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COMPLAINTS BY IAF PERSONNEL
JAN. 1945 - OCT. 1946

Encl. 4.

Deputy Director.

Re 71 A. As it is uncertain as to what steps A.V.M. Brodie was going to take in this matter, it is forwarded for your information. I would suggest that the next step might be to send it to the Med. Allied Air Force Committee, Caserta, or to CG AAF/MTO for action.

J Bradshaw S/L. Org.

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Ref. our letter dated 31st July 1945 addressed to H.Q. U.S.A.A.F. A.L.S. 6631

The official correspondence and claim refered to is being held by Lgt. Lando pending reply from U.S.A.A.F.

Lgt. Lando.

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D.D. Re 41A. This complaint is cropping up again. Col. Baldridge was going to do something about it, but moved away first. This a U.S. Training unit, & the Training Officer is Col. Webb – 53. Perhaps a word on 471441 Ext 113. from you will do the trick. 27A was previous complaint

Thanks. S.

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Org I. Training has ceased, except that 5th Army is moving in some troops and may use the Area. Col Purington G-3 RTC (471441 x 13) is investigating and will forward a letter of explanation. Possibly we should have the buildings in question labeled as belonging to 13F.

Eighth D.D.

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AIR MINISTRY
Minister's Cabinet
Secretary's Office

Rome, 17th October 1946

FI/fa

Prot. N° 26728/3523 Coll.

to the : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
through the Liaison Office

ROME

SUBJECT : Motor collision of the Aviere di Governo SERRA Antonio of Efisio.

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We beg to submit to your attention the herewith enclosed report we received from the 4th Z.A.T. Command in Bari, referring to the collision suffered by the Aviere di governo SERRA of Efisio who was run down by an Allied military truck.

by order of
the CHIEF OF THE CABINET
signed:.....

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translated by M. COMPAGNONI

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AIRPORT "U.di SAVOIA" - BARI
COMMAND OFFICE

Military Airport
BARI, 27th September 1946

to the : COMMAND IV AIR TERRITORIAL ZONE
B A R I

Prot. Nº 448/V

SUBJECT : Motor collision of the Aviere di governo SERRA Antonio of Efisio and late LOI Filomena, born on 17th Jan.1923 at Osini (Nuoro). The accident took place on the 20/9/46 at 9,45 on the national road S.Spirito-Bari.

ATTN. : to the FUEL DEPOT of S.SPIRITO.-

From the inquiries carried out by the Comando of the Carabinieri and from the statements of the eye-witnesses who attended at the accident reported with tele Nº 2065/AL, dated 20 inst. of this Command, it results as follows:

" In the morning of the 20th inst. the Aviere di governp SERRA Antonio di Efisio,assigned to the Airport and on duty with the Fuel Depot of S.Spirito,was ordered to go to the Airport in order to have some pressing mail signed by the Airport Commander. After having executed the orders, the Aviere Serra, owing to the urgency of his task and to the want of vehicles from the Airport to the Depot, resolved to reach his Body by going on foot over the national road Bari-Foggia. As he arrived at the spot where there is the English Rest Camp, situated on the above road,he stopped on the pavement with the aim of waiting for a motor-car and hoping to be driven to his Body at S.Spirito.
In the meanwhile an allied military truck, number plate B 12,was travelling from S.Spirito to Bari and ran at the high speed of 60/70 Kms per hr. Its wheels grazed the right border of the road. The vehicle on overstepping the Aviere Serra, who had remained on the pavement,did not displace itself towards the centre of the road and with the front part of its body,which remarkably jutted out, ran down the aviere.
After the accident, the driver,was repeatedly intimated to stop by two Carabinieri who were at a short distance from the aviere Serra, but he pretended not to hear and increased the speed of his vehicle.The two Carabinieri were not able to recognize the nationality of the driver because of the speed of the vehicle,

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but they succeeded in getting the number plate (B 12).)
The Carabinieri immediately helped the Aviere and by a motor car of the A.M. they could take him at once to the Airport's Dispensary, which is the nearest place and where the aviere had the first aids. Afterwards he was urgently transported to the Military Hospital of Bari.
The Aviere was examined by the Director of the Sanitary Service who noted as follows:

1.) - A lacerated and contused wound, 10 cm. long, covering all the soft flesh, in an arc-shape with its curve upwards, starting from the frontal region (roots of the nose) and passing through the superior part of the parietal suture. It reaches the right ear-lap.
2.) - A lacerated and contused wound 2 cms. long, covering almost the thickness of the central part of the upper lip.
3.) - A hard contusion and multiple excoriations on the face.
4.) - Hard and excoriated contusions on the nose which is hoedematous.
5.) - The loss of the first inferior right incisor with resentment of the other incisors, both superior and inferior.
6.) - A right radium-carpalis distorsion with the probable fracture of some small bones.
7.) - A hard contusion and multiple excoriations on the superior limbs.

The aforesaid injuries are to be considered as curable within a 30 days period, safe complications.

We beg to submit to your attention the fact that the driver could avoid the accident because the spot wherein it took place is 7 mts. wide and at that moment it was completely free; therefore the driver could displace his truck towards the centre of the road. This manoeuvre was very easy owing to the width of the road (7 mts.) and becaus the road itself is rectilinear.

for the AIRPORT COMMANDER t.a.
sign. (Capt. A.A.r.s. A.MANGANELLI)

P.....C.....C.
the CHIEF OF THE DISCIPL.OFFICE
(Capt. A.A.r.s. - R.BENINATO)

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MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

ENG. 96M

Roma, 17 OTT. 1946

FI/fa Segreteria

Prot. N. 26728/3523 Coll.

ALL'AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION
(tramite Ufficio Collegamento)
ROMA

OGGETTO: Investimento automobilistico Aviere Governo SERRA Atonio di Efisio.

Si trasmette, per opportuna conoscenza, l'unita relazione, pervenuta dal Comando 4^ Z.A.T. di Bari, in merito all'avvenuto investimento, da parte di un automezzo alleato, dell'Aviere SERRA Antonio di Efisio.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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AEROPORTO "U. di SAVOIA"- BARI
UFFICIO COMANDO

Aeporto Militare Bari li, 27 Settembre 1946

AL COMANDO DELLA IV^ ZONA AEREA TERRITORIALE
= B A R I =

Prot.N°446/V.

OGGETTO: Investimento automobilistico aviere di governo SERRA Antonio di Efisio e fu LOI Filomena, nato il 17 Gennaio 1923 a Osini (Nuoro) avvenuto il 20/9/46 alle ore 9,45 sulla strada nazionale S.Spirito-Bari.-

e per conoscenza :

AL DEPOSITO CARBURANTI S.SPIRITO.-

Da indagini esperite dal locale Comando dei Carabinieri e da dichiarazioni rilasciate da testimoni oculari è risultato quanto segue in merito all'investimento automobilistico di cui al tele n° 2065/AL del 20 corrente di questo Comando:

" Il mattino del giorno 20 corrente l'aviere di governo SERRA Antonio di Efisio, in forza a questo Aeroporto ed in servizio presso il Deposito Carburanti S.Spirito fu comandato dal Capitano RUGGIERO Alfredo, Direttore di quel Deposito, di venire in Aeroporto per far firmare della posta urgente al Comandante dell'Aeroporto.-

Dopo esplicato il servizio, l'aviere SERRA, dato l'urgenza del servizio e l'indisponibilità di automezzi che si recavano al Deposito, decise di raggiungere il proprio Reparto a piedi percorrendo la via nazionale Bari-Foggia.

Giunto all'altezza de Rest-Camp Inglese, situato su detta via, si fermo' sul marciapiedi in attesa che qualche macchina lo trasportasse al suo Reparto a S.Spirito.-

Nel frattempo transito', proveniente da S.Spirito e diretta a Bari, un autocarro alleato targato B.12 che procedeva a forte andatura(da 60 ai 70 Km), sfiorando con le ruote il limite destro della strada.- Nell'oltrepassare l'aviere SERRA, che rimaneva sul marciapiedi, l'automezzo non si sposto' verso il centro della strada, con la parte anteriore del cassone, che sporgeva notevolmente, investì l'aviere buttandolo a terra.-

Dopo l'incidente, l'autista, intimato a fermarsi ripetutamente da due carabinieri che si trovavano sulla strada a poca distanza dall'aviere SERRA,finse di non capire ed aumentò la velocità.- I due carabinieri non poterono constatare la nazionalità dell'autista a causa della velocità dell'automezzo, ma riuscirono a prendere il numero di targa(B.12).- I carabinieri soccorsero immediatamente l'aviere e fermarono una macchina dell'A.M. sulla quale caricarono il ferito e fu trasportato immediatamente all'infermeria di questo Aeroporto, posto più vicino, per le prime cure e poi trasportato di urgenza all'Ospedale Militare di Bari.-

Visitato dal Dirigente il Servizio Sanitario gli Ha riscontrato:

1°)-Ferita lacera contusa lunga Cm. 10 interessante tutti i tessuti molli, di

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UFFICIO COMANDO

AL COMANDO DELLA IV^ ZONA AEREA TERRITORIALE
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2°)-Altra ferita lacero contusa lunga cm. 2 interessante quasi tutto lo spes-

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sore della parte centrale del labbro superiore;
3°)-Forte contusione ed escoriazioni multiple al viso;
4°)-Forte contusione escoriate al naso che si presenta edematoso;
5°)-Perdita del primo incisivo inferiore destro con risentimento degli altri incisivi, sia superiori che inferiori;
6°)-Distorsione radio-carpita destra con probabile frattura di qualche ossicino.
7°)-Forte contusione ed escoriazioni multiple agli arti superiori.-

Dette lesioni si ritengono guaribili entro trenta giorni salvo complicazioni:

Si fa presente che tale investimento poteva essere evitato perché nel punto ove avvenne, la strada era larga sette metri e in quel momento libera completamente, perciò l'autista poteva spostarsi tranquillamente verso il centro e tale manovra era facile, sia per la larghezza della strada(m.7) e perché rettilinea.-

per IL COMANDANTE DELL'AEROPORTO t.a.
F.to (Cap.A.A.r.s.A.MANCANELLI)

P.....C.....C.

IL CAPO UFFICIO DISCIPLINA
Cap.A.A.r.s.A.MANCANELLI)

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Following our telephonic conversation I am sending you an extract of the report received by the Cabinet

Dances are held every Friday for other ranks and on other days of the week for officers and N.C.O's on the premises of the ex-school of military warfare.

In these circumstances Allied soldiers accompanied by women of all classes use the entrance to the Ministry in the Viale Dell' Universite from 20.00 hours onwards.

The continuous circulation of cars with girl passengers on military premises arouses the curiosity of passers by and of the neighbourhood, and it has also been noticed that certain 'signorinas' station themselves outside the gates in the hope that they will be picked up, a hope which is always realised, and taken into the Ministry premises.

One assists, therefore, a spectacle which resembles a hybrid market and suscitates the disgust and provocation of private citizens and airmen towards the women with the danger that serious incidents may arise through Allied soldiers understanding our language.

This state of affairs taking place on premises with the traditional austerity common to military institutes such as the Ministry for Air is commented upon in public and reflects badly on the Italian Aeronautical authorities.

It is pointed out that Colonel Padua, commander of the administrative section of the school, has made several representatins to the local command but to no avail. His suggestion that another entrance in the Viale delle Scienza be used has been ignored.

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The unit which occupies the school is No. 3 - 11 Company L. of C. Sig., and the commanding officer Major Parry.

In the name of the Head of the Cabinet I ask you to refer this matter to the competent authorities.

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TRANSLATION.

MEMORANDUM FOR F/O. [redacted], P.A. TO AIR VICE MARSHAL PIOLI.

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RISERVATO

PROMEMORIA PER IL P/O U.S.A.A.F. BENEDICT PERSONAL ASSISTENT TO A.V.M. BRODIE =

Come da accordi telefonici, Le mando un estratto del rapporto pervenuto al Gabinetto del Ministro.

Nei locali dell'ex Scuola di Guerra Aerea, ogni venerdì per le truppe e in altri giorni della settamana per gli ufficiali e sottufficiali, hanno luogo dei trattenimenti danzanti.

In tali circostanze, dalle ore 20 in poi, attraverso l'ingresso al Ministero di Viale dell'Università, accedonoai luogo di ritrovo soldati alleati in compagnie di donne di ogni condizione sociale.

Il continuo passeggio di macchine con a bordo ragazze, raccolte un po' dovunque, e l'affluenza di numerose coppie in un ambiente militare, desta la curiosità dei passanti e dei vicinato e viene così anche notato l'indecoroso stazionamento nei pressi dell'ingresso anzidetto di molte "segnorine" che, ormai a conoscenza dei giorni stabiliti per i festini, con sfacciata opera di adescamento , riescono a farsi introdurre al Ministero da militari alleati isolati.

Si assiste così ad una specie di ibrido mercato, tale da suscitare il disgusto e da provocare talvolta da parte di cittadini e avieri apprezzamenti e motti all'indirizzo delle donne, con il pericolo di più gravi inconvenienti quando, come spesso avviene, i militari stranieri sono in grado di comprendere la nostra lingua.

Alla fine dei trattenimenti, solitamente dopo la mezzanotte, le ragazze sciamano per i viali del parco ministeriale e i carabinieri devono prodigarsi per sollecitare la loro uscita sulla via.

Tale stato di cose, per il contrasto che ne deriva con la tradizionale austerità di un istituto militare quale è il Ministero dell'Aeronautica, viene commentato in pubblico anche nei riflessi delle Autorità aeronautiche italiane.

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Il nome del Reparto che occupa la Scuola è :

R. 3^ - 11^ Comp. L. of C. Sig.

e il nome del Comandante è : Magg. PARKER.

A nome del Capo di Gabinetto La prego di voler interessare della cosa chi di competenza.

Colgo l'occasione per inviarle i miei più cordiali saluti.

Roma, 15/7/46

IL CAPO UFFICIO
(Ten. Col. A.A.F. Wilson-Walker Edwards)

W Edwards

MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO
COLLEGAMENTO CON L'A.C.

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

To: Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

Date: 13th. March, 1945

Ref: AFSC/752/2/E.1.

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COMPLAINTS REGARDING CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF GERMAN P.O.W.'s.

I am enclosing copies of letters of complaint on the above subject from the Italian Air Ministry.

2. In view of the gravity of the second sentiment where explosives were being provided to a possible subversive element it would be appreciated if this matter were taken up with A.F.H.Q.

D.H.G. SMITH, F/L.t.,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Director, A.F.S.C., A.C.C.,
ROME.

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From : R.A. Stato Maggiore.

To : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C., ROME.

Date : 7th March, 1946.

Ref. : 00634/Sg.N/930 Coll.

INCIDENTS CAUSED BY FREE CIRCULATION OF GERMAN PRISONERS

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We are forwarding for your information the attached copy of a letter sent to us by Comando Nucleo 2nd ZAT., regarding incidents occurred to Italian Airmen.

The above incidents, which occur pretty often, are due to the fact that the German Prisoners are not watched and enjoy the greatest freedom of circulation.

We ask you kindly to see that the concerned Authorities prevent the occurrence, in the future, of similar serious incidents.

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

Translated by S. BINI

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R E S T R I C T E D

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From : R.A. Comando Nucleo 2nd ZAT., Personnel Office

To : R.A. Stato Maggiore, Rome.

Date : 26th February, 1946.

Ref. : D/6.682.

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We have informed the A.F.S.C.- Padua Detach.- of the above. Anyhow, we think advisable to point out the opportunity for the Stato Maggiore to contact directly the competent Allied Authorities, in order to issue the necessary dispositions for preventing similar incidents caused by careless in watching the German prisoners.

The Commandant.
Signed Gen. B.A. F. RAFFAELLI

Translated by S. BINI

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STATO MAGGIORE DELLA R. AERONAUTICA

Prot.n. 00634/14 N./930 Coll. Roma,li 7 MAR 1946

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ALL'A.F.S.C. / A.C.
(tramite Ufficio di Collegamento)

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OGGETTO: Incidenti provocati dalla libera circolazione di prigionieri germanici.-

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
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Comando Nucleo 2ª Z.A.T.
Ufficio Personale
Sezione Disciplina

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RISERVATA

Prot.n.D/6.682

Padova, 26 Febbraio 1946

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE DELLA R.AERONAUTICA
Segreteria

= ROMA =

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Sono in corso i provvedimenti di legge da parte delle autorità competenti.-

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Questo Comando ha immediatamente interessato al riguardo l'AFSC.- Ufficio Collegamento Padova.- Tuttavia si ritiene doveroso prospettare l'opportunità di un eventualeintervento diretto di codesto Stato Maggiore presso le competenti Autorità Alleate, per la emanazione di disposizioni tendenti a eliminare le occasioni di incidenti derivanti dalla mancata sorveglianza dei prigionieri tedeschi.-

IL COMANDANTE
f/to: Gen. B.A. - F. RAFFAELLI

Cap. Fumi

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LOOSE MINUTE

20th December, 1945.

Re DELLA VALLE pension case. The office of Deputy Director, U.S. Claims Service, Italy has investigated the reasons for no payment having been made as yet.

Delay has been occasioned by two things:

1) The family has not submitted bills for funeral-expenses, although these have been requested of the family on two occasions.

2) The wife, mother and sister have all requested compensation where usually only one person asks aid. Where more than one request is entered, investigations must ascertain that relatives other than the wife were fully dependent on the deceased.

The Naples office has been instructed again to push this case to as rapid a conclusion as possible.

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B. M. SANSING,
MAJOR, AIR CORPS,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.

To : Signora Adele DELLA VALLE,
Corso 162 - CASERTA.

Date : 3rd December, 1945.

Ref. : AF3C/752/2/P.1.

1. Accusiamo ricezione del vostro telegramma e lettera del 30 Nov. 1945.

2. Dopo la vostra visita del 27 u.s. la pratica e' stata trasmessa a piu' alte autorita' competenti, ed e' stato accertato che il ritardo nello svolgimento di essa e' stato provocato dal gran numero di pratiche simili da essere aggiudicate, e non ad altre cause esterne.

3. In via non ufficiale vi comunichiamo che secondo quanto recentemente comunicatoci, la vostra pratica sara' portata ad una conclusione il piu' presto possibile, ovvero in circa tre o quattro settimane.

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

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S/Lt Bradshaw
Roma

Vi invio, come d'ac=
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Caporale americano nelle
cui mani si trova tutto
il carteggio riguardante
l'investimento mortale
del Maggiore pilota Della
Valle Vittorio:
Caporale Goldstein 6612
Via del Chiostro 9 - Napoli

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS CMF

Claims Commission and Hirings Directorate (Br)

Air Officer Commanding
Air Forces Sub-Commission
A.C. ROME

Ref: 49/41216/44/A

Date: 20 Nov 45.

Subject:- Traffic Accident - Capt Annetta A.
File 49/41216/44/A

Reference your AFSC/752/2/P.I. dated 29th Oct 1945.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dispatched by this HQ to the Italian Air Ministry, which is self explanatory.

(C.J. MacMahon)
Major,
for Brigadier,
V.P.C.C. and D. of Hgs.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS CMF

Claims Commission and Wirings Directorate (Br)

Ministero dell'Aeronautica
Via XX Settembre
ROMA

Ref: 49/41216/44/A

Date 20 Nov 45.

Subject:- Traffic Accident - Capt Annetta A.
File 49/41216/44/A

Reference your 31481/5764/COL dated 23rd Oct 1945, addressed to Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.

1. The circumstances of the Traffic Accident in which Capt. Annetta received fatal injuries on the 18th Dec 1944 have been investigated by this Commission.

2. It has been established that no British personnel were involved in the accident, the military vehicle driver being Pvt. Lester W. Smith of the United States Forces.

3. The file has therefore been passed to the United States Claims Service who will investigate the matter as a claim against the United States Forces.

(Sgnd) J. MacMahon
(C.J. MacMahon)
Major,
for Brigadier,
V.P.C.C. and D. of Wks.

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From : Italian Air Ministry

To : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome.

Date : 31st October 1945

Ref : 5905 Coll.

CARS PROPERTY OF THE TEN. COL. A.A.R.N. PILOT CUOMO U.

The Lt; CoL; A.A.r.n. Pilot CUOMO UBALDO, prisoner of war of Germans, from the 9th September 1943 to the 15th August 1945, heve informed this Office with the following:

" During his absence from Italy, the German took away his car FIAT 508C., engine 221144, chassis 220451 and that of his wife FIAT 508C. Berlina able to be transformed, engine 248552, chassis 244219 from the respective garages situated in Vicenza and Padua.

" The Ten. Co. CUOMO is now living in Vicenza - Piazzale Roma."

Will the Sub Commission kindly inform this matter to the competent Office of the Allied Commission.

IL CAPO UFFICIO

Translated by B.Bevacqua

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Ref. N° 57-A

Roma, 31 ottobre 19[illegible] Anno

Ministero dell'Aeronautica

UFFICIO DEL PERSONALE

Al l'A.M.G.O.T. - A.C.C.
- Sede -

Divisione Sez.
Prot. N° 5005 Coll. Allegati
Risposta al Foglio del
Div. Sez. N°

OGGETTO: Autovetture di proprietà del Ten.Col.A.A.r.n. Pilota [illegible] Ubaldo.-

Il Ten.Col.A.A.r.n.Pil. [illegible] Ubaldo, prigioniero di Guerra dei Tedeschi dal 8 Settembre 1943 al 15 agosto 1945, ha comunicato a questo Ufficio quanto segue:

" Durante la sua assenza dall'Italia le truppe tedesche asportavano la sua autovettura Fiat 5000., motore 221[illegible], telaio 220451 e quella di sua moglie Fiat 5000. Berlina trasformabile, motore 248552, telaio 211210, dai rispettivi garage siti in Vicenza e Padova.

" Il CUOMO attualmente risiede a Vicenza - Piazzale Roma".

Pregasi codesta Sottocommissione di voler gentilmente interessare della questione in oggetto il competente Ufficio della Commissione Alleata.-

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.

To : Italian Air Ministry.

Date : 6th November, 1945.

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.1.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL HELD IN YUGOSLAVIA

Reference your letters, 29648/5440/Coll, dated 4th October, 1945, and 20882/5608/Coll, dated 14 October, a request has been received from HQ, 13 Corps, in the Venezia Giulia Region, asking that information be furnished them as to the circumstances surrounding the release and return of MANUCCI Luigi, one of two I.A.F. men arrested by Yugoslav partisans on 16 July.

2. It is suggested that MANUCCI be interrogated, and a full report be furnished this Sub-Commission. It's believed that this information will aid the efforts to obtain the release of SIROTTICH Erminio.

B. M. SANSING,
MAJOR, AIR CORPS,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Subject:- Arrest of Italian Air Force Personnel.

HQ 13 Corps
5001/5/G
30 Oct 45

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HQ VENEZIA GIULIA Police (Security Div)

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Ref your AFSC/752/2 P1 dated 17 Oct fwd to this HQ by HQ VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force.

1. This matter has already been taken up with the JUGOSLAV Military Mission. No communication has been received from them to the effect that MANUCCI LUIZI has been returned and it would be of interest to this HQ to learn under what circumstances his return was effected. MANUCCI may well possess infm which would assist the JUGOSLAV Military Mission to trace SIROLTICH ERMINIO.

2. It would be appreciated if you would fwd all available infm.

Brigadier,
General Staff.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.

To : Claims and Wirings (Br), R.A.A.C.

Date : 29th October, 1945.

Ref. : AFSC/752/4/P.1.

LATE CAPT. S.F.E. ANNETTA A. I.A.F.

1. Enclosed is a copy letter from the Italian Air Ministry, dealing with the death of the a/n I.A.F. Officer.

2. The full report referred to in this letter, is being held at this office, and information is requested as to whether this case has been brought to your notice.

3. Any information you can give will be appreciated.

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

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From : Italian Air Ministry

To ; A.F.S.C.

Date : 23rd October 1945

Ref : 31481/5764/Coll.

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LATE CAPTAIN S.P.E. ANNETTA A.

CAR ACCIDENT

On the 18/12/44 the Captain of the Aeronautical Sanitary Corp S.P.E. Annetta Doctor Antonio was run over and killed by an Allied A.F. motorcar driven by an English military driver named Smeit.

