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COMPLAINTS AGAINST IAF PERSONNEL
FEB. 1945 - OCT. 1946

Director

Min I

S.S.O.

- 1 Ref. 18.A.10B^(t) a very unfortunate incident! which might require some action by you.
- 2 I do not believe that Italian C.O. was fairly treated nor do I believe that it is possible for very cordial relations to exist after he has been shown up in front of his men and officers.
- 3 An explanation is required from the British C.O. *affmtt repr*
ore.1.
- 18/3/46.

Min II

Director
S.S.O.

Re/ 30A In view of the circumstances I believe a request of this office for a letter of reprimand from the Directorate of Personnel should be sufficient.

Office of Personnel
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Ref. Min 2.

Taking into consideration his dates (over 25 Day, thru 27 Day) and the circumstances I would not ~~hold~~ hold Capt. Lettanzio most to blame, though he did book. I think the thing to do is to invite someone from the 'P' Directorate of the I.A.H. together with an officer interpreter (or his Postoff official in his Liaison Section) to come over and see the papers which I wish have to be returned to A.H.A. and ask the officers to let you know what punishment (not very severe) the I.A.H. will administer so that you can inform A.H.A. when returning the papers.

RR 10/4.

From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.
 To : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat, A.HQ, Caserta, Italy.
 Date : 15th October, 1946.
 Ref. : AFSC/752/1/P.1.

CAPT. LATTANZI - ITALIAN ARMY

Reference your letter MAAC/4211/AFALS dated 5th September, 1946.

Investigation of the case against Capt. LATTANZI has found him to be an Italian Army Officer and therefore out of the control of the Italian Air Force. However the I.A.F. has requested he be replaced by an I.A.F. Officer and we have asked M.M.I.A. to initiate his removal.

Capt. LATTANZI will be replaced as soon as an I.A.F. English-Speaking Officer is available.

AT Weiss
 A. T. WEISS, LT.A.C.
 FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
 DIRECTOR,
 A.F.S.C.

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30A

Copy to: Air Headquarters, Italy (Advanced)

FROM :- ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY, MILITARY PERSONNEL AND SCHOOLS DIRECTORATE,
"ALLIES" OFFICE ROME.

TO :- 3RD Z.A.T. COMMAND, ALLIED UNITS AND SERVICES OFFICE, ROME.
Copy:- ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY, MINISTER'S CABINET, ROME
A.F.S.C., A.C. ROME.

DATE :- 14th AUGUST 1946.

REF. :- 388/U.A./D.G.P.M./2910 Coll.

I.A.F. AIRMEN NUCLEUS IN "VIA XI SETTEMBRE".

We enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Finance Courts, General Secretariat, notifying a number of damages to property caused by personnel of the Nucleus on guard duty at the British Car Park situated in the garden of the Ministry of Finance building.

Will you kindly request the Inspecting Officer attached to I.A.F. Units working for the Allies in the Rome area, to carry out an inquest, establish the eventual responsibility, and inform this Office of the *appropriate* action taken.

(General A. MONTI)

Translated by Sgt. Cumbo.

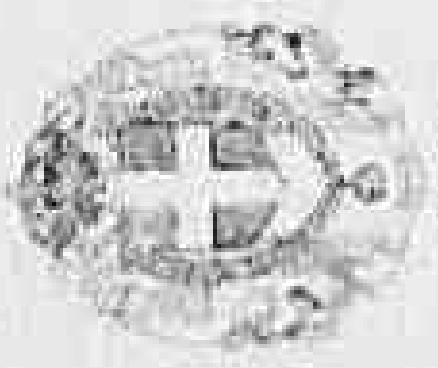
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Ministero dell'Aviazione

DIREZIONE AVIAZIONE CIVILE
E TRAFFICO AEREO

COMANDO DELLA 3^a Z.A.T.
Ufficio Raparti e Servizi
Allegati. - R.O.M.A. -

2388/480514 Allegato 1/2910 C.C. Risposta al p. n. 2 del

OGGETTO : Nucleo avieri di Via XX Settembre.

e P. C.

AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - Gabinetto del Ministro. - S E D E

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO CON LA R.F.S.C. S E D E

Si trasmette in allegato una copia di una lettera della Corte dei Conti - Segreteria Generale - che segnala alcuni danni alla proprietà Demaniale causati dal personale del Nucleo avieri in servizio di guardia all'Autoreparto Britannico sito nel giardino del palazzo del Ministero delle Finanze.

Si prega codesto Comando di voler far svolgere dall'Ufficiale Ispettore presso i Raparti A.M. la disposizione degli Alleati per la città di Roma, un'inchiesta sui fatti, e stabilire le eventuali responsabilità e di informare questa Direzione Generale dei provvedimenti adottati.

IL DIRETTORE DEL PERSONALE MILITARE
(Generale S.A. - Adriano Monti)

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TRANSLATION

From : Italian Air Ministry -
Military Personnel and Schools Directorate.
To : A.F.S.C., A.C. ROME.
Date : 24th July, 1946.
Ref. : UA/296/DCFW/2621 Coll.

PETROL THEFT ON CAMPOFORMIDO AIRPORT

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Reference your letter 752/1/F.I., dated 24-5-46, we would like to inform you that the R.A.F. Command - Udine on completion of investigations made, stated that the Italian Air Force personnel attached to Campoformido Airport are not in anyway concerned with the a/m theft.

2. No disciplinary action has therefore been taken against the personnel in question.

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752/1/F.I.

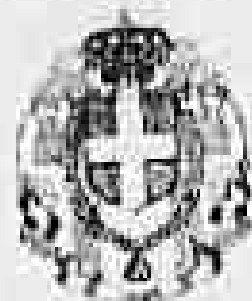
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THE DIRECTOR
(Gen. MONTI)

Translated by Maria T. Chiaia.

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Roma 25.7 28 A 1946

Ministero dell'Aeronautica
 DIR. GEN. INTERS. E SCUOLE
 Uff. Alleati

L'AIR FORCES SUB
 COMMISSION A.C.
 ROMA
 (tramite Uff. Coll. R.A.)
 ROMA

Divisione 1a
 Let. V UN 296/DG 2621628

OGGETTO Furto benzina sull'aeroporto di
 Campoformido.

e p. c. ALLO STATO MAGGIORE A.M. S E D E

Con riferimento al foglio n. 752/1/P.1
 in data 24 maggio u.s. si comunica che il
 Comando R.A.F. di Udine, dalle indagini ef-
 fettuate, ha potuto assecondare che i militari
 della Aeronautica in servizio sull'Aeroporto
 di Campoformido, sono completamente estranei
 al furto in oggetto.

2. Pertanto nessun provvedimento è stato pro-
 so da parte di questo Ministero a carico del
 dipendente personale.

IL DIRETTORE
 (Generale di D.A. - A. MONTI)

[Signature]

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMB. ROME.

3 1100 JUNE 1946

A.H.Q., R.A.F. ITALY.

(R) ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY

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OBCE SIX TWO ONE ID REQUESTOR YOUR UNCLASSIFIED ZERO FIVE ONE ONE ENQUIRIES
HAVE BEEN MADE ID DOG AIRL FOX UNDER REPORT THAT NO ITALIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL
WERE INVOLVED IN THE THEFT OF PETROL BOMBS FROM CAMPO FORMIDA ID

AFRC/TB2/V/E.1.

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ROUTINE
ORGANIZATION

Admiral 2/1.

Admiral 1/1.

26A

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Milan
 To : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
 Date : 30th May 1946
 Ref. : AFSC/M/52/1/P1

THEFT OF PETROL BOUSER AT CAMPOFORMIDO

In accordance with telephone instructions received from AFSC Rome on 28th May 1946 inquiries have been made to ascertain whether IAF personnel were implicated in the theft of a Petrol Bouser from Campoformido.

2. General Raffaele, Commanding 2nd ZAT Padua, has replied with telegram d/61359 dated 29th May 1946 that "DAP Command Udine report that no I.A.F. personnel were involved in the theft of the petrol bouser".



