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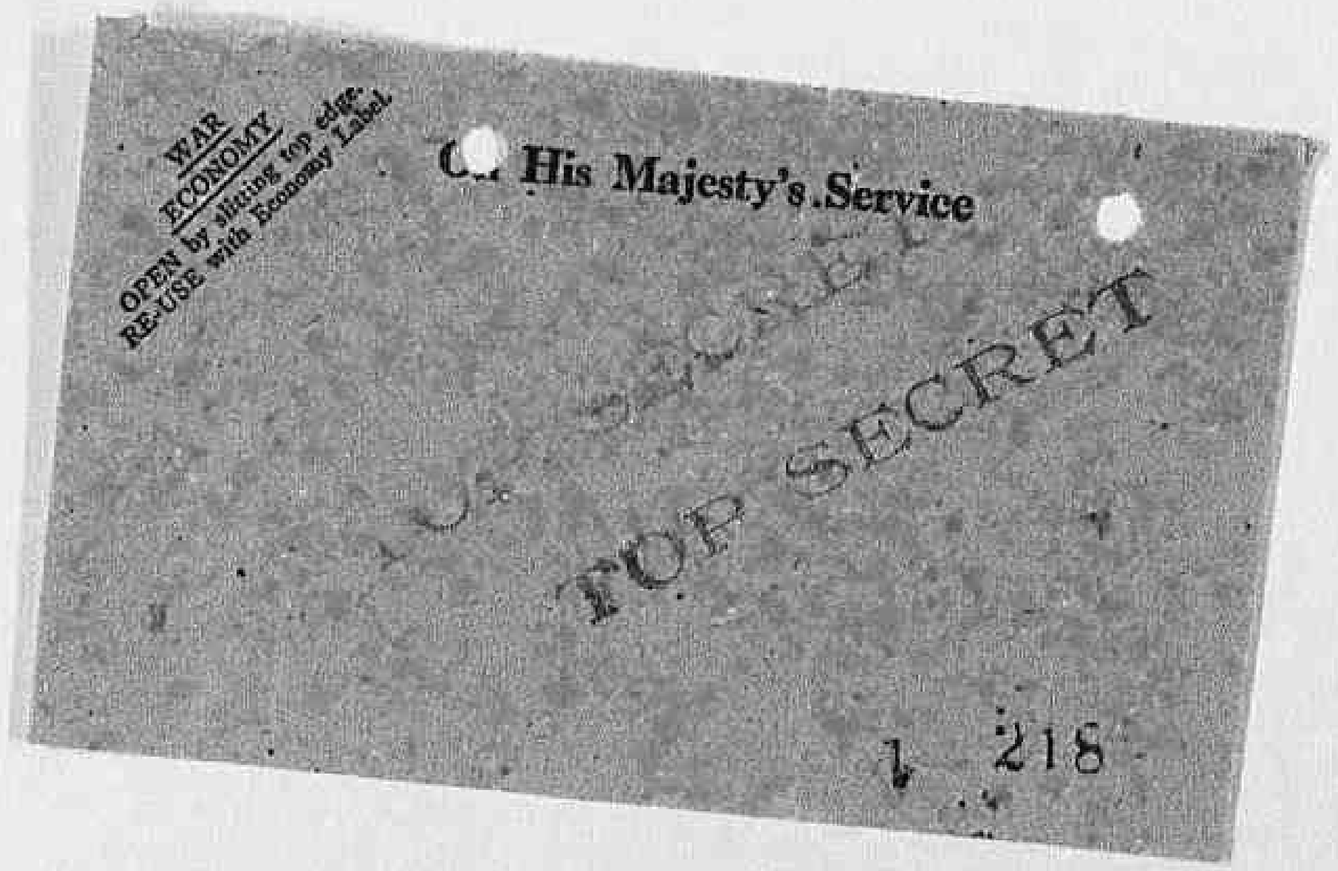
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TO: G5 SECTION AFHQ

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of CID-PBS Report of Investigation# 46-92.

TO : Legal Officer,
Allied Commission,
Leghorn, Italy.

Forwarded herewith, for information, CID-PBS Report of Investigation# 46-92.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BLOOD:

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

This case originated at: APO 782 U. S. Army

Supplement to File No. CID-PBS 46-92

Leghorn, Italy

Report made at:	Date when made:	Period for which made:	Report made by:
Leghorn, Italy	1 August 46	1 August 1946	Agent FREDERICK J. GARDELLA

Title:	Character of case:
PALERMO Luigi	Identification of unknown deceased Italian

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On 1 August 1946 there appeared in this office PALERMO, Francesco and PALERMO, Giuseppe, both of Messina Sicily. The two a/m Italians had been to the Italian Questura in Leghorn in search of their son and brother respectively. They were shown the photograph of the unknown Italian who had been shot and killed in depot 4L89 on July 16, 1946. (See Case #46-92 - Photo Inclosure #6).

PALERMO, Francesco and PALERMO, Giuseppe identified the body in the photograph as that of PALERMO LUIGI di Francesco and Longobuco Filomena, born in Catanzaro 1/1/1930; their son and brother respectively.

The identification was made in the presence of Dr. Leone Giovanni, ex Procuratore of the Republic, and Losito Andrea, secretary.

Attached is copy of identification statement.

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/rm ROBERT W. KUNZ, Chief Agent 1st Lt., CMP, Chief Agent Rank CID.	File Grade

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PROCURA OF THE REPUBLIC - LEGHORN

Identification of unknown body.

On 1 August 1946 before me Dr. Leone Giovanni, ex Procuratore of the Republic, assisted by the undersigned secretary, are present:
Palermo Francesco di Giuseppe and Galdieri Anna, born in Staiti (Reggio Calabria), 46 years of age, residing in Messina, station master of FF.SS.
Palermo Giuseppe di Francesco and Longobuco Filomena, born in Reggio Calabria, 20 years of age, student and residing in Messina at #151 Via S. Marta.
The above individuals recognize in the photograph attached to the report of the Questura dated 19/7/46 #10497, their son and brother respectively.
The identification takes place in our presence and the deceased is identified as PALERMO Luigi di Francesco and Longobuco Filomena, born in Catanzaro 1/1/1930, student, single, residing in Messina at #151 Via S, Marta.
Read, confirmed and undersigned.
Signed Palermo Francesco, Palermo Giuseppe, Dr. Leone Giovanni, ex Procuratore of the Republic, and Losito Andrea, secretary.

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the secretary

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To the official of Civil Record Office Leghorn, following the O.K. of unknown person dated 20/7/1946

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Leghorn, 1/8/1946

The Procuratore of the Republic

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Translated by : Rossana Miglietta
ROSSANA MIGLIETTA
Interpreter, CID.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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AC/4011/16/L 13 August 1946

SUBJECT : BILADDO Salvatore et al.

TO : Provost Marshal, APO 782 U.S. Army.

1. The enclosed C.I.D. report has been received by this office without covering letter concerning the action, if any, to be taken. May we be advised, please.

L.J. GILBRIDE,
Major, IGD,
Chief Counsel.

Incl. 4011/16

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HEADQUARTERS, 6709TH CID PLATOON (CVHD), Office of the Provost Marshal, PBS
APO 782, 19 Aug 46

TO: Legal Officer, Allied Commission, Rome Area, MTOUSA, APO 794, U.S. Army.

Report of Investigation mentioned in basic communication is forwarded for your information.

ROBERT J. WILSON,
Lt Col., C.M.P.,
Director, CID.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

APO 782 U. S. Army

This case originated at: Leghorn, Italy — 10/1/46 — File No. CID-PBS 46-92.

Report made at:	Date when made:	Period for which made:	Report made by:
Leghorn, Italy	31 July 1946	July 16-July 29 1946	Agent F.J. Gardella F.J. GARDELLA

Title:	Character of case:
Unidentified Italian Civilian	Justifiable homicide.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On July 16, 1946 this office was informed that an Italian civilian was shot and killed by a guard at Depot 4189, Ordnance Collection Point.

Investigation revealed that on July 16, 1946 at approx. 0100 hours the guard at 4189 noticed that there were civilians prowling within the tire area. A search was organized by the Officer of the Day and a group of 4 or 5 civilians was located. These civilians began to run across the top of the tire piles. The guards called for them to halt but they continued running. Cpl. of the guard J.L. PATTERSON then fired at them with his sub-machine gun. One unknown Italian civilian was killed and 4 taken prisoner. The four were BILADO, Salvatore; MONTEFORTE, Agostino; CIRCOMO, Arrigo; and SCARDURO, Giovanni. These men were turned over to the Italian authorities. The dead man was taken to the Italian hospital and then to the Italian morgue. The deceased remains unidentified. Tires were found lodged in the fence, where these men had been passing them thru to parties outside. Depot records revealed that on July 16, 1946 there was a shortage of approximately 60 tires. Nine of the tires were located later in house of an accomplice.

Case closed.

Approved and forwarded: Leonard H. Bortz Chief Agent	Do not write here:
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DETAILS:

1. On July 16, 1946 this office was informed that an Italian civilian had been shot and killed while stealing U.S. Gov't property at Depot 4189. At this same time 4 other civilians were taken prisoners and had been turned over to the Military Police.

2. Investigation revealed that on July 16, 1946 at approximately 0100 hours, Pvt. Joseph P. MILONE, 32867726, a guard at depot 4189, Ordnance Collection Point, noticed 4 or 5 persons inside the depot tire area running from one stack of tires to another. The officer of the Day, Lt. L.W. McKENNA, and the Cpl of the Guard, Joseph L. PATTERSON, 34493922 had just come by MILONE's post inspecting the guard. MILONE called to them as they came back by his post and informed them of what he had seen. Inclosure #1.

3. Lt. McKENNA, MILONE and PATTERSON began searching the tire area. At approximately 0125 hrs they saw four men running across the top of the tire stacks. Cpl. of the Guard PATTERSON shouted "halt" several times but the men continued to run. Pvt. MILONE fired one round from his carbine as a warning and as the men continued to run PATTERSON fired a burst from his sub-machine gun. One man was seen to drop on top of the tire stacks and the others disappeared in amongst the tires. Inclosure #2.

4. Lt. McKENNA, Pvt. MILONE and PATTERSON then went in among the tire stacks to apprehend the men whom they knew were in hiding there. They found 4 live Italian civilians and one apparently dead. The four civilians are BILADDO, Salvatore; Montoforte, Agostino; GIROMO, Arrigo; and SCANDURO Giovanni. These civilians were later turned over to the Military Police. Further search revealed one 600x16 M/5 tire lodged in the fence of south side of the depot. It was at this spot that the a/m Italians were passing out the tires to accomplices on the outside of the depot. Inclosure #3.

5. The wounded man was taken to the Italian Hospital where he was pronounced dead by Dr. Renato LISCIA at 0155 hrs. The body was then taken to the morgue of the Cimitero Comunale. The four men taken prisoner were also driven to the M.P. Station in the OBD #4 security truck driven by T/5 Roland E. SMITH, 39441465. Inclosure #4.

6. At the time of the shooting and the apprehension of thieves in the depot, another guard who was on duty outside the tire area fence witnessed the incident. See Statement of Pvt. Dewood SWART, 38770783, attached herewith as Inclosure #5.

7. The body of the dead man was searched but no identification could be found. His accomplices, the ones who were taken prisoner were questioned by the undersigned in regards to who the dead man was. None of them knew him very well. They stated he was a Sicilian, and that they always called him by the name of Charlotto, having known him only a very short time. Photos

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of the dead man were taken and copies given to Italian Authorities for purposes of identification. Should the dead man be identified after distribution of this report, a supplementary report will be forwarded.

8. The four Italians taken prisoners confessed to having entered depot 4189 with intent to steal tires and had passed some tires thru the fence to persons outside. They stated there were other Italians in the depot at the time they were but they had gotten away.

9. At approximately 0300 hrs, Lt. McKENNA, PATTERSON and MILONE again searched the tire area. It was at this point that another Italian civilian was found hiding among the tires. This man, FERRINI Alfredo revealed that some of the tires were located at the home of FILLIPI Gino. The home of FILIPPI was searched and nine (9) U.S. tires, part of the ones stolen from the depot were recovered.

10. Thefts in depot 4189, Ordnance Collection Point, have been a rather common occurrence. The OSD #4 security police have numerous instances where they have apprehended Italian civilians stealing U.S. Gov't property.

11. The guards special orders contain the instructions to call "halt" to escapingthieves, then to fire a warning shot into the air, andthen to shoot to bring the man down.

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CONCLUSIONS:

From the foregoing facts it is concluded that:

1. BILADDO, Salvatore; MONTEFORTE Agostino; GIRCOMO, Arrigo; SCANDURO, Giovanni; and the unidentified dead Italian civilian did on July 16, illegally enter depot 4L89, and did steal U.S Gov't property.

2. Cpl. of the Guard Joseph L. PATTERSON on July 16, 1946 at approximately 0125 hours, in the performance of his duty, did shoot and kill one unidentified Italian civilian who was in the act of escaping after having committed a felony.

Frederick J. Gardella
FREDERICK J. GARDELLA
Agent, CID.

6 Inclosures:

Inclosure 1- Statement of Pvt. Joseph P. MILONE
2- Statement of Pvt. Joseph L. PATTERSON
3- Statement of 1st Lt. Lyell W. McKENNA
4- Statement of T/5 Roland E. SMITH
5- Statement of Pvt. Dewood SWART
6- Photos of the deceased unidentified Italian.

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Statement of Pvt. Joseph P. Milone, 32867726, 3010 Ord. Co. OBD #4, in the matter of _____, given at 1430 hours, July 18, 1946, Leghorn Italy, in the presence of Agent F.J. Gardella, C.I.D., Leghorn.

The 24th Article of War has been explained to me by Agent Gardella, whom I know to be from the C.I.D. I fully understand that I am not required to make any statement, that I may remain silent, and that, if I do make any statements or answer any questions, whatever I say may be used against me. The following statement I make freely and voluntarily. No one has promised me anything or threatened me in any way to obtain it.

At approximately 0125 on July 16, 1946, I was on guard duty at O.C.P. About this time, the Officer of the Day, Lt. McKenna, and the Corporal of the Guard, Cpl. Patterson appeared for an inspection of the guard. I told them that at the time everything was going along well on my post. They said they were going to drive around the tire area and I told them I was going to walk inside the tire area. Pvt. Swart was on duty on the other side of tire area at the time. As I was walking amongst the tires I saw four or five persons running from one group of tires to another. The O.D. and the Corporal of the guard were coming back at this time and I called to Patterson and told him what I had seen. The three of us began to search the area. I saw about 3 persons climbing on top of the tire piles, and Patterson called for them to halt. They all disappeared in among the tires. Patterson called for them to come out, and three persons appeared and started to run. Patterson called several times for them to halt and I fired on round, Patterson then opened fire with his sub-machine gun. One of the men dropped and the other two disappeared in between the tires. We again called for them to come out and one man came out. Cpl. Patterson sent me to the main gate to call for the security truck. I did so and upon my return to the scene, I found that 4 men had been captured and that one other had been shot. The persons were placed on the security truck and taken away. I then resumed walking my post.

s/ Pvt. Joseph P. Milone

A TRUE COPY:

LEONARD H. BORTZ,
1st Lt., CMP.,
Chief Agent, CID.

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Statement of Pvt. Joseph L. Patterson, A.S.N. 34498922, 3010 Ord. Co. CBD #4, given at 1400 hours, July 18, 1946, Leghorn, Italy, in the presence of Agent F.J. Cardella, CID. Leghorn:

The 24th Article of War has been fully explained to me by Agent F.J. Cardella, whom I know to be from the CID. I fully understand that I am not required to make any statement, that I may remain silent, and that, if I do make any statements or answer any questions, whatever I say may be used against me. The following statement I make freely and voluntarily. No one has promised me anything or threatened me in any way to obtain it.