2. The father of the said officer has made an application to the British Claims and Hirings Office at Bari and subsequently to the Office of Rome in order to obtain compensation, but without success.

3. As, it is obvious from the documents that the responsability of the accident lay with the British driver, your Sub Commission is kindly requested to take in consideration the request of doctor C. Annetta, father of the late Captain, and to take the necessary steps with the competent Allied Authorities, in order to obtain a compensation and subsidy for the officer's family.

4. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the report forwarded by Captain Annetta's father, from which it is possible to have the full details concerning the accident.

by order,
The Chief of Cabinet.

translated by J. Bevacqua.

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Ministero dell'Aeronautica

GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
SEGRETERIA

Prot. N. 31181 / 12611 Allegati 1

Ref.

Roma 23 OTT. 1945 19

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Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA - A. C. -
ROMA
(tramite Ufficio Collegamento)

Risposta al f. del
Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Compianto Capitano Medico C.S.A. in S.P.E. ANNETTA Antonio - investimento automobilistico.-

Il Capitano del Corpo Sanitario Aeronautico in S.P.E. ANNETTA Dr. Antonio, il 18/12/1944, veniva, in Bari, investito ed ucciso da un autoveicolo delle FF.AA. Alleate condotto da un autista militare inglese a nome SMEIT.-

2. Il padre del compianto Ufficiale ha avanzato istanze prima all'Ufficio British Clains And Hirings di Bari e successivamente a quello di Roma per ottenere un congruo indennizzo, ma esse non hanno avuto esito.-

3. Poiché allo stato degli atti risulta che la responsabilità dell'incidente debba ricadere sull'investitore, si prega vivamente codesta A.F.S.C. di prendere in benevola considerazione la richiesta del Dr. Giuseppe ANNETTA, padre del defunto Capitano, svolgendo il migliore possibile interessamento presso le competenti autorità Alleate, onde ottenere la elargizione di un adeguato sussidio a favore dei familiari dell'ufficiale.-

4. Si trasmette, in allegato, copia dell'esposto a suo tempo inviato dal padre del Capitano ANNETTA al precitato Ufficio Alleato di Roma, esposto dal quale è possibile dedurre ogni dettaglio sull'incidente di cui trattasi.=

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col.A.A.r.n.c. D. LUDOVICO)

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GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
SEGRETERIA

Prot. N. 31/181/Sgtt. Kdl. Allegati 1

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col.A.A.r.p. D. LUDOVICO)

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

To : AMG XIII Corps.

Date : 17th October, 1945.

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.1.

ARREST OF ITALIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL BY YUGOSLAV PARTISAN FORCES IN PULA AREA.

Further to our letter of 14 September, 1945, subject and reference as above, information has been received from the Italian Air Ministry that one man, Aviere Scelto Driver MANNUCCI Luigi, and the American vehicle have been freed.

2. However, the other Italian Air Force,man, Aviere di Governo SIRROTTICH Erminio, remains in custody of the partisan forces.

3. In view of the fact that this man has been held since 16 July, 1945, it is hoped that your Headquarters may be able to offer further assistance in this matter.

BMS

B. M. SANSING,
Major, Air Corps,
For AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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From : Italian Air Ministry

To : A.F.S.C., Rome

Date : 14th October 1945

Ref : 20882/5608/Coll

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ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL ARRESTED BY PARTISAN YUGOSLAV ARMED FORCES

Furhter to our letter 29648 dated 4th october 1945, forwarded for information also to your A.F.S.C., we point out that the Aviere di Governo Sirottich Erminio, who, together with Aviere Scelto Driver Mannucci Luigi, has been stopped by a partisan Yugoslav patrol, has not yet been liberated.

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2. You are requested to take consideration of the above, and especially of the request made by the writer with letter 26787 dated 11/9/45, on the subject "Motor car requisitioned and Italian Military personnel arrested by partisan Yugoslav Armed Forces."

The Chief of Cabinet,
Col. M. Porru.

tramslated by J. Bevacqua.

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MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
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Prot. N. 30882 /5608 Gab.

Roma, 14 OTT. 1945 1945 083 A

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
A.C.
(Tramite ufficio di Collegamento)
R O M A

Oggetto: Arresto di militari italiani da parte FF.AA. partigiane Jugoslave.-

A seguito del foglio n.29648 in data 4 ottobre 1945, inviato per conoscenza anche a codesta A.F.S.C., si fa presente che l'aviere di governo SIROTTICH Erminio, fermato, com'è noto, da una pattuglia di partigiani jugoslavi assieme all'aviere scelto autista MANNUCCI Luigi, non risulta sia stato liberato.

2 Per quanto sopra, si prega voler prendere di nuovo in considerazione, limitatamente alla questione che concerne il SIROTTICH, la richiesta formulata dallo scrivente con foglio n°2677 in data 11/9/1945 all'oggetto: "Sequestro di automezzo e arresto di militari italiani da parte di FF.AA. partigiane jugoslave.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO 6590

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Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

To : U.S. Claims Service, Regional Office I, APO 782, U.S. Army (Attn Capt. Quinn).

Date : 15th October, 1945.

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/T.1.

SUBJ: [illegible]

Inclosed herewith is a statement from the Italian Treasury Ministry, War Pension Branch, which you requested in our telephone conversation of 5 October, and which you indicated was necessary to expedite completion of the case involving the above-named Italian Officer. His case number, in your files, is No. 5109. This report indicates that one for the wife, but the mother and sister are not to be compensated by the Italian Government.

2. As indicated in our conversation, we are hoping that you will be able to assist in moving this case to a speedy conclusion, because of the completely destitute condition of the family, and because of the nature of the incident.

3. If possible, we would appreciate hearing of any future developments, in order to notify the Italian Air Ministry.

By Command of Brigadier General [illegible]:

BILLY M. [illegible],
Major, Air Corps,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

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FROM : I.A.MINISTRY

TO : COMANDO V GRUPPO AVIAZIONE, FOGGIA (INFO through A.F.S.C.)
DATE : 4/10/45
REF. : 29648/5440 COLL

REQUISITION OF M.T.AND ARREST OF ITALIAN SERVICEMEN BY MEMBERS OF THE YUGOSLAV PARTISAN FORCES.

and f.i.to: COMANDO IV ZONA AEREA TERRITORIALE BARI
DIREZ. PERSONALE MILITARE ROMA
COMANDO 3°ZONA AEREA TERRITORIALE ROMA

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Ref.our previous letters on the matter, you are informed that LAC MANNUCCI LUIGI driver, and the R.A. vehicle driven by him, stopped on the 16th July between Pola and Dignano by a patrol of yugoslav partisans, have been released and have returned to base.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
COL. M. PORRU

CENT. AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION H.Q. ALLIED COMM. 52/2/F1

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Roma, 24 OTT. 1945 19

Ministero dell'Aeronautica

GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
SEGRETERIA

Prot. N. 24 GAB/ Allegati Stato fatto

Al COMANDO V GRUPPO AVIAZIONE FOGGIA

e p.c. ALL'AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION (tramite Ufficio Collegamento) ROMA

(segu.fog.26787 dell'11.9.1945)

Risposta al f. del
Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Sequestro di automezzo ed arresto di militari italiani da parte di Forze armate partigiane jugoslave.

AL COMANDO IV ZONA AEREA TERRITORIALE BARI
ALLA DIREZIONE PERSONALE MILITARE ROMA
AL NUCLEO COMANDO 3ª ZONA AEREA TERRITORIALE ROMA

Con riferimento ai precedenti della pratica in oggetto, si comunica che l'aviere scelto autista MANNUCCI Luigi come l'automezzo della R.A. da lui condotto, fermato il 16 luglio fra Pola e Dignano da una pattuglia di partigiani jugoslavi, sono stati rilasciati ed hanno fatto ritorno in sede.

Il Nucleo Comando 3ª Z.A.T. è pregato di accertare se col MANNUCCI è stato rimesso in libertà anche l'aviere governo SIROTTCH Arbinio arrestato nelle stesse circostanze di tempo e di luogo.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
dr. Marsoni

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

To : Officer Commanding, Corps of Military Police, Falconara.

Date : 25th September, 1945.

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.1.

CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY

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The attached letter has been received from Capt. Orlandi of the Italian Air Force which shows that a suitcase, containing several items was confiscated.

2. This particular officer, the owner of the suitcase, enjoys our confidence, and he assures us that the items were in no way illegally carried. It is requested, therefore, that they be released.

F. L. BRADSHAW, S/LDR.,
For Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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To : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
attention of S/Ldr Bradshaw

Date: 24th September 1945

The under signed Captain S.A.r.i. in S.P.E. Arnaldi Emanuele, attached to the Baltimore Stormo wishes to inform you the following with a view to receiving your assistance in this matter.

On the 16th of the month he entrusted to Capt. Penna a suitcase, which the airman was to take to the family of the undersigned at Genova.

The train which the Corporal boarded followed the following route: Rome - Falconara - Bologna - Alessandria - Genova -

On reaching Falconara, he was stopped by M.P's and the suitcase confiscated. The Corporal protested and as a result of this was kept at Falconara for a day. According to a letter received from Genova, everything was done by word of mouth.

In view of the fact that the train left Rome on sunday the 16t September about 10 a.m. it is assumed that the incident took place e either on the night of the 16th - 17th or on the morning of the 17th September.

The suitcase contained:
- 1 vest
- 1 length of cloth
- 2 length of shit material
- 1 civilian raincoat
- 1 3 lb tin of coffee
- 3 Kg of sugar
- 2 tins of corned beef
- 2 tins of meat and vegetables
- 1 cake of soap

The rations from part of the undersigned officer's flying rations issued by the D.I.D. to the Italian Air Force and not used by him in order to send them to his old mother.

The suitcase was of brown cartboard.

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Thanking you, Yours

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Thanking you, yours

Cap. Emanuele Orlandi (sgd)

AIR FORCE SUB-COMMISSION ALLIED COMMISSION ORDERLY ROOM

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All.a Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione Aeronautica
ROMA

Il sottoscritto cap. f. A.r.i. in S.P.E.
ARNALDI Emanuele, in servizio presso lo
Stormo "Baltimore" si permette render
noto a codesta A.C. quanto segue
con la preghiera di volergli dare cortese
Il giorno 15 corrente col treno
1° Aiuto Penna una valigia che questo
medesimo, in quel momento si trovava in
Penna, aveva avuto affidata affinché
la stessa venisse consegnata
Arrivato al treno e Falconara
effettuò un cambio e ripartì
Penna la valigia [illegible]

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Stormo - Squadriglia
non a contatto A. C. avanti segue
con le migliori a voglia anni a seguire.

Il giorno 16 corrente ed il Sig. del
1° Aviere Penna una raccomandata
mittente, il cui nome si rimane in
Penna, aveva omesso di mettere in
precisi del Battaglione indicato appunto
in nome -

Il Sig. ne ci fece visto il
1° Av. Penna seguente, fine
nero Roma - Falconara - Bologna -
Milano - Roma -

Arrivato a Roma e Falconara
effettuò un cambio di vestiario
al 1° Av. Penna il quale omise
di questo fatto la relativa denuncia.

a Falconara - Inoltre comunicava
ed inviava quanto da Roma riferendo
che del fatto e del contenuto fu redatto
regolare verbale -

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In considerazione del fatto che il treno
partirà da Roma domani 16
corrente alle ore 10 a.m., il sottoscritto
si reca in detta città e la
dalla richiesta notte tra il
16 e il 17 ospiterà i militari del 17 -

La richiesta comprende:

1 maggiore
1 aiutante di sanità
2 " - tenenti per ciascuno
1 cappellano cattolico
1 medico di fanteria con la cassetta
2 " di sanità
2 " di sussistenza
1 capo di cucina

Questi ultimi giunti con furgone
a vapore da "Orani" obbligo di "volo"
successivamente forniti dalla R. A. e dal
comando del presidio - ci comunica
che nessun altro -

La richiesta era di carattere urgente
con ossequi -

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1 foglio di carta da
2 " " lettere per comunic
1 risma di carta da lettera
1 " " " " "
3 " di fiammiferi
2 buste di cotone bianco
2 " " " " " da cucito
1 copia di regolamento

Queste cose mi furono consegnate a ragione di "gran" obbligo di voto" mentre mi trovavo in carcere R. A. e da allora non ho più fatto -

Le predette cose mi furono consegnate con mano -

Ringrazio ed occorrendo

Roma, 24.9.45 -

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From : Italian Air Ministry
To : A.F.S.C., Rome
Date : 16th September 1945
Ref : 5125/Coll

Account of Lt. Col. Rocco D.

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Further to the letter 22061/45150/Coll. dated 24/7/44, from the I.A.F. Cabinet of Minister to the Claims Branch through your Sub Commission, we are awaiting for your kind reply.

Lt.Col. W. Adrower.

translated by J. Devecque.

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Ministero dell'Aeronautica

UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO

Roma, 15 Settembre 1945 *Anno*

All'A.F.S.C. - A.C.
= R O M A =

Divisione *Sez.*
Prot. N° 5125 *Allegati*

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. *Sez.* *N°*

OGGETTO: Aggressione Ten.Col. ROSCO Pietro.-

A seguito del foglio 22061/4150 Coll. del 24/7/44, indirizzato dal Gabinetto R.A. al Claims Branch per il tramite di codesta Sottocommissione, si rimane tuttora in attesa di un cortese riscontro.-

MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

To : U.S. Claims Service, Regional Office I, APO 782.

Date : 17th September, 1945.

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.1.

MAJ. PIL. DELLA VALLE VITTORIO - IAF.

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It is understood that the papers relating to the claims arising out of the death of the above-named Italian Officer were forwarded to you on 9th August last from Headquarters AAF/MTO under 1st Indorsement in accordance with MTOUSA Circular No. 126 para 2 a of 1944.

As we are now being pressed for a reply by the Italian Air Ministry may we be informed whether or not you are in a position to make any statement in the case.

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

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150 - Vittorio
HEADQUARTERS AAF/MTO, APO 650, U. S. Army

1st Ind. JAG/LSW/jef

NO SEP 1945

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TO: Allied Control Commission, Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

1. Your letter referred to in basic communication was forwarded by 1st Indorsement, this Headquarters, 9 August 1945, to U. S. Claims Service, Regional Office I, APO 782, pursuant to paragraph 2 a, Circular 126, MTOUSA, 1944.

2. It is suggested that such regional office of the U. S. Claims Service be interrogated directly as to the present status of the claim arising in connection with the death of Maj. Pil. Della Valle Vittorio of the IAF.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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C. O. BAIRD, JR.,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General

ALLIED COMMISSION
ORDERLY ROOM
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JAG/LSW/jef

150 - Vittorio
1st Ind.
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Adjutant General

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

To : Commanding General AAF/MTO.

Date : 4th September, 1945/mtc.

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

MAJ. PIL. DELLA VALLE VITTORIO - IAF. 62A

Referring to our letter of even reference dated 6th August last may we now be informed please whether or not you are in a position to make any statement re the claims arising in connection with the death of the above-named officer.

F. L. Bradshaw

F. L. BRADSHAW, S/LDR.,
For Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to Italian Air Ministry.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome

To : AMG XIII Corps.

Date : 14th September, 1945.

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.1.

ARREST OF ITALIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL BY YUGOSLAV PARTISAN FORCES IN POLA AREA

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It has been reported to this Sub-Commission by the Italian Air Ministry that on 16th July last two airmen SIROTTICH Erminio and MANNUCCI Luigi were arrested by Partisan Forces and taken to the prison at Pisino.

Any assistance you can give in the way of obtaining the release of these airmen would be very much appreciated by this Sub-Commission and in order to assist in any enquiries you may make , a copy of the original translation of the letter from the Italian Air Ministry is enclosed.

As the American authorities would appear to have already taken up the matter of the truck which was also taken you no doubt already have a record of the facts concerning the case.

R. Cartner

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

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FROM : I.A. MILITARY
TO : A.M.G.O.
DATE : 11/8/45
REF. : 26787/5055 CMIL

REQUISITIONING OF ITALIAN MILITARY MOTOR TRANSPORT AND ARRESTING OF ITALIAN PERSONNEL BY YUGOSLAV PARTISAN ARMED FORCES.

After having received regular authorisation from the American Command, the Command of the 43 Co. of the 5th Aviation Troop Pucela, sent an American vehicle Y 3122470, attached to the Co. to the North with Italian personnel going on leave.

On the 16th of July the a/m vehicle was travelling from Pola to Stegnano duly authorized by the Military Police (Pola) for trasporting airmen: SIROTTICH ERMINIO. A patrol of Yugoslav Partisans requisitioned the vehicle and arrested SIROTTICH ERMINIO and the driver of the vehicle Av.sc. MANUCCI LUIGI.

The vehicle was then escorted with the Jugoslav colours and the two airmen taken to the prison at PISINO .

The fact was then reported to the 21st ZBA FORZA for the recuperation of vehicle. In regards to the release of the 2 airmen we beg your Sub Comm. to inform the Commands concerned bringing to their notice the facts that they were in possession of permits for the vehicle and themselves.

An answer is kindly awaited.

IL CAPO GABINETTO
C.L.M.FORNI

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Roma, 11 SET. 1945 19

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GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
SEGRETERIA

Prot. N. 26787 / 5055 bell. Allegati

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA - A. C.
(tramite uff.collegamento)
ROMA

Risposta al f. del
Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Sequestro di automezzo e arresto di militari italiani da parte di Forze Armate Partigiane Jugoslave.=

e per conoscenza:

ALLA DIREZIONE PERSONALE MILITARE SCUOLE = SEDE
AL COMANDO 4^ Z.A.T.-uff.Disc. =BARI
(Rif.f.8703 del 1/9/45)

Il Comando della 43^ Compagnia del 5° Gruppo Aviazione di Foggia il 4 luglio 1945 faceva partire, dopo averne ricevuta regolare autorizzazione del Comando Americano, l'automezzo americano W 3122470, in dotazione alla Compagnia stessa, per trasportare al Nord militari italiani in licenza.

Il 10 luglio 1945 mentre l'autocarro, condotto dall'Aviere Scelto Autista MANNUCCI Luigi, si dirigeva da Pola a Dignano, con regolare lasciapassare del Comando Polizia Alleata della città di Pola, per accompagnare a Dignano l'Aviere di Governo SIROTTICH Erminio, una pattuglia di partigiani jugoslavi procedeva arbitrariamente al sequestro dell'automezzo e all'arresto dei due militari italiani che su esso si trovavano.

L'autocarro veniva poi verniciatp con i colori ed i distintivi in uso presso le Forze armate partigiane jugoslave ed i suddetti militari venivano tradotti alle Carceri di PISINO.

Del fatto è stato a suo tempo avvertito l'Ufficio di Collegamento 21 ST EAR di FOGGIA, per il recupero dell'automezzo.

Per quanto riguarda il rilascio da parte delle Autorità jugoslave dell'aviere scelto MANNUCCI Luigi e dell'aviere SIROTTICH Erminio, si prega vivamente codesta AFSC di voler interessare al riguardo le competenti Autorità, ponendo in rilievo il particolare che tanto l'automezzo quanto i militari viaggianti a bordo dello stesso erano in possesso di regolare autorizzazione

Si rimane in attesa di cortesi notizie al riguardo.

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Prot. N. 26787/Segr. bell.

Risposta al f.° del
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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

To : Secretariat, Med. Allied Air Force Committee, Caserta, C.M.F.

Date : 7th September, 1945.

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.1.

POLICE REPORT ON GUIDONIA AIRPORT

The attached report has been received from the Italian Air Ministry, and deals with disturbances at Guidonia Airport.

2. It is passed to you for information and action as thought necessary, and any help that can be given to dispel the idea that a marching-out of a unit from a station is a sign for the civilian population to commence looting, will be appreciated.

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F. L. BRAISBAR, S/LDR.,
For Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

To : D.A.D. Claims & Hirings,
53 Claims & Hirings C.M.F.

Date : 6th September, 1945.

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.1.

LT.COL. ROCCO

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Herewith as requested in your letter CC3/53/433/A dated 31st August copy of S.I.B. report No. 76/A/44/969.

F. L. BRADSHAW, S/LDR.,
For Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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FROM : I.A.F. STATO MAGGIORE

TO : A.F.S.C.

DATE : 31/8/45

REF. : 33016/OD 7/4858 COEI

REPORT

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As verbally requested by A.V.M.BRODIE we forward copy of the report n. 463/2 dated 14/8/45 received from the I.A.M. Carabinieri Command regarding the troubles on Guidonia Airport during the handing over of the airport to the I.A.F.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

GEN. PIL. RENONDINO

T. by SQN. LDR. BOND

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ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
H.Q. ROYAL CARABINIERI

Ref.
Nº 463/2

Rome, 14th August 1945.

SUBJECT : Report.

TO : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY. (Minister's Cabinet) ROME.
STATO MAGGIORE. ITALIAN AIR FORCE. ROME.
and for information,
C.R.C. ROYAL CARABINIERI. ROME.

At 18.00 hrs on the 13th August, further to the departure, as usual without notice, of the American Gliders Unit from Guidonia airfield, which started on the 10th inst., a big part of the population invaded the airfield to remove all sort of material including chairs, tables, cupboards and other types of furniture from the various buildings of the airport.

The population was instigated by some American soldiers who said that the above mentioned material belonged to the U.S. Armed Forces, while it belongs in fact to the Italian Air Force.

The C.C. Guidonia, Capt. FERRARIS, intervened immediately with all the military personnel present - officers, NCOs, airmen, carabinieri - who met resistance from the American troops. This resistance was overcome when the Americans realised the harm they were doing.

In the meantime, the population continued with the looting and, as the 3 officers, 10 NCO's, 10 airmen and 4 carabinieri who form the Garrison were not able to avoid it, due to the size of the airfield, it was necessary to fire in the air various rounds of machine gun and pistol.

It was the only way to disperse the looters.

Four trucks loaded with various material parked on the road, were salvaged and taken over.

The garrison is at present guarding the airfield. 6571

The western part of the airport is now occupied by a squadron of TC British Gliders.

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C. . . . Via Casablanca. 10th.

At 10.00 hrs on the 13th August, further to the departure, as usual without notice, of the American fliers unit from Tuliamba airfield, which started on the 10th inst., a big part of the population invaded the airfield to remove all sort of material including chairs, tables, cupboards and other types of furniture from the various buildings of the airport.

The population was incited by some American officers who said that the above mentioned material belonged to the U.S. Armed Forces, while it belongs in fact to the Italian Air Force.

The C.O. Garrison, Capt. FERRARIS, intervened immediately with all the military personel present - officers, NCOs, airmen, carabinieri - who met resistance from the american troops. This resistance was overcomed when the Americans realized the harm they were doing.

In the meantime, the population continued with the looting and, as the 3 officers, 10 NCO's, 10 airmen and 4 carabinieri who form the Garrison were not able to avoid it, due to the size of the airfield, it was necessary to fire in the air various rounds of machine gun and pistol.

It was the only way to disperse the looters.

Four trucks loaded with various material parked on the road. were salvaged and taken over.

The garrison is at present guarding the airfield. 6571

The western part of the airport is now occupied by a squadron of 70 British officers.

(s) MAJOR ENRICO DAS CHINI.
OFFICER COMMANDING.

See limit.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIA AERONAUTICA
2° REPARTO ORDINAMENTO
Sezione Ordinamento

Roma li 31 AGO 1945

Prot.n° 33016/00 / 1858 bell.

ALL'A.F.S.C.
tramite Ufficio Collegamento
S E D E

OGGETTO - Trasmissione segnalazione.-

Come da richiesta verbale dell'A.V.M. BRODIE, si trasmette copia della relazione n. 463/2 in data 14 agosto 1945, pervenuta dal Comando CC.RR. del Ministero dell'Aeronautica, e riguardante i noti inconvenienti verificatisi sull'Aeroporto di Guidonia durante le operazioni di restituzione di detto Aeroporto alla R.A.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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COPIA

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MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
Comando Carabinieri Reali
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N°463/2 di prot. Roma, lì 14 Agosto 1945

OGGETTO : Segnalazione .

AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - Gabinetto = SEDE =

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE DELLA R^AERONAUTICA = SEDE =

e, per conoscenza

AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CARABINIERI REALI = ROMA =

Alle ore 18 del 13 andante, in seguito alla partenza - come il solito non preannunziata - dall'Aeroporto di Guidonia della Base Aerea Alianti-americana-, iniziatasi il 10 andante, gran parte di quella popolazione ha invaso il campo per asportare materiali di ogni genere compreso sedie, tavoli, armadi ed altri arredamenti, esistenti nei vari locali dell'Aeroporto sgombrati.

La popolazione era istigata da alcuni militari americani che sostenevano essere il materiale dell'aeroporto di proprietà delle Forze Armate americane, mentre in realtà questo è di proprietà dell'Amministrazione Aeronautica.

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Ciò nonostante la popolazione continuava con insistenza il saccheggio e poichè i tre ufficiali, i 10 sottufficiali, i 10 avieri ed i 4 carabinieri che compongono la forza di quel Presidio, non riuscivano, date la vastita del campo, ad evitare il saccheggio, fu necessario sparare in aria a scopo intimidatorio vari colti di pistola e di fucile mitra.

Soltanto così i saccheggiatori si dettero alla fuga sgombrando il campo.

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Attualmente nell'aeroporto in parola è rimasto un comando di alianti inglese, con 70 alianti che occupano il lato ovest dell'aeroporto stesso.

IL MAGGIORE COMANDANTE INTERINALE
- Enrico Passerini -
F/T

STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA
Ordinamento Servizi e Mobilitazione
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO
...C.....C.
IL CAPO SEZIONE
Ten. Col. pil. a.d. Miniani

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Subject: Assault and looting. Ref: CC3/53/433/A

Air Forces Sub Commission H.Q.
A.C. (Italy)
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1. Reference is made to the enclosed copy letter from APM, R.A.A.C.

2. In order to assist this office in investigating a claim received for 22,500 lire as a result of the agression committed by Allied soldiers, will you please forward to this office copy of S.I.B. report.

31 Aug 45
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LCB/LS.

L.C.BONHAM. Major.R.A.
D.A.D. Claims & Hirings.
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COPY

Subject: Assault and Looting.

HQ RAAC
Tel 478679
Ref: PM/41/1575
17 Aug 45

D.A.D. Claims & Hirings
53 Claims & Hirings
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46A Your CC3/53/433/A dated 15 Aug 45 refers.

All information concerning this incident was contained in SIB report SIB76/A/AA/969 dated 10 Jan 45 which was forwarded to Air Forces Sub-Commission HQ AC (Italy) under this office reference PM/41/837 dated 16 Jan 45.

(Sgd) J.Pike. Capt.
for Lt-Col.
Deputy Provost Marshal.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

To : Commanding General AAF/MTO.

Date : 4th September, 1945/mtc.

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

MAJ. PIL. DELLA VALLE VITTORIO - IAF.

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Referring to our letter of even reference dated 6th August last may we now be informed please whether or not you are in a position to make any statement re the claims arising in connection with the death of the above-named officer.

B

F. L. BRAMHALL, S/LDR.,
For Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to Italian Air Ministry.

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To : Air Forces Sub Commission,
From : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 28th August 1945
Ref : 25805/4800

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Air Force

DEATH OF MAJ. A.A.r.n. PIL. DELLA VALLE VITTORIO

Your Sub Commission is requested to give any further information on our letter ref. 22328 dated 27th July inst., concerning to the car accident which caused the death of Maj Pil. a.p.c. DELLA VALLE Vittorio.

by order,
The Chief of Cabinet.

translated by J. Bevacqua.

for a reference
Allied Commission
Italian Section
CC AAF/MTO
APO 512

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Roma, 28 AGO 1945

MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

Segreteria

Prot. N. 25805/4800 Coll.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
A.C.- tramite Uff.Collegamento)
ROMA

OGGETTO: Decesso Maggiore f.A.r.n.pilota in s.p.e. DELLA VALLE Vittorio.-

Si prega vivamente codesta Sottocommissione di voler far conoscere quale seguito ha avuto la pratica trasmessa da questo Ministero con foglio n° 22328 in data 2° luglio c.a., relativa all'investimento automobilistico che ha determinato il decesso del Maggiore pilota in s.p.e. DELLA VALLE Vittorio.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.ROME

TO : STORMO AEROPLANI DA TRASPORTO
Ufficio Comando (through IAF Liaison Office)

DATE : 1ST SEPTEMBER 1945

REF. : AFSC/752/2/P.1

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REPORT CONCERNING THE THEFT OF AERONAUTICAL MATERIAL.

Your letter 755 P.13/A of 17 July 1945 refers.

The answer to your report, in the form of a sworn statement, is enclosed.

2. It appears from this statement that there was considerable confusion at the scene of the fire and that, in all probability, it was civilians who did the looting. This probably would not have happened if the civilians had not seen various articles of food in the broken boxes.

3. It is regretted that the officers concerned lost their personal kit, but it seems, from all the evidence obtained that there is not enough specific information to hold anyone responsible.

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E.J.SASS,
MAJOR AIR CORPS
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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FROM : STORMO AEROPORTI DA TRASPORTO
DIVISIONE COMANDO

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

DATE : 17TH JULY 1945

REF. : 755 P.13/A

REPORT CONCERNING THE THEFT OF AERONAUTICAL MATERIAL

C

I enclose herewith the report on the above mentioned subject and the English translation concerning the theft of aeronautical material belonging to this unit, theft on the part of coloured personnel belonging to the Cerrodice Airfield C. c/o 645 Comb.

V. MATTEO
T.COL.A.A.R.N.
IL COMANDANTE LO STORMO

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REPORT CONCERNING THE [illegible]MENT OF AERONAUTICAL MATE[illegible]AL BELONGING TO THE
U.S. 325TH WING H COLOURED PERSONNEL OF THE CASTELLACCIA ATTACHED TO
245 ENG.AV. BASE

This HQ. on the 5th of June 1945 sent the FIAT Truck 656 (U.A. [illegible] number) to Northern Italy to transport a part of the personnel and material which was needed for the construction of the Air Bases of Bologna, Treviso and Udine.

Escorting this truck, were sent the 2nd Lieuts. of the U.S.A. FRANCA ALFREDO and D'ALOIA FRANCESCO.

During the stay in Milan, the partisans ex-military of the I.A.F. offered to both officers Italian material of exchange and spare parts for the aeroplane, that was, amongst others, indispensable for the efficient operation of the planes for this Wing.

The truck was loaded with 10 boxes containing:

1. Tools & Jigs (various) for Workshops.
2. Spark Plug for A/C engine.
3. Varnish composed of Nitro cellulose.
4. Various engine spare parts of the type installed in the A/C operated by the Wing.
5. Spare tools for maintenance units complete with pistols.
6. Various expendable items.

They left Milan on the 12th of June enroute to base.

At 17.15 of the same day (12 June) 4 kms from Castelleone, coming from Cremona, a leak of varnish contain[illegible] of nitro cellulose, leaked on to the exhaust pipe with the result that the back part of the bed caught on fire.

The personnel tried to extinguish the fire as best they could but having little success they asked some coloured soldiers who were near the airport at the time, for some help.

After nearly ten minutes there arrived at the scene a tank of water which was insufficient. Later two fire trucks with fire extinguishers turned up and stopped the fire, that in the meantime had spread and had burned all the rear part of the truck thereby burning all the material contained in the bed of the truck.

While the blaze was nearly extinguished our personnel tried to save the cases which had not yet been burned, but they were attacked with squirts of water which the black troops (nearly 30 of them, commanded by an officer who was black too) directed at them.

Moreover they had been forced to leave the immediate area and

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to assist at the opening of the packing cases and the consequent taking of all the material which could be taken and which approximately, is the following:

1. Many tools for workshops.
2. 30 Chronometers for Dashboard.
3. 10 Pistols for Spray works (varnish)
4. Various Aeronautical materials.
5. Personnel kits which contained among other things 20.000 lire belonging to two Italian Officers.

2nd Lieut. D'ANCIA i/c of the transport, not being able to face the situation addressed himself to the Allied C.P. of the Field, who was a coloured Captain. The latter dismissed 2nd.Lieut.D'ANCIA refusing to help him in any way, and declared that he could not recognize Lt.D'ANCIA as an I.A.F. Officer.

Lt. D'ANCIA immediately went to the nearest Post of the Military Police where nothing could be done because the act took place outside the jurisdiction of that M.P. Post. It being impossible to recuperate the material the personnel and the half burned truck were towed to their starting point by another truck which had been sent there for that purpose.

(SGD) T. RAMERO
T.COL.A.A.F.A.
EL COMANDANTE LO SECRETO

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15 August, 1945

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

On 12 June 1945, on the main road parallel to the far end of the Cattolica Airfield, which is located approximately four kilometers from the city of Cattolica, the fire fighter trucks of the 1249 AAF FF Platoon were called out to extinguish a fire on an Italian military vehicle. The complete vehicle seemed to have been burning plus the cargo except the front cabin and motor assembly.

We immediately went about the job of quelling the blaze. The first truck of water was not enough. The fire seemed to have been coming from beneath the cargo. Consequently as the boxes were free of blaze and smoke, we threw them over the side of the truck into the gutter, thus breaking many boxes that were burned and scortched.

Beneath these boxes were tools and equipment such as jigs for workshops, dye sets, spark plugs for aircraft engines, various engine spare parts, spray tools, sugar, shoes, fat back and rice. And these last four items caused the civilians to rush the truck after the fire was under control.

The civilians would not heed the command to keep away so in an effort to keep the fire under control by enabling the men to have working room, water was directed on them.

What I took to be Italian officers were checking everything that was thrown over the sides.

Smoke continued to come from the boxes and crates in the forward part of the truck after one hour and some minutes work. We threw many cases unbroken except for fire test over the side and locate the source, which were parachutes smoldering.

What I took to be an Italian civilian approached me asking if I could help him locate his suitcase and I referred him to the Italian officer, who in turn referred him to what I took to be the driver. The last fact that I learned was that a civilian by-passer was put in charge of the baggage and personal belongings, which were in the front of the truck when it caught fire. Other baggage that was movable was not to be seen when we (the fire fighters) arrived.

The men who were active in ~~dist~~ extinguishing the blaze are now shipped to some other station—I have no knowledge as to where.

To my knowledge none of the Fire Fighters picked up or stole any items on the truck.

John E. Lake
JOHN E. LAKE,
Captain, Air Corps,
523rd Air Service Group,
ASN: O-1575402.

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Subscribed and sworn to
before me this ___ day of _____ 1945.

Prentice A. Townsend
PRENTICE A. TOWNSEND,
Captain, Air Corps,
Summary Court Officer.

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400.7 6th Ind QQ-FES-jss

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, U. S. Army, 27 AUG 1945

TO: Air Officer Commanding, Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome

Attention invited to 4th Indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Peter Kardassakis

PETER KARDASSAKIS
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Actg Asst Adj General

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400.7 4th Ind. C-ECS/ht
HEADQUARTERS 332ND FIGHTER GROUP, APO 520, US ARMY, 16 August 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 305th Bombardment Wing (H), APO 520, US Army.

1. Investigation by this Headquarters indicates that personnel concerned were members of the 523rd Air Service Group.

2. Sworn statement of Captain John E. Lake, Fire Marshal of 523rd Air Service Group enclosed.

FOR THE GROUP COMMANDER:

JAMES M. CORLEY,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c
(Sworn Statement, Capt Lake) added.

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400.7 5th Ind. H/ATC/rs
HEADQUARTERS, 305TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H), APO 520, US ARMY. 18 August 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520, US Army.

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Your attention is invited to the preceding indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

RICHARD H. KROH
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Encl: n/c.

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400.7 4th Ind. GyeCS/ht
HEADQUARTERS 332ND FIGHTER GROUP, APO 520, US ARMY, 16 August 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 305th Bombardment Wing (H), APO 520, US Army.

1. Investigation by this Headquarters indicates that personnel concerned were members of the 523rd Air Service Group.

2. Sworn statement of Captain John A. Lake, Fire Marshal of 523rd Air Service Group enclosed.

FOR THE GROUP COMMANDER:

SGD/ JAMES M. CONLEY
JAMES M. CONLEY
1st Lt, Air Corps
Asst Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c
(Sworn Statement, Capt Lake) added.

400.7 5th Ind. N/ARM/rs
HEADQUARTERS, 305TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H), APO 520, US ARMY. 18 August 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520 US Army.

Your attention is invited to the preceeding indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

SGD/ RICHARD H. KROGH
RICHARD H. KROGH
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

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400.7 1st Ind (J-1-4)
HQ, AAF ENGR COMD, MTO (PROV), APO 528, US ARMY, 31 July 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520, US Army.

A matter pertaining to your command.

For the Commanding Officer:

B. H. ROWDEN
Lt Colonel, AC
Actg Adjutant General

1 Incl: Report of Theft

S: 22 Aug 45
QQ-FES-dfp

400.7 2d Ind

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, U. S. Army, 11 AUG 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 305th Wing, APO 520, U. S. Army

1. Forwarded for appropriate action.

2. This headquarters will be advised of action taken.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL LEE:

PETER KARDASSAKIS
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Actg Asst Adj General

1 Incl
n/c

S: 20 August 1945.
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400.7 3rd Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, 305TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H), APO 520, US ARMY. 11 August 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 332nd Fighter Group, APO 520, US Army.

Forwarded for necessary investigation, disposition, and return to this Headquarters.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL MORGAN:

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RICHARD H. KNOX
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c.

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400.7 1st Ind (J-1-4)

HQ, AAF ENGR COMD, MTO (PROV), APO 528, US ARMY, 31 July 1945

TO: Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520, US Army.

A matter pertaining to your command.

For the Commanding Officer:

3GD/ B. H. ROWDEN
B. H. ROWDEN
Lt. Colonel, AC
Actg Adjutant General

1 Incl: Report of Theft

400.7 2nd Ind 3: 22 Aug 45
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HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, U. S. Army,

TO: Commanding Officer, 305 Wing, APO 520, U. S. Army

1. Forwarded for appropriate action.

2. This headquarters will be advised of action taken.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL LEE:

3GD/ PETER KARUSSAKIS
PETER KARUSSAKIS
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Actg Asst Adj General

1 Incl
n/c

3: 20 August 1945

400.7 3rd Ind. N/aRars
HEADQUARTERS, 305TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H), APO 520, US ARMY, 14 August 1945.

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, 332nd Fighter Group, APO 520, US Army.

Forwarded for necessary investigation, disposition and return to this headquarters.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL MORGAN:

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3GD/ RICHARD H. KROGH
RICHARD H. KROGH
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant

1 Incl: n/c

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : H.Q. R.A.F. MED/ME A.L.S.
Date : 17th August 1945
Ref : AFSC/752/2/P2

COMPLAINT BY I.A.F.

Attached for onward transmission is a complaint received from Unith Aeren Bari, which appears to be worthy of investigation.

2. It would be appreciated if this H.Q. could be informed of the eventual result.

F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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FROM :- AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION BARI
TO :- AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION ROME.
DATE :- 13TH AUGUST 1945.
REF :- AFSC/303/1/Ops.

DAMAGE TO THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE CAR BY AMERICANS

B

The attached report received from COL;CICERI. of the ITALIAN AIR FORCE, is fowarded herewith for action as considered necessary by the U.S.A.A.F.

F/O. J. E. EVANS.
for OFFICER COMMANDING
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION BARI.

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FROM :- COMANDO UNITA' AEREA
UFFICIO DISCIPLINA
TO :- AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.
DATE :- 10 th OF AUGUST 1945
REF :- 4/D/2564/D.4.

REPORT on damage sustained by an Italian car owned by Col. PIL. CIGERZA by a Jeep driven by two officers of the USAAF.

The report of an occurence on the 6th August 1945 at 21 hours , is fowarded herewith to the Air Forces Sub-Commission for necessary action.

A motor car Fiat 1500 number M.I. 15299 owned by Col. CIGERZA ENRICO of the Italian Air Force, during the time it was parked at Via NAZARIO Sauro N°25 BARI, was hit from the rear intentionally by an American Jeep N°204871 -04- USA- XV AF- XHQ. THE Jeep was driven by two American Officers, (Names unknown) who appeared to be in a state of intoxication and presumed to be living at the address mentioned above.

The incident occured while Col. CIGERZA and his driver, an Italian airman LAZZARI Dionigio, were loading suit cases on the top of the car . The American Officers were requested by Col. Cigerza to refrain from dameging the Fiatcar, but the Americans inflicted considerable damage, as follows .

The rear mudguards were dented , one head-lamp broken , and radiator guard damaged .

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HEADQUARTERS.
ROYAL AIR FORCE.
MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST.
CASERTA. C.M.F.

To :- Air Forces Sub Commission. A.C.Rome.

Date :- 10th. August, 1945.

Ref. :- MED/ME/1785/1/2/BD.

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SUBJECT :- BOMB DEMOLITION - MANFREDONIA.

Reference your letter AFSC/752/2/P1 dated 3rd. August 1945, and telephone information received on 21st. July 1945, the following information was ascertained on the 22nd.July.

(a) The demolitions were being carried out by an American Unit No.8 A.F.O.D.

(b) The officer in charge of the demolition stated that all precautions were being taken and that the construction of blast walls round the dumps had been proceeding for three months prior to the commencement of demolition.

2. It has since been ascertained that the demolition of these bomb dumps was completed on the 30th July 1945.

(S.R. Sanders).
Flight Lieutenant,
for, Air Commodore,
Senior Air Staff Officer.
MED/ME CMF.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Commanding General AAF/MTO
Date : 6th August 1945
Ref : AFSC/752/2/P1

MAJ. PIL. DELLA VALLE VITTORIO - I.A.F.

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We have been instructed by the Allied Main Section H.Q. R.A.F. MedME C.M.F. to forward to you for the necessary action the papers in connection with the death of the above named Officer, and claims arising therefrom.

F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, Headquarters RAF MedME. CMF.

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

Date:- 4th. Aug. 1945.

Ref:- MEDME/421C/ALS.

Maj. Pil. Della Valle Vittorio - IAF.

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1. Reference is made to your letter AFSC/752/2/P1 dated 31st. July, 1945.

2. The correspondence referred to therein should be addressed to the Commanding General, AAF/MTO.

for (C. CONROY),
Squadron Leader,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/RAFMedME.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

To : H.Q. RAF Mediterranean Command, Chief, Allied Liaison Section.

Date : 4th August, 1945/mtc.

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.I.

DATINIA AIRPORT

Replying to your letter MAAF/4213/ALS of the 18th July, it is regretted that, after enquiries, no further information is available regarding vehicle No. L.47178375 from the Italian Air Ministry.

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F. L. MEADOWS, S/Ldr.,
For Vice Air Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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From : Italian Air Ministry
To : Air Forces Sub Commission
Date : 1st August 1945
Ref : 22625/4322/Coll

LATINIA AIRFIELD 53A

With reference to your letter AFSC/752/2/P1 dated 21st July inst, we inform you that we are unable to give any further information about the plate of the car N° 47178875, because we do not know any other details, but those we gave to you with letter 17927/3511/dated 12th June inst.

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by order,
The Chief of Cabinet.

translated by J. Bevacqua.

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MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

Segreteria

Prot. N. 22625/4322 Coll.

Roma, - 1 AGO. 1945

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ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
A.C.- tramite Ufficio Collegamento

R O M A

OGGETTO: Aeroporto di Latinia

Con riferimento al foglio n°AFSC/752/2/P1 in data 21 luglio c.a., si comunica che non si è in condizione di fornire assicurazione circa la targa del veicolo indicato col numero 47178875, in quanto non si è in possesso di altre informazioni oltre quelle fornite con foglio n° 17927/3511 del 19/Giugno c.a.=

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C. ROME.

TO : MTOUE, AL.S.

DATE: 3rd August, 1945.

REF : AFSC/7:2/3/P1.

BOMB DESIGNATION, MANFREDONIA.

(1) On 21st July, I telephoned the Armament Staff at M.A.A.F. (Freedom 592) and informed them of the concern felt by the Monuments and Fine Arts Sub Commission, Allied Commission, and the Italian Air Force, at the M.A.A.F. intention to explode bomb dumps in the vicinity of the Church of St. Leonardo.

(2) Immediate action and confirmation by letter was promised.

(3) Grave concern has again been expressed, this time by the Minister to the Cabinet over the danger to this very important and sacred building.

(4) In order to reply to the Italian Ministry, may this Headquarters be assured that every precaution will be taken.

L.E. JARMAN, G/CAPT.
SENIOR STAFF OFFICER.

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Very urgent

From : Italian Air Ministry. Minister to Cabinet, Rome.

To : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C., Rome.

Date : 1st August, 1945.

Ref : 22575/423 Cab.

MATTER OF ARTISTIC

The Ministry of Public Education informed us that the Allied Command at Manfredonia Airport intend to explode the bombs dumped near the monumental Church of St. Leonardo, thus exposing the grand edifice to a grave danger.

2. Will you please take necessary action and promptly intervene to the safeguard of the above mentioned monumental edifice.

Chief of Cabinet
(Col. Torre)

Translated by Sgt. Cumbo.

This was referred to me on 2/8 by Mr. Smith. Finch Yes/2/P1. 8/8 2/8/45 and Anderson Sub Commission. Action by telephone was taken with M.A.A.F. (Mr Graglia - Amalfi) who assured me that demolition would not take place. 2/8

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Roma, 1 AGO 1945 1945

MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

Segreteria

Prot. N. 20875/4294 Coll.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
A. C.
ROMA

OGGETTO: Aeroporto di Manfredonia.

Il Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione ha segnalato che il Comando Alleato dello Aeroporto di Manfredonia intende procedere al brillamento delle bombe depositate nei pressi della chiesa munumentale di S.Leonardo, con gravissimo pericolo per il sacro edificio.

2. In relazione a quanto sopra, si prega codesta Sottocommissione di voler prontamente intervenire per la salvaguardia del citato edificio monumentale.=

a'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : H.Q. M.A.A.F. A.D.S.
Date : 31st July 1945
Ref : AFSC/752/2/P1

MAJ. PIL. DELLA VALLE VITTORIO - I.A.F.

On the 4th April 1945, a letter was sent to your H.Q., ref. AFSC/752/2/P1 requesting information regarding the death of the above mentionsd Officer in an accident which occurred in Caserta on the 13th March 1945.

2. The result of the enquiries and details requested were forwarded to this H.Q. in a letter dated April 17th 1945 with no reference number.

This letter was written on H.Q. Army Air Force, paper and signed : Anthony Scafidi,
Captain, A.C.,
Actg. Chief Liaison Section.

3. The official correspondence and claim by the widow has been received from the Italian Air Ministry, but before despatching these will you please indicate to which H.Q.'s and branch these should be addressed, in order that no unnecessary time may be lost.

4. Your reply is awaited before any further action is taken.

P.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. ROME

TO : HQ. A.A.F.E.C./MTO
APO 528 U.S. ARMY

DATE : 27TH JULY 1945

REF. : AFSC/752/2/P.1

THEFT OF AERONAUTICAL MATERIALS FROM THE I.A.F.

Enclosed is a copy of a report received from the Commanding Officer of the Transport Wing of the Italian Air Force.

2. It is requested that an investigation be made with the propose of recovering as much of the stolen property as possible and preventing anything like this from happening in the future.

B.J.SASS
MAJOR AIR CORPS
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

COPY TO : HQ. M.A.A.F. AIS

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From :- Stormo Aeroplani da Trasporto,
Ufficio Comando.

To :- Allied Commission, Rome.

Date :- 17th. July 1945.

Ref. :- 755 P.13/1.

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REPORT CONCERNING THE THEFT OF AERONAUTICAL MATERIALS.

We enclose herewith the report on the above mentioned subject and the English translation concerning the theft of aeronautical material belonging to this unit, theft on the part of coloured personnel belonging to the Cattolica Airfield C. o/C 845 Av. Bomb.

(SGD) V. PEIRENO.
Ten.Col. A.A.r.p.
Il Comandante Lo Stormo.

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REPORT CONCERNING THE THEFT OF AERONAUTICAL MATERIAL BELONGING TO THE TRANSPORT WING BY COLUORED PERSONNEL OF THE CATTOLICA AIRFIELD Co/C 845 ENG.AV.BOMB

This HQ. on the 5th of June 1945 sent the FIAT Truck 666 (R.A. Plate number) to Northern Italy to transport a part of the personnel and material which was needed for the construction of the Air Bases of Bologna, Treviso and Milano.

