervenire presso le competenti Autorità Alleate affinché vogliano restituire l'arma in questione che é di proprietà della R. Marina.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. F. BASLINI

Il fatto è stato già fatto?
Domanda - or is it?

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*Restituito a 15/10/43
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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

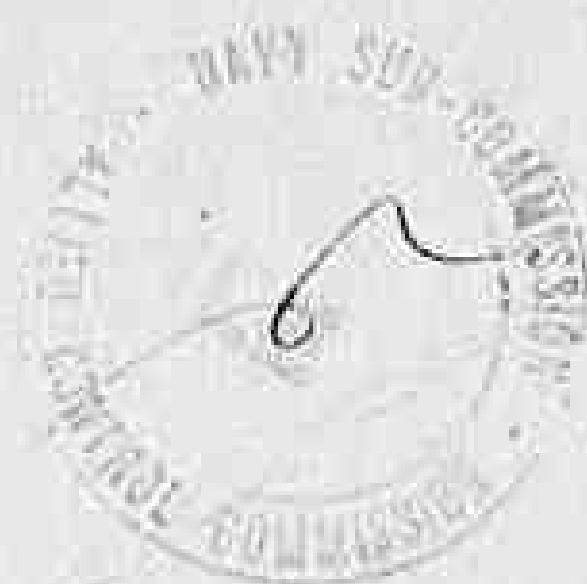
NSC/1429
3 January 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - ROME.

Subject: Traffic Accident.

1. Attached copy of accident report involving RM 37113
(driver's school) Italian Vehicle driven by apprentice RUSSO,
Sebastino, is forwarded for information and action considered
necessary.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.



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SUBJECT :- Traffic Accident

PRO/40/13

21 Dec 44

Naval Provost Marshal, TARANTO.
HQ Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, CMT.

Attached Traffic Accident Report
Det/65/TC dated 19 Dec 44 is forwarded for
information and action considered necessary.

E.O. Powell Capt.

DAPM.

for Major.

Assistant Provost Marshal,
H.Q. 52 Area.

Field.

Copy to :- DAD Claims & Hearings (49), BARI.

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Statement made by TURINI Enzo, pointsman at Bari-C. Calabria Rd junction, Post

States: At 10.45 hrs on Dec. 19/44 a collision took place between a AD RN Red Cross vehicle No 26300 and an Italian veh. No RM 37113 (driver school). I had signalled "Halt" to the Italian veh. RM 37113 which came from Bari Road and given the free go to the AD veh. which coming from Taranto was directed towards the Calabria Rd.

The Italian driver says that he did not recognise the "Halt" signal therefore he proceeded but was hit by the AD veh. reporting slight damage. No injury to personnel.

Taranto 19 Dec. 1944

sgd. Pte TURINI Enzo

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To: HQ 633 Coy Det. Ital. T.C. Bitonto

Statements of drivers and pointsman are forwarded herewith.
Taranto 19 Dec. 44 sgd. Sgt. ???? Nicole

The undersigned driver of the RM SA Ambulance stated that at the crossing of Bari Rd - Via Massafra having the signal to go, he proceeded towards the 22 Gen. Hospital, at the same time the driver school lorry under supervision of Lt Galeotti proceeded without halting so he applied his brakes but nevertheless he hit the other lorry which had its radiator and mudguards damaged.

Taranto 19 Dec. 44 phone 3283

sgd. Liberio ????

Statement made by Lt. GALEOTTI Alfredo, Director of RN driver school:
States: On the crossroad to Bari, Via Massafra, the lorry RM 37113, driven by apprentice RUSSO Sebastiano, collided with RN Ambulance A 26300, causing the front and rear left mudguard of his vehicle to be twisted. No 5554 TURINI Enzo was pointsman at the above crossing, he did not give clear signal, in fact an American vehicle which proceeded alongside the Italian lorry went by, while the pointsman kept his arms in the same position and thought to have the same right to proceed.

Taranto 19 Dec. 44

sgd. Lt Galeotti Alfredo, Direzione Armi Arsenal.