At approximately 0115 hours on July 16, 1946 I was checking the guard at O.C.P. with the officer of the day, Lt. McKenna. We stopped and talked with one of the guards named Joseph Milone. He stated that as far as he knew everything was going well on his post. The Lt. and I drove around on the inside of the fence around the tire piles. Milone started walking down the center of the tire area as Lt. McKenna and I drove along the fence. Milone then called to me, we came up to him and he said he saw four or five persons in among the tires. All three of us began to search the area, and saw three men among the tires. I hollered for them to halt several times, two of them stopped and hid themselves in among the tires and the third continued running toward the fence. I again shouted at them and Milone fired a shot of warning into the air. I then opened fire with my sub-machine gun and I saw the man that was running fall on topp of the tires. I then shouted for the rest of the thieves to come out from the tire pile and only one came out. I talked with him and he shouted for the rest of them to come out and one more came out. I then climbed up on the tire pile with Lt. McKenna and we found two more hiding there and we brought them out. I sent Milone back to call the security truck. We put the one wounded man and the four other captured men on the truck. We brought the four captives to the security office and the wounded man to the Italian Hospital. The doctor at the civilian hospital pronounced the man dead and we brought the man to the civilian morgue. I then returned to the security office with Lt. McKenna and we again went to O.C.P. We went back to the tire piles and found another civilian among them. We called the M.P. and a Questura Agent and went to their civilian's home where we recovered 9 of the stolen tires. We then turned this man over to the M.P.s.

s/ Joseph L. Patterson

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LEONARD E. PORTZ
1st Lt., CMP,
Chief Agent, CID.

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Statement of 1st Lt. Lyell W. McKenna, A.S.N. 01559227, 3010 Ord. Co. OBD #4, in the matter of the investigation of Shooting of unknown Italian thief at Depot 4L89, given at 1325 hours, July 19, 1946, Leghorn, Italy, in the presence of Agent F J Gardella, C.I.D., Leghorn:

The 24th Article of War has been fully explained to me by Agent F.J. Gardella, whom I know to be from the C.I.D. I fully understand that I am not required to make any statement, that I may remain silent, and that, if I do make any statements or answer any questions, whatever I say may be used against me. The following statement I make freely and voluntarily. No one has promised me anything or threatened me in any way to obtain it.

At about 0100 hours on 16 July 1946 I was informed by the C.Q. at the security office of O.B.D.#4 that the guard at 4L89 (Ordnance Collection Point) thought that there were civilians in that area. I immediately picked up the corporal of the guard, Pvt. Joseph L. Patterson, and proceeded to 4L89. As we circled the tire area we were stopped by Pvt.Joseph P. Milone, who stated that he had heard someone in the area.We left the jeep and started to comb the area. At 0125 I saw four men running on top of a stack of tires. Pvt. Patterson shouted "halt" but the men continued to run so he fired a burst of 4 or5 rounds from a sub. machine gun. One man fell on top of the tires and the rest disappeared in among the stacks of tires.

We then went in to search among the tire stacks and found four civilians and another apparently dead. We were joined at this time by Pvt.Deewood Smith, another guard. The four live civilians were placed under guard and the wounded man taken to the civilian hospital where he was pronounced dead upon arrival by Dr.Renato Liscia at 0155. The body was then taken to Cimitero Comunale. The four live civilians were turned over to the Military Police. At 0300 I returned to 4L89 with Pvt.Patterson and with the aid of Pvts. Milone and Swart we again searched the area. We found one 600X16 M/S tire lodged in the fence on the south side of 4L89. Further search revealed another civilian among the tires. With the aid of the Military Police and a Questura agent we searched this mans home but no U.S. property was found. The searching party then proceeded to the home of another civilian where (9) nine U.S. tires, 600X16 and (2) two U.S. tubes 900X20 were found. These civilians were then turned over th the Military Police.

s/ Lyell W. McKenna
1st Lt. Ord. Dept

A TRUE COPY:

Leonard H Bortz

LEONARD H. BORTZ,
1st Lt., CMP,
Chief Agent, CID.

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

Statement of T/5 Roland E. Smith, A.S.N. 39441465, 5010 Ord. Co. CLD #4, in the matter of the investigation of _____, given at 1515 hours, July 18, 1946, Leghorn, Italy, in the presence of Agent F.J. Gardella, C.I.D., Leghorn:

The 24th Article of War has been fully explained to me by Agent F.J. Gardella, whom I know to be from the CID. I fully understand that I am not required to make any statement, that I may remain silent, and that, if I do make any statements or answer any questions, whatever I say may be used against me. The following statement I make freely and voluntarily. No one had promised me anything or threatened me in any way to obtain it.

I was on duty as C.Q. in the Security Office of CLD #4, on July 16, 1946. At approximately 0130 hours I received a telephone call from C.C.P. telling me that Patterson wanted me to bring the truck out to C.C.P. where some Italians had been caught while stealing in the depot. I drove the truck to C.C.P. where I saw L.t. McKenna, Patterson, Swart, and Milone. Four Italians carried one other civilian who seemed unconscious and put him on the truck. I drove the truck to the security office with Patterson and the prisoners. We left the four civilians there under guard and then drove to the civilian hospital. It was then that I noticed the man had been wounded. The doctor at the hospital looked at the man and said he was dead. We returned to the security office picked up the other four prisoners. We then took the body to the Italian morgue. Capt. Chaplin, Lt. McKenna followed in their jeep as we took the four prisoners to the M.P. jail.

s/ T/5 Roland E. Smith

A TRUE COPY:

Leonard H. Bortz

LEONARD H. BORTZ,
1st Lt., CMP,
Chief Agent, CID.

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Statement of Pvt. Dewood Swart, A.S.N. 38770783, 3010 Ord. Co. OBD #4, in the matter of the investigation of _____, given at 1500 hours, July 18, 1946, Leghorn, Italy, in the presence of Agent F.J. Gardella, CID, Leghorn:

The 24th Article of War has been fully explained to me by Agent F.J. Gardella, whom I know to be from the CID. I fully understand that I am not required to make any statement, that I may remain silent, and that, if I do make any statements or answer any questions, whatever I say may be used against me. The following statement I make freely and voluntarily. No one has promised me anything or threatened me in any way to obtain it.

At approximately 0120 hrs on July 16, 1946, I was walking my post at O.C.P outside the tire area fence. I saw the O.D. and coporal of the guard driving out to inspect the guard. A short time later I heard someone shouting "halt" and then I heard some shots. I went over to where the action was taking place, and I met Patterson and Lt. McKenna with four civilians and one other wounded man. I guarded the prisoners while Lt. McKenna and Patterson searched the area. The security truck arrived and the prisoners and the wounded man were taken away. I continued walking my post.

s/ Dewood Swart

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LEONARD H. BORTZ,
1st Lt., CMP,
Chief Agent, CID.

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ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME AREA, MTOUSA
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13 Aug 1946
(Date)

I hereby acknowledge receipt of documents bearing the following registery numbers:
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13 AUG 1946

SUBJECT: Transmittal of CID-PBS Report of Investigation# 46-86.

TO : Legal Officer,
Allied Commission Hq,
Rome Area, MTOUSA,
APO 794, U.S. Army.

Forwarded herewith, for information, CID-PBS Report of Investigation# 46-86.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BLOOD:

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TO : Legal Officer,
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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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This case originated at:

File No.

CID-FSS 46-86.

Report made at:	Date when made:	Period for which made:	Report made by:
~~Leghorn, Italy~~ Leghorn, Italy	1 August 1946.	27 June-29 June	Agents QUARTARONE & SPILLER.

Title:	Character of case:
INCERTO, Pietro - Victim	Assault with deadly weapon (Shooting)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Central Military Police Station, Leghorn, advised this office at 2400 hrs, 27 June 46, that an Italian had been shot by three men believed to be American merchant seamen.

Investigation revealed that INCERTO, Pietro fu Francesco and di Messina Giovanna was shot in the stairway of the fourth floor, #143 Via Garibaldi, Leghorn, while attempting to make a black market transaction with three unidentified persons. Witnesses who observed the three escaping after the shooting believed the offenders to be American merchant seamen. Lineup of crews of TEKAKWA VICTORY, GEORGE SHIRMS & T.S. GOLD, American ships in port at time of offense, viewed by Elio FALLENI, principle witness, met with negative results. Victim released from Hospital 29 July, delivered to Questura. No further leads. No arrests.

Case closed.

Approved and forwarded:	Do not write here:
Same ROBERT W. KUNZ, 1st Lt., CMP., Chief Agent, CID. (Rank) — Chief Agent	File — Grade

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DETAILS:

1. At 2400 hrs, 27 June 1946, the Central Military Police Station of Leghorn, advised that an Italian had been shot by three men believed to be American merchant seamen.

2. The undersigned Agents proceeded to the Station, where it was determined that INCERTO Pietro fu Francesco and di Messina Giovanna had been shot in a building in Via Garibaldi at about 2130 hrs, 27 June 1946. Pvt. John KEITH, Co. C., 503rd MP Bn, was contacted by FALIENI Ilio and MARRUCCI Viana, who observed the assailants as they left the scene of the shooting. A search was made by Military Police of the area and of the 10th Port, with negative results. A quantity of torn paper (the size of which resembled 1000 lire notes) was furnished by the Military Police, with the information that it had been found at the scene of the shooting, indicating that a payoff was being transacted.

3. The reporting agents accompanied the two witnesses, FALIENI and MARRUCCI to 10th Port, where a lineup of crew members aboard the TEXARKANA VICTORY (the transport on which the two civilian witnesses believed they had seen the three men boarding), was held at approximately 0200 hrs, 28 June 1946. No identification was made.

4. Directly after search of the ship was made, at approximately 0230 hrs, the witnesses directed the undersigned to the scene of the shooting, #143 Via Garibaldi. From examination of the premises, it was determined that the incident occurred in the 4th floor hallway. Numerous marks were noted in the walls, at least two of which appeared to have been made by bullets. No physical evidence in the form of slugs or cases was recovered. A trail of bloodstains led from the fourth floor to the first, the victim apparently having walked to a point near the ground floor, where he fell.

5. At 0630 hours, 25 June, all crew members of the TEXARKANA VICTORY not previously available were lined up and viewed by the witnesses, with negative results.

6. The desk records of the civilian hospital were examined, the following information bein provided: No. 1095. INCERTI Pietro fu Francesco, Age 30 from Castelvetrano, arrived here at 2200 hrs, with an American truck - Truck Pool Leghorn and was accompanied by: MARRUCCI Viano di Renato and di Cervetti Elena, born here on the 19th-4-1924, living at Via S. Luigi, 12; MIRABELLI Francesco di Amleto and Cecchi Leda, born here in 1927, living at Via Chiellini #6, and by NODESTI Mario di Berardo, born here on 12-12-1920, residing at Montenero. Was cured by Doctor LUSENA for wounds caused by a firing weapon, at the left extern mastoid region and right zygomatic. Prognosi reserved.
MARRUCCI and MIRABELLI unanimously affirmed that they were near the bar of the Communist Party located in Via Garibaldi #8, and hearing gunshot coming from the opposite side of the street and exactly from the building #144 they rushed headlong and before arriving there they saw running away three unknown persons

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who wore American clothes. Arriving at the first flight of steps they provided to succour and transport to this hospital the above mentioned INCERTI, who was there lying. Above mentioned is unprovided of identification card. Due to his serious condition has not been possible to question him about the facts that occurred.

s/ Agent of Public Security
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7. The victim was briefly questioned at 1500 hours, 28 June. He advised that he had gone into the hallway with three persons from whom he intended to purchase cigarettes. He described the three as one oriental and two occidentals, either English or Americans, dressed as merchant marines.

8. At 1645 hours, 28 June, the persons residing at #143 Via Garibaldi, about 30 in number, were questioned. Evidence, consisting of 4 cases from a .635 mm weapon and 1 slug from a .765 mm weapon, was recovered in the second floor apartment at that address. These items were said to have been picked up in the hallway following the shooting.

9. Dr. AUDIBERTI Alfredo advised that he had met three individuals rushing downstairs from #143, where he resides on the fourth floor, at about 2130 hours, 27 June. At the same time he heard the voice of Miss Licia MAZZA saying that a man was lying wounded on the floor. He was unable to describe the three whom he had met in the lobby. He stated that his brother Alberto had found two .765 mm shells and 3 bullets, one .765 and 2,.635 mm on the steirs. These items could not be again located. (Inclosure #1).

10. MAZZA, Licia fu Alfredo and di Magrini Ida, born at Leghorn, 2 October 1923, residing on the 2nd floor, #143 Via Garibaldi, advised on 28 June that she had met three men on the stairway. She was unable to describe the men, except that one was blonde and wore a yellowish shirt.

11. AUDIBERTI, Alberto advised that he had arrived home at about 2300 hrs, at which time he found the shells and bullets described in para. 9 above. (Incl. #2).

12. RAMACIOTTI, Mario advised that he had been returning to #143 with his girl friend, when he heard four shots from an undetermined direction. Entering the hallway of her house after about five minutes, he met three men rushing downstairs. He was unable to describe the three men. Continuing upstairs, they found the wounded man. RAMACIOTTI then went downstairs and attempted to locate the three men, without results. Returning to the scene, he heard that one BALDESCHI had found some paper cut in the form of 1000 lire bills. (Incl. #3).

13. MARRUCCI Viano, one of the two witnesses utilized in the lineup of the crew of the TEXARKANA VICTORY, provided a statement on 28 June. He advised that he had seen three men run away from #143 Via Garibaldi. He said that he could not tell if they were civilians or soldiers. (Incl. #4).

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14. FALLENI ELIO, the second witness, furnished a statement on 28 June. (incl. #5). He advised that he had been walking on Via Garibaldi when he saw three Americans run by. FALLENI stated that two were wearing dark pants and blue shirts, the third being dressed in khaki trousers and shirt, without a hat. The third appeared to be a Filipino. One of the three had a hand bandaged. Shortly after they passed, someone shouted, "catch them, they have shot a man". FALLENI pursued the three, who disappeared. Shortly afterward, FALLENI was taken twice to a ship in the port, where the Military Police attempted to identify the seamen. At midnight, FALLENI was again returned to the M.P. Station, where the undersigned agents undertook the investigation.

15. On 28 June, LT. CHAUDOIR, Asst Port F.M. advised that the American ships in port were the TEXARKANA VICTORY, GEORGE SHIRAS, T.S. GOLD and a refrigerator ship, ZACABA.

16. Captain HANSEN, of the ZACABA, advised that his vessel had docked at 1710 hours, 27 June, and that no one had been allowed to go ashore until the following morning.

17. At 0800 hours, 30 June, a lineup was held of all crew members of the SS George SHIRAS. The witness, Elio FALLENI was unable to identify any of the seamen. At 1000 hrs, 9 July 1946, a lineup was held aboard the T.S. GOLD, also with negative results. The lapse of time is due to the continued absence of several members of the crew in various cities in Italy.

18. The packet of papers found by BALDESCHI, previously referred to in the statement of RAMACIOTTI, (Incl. #3), was secured from the Italian Police for examination. It was found to be made up of pages torn from an Italian book and blank sheets bearing original cartoons in red pencil. The packet was approximately 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" x 7" in size. Upon questioning, the victim, INCERTO, denied any knowledge of the package, other than advising that one of his three assailants had carried a package of similar size, supposedly containing cigarettes.

19. On 29 June, the undersigned agents, accompanied by Agent CEMPELINI Ottorino of P.S., entered the residence of the victim at #24 Via Serristori. A search of the premises uncovered papers corresponding to those found at the scene, including a page torn from the same book, and cartoons drawn in the same shade of red pencil. It was established that the package recovered at the scene had quite obviously been in the possession of the victim. Items so secured have been marked for identification and are retained in the files of this office. Also found in the victim's home was a black mask, which has been retained by Agent CEMPELINI of the P.S.

20. MASINI, Oretta fu Samuele and di Fenfani Ada, the woman residing with the victim at #24 Via Serristori, was questioned on 6 July. She advised that she had known INCERTO for only 4 or 5 days, having met him on the street, and knowing him only as Pietro. She stated that he had left the house at 1600 or 1630 hrs of the day he was shot, saying that he would return about 2030 hours. Upon leaving, he took a sum of money with him, saying he was going out on a cigarette deal. She denied any knowledge of the package of papers.

21. A statement was secured from the victim upon his release from the hospital, 29 July 1946. (Incl. #6). He stated that he had met three foreigners, who appeared to be of the American or British merchant marine, in Piazza Carlo Alberto. He arranged to purchase cigarettes from them and went to #143 Via

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Caribaldi to make the deal. He asked the three to give him the cigarettes, putting his left hand in his left pocket to get the money. He heard a shot and felt a sharp pain in the head, falling to the floor, remembering no more until he awoke in the hospital. INCERTO maintained that eight thousand lire and eight hundred American dollars were missing from among his personal belongings. He denied ownership of the torn pages referred to above, but identified the cartoons as his. He was unable to give any reason for the shooting. INCERTO was turned over to the Questura on 29 July 1946, inasmuch as he is not authorized to remain in Leghorn being a resident of the Province of Trapani.