Escorting this truck, were sent the 2nd Lieuts. of the R.A. PLANCA ARMANDO and D'ALOIA FRANCESCO.

During the stay in Milan, the partisans ex-military of the I.A.F. offered to said officers Italian material of exchange and spare parts for the airplane, that was, amongst others, indispensable for the efficient operation of the planes for this Wing.

The truck was loaded with 10 boxes containing:

1. Tools & Jigs (various) for workshops.
2. Spark Plug for A/C engine.
3. Varnish composed of nitro cellulose.
4. Various engine spare parts of the type installed in the A/C operated by the Wing.
5. Spray tools for maintenance units complete with pistols.
6. Various expendable items.

They left Milan on the 12th of June enroute to base.

At 17.15 of the same day (12 June) 4 kms from Cattolica, coming from Riccione, a loss of varnish containing nitro cellulose, leaked on to the exhaust pipe with the result that the back part of the bed caught on fire.

The personnel tried to extinguish the fire as best they could but having little success they asked some coluored soldiers who were near the airport at the time, for some help.

After nearly ten minutes there arrived at the scene a tank of water which was insufficient. Later two fire trucks with fire extinguishers turned up and stopped the fire, that in the meantime had spread and had burned all the rear part of the truck thereby (6534) burning all the material contained in the bed of the truck.

While the blaze was nearly extinguished our personnel tried to save the cases which had not yet been burned, but they were attacked with squirts of water which the black troops (nearly 30 of them, commanded by an officer who was black too) directed at them.

Moreover they had been forced to leave the immediate area and

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to assist at the opening of the packing cases and the consequent taking of all the material which could be taken and which approximately, is the following:

1. Many tools for workshops.
2. 20 Chronometers for Dashboard.
3. 10 Pistols for Spray works (varnish)
4. Various Aeronautical materials.
5. Personnel kits which contained among other things 20.000 Lire belonging to two Italian Officers.

2nd Lieut. D'ALOIA I/c of the transport, not being able to face the situation addressed himself to the Allied C.O. of the Field, who was a coloured Captain. The latter dismissed 2nd.Lieut.D'ALOIA refusing tb help him in any way, and declared that he could not recognize Lt.D'ALOIA as an I.A.T. Officer.

Lt. D'ALOIA immediately went to the nearest Post of the Military Police where nothing could be done because the act took place outside the jurisdiction of that M.P. Post. It being impossible to recuperate the material the personnel had the half burned truck were towed to their starting point by another truck which had been sent there for that purpose.

(SGD) V. RENIERO
T.COL.A./.F.N.
IL COMANDANTE 1.O STORMO

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Aeroporto n° 232 lì 17-7 1945 54 A.I.

Stormo Aero. ani da Trasporto
UFFICIO COMANDO

Prot.n° 755 P.13/A

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Via Veneto

= ROMA =

OGGETTO : Trasmissione relazione relativa all'asportazione di materiale Aeronautico.-

Si trasmette in allegato la relazione in oggetto in Italiano e tradotta in lingua inglese relativa all'asportazione di materiale Aeronautico dello Stormo da parte di personale di colore della Cattolica AirField C.o/C 845 Eng. Av.Bomb.=

IL COMANDANTE LO STORMO
(Ten. col. dott. [illegible])

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RELAZIONE CIRCA L'ASPORTAZIONE DI MATERIALE AERONAUTICO DELLO STORMO TRAFUGATI DA PARTE DI PERSONALE DI COLORE DEL "CATTOLICA AIRFIELD C.C/S 845 Eng.Av.Bomb.

Questo Comando il giorno 5 Giugno c.a. inviò l'automezzo Fiat.666 Targato R.A.-in alta Italia per trasportare parte del personale e del materiale occorrente per la costituzione delle Basi Aeree di Bologna Treviso e Milano.-

Di scorta all'automezzo furono inviati i sottotenenti della R.A. PALANCA Armando e D'ALOIA Francesco.-

Durante la permanenza a Milano, i partigiani ex militari della R.A., offrirono ai suddetti Ufficiali materiale italiano di ricambio e di consumo per aeroplani che era, fra l'altro, indispensabile per la efficienza dei velivoli di questo Stormo.-

Caricato l'automezzo, con dieci casse contenenti :

1°) Utensili ed attrezzature varia per officina;
2°) Candele per motori di aviazione;
3°) Vernice alla nitro;
4°) Parti varie per ricambio di motori del tipo istallati sugli aerei dello Stormo;
5°) Attrezzi per stazioni di servizio per verniciatura a spruzzo, completi di pistole;
6°) Materiale vario di consumo.-

partirono da Milano il giorno 12 Giugno per rientrare in sede.-

Alle ore 17.15 dello stesso giorno a 4 Km. dalla località di Cattolica, provenienti da Riccione, per una perdita di vernice alla nitro che, attraverso il cassone, colava sul tubo di scarico, si incendiava il treno posteriore dell'autocarro.-

Il personale cercò di spegnere l'incendio con mezzi di fortuna ma vista tale impossibilità chiese aiuto a ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ soldati di colore che presidiavano il vicino Aeroporto di Cattolica.-

Dopo circa dieci minuti, giunto sul posto una autobotte ad acqua che fu insufficiente. Successivamente giunsero due ~~xxxx~~ autobotte con estintori a schiuma che riuscirono a domare l'incendio, che nel frattempo si era propagato a tutto il cassone e quindi al materiale contenuto.-

Mentre le fiamme tendevano a scemare il personale del Reparto cercò di salvare le casse, ancora salvabili, ma fu investito da getti d'acqua che i militari neri, circa una trentina Comandati da un ufficiale anche di colore, indirizzavano con le manichette dell'autopompa. Inoltre furono costretti da questi ad allontanarsi ed assistere all'apertura delle casse con la conseguente asportazione di tutto il materiale asportabile

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- Molti utensili per officina;
- 30 orologi di bordo con cronometro;
- 10 pistole per verniciatura a spruzzo;
- Materiale aeronautico vario;
- Bagagli personali contenenti fra l'altro £ 20.000 di proprietà dei due Ufficiali Italiani.-

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Il S.Ten. D'ALOIA, Capo-Automezzo, nella impossibilità di fronteggiare tale situazione espose l'accaduto al Comandante alleato del Campo che era un Capitano di colore, il quale congedò l'Ufficiale rifiutandosi il suo interessamento e dichiarando che non riconosceva nel S.Ten.D'ALOIA un Ufficiale dell'Aviazione Italiana.-

Lo stesso Ufficiale Italiano si recò subito al più vicino posto della Military Police che non potè interessarsi dell'accaduto perché avvenuto non in zona di propria giurisdizione.-

Constatata l'impossibilità di ricuperare il materiale, il personale e l'automezzo semibruciato rientravano in sede rimorchiati da altro mezzo appositamente inviato.=

IL COMANDANTE DEL DEPOSITO

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REPORT ON STOLEN MATERIAL OF THE STORMO T. ON THE CATTOLICA AIRFIEL
CO/C 845 ENG. Av. BOMB.

This Hq,on the 5/th of june 1945,sent a Fiat 66 Truck,(R.A.plate number) in Northen Italy to transport personnel and material for the Air X Bases of BOLOGNA,TREVISO e MILANO.-

Two Offices were in charge of the truck:
Sten. PALANCA and Sten. D'ALOIA.-

During their permarence in Milan,partisans (who were in the Air Force before the Armistice) Offered to these officers Italian spare parts for airplanes,material which was very necessary for the maintenence of the airplanes of this STORMO.-

They Loaded the Truck with ten cases containing:

1°) Tools and utilities for workshop -
2°) Aviation Spark-plugs -
3°) Nitro celluloid paint -
4°) Spares for engines of our planes-
5°) Spray painting plants - complete with spray pistols -
6°) Other material -
They left Milano on the 12 of june for our Base -
At 17.15 of the sane day,4 Km. before CATTOLICA,coming from RICCIONE, the rear parts of the truck took fire,owing to oil leaking from the tank on the exaust-
the personnel tried to stop the fire but not having suceeded,asked for help from coloured troops of the nearly Airfield-
After about 10 minutes,a fire truck was sent but was unefficient-
Later two fire-trucks with extinguishers turned up,and stopped the fire which had burned all the rear part of the truck with the material it contained.-
While the fire was nearly stopped our personnel tried to save the cases which had not yet been berned,but was attacked with water pumps by the colored troops about twenty men under command of a coloured officer -
They were sent away and could see the blacks tearing open the cases and stealing all what they could - That is approximately -
- Many tools for workshop
- 30 chronometers
- 10 spray - pistols
- Other aviation material -

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- Personal kits containing also Lit 20.000,property of the two officers -
S/ten. D'ALOIA,officer in charge,reported to the C.O. of the Airfield, but was sent away by this officer,who declared he did not recognize him as an IAF officer -
This officer also reported to the nearest M.P. Station,which did not take up the matter not having it happened in its area -
Appearing impossible to recover the material,the personnel and the truck returned to this Hq,towed by a second truck sent for the purpose .-

traduttore: Sten. pil Boraz

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 21st July 1945
Ref : AFSC/752/2/P1

LATINIA AIRFIELD 39A

With reference to your letter 17927/3511/Coll., dated 19th June, some progress has been made but difficulty is being met with the vehicle N° L.47178875, which cannot be traced.

2. May this number be confirmed as correct?

F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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From:- Allied Liaison Section, Headquarters M.A.A.F., C.M.F.

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

Date:- 18th July, 1945.

Ref :- MAAF/4213/MJS.

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Reference is made to your letter AFSC/752/2/P.1. dated June 21st, 1945.

2. Difficulty is being experienced in tracing one of the vehicles concerned, W.D. Vehicle No. L.47178875 - may this number be confirmed, please.

for (C. CONROY)
Squadron Leader,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/MAF.MedME.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 11th July 1945
Ref : AFSC/752/2/P1

ACCIDENT TO MAJOR SANTORO

The above Officer's claims have been acknowledged and passed to D.C.C.O. U.S. Claims Service.

F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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SUBJECT:-Traffic Accident - Major SANTORO Porto - I.A.F.

A.O.C.
Air Force Sub Commission
Rome.

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G. M. F.
CH/41/G/28
9 July 1945

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Reference your AFSC/752/2/PI dated 3 July 45 receipt of the correspondence mentioned therein is hereby acknowledged.

As the involved vehicle was an American truck the above correspondence has to-day been forwarded to D.C.C.O. U.S. Claims Service.

(Paul Tyrie).
Major.
for Colonel.
D.D. Claims and Hirings.

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FROM : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
TO : Italian Air Ministry
DATE : 10th July 1945
REF : AFSC/752/2/P1

MAGLIULO P.L.

Enclosed is some correspondence sent for your attention.

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Air Officer Commanding.

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CASTEL DI DECIMA

Enclosed is a full report on the alleged incidents at above Garrison, contained in your letter 18617/3576/Coll 22nd June, - for your information.

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Hq, The Replacement and Training Command, MTOUSA, APO 49, U.S. Army, 8 July 1945.

TO: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

N. O. Thomas

N. O. THOMAS,
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HEADQUARTERS
THE REPLACEMENT AND TRAINING COMMAND, MTOUSA
APO 49

AG 333.5 (RCGCT) 3 July 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Circumstances Involving Damage of Building in the Presidio Aeronautico de Castel di Decima Area.

THROUGH: Commanding General, The Replacement and Training Command, MTOUSA, APO 49, U.S. Army.

TO : Air Forces Sub-Commission
Allied Commission
APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. The report covers three alleged incidents reported to the Allied Control Commission by the Italian Military authorities and in turn reported by that Commission to this headquarters by telephone and by personal conversation between Lt Colonel Eggstaff and Major Plaquet. The Italian Military authorities reported that:

a. The period 24 to 29 May 1945, Allied soldiers from Cecchignola damaged part of a wall of a small building and removed the wooden doors of another building to use as fire wood.

b. Further damage was also caused by the same Allied personnel on the night 1-2 June and night of 7-8 June 1945 by throwing explosives from windows on other buildings belonging to Castel Di Decima Garrison.

2. According to information transmitted verbally by Lt Colonel Eggstaff, the Allied Control Commission is interested in securing from The Replacement and Training Command, MTOUSA cooperation in elimination of any future willful destruction and holding any destruction necessitated by training requirements to a minimum.

3. Presidio Aeronautico de Castel di Decima area is located about four (4) kilometers South-West of Cecchignola and is within the 1st Replacement Depot training area "D". The majority of the buildings in this area were destroyed by German demolitions during the campaign, however a few buildings still remain standing and are in repairable condition. The buildings reported damaged were considered repairable.

a. An investigation of the area revealed that a small Italian Garrison of a few men is located in the area. Sol G Sacchetti Giuseppe, Presidio Regia Acronautica de Castel di Decima, Centro RT Nucleo Sorveglianza volunteered to show the undersigned in-

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vestigating officer the buildings and to explain the circumstances as he remembered them.

(1) He stated that the alleged incident noted in paragraph 1 a was committed by French soldiers and not American. Investigation of training schedules of both the First Replacement Depot and Engineer School revealed that the following units were training in that vicinity during this period. On 25 May the 577th Replacement Company, on 26 May the 579th Replacement Company and on 28 May the 578th Replacement Company, all companies participated in scouting and patrolling exercises. The training officer of each unit stated that no demolitions were used, no fires were built and no property was damaged during the time their units were in this area.

(2) The alleged incident noted in paragraph 1b on the night of 1-2 June was committed by American soldiers of Cecchignola according to Sol Mossetti Gusieppe. The damage was limited to two buildings which are located at least 100 yards apart. The examination indicated that the damage was apparently caused by offensive grenades which were thrown in thru the window openings during and as part of a training exercise being conducted that night. The damage is limited to small holes in the floor of several rooms, plaster being knocked from the ceilings and in one room some of the partitions within the room were damaged. The buildings are still considered repairable. The soldier further stated that on the night of 7-8 June, American troops were within the area on a training exercise which involved the firing of flares and blank ammunition but no damage was reported committed to the property that night.

4. A further check was made to determine which unit was in the area by contacting the Engineer School Detachment, and the 1st Replacement Depot which are the only units of the Replacement and Training Command in the Cecchignola Area. The Engineer School Detachment reported that they had no night exercise the night the damage occurred. Major Griffith and Major Milner of the 1st (RS-25

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placement Depot checked the training schedules of all units and then contacted each Battalion Training Officer of the units here. This revealed that the 438th Replacement Company participated in training in that area during the day but moved out before dark to an area several kilometers to the south. They had used no grenades or explosives during the time they were in the area of the damaged buildings. It could not be determined that a unit of the depot was in the area of the Aeronautic buildings on the night the damage was reported committed.

5. Conclusions:

a. The Replacement and Training Command is cognizant of the necessity to respect Italian property insofar as training requirements permit.

b. The training requirements in the Cecchignola area as far as The Replacement and Training Command, MTOUSA, is concerned have ceased to exist except for the Engineer School Detachment.

c. The investigation failed to reveal that troops of this command committed the damage alleged by the Italian Military Authorities.

d. Fifth Army units moving into this area will be sent an information copy of this report.

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CARROLL A. PLAQUETT,
Major, Infantry

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Subject:- MAGLIULO Pier Luigi.

To:- H.Q.
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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Lieut Col.
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Commandant "A" Civilian Internee Camp C.M.F.

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Ref. :- B/1301/D/3651 Coll.

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Ref. 21/2 - CONFIDENTIAL. Rome, 11th. June 1945.

In answer to letter B/1033/D dated 29/5/45.

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Also, that the rifle which was taken from my possession by the police, has been handed back to me.

Having nothing further to add, we, herewith put to paper our respective signatures.

Rome. 7/6/45.

(SGD) Colantonio Ettore

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STATEMENT.

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I stayed in the hotel for a few minutes and came out as the M.P. Police arrived. Notwithstanding the fact of the presence of the Police, as I arrived inside the Car Park I was assaulted by several Allied Soldiers, and beaten by them until the M.P's. intervened. Fortunately I did not suffer serious injuries. During the scuffle though, an Allied soldier robbed me of my watch (wrist). ~~XX~~ (wrist).

The four of us were then taken to a Military Police Station. Av. Pagliuca Leonardo and av. Di Grazia Nicola were taken to hospital the same evening, while the 2 of us were interrogated and kept at the Station till 1000 Hrs. the following morning.
The following morning I found that my rifle had disappeared from my tent in the Car Park.

P.S. While I was in Albergo Reale I heard, several rifle shots. I later found that the shots were fired in the air by my mates to intimidate the attackers and also to attract the attention of the personnel staying at Albergo Reale.

As for my watch, I had bought it from a certain Mrs. Lisi who claims to have seen the said watch on the wrist of ~~a~~ American soldier stationed with a Stores Unit at Foro Mussolini.

Having nothing further to add,

We have the honour to be,

(SGD) Colonnetta Carlo.

Bernardo Vincenzo.

Giuntini Qualtiero.

Rome 7/6/45.

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COMANDO DISTACCAMENTO cc:rr. CASERMA CAVOUR.

STATEMENT.

The undersigned Lisi Angela, daughter of Bartolomeo and Maria Santurro, born on 27/8/1908 at Alatri, and domiciled in Rome, in Via Montebello No.25 interior 14., on request of Maresciallo Giuntini Qualtiero, in charge of a/m Detachment I state that:

I, some time ago, sold a wrist watch to av. Colonnetta Carlo. Now, a few days back, I saw the said watch on the wrist of an American soldier and through mere inquisitiveness I asked Colonnetta if he had sold the watch bought from me.
On finding out from Colonneta that the watch in question was stolen from him during a brawl, I duly informed him of my findings.

PS. The American soldier in question was stolling down Via XX Settembre when he accosted and asked for my company.
And it was in these circumstances that I won his confidence and minutely examined and identified the watch carried on his wrist as the one ~~XXXXXX~~ I sold to Colonnetta.
The particulars by which I recognised the stolen watch are a scratch on the watch's glass and the maker's number inside the watch's casing, -- "8. B.I.S."

PS. I also want to confirm that this American soldier serves with a Stores Unit/ located at Foro Mussolini.

Miss Lisi Angela - illiterate.
This statement was carried out in the presence of Carabiniere Bernardo Vincenzo.

(SGD) Bernardo Vincenzo.

Giuntini Qualtiero.

Rome, 7/6/45.

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PS. The American soldier in question was strolling down Via XX Settembre when he accosted and asked for my company.
And it was in these circumstances that I won his confidence and minutely examined and identified the watch carried on his wrist as the one ~~XXXXXX~~ I sold to Colonnetta.
The particulars by which I recognised the stolen watch are a scratch on the watch's glass and the maker's number inside the watch's casing, -- "8. B.I.S."

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(SGD) Bernardo Vincenzo.

Giuntini Qualtiero.

Rome, 7/6/45.

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All'A.A.F.S. - A.C.
Tramite Ufficio di Collegamento con gli Alleati - Gabinetto Ministero
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Prot.n. B/1301/D

OGGETTO: Trasmissione rapporto relativo all'incidente avvenuto la sera del 23 maggio c.a. al posto di guardia Autoparco "Albergo Reale".

A seguito del foglio n. B/1033/D datato 29.5.45 dello scrivente, si trasmette un rapporto (in duplo) redatto dai CC.RR. di questo Nucleo, circa l'incidente in oggetto.

Si trasmettono inoltre (anche in duplo):

n. 1 dichiarazione redatta dall'Av.Sc.COLANTONIO Ettore;
n. 1 dichiarazione dell'Aviere COLONNETTA Carlo;
n. 1 dichiarazione della Signorina LISI Angela.-

IL COMANDANTE
.p. Colonnello A.A.r.n.-2.Osoppo t.s.
(Colonnello A.A.r.n.-I. MARTINENGHI)

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COMANDO SUPREMO R.A.F. MEDIO O.C.T. ROMA

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Nº 21/2 di prot. Ris. Roma li 1° giugno 1945

Risposta al foglio nº R/7033/D del 28/5/1945

OGGETTO : Fatto accertamenti.-

S I N T E S I

Dalle indagini esperite in merito all'incidente occorso la sera del 23 maggio u. s. tra aviieri di guardia all'albergo Ambra ed un gruppo di militari alleati, è risultato:

L'incidente ebbe inizio verso le ore 22 del 23 maggio u. s. in via XX Settembre e precisamente in prossimità del Ministero delle Finanze e fu originato da paracadutisti inglesi di passaggio con guardie di finanza ivi di servizio.-

Risulta che alcuni paracadutisti inglesi avrebbero aggredito una guardia di Finanza, per ragioni non potute accertare, e che questa, per evitare peggiori conseguenze, avrebbe sparato in aria alcuni colpi di pistola che richiamarono l'attenzione di altri finanzieri di servizio al Ministero, i quali accorsero prontamente in luogo.-

L'incidente assunse, così, più vaste proporzioni perchè altri militari alleati, nel frattempo sopraggiunti, si unirono ai primi per attaccare le guardie di finanza.-

Intanto un'altra guardia di finanza, di sentinella, sparò un colpo di moschetto in aria per destare l'attenzione dei militari del corpo di guardia.- Fu allora che i militari alleati iniziarono a sparare alcuni colpi di pistola ai quali, le guardie di finanza, risposero con diversi colpi di moschetto sparati in aria.-

Gli aviieri che si trovavano nell'interno dell'autoparco, adiacente al Ministero delle Finanze e di fronte all'albergo Reale, non si preoccuparono di quanto stava accadendo perchè la sparatoria avveniva in via XX Settembre e cioè fuori il recinto dell'autoparco soggetto alla loro sorveglianza.- Furono costretti, poi, ad intervenire

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N° 27/2 di prot. SIS. Roma 11 giugno 1945

Risposta al foglio n° B/1013/P del 29/5/1945

OGGETTO : Dato accertamenti.-

E S P O S T O

Dalle indagini esperite in merito all'incidente occorso la sera del 23 maggio u. s. tra avieri di guardia all'albergo Excelsior ed un gruppo di militari alleati, è risultato:

L'incidente ebbe inizio verso le ore 22 del 23 maggio u. s. in via XX Settembre e precisamente in prossimità del Ministero delle Finanze e fu così inteso da paracadutisti inglesi di passaggio con guardie di finanza in servizio.-

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L'incidente assumeva, così, più vaste proporzioni perchè altri militari alleati, nel frattempo sopraggiunti, si unirono ai primi per attaccare le guardie di finanza.-

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Gli avieri che si trovavano nell'interno dell'autoparco, addetto al Ministero delle Finanze e di fronte all'albergo Excelsior, non si preoccuparono di quanto stava accadendo perchè le sparatorie avvenivano in via XX Settembre e cioè fuori il recinto dell'autoparco soggetto alla loro sorveglianza.- Furono costretti, poco, ad intervenire poco dopo, non soltanto per difendere la sentinella che annunciava ad alta voce la minaccia di una ventina di militari alleati che l'avevano addirittura sopraffatta, ma anche perchè ritenevano

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che si tentasse di asportare delle macchine affidate alla loro custodia.-

Di sentinella all'ingresso del recinto spinato dell'autoparco vi era l'aviere di governo DI GRAZIA Nicola di Luigi - cl. 1924, mentre gli altri tre militari : aviere scelto capo posto COLANTONIO Ettore di Giovanni cl. 1922 e gli avieri COLONNETTA Carlo di Carlo cl. 1920 e PASTICCA Leonardo di Gennaro cl. 1922, in qualità di guardie, si trovavano nell'interno della tenda sita all'estremità dell'autoparco.-

Fu proprio in quel frangente che, mentre la sentinella si avvicinava alla tenda per chiedere intervento dei compagni, avvenne la aggressione, da parte dei militari alleati, all'indirizzo degli avieri sopraggiunti.-

Dagli avieri vennero sparati due colpi di moschetto in aria a scopo intimidatorio ed anche per destare l'attenzione del personale dell'albergo REALE che, avvisato dall'aviere COLONNETTA Carlo, provvide di avvertire telefonicamente la polizia inglese.-

Al sopraggiungere di questi il tafferuglio aumentò di proporzioni tanto che i militari alleati, numericamente superiori, resero vano ogni tentativo di difesa degli avieri.-

I quattro avieri vennero accompagnati dalla polizia inglese presso una loro caserma.- Il COLANTONIO ed il COLONNETTA vennero interrogati e trattenuti sino alle ore 10 del giorno successivo, mentre il DI GRAZIA ed il PASTICCA vennero ricoverati la sera stessa del 23 all'ospedale militare di Roma - Via Giulia -.