The undersigned confirms the above statement made by Lt. Galeotti pointing out that the collision might be avoided by the English vehicle which had space enough to swerve.
The pointsman was not clear with his signal.

sgd. by Di Bello Nicola
forman at the Arsenal

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Statement by C. HOLLAND ?? CERN OM/P/AX 52116

To: HQ 655 Coy Det. Ital. T.C. Bitonto

Statements of drivers and pointsman are forwarded herewith.
Taranto 1, Dec. 44

sgd. Sgt. 2222 Nicola

The undersigned driver of the AM. SA ambulance stated that at the crossing of Bari-Genoa Via Massafra having the signal to go, he proceeded towards the Gen. Hospital, at the same time the driver school lorry under supervision of Lt Galeotti proceeded without halting so he applied his brakes but nevertheless he hit the other lorry which had its radiator and mudguards damaged.

Taranto 19 Dec. 44 phone 3269

sgd. Libero 222222

Statement made by Lt. GALEOTTI Alfredo, Director of the driver school:
States: On the crossroad to Bari, Via Massafra, the lorry R 37112, driven by apprentice RUSSELL Sebastiano, collided with the ambulance A 26300, causing the front and rear left mudguards of his vehicle to be twisted.
No 52224 PURINI Enzo was pointsman at the above crossing, he did not give clear signal, in fact an American vehicle which proceeded alongside the Italian lorry went by, while the pointsman kept his arms in the same position and thought to have the same right to proceed.

Taranto 19 Dec. 44

sgd. Lt Galeotti Alfredo, Direzione Armi Arsenale.

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sgd. by Di Bello Nicola
forman at the Arsenal

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Statement by C. HOLLAND ?? CERN OM/P/IX 52116

at approximately 10.45 hrs on 19/12/44, at Bari fork to the Royal Naval Ambulance did collide with one wagon. I being sitting in the front seat fell the driver apply the brakes in ample time to stop but the ambulance skidded. Whether the pointsman signaled the driver to stop or not, I did not see.

sgd. C. Holland ??? CERN OM/P/IX 52116
HMS BELVOIR

Lead Clear.

Taranto RN [] →
A 26300

GARABIA R.

MC

✓ RM 3113
READ NOT
CLEAR

BARI R.

Subject:- Death of Sergeant ~~FRANK~~ Attilio.

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1 Nov 44.

FIG. 100131

No CGX/149556 Stoker 1st Class O'SULLIVAN, T.
No CGX/147103 Stoker 1st Class CAMPBELL, T.

The attached copy letter reference HQ/10560 dated 26 Oct 44, from Navy Sub Commission, HQ ACC, relative to an incident in which the a/n seamen were concerned resulting in the death of ~~FRANK~~ Attilio, is forwarded for such action as you may deem necessary, as it would appear that this letter more properly falls to be answered by R.N. than by this HQ.



Colonel,
Commanding, 65 Garrison.

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Copy to:- HQ ACC, Navy Sub-Commission, APO 394.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

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MSC/977

10 October 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Ministry of Marine - Rome.
Subject: Traffic Accident.
Reference: Ministry of Marine Prot. No. 11264 of 29 September
1944 to FOLI, Rome.

1. In reply to reference, information has been received that an unknown cyclist collided with British Military vehicle No. 1844020, driven by Italian Military driver PANTALENA, Antonio, on 18 July 1944.

2. A report of this accident has already been submitted by CSDIC to the appropriate claims authorities.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.



11 OCT 1944

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IM/CSDIC
ITALIAN INCREMENT TO CSDIC

ITAL/CSDIC/3/43/179
9 OCT 1944

To:- NAVY SUB-COMMISSION HQ ACC.

From:- ITALIAN INCREMENT TO CSDIC RAAC CMF.

Subject: TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Ref your NSC/9520 dated 5 Oct 1944.

At 0830hrs on 18 Jul 44, a truck from this unit was involved in an accident with an unknown cyclist.

No of vehicle 4844020 British Military

Dvr of vehicle PANTALENA Antonio Italian Military

NO witnesses

An AFA 3676 (Traffic Accident Report) was submitted to AD CLAIMS RAAC and HQ CSDIC on 18 Jul 44.

Translation of driver's statement is attached.

2A Momin *Lieut*
for MAJOR
ITALIAN INCREMENT TO CSDIC. **3552**

TRANSLATION OF DRIVER'S STATEMENT .

On the 18 Jul 44 whilst turning into the Via Sardegna from the Via Veneto, I collided with a cyclist, who was coming from the opposite side of Via Veneto turning into the Via Sardegna. The civilian cyclist attempted to take the turning far too wide and therefore collided with my vehicle.