D.H.G. SMITH, S/Ldr,
 Commanding
 AFSC MILAN

Copy to : Gen RAFFAELE, Comando 2nd ZAT, Padua



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25A

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C., Rome.
 TO : ITALIAN AIR MINIST Y.
 ATTENTION CAPT. BERNARDUCCI.
 DATE : 26TH MAY, 1946.
 REF. : 752/1/P.1.

INVESTIGATION AT CAMPO FORMIDO.

Reference P/Lt. Bernarducci's conversation with Capt. Bernarducci an investigation is to take place immediately at Campo Formido into the cooperation of the Italian Air Force guards with a theft of a Royal Air Force petrol Bomber.

2. Impossible for the petrol Bomber to be stolen without cooperation of Italian Guards.
3. The Guards are to be replaced at once if necessary.

*Informed
 I got him from the Milan
 who is also taking action
 from Milan. Reflected*

Reflected

A.P. SALTER, S/LDR.
 FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL
 DIRECTOR
 AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

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INFO V LAMB N. 17

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FROM SMC RAF ITALY

TO AFSC BOMB

INFO 01 EP - 240 WING

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UNCLASIFIED, 0011.

RECEIVED FROM BOMB AND STATION FROM CAMP FORMING.
 IT STATED TO BE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT CO-OPERATION OF ITALIAN GUARDS
 REQUEST IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION AND REPLACEMENT OF GUARDS IF NECESSARY

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A7C ROME
TO : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
DATE : 10TH MAY 1946
REF : AFSC/752/1/P.1.

THEFT OF WINDOWS FROM R.A.F. SE.V.T. SCHOOL

Further to our letter A.F.S.C./752/1/P.I. dated 30th April 1946.

2. It is confirmed that the three Italian airmen concerned have each received 21 days detention in the Italian Military Holding Centre Portici.

A. L. L.
S/L A.G. SALTER
FOR AIR VICE-MARSHAL
DIRECTOR A.F.S.C.

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From :- Headquarters No 1 Base Area, R.A.F., C.M.F.
To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission Detachment, Naples.
Date :- 6th May 1946.
Ref :- 1DM/1331/17/P.1.

LIST OF WIDOWS AND DOGS FROM R.A.F.

R.V.T. SCHOOL PAINTERIE DISTRICT 23/30 March 1946.

Following our letter of even reference dated 25th April 1946,
you are informed that the three Italian airmen concerned in the
above theft each received 31 days detention in the Italian military
holding centre near Portofino.

[Signature]
Group Captain,
Commanding No 1 Base Area,
ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Copy to:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome.



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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.
To : Italian Air Ministry -
Attention : CAPT. BERARDUCCI.
Date : 30th April, 1946.
Ref. : AFSC/752/1/P.I.

THEFT OF WINDOWS AND DOORS FROM RAF/AVT SCHOOL - PALAZZINE
COTONIERE - NAPLES

The enclosed findings are forwarded for your information
and necessary action.

2. It is requested that you initiate disciplinary action against
the personnel concerned, and notify this Sub-Commission of the punish-
ment awarded.

A. G. SALFER, S/LDR. 6412
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
A.F.S.C.

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From :- Headquarters No 1 Base Area, R.A.F., C.M.F.
To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission Detachment, Naples.
Date :- 25th April 1946.
Ref :- 1BA/1331/17/P.1.

THEFT OF WINDOWS AND DOORS FROM R.A.F. E.V.T. SCHOOL,

PALAZZINE COTONIERE 29/30 March, 1946.

Enclosed herewith reports by Cpl. NOON, RAF Police and by No 670 Section Mobilitata C.C. R.R. into the theft from the above building which has been guarded by No 203 Italian Air Force Company.

2. It is requested that you initiate disciplinary action against the Italian Air Force Personnel concerned and notify this Headquarters of any punishments awarded.



for J. D. M. Waters J/c
Group Captain,
Commanding No 1 Base Area,
ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Copy to :-
Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome.
No 459 H.U., R.A.F. C.M.F.

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Certified True Copy. J. J. K. K. K.

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670 SECTION MOBILITATE CC.IR. FOR THE R. A.M. AUTICA
DETACHMENT CC.IR. ISPETTORATO R.A. BELLAVISTA -

No. 20 of the report

Bellavista 6th April 1946

Findings of investigation in respect of the following airmen:

- (1) CPL. BOTTIGLIERO ALFONSO son of late Antonio and of PANZA QUIETA born at Aversa (Naples) on 16/11/1922, and living in CRABONA Street, 90.
- (2) LAC. FALCONE CIRO son of Antonio and GALLO MARIA, born at Cava dei Tirreni (Salerno) on the 25/11/1922, living at 44, Corso Umberto I.
- (3) LAC. COSENTINO GIACOMO son of Raffaele and of Tondodonati Assunta, born at Meta di Sorrento (Naples) on 12.5.1922, and living at 20, Vico Cacace.

all belonging to 203 Detachment R.Aeronautica, Capodichino, guilty of theft in respect of 159 M.U. RAF. (Sect. 250 C.P.M.P.; 15-1250 P.M.G. and 110 C.P.C.)

and
in respect of the undermentioned civilian:

FRAGIELLO GENARO son of late Samuele and of Marrone Maria, born at Doganella (Naples) on 29.5.1920, living at 16 S.Maria del Pianto Street, responsible for having bought and kept military material (sect. 166 C.P.M.P.)

- To H.Q. Ispettorato of Detachments R.Aeronautica
- To H.Q. 203 Detachment R.Aeronautica Capodichino
- To the Royal Pretura Unificata of and for information
- To the Royal Procuratore del Regno presso il Tribunale Militare Territoriale di Guerra di
- To H.Q. 159 M.U. RAF. CMF.
- To H.Q. 670 Section Mobilitata CC.IR.

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POSILLIPO (NAPLES)

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On the 29th March, 1946 CPL. BOTTIGLIERO ALFONSO was detailed as guard commander at the abovementioned building together with two airmen named FALCONE CIRO and COSENTINO GIACOMO, in order to watch the material located there.

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In spite of orders received by their Commander, in the afternoon of 29th March, 1946, the abovementioned airmen, being the only personnel on the place, agreed to sell some doors and to divide among themselves the earnings. In fact from upstairs, without finding any obstacle, they carried downstairs 11 half-doors, valued Lire 6000 (and which were taken away from their frames in the abovementioned building) and were waiting for the first good opportunity of selling them.

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On the following morning, 30.3.46, FRAGIELLO GENUARO reported to them and bought the doors from LAC. COSENTINO GIACOMO and LAC. FALCONE CIRO at the price of Lire 1050, and carried them to his home, located at 16. St. Maria del Pianto street (Doganella).

As soon as I was informed of this occurrence, helped by R.A.F. Police of 159 M.U. R.A.F. C.M.F., I made a search at home of FRAGIELLO GENUARO and confiscated the doors, and handed them to the British Unit concerned. (See Enclosure No. 1)

CPL. BOTTIGLIERO ALFONSO, questioned about this matter, stated that, although he agreed with the two airmen, he was against the sale of the half-doors, and he succeeded in delaying the sale until the following morning. Furthermore he states the doors were sold during his absence, whilst he was washing his face at approx. 09.00 hrs. on 30.3.46. (See Enclosure No. 2)

LAC's COSENTINO and FALCONE agree in stating that there has been an agreement between them and CPL. BOTTIGLIERO about the sale of the stolen material to FRAGIELLO GENUARO for Lire 1050. (See Enclosures Nos. 3 and 4)

Fragiello GENUARO, knowing that the Police was seeking him, went away from his home and only on the 4th April 1946 he reported to me in order to make his statement, from which he appears to be guilty of having bought military material. (See enclosure No. 5)

The findings of my investigation are as follows:-

It is true the CPL. BOTTIGLIERO ALFONSO abandoned the idea of selling the doors, but only for the 29th March 1946, because the following morning, although the two airmen sold the doors during his absence (while he was washing his face), he accepted from them Lire 350, which is 1/3 of the total amount of the sale. and is therefore considered as guilty as the other two, in view of his silent complicity.