L'aviere DI GRAZIA Nicola riportò nell'incidente : ferita lacero contusa regione temporale sinistra - perdita traumatica del primo e secondo incisivo superiore destro ed escoriazioni multiple al viso ed al dorso, giudicato guaribile in dieci giorni s.c.- venne dimesso dall'ospedale il 31 successivo con giorni 7+7 di licenza di convalescenza.

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L'aviere PASTICCA Leonardo riportò: ferita lacero contusa al pollice destro- lacerazione della membrana timpanica orecchio sinistro, giudicato guaribile in giorni 30 s.c.- Venne dimesso dall'ospedale il 2 set-

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l'aviere di governo DI GRAZIA Nicola di Luigi - cl. 1924; mentri gli altri tre militari : aviere scelto capo posto COLANTONIO Ettore di Giovanni cl. 1922 e gli aviери COLONNETTA Carlo di Croce cl. 1920 e PAOLUCA Leonardo di Gennaro cl. 1922, in qualità di guardie, si trovavano nell'interno della tenda ubicata all'estremità dell'autoparco.-

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Dagli aviери vennero sparati due colpi di moschetto in aria a scopo intimidatorio ed anche per destare l'attenzione del personale dell'albergo REALE che, avvisato dall'aviere COLONNETTA Carlo, provvide di avvertire telefonicamente la polizia inglese.-

Al sopraggiungere di questa il tafferuglio aumentò di proporzioni tanto che i militari alleati, numericamente superiori, resero vano ogni tentativo di difesa degli aviери.-

I quattro aviери vennero accompagnati dalla polizia inglese presso una loro caserma.- Il COLANTONIO ed il COLONNETTA vennero interrogati e trattenuti sino alle ore 10 del giorno successivo, mentre il DI GRAZIA ed il PAOLUCA vennero ricoverati la sera stessa del 23 all'ospedale militare di Roma - Via Giulia -.

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L'aviere PAOLUCA Leonardo riportò: ferita lacero contusa al pollice destro- lacerazione della membrana timpanica orecchio sinistro, giudicato guaribile in giorni 30 s.e. - Venne dimesso dall'Ospedale il 2 corrente con giorni 14+2 di licenza di convalescenza.-

Ambedue sono attualmente in licenza e pertanto non è stato possibile accertare le loro attuali condizioni.-

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Il Tenente riferito superiormente del settore Cadiere Comandante la guardia alla Tesoreria Centrale del Ministero delle Finanze ed inoltre si è interessata la polizia inglese per quanto ora di sua competenza.-

Deve far presente che il moschetto in consegna all'aviere COLONNETTA non fu ritrovato la mattina successiva nella tenda ove era stato custodito.-

Lo stesso COLONNETTA, durante la colluttazione, fu derubato da un militare americano del suo orologio che teneva al polso.-

L'orologio di che trattasi, che tempo addietro l'aviere COLONNETTA aveva ad acquistare dalla signorina LISI Angela di Bartolomeo e di SALVATORE Maria, nata il 27/8/1908 ad Alatri e residente a Roma - Via Montebello 25 - int. 14, fu riconosciuto dalla stessa al polso di un militare americano.-

La LISI afferma di essere in grado di riconoscere il militare americano che, a suo dire, presta servizio presso un magazzino americano sito al Foro Mussolini.-

Si allegano:

una dichiarazione dell'aviere scelto SCIARROTTO Ettore;

una dichiarazione dell'aviere COLONNETTA Carlo;

una dichiarazione della signorina LISI Angela.-

IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE
- Agostino PISCICELLI-

NUCLEO CENTRALE U.S.A.F.I.
UFFICIO DISCIPLINA
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IL CAPO UFFICIO DISCIPLINA
(Cap. [illegible] Dr. Lorenzo)

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COMANDO= DISTACCAMENTO CC.RR. CADETTA CAVOUR

DICHIARAZIONE :

Il sottoscritto, avente se. COLANTONIOSalvatore di Giovanni - cl. 1922 - appartenente al Distaccamento R.... di Villa Torlonia in Roma - a richiesta del maresciallo CIUNTINI Gualtiero, comandante del suddetto distaccamento, dichiara quanto segue: ----------

Conferma in ogni sua parte la dichiarazione da me fatta in precedenza e di cui ho avuto lettura.----------

Soggiungo che il moschetto che mi fu tolto dalla polizia, mi è stato restituito. ----------

Non avendo altro da aggiungere, ci siamo sottoscritti.----------

Roma, li 7/6/1945.-

CATANZONIO ETTORE

BERNARDO VINCENZO

CIUNTINI GUALTIERO M.C.

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IL CAPO UFFICIO DISCIPLINA
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DICHIARAZIONE

Il sottoscritto, avente gov. COLOMBETTI Carlo di Cesare - classe 1920 - appartenente al distaccamento R.... di Villa Tarlonia - a richiesta del maresciallo Giustini Gualtiero, comandante il predetto distaccamento, dichiara quanto segue: ----------

La sera del 29 maggio 1945, verso le ore 23, mi trovavo sotto la tenda in procinto di andare a dormire, unitamente all'av. co. Colantonio Ettore ed all'aviere Pagliaia Leonardo, allorchè udivo dei colpi di arma da fuoco.-

Che io, ed gli altri compagni ed anche le sentinelle avremo di trovarci vicini, non ci deve certo importare alla cosa soprattutto perchè i colpi venivano sparati in via IX Settembre e pertanto non ci riguarda comunque per un eventuale intervento.----------

Dopo poco, però, la sentinella si avvicinava alla tenda per avvertirci che un gruppo di militari alleati avevano cercato di sopraffarlo e che erano entrati nell'autoparco.- Mentre gli altri compagni facevano del rumore per ripararvi da una sassaiola che veniva fatta ~~cmbg~~ noi tutti, due militari alleati che erano entrati nell'interno del recinto e che si erano recentemente dietro la macchina, io, per ordine ricevuto dal T/o aviere Colantonio, scavalcavo il muro e mi recavo all'albergo Reale (sito di fronte proprio all'autoparco) per far avvertire la polizia inglese.- Parlavo con un interprete che mi diceva di aver già provveduto.----------

Rimanevo presso l'albergo per qualche minuto e dopo me ne andavo al giungere della polizia inglese.- Giunto nell'interno dell'autoparco, con tutta la presenza della polizia, venivo aggredito da due militari alleati e malmenato sino a che venivo liberato dai poliziotti, fortunatamente senza riportare niente di grave. Nell'occasione, però un militare alleato mi toglieva l'orologio da polso portandomelo via.----------

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Dopo di chè, [redacted] ti e quattro venivano trasportati ad un comando di polizia inglese ove venivano anche interrogati e trattenuti sino alle 10 del mattino successivo; mentre gli avieri Paglione Leonardo e Di Grazia Nicola, venivano trasportati dalla stessa polizia- in a mezzo stesso- all'ospedale.----------

La mattina successiva mi portavo presso la tenda dell'autoparco constatando la mancanza del mio roschetto. ----------

A.D.R.- Mentre mi trovavo presso l'albergo sentivo dei colpi di moschetto che dopo venivo a conoscenza che erano stati sparati dai miei compagni, in atto, per intimorire gli aggressori e per richiamare l'attenzione del personale dell'albergo Reale, composto essenzialmente da ufficiali inglesi in permesso od in licenza.----------

A proposito del mio orologio tengo a precisare che l'avevo comperato dalla signora LISI.- Detta signora alcuni giorni fa mi presentava la mè, dicendomi se avevo per caso venduto l'orologio ad un militare alleato.- Io, naturalmente, le risposi di nò e le spiegai il fatto. Allora la predetta signora mi diceva che l'orologio l'aveva riconosciuto e visto al polso di un americano che appartiene al magazzino del foro Mussolini.----------

Non avendo altro da aggiungere, ci siamo sottoscritti.----------

Roma, li 7/6/1945.-

SCIANDRETTA CARLO

BARNARDO VINCENZO

GIUNTINI GUALTIERO m.e.

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NUCLEO COMMISTO S.I.P. A.T.
Ufficio Disciplina

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IL CAPO UFFICIO DISCIPLINA
(Cap. C.[illegible] Lanniello Lozzuzo)

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COMANDO DEPOSITO SC.RR.CASERTA 7 JOVE

DICHIARAZIONE

Io sottoscritta, ITSI Angela, di Bartolomeo e di Centurino Maria nata il 27/8/1905 ad Aiatel e residente a Roma in via Montebello n. 25 - int.14 - scalinga - e nicchetta del mercatello diurtini e qualtiero, comandante il suddetto distaccamento, dichiaro quanto segue: Tempo fa ebbi a vendere un orologio da polso all'avvocato Colonnetta Carlo. Siccome alcuni giorni orsono ho visto lo stesso orologio al polso di un militare americano, lo domandato, così, a scopo di curiosità, se l'orologio in questione l'avesse pur bene acquistato. Dato che l'avvocato mi rispose invece che gli era stato rubato da un militare alleato in occasione di una visita, lo mettevo a conoscenza di quanto sopra ho detto.

N.B.F. - Questo americano passeggiava in via XX Settembre chiedendo ad ha mia compagna e fu proprio in quella circostanza che io accostando, gli segnalavo, in confidenza, l'orologio e lo riconoscevo successivamente, in quanto relativo al nuovo portafoglio, consistente in una profittevole sul vetro e dalle lancette nell'interno della cassa e cioè: " S.I.S. ". -

N.B.F. - Questo militare americano di cui fu servizio presso il magazzino del Foro Mussolini. -

Non avendo altro da aggiungere, ci siamo sottoscritti, soltanto noi, carabiniere BERNARDO Vincenzo che ha assistito all'interrogatorio e maresciallo CIUFFINI Qualtiero, essendo dichiarata la ITSI analfabeta.-

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ROMA, li 7/6/1945.-

BERNARDO VINCENZO

CIUFFINI QUALTIERO

NUCLEO COMANDO S.Z. A. T.
UFFICIO DISCIPLINA
(Cap. C[illegible] Dr. Lorenzo)

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Chief Claims Officer, R.A.A.C.
Date : 3rd July 1945
Ref : AFSC/752/2/P1

ACCIDENT TO MAJOR SANTORO POTITO - I.A.F.

Attached is a claim, made by the Italian Air Ministry on behalf of the above-named Officer.

2. It appears that, on the 29th May 1945 on the Aurelian Way, about 100 Kms. from Leghorn, this Officer was parked on the right side of the road in a car R.A. 8612 - Fiat 500, with doors closed, when an American truck U.S.A. 4151507, driven by a coloured driver, Francis Stexard (No 33194430 T 42-43 A) collided with the Fiat, and injured the above-named Officer in the left knee.

3. The following facts are given : -

(a) The Major Santoro was on duty.
(b) The Fiat was stationary.
(c) The American truck appeared to be travelling too fast.

4. Enclosed are 5 enclosures : -

(a) Claim by Major Santoro.
(b) Statement by Major Santoro.
(c) Hospital Statement.
(d) Witness's Statement.
(e) Italian chauffer's Statement.

5. We request that this claim be considered on behalf of Major Santoro.

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F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to : Italian Air Ministry

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43A (L)

From : Italian Air Ministry
To : Air Forces Sub Commission
Date : 28th June 1945
Ref : 19256/3650/Coll

D639 2/7/45

T5:/2/P1

Request for compensation for injures received by Major Pil. S.P.E. SANTORO POTITO

Major Pilot S.P.E. Santoro Potito, on 29th May 1945 at about 12 hrs. on the Aurelian way,(about 100 Km. from Leghorn), being on the car Fiat 500, plate R.A. 8612, was involved in a collision with an American lorry, plate U.S.A. 4151507 driven by the ~~nigro~~ Coloured driver Francis Stexard, Nº 33194430 T 42-43A.

2. From the enquiries made it was ascertained :
(a) that the Officer was going to various localities of Toscany in order to inspect Garrisons, and therefore, he was on duty.

(b) that at the moment of the collision Major Santoro's car was resting on the right side of the road, the car's doors being closed.

(c) that the colliding lorry arrived ~~to~~ at the spot at a great speed .

3. In the collision the said Officer has been wounded in the left knee.

4. We ask your Sub Commission to take up the matter in order that Major Santoro be compensated for the injuries received (15 (th)) said collision. We will await your decision as to the amount involved.

5. Enclosed herewith is an application (with 4 enclosures) of the a/m Officer, fro compensation for the injuries received.

A:C

by order,
The Chief of Cabinet.

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Roma, 28 GIU. 1945 1945

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ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
A. C.
R O M A

Oggetto: Richiesta rimborso danni subiti dal Maggiore Pilota in S.P.E. SANTORO Potito.

Il Maggiore Pilota in S.P.E. SANTORO Potito il giorno 29 maggio 1945, alle ore 12 circa, sulla via Aurelia a circa 100 Km. da Livorno, trovandosi a bordo dell'autovettura FIAT 500 targa R.A. 8612, veniva investito da un autocarro americano targato U.S.A. 4151507 guidato dall'autista di colore Francis Stexard matricola 33194430 T 42-43A.

2. Nel cozzo fra le due vetture il suddetto Ufficiale riportava una ferita al ginocchio sinistro.

3. Dalle indagini eseguite è risultato:
a)- che l'ufficiale si recava in varie località della Toscana per ispezionare Presidi e, quindi, per vere e proprie cause di servizio;
b)- che nel momento dell'investimento l'autovettura ove trovavasi il Magg. SANTORO sostava sul lato destro della strada con gli sportelli dell'autovettura chiusi;
c)- che l'autocarro investitore sopraggiungeva sul posto a forte velocità .

4. Si interessa codesta Sottocommissione affinchè al Magg. SANTORO siano risarciti i danni subiti nell'investimento in parola, da stabilire secondo le modalità che l'Autorità Alleata riterrà opportuno adottare.

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5. Si trasmette una domanda dell'interessato tendente ad ottenere il predetto risarcimento danni, corredata di n° 4 documenti.=

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 26th June 1945
Ref : AFSC/752/2/P1

CASTEL DI DECIMA GARRISON

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In reply to your letter 18617/3576/Coll. of the 22nd June, the matter has been taken up, and it appears that training has now ceased, though the 5th Army is moving in some troops, and may use the area. An investigation of the complaint is being made by the O.C. and the result will be forwarded to you in due course.

F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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FROM : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
TO : A.F.S.C.
DATE : 22/6/45
REF. : 18617/3576 COLL

CASTEL DI DECIMA GARRISON

We would like to inform you that from the 24th till the 29th May 1945 Allied Soldiers of the Cecchignola Garrison have been training in the Castel di Decima area and damaged part of the wall of a small building by throwing hand grenades. They have also removed the wooden doors of another building to use as fire wood.

Further damages were also caused by the same Allied Military personnel during the night from the 1st and the 2nd of June and the night from the 7th to the 8th June by throwing explosive from the windows on other buildings belonging to the Castel di Decima Garrison.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
COL. M.PORRU

Translated by E.Gasperini

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Roma, 12 2 GIU. 1945 1945

MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

Segreterie

Prot. N. 18617/3576 Gab.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
A.C. (tramite Ufficio Collegamento)
ROMA

Oggetto: Presidio di Castel di Decima.-

Per conoscenza si comunica che dal giorno 24 al giorno 29 maggio soldati alleati del Presidio della Cecchignola, facendo esercitazioni nel Presidio di Castel di Decima, hanno recato danni alle pareti di una palazzina, facendo esplodere su di esse alcune bombe a mano e trasportando legname dalle porte di una altra palazzina vicina per accendere il fuoco.-

Altri danni sono stati causati dagli stessi militari alleati nella notte tra il 1° e 2 giugno ed in quella tra il 7 e l'8 giugno, mediante lancio di tubi esplosivi, attraverso le finestre, in altri locali custoditi dal Presidio aeronautico di Castel di Decima.-

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome

To : H.Q. M.A.A.F. (A.L.S.)

Date : 21st June 1945

Ref : AFSC/752/2/P1

COMPLAINT BY I.A.M.

A complaint has been received from the I.A.F. Garrison at LATINIA Airfield, via the Italian Air Ministry, that on the 2nd June the following incidents took place: -

2. Two lorries and a van arrived with about 30 sappers who:

a) Cut down a dried tree near the N.C.O's building.

b) Knocked down the left wall of the H.Q. building.

c) Broke 5 trellises of N° 2 Hangar.

d) Mined and blew up walls of a damaged building.

3. The sappers left on the 3rd June at 17.00 and declared the above work was part of their training programme.
The N°s. of the lorries were:
L 5174019
L 47178875
and the van M 5660175.
All the vehicles had '60' on their front ~~wind~~guards.

4. It is requested that action be taken against the offenders, if possible.

5. Latinia Airfield is the old LITTORIA field.

[illegible]SHAW. S/Ldr. 6.7.45

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FROM : I.A.MINISTRY

TO : A.F.S.C.
DATE : 19/6/45

REF. : 17927/3511 COL

LATINIA AIRFIELD

The I.A.F. Garrison of Latinia notified us that on the 2nd June 1945 two lorries and a van Reg. Nos. L. 5174019 - L. 47175875 and M. 5660175 arrived at the Airfield.

Besides the a/m nos. the vehicles had the No.60 on the anterior mudguard.

2/ On the a/m vehicles there were roughly 30 men of a sapper Squadron who made the following dangers:

They cut down a dried tree near the N.C.O.'s building.
They trew down the left wall of the HQ. building.
They cut 5 lattices a meter high of the 2nd Hanger.
They mined and subsequently blew up walls of a building already damaged.

The a/m personnel left the Airfield on the 3rd June inst. at 1700 Hrs. They declared that the above works had been carried out for training purposes.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
COL.M.PONTI

T. by E.Jesperini

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Roma, 19 GIU. 45 1945

MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

Segreteria

Prot. N. 14927/351 Gab

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
A. C.
(tramite Ufficio Collegamento) -
R O M A

Oggetto: Aeroporto Latinia

Il Comando del Presidio Aeronautico di Latinia ha segnalato che il giorno 2 giugno 1945 sono giunti sull'Aeroporto stesso 2 autocarri ed una camionetta portanti rispettivamente i numeri L.5174019 - L.47178875 ed M.5660175. Oltre a detti numeri, i citati automezzi portavano sul parafango anteriore il numero 60.

2. A bordo dei citati automezzi si trovavano circa 30 uomini componenti una squadra guastatori che, con mine, hanno arrecato i seguenti danni:

- abbattimento di una pianta secca nei pressi della palazzina Sottufficiali;
- abbattimento della parete lato sinistro della palazzina Comando;
- troncatura a circa un metro da terra di n° 5 tralicci centrali posteriori della 2ª aviorimessa;
- minamento, con successivo brillamento, di alcuni pezzi di edifici già distrutti.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome

To : Italian Air Ministry

Date : 15th June 1945

Ref : AFSC/752/2/P1

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DAMAGE BY EXPLOSIONS

In reply to your letter 16851/3406/Coll of the 12th June .

2. This matter has been already taken up with H.Q. M.A.A.F. over the Lecce damage from a letter sent from A.F.S.C. Bari, originated by IV Z.A.T., ref. AC/325/P4 May 21st.

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F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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From : Italian Air Ministry, Cabinet of the Minister

To : AFSC (through Liaison Office)

Date : 12th June 1945

Ref. : 16851/3406 Coll.

DAMAGES CAUSED BY AN EXPLOSION OF ALLIED AMMUNITIONS.

We inform you that in the territory under the 4th Z.A.T. jurisdiction, frequent concequences have been caused by the explosion of American ammunitions depots, with damages to military and civilian property.

2. The ammunition explosions have been notified up to now occurred in the following localities.

- May 16th at 13.00 hrs at Lecce Airport, with grave damages to the buildings and installations of the said Airport notwithstanding all precautions taken previously.

- May 17th at 14.00 at Manduria Airfield, with damages to private properties

- around the same date, at S. Pancrazio, with some damages to the Airport buildings.

3. We request your Sub Commission to take necessary steps in order that similar occurences be avoided in the future.

Il Capo di Gabinetto

Translated J. Bevacqua

ALLIED FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
D132 13/6/45
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MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

Segreteria

Prot. N. 10551/3406 fall

Roma, 1 [illegible] 1945

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
A.C. (tramite Uff. Collegamento)
!ROMA

Oggetto: Danni derivanti da scoppio di munizioni alleate.

Si segnala che nel territorio di giurisdizione della 4ª Z.A.T. stanno verificandosi, con una certa frequenza, inconvenienti provocati dallo scoppio comandato di alcuni depositi americani di munizioni, con danni sia ad immobili militari che a proprietà private.-

2.- Gli scoppi di munizioni finora segnalati sono avvenuti nelle seguenti località:

- giorno 16 maggio alle ore 13 presso l'aeroporto di Lecce, con notevoli danni ai fabbricati ed impianti del detto aeroporto, nonostante tutte le precauzioni prese in precedenza;
- giorno 17 maggio alle ore 14, presso l'aeroporto di Manduria, con danni a proprietà private;
- all'incirca sotto la stessa data a S.Pancrazio, con alcuni danni agli immobili dell'aeroporto.

3.- Si prega codesta Sottocommissione di volersi interessare perchè tali fatti siano per l'avvenire evitati.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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36A

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome
To : H.Q. M.A.A.F. (A.L.S.)
Date : 12th June 1945
Ref : AFSC/752/3/P1

DAMAGE AT LECCE AIRPORT

A report has been received from the IVth Z.A.T. Bari of extensive damage done to buildings and property on Lecce airfield at 13.00 hrs on the 16th May 1945 by the demolition of a bomb dump of American 50 Kg bombs, in an olive-grove some 2500 metres distant from it.

2. According to the instructions given to the I.A.F. Officer in charge, those bombs were to be exploded in two or three lots on the 16th May and all precautions were to be taken.

3. These instructions were fully complied with, but the explosion took place, but in one discharge only.

4. The nett result was extensive damage, totalling some 800 sq metres of broken windows, doors and windows damaged etc. A full list of the damage is in the possession of the A.F.S.C.

5. It is requested, therefore, that verification of the facts might be given by the demolition unit, and it is felt that a just claim for the aforesaid damages should be made, should these facts be proved.

F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commissi[redacted] Bari.

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

Date:- 7th. June, 1945.

Ref:- AFSC/B/752/2/P.1.

B, C, D & E

The attached letters received from Headquarters, 4th. Z.A.T., are forwarded for your attention and necessary action.

S. WILLIAMSON. F/LT.
Adjutant,
for Officer Commanding,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Bari Detachment.

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
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From:- Comando Aeroporto.
LECCE.
To :- Comando.4°.ZAT.

Date:- May.21th.1945.

Réf :- AC/385/P.4.

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Subject:- Damage caused by explosion of American Munitions.

At 18.00 hrs on the 15th of May 1945 ,I was informed by the American Command at this Airport,that at 13.00 hrs the following day a deposit of 2.500, 50 Kg bombs , were to be exploded. These bombs were situated in an Olive Grove, near to the Lecce - Galatina road, and about 2.500 metres from the Airfield, and because of technical difficulties,it was not possible to remove the bombs. They were to be exploded in two or three charges.

Orders were immediately given to adopt neccessary safety measures,for personnel and equipment,against blast or bomb splinters. The Carabiniere were also warned for the safety of civilans,and for the suspension of road traffic during the critical period.

It has been ascertained that orders for internal safety measure were carried out to the letter.But contrary to what I had been given to understand,the explosion took place the following day with one charge only,with disastrous results.The list of damage is attached hereto and was compiled by the Works Direction (DEMANIO) on the follwing day.

Lt;Col.PIL. G.Elviri.

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Sezione Demanio.

Damage verified following explosion of American Bombs.

Glass Broken.