18 Jul 44.

Signed:Dvr PANTALENA Antonio.

Certified correct: X#momin

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APC 394

NSC/9520

5 October 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, ACC.
To : CSDIC, Via Quintino Sella 60, Rome.
Subject: Capo Segnalatore (Chief Yeoman) SIVORI,
Giuseppe, Italian Navy.

1. The Ministry of Marine informs that subject Chief Petty Officer was run over by an Allied lorry assigned to G. S. D.I.C. and driven by an Italian chauffeur, Antonio PANTALEO. The accident is reported to have occurred on 18 July 1944 at corner Via Veneto and Via Sicilia.

2. It is requested that this office be furnished with a summary of report of above occurrence giving number and ownership of vehicle, status of driver, statement of witnesses, reports to Military Police and any other available details.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.



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27 OCT 1944

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From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date : 29.9.44
Ref. : 11261 - Encl.1

Subject: Motor Accident, Victim: I.R.N. Chief Yeoman
SIVORI, Giuseppe, serving with this Ministry.

- 1) On 18th July last, Chief Yeoman SIVORI Giuseppe of this Ministry, was run over by an Allied lorry attached to C.S.D.I.C. - Via Quintino Sella 60 - driven by Italian chauffeur PANTALEO, Antonio.
- 2) SIVORI, to enable him to claim damages, requires to know the number of this motorvehicle and if it belongs to British or American Armed Forces. He has been several times to Via Quintino Sella, but he was refused this information.
- 3) On 11th inst. this Ministry sent a letter by hand, as per attached copy, without obtaining an answer.-
- 4) It is requested that you ask the Allied Office concerned to furnish this Ministry with the required particulars or, at least, communicate the reason for not doing so.-
- 5) SIVORI is in possession of witnesses' Statements to shew that the lorry was on the wrong side of the road and that the accident was entirely the driver's fault.-

He has suffered severe physical harm and damage to his personal effects, and it is important that his claim should be completed as soon as possible to obtain compensation.

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CHIEF OF CABINET

DG/P

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/873

22 September 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : GHQ 2nd Echelon, C.M.F.
Subject: Disposal of Personal Effects.
Reference: (a) GHQ, 2nd. Ech. ltr O2E/42959/CAS Serial
No. 18 of 2 Sept. 1944.
Enclosure: (A) Receipt from Ministry of Marine for personal effects
of PISTOLESI Bruno, No. 89836.

1. Reference (a) forwarded personal effects of 89836
PISTOLESI, Bruno, Italian Navy to the Army Sub-Commission, ACC and
requested receipt.

2. At the request of the Army Sub-Commission, this office
has dealt with the matter and forwarded the personal effects to the
Italian Ministry of Marine. Enclosure (A) is a receipt for the effects
which has been received from the Ministry of Marine. A duplicate
receipt has been retained by this office.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

Copy to:
Army Sub-Com.
Ref. MS/AQ/21, 10 Sept.)



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23 SEP 1944



Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

Roma 18 SET. 1944 ^{Mod. 40}
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ALLIED CONTROL COM-
MISSION
Navy Sub-Commission

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Dist. N. 611/50 Allegati 1

ARGOMENTO: PISTOLESI Bruno, No. 89836

Con riferimento alla Vostra lettera
NSC/835 dell'11 corrente, trasmetto in alle-
gato una ricevuta in doppio relativa agli ef-
fetti personali del militare in argomento. -

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. F. BASLINI



*Enclosing receipt in duplicate for L. 34 - part
of personal effects of above Seaman (deceased)*
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Si dichiara di aver ricevuto la somma di L.37.00
(Lire Trentasette) quali effetti personali appartenenti
al marinaio PISTOLESI Bruno, No.89836, deceduto il 23 Giu
gno 1944.

Roma, 18 Settembre 1944

PER RICEVUTA

Il Tenente di Vascello
Ufficiale Addetto

L. Lani

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/861

16 September 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Ministry of Marine - Rome.
Subject: Unidentified Bodies.

1. The following paragraphs are quoted for your information from an Allied investigation report:

"On 25 August 1944, at 0810 hours, this office was notified through MP Headquarters, District #1, that the Port Surgeon's office had discovered two bodies near the sunken Italian Cruiser ATTENDOLO at Pier "B", Berth 15, Port of Naples, Italy.