22. The Civilian Hospital reported that the victim was discharged in good condition on 29-7-46, the pellet being retained in the zygomatic region. (Incl. #7). It was noted that the bullet entered the left neck, INCERTO having apparently been shot from behind. An abrasion was noted on his left cheek, perhaps resulting from a fall.

23. In view of the failure of the witness, FALLETI, to identify any of the American merchant marine personnel in this area at the time of the incident, and, there being no further leads, this case is closed.

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CONCLUSIONS:

From the facts recorded above it is concluded:

1. At about 2130 hours, 27 June 1946, Pietro INCERTO endeavored to carry out a black market transaction.

2. From the presence of the packet of papers, which has been established as the property of INCERTO, the victim attempted to defraud his companions.

3. INCERTO was shot and wounded by a person or persons unknown.

JOHN V. QUARTAROLA,
Agent, C.I.D.

HERMAN C. SPILLER,
Agent, C.I.D.

7 Inclosures:
Incl. 1 - Statement of Alfredo AUDIBERTI
2 - Statement of Alberto AUDIBERTI
3 - Statement of Mario RAMACIOTTI
4 - Statement of Viano MARRUCCI
5 - Statement of Ilio FALIERI
6 - Statement of Pietro INCERTO
7 - Certificate of Civilian Hospital.

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Leghorn 29, June 1946/

I, the undersigned, Dr. Audiberti Alfredo di Renato and di Amelia Giusti, born at Leghorn 23 September 1916, there residing at #143 Via Garibaldi, 4th floor, without any threats or promises, duress or coercion, of my own free will, state what follows:

At about 2130 hrs, 27 June 1946, I was on the lobby of the 1st floor of my house when I met tre individuals who were rushing downstairs. I didn't have time to take a look at them and am not able to give any description or detail. At the same time I heard the voice of Miss Licia Mazza saying that a man was lying wounded on the floor. I don't remember her words exactely. She was frightened and turned to descend the stairs again but it took her a long time as she was carrying a bicycle and her boy friend was in back of her. I was forced to go back to the street. Naturally I thought that the three mentioned above were the authors of the crime. I got frightened and didn't have courage to go upstairs, due to the fact that my sister Lina was supposed to come home at that time and I was waiting for her near the main door to stop her. The wounded having been taken to the Civilian Hospital I went home. I didn't hear anything about a package being found, I only heard that the three individuals were filippinos, Americans or Italians. Shortly after my brother Alberto, age 21, returning home found on the stairs two shells and three bullets. The shells were Cal. 7.65, make "Beaux", while the bullets were, one Cal. 7.65 and two Cal. 6.35. Two of the bullets showed having hit against the wall being scratched and dirty with mortar. The third one was cal. 6.35 but about 1/3 of the crown was missing. The bullets were lost probably because they have been swept off by the cleaning woman/

I have nothing to add.

s/ Dr. Audiberti Alfredo

Witness: s/ Aringhieri Inigo H.

Translated from the original Italian into English to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Anna M. Asgarelli

Anna M. Asgarelli, Interpreter CID

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I, the undersigned Andiberti,Alberto di Renato and di Amelia Giusti, born at Leghorn, 29 July 1925, there residing at Via Garibaldi #143,fourth floor, without threats or promises of any sort, of my own free will states what follows:

On 27 June 1946, at about 2300 hours at the time I was returning home, when as I reached the first stair which leads from the third to the fourth floor, I noticed something shinning on the floor. At this I bent down and picked it up, and to my surprise I discovered they were two bullets. Due to curiosity, I then observed carefully on the floor, and at this time on the lobby of the third floor, Idiscovered two shells. On the second stair which leads to the fourth floor, I found another bullet bigger than the others. When I got inside my house, I showed my brother Alfredo, said items. It was then that my brother state the facts occurred at about 2130 hours, that is,that on the stair-way a wounded man had been found presumably shot by three unknown individuals.

My brother on examining the two shells stated they were cal. 7.65, as it was written on the bottom of said shells, and that the three bullets were two of cal. 6.35, and the other cal. 7.65.

We could easily see that the bullets, but one, had hit against a blunt instrument. We placed said bullets in the kitchen, and at the time the American Police arrived and requested them, they were missing. Probably the women who attend to the house cleaning, unwary threw them away.

Having nothing more to say.

Corrections approved.

s/Andiberti Alberto

Witness:

s/ Arringhieri Inego

Emma Donati

Emma Donati, Interpreter, C.I.D.

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I, the undersigned Ramaciotti, Mario di Lanciotto and di Selika Ghicnelli, born at Leghorn, 6 April 1923, there residing, Via Spalato #4, without threats or promises of any sort, of my own free will state what follows:

On 27 June 1946, at about 2130 hours, my girl-friend and I were on the bicycle going towards her house located at Via Garibaldi # 143, second floor. Upon arriving at about twenty meters from her house, we heard four pistol shots. Due to the noise, I could not determine from which direction the shots came from, beside I noticed that the persons passing by on the same street payed no attention to what had happened, I continued on my way. On the way I met my girl-friend sister, Mirella Lazza, with whom I stopped to talk for about five minutes, then proceeded on my way. As we reached the main door of the house, my girl-friend went upstairs ahead of me. We also took the bicycle with us. Upon reaching the second stairs of the first floor, we met three persons who were rushing downstairs. I had no time to observe them, therefore I am unable to state if they were American or Italian civilians or soldiers. so continued upstairs. When my girl-friend arrived at the second stair case of the first floor, she cried in a frightened manner, " There is a wounded man," and turning around came down stairs, which I also was obliged to do.

It was then that I realized that the three men mentioned above were the ones who committed the crime. As soon as I was down stairs, I got o n the bicycle and thru information given by persons around, I went thru Via Pellegrini to trace them. As I was unable to discover them, I turned back. In the vicinity of the building where the incident occurred, I heard the crowd say that one Baldeschi, not better identified , had stated that he had seen a pack containing some pieces of paper cut in form of 1000 lire bill.

I did not seex the wounded man as at the time I returned he had been taken to the hospital.

Having nothing more to say.

s/Ramaciotti Mario

Witness:
s/ Arrinchieri Inigo

Translated from the original Italian into English to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Emma Donati
Emma Donati, Interpreter, C.I.D.

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Leghorn, 28 June 1946

I, the undersigned MARRUCCI Viano di Renato and di Cervetti Elena, born in Leghorn on 19 April 1924, there residing Via San Luigi #12, 1st floor, without any threats or promises, of my own free will, do hereby make the following statement:

At approximately 2130-2200 hours, yesterday 27th June, I was in the bar of Cetti Alberto, waiting to be served of a cup of coffee that I had ordered. While waiting one Fichi Inaco, residing in Leghorn, Via della Cappellina #21, 1st floor, approached me and said:"Did you hear three pistol shots"? I replied no. We then sat down on some chairs outside the bar. The persons who were nearby, were talking about the three pistol shots they had heard. At the same time three individuals left the building #143, on Via Garibaldi, running away. I could notice this from a distance of about 40 meters. The three of them were running fast and turned into Via Pellegrini. I could not distinguish if the three were civilians or soldiers, Americans or Italians, since I couldn't observe them closely. Itonly seems to me that one of the three individuals was wearing a yellowish shirt. Immediately after this I saw a group of people stop in front of the main door of the above mentioned building. At this time I told Fichi Inaco that I was going to see what was going on. Upon arrival there, I saw a girl who lives on Via Garibaldi, and whose name I believe it is Andreoni, shouting to a woman looking out of a window: "They killed a man". At the same time a voice corrected: "No, he is only wounded". I then made a sign to my friends who were still at the bar to come there. They came and went upstairs, while I stopped a truck of the T.P.L. We loaded the wounded on the truck and took him to the civilian hospital. I do not know the wounded man. On the truck there were two other young fellows whom I do not know. It is easy to find them since they gave their personal data at the hospital. After the doctor in attendance visited the wounded and stated he was in a serious condition, I returned home. Shortly after the Military Police came and took me to the Police Station for informations. It was about 2315 hours. At about 2430 hours, the CID Agents took me to the port. There we went aboard a merchant ship and showed me a lineup of merchant seamen. They did this with the purpose of having me recognize the three individuals suspected of the wounding. I could not recognize any of them, since I could not see their faces, as I have stated above.
I have nothing further to state.

s/ Marrucci Viano

Translated from the original Italian into English to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Rossana Miglietta

Rossana Miglietta, Interpreter, CID

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I, the undersigned Falleni Elio di Gino and fu Nella Barsotti, born at Leghorn, 15 August 1924, there residing at #1 Via Scali S.Lorenzo, ground floor, without any threats or promises, of my own free will state what follows:

At about 2130-2200 hours, 27 June 1946 I was passing by Via Garibaldi together with my friend Piero, whose last name I don't know, who lives at Via Terrazzini, Leghorn, and two other young fellows I know by sight. Suddenly we saw three Americans run by, who passing very close to us disappeared in ~~the barrack~~ Via Pellegrini. Although the three Americans were running, I was able to notice that two of them were wearing dark flannel pants, and a blue cotton or woolen shirt, that is the same type of shirt used by the American merchant marine. The other one was wearing the American uniform, that is, khaki trousers and shirt, no cap. I noticed that he looked exactly like a Fillipino. I am positive of the description and the details I gave, as the three Americans passed very colse to us and I had time to observe them. One of the three, I don't remember which one had a hand banded. At the same time from #143 at Via Garibaldi, some persons came out carrying a wounded civilian, who was loaded on a T.E.L. truck and taken to the hospital. The persons present were shouting, "Catch them, they have shot a man." At this we started chasing the three Americans, but were not able to catch them, noticing only that from Via Pellegrini they turned into Via Terrazzini and disappeared. We decided to go back to see what had happened. As we arrived at Piazza G.Oberdan an M.P. Jeep arrived. The M.P's stopped and asked the crowd what the matter was. An Italian policeman explained that three Americans had shot at and wounded an Italian. The M.P's then asked us to get on the jeep to go with them looking for the Americans. One of the M.P.jeeps went in the direction of the Port, while the other one on which I was went towards the rail-road station, running around the Fillipino camp. Not finding anybody, we went to the Port where merchant ships are anchored. The M.P's had us aboard a ship of which we checked some cabins to trace or identify the two American seamen involved in the above described incident. We were not able to identify anybody, so we left and were taken to the M.P.Station where we arrived at about 2300 hours. At about 2310 hours, together with the same M.P's, I went to the Port and on the same ship I was shown three seamen for identification, but I was unable to recognize any of the three American seamen we were looking for. After this we went back to the M.P.Station arriving at about midnight. Shortly after three Policemen arrived, whom I have seen again in this office, and with them, a Marshal of the Carabinieri and three carabinieri I went again to the Port and on the same ship. The American Police Agents had the crew lined-up which we examined and also this time I was unable to identify the three American seamen. Then we went back to the Police Station where I was turned over to the carabinieri, who held me till this morning. I have nothing further to add.

s/ Falleni Elio

Witness:
s/Arringhieri Inigo Henry.

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Emma Donati

Emma Donati, Interpreter, C.I.D.

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Leghorn, 29 July 1946.

I, the undersigned Incerto Pietro fu Francesco and di Messina Giovanna, born at Castelvetriano, Prov of Trapani, on 11 Feb. 1916, there residing at #2 Via Borgo Sellinunti, without any threats or promises, state what follows:

At about 2130 hours, on 28 June 1946 in Piazza Carlo Alberto, I met three foreigners who I think belonged to the American or British merchant marine. They offered me some cigarettes at the price of 180 lire a pack, which I accepted. We decided to go in a solitary place to conclude the transaction and during the way they told me they wanted to be paid in dollars and not in lire. I answered that I had only a few dollars and would rather pay in lire, but, however, as long as I could contract the deal, I would pay in dollars. Eventually we stopped in Via Garibaldi and entered the building #143, went upstairs to the forth or fifth floor, I don't remember which one, but I do remember that we stopped on a looby where there is a window overlooking the street and we had enough light to see what we were doing. Then I asked the three foreigners to give me the cigarettes and at the same time I put my left hand in my left pocket to get out the money. At that time I heard a shot and felt a sharp pain at the head, then I passed out falling to the floor and don't remember what happened till when I awoke up in the hospital, I don't know how long later. The next day in the hospital I realized that my personal belongings were missing, that is eight thousand lire in Italian currency and eight hundred American dollars. I cannot state if the three foreigners had the intention to hit me or not. The torn up pages of Italian books that you show me, have never been in my possession, never the less on the night of the incident. I was however in possession of four sketches, cyclamen color, representing my daughter Giovanna, a caricature of an Italian soldier,, a woman's face and a soldier. The opera book " a Boheme" is mine.
Made, read, approved and undersigned.

s/ Incerto Pietro

Witness:
s/ Aringhieri Inigo

Translated from the original Italian into English to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Anna Maria Ascarelli
ANNA MARIA ASCARELLI
Interpreter, C.I.D.

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

CIVILIAN HOSPITAL - LEGHORN

It is certified by the undersigned that INCERTO Pietro fu Francesco, admitted in this hospital on 27-6-1946, suffering from a fire-arm wound with retained pellet in the zygomatic region, he left the hospital in a good condition, on 29-7-1946.

Free from tax for use of the C.I.D. Office, as requested by same office.

Leghorn, 30-7-1946.

THE DIRECTOR

s/ Illegible

THE PRESIDENT

s/ B. Achielli

Translated from the original Italian into English to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Anna M. Agcarelli

Anna M. Agcarelli, Interpreter, C.I.D.

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10 August 1946

SUBJECT : MEFTESSI, Luciano et al.

TO : Provost Marshal, A.P.O. 782 U.S. Army.

1. The enclosed C.I.D. report has been received by this office without covering letter concerning the action, if any, to be taken. May we be advised, Please?

JOHN K. WEBER,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief Legal Advisor.

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HEADQUARTERS, 6709TH CID PLATOON (CWHD), Office of the Provost Marshal, APO 782, 20 August 1946

TO: Chief Legal Advisor, Allied Commission, Rome Area, APO 794, U.S. Army.

Above mentioned Report of Investigation was forwarded by letter for information and any information deemed necessary.

ROBERT J. WILSON,
1st Lt., C.M.P.,
Director, CID.

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This case originated at: APO 782 10/11/46
Leghorn, Italy

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Report made at:	Date when made:	Period for which made:	Report made by:
Leghorn, Italy	July 23, 1946	July 2, 1946 July 20, 1946	Agent F.J. GARDELLA

Title:
MENTESSI, Luciano
MENICAGLI, Enzo

Character of case:
Illegal Possession of American Gov't Property. Uttering forged instrument.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On July 2, 1946 the reporting agent confiscated an amount of American gasoline from Luciano MENTESSI, at Banditella, Casa Colonica #8. At the time of the confiscation of gasoline MENTESSI was not present. The following morning MENTESSI presented himself in this office and presented receipts for the confiscated gasoline as having been given to him thru the Italian Transportation Office. These receipts were checked and one of them for 2100 litres of gasoline was found to have been forged by MENICAGLI, Enzo an employee in the Ital. Transp. Office. Both men were placed under arrest and turned over to Italian Authorities.

Case closed.

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DETAILS:

1. Thru confidential sources it was learned that, at Banditella, Casa colonica #8, there was a large amount of American gasoline. The reporting agent proceeded to said address and found the gasoline. Upon finding this gasoline the occupants of the house were questioned and it was learned that the gasoline belonged to MENTESSI Luciano. Notice was left that MENTESSI was to report at the C.I.D. office as soon as possible.

2. The gasoline found was as follows: 12-55 gal drums, 2-45 gal drums, 13-5 gal cans, and 1 demi-john of approx. 12 gal. On the basis of 4 litres to one gallon, MENTESSI was in possession of 3214 litres of gasoline. Also found was one American jack, 1 blanket, 1 innertube, 1 set underwear, and 1 shirt. The twelve 55 gal-drums were loaded on a Citroenn truck and also the truck was impounded and was held at the M.P. Station.

3. On the morning of July 3, 1946, MENTESSI appeared at this office and upon interrogation produced 3 receipts from Italian Autotrasporti Office showing that he had been allotted gasoline thru said office. One dated June 22, 1946 was made out to MENTESSI, Elio, the brother of MENTESSI Luciano. This was for 240 litres of gasoline. The second was made out to MENTESSI, Luciano, also dated June 22, 1946 for 180 litres of gasoline. The third was made out to MENTESSI, Luciano dtd Apr. 3, 1946 for 2100 litres of gasoline.