I	Hangar and Annex.(South) As of note by Fighter Group.- 260+85 = 345 X			0.50 X 0.60	= mq.103.50.
2	SRAM Barrack Block.	30.			
	Fitters Shops	30			
	Workshops	30			
	Carpenter Shop	26			
	Airscrew "	60			
	Magazine.M.S.A. (B.T)	28.			
	Total	174	X	0.40 X 0.45	= mq.31.32.
3	Posterior Appendice to hangar.S.I00 to North .20 X.			0.60 X I.30	= mq 15.60.
4	Lateral Appendice;hangar .S.I00 North. I2 X.			0.60 X 0.40	= mq 2.88.
5	Posterior Appendice.Hangar.S.I00. Central. 36 X.			0.60 X I.30	= mq 28.08.
6	Photographic Laboratory.	6	X	0.60 X 0.50	= mq I.80.
7	H.Q.Building.	6	X	0.60 X I.40	= mq 4.20.
8	Magazine M.S.A.	56	X	0.50 X I.20	= mq 36.60.
9	Vologragh & Electrical centre.	I0	X	0.80 X 0.40	= mq 3.20.
				0.40 X 0.50	= mq 0.80.
I0	Airmans Quarters	340	X	0.60 X 0.40	= mq 8I.60.
		74	X	0.70 X 0.30	= mq 15.54.
		50	X	0.50 X 0.40	= mq I0.00.
		60	X	0.60 X 0.30	= Mq I0.80.
II	N.C.Os Building.	24	X	0.75 X 0.30	= mq 5.52.
12		125	X	0.60 X 0.45	= mq 35.75.
12	M/T Section	17	X	0.60 X 0.30	= mq 3.06.
13	Officers Building	15	X	0.60 X 0.50	= mq 4.50.
		14	X	I.I0 X 0.45	= mq 7.00.
		4	X	0.70.X.0.80	= Mq 2.24.
		3	X	0.80 X 0.50	= mq I.20.
		I	X	I.00 X 0.40	= mq 0.40.
14	Works direction Office.	4	X	0.40 X 0.60	= mq 0.96.
15	N.C.OS MESS	6	X	I.00 X 0.40	= mq 3.20.
16	No 4 Billet for II6 Airmen	80 X 40 = 320 X		0 .40 X 0.50	= mq 64.00.
I7	WORKSHOPS BLOCK, offeices and garages (Engines) Section				

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	Carpenter Shop	26			
	Airscrew "	60			
	Magazine M.S.A. (B.T)	28.			
	Total	174	X		
3	Posterior Appendice to hangar. S.IOO to North .20 X.			0.40 X 0.45	= mq.31.32.
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5	Posterior Appendice. Hangar. S.IOO. Central. 36 X.			0.60 X 0.40	= mq 2.88.
6	Photographic Laboratory.	6	X	0.60 X I.30	= mq 28.08.
7	H.Q. Building.	6	X	0.60 X 0.50	= mq I.80.
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IO	Airmans Quarters	340	X	0.80 X 0.40	= mq 3.20.
		74	X	0.40 X 0.50	= mq 0.80.
		50	X	0.60 X 0.40	= mq 8I.60.
		60	X	0.70 X 0.30	= mq 15.54.
II	N.C.Os Building.	24	X	0.50 X 0.40	= mq IO.00.
		125	X	0.60 X 0.30	= Mq IO.80.
12	M/T Section	17	X	0.75 X 0.30	= mq 5.52.
13	Officers Building	15	X	0.60 X 0.45	= mq 35.75.
		14	X	0.60 X 0.30	= mq 3.06.
		4	X	0.60 X 0.50	= mq 4.50.
		3	X	I.IO X 0.45	= mq 7.00.
		I	X	0.70.X.0.80	= Mq 2.24.
14	Works direction Office.	4	X	0.80 X 0.50	= mq I.20.
15	N.C.OS MESS	8	X	I.00 X 0.40	= mq 0.40.
16	No 4 Billet for II6 Airmen	80 X 40 = 320 X		0.40 X 0.30	= mq 0.96.
				I.00 X 0.40	= mq 3.20.
I7	WORKSHOPS BLOCK, offeices and revision (Engines) Section.	20. X.		0.40 X 0.50	= mq 64.00.
				0.45 X I.30.	= mq 15.80.
	Total Cubic metres of glass broken.				483.55.

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Various.

- Officers Club: 4 Glass diffusers broken.
- H.Q. Building 2 Diffusers and two lamps broken.

Internal damage.

- Hangar appendice. S.IOO South. Approx: 30.00
  HANGAR S.IOO " " " IOO.00. CONT. over

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Continued.	carried over.mq;	130.00
Hangar.S.100. Central	Approx.	Mq. 80/00.
Hangar;S100 . North.	= =	Mq.120.00.
	Total.mq;	330.00.

Fixtures.

Appendice;S.100 South. 2 DOORS and 2 windows broken.(Torn away)
Hangar S. 52 4 windows torn away and broken.
Appendice.S.100 North. 4 Windows and 5 Doors torn apart.
Posterior Appendice.
S.100 Central.windows torn away and broken.
Magazine R.S.A.. Damage to blinds and 16 windows torn away and broken.
N.C.Os building. 16 Windows torn away and 8 Lockers damaged.
Airmans Billet. 30 Windows torn away and broken.
S.R.A.M. Workshops. Collapse of a part of the roof appox; 50 cubic metres and other damage.

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COMANDO R° A ROPORTO
L E C C E

lì 21 Maggio 1945 -

Al Comando della IV^ Z.A.T.
Ufficio Comando
B A R I

Prot.n°AC/325/P.4

OGGETTO: Danni provocati dall'esplosione di munizionamento Americano.-

e p.c. : Alla SEZIONE DEMANIO della IV^ Z.A.T. - BARI -

Alle ore 18 del giorno 15 corrente, lo Scrivente veniva avvertito dal Comando Americano su questo Aeroporto, che alle ore 13 circa del giorno successivo un deposito di 2.500 bombe da Kg.50 l'una, situato in un uliveto nei pressi della strada provinciale Lecce -Gallatina, a circa 2500 metri dal campo, deposito che per ragioni tecniche non era stato possibile rimuovere e trasportare, sarebbe stato fatto esplodere in più riprese (due o tre).-

Vennero diramate immediatamente istruzioni dettagliate al fine di evitare che la deflagrazione provocasse danni al personale ed al materiale, consigliando di aprire ogni serramento e di far ricoverare il personale per sottrarlo ad eventuale pioggia di schegge.

Venne altresì avvertita l'Arma dei CC.RR. per la salvaguardia delle popolazioni e per la sospensione del traffico stradale nel periodo critico.-

Si è accertato che le prescrizioni interne furono eseguite alla lettera.- Ma esse non furono sufficienti in quanto che, contrariamente a quanto era stato assicurato, il giorno successivo la deflagrazione avvenne in un tempo solo e fu quanto mai disastrosa. Lo si rileva dai danni elencati nell'unita distinta compilata dalla locale Direzione Lavori del Demanio in un sopraluogo compiuto il giorno successivo nei locali della zona Aeroportuale.-

IL COMANDANTE IN 2^
F/to Ten.Col.Pilota - G/ ELVIRI

Per copia conforme
IL CAPO SEZIONE ORD.to E MOB.ne
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SEZIONE DEMANIO 4^ Z.A.T.
Direzione Lavori - Aeroporto Lecce

D I S T I N T A

DANNI VERIFICATISI IL GIORNO 16/5/1945 A SEGUITO DELLO SCOPPIO DEPOSITO BOMBE AMERICANE.-

Vetri rotti

1 -	Aviorimessa ed appendice a Sud, appendice aviorimessa S.52, come da nota del Raggruppamento Caccia - n.260+85 = 345 x	0,50 x 0,60	= mq.	103,50
2 -	Padiglione per Officina S.R.A.M.			
	locale motoristi n.30			
	" Officina " 30			
	" falegnameria " 26			
	sala eliche " 60			
	Magazz.M.S.A.(B.T.) " 28.			
	Totale n. 174 x	0,40 x 0,45	= mq.	31,32
3 -	Appendici posteriori aviorimessa S.100 a Nord n. 20 x	0,60 x 1,30	= mq.	15,60
4 -	Appendice laterale aviorimessa S.100 a Nord n. 12 x	0,60 x 0,40	= mq.	2,88
5 -	Appendice posteriore aviorimessa S.100 centrale n. 36 x.	0,60 x 1,30	= mq.	28,08
6 -	Laboratorio fotografico n. 6 x	0,60 x 0,50	= mq.	1,80
7 -	Palazzina Comando n. 6 x	0,60 x 1,40	= mq.	4,20
8 -	Magazzino M.S.A. n. 56 x	0,50 x 1,20	= mq.	36,60
9 -	Volugrafo e Centrale elettrica n.10 x-	0,80 x 0,40	= mq.	3,20
		0,40 x 0,50	= mq.	0,80
10 -	Caserma Avieri n.340 x	0,60 x 0,40	= mq.	81,60
	n. 74 x	0,70 x 0,30	= mq.	15,54
	n. 50 x	0,50 x 0,40	= mq.	10,00
	n. 60 x	0,60 x 0,30	= mq.	10,80
	A riportare			645,92

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	Riporto			345,32
11 - Palazzina Sottufficiali	n. 24 x	0,75 x 0,30	= mq.	5,52
	n.125 x	0,60 x 0,45	= mq.	33,75
12 - Autoreparto	n. 17 x	0,60 x 0,30	= mq.	3,06
13 - Palazzina Ufficiali	n. 15 x	0,60 x 0,50	= mq.	4,50
	n. 14 x	1,10 x 0,45	= mq.	7,00
	n. 4 x	0,70 x 0,80	= mq.	2,24
	n. 3 x	0,80 x 0,50	= mq.	1,20
	n. 1 x	1,00 x 0,40	= mq.	0,40
14 - Uffici Direzione Lavori	n. 4 x	0,40 x 0,60	= mq.	0,96
15 - Mensa e circolo sottufficiali reparto servizi	n. 8 x	1,00 x 0,40	= mq.	3,20
16 - N° 4 baracche per 116 avieri	n.80x40 = 320 x 0,40 x 0,50		= mq.	64,00
17 - Padiglione Officina, Uffici e Magazzino rsvi sione motori	n. 20 x	0,45 x 1,30	= mq.	15,30
		Totale mq. vetri rotti.....		483,55

D a n n i v a r i

- Circolo Ufficiali: n.4 diffusori di vetro opalina rotti
- Comando Aeroporto: n.2 diffusori e n.2 lampadine rotte

Coperture in eternit danneggiate:

- Appendice aviorimessa S.100 Sud	circa mq.	30,00
- Aviorimessa S.100 Sud	" mq.	100,00
- Aviorimessa S.100 centrale	" mq.	80,00
- Aviorimessa S.100 Nord	" mq.	120,00
Totale.....	mq.	330,00

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- Appendici S.100 Sud - 2 porte e due finestre asportate e rotte
- Aviorim. S.52 - 4 finestre asportate e rotte
- Appendici S.100 Nord - 4 finestre e 5 porte scardinate
- Appendici posteriori S.100 centrale - finestre asportate e rotte
- Magazzino M.S.A. - gli avvolgibili danneggiati - n.15 finestre asportate e rotte

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- Palazzina Sottufficiali - n.16 finestre scardinate - n.8 cassonetti danneggiati
- Baracche per 116 avieri - n.30 finestre asportate e rotte
- Officina S.R.A.M. (E.T.) - crollo di una parte del soffitto per una superficie di circa 50 mq. ed altro danneggiato.=

From:- Avv.Achille MATRICARDI.

To :- COMANDO.4.Z.A.T.

Date:- 23/5/45.

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I would bring to your notice ,that the Americans that occupy the Airport at Manduria,did,at I4.00 hrs on the I7TH inst; cause to explode a considerable quantity of bombs,which were situated in an olive grove in the vicinity of the Airport.

The enormous and violent effect of the blast,caused by the simultaneous deflagration,resulted in the following damage to my property known as "Masseria BOTTARI" west of the Airport.

(I)- 2I. various items consisting of doors,Windows,and cupboards destroyed or gravely damaged,with all the relative glass broken.

(2)- On the North wing of the building,the major wall from north to south,is partially collapsed,and in one point there is an opening of approximately 2 Metres.

(3)- The same thing is true regarding a room on the first floor on the west side of the building,and others ROOMS are damaged but slighter.

I beg therefore,that your command may see fit to send a Technician to the site of such damage ,so that you may have an expert estimation of same,and also that damage suffered by other people in the locality can be ascertained,a technicians survey of the zone affected would be more than satisfactory,not only in my interests ,but also of all the other people concerned,that have suffered damage to their property.

I take this occasion ,to ask the liquidation of the 7 bills dated 6th Feb.c;a; regarding the occupation and damage sustained,from Anglo American forces during their stay on my property.

Avv.Matricardi.A.

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.. Achille MATRICARDI

Raccomandata con R.R.

Manduria, lì 23 Maggio 1945 -

Al COMANDO della IV^ Z. A. T.
Sezione Demanio
B A R I

Porto a conoscenza di codesto Comando che quello dell'Aviazione Americana che occupa l'Aeroporto di Manduria, alle ore 14 del 17 corrente ha fatto esplodere, in un oliveto, ubicato nei pressi dell'Aeroporto medesimo, una considerevole quantità di bombe.-

L'enorme, violentissimo spostamento d'aria, causato dalla simultanea deflagrazione, ha provocato i seguenti danni al fabbricato della masseria "Bottari" di mia proprietà, limitrofo al margine Nord - Ovest dell'Aeroporto :

1°) - n° 21 pezzi d'opera - tra portone, porte, finestre e sportelli - divelti o gravemente danneggiati e con tutti i relativi vetri rotti, pur essendo stati lasciati aperti;

2°) - nell'ala a Nord del comprensorio dei fabbricati, i muri maestri esterni di nord e di sud, hanno parzialmente ceduto, sì da staccarsi dalle volte mediante lesioni che, in alcuni punti, raggiungono un'apertura di circa cm.2 -

3°) - il medesimo fenomeno si è verificato in una stanza a primo piano sul lato ovest del comprensorio dei fabbricati; ed un altra, attigua a questa, risulta lesionata, ma più lievemente.-

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Prego, pertanto, codesto Comando che voglia compiacersi disporre l'intervento di un tecnico sul luogo per le opportune constatazioni e per la liquidazione dei danni, facendo altresì presen

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to che, parecchi essendo i proprietari danneggiati gravemente dal l'esplosione, il suo accesso nella zona potrà comprendere e tutelare - oltre quanto mi riguarda personalmente - pure l'interesse di tutti gli altri.-

Con l'occasione, prego sollecitare la liquidazione di quanto dovutomi in base ai sette verbali di consistenza in data 6 Febbraio c.a. redatti dall'Ing. De Bellis per le occupazioni ed i danni operate e procurati dalle Forze Armate Anglo-Americane nel territorio della suddetta mia masseria.-

Rimango in attesa di cortese, sollecito riscontro ed ossequio distintamente.-

F/to Avv. Matricardi A.

25 Mag.1945

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IL CAPO SEZIONE ORD.TO E MOB.LE

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From:- 4, Z.A.T. Command.

To :- A.F.S.C.

Date:- 2/6/45.

Ref :- CD/I775.

Subject:- Damage caused by explosion of Allied Munitions.

We beg to inform the Sub Commission, that damage caused by the explosions of American Munition Deposits, in territory under the jurisdiction of this Z.A.T. is in the process of being ascertained. Such damage having been suffered by both Military and private property.

The localities in which the explosions took place, and are known to us are as follows:

Lecce :-Damage to Military property. (See attached report No.I.)

Manduria. :- Damage to private property.(see report No 2.

S.Pancrazio. :- Damage to buildings on the Airport.

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COMANDO 4.ª ZONA AEREA TERRITORIALE

UFFICIO : Ordinamento - Mob.

Prot. N. 00/1775 Allegati 2 Risp. al foglio N. ..... del

OGGETTO: Danni derivanti da scoppio di munizioni alleate.-

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione Aeronautica

:: S E D E ::

Si rende noto a codesta Sottocommissione che nel territorio di giurisdizione di questa Z.A.T. stanno verificandosi, con una certa frequenza, inconvenienti provocati dallo scoppio comandato di alcuni depositi americani di munizioni, con danni sia ad immobili militari che a proprietà private.-

Gli scoppi di munizioni finora a conoscenza dello scrivente sono avvenuti nelle seguenti località:

LECCE : danni agli immobili militari (vedasi relazione allegato n°1);

MANDURIA : danni alle proprietà private (vedasi relazione allegato n°2);

S.PANCRAZIO: alcuni danni agli immobili dell'aeroporto.-

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IL COMANDANTE
(Colonnello pil. - G. SCARLATA)

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Roma
To : Italian Air Ministry
Date : 11th June 1945
Ref : AFSC/752/2/P1

"REALE" HOTEL CAR PARK

In reply to your letter re. the regrettable incident in the above Car Park on May 23rd, mentioned in your letter reference 16244/3324/Coll of the 6th June, it is stated, for your informations that the reports have already been sent to the R.A.F. Police.

2. Enquiries show that the two men in question were taken to

Ospedale Militare Virgilio,
Via Giulia,

but are at present on sick leave.

F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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FROM : I.A. MINISTRY
TO : A.F.S.C.
DATE : 6/6/45
REF. : 16244/3324 COLL

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"REALE" HOTEL CARPARK

On the evening of 23rd May 1945 at about 23.00 hrs. the I.A.F. personnel in service as guards at the British carpark of the "Reale" Hotel Rome were assaulted by several Allied military personnel which were most abusive and were trying to enter the carpark itself.

2. The British Police were called by phone and when the M.P.s arrived the aggressors fired against the I.A.F. servicemen.

3. Due to the fighting the airmen DI GRAZIA NICOLA and FAGLIUO EDOARDO were wonded and were taken by the British Police to a Hospital (we don't know which one).

4. The airmen in question were attached to I.A.F. Detachement in Villa Torlonia

5. We inform you of the above and we would appreciate news as to the health of the patients.

Information requested
from 124 40 P.I.C. - 1500 hrs 9/6/45

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
COL. M. TORRU

Translated by E.gasparini

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MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
Segreteria

Roma, 30 GIU. 1945

Prot. N. 16244/3324 Cab.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
A.C. (tramite Ufficio Collegamento)
ROMA

OGGETTO: Posto di guardia autoparco Albergo Reale

La sera del 23 maggio c.a., intorno alle ore 23, il personale della R.A. in servizio di guardia all'autoparco inglese dipendente dall'Albergo Reale in Roma veniva aggredito da un numero imprecisato di militari alleati che cercavano di penetrare abusivamente nell'autoparco stesso.

2.- Chiamata telefonicamente la Polizia inglese, al giungere di questa, gli avieri venivano fatti segno a colpi di arma da fuoco da un gruppo di militari alleati.

3.- A seguito della colluttazione rimanevano feriti gli avieri DI GRAZIA Nicola e PAGLIUCA Edoardo, che, a cura della Polizia inglese, venivano trasportati in un ospedale di cui si ignora l'ubicazione.

4.- I militari in questione fanno parte del Distaccamento R.A. di Villa Torlonia.

5.- Nel segnalare quanto sopra, per opportuna conoscenza,

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C., Rome
To : D.A.P.M. , 46 Flight R.A.F. Police, Rome
Date : 7th June 1945
Ref : AFSC/752/2/P2

INCIDENT IN "REALE" CAR PARK

As arranged by telephone, herewith is the report of the above incident from the Italian Air Force Guards.

2. No previous knowledge of this incident has been reported, but the attached statements may tie up with other Police Reports.

F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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FROM : NUCLEO III Z.A.T.

TO : A.F.S.C.

DATE : 29/5/45

REF. : B/1033/O/3256 COLL

STATEMENT OF THE INCIDENT HAPPENED ON THE EVENING OF 23/5/45 AT THE AIRMEN ON GUARD AT THE CAR PARK OF THE "REALE" HOTEL.

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Enclosed herewith a statement written by Capt.Galeni Domenico O.C. of the I.A.F. Detachment at Villa Torlonia and an other statement of airman Colantoni Ettore of the incident happened on the evening of the 23rd inst. between the airmen on guard at "Reale" Hotel and Allied Military Personnel.

Enquiries have been made on the matter by this Command and we will forward the result to the Unit concerned as soon as possible

IL COMANDANTE
COL. E. MOSCONE

T. by E.Gasparini

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A VERBAL STATEMENT MADE BY ADRIAN COLANTONIO PAINTORE IN CHARGE OF THE SWIMMERIES AT REALE HOTEL CARPARK REFERRING THE INCIDENT OF THE 23/5/45

On the evening of the 23/5/45 at 23.00 hrs I was just going to bed in my tent with the airmen Colonnetta Carlo and PAGLIUCA LEONARDO while the airmen DI GRAZIA NICOLA was on duty at the entrance of the barbed wire enclosure I heard some firing on Via XX Settembre roughly 50 mts. from the carpark itself. I gave no importance to the matter as the firing was on the other side of the barbed wire enclosure and I did not go out of my tent. After some minutes I heard people shouting at the entrance of the car park. I left the tent as the airmen on duty called for me. He wanted to warn me that approx. 15 or 20 Allied Military Personnel were trying to overpower him refusing to show the necessary pass to enter the carpark and collect the vehicle. I joined him with the other two airmen but I could not stop the servicemen who entered the barbed wire enclosure and hid themselves behind the vehicles. They threw stones at us. We thought that they were trying to steal the vehicles in our custody so we fired in the air twice in order to attract the attention of the personnel at the "Reale Hotel" and in the meantime to frighten the intruders. I sent the airman Colonnetta to the a/m Hotel to ask for the British Police. Meanwhile the Allied servicemen continued to throw stones and even hurt some of us, but not seriously. The Police arrived after a few minutes with two cars. While we tried to approch the M.P.s we were assaulted by the Allied personnel who had entered the car park. We tried to defend ourselves but we were easily overpowered as there were several of them. Due to the fighting the airman Pagliuca was wounded on the head the same thing happened to the airmen DI GRAZIA.

Both were taken by the British Police to a Hospital (I do not know which one) while the airman Colonnetta and myself were accompanied to the British Police HQ. There we were interrogated and kept in custody until the next morning: The Police took my rifle away. I don't know who kept the other arms. I point out that the intruders were wearing kaki and had green caps on. One of them threatened me in bad italian stating that he was french.

Read, approved and undersigned.

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Read, approved and undersigned.

SGD. COLATOMIO 6414

ROMA 24/5/45

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FROM : DISTACCAMENTO C.A. VILLA TORLONIA ROMA

TO : NUCLEO COMANDO II SAT
DATE : 24/5/45
REF. : 96/C

STATEMENT OF THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON THE EVENING OF 23/5/45 AT THE CARPARK OF THE REALE HOTEL.

On the evening of the 23/5/45 at about 21.00 hrs. a serious incident occurred at the British carpark of the Reale Hotel in Via IV Settembre? The airmen COLANTONIO ETTORE in charge and the airman DI GRAZIA NICOLA, PAGLIUCA LEONARDO and COLONNETTA CARLO were serving there as guards.

From enquiries and from the enclosed statement of airman COLANTONIO ETTORE it appears that the incident was caused by the assault of the sentry (airman DI GRAZIA) by approx 20 to 50 Allied Military personnel. The sentry tried to stop the servicemen from entering the barbed wire enclosure. Some minutes before an other incident occurred between the same group of military personnel and a R.Guardia di Finanze (Finance Royal Guard) on duty near the carpark. During this incident there was some firing. We think that the Allied military personnel wanted to take reprisals against the airmen in service at the carpark. In fact the a/m Allied military personnel entered the carpark, threw stones at the sentry and at the other airmen. These airmen fired into the air in order to frighten them and to attract the attention of the personnel of the "Reale" Hotel, which warned by the airman Colonnetta, called by phone the British Police. When the British Police arrived the airmen were overpowered and assaulted by the Military personnel
Due to the fighting the Airmen DI GRAZIA and PAGLIUCA LEONARDO with Airmen COLANTONIO and Airman COLONNETTA were taken to a British Police Hq. The first two were taken to a Hospital, while the other two were kept in custody until 10.00 hrs of the next morning.
These two last reported to the Detachment at 11.00 hrs and for the first time I was informed of the incident. We inform you and we will furnish you any further information on the conditions of the patients. At the moment we don't know in which Hospital they are.