An immediate investigation disclosed that the ship sank at its berth in December 1942 following a mysterious explosion in the Port. The ship lies on its side, with its bulkheads at water level. From the bulkheads, the nude, badly decomposed torsos were seen floating, partly covered with oil, at a distance of approximately 20 feet from each other.

The Port Surgeon examined the bodies and stated that though it was difficult to determine the length of time they had remained in the water, it was possible they had risen to the surface from the sunken ship. Certain factors, such as a thick coating of oil, would have favored the preservation of the bodies for this long period of time.

Due to the advanced stages of decomposition, an identification was impossible. The Office of Public Safety, P.M.G., Naples, Italy, was notified for disposal of the corpses.

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From the facts recorded above, it is concluded that the bodies are those of former crewmen of the Italian Cruiser ATTENDOLO; and that the advanced stages of decomposition render a positive identification impossible."



H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
For Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

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Papers attached: (PES #1696)

(Number each memo consecutively and draw a line across page below it)

KEMPSTER
Dir. CID
13 Sept 44

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CONFIDENTIAL

6709th CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION PLATOON (PROV)

This case originated at:		File No.
Naples, Italy		1696
Report made at:	Date when made:	Period for which made:
Naples, Italy	31 August 1944	24 August 1944
Title:		Character of case:
Unidentified Bodies		Identification of Bodies
Synopsis of facts: On 25 August 1944, two nude torsos believed to be those of former crewmen of the Italian Cruiser ATTENDOLO, were seen floating from the bulkheads of the sunken ship at Pier "B", Naples Port, Naples, Italy. Due to the deteriorated condition of the remains, a positive identification was impossible. Major Franklin P. Luckman, Office of Public Safety, A.M.G. City of Naples, was notified for disposal of the bodies. Case closed.		
Report made by:		Do not write here:
Leigh H. Paradise Richard V. Bauer		File Grade
Approved and Forwarded:		Distribution of report
AIME E. BORGERS, CMP Captain		1 - Public Safety Officer, AMG, Naples. 1 - CO, 6709 CID Plat (Ovhd) AFO 750 1 - File, CID, Naples
A TRUE COPY OF THIS REPORT:		

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EUGENE SMITH,
CAPTAIN, CMP

DETAILS:

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3. The Port Surgeon, Lt. Col. Horace W. SHRECK, M.C. examined the bodies and stated (Incl. 1) that though it was difficult to determine the length of time they had remained in the water, it was possible they had risen to the surface from the sunken ship. Certain factors, such as a thick coating of oil, would have favored the preservation of the bodies for this long period of time.

4. Due to the advanced stages of decomposition, an identification was impossible.

5. Photographs showing the position of the bodies and their deteriorated condition are attached as exhibits.

6. Major Franklin F. LUCKMAN, ^{The} Office of Public Safety, A.M.G., Naples, Italy was notified for disposal of the corpses.

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CONCLUSIONS:

5. From the facts recorded above, it is concluded that the bodies are those of former crewmen of the Italian Cruiser ATTENDOLO: and that the advanced stages of decomposition render a positive identification impossible."

s/ Leigh H. Paradise
LEIGH H. PARADISE
Agent, CID

s/ Richard V. Bauer
RICHARD V. BAUER
Agent, CID

1 Inclosure.

Incl. 1 - Medical Certificate of Port Surgeon.

2 Exhibits.

Ex. 1 - Photo of torso floating from bulkhead (no. 1)
Ex. 2 - Photo of torso floating from bulkhead (No. 2)

Comp. No. 1696

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8th PORT OF EMBARKATION
OFFICE OF THE PORT SURGEON
ATO 720

HWS/rr

25 August 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : To Whom It May Concern

On Friday August 25, 1944, I was asked to make an investigation of two bodies found floating near the sunken ship Attendole, an Italian Cruiser sunk in December 1942. This request was made by Agent Richard V. Bauer of the C.I.D.

Observation showed the partial torso of two bodies, minus head, arms and legs. Evidence at hand made it difficult to determine the length of time in the water, but they probably came from the sunken ship.