4. The reporting agent accompanied by Dr. Aurelio LoPiano proceeded to the Autotrasporti Office and checked the receipts presented by MENTESSI. It was found that the two receipts made out on June 22, 1946 were in order. But it was found that the third receipt made out Apr. 3, 1946 had been forged by MENICAGLI, Enzo, an employee of the Autotrasporti Office.

5. MENICAGLI, Enzo was placed under arrest and interrogated. He admitted his participation with MENTESSI, and of his forging of the receipt for gasoline that MENTESSI had in his possession. (Incl. #1).

6. MENTESSI, Luciano was further interrogated. He finally admitted having requested MENICAGLI to make the false receipt for him. He further stated having become in possession of this gasoline thru illegal sources. (Incl. #2).

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7. MENTESSI was found in possession of 3214 litres of gasoline. The two thrue receipts he held were for 240 and 180 litres of gasoline. A total of 420 litres that were issued to him on June 22, 1946. Yet MENTESSI has 3 trucks that he uses for personal work as well as for the comunity, and he still on July 2, 1946, had not only the 420 issued litres of gasoline but 2794 litres more. The false receipt MENICAGLI made for him only covered for 2100 litres. In the opinion of the reporting Agent, all the gasoline found in possession of MENTESSI, Luciano had come thru illegal sources.

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CONCLUSIONS:

From the foregoing facts it is concluded that:

1. MENTESSI, Luciano was, on July 2, 1946, in illegal possession of 3308 litres of gasoline, said gasoline being American Gov't Porperty.

2. MENTESSI, Luciano produced and presented to the reporting agent a forged receipt for this gasoline.

3. MENICAGLI, Enzo in the service of a public office, did willfully and knowing forge a receipt so that MENTESSI might keep possession of American Gov't Property.

Frederick J. Gardella
FREDERICK J. GARDELLA,
Agent, C.I.D.

2 Inclosures:
Incl. 1 - Statement of MENICAGLI, Enzo
Incl. 2 - Statement of MENTESSI, Luciano.

3 Exhibits:
Exhibit "A" - Forged Receipt made by MENICAGLI
Exhibit "B" - True receipt made to Elio MENTESSI
Exhibit "C" - True receipt made to Luciano MENTESSI

NOTE: All original copies and exhibits are retained in the files of this office.

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Office CID

ALLIED COMMISSION SECTION 2654

6 July 1946.

I, the undersigned MENICAGLI, Enzo di Amleto and di Canara Elvira, born at Collesalvetti, on the 21-12-1920, residing in Leghorn, Via Arena Alfieri #3, employed by the Transportation Office in Leghorn as cashier, without threats or promises, but of my own free will declare and swear what follows:

I have known Mentassi Luciano for about the period of three years, due to his connections of work in the Transportation office in which I am employed. Wednesday, 3 July, at about 0900 hours, Mentassi Luciano came to my office, and in an excited way he informed me that the American Police had confiscated a load of gasoline, not stateing the quantity. Mentessi begged me to help him out, saying that if he could show a document issued by this office proving that the confiscated gasoline had been legally assigned to him, he could in this way have the gasoline returned. He begged me so hard, that I decided to help him, without, realizing the consequences which would follow: I looked thru the tally-sheets to see if there was any on e left blank, because cancelled, and infact after checking thru I found the tally-sheet #24, which had been cancelled due to mistakes made by the employee who takes care of them. Mentessi who was in possession of two original receipts for gasoline, legally issued by my office for 420 litres, after calculating the approximate quantity of gasoline necessary for the receipt, told me that I should fill it out for 2100 litres. I can not understand why I so easily agreed to his request. His excitment had deeply touched me. I filled out the tally-sheet as requested by the percentages of the contributions for the office, and the Ministry, signing my name. Mentessi then told me that he would reward me. I replied that I did not wanted to be rewarded, instead I threatened him of not doing anything for him if he would insist. Ireceived about 11000 lire, which sum I got from the above mentioned contribution, and which I deposited in the safe of the office. The receiving of said sum was necessary to give the impression the receipt was regularly issued. I furhter state that when I told Mentessi that a large sum was necessary for the payment of the taxes, he replied that he did not care what the expenses would be. Infact he immediately consigned the sum requested. I gave him the tally-sheet, and Mentessi left saying that he was going to consign the tally-sheet to the Police, and he would inform me of the result. Yesterday, at about 1030 hrs. Mentessi came to my office and informed me that he had not been able to give course to his papers , as the Police Office was closed, being the 4th of July, I told Mentessi that I was worried, but he assured me stating: "You have nothing to do with it", I'll take care of the matter. You will not get in trouble."

Q.A. The irregularity committed by me, would have been discovered at the semestral balance, which is effected in these days.

Q.A. I deny of having received any reward from Mentessi to consign him the illegal receipt.

Corrections approved. Made read confirmed and undersigned. 179

Witness: s/Dr.Aurelio LoPiano s/ Menicagli Enzo

Translated from the original Italian into English to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Incl. #1 CONFIDENTIAL Emma Donati

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STATEMENT

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17-7-1946.

I, the undersigned Mentessi Luciano di Edilio and di Dolci Ada, born at Leghorn on 23-5-1924, tnere residing at #8 Viale Vittorio Emanuele, owner of a trucking Co., without any threats or promises, of my own free will, state and swear to what follows:

At about 0900 hours, 2 July came to my house two individulas, about 35 years old, whom I don't know who proposed me the purchase of a quantity of gasoline, which they said was on a truck at Via di Popogna. I don't know how tney knew my address and if someone sent them to my house. As their offer was of my satisfaction and as I needed gasoline for my work, I decided to buy the gas. A few minutes later I stared toward the a/m place with the two unknown individuals aboard of my small truck Citroen, 6 cilinders. On Via di Popogna we found a truck, of a load capacity of 30 quintals, which was waiting. Near to the truck there was a man whom I had never seen before. With the three of them I negotiated the gas after some difficulties making an agreement for the price of L. 55.000 (fifty thousand lire).. Upon receiving the sum the three unloaded the gas on my truck, then I went back home where I left the loaded truck. As usual at about noon I went to the Carabinieri station of Antiniano with a truck of mine as they used it to control the traffic. Going back to my house I learned from my folks that at about 1600 hrs, the M.P. had confiscated the gas which was, as above stated, on my small truck. Being very worried I thought of the best way to get out of that matter. The next morning, being in possession of two tickets for the purchase of gas, which I had already purchased on 22 June, I went to see my friend Menicagli Enzo who is working for the Leghorn Transportation Office to ask him an advise. I told him that the American Police had confiscated a certain amount of gasoline I have had for a long time in my garage. After a discussion I succeeded to persuade reluctant Menicagli to help me out at any cost. As I had previously noticed during some legal purchase of gas, that at the Transportation Office some tickets were considered void for some mistakes found on them, I proposed Menicagli to fill in one of said tickets justifying that way my being in possession of the confiscated gasoline, making believe that it had been ligally purchased from the Transportation Office. Together we looked for such a ticket that we found dated 3 April, bearing the number 24. I calculated the amount of gasoline that was to be justified by the ticket reminding the other two tickets, deciding for 21000 litri. Menicagli filled in the ticket with said figure and the other data pertaining to the taxes for a total sum of L. 11.000 (eleven thousand lire) which I gave to him withdrawing the forged ticket. Such sum is what the office keeps for its rights. From the Autotransportation Office I came to this office where I gave to Agent Gardella the two tickets I previously had in my possession and the forged one Menicagli had made out for me.say To Agent Gardella I said that the confiscated gasoline I had ligally purcahsed from the Autotranssportation Office. It resulted from the investigation of the American Police that the ticket was forged.

I have nothing to add.

Made. read, confirmed and undersigned. s/ Mentessi Luciano

Witness: s/ Dr. Aurelio Lo Piano.

Translated from the original Italian into English to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Anna Maria Ascarelli

Anna Maria Ascarelli, Interpreter CID

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APO 794
LEGAL SUB COMMISSION

AC/4011/16/L /ns
13 August 1946

SUBJECT : BILADDO Salvatore et al.

TO : Provost Marshal, APO 782 R.S. Army.

1. The enclosed C.I.D. report has been received by this office without covering letter concerning the action, if any, to be taken. May we be advised, please.

L.J. GILBRIDE,
Major, IGD,
Chief Counsel.

Incl.

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of CID-PBS Report of Investigation# 46-92.

TO : Legal Officer,
Allied Commission,
Leghorn, Italy.

Forwarded herewith, for information, CID-PBS Report of Investigation# 46-92.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BLOOD:

J. D. VENSEL
Major, AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

1 Incl: a/s

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LEGAL SUB COMMISSION

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

JKW/ns
AC/4011/16/L 10 August 1946

SUBJECT : MENTESSI, Luciano et al.

TO : Provost Marshal, A.F.O. 782 U.S. Army.

1. The enclosed C.I.D. report has been received by this office without covering letter concerning the action, if any, to be taken. May we be advised, Please.

JOHN K. WEBB,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief Legal Advisor.

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Reference No.
SIB95/4/1/43/55.

"F" Detachment,
95 Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
The Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Forces.

18th. December,1945.

Subject:- Persons in Custody. Attempted Murder.

[redacted] Pasquale. Aged. 69 years.
Via Forone,
CERVINARA.

To:- The D.A.P.M.
95 Section,
Special Investigation Branch.

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C.C.R.E.
CERVINARA.

H.Q. 95 Section,
S.I.B.

File.

Legal Sub-
Commission, Rome.

Sir,

On the 8th.December,1945, the above named civilian was arrested by the Carabinieri, Cervinara for being in possession of Allied Forces property.

From evidence since obtained it now appears that the following additional charge may be preferred.

Attempted Murder, in that he at Cervinara on the 8th. December,1945, did attempt to murder No.1323/V/1918/111 Pte KIEL Otton, of the Polish Army.

The facts leading up to the arrest of the accused and evidence since obtained are as follow:-

At about 2345 hours Saturday 8th.December,1945, information was received at this office from 111 Provost Company, G.H.Police, respecting the admission of a Polish soldier, suffering from gun shot wounds, to the 65th (Br) General Hospital.

In consequence of this information I immediately commenced enquiries visiting the 65th.(Br) General Hospital where I ascertained the wounded soldiers identity as being No.1323/V/1918/111 Pte. KIEL Otton, Attached Polish Repatriation Camp, Cervinara.

Upon making enquiries at Cervinara, I was informed that at about 2200 hours Saturday.8th.December,1945, the accused together with his wife was in the bedroom of his home, situate in Via Forone, Cervinara. It is alleged that both heard repeated knockings at the front door of their house, and a person

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11th. December,1945.

Subject:- Persons in Custody. Attempted Murder.

PERSE Pasquale. Aged. 69 years.
Via Persse,
CERVINARA.

For:- The D.A.P.M.,
95 Section,
Special Investigation Branch.

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C.C.R.E. CERVINARA.

H.Q. 95 Section, S.I.B.

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Attempted Murder, in that he at Cervinara on the 8th. December,1945, did attempt to murder No.1323/W/1918/111 Pte KITEL Otton, of the Polish Army.

The facts leading up to the arrest of the accused and evidence since obtained are as follow:-

At about 2340 hours Saturday 8th.December,1945, information was received at this office from 111 Provost Company, G.M.Police, respecting the admission of a Polish soldier, suffering from gun shot wounds, to the 65th (Br) General Hospital.

In consequence of this information I immediately commenced enquiries visiting the 65th.(Br) General Hospital where I ascertained the wounded soldiers identity as being No.1323/W/1918/111 Pte. KITEL Otton, Attached Polish Repatriation Camp, Cervinara.

Upon making enquiries at Cervinara, I was informed that at about 2200 hours Saturday.8th.December,1945, the accused together with his wife was in the bedroom of his house, situate in Via Persse, Cervinara. It is alleged that both heard repeated knockings at the front door of their house, and a person continually asking for a 'Signore'.

The accused according to his statement asked this person to go away, but as he did not do so he became frightened. He then picked up his shot gun, went to the back door of his house, which is in the same street, and approximately seven yards from his front door. There he saw the outline of the person responsible for his fear, and without hesitation he fired at the legs of this person and returned to his bedroom. At the time he fired there is no doubt whatsoever that he was aware that the person he was firing at was a Polish soldier.

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The injured person proved to be Pte. KIRK, who was removed to the M.I.Room, Cervinara, where he was found to be suffering from wounds to the lower parts of both legs. He was later conveyed to the 65th (Br) General Hospital.

This incident was investigated by Maresciallo NERI Ferdinando, of the local Carabiniere Station, who visited the scene shortly after the shooting. He questioned the accused who he arrested, and who later made a statement admitting his part.

He searched the home of the accused and recovered a double barrelled shot gun. On examining this,he found that it had recently been fired and that a spent cartridge case was still contained in the right hand barrel.

Questioning of the accused's wife revealed no further facts, and the interrogation of the injured soldier did not help to clarify what actually happened.

From the statement made by the soldier it may be seen that he was walking down the street when he heard the door of a house open and shots being fired which caused his injuries.

It is pointed out that of the two statements, the one made by the accused tends to bear more truth as to what transpired than that of the soldiers.

Extensive enquiries have been made with a view to tracing any person who witnessed the shooting, but they have been with a negative result.

The exhibits recovered by the civilian police are retained by them, and will be produced when necessary.

Copies of all statements taken, together with a medical report, are attached.

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D.M.WARE. Sgt.
95 Section.
Special Investigation Branch.

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"E" Ward,
65th (Br) General Hospital.

10th.December,1945.

Statement of:-

No. 1323/W/1918/111. Pte. KIEL Otton.
Wing. 1 Polish Repatriation Camp,
CERVINARA.

Who states:-

At about 1500 hours on Saturday.8th.December,1945 I left my camp in company with another Polish soldier, I don't know his name, to do some shopping at CERVINARA, which is the village about one mile from the camp.

When we arrived there we went into a Bar to have a few drinks of wine. When we came out of the Bar we walked along the Main road which leads to the Naples road. My friend left me to talk to another Polish soldier. I continued walking and when about 100 yards from the main square, I heard the door of a house open and almost immediately I heard shots being fired. Just then I felt a pain in both legs. I started to run but did not get far as I fell to the ground. The time would then be about 2100 hours.

Several soldiers and civilians came to help me and someone took me to the M.I.Room at Cervinara where I was rendered first aid. Later the same evening I was conveyed to the 65th (Br) General Hospital where I was treated for bullet wounds to both legs.

Signed. KIEL Otton.

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

Signed. KIEL Otton.

Statement taken down read over and signature witnessed by BARDOWSKA Sofia Polish Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. Wank, No.1 Detachment, "E" Section, S.I.B. G.H.Police on Monday. 10th.December,1945 at 1045 hours.

Signed. BARDOWSKA Sofia.

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Royal Carabinieri Station,
CERVINARA.

13th.December,1945.

Statement of :-

Maresciallo NESI Ferdinando,
Royal Carabinieri Station,
CERVINARA.

Who states:-

I am the Maresciallo commanding the Carabinieri Station of Cervinara.

At about 2200 hours on Saturday.8th.December, 1945, I received information regarding the shooting of a Polish soldier in Via Perone, Cervinara.

In company with two men from my station I went there and questioned the owner who stated that he did not know anything about the shooting. I arrested and took him to my station where he elected to make a voluntary statement in which he admitted that at about 2430 hours on the 8th.December,1945 he heard somebody knocking at the front door of his house several times. This person had asked for a "Signore" many times and that as the person outside the door insisted in making a lot of noise, he took his shot gun, went outside the kitchen door which is situate in the same road and fired at the legs of the figure standing by his entrance door.

After I had obtained this statement I took him to the prison of Cervinara.

When I went to the house of the accused I searched the place. During this time some Polish soldiers who had searched the house before, handed me a shot gun which they found. I examined it and noticed that it had recently been used as the right barrel was black with gun powder also because there was a spent cartridge still in the chamber of the right barrel. I recovered the gun, the cartridge, also a coat a jacket and some gun powder, all property of the Allied Forces.

I would not be able to recognise the Polish soldiers who gave me the shot gun if I saw them again.

The accused will be presented to the Italian Court under the charge of attempted murder and of illegal possession of Allied Forces Property.

(SIGNED) NESI Ferdinando.

I have read over the above statement, it is

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Royal Carabinieri Station,
Cervinara.

Who states:-

I am the Maresciallo commanding the Carabiniere Station of Cervinara.