We consider that the provisions of Sect. 230 C.P.M.P.; 15-125 C.P.M.C. and 110 C.P.C. apply to this case in respect of the three airmen and Sect. 166 C.P.M.P. in respect of FRAGIELLO GENUARO. 6409

Copies of this report are forwarded for information to the H.Q. 159 M.U. R.A.F. C.M.F. CAPODICHIENO and to H.Q. 670 Section Mobilitata CC.RR. POSILLIPO.

Il Brigadiere i/c of Detachment
Stanislao Trofa.

The above findings have been translated from Italian by me; this is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(SGD) GIUSEPPE NAPPI.

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Clerk Supervisor
Orderly Room 159 M.U.

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Certified True Copy. Stanislas

Enclosure 1

Report on a search made at 10.00 hrs on 2nd April 1946 in the house of FRAGIELLO GENARO son of late Samuele and of MAFFIONE Maria, born in Naples on 29.5.1920, living at 16, St. Maria del Pianto Street (DO-GARELLA).

On the 2nd April 1946, at 12.00 hrs. in the Office of CC.RR. Detachment, Bellavista, we the undersigned Brigadiere Trofa Stanislas N.C.O. Commanding this Detachment and Carabinieri NOCCA CATALDO, belonging to the same, make the following statement:

At 10.00 hrs. on 2nd April 1946, suspecting that some material stolen from Palazzina Cotoniere (see report made on 6.4.46) was hidden in the house of FRAGIELLO GENARO, helped by R.A.M. Police of 159 M.U., we made a search in the house, witnessed by FRAGIELLO's wife and we found the whole of the stolen material, consisting of 11 half-doors.

The doors have been recognised as belonging to Palazzina Cotoniere, therefore we confiscated them and handed the same to the British Unit concerned.

Signed : NOCCA CATALDO CRE
Trofa Stanislas Brig.

The above report has been translated from Italian by me; this is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(SGD) GIUSEPPE MAPPI

Clerk Supervisor
Orderly Room 159 M.U.

6408

Certified True Copy, *John R. ...* E/O.

To :- The Commanding Officer, 159 H.U. Royal Air Force, M.E.

Subject:- Reported theft of twelve wood doors from the E.V.T. School
Palasine Cotoniere.

Sir,

I have to submit for your information the following report :-

At 09.30 hrs. on the 1/4/46 I was detailed to investigate the above theft. From information received these twelve wood doors had been removed by the Italian Guards on duty at the E.V.T. School from 12.00 hrs. on the 29/3/46 until 12.00 on the 30/3/46.

Accompanied by the Police Interpreter I proceeded to the E.V.T. School and after examining the building I discovered that twelve of the wood doors had been removed.

At 14.00 hrs. the same day I visited the Italian Force Air Marshall and explained to him that I wished to question the four Italian Guards who had been on duty at the E.V.T. School from 12.00 hours on the 29/3/46 until 12.00 on the 30/3/46.

I questioned three of these Italian Guards suspected of this theft, they were :

DOTTIGLIERI, Alfonso, CPL.
FALOGGE, Ciro, LAC.
COZZETTINO, Giacomo LAC.

I questioned these three Italians for a time, but I could not obtain any information. I then questioned the fourth member of the Guard :- DE CECILIA TEDELE, this Italian was the person who informed the Italian Marshall of what had occurred at the E.V.T. School.

He informed me that he believed he knew the place where the wood doors had been taken and gave me the location of this house.

We then made a statement which is attached.

Accompanied by the Police Interpreter and by the Italian Marshall and two members of the "Carabinieri" I visited this particular house adjacent to the E.V.T. School.

I made a thorough search of this building with negative result. I then searched the remainder of the building and workshops in the vicinity. *6467*

The last place I visited was a Cabinet maker Workshop and upon searching the place I discovered two doors identical as those reported stolen from the E.V.T. School.

The Italian to whom this workshop belonged informed me that he had bought the two doors recently from two men of the Italian Air Force for 300 lire.

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I confiscated the wood doors and brought them to the Main Guard Room.

At 10.00 hours. on the 2/4/46 accompanied by the Police Interpreter I visited the Guardian of the Palazzine Cotoniere where the S.V.T. School is situated.

He made a statement which is attached.

These three Italian airmen suspected of the theft have been taken to Carabinieri's Headquarters, Portici for investigation.

The Italian Marshall informed me that the outcome of this interrogation will be forwarded to the Commanding Officer, 159 M.U.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) R. MOON CPL. RAF POLICE. 159 M.U. 2-4-46.

J. B. Prichard E/C

BORELLI GRUPPE.

States :

and windows taken from the building.
I went to the place with three men

I told the Italian Communist in-charge beside the road and waiting to be loaded, aside the road and waiting to be loaded,

he liked. I said

he was already gone.

from the building and sold it.

Signed : BORGELLI GIUSEPPE.

I corroborate the above statement and find it correct.

Signed : GARGIULO GIUSEPPE.

Voluntary statement made to the R.A.F. Police of 159 A.U. from DE CECILIA REDELE.

States :

In the next morning at noon 7-30 hours on the 30-3-46 a chap went the corporal that it something would happen, I should say all the truth.

he did.

I could recognize the chap who bought the doors if I saw him. 6406

Signed : DE CECILIA FUEBLE.

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Certified true copy.....*J. B. Marshall*.....E/O.

To :- The Commanding Officer, No 159 H.U., R.A.F., C.M.F.

Subject :- The recovery of eleven wood doors previously reported stolen from the E.V.T. School, Palazzine Cotoniere.

At 1100 hours on the 3/4/46 the Italian Air Force Marshall arrived at the Main Guardroom.

He was accompanied by two members of the Carabinieri from Bellavista Police also one of the Italians who had admitted to the Carabinieri that he had taken part in removing the doors from the E.V.T. School and selling them to Flagiello Gennaro, via Santa Maria del Pianto, No 16 for the sum of 1,300 lire.

We visited this address and upon searching the premises I discovered eleven wood doors identical to those reported stolen from the E.V.T. school.

I confiscated the doors and had them brought to the Main Guardroom.

At 1030 hours on the 4/4/46 accompanied by the Police Interpreter two members of the Carabinieri, and the Italian Marshall I again visited this address to apprehend the Italian who bought the doors, but again he could not be found.

So the Italian Carabinieri took his wife away to Portici Police Headquarters and told her that she would wait there until her husband came.

The Italian Marshall informed me that he would let the Commanding Officer of 159 H.U. know what was going to happen in the future regarding this case.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

159 H.U.

R. NOON. CPL.

4/4/46.

R.A.F. POLICE.

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Enclosure No. 2

Statement by Cpl. DOMENICILIO ALFONSO, son of Antonio and of PANZA QUARTA, born at Aversa (Naples) on 16.11.1922, living at 90, Orabona Street, belonging to 203 Detachment R. Aeronautica, Capodichino.

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On 2nd April 1946, at 11.00 hrs. in the Office of CC.RR. Detachment. The accused, questioned by us, Brigadiere TROFA Stanislao, M.O.O. commanding the above detachment and Carabinieri Paolillo Antonio belonging to the same, states:-

On 29th March 1946 I was detailed as guard commander at Palazzina Cotoniere at Doganella (Naples). I was in charge of two airmen, LAC. Cosentino Giacomo and LAC. FALCONE Ciro. In the afternoon of 29th March 1946 the two airmen proposed to me if I would agree with them in selling some doors belonging to the Palazzina. I tried to dissuade them, pointing out to them that, doing so, they would have been charged for stealing.

The doors were carried from upstairs to the 1st floor as a precautionary measure against thefts, in view of the fact that the same building was accessible to some civilians who live in the immediate vicinity.

By my opposition I succeeded to withhold the sale until next morning 30.3.46.

At 08.30 hrs. on 30.3.46 a person named MAGLILLO GEMARO, whose nick-name is "ASSO DI COPPE" living at Doganella came to us to buy the doors, but I sent him away as I was responsible for the safeguard of all material existing in the building.

An hour later, while I was washing myself, the two airmen sold the doors and then gave to me Lire 350.

I have nothing else to add.

In faith

Signed : DOMENICILIO ALFONSO

Witnesses: PAULILLO ANTONIO Ore.
Trofa Stanislao Brig.