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IL COMANDANTE
CAPT. D.GALENI

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IL COMANDANTE
CAPT. D.GASPERINI

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NUCLEO COMANDO III Z.A.T. (Tramite Ufficio di Collegamento con gli Alleati)

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Prot. N. 8/1033/0 All. 3256 Bell. Risposta al foglio N. del

OGGETTO: Rapporto relativo ad incidente avvenuto la sera del 23.5.1945 al posto di guardia auto parco Albergo "Reale"

AL MINISTERO AERONAUTICA-Gabinetto del Ministro Segreteria = ROMA =

In allegato si trasmette un rapporto redatto dal Capitano R.S. GALENI Domenico - Comandante il Distaccamento R.A. di Villa Torlonia ed una dichiarazione dell'Aviere di Cov. COLANTONIO Ettore, circa un incidente avvenuto la sera del 23 corrente tra avieri di guardia all'Albergo "Reale" ed un gruppo di militari Alleati.

Questo Comando ha disposto all'uopo tempestive indagini il cui esito sarà comunicato con tutta urgenza agli Enti in indirizzo.=

IL COMANDANTE.
(Colonnello A.A.r.n.- E. MOSCONE)

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PROCESSO VERBALE DELLA DICHIARAZIONE RESA DALL'AVIERE SCELTO COLANTONIO ETTORE, CAPO-POSTO DELLA GUARDIA ALL'AUTOPARCO DELLO ALBERGO REALE, IN MERITO AGLI INCIDENTI VERIFICATISI LA SERA DEL 23.5.1945

La sera del 23.5.1945 alle ore 23 mi trovavo sotto la tenda in procinto di andare a dormire, unitamente agli avieri COLONNETTA Carlo e PAGLIUCA Leonardo, mentre l'Aviere DI GRAZIA Nicola era in servizio all'entrata del recinto. In tali condizioni ho udito assieme agli altri delle detonazioni di armi da fuoco sulla Via XX Settembre forse a 50 metri dall'autoparco stesso. Non ho dato eccessiva importanza alla cosa per il fatto che la sparatoria si verificava fuori il recinto affidato alla nostra guardia, e non sono uscito dalla tenda. Dopo qualche minuto, avendo sentito un vociare all'ingresso del recinto, mi son portato fuori dalla tenda, mentre l'Aviere di guardia mi chiamava per avvertirmi che un gruppo di militari alleati, all'incirca quindici o venti, tentavano di sopraffarlo opponendosi alla sua esigenza di non farli entrare se non dietro consegna del prescritto gettone per il ritiro della macchina. Intervenuto con gli avieri che erano con me sotto la tenda, non sono riuscito ad evitare che i suddetti militari alleati entrassero di forza nel recinto, nascondendosi dietro le macchine ed iniziando una sassaiuola al nostro indirizzo. Al pensiero che si fosse trattato di un tentativo tendente ad asportare le macchine affidate alla nostra custodia, sono stati sparati in aria due colpi di moschetto per richiamare l'attenzione del personale dell'albergo Reale, e nello stesso tempo per intimorire gli aggressori; mentre ho inviato l'Aviere COLONNETTA al suddetto albergo per chiedere l'intervento della Polizia inglese. Nel frattempo continuava il lancio di sassi che colpivano qualche d'uno di noi, ma non gravemente. La polizia interveniva dopo qualche minuto con due macchine. Mentre cercavo di avvicinarmi a questo, venivo aggredito alle spalle dai detti militari alleati; mentre eguale sorte subivano gli altri avieri. Tutti abbiamo cercato di reagire, ma siamo stati sopraffatti facilmente dato il numero elevato degli aggressori. A seguito della colluttazione, l'Av. PAGLIUCA è rimasto ferito alla testa; altrettanto è avvenuto all'Aviere DI GRAZIA. Ambedue sono stati condotti dalla Polizia inglese in un ospedale di cui non conosco l'ubicazione, mentre io e l'Av. COLONNETTA venivano accompagnati al posto di Polizia inglese dove siamo stati interrogati ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ e trattenuti sino alle ore 10 di questa mattina. La Polizia ha trattenuto il mio moschetto, mentre non so quale fine abbiano fatto le altre armi. Posso precisare che gli aggressori erano in tenuta kaki, la maggior parte con basco verde. Uno di questi, aggredendomi, mi ha minacciosamente dichiarato di essere francese, in cattivo italiano.

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Letto, approvato e sottoscritto.

Roma, 24 maggio 1945 F/to: Av.G.COLANTONIO Ettore

NUCLEO COMANDO 3ª Z. A.T.
UFFICIO DISCIPLINA
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IL CAPO UFFICIO DISCIPLINA
(Cap. C.C.r.c. Leone dr. Lorenzo)

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DISTACCAMENTO R.A. VILLA TORLONIA
R O M A
Roma, 24-5-1945

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AL NUCLEO COMANDO G° A.A.T.
Ufficio Ordinamento
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OGGETTO: Rapporto relativo ad incidente avvenuto la sera del 23-5-45 al posto di guardia autoparco "Albergo Reale".

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La sera del 23.5.45, intorno alle ore 23, si verificava un grave incidente all'autoparco inglese dipendente dall'Albergo Reale in Via XX Settembre, presso cui prestavano servizio di guardia l'Av.Sc.COLANTONIO Ettore in qualità di Capo-Posto, e gli Avieri DI GRAZIA Nicola, PAGLIUCA Leonardo e COLONNETTA Carlo in qualità di guardie.

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1 Allegato.

UFFICIO DISCIPLINA
F. C. C.

IL COMANDANTE
F/to:Cap.Domenico GALLEMI

IL CAPO UFFICIO DISCIPLINA
(Cap. C.C.n.c. Lenguito Lorenzo)

NUCLEO COMANDO S.A.T.

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

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

Date:- 19th. May, 1945.

Ref:- MAAF/4211/ALS.

Theft on Ciampino Airfield. B. 15A.

1. With reference to your letter AFSC/752/2/P.1. dated 29th. March, 1945, this matter has been taken up with AAF/MTC. A.F.H.Q. A report made on their investigation, which is concurred with, is forwarded for your information and action.

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(F.WARD),
Flight Lieutenant,
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Chief of Staff/RAF.Med.E.

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CONFIDENTIAL

UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES
HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN DIVISION AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
(1419th AAF Base Unit)
APO 741 U S Army

DATE 30 April 1945

CASE NO PM-EDATC 19/17

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

SUBJECT: Theft from Italian A/C # 2-9.

RE: Investigation of Incident.

1. Investigation is predicated on report to this agent on 18 April 1945, that on 27 February 1945 a quanity of carpenters tools and personal clothing were stolen from the interior of an Italian aircraft, Sanoia-Marchetti, three engine passenger plane, "SM 82", Seri VII[a], M.M. 61199, " 2-9, belonging to the Italian Ministry of Aeronautics and on this Base for repairs. Entry into aircraft is reported to have been effected by cutting the tail wheel canvas covering. The articles reported stolen are as follows:

Seven	(7)	pincers	One	(1)	screw-driver
Four	(4)	files	One	(1)	hand-drill
One	(1)	wooden mitre	One	(1)	chisle
One	(1)	wood plane	Two	(2)	hammers
Two	(2)	spanners	One	(1)	pair of shoes
		various brushes.	One	(1)	personal blouse

2. Mr. Giacome Sterni, civilian guard, in the employ of the Italian Ministry of Aeronautics and on duty at this Base to check for and prevent unauthorized removal of Italian Government property from base, stated that he was unaware of this incident of theft since he was assigned to duty here in March 1945. However, Sterni referred agent to Mr. Sergio Sellazzo, serving in similar capacity and assigned in January 1945.

3. Mr. Sergio Sellazzo, Italian civilian guard, stated that he assumed his duties at this base in January of 1945, and that on the morning of 28 February he was approached by an Italian laborer, unknown to him-but assumed to work on subject aircraft, who stated to him that on the previous evening he and his comrades had suffered a loss of tools, taken from the A/C on which they were working. Sellazzo claims that he advised the worker to report the matter to the American Military Police at this base immediately (Agents Note: This office (Provost Marshal) had no knowledge of this theft until report, forwarded by 1st wrapper indorsement, dated 17 April, was received.) Sellazzo stated further that his detachment, then numbering six (6) guards, was never asked, by the Ministry or Nicole Marini, Ministry inspector in charge of repairs to guard said plane. However, he stated that on many occasions he and his co-workers included the plane in their checks of Italian property since they were aware that special guards could not be made available by the American Military

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Investigation of Incident (cont'd)

Police. Sellazzo declared that his detachment work from 0700 to 1700 hours daily and that night-time guards are not provided.

4. Upon receipt of report of theft, this agent attempted, without success, to contact the present workers on subject aircraft, to determine, for the purpose of questioning about the theft, if any of the workers still at work on the A/C, were so employed at the time of the theft. Failing to locate any laborers or the foreman in charge, this agent in the company of Mr.Sergio Sellazzo, made an examination of the unguarded plane. No evidence of a break or of recent repairs were found. It was found that only a small section of the plane, approximately four (4) feet, of the fuselage, at the tail end, was covered with canvas, this section showed no signs of patching or recent recovering. The rest of the plane is mental skinned. The only other "illegitimate" means of entry-difficult under favorable conditions-was through the tailwheel well; blocking the opening into the plane from this well, are two six inch hydraulic cylinders, leaving a clearance of approximately six inches on either side, from the outer walls of the cylinders and the inner metal walls of the fuselage.

5. Capt. Lewis H. Foxworth, Provost Marshal, this base, was interviewed and stated that at no time was he asked to provide guards for subject aircraft. Capt. Foxworth also stated that the isolated location of the plane put it out of the route of the interior motor patrol, too, that at the time of the reported theft the field was not fenced and that undetected entry and egress was easily effected.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. The loss of the tools and clothing was directly due to the negligence of the workers and their foreman for permitting the articles to remain in the insecure and unguarded plane. (Agents Note: This is concurred in by Mr. Sellazzo who on several inspections tours had found tools carelessly scattered about and the doors of the aircraft open.)

2. No request was made for guards or assurances obtained that the craft would be guarded by this command.

3. The conditions of field insecurity, at that time, due to lack of guard personnel and lack of perimeter barriers left this field "wide open", for trespassing and pilfering.

4. The present conditions, due to the inadequacy of the perimeter fence and lack of guards, renders it impossible for this command to assume responsibility for guarding subject aircraft.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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1. That this case be closed.

2. The Italian Aeronautical Ministry be advised that this command

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Investigation of Incident (cont'd)

cannot, due to conditions mentioned aboved, assume responsibility for safeguarding said plane.

5. The civilian (Italian) police now on duty at this base be utilized for guarding Subject aircraft.

Dino Rossi
Provost Marshal Investigator

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1 copy I. & S. Officer for C.O.
1 copy Provost Marshal file.
2 copies Hq. EURD-ATC.

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Col Webb Training Officer 279 (L)
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FROM : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
TO : A.F.S.C.
DATE : 30/4/45
REF. : 12138/2831 COLL

AF & B89's.
752/2/AP

DAMAGE TO I.A.F. BUILDINGS AT CENTRO R.T. CASTEL DI DECIMA.

It is notified that American soldiers presumably stationed in the neighbourhood of Cecchignola, both day and night are drilling with small arms and handgrenedes in the grounds and walls of the I.A.F. ex Centro R.T. Castel di Decima (Rome).

2. The same soldiers even when not drilling, without of any warning to the local garrison are using ammunition and handgrenedes. Thus causing further damage to bombed buildings which are still repairable and there is a constant danger to cause fire to the grounds owing to the ignition of handgrenedes and ammunition.

3. American soldiers probably of the 42th "HARU" and possibly stationed at Forte Appio, are clearing the ammunition left by the Germans by placing large quantities in pits and igniting or exploding it. It is requested that the A.F.S.C. takes the necessary action concerning the above and:

a) it is desirable that the ignition of ammunition should be prohibited.

b) the cessation of arms drill in this locality will be appreciated.

c) The access of Allied Military Personnel in this zone should be limited to the operational requirements only.

4. A favourable reply is awaited from the A.F.S.C.

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Translated by SGT ROSEN

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
Segreteria

Prot. N. 12138/283 Gab.

Roma, 30 APR 1945 2711
1945

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE AERONAUTICA
A. G.
(tramite Ufficio Collegamento)
R O M A

OGGETTO: Danni ad immobili della R.A. ex Centro R.T. di Castel di Decima (Roma)

Si segnala che soldati americani appartenenti a Reparti presumibilmente acquartierati in località Ceschignola, svolgono, in ore diurne e notturne, manovre tattiche, usando il fuoco di armi leggere ed eseguendo lanci di bombe a mano nel bosco e contro i fabbricati dell'ex Centro R.T. di Castel di Decima (Roma).

2. Detti militari, all'infuori delle manovre di cui sopra, all'improvviso ed all'insaputa del personale del locale Presidio, eseguono il brillamento di quantitativi, a volte anche notevoli, di proiettili, causando con ciò danni notevoli ai fabbricati sparsi un pò dovunque e molti dei quali sono tuttora in buono stato, e col costante pericolo di incendio del bosco.

3. Militari egualmente americani, ma appartenenti al 42° " MAU ", di probabile stanza al Forte Appio, stanno attualmente procedendo al

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rastrellamento di proiettili lasciati disseminati nel bosco dai tedeschi, accantonandoli a grosse quantità in ampie buche. Non risulta che sia previsto il brillamento di tali cataste. Si ritiene tuttavia necessario segnalare quanto sopra all'intuito ravvedimento di codesta Sottocommissione, specificando che:

a)- sarebbe necessario evitare l'ulteriore brillamento di proiettili in sito;

b)- sarebbe opportuno che sul posto non avvenissero luego altre manovre a fuoco;

c)- l'accesso di militari alleati nella zona dovrebbe essere limitato alle effettive necessità.

4. Si resta in attesa di un cortese riscontro da parte di codesta Sottocommissione.=

d'ordine
Il capo di Gabinetto

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A.C. Rome.

To : Italian Air Ministry.

Date : 25th April 1945

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.1.

48TH AIR SERVICE COMPANY

1. With reference to your 2/DFM/11707/AM/2724/Coll of 19th April, it is felt that this is the same matter which was raised in your 9963/AG/2678/Coll of the 17th April.

2. The matter has already been taken up with the proper American Authorities, from whom we are waiting a reply.

P.J. BRADSHAW S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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FROM : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
TO : A.F.S.C.
DATE : 19/4/45
REF. : 2/DPM/11707/AM/2724 COLL

COMPLAINTS

And f.i. to: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY (Cabinet of the Minister)
I.A.F. STATO MAGGIORE

Communication has been received by the Command of the IIIº Z.A.T. Nucleus that the 39th and 49th Air Service Cos have not received yet the Mr requested to the USAAF controlling Unit.

2. The IAF Military Personnel of the 39th and 49th Air Service Co. are being very unsatisfactorily treated by Brazilian Military Personnel as well as by coloured troops.

3. An action of your Sub Commission in order to eliminate the a/m inconvenients will be extremely appreciated.

IL DIRETTORE
GEN.A.AGLIESI

Already dealt with —
See 360/2/Org 19th April

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translated by E.Gasperini

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Ministero dell'Aeronautica
Direz.Pers.Milit. e Sanit.

Roma, 19 Aprile 1945 - Anno

//AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.-
(tramite Ufficio Collegamento R.A.)
= R O M A =

Divisione Sez. 2ª 3ª
Pos. N. 2/DPM/11707/ Allegati AM 2724 Coll.

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Inconvenienti.=

E, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA - Gabinetto del Ministro - ROMA -
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.A. - Sezione Ordinamento - ROMA -

1. Il Comando del Nucleo 3ª Z.A.T. ha comunicato che la 39ª e la 49ª Compagnia Servizi Aviazione non hanno ancora ottenuto gli automezzi richiesti alla Unità USAAF dalla quale dipendono per l'impiego.-

2. Si comunica che i militari della R.A. della 39ª e 49ª Compagnia Servizi Aviazione, dislocate a Pisa, sono stati fatti segno ad una notevole animosità da parte di Militari Brasiliani nonchè da parte di truppe di colore.-

3. Si prega codesta Sottocomissione di voler intervenire cortesemente affinchè siano eliminati gli inconvenienti lamentati.=

IL DIRETTORE
(Generale B.A. - Alfredo AGNESI)

Nella risposta si prega citare oltre il numero di protocollo anche la lettera alfabetica e la completa dicitura nonchè la classifica.

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From : Air Force Sub Commission, AC. Rome.

To : Italian Air Ministry.

Date : 20th April 1945

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.1.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

DEATH MAJ. PILOT DELLA VALLE VITTORIO

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Ref. your 8703/2452/Coll.

1. Herewith a report on the case in question, received from HQ MAAF Liaison Section.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

A. P. O. 650

From: HQ MAAF/LIAISON SECTION

To : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome.

Date: April 17, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/752/2/P.1. *dc 194*

Herewith is transmitted information requested by Italian Air Ministry.

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COMMISSION

Anthony Scafidi

Anthony Scafidi
Captain, AC
Actng. Chief, Liaison Section

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission,AC. Rome.

To : Italian Air Ministry.

Date : 12th April 1945

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.1.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON LT COL ROCCO

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A copy of a letter received from the Provost Marshal, F.A.A.C. is enclosed for your information,and it would appear that this should have been forwarded to you before this,and the delay is much regretted.

2. It does little to solve the difficulty,however,owing to the impossibility of identifying the assailants on the information given,but the question of a claim could be discussed with the Claims Branch,as suggested in the enclosed copy-letter.

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

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission,AC. Rome.

To : Italian Air Ministry.

Date : 10th April 1945

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.1.

FURNITURE.SCUOLA DI GUERRA AEREA ROME

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With reference to your letter 7001/2254/Coll of the 16th March 1945,and further to our letter of even reference dated 31st March 1945,please find enclosed a copy of a further reply received from HQ 1 Canadian Base.

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

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HQ 1 CDN BASE RFT GROUP
CDN ARMY CMF

Cdn 56/16/Accn AAI/1 (Q.1)
6 Apr 45

Air Forces Sub Commission
Rome

Furniture - Scuola di Guerra Aerea - Rome

Ref our Cdn 56/16/Accn AAI/1(Q.1) of 29 Mar.

1. Further to the m/n letter, attached herewith is copy of memorandum received from Camp Comd, Cdn Sec 1 Ech AFHQ, in connection with the alleged use of furniture for firewood.

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Time of Sig 0840 hrs.

for (S. A. LEE) Colonel
Comd 1 Cdn Base Rft Gp

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COPY

4 Apr 45

Memorandum to Maj Dawes

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1. Reference your Cdn 56/16/Accn AAI/1 dated 29 Mar 45.

2. Upon a complete investigation I could not find any reason for the Italian Air Ministry accusing this HQ for using furniture as fire-wood.

Sgd: E. D. C. Thomson, Capt
Camp Comd
Cdn Sec 1 Ech AFHQ

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From : Air Force Sub Commission, AC. Rome.

To : HQ MAAF Allied Liaison Section.

Date : 4th April 1945

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.L.

MAJ. PILOT DELLA VALLE VITTORIO

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It would be much appreciated if the information requested in the enclosed copy letter from the Italian Air Ministry could be forwarded with as little delay as possible.

F.L. ERADSAW G/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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FROM : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY

TO : A.C.S.C.

DATE : 30/3/45

REF. : 8703/2452 Coll

MAJ.PILOT DELLA VALLE VITTORIO

On the 13th March 1945 at 17.50 hrs. Maj.Pilot DELLA VALLE VITTORIO, while passing in Via Giambattista Vico, Caserta, was run over by an American truck and sustained extremely serious wounds, in consequence of which he died the next day.

2. From the enquiries made it would appear that the driver who seems to have been completely drunk, driving in a completely free street may be to frighten the Officer, went just near the wall of the houses on the right hand side of the street thus causing the accident and continued his running.

3. The military personnel in question has been taken and kept by the Allied Police HQ.Caserta.

4. It would be appreciated if information might be given by your S/Commission of the result of the enquiries made for the above incident, so that the lawful indennity me be granted to the family of the above officer.

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752/2/Ital

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
COL. MARIO TORRU

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MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

Segreteria

Prot. N. 8703/2452 Gab.

Roma, 30 MAR. 1945 1945.

AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
(tramite Ufficio Collegamento)
R O M A

Oggetto: Maggiore Pilota DELLA VALLE Vittorio

1. Il giorno 13 marzo c.a. alle ore 17,50, il Maggiore Pilota DELLA VALLE Vittorio, mentre transitava per via Giambattista Vico in Caserta, veniva investito da un autocarro americano, riportando gravissime lesioni per cui decedeva il giorno successivo.

2. Dagli accertamenti effettuati risulterebbe che l'autista, che sembra trovarsi in stato di ubriachezza, transitando su strada completamente libera, forse allo scopo di far paura all'Ufficiale, finiva col portarsi quasi contro il muro delle case disposte sulla destra della strada, provocando l'investimento e proseguendo poi la sua corsa.

3. Il militare in questione è stato fermato dalla Polizia Alleata a Caserta.

4. Si segnala quanto sopra a codesta Sottocommissione, con preghiera di voler far conoscere l'esito degli accertamenti effettuati in merito, anche agli effetti del legittimo risarcimento da corrispondere alla famiglia dell'Ufficiale.=

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome.

To : Italian Air Ministry.

Date : 31st March 1945

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.1.

FURNITURE SCUOLA DI GUERRA AEREA ROME

A copy of a reply received from Canadian Section, 1st Echelon is enclosed for your information and further action.

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

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CANADA

CANADIAN SECTION ~~XCHQ~~ 1ST ECHELON AFHQ.

29 Mar 45.

Air Forces Sub Commission,
ROME.

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Furniture - Scuola di Guerra Aerea - ROME:

1. This is to acknowledge your 7001/2254/Coll., dated 16 Mar 45, in connection with a complaint made by the Italian Air Ministry of furniture being destroyed and used as fuel for the kitchens in property occupied by this Section.

2. This complaint is being investigated and a report will be forwarded as soon as completed.

3. A representative of the Italian Air Ministry is at liberty to make an inspection of the premises and should first report to Capt. Thomson, Camp Commandant, Cdn Sec 1 Ech, AFHQ, at Scuola di Guerra Aerea.

L.F. Dawes.
(L.F. Dawes), Major,
D.A.Q.M.G.,
Cdn Sec 1 Ech, AFHQ.

Copy to:

Capt. E.D.C. Thomson,
Camp Comd, Cdn Sec 1 Ech, AFHQ.

Please submit a written report on the complaint made by the Italian Air Ministry as mentioned in para 1 above.

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ALLIED AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
ORDERLY ROOM
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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome.

To : Allied Liaison Section, HQ MAAF.

Date : 29th March 1945

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/P.1.

THEFT ON CIAMPINO AIRFIELD

Enclosed herewith, for information and necessary action, copies of report on the above theft, received from the Italian Air Ministry.

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

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FROM : III Z.A.T. NUCLEUS COMMAND

TO : A.F.S.C.

DATE : 21/3/45

REF. : G/901/2361 Coll

REPORT ON THEFT ON CIAMPINO AIRFIELD

Enclosed herewith report on the theft which took place on Ciampino Airfield to the prejudice of the Aeronautic Administration, for onward transmission to Allied Police, being the said Airfield under the Allied Police control.

IL CAPO SEZIONE
(Magg. G. PALMERI)

ALLIED AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION MOTION
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Translated by P. Bompard

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FROM :

REPORT.

An S.82 Aircraft belonging to the Aeronautic Administration is since many months being under repair on Ciampino North Airfield

In a first time a guard service was organised during the night by the workmen themselves. This guard service lasted until the beginning of last November. After that date the service was interrupted because being the repairs almost completed it was quite easy to collect all the materials and the tools used for the work and lock them up in th inside of the aircraft. It was possible in this way to save one day working to one of the workers

The American O.C. the Arifield was informed of that and he assured that the airfield was guarded by Allied Sentries.

But on the morning 27/2/45 the Chief Worker VOLPE STEFANO starting his work noticed that the canvas protecting the aircraft tailwheel had been cut and tne wooden frame broken. Through the hole somebody had gone into the aircraft removing the undermentioned clothing and tools which had been furnished to the workers in charge of the repairs.