At about 2200 hours on Saturday.8th.December, 1945, I received information regarding the shooting of a Polish soldier in Via Verona, Cervinara.

In company with two men from my station I went there and questioned the owner who stated that he did not know anything about the shooting. I arrested and took him to my station where he elected to make a voluntary statement in which he admitted that at about 2130 hours on the 8th.December,1945 he heard somebody knocking at the front door of his house several times. This person had asked for a "Signora" many times and that as the person outside the door insisted in making a lot of noise, he took his shot gun, went outside the kitchen door which is situate in the same road and fired at the legs of the figure standing by his entrance door.

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I would not be able to recognise the Polish soldiers who gave me the shot gun if I saw them again. 1765

The accused will be presented to the Italian Court under the charge of attempted murder and of illegal possession of Allied Forces Property.

(SIGNED) MARI Ferdinando.

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

(SIGNED) MARI Ferdinando.

Statement taken down, read over and signature witnessed by INTERPRETER Raffaello, Interpreter, in the presence of Sergt. WARK, 95 Section, S.I.B., C.M. Police, on the 13th. December 1945 at 15.30 hours.

I certify that the above is a true translation to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Buenaventura Raffaello

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Polish Wing.
65th. British General Hospital.
10th. December 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- No.V.278/111/1910. Capt. Dr. SALICKI. Romuald.
Polish Hospital Ext.
65th. British General Hospital.

Who States,

I am the Chief Medical Officer of the Polish Wing, 65th. British General Hospital.

At about 2345 hours on Saturday 8th. December 1945, No.1523/a/1948/111. Pte. KITH. Otton, of No.1. Wing Polish Repatriation Camp, was admitted to this Hospital.

I examined him and found that he was suffering from small shot gun wounds, with a lot of foreign bodies in both legs. I am not certain whether the wounds were caused by pistol of rifle bullets.

He was treated by me and later operated on by Captain LUMLEY, British Medical Officer on Sunday 9th. December 1945.

(Signed) R. SALICKI. Capt.

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

(Signed) R. SALICKI. Capt.

Statement taken down, read over and signature witnessed by Sgt. SMITH. No.1. Detachment, 'H' Section S.I.B. C.M.Police, on Monday 10th. December 1945. at 1130 hours.

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COPY.

STATEMENT.

The undersigned PERONI Pasquale fu Francesco and fu GIOFFI Maria, born in Cervinara on the 25th.June.1876 and living in Via Perone Cervinara. Occupation Coalman.

Last night at about 2130 hours I was in bed very tired when I heard somebody knocking strongly and several times at the entrance door of my house.

As I understood he was a Polish soldier, from my bed and with a strong voice I gave him to understand that in my house were no 'signore' and that he could get one of them if he went to the next door.

The soldier insisted to knock heavily at the door and it looked as if it was going to be pushed open. Then I thought I had better leave the room so went out of my house through the back door, which is the kitchen door. From there I could see the soldier still standing by my house door trying to push it open. I returned to my house, got my shot gun and told the soldier to go away. As he would not listen to me I fired a shot at him at his legs. I did not even go to him to see if he had been hit, but returned to my house.

About 15 minutes later a crowd of Polish soldiers came along and pushed the door of my house in. They searched my house and found the shot gun which I had used to shoot the soldier with. They took it away also a wallet containing 4,300 Lires from my overcoat, my Identity card, my shot gun permit and comb.

The British overcoat and jacket found in my house I bought from unknown Allied soldiers.

Read over, confirmed and signed.

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PERONI PASQUALE.

MORI Ferdinando.
Maresciallo R Carabinieri.
Cervinara.9th.December,1945.

I certify that the above is a true translation to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Signed. Lawrence Attardi

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The undersigned PERONI Pasquale fu Francesco and fu CHIERI Maria, born in Cervinara on the 27th.June.1876 and living in Via Parata Cervinara. Occupation Coalman.

Last night at about 2130 hours I was in bed very tired when I heard somebody knocking strongly and several times at the entrance door of my house.

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Read over, confirmed and signed.

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PERONI PASQUALE.

MORI Ferdinando.
Maresciallo II Carabinieri.
Cervinara.9th.December,1943.

I certify that the above is a true translation to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Signed. Ferdinando Raffaele

MORIANDO. Raffaele.
Interpreter,
5 Section. S.I.B.

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LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

/mdn

AC/4011/16/L. 11 December 1945

SUBJECT : Riot at ARZANO.

TO : Commissioner, NAPLES Commune.
(Attn: Senior Legal Officer).

1. The enclosed communication has been sent to this office for information. Presumably some action has been taken thereon, but we have no information other than this correspondence can you inform us further ?

2. Please return correspondence in due course.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE.

JOHN K. WEBER,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief Legal Advisor.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN DISTRICT PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
Office of the Provost Marshal
Criminal Investigations Division
APO 782 U.S. Army

AG 250.1 BSAGO

28 November 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of CID Report No. 45 - 406.

TO : Legal Sub-Commission, Hq. A.C. Rome, Italy, APO 794, U.S. Army.

1. Attached hereto is a copy of CID Report No. 45 - 406 (Supplementary Report) concerning a riot involving Sardanelli Pasquale, Aruta Giustino, Laezza Antonio, and Liquori Russo, for your information.

2. Request acknowledgement of receipt by indorsement hereon.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

P. Kardassakis

P. KARDASSAKIS
Captain Air Corps
Actg Asst Adj General

LEGAL SUB-SECTION
CLO
DCLO
Chief Counsel
CID
Italian Section
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Receipt acknowledged 13/12/45

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Reference No.
ST356/8/45/125.

No. 1 Detachment,
'E' Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
The Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Forces.

16th. November, 1945.

SUBJECT.

Persons in Custody. Larceny, Receiving, Neglect of Duty.

(A). No.2534344 L/Sgt. Weir L.
'E' Platoon,
246 G.P. Coy. R.A.S.C.

(B). Chiapette Erminio,
No.10 Vico dei Venti a Tarsia,
Naples.

(C). Tripicchio Alfredo,
No.28 Vico Semola a Cristallini,
Naples.

(D). De Rosa Mario,
No.44 Cupa Cuponi,
Capuoli, Naples.

(E). Di Bonso Biagio,
Sergeant Major(Italian Army)
Commando Truppe 212,
2 Company,
Arcofelice, Naples.

(F). Fortuna Gaetano,
2nd Company, (Italian Army)
6th Service Battalion, Naples.

(G). Battaglia Biagio,
2nd Company, (Italian Army)
6th Service Battalion, Naples.

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Particulars.

For Information.

A.P.M. 56 Area.
D.P.M. 3 District.
C.O. 607 Garrison C.T. Coy.
File.

For Action.

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[illegible] Nov. 1943.

SUBJECT.

Persons in Custody. Larceny, Receiving, Neglect of Duty.

(A). No.26534922 T/Sgt. Reis J.;
T/5 Pletsch,
226 S.P. Coy. U.S.A.A.F.

(B). Chiapetta Erminio,
No.10 Vico dei Venti a Tarsia,
Naples.

(C). Triplechio Alfredo.
No.28 Vico Consale a Cristallini,
Naples.

(D). De Rosa Mario,
No.44 Cupa Cimarra,
Regnoli, Naples.

(E). Di Russo Biagio,
Sergeant Major(Italian Army)
Commando Tappa 214,
2 Company,
Agnafelice, Naples.

(F). Pastena Gaetano,
22nd Company, (Italian Army)
6th Service Battalion, Naples.

(G). Battaglia Biagio,
22nd Company, (Italian Army)
6th Service Battalion, Naples.

Distribution.

For Information.

A.A.A. 56 Area.
D.P.S. 3 District.
C.O. 807 German S.P. Coy.
File.

For Action.

C.O. 226 S.P. Coy. U.S.A.A.F.
Legal Sub Commission, A.A.A. Area.
22nd. Coy. 6th. Service Battalion.

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Reference No:-
[illegible]/S/43/G2B

To: 1 Detachment,
'G' Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Forces.

16th November 1943.

Subject:- Persons in Custody:- Persons Possessing Knowledge of Duty.

(1) No [illegible] b/Sgt. [illegible],
'G' Section,
185 A.T. Company,
C.M.P.

(2) CHIAPPETTA Leonardo, 45 years,
No 10 Vico da Tenti a Forlh,
Naples.

(3) PETTICCHIO Alfredo 40 years,
No 8 Vico Scuole ai Cristallini,
Naples.

(4) DI [illegible] Mario 43 years,
44 Via Supe Capuan, Naples,
Naples.

(5) DI [illegible] Biagio 45 years,
Sergeant Major(Italian Army)
Comando Tappa 112,
3 Company,
Fraculico, Naples.

(6) [illegible] Gaetano [illegible] years,
22nd Company, (Italian Army)
6th Service Battalion, Naples.

(7) [illegible] Biagio 42 years,
22nd Company, (Italian Army)
6th Service Battalion, Naples.

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Copy:- The Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal,
No 1 Detachment,
'G' Section,
Special Investigation Branch.

16th November 1943.

SUBJECT:- Persons in Custody:- Sergeant Rodolico
Leonard of Italy.

(1) Sergeant Rodolico, 29 years,
No 20 Via Duca Cumano, Bagnoli,
Naples.

(2) Guglielmo Rodolico, 29 years,
No 20 Via Duca Cumano, Bagnoli,
Naples.

(3) Vincenzo Alfredo 28 years,
No 26 Via Duca Cumano, Bagnoli,
Naples.

(4) De Maio Mario 29 years,
24 Via Duca Cumano, Bagnoli,
Naples.

(5) Di Gallo Biagio 29 years,
Sergeant Major(Italian Army)
Comando Tappa 72,
2 Company,
Arnofelice, Naples.

(6) Fortino Gaetano 2 years,
22nd Company, (Italian Army)
6th Service Battalion, Naples.

(7) Sant'Elia Biagio 32 years,
22nd Company, (Italian Army)
6th Service Battalion, Naples.

To:- The Deputy Provost Marshal,
No 1 Detachment,
"A" Section,
Special Investigation Branch.

Sir,

On Wednesday the 13th October,1943, I arrested the accused civilians and Italians. On Friday, the 8th, October, 1943, I arrested the accused Di Biagio and Fortino, all on a charge of-

C.H. Murphy Lieut
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CAP. Section.

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all on a charge of/

Stealing Allied Forces Property, viz, 1, 10 ton Mack lorry consisting of 95 cases of General N.A.A.F.I. Stores from the Port of Naples, on 30/31 st. October, 1945.
(Contrary to the Italian Penal Code).

On Friday, the 26th October, 1945, I arrested the accused DE [illegible], and on Saturday, the 27th, October, 1945, I arrested the accused [illegible] on a charge of:-

Receiving the sum of 25,000 lire and 35,000 lire respectively, well knowing it to be stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained.
(Contrary to the Italian Penal Code).

On Thursday, the 8th, November, 1945, I arrested the accused No. [illegible] L/Sgt. [illegible] on a charge of:-

A.C.I.S. Conduct to the Prejudice of Good Order and Military Discipline, in that he at the Port of Naples on 30/31 October, 1945 did order L/Cpl [illegible], German Prisoner of War, to load a vehicle with N.A.A.F.I. goods, i.e. 95 cases of general stores, well knowing at the time, the said goods were likely to be stolen.
(Contrary to Sec. 40, Army Act).

The accused is at present in Open Arrest at his Unit H.Q., pending a Summary of Evidence.

The accuseds A, B, C, D, E, and G, have been handed over to the Italian authorities to be dealt with according to Italian Law.

The facts leading up to this Report are as follow.

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Sometime at the beginning of October, 1945, a certain PASSARO, employed as a checker at the Port of Naples, introduced three men, two by the name of DI MAIO, and the other by the name of SALVO, to the accused STANCHO, at his flat No. 37 Corso Umberto I, Naples.

The conversation, which it is alleged to have taken place was that arrangements had been made for

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On Friday, the 26th October, 1945, I arrested the accused DE MASI, and on Saturday, the 27th, October, 1945, I arrested the accused [redacted] on a charge of:-

Receiving the sum of 25,000 lire and 35,000 lire respectively, well knowing it to be stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained.
(Contrary to the Italian Penal Code).

On Thursday, the 8th, November, 1945, I arrested the accused No. 26943[illegible] L/Cpl. [redacted] on a charge of:-

A.C.A.F. Conduct to the Prejudice of Good Order and Military Discipline, in that he at the Port of Naples on 30/31 October, 1945 did order L/Cpl [redacted], German Prisoner of War, to load a vehicle with N.A.A.F.I. goods, i.e. 99 cases of general stores, well knowing at the time, the said goods were likely to be stolen.
(Contrary to Sec. 40, Army Act).

The accused A stands in Open Arrest at his Unit No, pending a Summary of Evidence.

The accused B, C, D, E, F, and G, have been handed over to the Italian authorities to be dealt with according to Italian law.

The facts leading up to this Report are as follow.

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Meeting at the beginning of October, 1945, a certain PRISCO, employed as a checker at the Port of Naples, introduced three men, two by the name of DI LAURO, and the other by the name of SAVIANO, to the accused DIMEGLIO, at his flat No. 37 Corso Umberto I, Naples.

The conversation, which it is alleged to have taken place was that arrangements had been made for the taking of a lorry load of Allied Forces Property from the Docks to Melito on the night of 0/1st. October, 1945, and that PT 30280 should accompany the lorry through Gate 19 to Melito. It is also alleged that an American M.P. had been approached, and had agreed to let the vehicle through.

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the vehicle through/

On Saturday afternoon, the 16th, Schonbeck, having intervened in order to see the Italian Liaison who informed them that he would be on duty at 0-to 12 that night on the Gustav, and that the lorry would be allowed to leave. At this time [illegible] the Partisans Kplinowski had returned so that he (the Partisan ?.?.) may call later for the lorry to enable receive for allowing the vehicle to leave.

At 0.30 hours on Saturday, 16th, October, 1943, the wounded Partisan was operated by the Colonel ?.?.?.?., Dr. ?.?.?. It is would like to secure a lorry loaded with chocolate on which he would receive 1K ??????. Schonbeck also informed ?.?.?.?. that this load was to be stolen. It appears that Dr. ?.?.?. and Lieutenant Schonbeck, the 2nd ?.?.?.?. the reason I to secure this load. Consent agreed.

About 0.30 hours on Saturday 16th October, 1943, Schonbeck, a German friendly of ours, of the 305 German G.?. Det, was approached by three Italian civilians two of whom were I.?.?. identified by Schonbeck as Captain and Interpreter, as both the third was unknown, in mind if he would like to earn a large sum of money by stealing a 'high' load. Schonbeck refused this proposal.

At midnight Schonbeck returned to the 305 German Transport yard on the docks and informed his friend Mr. ?.?.?., of what had occurred during the evening. The persons at the time were Mr. ?.?.?. Lieut. ?.?.?. Dry. ?.?.?.?. from the docs transport office, rest of Italian. Sgt. ?.?.?., who can ?.?. English told ?gt. ?.?.?. all of what had occurred, and asked his advice on the matter. It appears that Sgt. ?.?.?. said that owing to the lack of proof, the Italians could not be arrested, and that Germans should agree to the proposals of the Italians.

After the midnight rest, Schonbeck left the yard to report back, and was making his way to North ??, where he was employed in transporting supplies from this depot to the Fulton Railhead, when he was intercepted by the three Italians, who boarded his vehicle, and told him to go to the road block at 'Area ?'. Upon arrival there he was told

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the vehicle was loaded/

When the vehicle was about to leave the Berth, SCHULZ sent another German prisoner of war to inform Sgts. MAIR and MATTES, that the vehicle was ready to leave, and what were his instructions. The German prisoner of war duly arrived and contacted Sgt. MAIR and MATTES in Area 4, and Sgt MAIR was informed of the position, but he did not take any action. In the meantime, the loading of the vehicle had been completed, and SCHULZ having received no information as to what he should do left the Berth and drove the vehicle towards the main road on the route and Area 4.

He was there intercepted by the Italian who had previously accompanied him to Berth 4. He was told to drive to the wood stock at 'Area 3', upon arrival there, DI RUSSO with other six Italians were waiting. DI RUSSO then boarded the vehicle alongside SCHULZ, FONTANA jumped on the back of the vehicle to act as truck guard.