The above statement has been translated from Italian by me; this is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(Sgd) Giuseppe Nappi
Clerk Supervisor
Orderly Room 159 M.U.

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Enclosure No 3

670 Section Mobilitata CC.RR. FOR THE R. AERONAUTICA
DETACHMENT CC.RR. ISPIRIMENTATO R.A. BRILLANTE.

Statement by LAC. COSMANTINO GIACOMO, son of Raffaele and of TORDONATI Assunta, born at Meta di Sorrento (Naples) on 12.5.1922, living at 20, Vico Casace, belonging to 203 Detachment R.Aeronautica, Capodichino.

On 2nd April 1946, at 11.30 hrs. in the Office of CC.RR. Detachment.

The accused, questioned by us, Brigadiere Trofa Stardislae, R.O.C. commanding the above detachment and Carabinieri Pacilla Antonio belonging to the same, states :-

On the 29th March 1946 I was detailed on guard with Cpl. BOTTIGLIERO Alfonso. I was on duty at Palazzina Cotoniere located at Doganella (Naples). My "Stand-to" was from 14.00 hrs. to 18.00 hrs. on the 29.3.46 and from 02.00 to 06.00 hrs. on the 30.3.46.

On the afternoon of 29.3.46 I agreed with Cpl. BOTTIGLIERO Alfonso and LAC. Valcore CIRC to sell some doors, after having removed them from their frames, in order to get some money, as we were completely without.

On the 3.3.46 LAC. VALCORE CIRC and myself went to FRAGIELLO Cennaro, whose nick-name is "ASSO DI CORRE" and arranged the sale of some doors for Lire 1050. which we divided in three parts.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed : COSMANTINO GIACOMO

Witnesses : PACILLA ANTONIO Cte.
Trofa Stardislae Brig.

The above statement has been translated from Italian by me; this is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(Signed) Giuseppe Napoli
Clerk Supervisor,
Orderly Room 155 M.U.

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Enclosure No 4.

670 SECTION MONTICATA CC.RR. FOR THE R. AERONAUTICA
DETACHMENT CC.RR. ISERNORARO R.A. BELLAVERIA.

Statement by Felice Ciro, son of ANTONIO and of CALIO MARIA, born at
CAVA DEI TIRRENI (Salerno) on 25.11.1922, living at 44, Corso Umberto
I, belonging to 203 Detachment R. Aeronautica, Capodichino.

On 2nd April 1946, at 10.00 hrs. in the Office of CC.RR. Detachment.

The accused, questioned by us, Brigadiere NICOLA STANISLAW, N.C.O.,
commanding the above mentioned detachment, and Car. PAOLILLA Antonio
belonging to the same detachment, states :-

On the 30th March 1946 I was detailed for guard duties with Cpl.
BOTTIGLIERO ALFONSO.

I was on duty at Palazzina Cotomiere located at Doganella (Naples)
My "Stand-to" was from 18.00 hrs. to 22.00 hrs. on 29.3.46 and from
06.00 hrs. to 10.00 hrs. on 30.3.46

On the afternoon of 29.3.46 I agreed with Cpl. BOTTIGLIERO ALFONSO
and LAG. COSENTINO Giacomo to sell some doors, in order to get some
money. We removed the doors from their frames and carried them outside.

On the 30th April 1946 LAG. COSENTINO Giacomo and myself went to see
FRACIPELO Genaro, whose nick-name is 4330 DI COPPE, living at Doganella
and we arranged the sale of 11 half-doors for lire 1050, which were
divided in three parts of lire 350 for each of us.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed : FELICE CIRO
Witnesses : Cpl. PAOLILLA Antonio
Brig. STANISLAW TROIA.

The above statement has been translated from Italian by me : this
is a true translation to the best of my ability.

(SG3) GIUSEPPE NAPPI.
Clerk Supervisor,
Orderly Room, 159 M.N.

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Certified True Copy. William A. Smith

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Enclosure No 5.

670 SECTION MOBILITATE FOR THE R. ARMADA NAUTICA.
DETACHMENT CC.RR. ISPETTORATO R.A. BELLAVISTA.

Statement by FRAGIELLO Gennaro son of late Samuele and of MARION Marie,
born on 29.5.1920 in Naples, living at Doganella, 16 St. Maria del
Pianto Street.

On 4th April 1946 in the Office of CC.RR. Detachment, at 14.00 hrs.

The accused, questioned by us Brig. TROTA STANISLAW, N.O.O. i/c of
the above mentioned detachment, and Cxe. NOCOA Cataldo, belonging to
the same detachment, states :-

At approximately 09.00 hrs. on 30.3.1946, while passing near Palazzo
CONCURRE I was given the opportunity of buying from the two Italian
airmen on guard there 11 half-doors for Lire 1050.

I bought these to use them for fire-wood.

I have nothing else to add.

Signed : FRAGIELLO GENNARO

Witnessed: NOCOA CATALDO Cxe.
TROTA STANISLAW Brig.

The above statement has been translated from Italian by me ; this is
a true translation to the best of my ability.

Signed Giuseppe Mappi
Clerk Supervisor,
No 159 M.V. MAR. COM.

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FROM: AIR VICE-MARSHAL I.E. BRODIE, CBE.

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

AFSC/752/1/P1.

15th March, 1946.

Dear

I forward herewith a copy of a confidential letter from the Italian Chief of Air Staff to me concerning an incident which took place at your Station on the 6th March. I propose taking no further action and this letter does not seem to call for a reply from you.

Yours

Wing Commander Glover,
R.A.F. Station,
Elmas,
Sardinia.

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FROM : I.A.F. "STATO MAGGIORE", ROME.
TO : AIR FORCE SUB.COMMISSION, A.C., ROME.
DATE : 8TH MARCH 1946.
REF. : 005293/933 COLL.

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INCIDENT OCCURRED ON ELMAS AIRPORT.

I enclose herewith for your information copy of a report addressed to me personally on the 28th February 1946 by the Carabinieri Commandant, Italian Air Ministry, relating to the incident which occurred on the 6th February 1946 on Elmas Airport (Cagliari), regarding W/CDR. CLOVER, British Commanding Officer of the airport.

The Italian Commanding Officer, Elmas Airport, as instructed by the Allied Command on the Airport, gave, in turn, instructions whereby all personnel were strictly forbidden to cross over the Camp's perimeter wire.

W/CDR. CLOVER's indignance caused by the guard's (Aviere Secchi) challenge not to walk beyond the Camp's perimeter, is therefore unjustified by the fact that the Guard's foremost duty is, as you are aware, to carry out the orders issued to him and ascertain that these are at all costs obeyed by everyone.

Although the incident was not met with further repercussions and the relations between the British and Italian Commanding Officers have been normally resumed, we shall be very pleased if you kindly inform the Allied Command in question that the Italian Guard did not commit an infraction and that similar cases should not be repeated in the future.



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CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF.

(GEN. M. AIMONE - CAT.)

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ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
COMANDO RABINIERI REALI

PERSONAL AND RESTRICTED MEMORANDUM
N.11 S. to H.E. THE CHIEF OF STAFF - HEADQUARTERS

On the 6th March 46, at about 16,30 hrs., in Ilmas Air Field (Cagliari), the airman SECOCHI Costantino was on guard near the wire fence of the airfield, when he saw along the section "Ala Littoria" three British Officers coming from the airfield and going that way to go out from the airfield itself. As the special order given by the British Command of the airfield was not to let anybody go out through the wire-fence which is not a regular way out, SECOCHI approached the above-mentioned officers trying to make them understand that they could not pass over. But the officers, speaking in English, continued to go further followed, at a certain distance, by the airman, who thought they wanted to visit the place. As they arrived to the end of the wire-fence, where this reaches the pool, the airman understood they wanted to go out instead, and ordered them to come back. As, in the meantime, two of the officers had already passed the wire-fence limit without taking any notice of the sentry's order, the airman in order to have his special order obeyed loaded the rifle aiming at the officers, thus compelling them to come back. This caused the resentment of one of them, who was the Commandant of the British airfield, Col. CLOVER. According to the sentry's statement, Col. CLOVER, before leaving, repeated many times the word "comandante" and approached furious and threatening the airman, who aimed again his rifle at him. The incident ended and the three officers left, going towards the airfield.