It would be impossible to make any identification inasmuch as deterioration was too complete.

s/ Horace W. Shreck
HORACE W. SHRECK
Lt. Col., M.C.
Port Surgeon

A TRUE COPY

s/ Aime E. Borgers
AIME E. BORGERS
Captain, CMP
Chief Agent CID

Comp. No. F-81 (CID File 1696)
Incl 1

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From: MINISTRY of MARINE (Cabinet)
To : Navy Sub-Commission A.C.C.
Date: 23.9.44
Ref.: 10773

Subject: Recovery of Unidentified Corpses.-

We are very grateful for your courteous letter NSC/361 of 18th instant and for the interest which Allied Command has taken in regard to the two bodies recovered from the hull of R.It. Cruiser "Attendolo"

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Roma

23 SET. 1944

Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAMMI: MARINA - ROMA

*Prot. N.º 10443 Allegati**Al* Headquarters
Allied Control Commission
Navy Sub-Commission

ARGOMENTO. Ricupero salme non identificate.

Si ringrazia sentitamente per la cortese comunicazione fatta con lettera NSC/861 del 18 corrente e per l'interessamento del Comando Alleato a riguardo delle due salme recuperate nei pressi dello scafo del R. Incrociatore Attendolo.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. F. Baslini

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

REC/835

11 September 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Ministry of Marine - Rome.

Subject: PISTOSLESII, Bruno, No. 89836.

1. Personal effects of subject Italian Navy Casualty
are enclosed.

2. Kindly forward receipt in duplicate for enclosure
to this office.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.



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NAVY

Subject: Casualties - Personal Effects.

Army Sub Commission (MEMIA)
 H.Q., A.C.C.
 R O M E
 MS/AC/21

10 Sep 44

NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
 H.Q., A.C.C.

1. The attached correspondence (less AFW 3190) was received by this HQ.
2. Will you please deal with this matter and acknowledge receipt to GHQ 2nd Echelon, C.M.F.

SPA/nh

P. J. Noakes
 P. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
 For Major General.
 Army Sub Commission (MEMIA)



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

Tel. No. Valjean 27.

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BY REGISTERED
AIR MAIL.

2 Sep 44

Serial No. 18.

Army Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
Main HQ, MMIA,
Lequile (Lecce),
C.M.F.

Subject:- Disposal of Personal Effects.

Enclosed herewith please find personal effects of
89836 PISTOSLESI, Bruno - Italian Navy.

Please acknowledge receipt on AFW 3190 enclosed.

C.M.F.

Lauri
at 4.
Brigadier,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/817

8 September 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, ACC.
To : Headquarters, North African Theater of
Operations, United States Army, APO 534.

Subject: Location of Claims Offices.

Reference (a): AG 151/001 CLM-O of 8 March 1944.

It is requested that this office be supplied with copy
of the complete directive dated 26 July 1943 and referred
to in reference (a).

H. W. Zirol
H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

AG 461.01/060 - O 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS NATOUA, APO 534, 16 September 1944

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TO: Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. Letter requested has been rescinded by reference letter.
2. No copies are available.

For the Theater Commander:

AB King
A. B. KING
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.



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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

Lavy (Rec. Hq.)
File
JC/wp

AG 151/001 CIM-0

8 March 1944

SUBJECT: Location of Claims Offices.

TO : All Concerned.

Paragraph 1, letter this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 26 July 1943, as amended by letter this headquarters, same file and subject, dated 21 October, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"1. Branch offices are now being operated by the Claims Service at the following locations in French North Africa and Corsica:

Casablanca, French Morocco, 25 Rue Gallieni: telephone Boacon 106
Oran, Algeria, 11 Blvd. Gallieni: telephone Oran 20403 and Merit 35
Sidi-Bel-Abbes, Algeria, 11 Rue Prudhomme: telephone Museum 2937
Mostaganem, Algeria, 6 Rue Thiraud: telephone, Mountain 133
Algiers, Algeria, 18 Blvd. Baudin: telephone Algiers 34753 and Farmer 63
Constantine, Algeria, 3 Blvd. Mercier: telephone Constantine 3254
Tunis, Tunisia, Hotel Cleridge, Avenue Jules Ferry: telephone Tunis 7297 and 7298
Ferryville, Tunisia, Place Amiral Gaspotie: telephone Ferryville 25
Ajaccio, Corsica, 2 Cours Napoleon: telephone Service 29
Bastia, Corsica, 24 Blvd. Paoli: telephone Grosse Can 43."