At about 0.30 hours, Sunday the 31st. October, 1943, the vehicle was taken out of the Docks to Gate 18 at Pisaum Municipio, where DI RUSSO spoke to the American M.P., after which the vehicle was allowed to proceed, and went along the coast road, then turned into the Via Roma, where opposite the Royal Palace was a stationary vehicle. Upon a sign given by DI RUSSO, this vehicle drove in front of the lorry at varying distances of between 50 and 100 meters. The route taken was along Via Roma, Capo di Monte, and then in the direction of Averse. Before the village of Aulito, DI RUSSO told SCHULZ to turn off the road on to a cart track which leads into a wood. There the lorry was off loaded by about 50 men who appeared from within the wood.

After off loading, the return journey was made to Naples. DI RUSSO gave SCHULZ the sum of 50.000 lire for transporting the load. On arrival at the Docks, they entered again by Gate 18 and then to the Wood Stocks where DI RUSSO and FONTANA dismounted.

After dismounting from the vehicle, DI RUSSO gave SCHULZ the sum of 75.000 lire, which was his share for escorting the vehicle, 35.000 of this sum was subsequently given to BERTARELLI, this sum with

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After off loading, the return journey was made to Naples. DI RUSSO gave SCHULZE the sum of 50.000 lire for transporting the load. On arrival at the Docks, they entered again by Gate 18 and then to the Wood Stocks where DI RUSSO and FONTANA dismounted.

After dismounting from the vehicle, DI RUSSO gave FONTANA the sum of 75.000 lire, which was his share for escorting the vehicle, 55.000 of this sum was subsequently given to BATTAGLIA, this sum with the 50.000 lire which SCHULZE received was given to DI RUSSO by DI MAURO. DI RUSSO then left the Port and took a taxi to Galleiano where he met DI MARCO and was to receive the rest of the money which amounted to 1.500.000 lire. He received 675.000 lire, and some boxes of chocolate which were part of the load.

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part of the load/

[redacted] immediately went to the German Pool, and reported all the facts to Sgt. [redacted], who in turn rang for Sgt. [redacted] at the Sampieh Point Office. Sgt. [redacted] accompanied by No. 13703916 L/Cpl. [redacted], 2nd G.T. Coy. R.A.S.C. went to the German Pool, where the facts were told by Sgt. [redacted]. Sgt. [redacted] then tried to contact Police White, but with little success, and finally he, in company with [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted] reported at this office of what had occurred.

At 03.30 hours on Sunday, 21st, October, 1945, I received certain information from Sgt. [redacted], I also took possession of the 90.000 lire from [redacted].

I accompanied [redacted] and [redacted] to the Port of Naples in an effort to trace these Italian soldiers, but without success.

I then went to Melito, and to the plantation where the lorry had been off loaded. I made an extensive search of the area, but found no trace of the property, there was, however, signs that there had been considerable activity in the area. There were numerous cart tracks, and it is most probable that as soon as the load had been taken off the lorry, carts had taken the supplies into the village.

I made numerous enquiries and searches in Melito, but with very little results. From the enquiries that I made, I came to the conclusion that certain people could give me information, but were afraid to do so, fearing that they would suffer reprisals from the gang which undoubtly operates in this area.

It appears that at about 16.00 hours, Sunday, 21st, October, 1945, DI [redacted] was at his flat, when the American soldier came for the money which had been promised him for allowing the vehicle to leave the Port. DI [redacted] gave him the sum of 400.000 lire. I would point out here that no British vehicle should have gone out at this date 15, therefore the reason for bribing the American [redacted].

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On Monday, the 22nd, October, 1945, I again continued enquiries at the Port of Naples and at Melito, but no useful information was forthcoming which would give me any light as to the members of this organisation.

It appears that on Monday, 22nd, October, 1945, the accused [redacted] went to the house of DI [redacted] and

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It appears that on Monday, 22nd, October, 1945, the accused [redacted] went to the house of DI [redacted] and received the sum of 100.000 lire, which was shared amongst four checkers, namely [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted], each receiving 5.000 lire for their services.

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for their services/

About 21.45 hours on Monday, 22nd, October, 1945, I received information from the Forte Provost Coy., to the effect that German drivers had been approached by two Italian civilians to do another 'black' load.

I immediately went to the Docks and contacted Sgt. [redacted] at the German Pool, who gave me full information of what had occurred earlier that evening.

One of the drivers, NOVI, was present at the time, and he was afraid to go out and work on the Docks, however, I reassured him, and told him to load his vehicle with supplies, as I considered it most necessary that this should be done in an effort to arrest members of this organisation.

Accordingly, I made the necessary arrangements with my Section, and the Forte Provost Coy., to cover all the exits, and should this lorry get out of the Port, to arrest all the occupants, however owing to the shortage of time, the run was cancelled, and arrangements were made for the next evening, Tuesday, 23rd, October, 1945.

On Tuesday 23rd, October, 1945, I made all the necessary arrangements with the E.A.A.F.I. and the 607 German G.F. Coy., that work should continue through the night in the normal manner.

At 20.00 hours, with other members of the Section, I went on to the Docks, NOVI informed me he had contacted the two Italians, and the load was going to be run that night about 02.00 hours; when the lorry was about to be loaded, the Italians became suspicious, and the run was again called off until the following night.

At 20.00 hours, on Wednesday, 24th, October, 1945, I again went to the 607 German Pool, at this point I considered that an arrest should be made, as on the two previous nights the arrangements had failed, so accordingly, I disguised myself in German clothing, and accompanied NOVI in his truck around the various berths in an effort to arrest the Italians.

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On Berth 19, NOVI pointed out to me two Italian civilians who he said had approached him on the previous two nights. I arrested them, and immediately called upon [redacted] to ascertain if he could identify them as being the civilians who approached him on Saturday night [redacted] immediately identified them as being two of the three civilians.

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At 19.30 hours, with other members of the Section, I went on to the Docks, [redacted] informed me he had contacted the two Italians, and the load was going to be run that night about 02.00 hours; when the lorry was about to be loaded, the Italians became suspicious, and the run was again called off until the following night.

At 20.00 hours, on Wednesday, 24th, October, 1945, I again went to the 607 German Pool, at this point I considered that an arrest should be made, as on the two previous nights the arrangements had failed, so accordingly, I disguised myself in German clothing, and accompanied [redacted] in his truck around the various Berths in an effort to arrest the Italians.

On Berth 47, [redacted] pointed out to me two Italian civilians who he said had approached him on the previous two nights. I arrested them, and immediately called upon [redacted] to ascertain if he could identify them as being the civilians who approached him on Saturday night [redacted] immediately identified them as being two of the three civilians.

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of the three civilians.

I immediately interrogated them, and I ascertained that they were CHIARETTA and PELPICCHIO. They denied all knowledge of the offence, but I was not at all satisfied with their explanations, as I had found on CHIARETTA certain loose black checker tickets, which, incidently, are issued in book form, and on PELPICCHIO I found a small note book, in which the only item was a number 2146, which was similar to the number of the German vehicle which was to run the 'block' load. I detained the two men pending further investigation.

On Thursday, 25th, October, 1945, I again interrogated at great length the accused CHIARETTA and PELPICCHIO, but they still denied all knowledge of the offence.

I then searched their homes, and in the house of CHIARETTA, I found his Account's Book, in which was an item- Extra Earnings, 15.000 lire dated 23rd, October, 1945. I again interviewed CHIARETTA, and confronted him with this Cash Book, and asked him to explain this 15.000 lire, I pointed out to him that his wages were only 2.500 lire per 15 days.

He then admitted that the money was part of the 25.000 lire he had received for approaching German drivers, and giving information as to various supplies on the Berths.

PELPICCHIO then admitted being concerned with CHIARETTA in the above offence, and also implicated DI RUSSO and DE MARK.

On Friday, 26th, October, 1945, at 23.30 hours, incompany with Brigadier BROSI of the Royal Carabinieri, I arrested DI RUSSO at his flat. Upon a search being made of his room, the sum of 294.300 lire, and 15 boxes of chocolate was found, also living with him was a certain GANGEMBO GIUSEPPE, also with DI RUSSO I detained for interrogation, and after which I released him as there was no evidence against him to implicate him with an offence of this nature.

DI RUSSO admitted the whole incident, and further implicated FONTANA, but he would not or could not give any information regarding the identity or residence of DI BRUNO, MARIO, or the American soldier.

At 16.10 hours on Friday, 26th, October, 1945, I

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incidently, are issued in book form, and on [redacted] I found a small note book, in which the only item was a number 2146, which was similar to the number of the German vehicle which was to run the 'block' load. I detained the two men pending further investigation.

On Thursday, [redacted]th, October, 1945, I again interrogated at great length the accused CHIAPETTA and [redacted], but they still denied all knowledge of the offence.

I then searched their homes, and in the house of CHIAPETTA, I found his Account's Book, in which was an item- Extra Earnings, 15.000 lire dated 23rd, October, 1945. I again interviewed CHIAPETTA, and confronted him with this Cash Book, and asked him to explain this 15.000 lire, I pointed out to him that his wages were only 2.000 lire per 15 days.

He then admitted that the money was part of the 25.000 lire he had received for approaching German drivers, and giving information as to various supplies on the Docks.

[redacted] then admitted being concerned with CHIAPETTA in the above offence, and also implicated DI RUZZO and DE MASI.

On Friday, 26th, October, 1945, at 05.30 hours, in company with Brigadier [redacted] of the Royal Gendarmerie, I arrested DI RUZZO at his flat. Upon a search being made of his room, the sum of 294.500 lire, and [redacted] boxes of chocolate was found, also living with him was a certain [redacted], who with DI RUZZO I detained for interrogation, and after which I released him as there was no evidence against him to implicate him with an offence of this nature.

DI RUZZO admitted the whole incident, and further implicated FONTANA, but he would not or could not give any information regarding the identity or residence of DI LAUSO, MARINO, or the American soldier.

At 16.00 hours on Friday, 26th, October, 1945, I arrested the accused FONTANA, who admitted receiving the sum of 75.000 lire for escorting the vehicle furthermore he implicated the soldier [redacted], to whom he gave the sum of 35.000 lire.

On Friday, 26th, October, 1945, I arrested the accused DE MASI who admitted receiving the sum of 25.000 lire.

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the sum of 15.000 lire/

On Friday, 26th, October, 1945, in view of the fact that it was alleged that an American soldier was implicated I went to the American C.I.B. where I saw Agent SANDILIFE. I made known to him all the facts as I knew them at that time, and requested his assistance in identifying this policeman.

During the night of 26/27th October, 1945, I tried to effect the arrest of the fourth shearer PERSICO, but was unable to do so. From my enquiries, I ascertained that he had left his employment three nights previously, also he had left his lodgings, and there is no doubt that he became aware that he would be arrested in connection with this offence, and absconded.

On Saturday, 27th, October, 1945, I arrested the accused BATTAGLIA at the Military territorial Hospital, Naples. He handed to me the sum of 3.450 lire, as part of the money he had received.

I again interrogated CHIAFFITTA, FONTANA, TRIPICIANO, and DI MAIO, with a view to recovering some of the money which they had received in connection with this 'black Market' activity, and recovered from the homes of CHIAFFITTA and FONTANA the sums of 11.000 lire and 10.000 lire respectively.

On Sunday 28th, and Monday 29th, October, 1945, I continued enquiries with Brigadier RUGGI in the Salita, Quagliano area, and I obtained particulars of all the DI LATTOS and PERSICOS living in that area.

At 14.00 hours, Monday, 29th, October, 1945, in company with Agent SANDILIFE, I went to the No 6 of the 503 M.P. Battalion where an Identification Parade was held of all the Military Police on duty at Gate 1 on Saturday/Sunday, 20/21 October, 1945. DI MAIO could not or would not identify any of them, nor could the driver SARUBBI.

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From enquiries I made at that time, it appears that the following is the system of working the sentries on the gates:- tour of duty consists of eight hours, 24.00 - 08.00, 08.00 - 16.00, 16.00 - 24.00 hours.

At Gate 1 there are two exits, covered in an eight hour duty by 3 men, at the time when the lorry is [illegible] driven out of Gate 1B, an American

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During the night of 16/17th October, 1945, I tried to effect the arrest of the fourth checker [redacted], but was unable to do so. From my enquiries, I ascertained that he had left his employment three nights previously, also he had left his lodgings, and there is no doubt that he became aware that he would be arrested in connection with this offence, and absconded.

On Saturday, 27th, October, 1945, I arrested the accused BATTAGLIA at the Military Territorial Hospital, Naples. He handed to me the sum of 5.490 lire, as part of the money he had received.

I again interrogated CHIAPPETTA, FONTANA, TRIPICCHIO, and DE [illegible], with a view to recovering some of the money which they had received in connection with this 'black market' activity, and recovered from the homes of CHIAPPETTA and FONTANA the sums of 12.000 lire and 10.000 lire respectively.

On Sunday 28th, and Monday 29th, October, 1945, I continued enquiries with Brigadier [redacted] in the Solito, Quigli no area, and I obtained particulars of all the DI LAURO and MARINOS living in that area.

At 14.00 hours, Monday, 29th, October, 1945, in company with Agent [redacted], I went to the [redacted] of the 601 M.P. Battalion where an Identification Parade was held of all the Military Police on duty at Gate 1 on Saturday/Sunday, 20/21 October, 1945. [redacted] could not or would not identify any of them, nor could the driver [redacted].

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From enquiries I made at that time, it appears that the following is the system of working the sentries on the gates:- tour of duty consists of eight hours, 24.00 - 08.00, 08.00 - 16.00, 16.00 - 24.00 hours.

At Gate 1 there are two exits, covered in an eight hour duty by 5 men, at the time when the lorry is alleged to have been driven out of Gate 1B, an American M.P. by the name of PITCHER was on duty. Upon interrogation he denied all knowledge of the incident, nor was anything found to implicate him in it, and in view of this, I asked Agent [redacted] to make further enquiries, but nothing further to date has materialised.

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has materialised/

At 04.00 hours on Tuesday, 24th October, 1943 in company with Brigadier DUNN, and other members of the Royal Quarters, I went to Alife and Caiazzo to [illegible] all the Officers and Other Ranks living in that area.

On Identification Parade one Sergeant, this consisted of four men in the case of Alife, and two by the case of Caiazzo, however again it proved, and the German Sergeant could not identify any of them. I then interrogated them all at great length, but I gained no information from them.

I again continued enquiries in the Alife and Caiazzo area, and it came to my knowledge that another two persons by the name of Allied were in custody at Piedimonte, having been arrested by the Germans Police for being in possession of Allied Forces property. In view of the latest information, I went to Piedimonte with my staff, and questioned the American Police, and read them of my identity and the reason for my visit. It proved that the two persons were not identified then. The children had been found in possession of 3 cases of chocolate and on seeing this property I found it to be U.S.A.A.F. chocolate, and no doubt part of the load which was stolen from the docks.

I then obtained the transfer of the prisoners from Sparse to Naples, and there I interviewed both the Britons, and also put them up for identification by the German Sergeant, however he failed to identify them, and I obtained no useful information from them, so I returned them to Sparse.

In company with Brigadier DUNN, I again continued enquiries, and on Saturday, 2nd November, 1943, I took it upon [illegible] in the hope that we would be able to show us the house where he transacted the business with Allied on Sunday, 1st November, 1943, after spending three hours in the village, he said he could not locate the house or the street owing to the fact that it was dark when he made the journey.

On Sunday, 7th November, 1943, I again continued enquiries in an effort to find the receivers of this property, and as a result of this it came to my

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[illegible] all the natives and Belgians
their area.

[illegible] Identity Card arrangement, this
extended as far as the area of [illegible], and the
by the use of [illegible], however acute or severe,
the Germans could not identify any of them. I
them interrogated them all at great length, but I
gained no information from them.

I again continued enquiries in the Beltz and
Belgian area, and it was to my knowledge that
anyone who presented to the area of Belgian area in
contact at Vera Cruz. During that period by the
Spanish police for being in possession of stolen
Jewish property. In view of the latest information,
I went to Vera Cruz [illegible] and contacted the
American police, and with their co-operation and the
assistance [illegible] but did not identify them. The property has been found
in possession of a chest of chocolate and on seeing
this property I came to be of the opinion that
and no doubt part of the load which was stolen from
the depot.

I then visited the transit of the prisoners
from Vera Cruz to Belize, and where I interviewed both
the British, and also put them up for identification
by the person concerned, however he failed to identify
them, and I obtained no useful information from them,
so I returned them to Vera Cruz.

In company with Brigadier Smith, I again
continued enquiries, and on Saturday, 2nd. November,
1943, I took it upon to enquire in the hope that
we could be able to show us the house where he
transacted the business with [illegible] Saturday, 1st
October, 1943, after spending three hours in the
village, he said he could not locate the house as
the street owing to the fact that it was dark when he
made the journey.