The following morning, Col. CLOVER sent for Ten. Col. Enrico MARAMALDO DELLA MINERVA, the Italian Commandant of Ilmas airfield, complaining that the night before he had been "assaulted by an Italian airman armed with a rifle".

Ten. Col. MARAMALDO, who had already been informed about it, declared to Col. CLOVER that the airman had not committed any violation of regulations, as he strictly complied with the order not to let anybody to pass through the wire-fence. Besides, Col. MARAMALDO pointed out that nobody - according to the Italian regulation - can force the special order given to a sentinel.

Ten. Col. MARAMALDO explained also to the British Commandant that according to our regulations the sentry receives orders only from the N.C.O. in charge of the sentinels, and that in compiling the regulations they bore in mind the fact that the private is often an uneducated individual, who has to be given precise and peremptory orders, and not discretionary ones.

The British Colonel accepted the above explanations, and stated that he did not intend to bring the incident any further, but it had

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Ten. Col. MARAMALDO, before taking his leave of Col. CLOVER, was ordered by him to send all the other Italian officers of the airfield to his Office. When they reported, Col. CLOVER repeated to them what he had already stated to their Commandant, pointing out that he did not want to be stopped by anybody.

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At 11,30 hrs. on the same day, Col. CLOVER assembled in the square facing the house of the British HQ. all the personnel of the airfield, and, through an interpreter, he made the following statement :-

"I WAS THREATENED BY AN ITALIAN SENTINEL. I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT I AM IN CHARGE OF THIS AIRFIELD AND, AS SUCH, I CAN GO WHEREVER I WANT TO AND I MUST NOT BE STOPPED BY ANYBODY. I WAS TOLD THAT THAT ITALIAN AIRMAN WAS IGNORANT. I DO NOT BEAR IGNORANCE. I WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THE PRIVATE DID NOT KNOW ME. LOOK AT ME CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY SIMILAR INCIDENTS, OTHERWISE I WILL HAVE TO TAKE STRICT MEASURES."

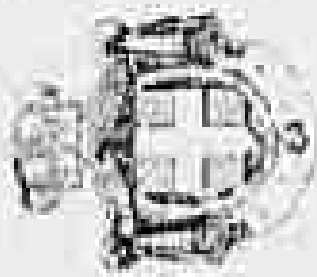
In fact, the above mentioned incident did not go any further, and the relations between the British Command and the Italian Command, as well as between the other ranks, continue to be normal.

(signed)

IL MAGGIORE COMANDANTE
Enrico PASSERINI

Translated by S. BINI.

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STATO MAGGIORE DELLA R. AERONAUTICA

Prot.n. 005203/933

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Roma, 11 - 8 MAR 1946

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ALL' A.F.S.C. / A.C. = ROMA =

(Tremite Ufficio di Collegamento)

OCCORRENZA: Incidente occorso sull'Aeroporto di Elmas.-

Trasmetto, per conoscenza, l'unita copia del pro-memoria indirizzatomi in data 28/2/1946 dal Comandante dei CC.RR. del Ministero dell'Aeronautica, relativo all'incidente occorso il giorno 6 Febbraio c.a. sull'Aeroporto di Elmas (Cagliari) al Comandante Inglese di quel Campo, Wing Commander CLOVER.-

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Il risentimento del Colonnello CLOVER, provocato dall'intimazione fattagli dall'Aviere SECCHI di non oltrepassare il limite della recinzione, non trova pertanto alcuna giustificazione se si tiene presente che dovere primo di ogni sentinella è, com'è noto, quello di osservare e fare osservare, a qualunque costo, la consegna ricevuta.-

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Generale di Squadra Aerea

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Generale di Squadra Aerea
(Mario AJMONTE-CAT)

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MINISTERO dell'AERONAUTICA

Comando Carabinieri Reali

PROVINCIA RISERVATO PERSONALE N. 11 S.

A S.E. il Capo di Stato Maggiore

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Il Ten.Col. MARAMALDO, che era già al corrente dell'accaduto, spiegò subito al Col. CLOVER che l'aviere non aveva commessa nessuna infrazione, in quanto si era attenuto alla consegna che aveva di non far passare nessuno dalla rete, e che nessuno - secondo il regolamento italiano - può forzare la consegna di una sentinella. -

Il Ten. Col. MARMALDO spiegava inoltre al Comandante Inglese, che per i nostri regolamenti la sentinella non prende ordine che dal capo-posto, e che il regolamento, nel sancire tale disposizione, ha tenuto presente che il soldato semplice è spesso un individuo di scarsa cultura al quale occorre dare ordini precisi e tassativi, e non discreszionali.

Il Col. Inglese prendeva atto di tali giustificazioni, e dichiarava che non intendeva **dare** altro seguito all'accaduto purchè il fatto non dovesse ripetersi perchè non voleva essere fermato altre volte. — Nell'occasione lamentava pure che i soldati italiani non lo salutavano, al che il Ten.Col. MARAMALDO rispondeva che ciò, molto probabilmente, dipendeva dal fatto che gli avieri avevano constatato come i soldati inglesi non salutano i loro superiori. —

Prima che il Ten.Col. MARAMAIO si accomiatasse dal Col. CLOVER, questi gli ordinava di far venire nel suo ufficio gli altri **639** **a-**
li italiani dell'aeroporto. - Allorquando questi ultimi gli furono pre-
sentati, il Col. CLOVER, ripeteva quanto in precedenza aveva già det-
to al loro Comandante, e ribadiva che non voleva essere fermato da nes-
suno. -

Alle ore 11,30 dello stesso giorno 7, il Col. CLOVER faceva adunare tutto il personale dell'aeroporto nel piazzale antistante la palazzina del Comando Inglese, e tramite l'interprete si esprimeva approssimativamente in questi termini.-

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• "SONO STATO MINACCIATO DA UNA SENTINELLA ITALIANA. FACCIO PRESENTE CHE IO SONO IL COMANDANTE DI QUESTO AEROPORTO ED HO LA FACOLTA' DI ANDARE DOVE RITENGO OPPORTUNO E NON DEVO ESSERE FERMATO DA NESSUNO.- MI E' STATO DETTO CHE QUEL SOLDATO ITALIANO E' IGNORANTE.- IO NON AMMETTO L'IGNORANZA.- MI E' STATO PURE DETTO CHE IL SOLDATO NON MI CONOSCEVA.- GUARDATEMI BENE IN MODO CHE NON SI RIPETA ALTRO FATTO DEL GENERE ALTRIMENTI SARO' COSTRETTO A PRENDERE SEVERI PROVVEDIMENTI".-

Quanto sopra riferito non ha avuto effettivamente altro seguito, e i rapporti tra il Comando Inglese ed Italiano dell'Aeroporto di Elmas, come fra le truppe, continuano ad essere normali.-

IL MAGGIORE COMANDANTE
f/to Enrico PASSERINI



P. C. C.
UFFICIO DEL DETTATO

Cap. Passerini

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17.A

From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.
To : R.A.A.C. APO 794
Date : 29th January, 1946.
Ref. : AFSC/752/1/P.I.

DISCIPLINE: AVIERE LA POSTA ENRICO
" GRECO SALVATORE
" JELASI ANTONIO

Further to our letter dated 29th October, 1945, reference AFSC/752/1/P.I., and your 9AI dated 12th September.

2. Information has now been received that the above mentioned airmen have been put under arrest by the Rome Military Law Court and charged with "Cooperation in insubordination and violence."

A. G. Salter
A. G. SALTER, S/LDR.,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

Copy to: D.P.M. ROME
(FM/65/2271/7 Sept.45 refers).

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T R A N S L A T I O N

From : I.A.M. Direction Military Personnel and School.
To : A.F.S.C., A.C. ROME.
Date : 16th January, 1946.
Ref. : 3/1586/1DPM/252 Coll.