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERG:

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Jack Carter
JACK CARTER,
1st Lt, AGC,
Asst Adjutant General. 3532

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
AO 394

NSC/748

19 August 1944.

TO : Legal Sub-Commission, HQ, ACC.

SUBJECT : Late Colonel GABBANELLO, Italy Royal Navy.

Enclosure: Statement of subject's widow.

1. Enclosure is a summary of the circumstances of death of subject as made by his widow.
2. Opinion is requested as to whether dependent have any right of claim against Allied funds.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

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ACC/4017/L. - Claim of TEODORI Fernando

3d Ind.

RHW/rlp.

LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION, HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394, 10 August 1944.
TO: U. S. Claims Commission, APO 782, U. S. Army.

1. I enclose herewith file relative to the damage claim of TEODORI Fernando as this would seem to be within your jurisdiction. It is not a matter for the Legal Sub-Commission, ACC to deal with.

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Colonel, CAC,
Acting Chief Legal Officer.

2 Incls;
n/c.

Copy to: Naval Sub-Commission ACC
(Ref your NSC/695 of 7 Aug 44).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/705

8 August 1944.

TO : Legal Sub-Commission, HQ, ACC.

Reference: NSC/695 of 7 August 1944.

Enclosure referred to in Para 2 of reference has just
been received and is attached.

COMMODORE

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Naval Sub-Commission
APO 394

HSC/695

7 August 1944.

SECOND ENDORSEMENT:

To: Legal Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.

1. Forwarded for your opinion.
2. Enclosure "2" to applicant's letter was not received by either endorser.

COMMODORE

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Tel: 383

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/648

17 July 1944.

TO : Italian Navy Commissioner, Rome.
SUBJECT : Body of the late Colonel CASSANELLO.
Enclosures : a) Photograph of Col. CASSANELLO.
b) Burial Record, Form #52b.

1. Investigation has disclosed that the body of Colonel CASSANELLO has been buried in Nettuno Civil Cemetery, Common Plot grave No. 70.

2. Identification photograph (enclosure a) is attached.

3. Should exhumation be desired for purposes of re-interment elsewhere, application must be made to the Prefect of Rome Province. Enclosure (b) will be needed for this. Attention is directed to the importance of preserving enclosure (b) since there is no other record.

Commodore,
S.B.N.O., ROME.

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1. I have to forward for your information copy of report received from CC.RR. Lazio Legion.-
2. The body was buried in Nettuno Cemetery and I understand that if the family wish to have it exhumed application should be made producing Form 52 b (which is attached to this letter) to the Prefect of Rome Province.-

A. P. Sullivan Lt. Col.
Regional Public Safety Officer

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T R A N S L A T I O N

TO : A M G - Public Safety Office, Region IV
 FROM : CC.RR. LAZIO LEGION - July 14th 1944
 SUBJECT : Dead body of Col. ATTILIO CASSANELLO

At about 3 p.m. of July 5th, some American Red Cross soldiers carried to the Chapel of Nettuno Civil Cemetery, the unknown dead body of a person aged about 50/53 years.-

They said it had been found after a motorcar accident on the Littoria highway.-

On July 11th a captain, probably belonging to the CC.RR. arrived in a car driven by a sailor and inquired about the eventual burial of a person, victim of a motor accident.- At the guardian's affirmative answer he did not ask for further details.-

He returned the next day and proceeded to identify the body, declaring it to be Capitano di Vascello (sea captain) ATTILIO CASSA-
 NELLO aged 51, and as such the burial record delivered by the American Red Cross was corrected by him under this name.-

From the guardian's deposition, since it was impossible to identify the body which had already been buried, the following description was obtained :

Height : about 6 feet
 stout build
 long, thin nose
 hair black, with incipient frontal baldness
 small black moustache (american fashion)
 dark blue trousers
 black shoes
 dark blue socks
 skin-grey shirt with red stripes
 white under shirt
 brown chamois gloves

The body has been buried in Common Plot grave No. 70.-

Enclosed hereto is the burial record delivered by the American

Red Cross.

THE LT. COL. IN COMMAND
 - Raffaele Minniti -

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PRO-MEMORIA PER IL COMANDANTE DE SANGRO

Un agente della Polizia Alleata ha riferito alla Direzione Marina Mercantile (C.te Bombelli) che il recupero della salma del C.llo CASSANELLO fu effettuato dal

Policeman AUTRY William

A.P.O. 782 M.P. Detachment

198 M.P. Co. - Terracina

Occorrerebbe interessare la Polizia Alleata per la ricerca dell'Agente.