On Monday, 4th, November, 1943, I again continued
enquiries in an effort to find the receivers of this
property, and as a result of this it came to my
knowledge that a certain [illegible] of No. 1
Square, Calle had bought the load of supplies

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this load of supplies.

Accordingly at 0?.?0 hours, on Tuesday, 6th, November, 1945, in company with Brigadier DODGE, I went to Malito, where I tried to effect the arrest of this person, but was unsuccessful. Upon searching this house, I found signs that allied forces property especially chocolate had been there. There were a number of empty tins in different cupboards.

On Monday, 5th, November, 1945, I again interviewed DI RUSSO, he made a statement, which he read over and signed, outlining the aforementioned facts.

On Tuesday, 6th, November, 1945, I again interviewed CARUSOTTO, ZITIELLO, and DE LUCA, with a view to testing their statements, however, I am sure they were obviously not telling the truth, as their stories were entirely different to what they had told me, when I had interrogated them at their time of arrest, so I had to take their statements in question and answer form. It will be noticed that in the statements of CARUSOTTO and ZITIELLO concerning a transaction over cotton, that their stories are entirely different.

On Wednesday, 7th, November, 1945, I took statements from the Italian policemen PETRIZZI and [illegible], also from the German P.O.W.s. DOMINGO and KOPPEN.

On Thursday, 8th, November, 1945, I saw that it was necessary to interview [illegible], in the statements of DOMINGO and KOPPEN obviously implicated him, in that he told them to load the lorry, and yet himself did not take any action in the matter, and treated the whole affair in a disinterested way, in view of this I saw [illegible] at his unit H.Q. at Portici.

I told him that I was pursuing enquiries of a special investigation branch, and of the allegations made against him. He replied, "You don't believe the German, do you?"

He then volunteered a statement which I took down in writing at his dictation, and which he read over and signed, after being invited to make any alteration or addition if he so desired.

At 14.00 hours on Thursday, 8th, November, 1945, [illegible]

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[illegible] November, 1945, in company with Brigadier BENNY, I went to Salita, where I tried to effect the arrest of this person, but was unsuccessful. Upon searching this house, I found signs that Allied forces property especially utensils had been there. There were a number of empty tins in different cupboards.

On Monday, 5th, November, 1945, I again interviewed DI NUNZIO. He made a statement, which he read over and signed, outlining the aforementioned facts.

On Tuesday, 6th, November, 1945, I again interviewed [illegible], PETTINUTO, and DI NUNZIO, with a view to testing their statements. However, I saw that they were obviously not telling the truth, as their stories were entirely different to what they had told me, when I had interrogated them at their time of arrest, so I had to take their statements in question and answer form. It will be noticed that in the statements of PETTINUTO and DI NUNZIO concerning a translation over action, that their stories are entirely different.

On Wednesday, 7th, November, 1945, I took statements from the Italian soldiers [illegible] and [illegible], also from the German P.O.Ws. [illegible] and [illegible].

On Thursday, 8th, November, 1945, I saw that it was necessary to interview [illegible], as the statements of DONATO and MATTEO obviously implicated him, in that he told them to load the lorry, and yet himself did not take any action in the matter, and treated the whole affair in a disinterested way, in view of this I saw [illegible] with the [illegible].

I told him that I was Sergeant [illegible] of the Special Investigation Branch, and of the allegations made against him. He replied, "You don't believe the Germans, do you"?

He then volunteered a statement which I took down in writing at his dictation, and which he read over and signed, after being invited to make any alteration or addition if he so desired.

At 14.30 hours on Thursday, 8th, November, 1945, I obtained a statement from the German MAY outlining the facts which led up to the arrest of [illegible] and PETTINUTO.

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of CHEATERS and RETURNERS.

From the numerous enquiries I have made and information received, it is evident that a very large organisation has been or is operating on the Docks, engaged in stealing quantities of supplies, furthermore it would appear that the civilian checkers are part of this organisation, and pass all the necessary information to the leaders who then make all the necessary arrangements to get the lo-ds out of the Docks, and for the disposal of the goods.

There is no doubt too, that of the numerous people I have interrogated, some of them could have given me useful information, but feared reprisals to themselves or their families if anything was divulged.

Enquiries will be continued to effect the arrest of CHEATS and RECEIVERS, and if any further information is forthcoming, suitable action will be taken and a further Report submitted.

I would like to express an appreciation of the assistance given me by Brigadier MUIR, and the parts of the Royal Marines in tracing and arresting the various Civilians which I have had to interrogate for information.

In all, I recovered the sum of £6P.950 Lire, and all this money was the proceeds of the larceny. The money is retained at this office pending authority for disposal.

All relevant statements are attached to this Report.

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E.E. Cuddeby Sgt.

S.C. AUSTRALIA. 2nd.
'A' Section, A.I.B.

Field.
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A.F.I. 1064 Detachment,
Port of Naples.

Statement of:- No. 7977776 A.C.W.2. MOORE D.C.,
R.F.I. H.Q.,
2 Aberdeen.

I am R.C. I/c Books at the Port of Naples.

On 20th. October, 1945, the S.S. 'Queen Volga', was at berth 42, Port of Naples, discharging cargo, part of which consisted of general A.A.F.I. supplies.

We received at our Ports Office an Invoice Note, for the despatch of one lorry load, consisting of 55 cases of general A.A.F.I. stores to the 55 B.C.K.

Information was later received to the effect that this load never reached its destination.

The system of issuing the Invoice Notes is as follows:- they are in pad in triplicate, one is retained at this office, two are given to the driver. On arrival at the depot, both Notes are handed in by the driver. After the load is checked off the vehicle, 1 Note is returned to the books on which is written the number of cases or supplies received. The third copy is retained at the Depot.

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

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Signed:- A.C. MOORE.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by Sgt. MORLEY 'A' Section, 55, on 1st. Nov. 1945.

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Statement of:- No. S 36691 L/c SCHULZE A.
607 German G.T Coy.

I belong to the above mentioned unit, and I am employed as a driver to carry food and other supplies from the Naples Docks to the different depots in the Naples area.

On Saturday the 6th October, 1945, at approx 22.30 hours, I was working on the Naples Docks, when I was approached by three Italian civilians, who asked me if I would earn a lot of money by doing 'Black' loads. I refused this. When I got to the Motor Pool for the midnight rest, I reported this to Feldw WETTKE, sgt i/c Motor Pool. At that time there was also an English Sergeant present, to whom Sgt. WETTKE communicated my case. The British Sergeant spoke to Sgt WETTKE in English, who then communicated that I should do this load.

After the midnight meal time, I drove in the direction of Berth 59, where I saw the three above mentioned Italians, who jumped on the vehicle and told me that I should go to the wood stocks at WARD 5. When we arrived at the wood stocks, the Italians told me that I should wait, and they left me. After I had waited about half an hour, came an Italian Sergeant Major with four or five men. One of them conducted me to Berth 42.

At Berth 42, I had to wait until the two lorries already standing there, were loaded. After these had left the Berth, I put my car alongside the ship to be loaded. When my car was almost loaded, I sent another driver to the Motor Pool to contact Sgt WETTKE, and to tell him that the vehicle could be loaded soon.

As I got no answer from Sgt WETTKE, as to what should be done, I left Berth 42, and proceeded to the main dock street. Near the Fulton Railhead was an Italian civilian waiting, who previously conducted me to the Berth from the wood stocks, and conducted me to the wood stocks again.

When I arrived there, I saw an Italian Sergeant Major, and about six men waiting. The Sergeant Major got inside my car, and an Italian soldier armed with a rifle sat on the back of the car.

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After the midnight meal time, I drove in the direction of Berth 53, where I saw the three above mentioned Italians, who jumped on the vehicle and told me that I should go to the wood stocks at HARD 3. When we arrived at the wood stocks, the Italians told me that I should wait, and they left me. After I had waited about half an hour, came an Italian Sergeant Major with four or five men. One of them conducted me to Berth 42.

At Berth 42, I had to wait until the two lorries already standing there, were loaded. After these had left the Berth, I put my car alongside the ship to be loaded. When my car was almost loaded, I sent another driver to the Motor Pool to contact Sgt MATTHEWS, and to tell him that the vehicle would be loaded soon.

As I got no answer from Sgt MATTHEWS, as to what should be done, I left Berth 42, and proceeded to the Main Dock street. Near the Pier 151 Railhead was an Italian civilian waiting, who previously conducted me to the Berth from the wood stocks, and conducted me to the wood stocks again.

When I arrived there, I saw an Italian Sergeant Major, and about six men waiting. The Sergeant Major got beside me in the cab, and an Italian soldier armed with a rifle got on the back of the car.

The Sergeant Major conducted me out of the Docks by the street to Gate 22, and told me to stop there. He opened the door and talked in the Italian language to the American M.P. on duty. Then the Sergeant Major told me to proceed out of the gate.

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out of the gate/

We took the street along the coast, and turned into the Via Roma, and opposite the Royal Palace, the Sergeant Major told me to stop. Here I saw an Italian civil car standing. Upon a sign given b the Sergeant Major, the civil car started and went ahead at a distance of about 60 to 100 meters. We carried on by Via Roma, Capo di Monte, and by the street going to Averan

Then we arrived at Melito, the Sergeant Major told me to take a turn into a wood. When we were in the wood, the Sergeant Major let me stop. There were about 40 men coming out of the wood, who unloaded the car. Whilst the car was unloaded, I saw the Sergeant Major speaking with several of the people present and it seemed to me that he knew them all.

When the vehicle was unloaded, the Sergeant Major conducted me out of the wood, after having taken my load documents, and we went back to Naples. On the way back the Sergeant Major gave me 50.000 lire, and asked me if I was content with this amount. I said I was

When we arrived at the Docks, we went through the same gate, that is Gate 1B. We stopped again, and the Italian Sergeant Major communicated with the american M.P., then we proceeded to HANGAR 3, where the Italian Sergeant Major, and the soldier left the vehicle, and I went on to the Motor Pool.

At my arrival there, I reported to Sgt METTES the incident. Later I went with Sgt METTES and the British Sergeant of the MP to render a report, and handed the 50.000 lire over to the M.P. Sergeant.

The following Monday or Tuesday the 2nd or 3rd. October, 1943, I was approached again by two of the three checkers, who approached me on the last Saturday night, and told me that I had done a good job, and asked if I would do another 'Black' load, in order to earn more money. I refused, and reported this to Sgt. METTES

On Wednesday night, 24th. October, 1943, I was called by Sgt McCONLEY to identify two Italian civilians. I recognised them as two of the three checkers

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[illegible] a distance of about 60 to 100 metres. We carried on by the road, Capo di Monte, and by the street going to Averno.

When we arrived at Melito, the Sergeant Major told me to take a truck into a wood. When we were in the wood, the Sergeant Major let me stop. There were about 40 men coming out of the wood, who unloaded the car. Whilst the car was unloaded, I saw the Sergeant Major speaking with several of the people present and it seemed to me that he knew them all.

When the vehicle was unloaded, the Sergeant Major conducted me out of the wood, after having taken my load documents, and we went back to Naples. On the way back the Sergeant Major gave me 50,000 lire, and asked me if I was content with this amount. I said I was

When we arrived at the docks, we went through the same gate, that is Gate 1B. We stopped again, and the Italian Sergeant Major communicated with the American M.P., then we proceeded to Mole 5, where the Italian Sergeant Major, and the soldier left the vehicle, and I went on to the Motor Pool.

At my arrival there, I reported to Sgt KETTER the incident. Later I went with Sgt KETTER and the British Sergeant o the M.P. to render a report, and handed the 50,000 lire over to the M.P. Sergeant.

The following Monday or Tuesday the 2nd or 3rd, October, 1945, I was approached again by two of the three checkers, who approached me on the last Saturday night, and told me that I had done a good job, and asked if I would do another 'Black' load, in order to earn more money. I refused, and reported this to Sgt. KETTER

On Wednesday night, 24th, October, 1945, I was called by Sgt ANDERSEY to identify two Italian civilians. I recognised them as two of the three checkers who had made me the offer on Saturday, 20th October, 1945, and who on Monday or Tuesday, 2nd or 3rd, October, 1945, approached me again. Now I have learnt their names, GUIDARETTA and PALLICORIO. I could not identify the American policeman, but I could recognise some of the people who were present when the vehicle was unloaded.

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

Signed:- ARTHUR SCHULER.

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Sheet 3.

This Statement has been taken down in the German language, read over, and the signature witnessed by GEORGE D KERN, interpreter in the presence of Sgt [redacted], 'B' Section, SIB, on the 7th Nov, 1945.

The above translation from the original is to the best of my ability and knowledge.

Signed:- GEORGE D KERN.

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GOT German G.T. Coy.

Statement of:- No. [redacted] Sgt. [redacted] J.
GOT German G.T. Coy.

At about midnight on Saturday, the 30th October1943, I was in the German Motor Pool together with Sgt [redacted] from S.T.C., when I told that Italians approached the German drivers to do 'Black' loads.

At this moment, came L/Cpl. [redacted] and told us that he had been approached by three Italian civilians to do a 'Black' load, and asked me what to do. I reported [redacted]'s news to Sgt [redacted], who said, that one could not arrest the Italians, as there was no proof. Sgt [redacted] told me that I should order [redacted] to agree with the Italian proposal. This I told [redacted], and he should report to Sgt [redacted] how the load was getting on. It seemed to me that Sgt [redacted] did not realise that a load could be taken off the Docks.

At about 1.30 hours, I had a cup of tea with Sgt [redacted] at [redacted], when a German despatch man came and reported from [redacted]. I told Sgt [redacted] what the despatch man had reported to me. Sgt [redacted] said, "OK", and did not arrange anything. Some time later we both left the Area House and separated.

Between 04.30 and 5 o'clock in the morning of Sunday, 31st, October, 1943, [redacted] came to the German Motor Pool, and told me what had happened.

I then rang up Sgt [redacted], and asked him to come to the German Motor Pool. Sgt [redacted] came and I told him what [redacted] had reported. He seemed astonished, and at first did not know what to do about it, finally he rang the Docks M.P., from where he was told to see the M.P. sentry at Berth [redacted]. Sgt [redacted] sent an English L/Cpl. to Berth [redacted], who later came back and had not met the M.P.

We again rang up the Docks M.P. station and asked for the number of the Central Police Office, thereupon we came to the Central Police Office in the Via Roma, and reported all the affair.

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At about midnight on Saturday, the 30th September/1st, I was in the German Motor Pool together with Sgt [illegible] from C.C.S., when I told that Italians approached the German drivers to do 'Black' loads.

At this moment, came L/Cpl. [illegible] and told me that he had been approached by three Italian civilians to do a 'Black' load, and asked me what to do. I reported [illegible]'s case to Sgt MAIR, who said, that one could not arrest the Italians, as there was no proof. Sgt MAIR told me that I should order [illegible] to agree with the Italian proposal. This I told [illegible], and he should report to Sgt MAIR how the load was getting on. It seemed to me that Sgt MAIR did not realise that a load could be taken off the Docks.

About 01.30 hours, I had a cup of tea with Sgt MAIR at Area 4, when a German despatch man came and reported from [illegible]. I told Sgt MAIR what the despatch man had reported to me. Sgt MAIR said, "OK", and did not arrange anything. Some time later we both left the Area House and separated.

Between 04.30 and 5 o'clock in the morning of Sunday, 1st, October, 1945, [illegible] came to the German Motor Pool, and told me what had happened.

I then rang up Sgt MAIR, and asked him to come to the German Motor Pool. Sgt MAIR came and I told him what [illegible] had reported. He seemed astonished, and at first did not know what to do about it, finally he rang the Docks M.P., from where he was told to see the M.P. sentry at North [illegible]. Sgt MAIR sent an English L/Cpl. to North [illegible], who later came back and had not met the M.P.

We again rang up the Docks M.P. station and asked for the number of the Central Police Office, thereupon we came to the Central Police Office in the Via Roma, and reported all the affair.

On Monday, 22nd, October, 1945, in the night, four German drivers came to me and told me that they had been approached by two Italian civilians if they were willing to do a 'black' load for them. As the result of my arrangements, the British Military Police came to my office.

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came to my office/

I have read over the above statement, it is correct and true.
Signed:- [redacted] Feldwebel.

Statement taken down in the German language, read over, and signature witnessed by GEORGE B KERR, Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt AUDSLEY, 'A' Section, SIB, on 7th. Nov. 1945.