AIRMEN LA POSTA ENRICO - JELASI ANTONIO - GRECO SALVATORE
AGGRESSION ON SGT. HARRJ VENABLES

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Further to our letter 3/25397/1 dpm, dtd 20 October, 1945, it
is informed that the above-mentioned personnel have been put under arrest,
by the Rome Military Law Court, charged with "cooperation in insubordination
and violence".

THE DIRECTOR
(GEN. AGNESI)

Translated by Maria Teresa.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.
To : R.A.A.C. - APO 794, U.S. ARMY.
Date : 29th October, 1945.
Ref. : AFSC/752/1/P.1.

DISCIPLINE - AVIERE LA POSTA,
" GRECO SALVATORE,
" JELASI ANTONIO.

In reply to your letter ref. 9A1, 12th Sept., information has been received that the a/pn airmen are being brought before the Military Tribunal at Rome for trial.

2. Further news of action taken will be forwarded in due course.

F. L. BRAIDMAN, S/LDR.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Copy to DPM - Rome
(FM/65/2271/ 7 Sept.45 refers).

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From : Italian Air Ministry
To : A.F.S.O., Rome
Date : 20th October 1945
Ref : 3/25397/5775/Coll.

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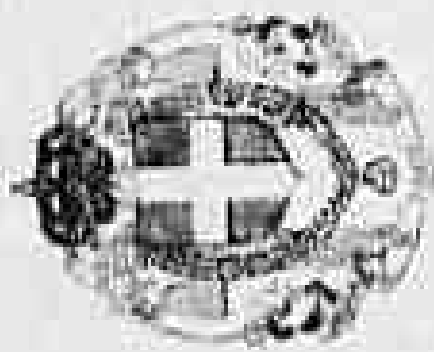
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AVIARI LA PORTA B. - JELACI A. - GRECO S.

With reference to your letter AFSC/752/1/ dated 15.9.45 we inform you that the above mentioned service men guilty for having assaulted the British Sergeant Harry Venebles, have been brought to face the Military Territorial Tribunal at Rome.

The Director,
Gen. A. Agnesi .





X DIREZIONE AVIAZIONE CIVILE
X COORDINAMENTO AEREO

Direzione del Personale militare;

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OCCETTO: AVIARI LA PORTA MARCO - JELASI ANTONIO -

GRECO SALVATORE -

MAPO

15.9.45 ΔFSC/752/ΔF

In riscontro al foglio sopracitato, si comunica che i militari in oggetto, resisi responsabili di azione nei confronti del Sargente britannico Harry Venables, sono stati denunziati, in data 7 ottobre c.e. al Tribunale Militare Territoriale di Roma. -

IL DIRETTORE
(Generale B. A. A. Anesi)

Wm. L. G. L.

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, Headquarters MEDME, Caserta.

To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, NAPLES.

Date:- 5th October, 1945.

Ref :- MEDME/4233/ALS.

No. 22 Italian R.A.F. Company - Marcianise

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the report made on the above Company by Flight Lieutenant TOWELL, Italian Liaison Officer of Air Headquarters, Royal Air Force, Italy, consequent upon his inspection on 28th September, 1945.

2. You are requested to instruct the Italian Headquarters, Naples, to detail a responsible officer to carry out an immediate investigation of the conditions at present prevailing on this camp, as detailed in the attached report, and the Italian authorities are to give assurance that the Officer Commanding the Company is fully aware of his responsibilities; he is to ensure that an improvement will be effected forthwith.

3. An inspecting officer from this Headquarters will visit this Company in the very near future to see that this improvement has been made.

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(B. E. de Lough)
Flying Officer,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff, RAF/MEDME.

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Copies to : Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.
Air Headquarters ITALY.

(without report)

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*Noted - Ouf
Rome*



R E P O R T

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To:- THE OFFICER COMMANDING
200 PROVOST COMPANY,
C.M.POLICE.

Sir,

I have to report that at ROME on the 15th September 1945, about 1115 hrs, I was on duty, accompanied by L/Cpl. TULLETT - C.M.POLICE, in Via REGINA MARGHERITA, a built up area, where I saw a DODGE 3 ton truck WD No.4819844, which appeared to be exceeding the speed limit.

I followed this vehicle at an even distance for about 400 yards, during which time my speedometer registered from 35 mph (minimum) to 40 mph (maximum). The maximum permitted speed for this type of vehicle and road is 25 mph.

I overtook and stopped the driver and pointed out the offence to him. I obtained his particulars as follows:-

ARCARI GIOVANNI,
AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION,
M.T. COLUMN, ROME,

told him he would be reported and allowed him to proceed.

ROME
15th September 1945

*Forwarded to
A de M per action 20/9/45*

W. Newell
200 Provost Company.
(W. NEWELL).

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.
To : Italian Air Ministry.
Date : 15th September, 1945.
Ref. : AFSC/752/1/P.1.

DISCIPLINE - I.A.F. PERSONNEL

Attached herewith copy of report received from Rome Area Allied Command relating to the assault of a British N.C.O.

The report itself is self-explanatory and it is requested that you carry out an immediate investigation and notify this office of the disciplinary action taken against the airmen concerned.

R. Cartner 0384
R. CARTNER, F/O.,
For Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to: Rome Area Allied Command (Ref. 9A1 12/9/45).
" " DPM (Ref. PM/65/2271 of 7/9/45).

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SUBJECT: Traffic Office.

Re PM/TS/2/2566

From : OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL
 ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
 Tel. 478813 - 478675-6

To:-

PM., U.S. Forces, RAAC.
 DPM., 3 District.
 DPM., RAF.
 DAPM.,
 G-1 (Br), HQ RAAC.
 Liaison Officer, A.C.
 HQ., A.C.
 Commandant French Forces HQ.
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 OC., Provost Coy.
 OC., Section SIB.
 Det Coy CMP (TC).
 Air Force Sub-Commission,
 HQ., A.C. (Italy).

Forwarded for:-

Information
 Necessary action, please
 Investigation & report
 Note and forward as indicated
 Perusal & return please
 Onward transmission
 REMARKS Attached report by L/Cpl.
 NEWELL - 200 Pro Coy, dated 15 Sep 45,
 in duplicate.

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Date 17 SEP 1945 Signature

Copy to:-

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

Ref:- 9A1
12 Sep 45

SUBJECT:- Discipline.

TO :- Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

Aviere LA POSTA
Aviere GRECO SALVATORE
Aviere ILLASI ANTONIO
All of 1st Stormo TRASPORTI - CENTOCELLE Aerodrome

1. The attached reports dated 26 and 27 Aug 45 by Lieut A.G. Dischoff, Int Corps, and statement by Sgt Variables are self explanatory.
2. It is requested that this matter be taken up with the Italian Authorities and that they be persuaded to take severe disciplinary action against the three airmen referred to above.

C. J. Beckwith
C. J. BECKWITH
Staff Captain
for Brigadier
Commander British Troops Rome

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Copy to:- DPM (ref your PM/65/2271 dated 7 Sep 45)

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S.S.D.I.C., C.M.E.
26 Aug 45STATEMENT OF ITALIAN INTERROGATIONS
IN CONNECTION WITH ATTACK ON SGT. VENABLES AND FRIEND
by Lieut A.C. BUCHONS, Inf Corps

1. At approx 0430 hours on 26 Aug 45, I was called by Capt Sanders, Movements Officer, 33DIB, CMF, to act as interpreter in connection with two Italian Air Force ORs' arrest by Sgt VENABLES. It transpired that Sgt VENABLES had been attacked in or near QUADRARO while in company of a ladyfriend, been separated from the latter, and hit on the head with a brick or some similar object. He had walked back to Camp to ask for assistance and returned to the vicinity of QUADRARO, where he had found the a/m two IAF ORs. He thought they had been among the three men who attacked him and his ladyfriend. Interrogated for nearly half-an-hour, the two IAF ORs stated that they had been to ROMB to the pictures and were returning to their CAMP at CINTOCCELLE when they noticed some slight disturbance in or near QUADRARO in which three men and a woman were involved. They carried on walking towards their Camp, when some time later they were challenged to halt, whereupon they put their hands up and were arrested by the Sgt (VENABLES). They swore that they knew nothing of an attack on a British Sgt and his ladyfriend. Sgt VENABLES admitted that he was not 100% sure that these two ORs were two of the three attackers of earlier on - approx 0030 hrs. The ranks and names of the two IAF ORs are Aviere di Governo GRICO Salvatore, and Aviere di Governo IMILASI Antonio. Both serve at IAF CINTOCCELLE Airdrome. They were released at approx 0600 hrs after Sgt VENABLES returned from a second search round the village of QUADRARO, I was NOT present when they were released.