ROMA, 11 Luglio 1944

phoned to Col Melchione 11 July

13 - Col Melchione phoned - body had been taken
59th Evac Hosp (Hq)
47th Graves Regt - has moved on - he is out
Nettuno - all civilian bodies taken
- will continue check.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/520

9 July 1944.

TO : Col. R.T. Milhouse,
Public Safety Director,
Region IV, 25 Corso di Italia,
Rome.

SUBJECT : Missing Body of Colonel CASSANELLO.

1. Attached hereto letter from Ministry of Marine and memorandum from Captain Gioachino Mangia reference above subject accident for necessary investigation.

2. Since this accident occurred 5 July and the body has not been found up to date, it is hoped that pertinent action is taken as quickly as possible.

COMMODORE

3 Incls:

Ltr from Adm Lais, M of M.
Memorandum fr Capt G. Mangia.

Picture of Col. Cassanello(killed in accident)

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UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO
CON LE MARINE DELLA GRAN BRETAGNA E DEGLI
STATI UNIT

No. 97 di prot.

Roma, 8 Luglio 1944

AL COMMODORE I.M. PALMER DSC. R.N.

ARGOMENTO: Salma del Col. CASSANELLO (.R.M.I.)

Si rimette l'acclusa relazione del Capitano del CC.RR.
MANGIA circa l'incidente automobilistico del 5 corrente in cui
trovava la morte il Col. CASSANELLO, con preghiera di voler in-
teressare le Autorita di polizia Alleate per il ritrovamento del-
la salma scomparsa dal luogo del disastro.

L'AMMIRAGLIO DI DIVISIONE
(Alberto LAIS)
(signed)

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COPYM E M O R A N D U M

At 2,30 p.m. on the 5th of July two lorries numbered P.B.S. 98 E 16/12 and 5382664 British Navy collaied at the 64th Km. on the Via Appia.

On one of the lorries was the Colonel Commissario R.M.I. CASSANELLO Attilio who was returning to Rome with other 11 passengers to report on a special mission he had accomplished in Naples.

In the collission Col. CASSANELLO's skull was broken and his left arm nearly torn away. He died on the spot.

As soon as news of the accident arrived an ambulance of the Italian Navy was sent to the spot to carry the corpse in Rome. The party reached the locality where the accident happened and was told that the corpse of the officer had been removed at 5 o'clock on the evening of the same day by an allied ambulance.

Since then two officer from the Reali Carabinieri have been despatched to find out where the corpse has been transferred.

No news has been available to this moment.

Could the Allied Police be interested in the matter?

It is to be noted that the person who brought to Rome the news of the accident had taken away from the corpse the blouse, the valuables and all the identity cards so that the corpse remained on the spot with no means of identification.

A photograph of the officer is attached to this memorandum.

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P R O M E M O R I A

Ieri 6 corrente, il Capitano dei CC.RR. MANGIA ed il Capitano Medico PIANA si sono recati al Km. 64 della via Appia, ove e avvenuto il luttuoso incidente nel quale e rimasto vittima il colonnello Commissario CASSANELLO Attilio, della direzione Marina Mercantile.

Interrogata tale BONZENO Maria di Angelo e fu Grepoldi Angela, di anni 33, domiciliata nei pressi - podere 462 - questa dichiarava che il 5 andante, alle ore 14,30 circa, aveva visto l'autotreno alleato, con rimorchio, P.B.S. 98 E 18/12 ed il camion inglese 5382664 British Navy, procedere in egual senso, in direzione di Roma e successivamente scontrarsi con violenza, precipitando sul lato destro della strada. La BONZETO aggiungeva che a bordo delle due macchine alleate si trovavano 11 persone, tra le quali el Colonnello CASSANELLO subito deceduto e che, nella stessa circostanza, erano rimaste ferite 4 persone di cui una in modo grave.

La donna precisava che la Salma dell'ufficiale superiore era stata, nella sera del 5 corrente, trasportata, a mezzo di ambulanza alleata, in luogo sconosciuto, in direzione di Roma.