O.T. JOINER RONCONI LUIGI 1 pair of shoes - 1 wooden metre - 1 pair of pincers - 2 files - 1 small vice - 1 plane - 1 screw-driver

O.T. JOINER SUOZZO ANTONIO 2 pairs of pincers - 1 clusel - 1 spanner - 1 american type spanner.

O.T. JOINER CIPOLLETTI REMO 2 files - 1 pair of pincers.

O.T. FITTER ALTANASIO DOMENICO - 1 pair of pincers- 1 Hammer (gr.50

O.T. JOINER MASSINI ALESSANDRO - 1 pair of pincers.

O.T. MARACCI TULLIO - 1 personal blouse - 1 hand drilling machine 1 Hammer (gr.150) - 1 pair of pincers.

O.T. VARNISHER OLEVANO FRANCESCO - N.8 various brushes (round and flat ones)

A vice for blacksmith was also missing which had been nailed on the front of a working bench outside the aircraft.

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IL CAPO SEZIONE
MAGG. PALMERI

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NUCLEO COMANDO III Z.A.T.

UFFICIO

Roma, li 21-Marzo 945 194

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Al I'A.F.S.C.,A.C.-Tramite
Ufficio di Collegamento.=
Palazzo Caprara.=-

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Prot. N. 6/901 Alleg. 1 Risposta al foglio N. del

2361 Cl.

OGGETTO: Trasmissione relazione furto Aeroporto di Ciampino.

e.p.conoscenza:

AL COMANDO CARABINIERI Palazzo Caprara- =R O M A=

AI COMANDO STAZIONE CARABINIERI DI =C I A M P I N O=

Si trasmette l'unita denuncia del furto avvenuto sull'Aeroporto di Ciampino ai danni dell'Amministrazione Aeronautica,per l'inoltro alla Polizia Alleata,essendo tale Aeroporto sottoposto alla sua diretta sorveglianza.=

IL CAPO SEZIONE f.f.
(Maggiore A.A.r.i.-G.PALMERI)

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= D E N U N C I A =

Sull'Aeroporto di Ciampino Nord da vari mesi è in corso di ripa razione un velivolo S.82 appartenéte alla Amministrazione Aeronautica.

In un primo tempo per la notte furono stabiliti dei turni di sor veglianza da parte degli stessi operai.Tali turni di sorveglianza furo no mantenuti fino circa l'inizio del mese di novembre.

Dopo tale data furono sospesi poiché;dato lo stato di riparazione sufficientemente avanzato,si poteva raccogliere con facilità il materiale e gli attrezzi in uso per chiuderli nell'interno dell'apparecchio.In tal modo si poteva risparmiare la perdita di una giornata lavorativa da parte dell'operaio di guardia.Di cio' fu infaormato il Comandante Americano del l'Aeroporto il quale assicuro' che tutto il campo era vigilato da Sentinel le alleate.

Senonché,il mattino del giorno 27-2-45,il Capo operaio Volpe Stefano all'inizio dei lavori notava che era stata tagliata la tela di protezione in corrispondenza del rotino di coda e rotta la struttura dilegno.Attraver so tale foro ignoti erano penetrati nell'interno asportando i seguenti stru menti edi utensili:appartenenti ed in consegna agli operai addetti alla riparazione:

O.T.Falegname RONCONI Luigi/numero uno paia di scarpe-numero uno metro di legno-numero uno paio di pinze univensali-numero due lime-numero uno morsetto a mano-numero uno pialla da falegname-numero uno volta vite.

O.T.Falegname SUOZZO Antonio/numero due pinze univensali-numero uno scalpello da falegname-numero uno chiave a ruollino-numero uno punta americana.

O.T.Falegname CIPOLLETTI Remo/numero due lime- numero una pinza universale.

O.T.Montatore ATTANASIO Domenico/numero una pinza universale-numero uno mar tello da gr.500-

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O.T.Falegname CIPOLLETTI Remo/numero due lime- numero una pinza universale.

O.T.Montatore ATTANASIO Domenica/numero una pinza universale-numero uno martello da gr.500-.

O.T.Falegname MASSIMI ALESSANDRO/numero uno paia di tenaglie.

O.T.MARACCI Tullio Numero uno giubbotto personale-numero uno trapano a mano numero uno martello da gr.150-numero una pinza universale

O.T.Verniciatore OLEVANO Francesco/numero otto pennelli vari(tonde e pennellesse).

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Inoltre risultava mancante una morsa da forgiatore, inbullonata nella testata di un banco da lavoro, situata fuori dell'apparecchio.

IL CAPO SEZIONE M.f.

(Maggiore G.M.T. i.-G.PALMERI)

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission,AC. Rome.

To : GHQ 1st Echelon,Canadian Section,att. Major Dawes

Date : 27th March 1945

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/1.1.

SCUOLA DI GUERRA AEREA

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As arranged on the telephone this morning,a copy of the letter initiated by the Italian Air Ministry,together with the relevant letter received from R.A.A.C. with whom the matter was taken up originally,are enclosed,and your reply requested to para (4) of the Italian Air Ministry letter.

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

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
REAL ESTATE SECTION
APO 794 US ARMY

RSM/wc
24 March 1945

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Subject: "Scuola Di Guerra Aerea"

To : Air Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
APO 394 US. Army

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1. Reference your letter AFSC/752/2/PI dated 20 March 1945 regarding letter Italian Air Ministry, reference 7001/2254/ Coll.

2. The representatives of the Italian Air Ministry should contact Major L.F. Dawes Canadian Section GHQ 1st. Echelon for permission to enter the above premises.

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Roy S. McMurtray
ROY S. McMURTRAY
Lt. Col. FA.
Real Estate Officer

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From : Air forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome.

To : Real Estate Section, Rome Area Allied Command.

Date : 20th March 1945

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/F.1.

SIGNATURE OF THE CHIEF OF CABINET OF GUERRA AEREA

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A copy of a letter received from the Chief of Cabinet, Italian Air Ministry is enclosed for your information, and it is asked that their request contained in para (4) may be authorised by you.

F.I. BROADMAN S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

Copy to:
Italian Air Ministry ref. 7001/2254/Coll.

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FROM : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY

TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ROME

DATE : 16th MARCH 1945

REF : 7001/2254/Coll.

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Next Ref.

FURNITURE OF THE "SCUOLA DI GUERRA AEREA"

The " Scuola di guerre aerea" building has been and is, at present, occupied by Allied Military Personnel.

2. Canadian Military Personnel have taken away to other premises furniture from the above building.

3. We are therefore informed that some pieces of furniture have been destroyed and used as fuel for the kitchens.

4. Your Sub Commission is kindly requested to grant authorisation to make an inspection in the "Scuola di guerra aerea" and in the premises where the furniture has been taken in order to inspect the displaced material and ascertain which one has been destroyed.

The Chief of Cabinet

translated by Jeannette Bevacqua

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MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

Segreteria

Prot. N. 7001/22.5A Segr.

Roma, 16 MAR. 1945 1945

16 MAR. 1945

ALL'AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
(tramite Ufficio di Collegamento)
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Oggetto: Mobilio della Scuola di Guerra Aerea

Il fabbricato della Scuola di Guerra Aerea è stato ed è tuttora occupato da personale appartenente alle Forze Armate delle Nazioni Unite.

2. Militari Canadesi hanno prelevato mobilio dal detto edificio e lo hanno trasportato in altri stabili.

3. Risulterebbe inoltre che alcuni mobili sono stati distrutti per farne legna da ardere per alimentare le cucine.

4. Si prega codesta Sottocommissione di voler autorizzare a compiere un sopraluogo alla Scuola di Guerra Aerea e negli stabili ove i mobili sono stati portati, onde effettuare ricognizione della dislocazione del materiale e accertamenti circa quello distrutto.=

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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From : Air Force Sub Commission, Rome

To : Italian Air Ministry

Date : 15th March 1945

Ref. : AFSC/75[illegible]/1

REQUEST FOR FURNITURE FROM I.A.M. BUILDING.

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Further to our letter of even reference of the 13th March, information has been received from U.S.A.C. that the necessary permission has been granted and passes issued accordingly as arranged with T.Col. MORTLAND.

W.L.McDOWALL, S/Ldr,
Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Real Estate RAAC
Date : 13th March 1945
Ref. : AFSC/752/2/Pl

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Herewith enclosed is a copy of the official request from the I.A.M. for the necessary authority for the movement of furniture from I&F Ministry buildings.

2. This Sub-Commission has no objection to the removal of sufficient furniture to furnish an office for Gen. Bonicelli.

F.L. Bradshaw, S/Ldr,
Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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FROM : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
CABINET OF THE MINISTER

TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION

DATE : 10TH MARCH 1945

REF. : 7020/2159 Coll

AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
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and for information to: T.COL.PARBONI ROMA

I.A.F. MINISTRY MATERIAL (BUILDINGS IN VIALE DELL'UNIVERSITA')

As you are aware, Lt.Col. PARBONI is the consignee of the ex Italian Air Ministry premises still at the disposal of the Allied Armed Forces.

2. In the said premises there is a notable quantity of furniture and this Ministry often has to take certain pieces to organise its own offices.

3. In the past the Allied personnel on guard at the Ministry have had no objections to the removal of any material, but recently Maj.Lothian Real Estate R.A.A.C. room 305, has given orders that no furniture is to be removed.

4. As this Ministry needs furniture to furnish an office for the Commissariat General Bonicelli, we request the Sub Commission to pleade intercede in order to overcome the difficulties that the latter is making.

5. Whilst waiting for the request for the Ministry's buildings to be granted, Lt.Col. PARBONI will keep an account of the furniture which is being moved meanwhile from the premises in question.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

Translated by SGT.GODWIN

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MINISTERO AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
Segreteria

Roma, 10 MAR 1945 1945

AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
(tramite Ufficio Collegamento)
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e p.c.
AL TEN.COL. PARBONI
ex Sede Ministero Aeronautica
Viale Università R O M A

Prot. N. 7033/2159 Gab. ex

Oggetto: Materiali del Ministero R.A. (locali di Viale dell'Univeristà.)

Come è noto a codesta Sottocommissione il Ten.Col. PARBONI è consegnatario dei locali dell'ex Ministero dell'Aeronautica, attualmente ancora a disposizione delle Forze Armate Alleate.

2. Nei locali in argomento si trova una notevole quantità di mobilio e questo Ministero spesso deve prelevare alcuni mobili per l'organizzazione dei propri uffici.

3. Nel passato il personale Alleato di guardia al Ministero non ha fatto difficoltà al prelevamento di qualsiasi materiale, ma recentemente il Maggiore Lothian - Real Estate - RAAC Camera 305, ha dato ordine che nessun mobile può essere prelevato.

4. Dato che a questo Ministero necessitano dei mobili per l'impianto di un ufficio del Generale di Commissariato BONICELLI, si prega codesta Sottocommissione affinchè voglia provvedere presso il Maggiore Lothian al fine di superare le difficoltà che quest'ultimo sta facendo.

5. In attesa che venga esaudita la richiesta di restituzione dei locali del Ministero, il Ten.Col. PARBONI terrà computo dei mobili che nel frattempo vengono prelevati dai locali in argomento.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
Col Marsiglia

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome

To : HQ MAAF Allied Liaison Section.

Date : 4th March 1945

Ref. : AFSC/752/2/Fl.

INCIDENT AT GUIDONIA

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Enclosed is a copy of correspondence regarding an incident reported from the Italian Air Ministry, for your attention and necessary action.

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

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Copy to:
Italian Air Ministry.

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FROM : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY

TO : A.F.S.C.

REF. : 2000 Coll

DATE : 1/3/45

INCIDENT BETWEEN TEMPORARY ITALIAN WORKMAN AND A NEGRO GUARD OF THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCES IN CALEDONIA

Enclosed herewith copy of statement of an incident occurred between an I.A.F. temporary workman and a coloured guard: made by the Officer Commanding the Aeronautic Garrison in Caledonia for your information and for the necessary steps.

IL CAPO UFFICIO

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Translated by E.Gasperini

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FROM : COMANDO PRESIDIO AERONAUTICO
CAIDONIA

TO : NUCLEO COMANDO 3° Z.A.T. ROME

DATE : 10TH FEBR. 1945

REF. : 102/Ris

INCIDENT BETWEEN A TEMPORARY WORKMAN DEPENDING FROM THIS COMMAND AND A COLOURED GUARD OF THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCES IN CAIDONIA.

We inform you that an unpleasant incident has been verified between a workman depending from the Aeronautic Administration and who is working for this Garrison, and a coloured guard.

On the evening of the 9th inst. (Friday) at about 17.20 hrs., while the personnel working in the ex U.S.S.E. salvaging material for the I.A.F. and for the Administrative Firm were going out through the main gate of the U.S.S.E. after having finished their daily work, a coloured guard on duty at the gate suddenly struck a great blow on the head of the temporary workman carpenter CALTABIANO GIUSEPPE with the butt of his rifle.

We have not yet ascertained if this guard had previously quarelled with civilians going out through the gate however his beastly and pitiful action against CALTABIANO was absolutely without reason as this workman, a disciplined and good type, was quietly passing through the said gate for going home.

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Fortunately Caltabiano was struck in the face. The violence of the blow was so strong that it could have killed him if struck on the temple or on any other place on the head. The butt broke in two pieces. Immediately accompanied the workmen to the infirmary. He received the first treatement and was judged curable in 12th days, complication excepted. The medical report was given to the Command of the Local C.C.R.R. Station for further inquiries. In order to avoid any trouble with the Allied Forces in Caidonia very strict instruction have been directed to the workers requesting from them a correct and dignified behaviour with such military personnel instructing them to avoid closer contacts especially

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with coloured personnel. This was due to the ascertainment which has been made since the arrival of the said Armed Forces in Guidonia that the American military personnel escpecially the coloured ones showed an undowbtely hostility towards the civilians.

We inform you that the American Officers were not only correct, but also very kind and that they have always tried to help the undersigned in order to facilitate his work. They have put promptly at our disposition tractors and craues for the transport of machinery and heavy material and for touring any pranged aircraft on Guidonia airfield.

We have already informed you that this Garrison notified to your Command (letter 41/R of the 25th Nov.1944) that the American Command in Guidonia accused of theft the workmen depending from this Garrison. Afterwards they found that the responsible people were the coloured American military personnel. The undersigned informs you that further to inquiries personally made, has found that the thefts continue.

It is supposed that the responsible personnel are the civilians employed by the American personnel. These last use for the removal of the material the lorry which generally carries home these civilians (it is supposed Monterotondo).

We have informed of this matter also the Allied Command in Guidonia in order that the necessary steps be taken to clarify the incident and punish the responsible.

IL CAPITANO DELL'ESERCITO
AERONAUTICO
Capt. P. FERRARIS

UFFICIO DISCIPLINA 3° A.A.T.

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MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO
UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO CON L'A.C. A.F.S.C.

Roma 1 Marzo 1945 Anno

Ministero dell'Aeronautica

All'A.F.S.C. - A.C.

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Divisione Sez.
Pat. N° 2000 Fasc. Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. Sez. N°

OGGETTO: Incidente fra un O.T. dipendente da questo Comando ed una sentinella di colore delle forze armate americane di Guidonia.

Per opportuna conoscenza e per i provvedimenti di competenza di codesta Sottocommissione si trasmette in copia un rapporto redatto dal Comandante del Presidio Aeronautico di Guidonia circa un incidente sorto fra un O.T. della R. Aeronautica ed una guardia americana di colore.

MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO CON L'A.C.

IL CAPO UFFICIO

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C O P I A

COMANDO PRESIDIO AERONAUTICO
GUIDONIA

Guidonia, li 10 Febbraio 1945

Prot.n. 102/Ris.

AL NUCLEO COMANDO 3^ Z.A.T.
Ufficio Comando
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OGGETTO: Incidente fra un C.T. dipendente da questo Comando ed una sentinella di colore delle forze armate americane di Guidonia.

Si porta a conoscenza di codesto Comando che si è verificato un incresciosi incidente fra un operaio dipendente dall'Amministrazione Aeronautica, che svolge la propria attività alle dipendenze di questo Presidio, ed una sentinella di colore americana.

La sera del giorno 9 c.m. (venerdì), alle ore 17,20 circa, mentre gli operai che lavorano entro i recinti dell'ex D.S.S.E. adietti ai noti lavori di recupero sia per conto dell'Aeronautica che per conto della ditta appaltatrice, terminata la loro attività giornaliera uscivano dal cancello principale della D.S.S.E. per recarsi alle proprie abitazioni, una sentinella di colore, preposta alla sorveglianza di tale accesso, colpiva improvisamente con estrema violenza, con il calcio del fucile, l'O.T. falegname CALTABIANO Giuseppe al viso.

Non si è ancora potuto accertare se tale sentinella avesse avuto eventualmente un diverbio con dei civili precedentemente usciti, comunque, la sua bestiale e deprecabile azione nei riguardi del CALTABIANO era assolutamente senza ragione, dato che tale operaio, che è uomo mitissimo e molto disciplinato e corretto, stava varcando tranquillamente il suddetto cancello per fare ritorno alla proprie abitazione.

Fortunatamente il CALTABIANO è stato colpito al viso, dato che la violenza del colpo era tale da provocarne senz'altro il decesso qualora lo avesse colpito alla tempia od in altro punto qualsiasi del capo, tanto è vero che il calcio del fucile si è spezzato in due parti. Tale operaio è stato accompagnato immediatamente dallo scrivente all'ambulatorio, dove, praticatogli le prime cure del caso, è stato giudicato guaribile in 12 giorni salvo complicazioni, ed il verbale compilato dal sanitario è stato consegnato, a cura dell'infortunato, al comando della locale stazione dei CC.RR. per le ulteriori indagini che il caso richiede.

In merito, si informa codesto Comando che, appunto allo scopo di evitare ogni qualsiasi incidente con le forze alleate presenti in Guidonia lo scrivente ha impartito disposizioni molto severe agli operai dipenden

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La sera del giorno 9 c.m. (venerdì), alle ore 17,20 circa, mentre gli operai che lavorano entro i recinti dell'ex D.S.S.E. addetti ai noti lavori di recupero sia per conto dell'Aeronautica che per conto della ditta appaltatrice, terminata la loro attività giornaliera uscivano dal cancello principale della D.S.S.E. per recarsi alle proprie abitazioni, una sentinella di colore, preposta alla sorveglianza di tale accesso, colpiva improvvisamente con estrema violenza, con il calcio del fucile, l'O.T. falegname CALTABIANO Giuseppe al viso.

Non si è ancora potuto accertare se tale sentinella avesse avuto eventualmente un diverbio con dei civili precedentemente usciti, comunque, la sua bestiale e deprecabile azione nei riguardi del CALTABIANO era assolutamente senza ragione, dato che tale operaio, che è uomo mitissimo e molto disciplinato e corretto, stava varcando tranquillamente il suddetto cancello per fare ritorno alla propria abitazione.

Fortunatamente il CALTABIANO è stato colpito al viso, dato che la violenza del colpo era tale da provocarne senz'altro il decesso qualora lo avesse colpito alla tempia od in altro punto qualsiasi del capo, tanto è vero che il calcio del fucile si è spezzato in due parti. Tale operaio è stato accompagnato immediatamente dallo scrivente all'ambulatorio, dove, praticatogli le prime cure del caso, è stato giudicato guaribile in 12 giorni salvo complicazioni, ed il verbale compilato dal sanitario è stato consegnato, a cura dell'infortunato, al comando della locale stazione dei CC.RR. per le ulteriori indagini che il caso richiede.

In merito, si informa codesto Comando che, appunto allo scopo di evitare ogni qualsiasi incidente con le forze alleate presenti in Guidonia lo scrivente ha impartito disposizioni molto severe agli operai dipendenti, imponendo loro un contegno corretto e dignitoso nei riguardi di tali militari, esortandoli anche ad evitare contatti più stretti specialmente con gli elementi di colore. Ciò in seguito alla constatazione, fatta fin dal primo giungere di tali forze armate in Guidonia, che i militari di truppa americani e specialmente quelli di colore, tenevano un contegno indubbiamente ostile nei riguardi della popolazione civile.

Doverosamente si comunica invece che gli ufficiali americani si sono sempre mostrati non soltanto corretti, ma anche molto gentili, e che sono sempre venuti incontro a tutti i desideri espressi dallo scrivente

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per agevolarlo nelle sue attività, mettendo prontamente a disposizione trattori e grues per il trasporto di macchinario e materiale pesante e per rimorchiare i velivoli per trasporto passeggeri della R. Aeronautica facenti scalo a Guidonia, ogni qualvolta si impantanavano.

Con l'occasione, si comunica che già in altra occasione questo Presidio segnalava a codesto Comando (foglio n. 43/R del 25 Novembre 1944) che il Comando Americano di Guidonia, in seguito al verificarsi di furti, aveva accusato gli operai dipendenti da questo Presidio e come si era invece riscontrato che i responsabili erano i militari americani di colore. Lo scrivente informa nuovamente che, a seguito di ulteriori indagini effettuate personalmente, ha constatato che le sottrazioni di materiale continuano, ad opera dei civili che lavorano direttamente alle dipendenze degli americani, con la complicità di alcuni militari di colore, i quali si servono per la asportazione dell'autocarro che veralmente riporta tali civili nella loro località di abitazione (si ritiene Monterotondo).

Nel mentre si porta codesto Comando a conoscenza di quanto sopra, si precisa che è stata cura dello scrivente di informare il Comando Alleato in Guidonia dell'accaduto, presso il quale ha mosso opportunamente i passi tendenti alla chiarificazione dell'incidente e la punizione del responsabile.-

IL COMANDANTE DEL PRESIDIO AERONAUTICO
F/to:Cap.A.A.Motor.-Pierino FERRASIS

NUCLEO COMANDO 3ª Z. A. T.
UFFICIO DISCIPLINA

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IL CAPO UFFICIO DISCIPLINA
(Cap. C.C.r.c. Langi dr. Lorenzo)

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OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL
ROMAN AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Tel 478813 - 478675-6

SUBJECT:- Alleged Assault.

Our Ref:- PM/41/3240.. 27 Feb 45.

Air Forces Sub-Commission,
HQ Allied Commission.

3A.

1. Your AFSC/752/2/P1 dated 25 Feb 45 refers.

2. It is considered that all possible action has been taken by this department in connection with the case in question; further consideration might be given to Lt Col ROCCO by the appropriate Claims department on application thereto.

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Capt.
for Lt Col.
Provost Marshal.
(Alan Charlton).

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FROM : AIR SOURCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO : PROVOST MARSHAL,
R.A.A.C.

DATE: 25th February, 1945.

REF : AFSC/752/2/P1.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON I.A.F. OFFICER BY ALLIED MILITARY PERSONNEL.

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With reference to your P/M/1/2961 dated 22nd Feb, it is notified that the copy of SIB report on the above was duly received at this Unit but not your covering letter P/M/1/837 dated 16th January.

2. As the SIB report was the result of an enquiry made from the Italian officer in question, and, as is understood adds little to the original report owing to difficulties of making further enquiries, it would be appreciated if inorder to reply to Italian Air Ministry some indication may be given if in the event of the culprits being found whether any indemnification for losses occurred would be payable to this officer.

J.G.WHITE, F/LT.
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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

SUBJECT:- Alleged Assault on IAF Officers
by Allied Military personnel.

Our Ref:- PM/41/2961. 22 Feb 45.

HQ., Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

50A on R/703/P1.

1. Your AFSC/703/P1 dated 18 Feb 45 refers.

See 46A

2. An SIB report on the enquiry in question was forwarded to you under this office reference PM/41/837 dated 16 Jan 45.

Not received.

Capt.
for Lt Col.
Provost Marshal.
(Alan Charlton).

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SUBJECT: Discip ne.

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Tel No: 11433.

Air Forces Sub-Commission.

6A on B/703/P1 Pt. II.

With reference to AFSC/703P1 dated 26 Jan 45, AHM reports that the "British Police" have no record of this incident or of any charge being preferred against "Pte. ROW, Y & L".

C.M.F.
7 Feb 45.
AH.

Lt.-col.,
A.A. & A.F.H.Q., 54 Area.

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