2. At approx 0630 hrs on 26 Aug 45, I was again called out to intercept for Sgt VENABLES, this time having to interrogate his lady friend, whom he had apparently met on his third outing to QUADRARO. She was found near a tram stop, trying to get back to the DP Camp at CINE CINTA, where she lives. Her story tallied with that of Sgt VENABLES, and it amounted to this. At approx 0030 hrs 6381 lady, accompanied by Sgt VENABLES, was returning to CINE CINTA from the Cinema. A short distance from the Cinema they noticed three men going along the road, singing. As they came abreast of them, the three men turned on them and, while one tried to take the lady away, the other two tackled Sgt VENABLES, one in a

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into a field, where she was told quite plainly what was expected of her. This, on the grounds that she was known to "go" with English soldiers, to which she replied that this was not so, she having only one friend, who happened to be an English Sjt. The men took advantage of this woman, who was in a sorry state when I saw her. Asked if she could describe any of these men, the lady in question stated that she was not allowed to remove the black handkerchief from her eyes. She thought she had been taken to a field, because it felt as if she was walking on grass. The only thing she could remember was that when first accosted by the three men, two at least were what she called "militari" i.e. Italian service personnel, dressed in blue-grey material, which tallies with Sjt VIMARLES suspicion that they must have been IAF personnel, the third man wore a white shirt. All three spoke with a meridional accent.

(sgd) A. C. BISCHOFF, Lt.

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(sgt) A. G. BISCHOFF, Lt.

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J.S.D.L.C., O.M.S.
27 Aug 45STATEMENT OF IDENTIFICATION PARADE HELD AT CENOCENILE
AERODROME HQ 1st STORMO BRANCHMENT ITALIAN AIR FORCE

by Lieut A.C. BISCHOFF, Inf Corps

1. In view of fresh evidence submitted by Sjt VERABLES' lady-friend, sufficient clues were available to enable the IAF authorities at HQ 1st Stormo Presopoli, CENOCENILE Airdrome, to make enquiries which could lead to the discovery of the person or persons who were guilty of attack and assault on the night of 25-26 Aug 45. The lady had remembered that the man who took her away was called "Rico", which is short for Enrico, that he wore a white metal bracelet or ring, and that he had said he had been on duty from 4 to 1600 hours. The IAF officers co-operated very well and within 24 hours it was discovered that a man called LA POSTA Enrico, recently transferred to that unit from a Labour Coy, had in fact been on duty from 1600 hrs 25 Aug 45 to 1600 hrs 26 Aug 45, that he had slept out and that he was known as "Rico". While waiting for the identification parade to take place, the lady concerned recognised the man working outside the guard room, on the drome.
2. Identification parade took place in front of the CO IAF Lt Col RAINENC. The lady who had been attacked recognised LA POSTA Enrico and also IMILAI Antonio. The latter had actually, in company with GRECO Salvatore, been in company of LA POSTA, and they appear to have been responsible for the attack on Sjt VERABLES. The fact that they were detained in this unit's guard room from about 0430 hrs to about 0600 hrs on 26 Aug 45 apparently does not exempt them from having had any connection with the attack, the more so as the lady now states that "the other two men" who joined the original attacker (LA POSTA) need not necessarily have been the two who tackled the Sjt.

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" GRECO Salvatore, unknown,	" 1922

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SIA UNIT 09 4924402 SGT HARRY VERNABLES
SOUTH STAMPS att 05010, CMT

On the night of 15-26 Aug 45 at approx 0130 hrs, I, in company with Signore Antonietta Poggi, was walking along the High Street of Quadaro. We overtook three men who were walking arm in arm in the middle of the road singing in a loud and boisterous manner. As we reached them the centre one looked round and let out a cry. They then swung round on us and separated us. I asked what they wanted, but as I understand very little Italian, I cannot say what they replied, but there was quite a jumble of talk. I took the lady's arm, and we attempted to continue on our way, but they persisted in obstructing us. One asserted in a loud voice that he was an Italian soldier whilst another asked me what I was. I replied that I was English. The first one then made as if to attack me, but the smaller held him away saying that I was English and a good friend. He also told me in poor English not to worry. Meanwhile, the third man had hold of the lady's arm and appeared to be consoling her. I returned to them and endeavoured to lead the girl away, but the taller of the other two rushed at me once more and struck me on the left side of the jaw, removing quite a lot of skin. The small one again made a show of stopping him and once more tried to lead the girl away, but he rushed at me again and the one with the girl brushed my hand away. The taller of the others then gave me a push which sent me several feet from the girl. We rushed at me, and I caught hold of his wrist, but I let him go again, so that I could return to the girl who was still being held by the other man. The man attacking me then put his hand to his rear pocket and appeared to take something out. The lady then screamed out, "Attenzione, Harry. Coltello." Knowing that it meant a knife, I avoided the numerous blows he aimed at me, backing away all the time. Then I saw the third man leading the woman away from us. After some considerable ducking and dodging of blows, I was then pelted with bricks off the tramway by the same person who had struck me previously. I ran a little to dodge them. By this time the lady and the other man were at distance away and, hoping to get the lady away, I asked them what they wanted from me - money or cigarettes. The one who had attacked me demanded cigarettes, and I gave him all I had - nine in a packet - hoping it would pacify him. However, as he took them in one hand, he struck at me again with the other, but I

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peered the spot where I had last seen them I realized that I had to return. I stopped running and, looking back, I saw the other men walking about 30 to 40 yds away. Using the shadow cast by the moon, I entered a doorway, hoping they might pass by, but as they stopped outside. I waited a couple of minutes or so, but as they made no move I rushed out and was struck on the head by the same person who had struck me first. Managing to keep my feet, although very dazed, I ran down the street calling again the girl's name, pursued by the two men. Hearing and seeing nothing of the lady, I decided to go for help. I continued on to the Luce Camp where I procured a rifle and ammunition and returned accompanied by one of the Guard. On the way back I stopped a Pole and asked him if he had seen the three men or the lady. He replied no, so I asked him to return with us. He agreed. Further on we saw a Tramway repair tram and I asked the men if they had seen or heard anything. They said they had not, so we continued the whole length of the High Street to the Cinema. We then turned back, and we met two persons walking in the centre of the road carrying sticks. I called upon them to halt. One did so immediately, but the taller one continued walking. I followed him and he halted. I motioned him and told him to return the way he had come, but he remained still, so I fired a shot to convince him. He then rejoined the other and, as I had previously formed the opinion that they were the two who had attacked me, I demanded where the lady was. They pointed along the street and, further along, indicated a wooden building in a garden. I searched the place and found three women sleeping there who said that they had not seen a man and a woman. I took the two men back to my camp where they were interrogated by an Italian speaking officer. He told that they denied having any part in the affair, but said that they had seen three men and a woman together. I, with the Guard Commander at my Camp, took the two men back to the village in a truck and asked them to indicate where they had seen the persons. They didn't seem to know, so I sent them back to my Camp. The Guard Commander and I then made a search of the fields in the vicinity and made our way back to Camp on feet. There I asked if the woman had been there and was told no. I was told by an officer that it would not be advisable to detain the two men as they were Military Personnel. I then went to where the lady lived, and enquired if she was there. She was not, so I returned to my Camp and released the two men. This was at approximately 0500 hrs. I then had my head dressed and carrying a revolver, returned to the village to search once more. On arriving I saw the girl waiting at the tram-stop accompanied by a man. I drew the revolver and asked him if he was one of the

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(sgd) H. VANABLES, Sgt.
4924402

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

AFSC/752/1/P1.

6th April, 1945.