I Capitani MANGIA e PIANA si sono recati quindi a Littoria, ove hanno svolto ricerche presso il comando della compagnia CC.RR., il comando anglo-americano, la R. Questura, il Procuratore del Re, l'ospedale civile, la camera mortuoria di quel cimitero, con esito negativo.

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Eguale accertamenti, nello stesso pomeriggio, i due ufficiali effettuavano nella zona di Anzio-Nettuno, richiedendo notizie ai comandi americani ed agli ospedali civili, senza per'altro ottenere

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alcun risultato positivo.

In Anzio, pero, non e stato possibile, data l'ora tarda - circa le 21,45 - visitare quel cimitero civile.

Nel mattino di oggi il Capitano MANGIA ha svolto ulteriori ricerche all'Obitorio di Roma ed alla sala incisoria del Verano senza rintracciare la salma del campianto ufficiale.

Esito negativo hanno altresì dato accertamenti eseguiti presso gli ospedali di S.Giovanni e di Santo Spirito di questa Città.

Da notizie attinte presso i familiari del Colonnello CASSANELLO, risulta che, subito dopo l'incidente, all'ufficiale - che vestiva l'abito borghese - vennero tolti la giacca ed il portafogli, contenenti, tra l'altro, le carte di identità personale, cosicché la Salma e rimasta priva di documenti atti alla sua identificazione.

Risulta che il prefato ufficiale abbia riportato la quasi completa asportazione del braccio sinistro e lo scoperchiamento della base del cranio.

Si riterrebbe opportuno interessare la polizia alleata, onde possa essere stabilito il luogo ove e stata trasportata la salma.

Si unisce una fotografia dell'ufficiale.

Roma, 11 7 luglio 1944.

IL CAPITANO DEI CC.RR.
(Giacchino Mangia)

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MEMORANDUM

6 c.m, CC.RR Capt. Mangia and Medical Capt. Piana, went together to the 64th Km. of the Highway 7th (Via Appia), where Col. Cassanello Attilio, of the Merchant Navy Board, died. Requested, Maria Bonzeto of Angelo and late Crepoldi Angelo, age 33, replied that on 5th, c.m. at 2,30 p.m. she saw the allied truck with trailer P.B.S 98 E 18/12 and the British lorry 5382664, British Navy, proceeding in the same side, colliding each other, and rushing down in the right side of the street. She added that on board the two cars were eleven people, among which Col. Cassanello, who died immediately, and that in the same circumstance 4 persons were wounded, one of them very severely.

The woman added also that the body of the superior officer had been transported, in the evening of 5th, in an Allied Ambulance car, to an unknown place towards Rome.

Capt. Mangia and Piana went afterwards to Littoria where they made inquiries at the Command of the CC.RR company, at the Allied Command, R. Questura, Royal Prosecution, civil hospital, mortuary chapel of Littoria cemetery, with no success.

Other assurances they made in the afternoon in the Anzio, Nettuno area asking news at the allied command and at the civil hospitals, but they failed to obtain any important result.

But in Anzio it was not possible since it was too late - 9,30 p.m. - to visit the civil cemetery.

This morning Capt. Mangia made other inquiries at the Rome Obituary and at cemetery of Verano, but he did not recover the body of the poor officer.

No result was obtained in the inquiries made at the ST. Giovanni and ST. Spirito hospitals.

From news known at the officer's home, it results that soon after the accident, the colonel's jacket was removed from him (he wore plain cloths), and his port-folio, with the personal identification card also stolen, so that the dead body remained without documents that could identify him. 3518

It results that the above mentioned officer suffered the almost complete extirpation of the left arm and the fracture of skull.

We think it would be convenient to interest the Allied Police, in order to establish where the dead body has been carried.

We enclose a picture of the officer.

Rome, July 7 th 1944

Capt. Gioacchino Mangia

CC.RR

SUBJECT: Incident at Giovinazzo Rly Stn.

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HQ No. 2 District, CMF.
207 A.

10 Jun 44.

HQ 6 Base Sub Area.

1. Copy of Italian Ministry of Marine, Cabinet, letter No. 348/T.O. dated 24 May 44 relative to the shooting of an Italian seaman at Giovinazzo Railway Station is enclosed herewith.
2. Please investigate and report on the present position in this case.

M. Heddle. bahr
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Colonel,
Col. i/c Adm.

Copy to: Naval Sub Commission AGG,
Navy House, Taranto (your P 13/NSC dated 29 May 44 refers)

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