I have received a number of complaints from the American Unit which is still at Rome Littorio Airfield as to the Italian guards. They are reported to be extremely slovenly and can never be relied on to be at their posts. For instance, last night the guard on duty at the main gate was given some sort of stove by the Americans to keep himself warm. The hut caught fire and the flames attracted some American personnel who found that the guard was not there; he was subsequently found asleep in a ditch along the road.

2. I must point out how extremely badly this reflects on the discipline of the I.A.F., and what a bad opinion of them it gives to the Allies.

WB
W.A.D. BOWEN-BUSCAVET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

Colonel A. Remondino,
Italian Air Ministry,
Rome.

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

To: Italian Air Ministry,
Pensions Commission.

Date: 8th April, 1945.

Ref: AFSC/T/2/1/11.

7A BOCCA DI SANCO AIRFIELD.

1. A report has been received from Headquarters No. 3 District that Colonel SPERDINI, the Officer Commanding the above airfield, has complained that owing to lack of equipment, particularly of boots and clothing, the Italian Air Force personnel under his command are unable to perform their guard duties.

2. It is realised that the Italian Air Force is suffering from a general shortage of boots but it is requested that you will investigate this matter and will arrange for essential requirements to be issued to Colonel SPERDINI if possible from the next consignment received from Allied sources. In this connection it is pointed out that several thousand pairs of boots have recently been released to MUNIVAGGA.

A. E. KOWALSKI,
Wing Commander,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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SUBJECT: BOCCA DI FALCO Airfield

3 District

Air Force Sub Commission - ALCOM

Ext 8

112/G

204 Sub Area (your 9/11(G) of 27 Mar 45 refers) / Apr 45

1. It has been ruled by AFHQ that the responsibility for the Comd and security of BOCCA DI FLACO airfield, PALERMO, lies with the Italian Commanding Officer.
2. Comd 204 Sub Area recently visited PALERMO and interviewed Col SPENDINI who stated owing to lack of equipment, particularly boots and clothing, a number of his men were unable to perform gd duties. Comd 204 Sub Area further represents that reports have been received at his HQ concerning general inefficiency and slackness of Italian Air Force personnel when carrying out gd duties.
3. This info is fwd to you for whatever action you may think necessary in the circumstances.

s/l.
ORC



R. B. Spray

(R.B. SPRAY) Maj.
for Lt Col.
GS.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome.

To : HQ MAAF Allied Liaison Section.

Date : 24th March 1945

Ref. : AFSC/752/1/P.1;

CONFIDENTIAL

CAPTAIN BASUTO WILLIAM

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In response to your letter MAAF/4211/ALS of the 23rd February, a copy of it was sent to the Italian Air Ministry, Directorate of Personnel. on the 25th February.

2. A copy of a letter is enclosed, received today from Air Forces Sub Commission, Naples to I.A.F. Det. HQ, Naples - 6373 for your information.

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F.L. BRADSHAW S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

From : AFSC Naples

To : IAF Detachment H.Q. , Via Posillipo 223 Naples

Date : 20th March 1945

Ref. / AFSC/N/752/1.

CAPTAIN BASURTO WILLIAM

Reference to letter MAAT/4211/ALS dated 23rd February, addressed to AFSC Rome by the Allied Liaison Section, M.A.A.F., regarding the above I.A.F. officer, the undersigned took up the matter with Major Convoy and Captain Buck.

2. It appears that neither of these officers wish to see Capt. Basurto replaced, despite the fact that both officers are under the impression that the officer concerned does not give his full attention to matters that concerns him.

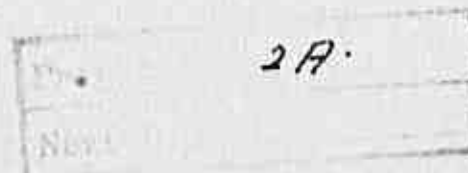
3. Now that the position and your wishes have been clearly explained to Capt. Basurto, we believe he will carry out his duties and give full satisfaction to everyone concerned.

4. We therefore request you not to make any changes in the present organisation.

W.L.Minter, W/C,
Air Vice Marshal
Air Officer Commanding

copy to : AFSC, Rome

translated by Cpl. Cumbo



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Al :- Comando Nucleo Aeronautica della Campania,
Via Posillipo, 223, NAPOLI.

Data :- 20 Marzo, 1945.

Rif :- AFSC/N/752/1.

CAPITANO BASURTO WILLIAM.



1. In riferimento alla lettera MAAF/4211/ALS, in data 23 febbraio, indirizzata alla Sotto-Commissione per l'Aeronautica in Roma dalla Sezione Alleata di Colloquio del Quartier Generale delle Forze Aeree Alleate nel Mediterraneo, nei riguardi del suddetto Ufficiale della Regia Aeronautica Italiana, lo scrivente ha trattato la questione sia con il Maggiore Convey che con il Capitano Buck.

2. Sembra che nessuno di questi Ufficiali desideri che il Capitano Basurto sia sostituito, pur tuttavia essi hanno l'impressione che egli non ponga sufficiente attenzione nelle questioni di loro interesse.

3. Ora che la situazione è stata chiaramente spiegata al Capitano Basurto e gli sono stati fatti presenti i loro desideri, si ritiene che egli adempirà i suoi doveri in modo da soddisfare pienamente tutti gli interessati.

4. Si richiede quindi che non abbia luogo alcun mutamento nella presente organizzazione.

W.L. Minter
(W.L. Minter)

Wing Commander,
per Air Vice-Marshal,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Copia Alla:-

Sotto-Commissione per l'Aeronautica,

ROMA.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome.
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 22nd March 1945
Ref. : AFSC/752/1/P.1.

MARANTONIO LARBERTO

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Enclosed herewith for information and necessary
action copy of letter Ref. ro/47/1381 dated 20th Mar 45
received from 201 Sub Area, together with attached report,
in respect of the above named.

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F.L. BRADSHAW S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

Copy to :
201 Sub Area.

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Subject:- Discipline Italian Military Personnel

20th Air Force
Pro 47/381
20 Mar 45

CC No 8 Coy Italian Aviation, No 3 Group

Re: MARANTONIO Lamberto

1. The attached report in respect of the above named is forwarded for your information.

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W. Gould
Capt.
DPM.
(R. H. Gould).

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry, Directorate of Personnel.
Date : 25th February 1945
Ref. : AFSC/752/1/P1

CAPITANO BASUTO

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Enclosed herewith for information and necessary action
copy of letter MAAF/4211/ALS dated 23rd February 1945, received
from Allied Liaison Section, HQ MAAF, in respect of the above
named I.A.F. Officer.

J. Walton
J. WALTON, S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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From: - Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. M.A.A.F., G.M.F.

To: - Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.

Date: - 23rd February, 1945.

Ref: - MAF/4211/ALS.

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

Italian Air Force Officers - Capitano BASUTO.

1. The attention of the Italian Air Ministry should be drawn to the unsatisfactory way in which the above named officer is performing his duties, as in recent months Capitano Basuto has proved unreliable in different ways.
2. Visits by officers of this Headquarters have been made to the Italian Air Force Detachment at Bella Vista, Portici, to discuss and arrange various administration details concerning I.A.F. personnel. It has been ~~found~~^{ascertained}, however, that Capitano Basuto cannot be found.
3. Headquarters 214 Group Liaison Officer reports that he, too, has difficulty in contacting the officer, and it frequently happens that an appointment with 214 Group Headquarters is broken on trivial excuses.
4. The impression held by this Section is that Capitano Basuto does not take enough interest in his work; he visualises difficulties that do not exist, and when problems do arise, little attempt is made to overcome them. He is culpably ignorant of many administrative matters and, finally, it is felt that he is not fulfilling his obligations towards the airmen under his control.
5. It is not suggested that Capitano Basuto is removed from office, but it is requested that strict supervision is exercised over his duties by a higher authority.
6. A letter from the Directorate of Personnel, followed by a visit by a senior officer, will, it is thought be of utmost value.

Conroy G.

(C. CONROY)
Squadron Leader, 6367
for Air Vice Marshal,
Chief of Staff/R.A.F. MEDIE.

Copy to 214 Group. (with 4/10/45)