The above translation from the original is to the best of my ability and knowledge.
Signed:- GEORGE B KERR.

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225 G.T. Coy. R.A.S.C.
San Giovanni.

Statement of:- No. 10705916 L/Cpl. SMALLMAN. C.
'g' Platoon,
226 G.T. Coy. R.A.S.C.
Central Mediterranean Forces.

At about 04.30 hours on Sunday, 31st, October, 1945, I was in the Despatch Point Office, in company with Sgt. MAIR, when we had a telephone message from the 607 German Pool on the Docks.

Sgt. MAIR answered the telephone, when he had finished his conversation, he told me that Sgt. MEYER had a bit of a mystery, and wanted Sgt. MAIR to go over to the German Pool, so I said I would accompany him.

Sgt. MAIR and I went to the German Pool where we saw a German driver with a wad of thousand lire notes.

The German Sergeant then explained to Sgt. MAIR how the driver came to be in possession of all this money.

Sgt. MAIR then turned to me and said that he had had a telephone call from Sgt. MEYER during the night, informing him that the German drivers were being pestered by Italians working on the Docks, to run 'Black Boude', and I understood Sgt. MAIR to say that he had told the German Sergeant not to take any notice of these suggestions.

Sgt. MAIR said to me, "What shall we do now?" and I suggested that the Police be informed immediately, so Sgt. MAIR rang up the Ports Provost Police. Sgt. MAIR then told me to go to Berth 49, as from the result of the conversation with the Ports Police, I should find a M.P. on duty.

I went to Berth 49, but was informed by an Italian M.P. that the British M.P. had just finished duty and had left. I then returned to the German Pool and told Sgt. MAIR that the British M.P. had gone off duty.

Sgt. MAIR then rang the

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At about 04.30 hours on Sunday, 21st, October, 1945, I was in the Reception Point Office, in company with Sgt. MAIR, when we had a telephone message from the 607 German Pool on the Docks.

Sgt. MAIR answered the telephone, when he had finished his conversation, he told me that Sgt. MATTHEWS had a bit of a mystery, and wanted Sgt. MAIR to go over to the German Pool, so I said I would accompany him.

Sgt. MAIR and I went to the German Pool where we saw a German driver with a wad of thousand lire notes.

The German Sergeant then explained to Sgt. MAIR how the driver came to be in possession of all this money.

Sgt. MAIR then turned to me and said that he had had a telephone call from Sgt. MATTHEWS during the night, informing him that the German drivers were being pestered by Italians working on the Docks, to run 'Black Boods', and I understood Sgt. MAIR to say that he had told the German Sergeant not to take any notice of these suggestions.

Sgt. MAIR said to me, "What shall we do now?" and I suggested that the Police be informed immediately, so Sgt. MAIR rang up the Forte Provost Police. Sgt. MAIR then told me to go to Berth 49, as from the result of the conversation with the Forte Police, I should find a M.P. on duty.

I went to Berth 49, but was informed by an Italian M.P. that the British M.P. had just finished duty and had left. I then returned to the German Pool and told Sgt. MAIR that the British M.P. had gone off duty.

Sgt. MAIR then rang the Forte Provost again, and another two telephone numbers, but could get no satisfaction, then we finally came down to the CIB Headquarters in the Via Roma.

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

Signed:- C. CHALLEN.

Statement taken down, and signature witnessed by Sgt RUSSELL, 'G' Section, CIB, on 5th Nov. 1945.

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Port of Naples.

Statement of:- No. 68265 Sgt. Foster W.R. R.A.M.C.
Docks Transport Officer,
Port of Naples.

I am the Docks Transport Officer of the Port of Naples.

The duties of the Docks Transport Officer covers the allocation, issuing, Docks behaviour of all M.T. vehicles employed on Docks transport.

These duties and the authority to control M.T. vehicles would be appreciated by Sgt. Wife, when acting as Docks Transport Officer during a night shift.

I have read over the above statement, it is correct and true.
Signed:- W.R. Foster Sgt.

Statement taken down, and signature witnessed by me. - [illegible], 'C' Section, HQ on 17th, Nov. 1945.

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Statement of:- No. 21243 G.Gnr. ROWE S.
647 Garrison G.T. COY.

I belong to the above unit and work as a driver, doing transport of food and other supplies from the different Berths in the Naples Docks to the Depots in the Naples area.

On Monday, 22nd October, 1945, I was working in the Naples Docks at Berth 49, when I was approached by two Italian civilians, who asked me if I wanted to earn a lot of money. I asked in which respect I could earn this money. They told me that I should take a load from one of the Berths on the docks. I should go to a certain Berth, and I should not worry about it, as everything was settled. They offered me the sum of 150.000 lire, if I should do the job. They told me that I should always work for them, there would be no risks, I should always go out of patrol, because there were the American police, and the Americans were good friends of theirs.

ZEBULSE, who was standing nearby, was pointed out to me by the two Italians, and they told me, he was now a 'grande capitalista'. I knew that ZEBULSE on Saturday night had done a 'Black' load. They told me that the load would consist of chocolate, and I too should get some cases of it. I refused their proposals, and said that I could not do anything with the money, but they told me that they would make me an account, and that I should get the money after my release as a Prisoner of War. I told them again that I should be severely punished, and that I had to reckon with a longer term of exile. They said that I need not worry about it, and they made me understand that everything would be all right, and that I, when I had worked for them, should be a 'great capitalista'. I told them I was afraid, but I would think the matter over, and meet them again the next evening, on the 23rd October.

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All this I reported immediately to Sgt. PATTEN 1/c Motor Pool. At the same time, a British M.P. Sergeant was present, who told me that I should meet the two Italians and load the vehicle.

I saw the Italians again later, but one of them told me that it would be too late to take the load, and we agreed to do the load on the next night between 20.00 hours and 20.30 hours at Berth 49.

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SCHLOSS, who was standing nearby, was pointed out to me by the two Italians, and they told me, he was now a 'grande capitalista'. I knew that SCHLOSS on Saturday night had done a 'black' load. They told me that the load would consist of chocolate, and I too should get some cases of it. I refused their proposals, and said that I could not do anything with the money, but they told me that they would make me an account, and that I should get the money after my release as a prisoner of war. I told them again that I should be severely punished, and that I had to reckon with a longer term of exile. They said that I need not worry about it, and they made me understand that everything would be all right, and that I, when I had worked for them, should be a 'great capitalista'. I told them I was afraid, but I would think the matter over, and meet them again the next evening, on the 23rd October.

All this I reported immediately to Sgt. MATTES i/c Motor Pool. At the same time, a British N.C.O. Sergeant was present, who told me that I should meet the two Italians and load the vehicle.

I saw the Italians again later, but one of them told me that it would be too late to take the load, and so agreed to do the load on the next night between 20.00 hours and 20.30 hours at Berth 49.

On Tuesday, 23rd October, 1945, I went to Berth 49 where I met the Italians again. They asked me if I was willing to do the load. I said, "Yes", in a hesitant manner. They informed me that I should not load at Berth 49, but at Berth 44a, where another Italian would assist me.

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would assist me/

I drove to Berth 44a, and a friend of the two Italians with whom I had spoken with previously, spoke to me at Berth 44a. As there were a lot of vehicles there, one of the two Italians known to me told me that it was no use, and would have to be done later.

After midnight, I again went to Berth 44a, and met the third Italian. I observed that one of the Italians was at the Berth and was engaged in conversation with another Italian civilian working there. This man then went on board ship, and spoke to some of the personnel occupied there. I observed that a certain choice had been made which surely should be for my truck.

As the Italians believed that they were being watched by British personnel, they stopped work and one of the Italians said that the load must be delayed.

We agreed to meet again on Wednesday, 25th, October, 1945, about 20.00 hours at Berth 49.

On Wednesday, 25th October, 1945, about 20.30 hours, I went with a British M.P. Sergeant to meet the two Italians. I pointed them out to him. They were the ones who had approached me on the two previous nights.

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

Signed:- [illegible]

Statement taken down in the German language, and signature witnessed by GEORGE E KERN, interpreter in the presence of Sgt. [illegible], 'E' Section, CIF, on the 8th Nov. 1945.

The above translation from the original is to the best of my ability and knowledge.

Signed:- GEORGE E KERN.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN MISTRICT PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
Office of the Provost Marshal
Criminal Investigations Division
APO 782 U.S. Army

4 November, 1945.

SUBJECT: Statement.
TO : Whom it may concern.

I, the undersigned, Agent Domenick P Santilippo, C.I.D. Pansonth, Naples, Italy, Badge No. 916, make the following statement:

On the 26th, October, 1945, Sgt Charles AUBSLEY (Bn) SIB, 5S Section, C.M.P. reported to the undersigned that an alleged American (N) soldier was involved in the theft of a truck load of B.A.A.F.I. supplies, out of the Naples Port on 21 October, 1945, at or about 02.30 hours.

Sgt AUBSLEY related that he had already made several arrests, amongst them being the arrest of two (2) Italian civilian checkers, and an Italian Sgt Major DI RUSSO GIACIO, Commando Teppe, 91z Division, A Coy, Arcofelice, Naples.

In a written statement, Sgt Major DI RUSSO states that on 21 October, 1945 at about 02.30 hours, according to plan, he escorted a German P.O.W. vehicle, driven by German P.O.W. SCHULZE, 607 German C.E. Coy, Caserma Principe di Piedmonte, Naples, out of the Naples Port through the West gate without M/T dispatching orders. At about 10.00 hours, 21 October, 1945,(after the truck load had been disposed of) the said alleged American N.F. went to DI RUSSO'S home whereupon DI RUSSO paid him the sum of 400.000 lire.

The undersigned ascertained from the duty roster of the 802nd M.P.Bn, that Pfc JOHN P PETROSKI (N) of Co.C and FRANCIS J JOYCE (N) were on duty at the said gate at the time in question. Pvt JOYCE was relieved of duty that night.

Efforts to identify Pfc. PETROSKI and Pvt JOYCE by Sgt Major DI RUSSO and P.O.W. SCHULZE in the presence of the undersigned and Sgt. AUBSLEY were unsuccessful.

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4 November, 1945.

SUBJECT: Statement.
TO : Whom it may concern.

I, the undersigned, Agent Domenick P Sanfilippo, C.I.D. Fenscuth, Naples, Italy, Badge No. 516, make the following statement:

On the 26th, October, 1945, Sgt Charles AUDSLEY (Br) 3TB, SS Section, C.M.P. reported to the undersigned that an alleged American (s) soldier was involved in the theft of a truck load of M.B.A.F.I. supplies, out of the Naples Port on 21 October, 1945, at or about 08.30 hours.

Sgt AUDSLEY related that he had already made several arrests, amongst them being the arrest of two (2) Italian civilian checkers, and an Italian Sgt Major DI NUZZO BIAGIO, Commando Teppe, 92nd Division, A Coy, Arcofelice, Naples.

In a written statement, Sgt Major DI NUZZO states that on 21 October, 1945 at about 08.30 hours, according to plan, he escorted a German P.O.W. Vehicle, driven by German P.O.W. SCHULER, 507 German C.T. Coy, Caserma Principe di Piedmonte, Naples, out of the Naples Port through the East gate without M/T dispatching orders. At about 10.00 hours, 21 October, 1945,(after the truck load had been disposed of) the said alleged American M.P. went to DI NUZZO'S home whereupon DI NUZZO paid him the sum of 400,000 Lire.

The undersigned ascertained from the duty roster of the 309rd M.P.Bn, that Pte JOHN P PETROSKI (s) of Co.C and FRANCIS J JOYCE (s) were on duty at the said gate at the time in question. Pvt JOYCE was relieved of duty that night.

Efforts to identify Pte. PETROSKI and Pvt JOYCE by Sgt Major DI NUZZO and P.O.W. SCHULER in the presence of the undersigned and Sgt. AUDSLEY were unsuccessful.

Signed:- DOMENICK P SANFILIPPO.
Agent C.I.D.

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No. 1. Detachment,
'S' Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
The Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Forces.

10th. Nov.1945.

Statement of:- No.14 33535 Sergeant AUBREY C.S.,
No. 1. Detachment,
'S' Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
The Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Forces.

On Wednesday, 4th. October, 1945, I arrested the accuseds [illegible] and [illegible]. I told them I was a Sergeant of the Special Investigation Branch of the British Military Police, and that I was making enquiries respecting a lorry load of S.A.A.F.I. supplies which was stolen from the Port of Naples on the night of 20/21st. October, 1945, and that I had reasons to believe they knew something about it. At first they denied all knowledge of the offence, but after long and complete interrogation, admitted their parts in the offence by apprehending the German driver and informing DI MUSSO of various supplies on the berths.

On Friday, 26th. October, 1945, I arrested the accuseds DI MUSSO, FONTANA, and DE [illegible]. I told them of my identity, and the reasons of my visit. They all admitted being implicated in the offence.

On Saturday, 27th, October, 1945, I arrested the accused BERTOLOTTA. I told him my identity, and the reasons for my visit. He also admitted being implicated in the affair, and gave me 3,480 lire as being part of the money received.

On this date, I again interviewed CRIAFESITA and FONTANA who handed to me 11,000 lire and 10,000 lire r spectively, as being part of the money they had received.

On Monday, 5th November, 1945, I again interviewed DI MUSSO, who made a statement which was taken down in the Italian language by EDOUARD ARNESTO, interpreter, in my presence, which he read over and afterwards signed.

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Statement of:- No.1[illegible] Sergeant HARRY C.B.,
No. 1. Detachment,
'I' Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
The Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Forces.

On Wednesday, 4th, October, 1945, I arrested the accused PATRICCHIO and CHIARETTA. I told them I was a Sergeant of the Special Investigation Branch of the British Military Police, and that I was making enquiries respecting a lorry load of E.C.A.D.I. supplies which was stolen from the port of Naples on the night of 20/21st. October, 1945, and that I had reasons to believe they knew something about it. At first they denied all knowledge of the offence, but after long and complete interrogation, admitted their parts in the offence by approaching the German driver and informing DI NUZZO of various supplies on the lorries.

On Friday, 26th. October, 1945, I arrested the accuseds DI NUZZO, FONTANA, and DE MASI. I told them of my identity, and the reasons of my visit. They all admitted being implicated in the offence.

On Saturday, 27th, October, 1945, I arrested the accused PATRICOLIA. I told him my identity, and the reasons for my visit. He also admitted being implicated in the affair, and gave me 1.450 lire as being part of the money received.

On this date, I again interviewed CHIARETTA and FONTANA who handed to me 11.000 lire and 10.000 lire respectively, as being part of the money they had received.

On Monday, 5th November, 1945, I again interviewed DI NUZZO, who made a statement which was taken down in the Italian language by LUCIANO ANDREIS, interpreter, in my presence, which he read over and afterwards signed.

On Tuesday, 6th, November, 1945, I interviewed PATRICCHIO, CHIARETTA, and DE MASI, who made statements, which were taken down in the Italian language by LUCIANO ANDREIS, interpreter, in my presence, which they read over and signed.

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which they read over and signed/

On Wednesday, 7th, November, 1945, I again interviewed PONTARA and BATTAGLIA, both made statements which were taken down in the Italian language by LUCIANO ANGELO, interpreter, in my presence, which they read over and signed.

On Thursday, 8th, November, 1945, I interviewed No. 2094322 L/Sgt. [redacted]. I said,"I am a Sergeant [redacted] of the Special Investigation Branch, and I am making enquiries respecting a load of N.A.A.F.I. goods which were stolen from the Port of Naples on 30/ 1st October, 1945, and that I had reasons to believe he gave instructions to the German driver through the medium of a German Sergeant to load his vehicle, well knowing that the load was likely to be stolen". He replied,"You don't believe the Germans, do you?"

I immediately cautioned him in the following words,"You are not obliged to say anything unless you wish to do so, but whatever you say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence". He then volunteered a statement which I took down in writing at his dictation, and which he afterwards read over and signed. This statement I now produce.

Lt. Cuckney Sgt.

Field.
Unit.

[redacted] SGT.
'S' Section,
Special Investigation Branch.

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226 G.T. Coy. R.A.S.C.
Portici.

Statement of:- No. [illegible] L/Sgt [illegible]
'C' Platoon,
226 G.T. Coy. R.A.S.C.
Central Mediterranean Forces.

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

Signed:- L. [illegible]

On that evening, 30th October, 1945, Sgt [illegible] approached me and mentioned to me that one of his drivers, whilst in the Docks was approached by some Italians with regard to 'business'. I told him to tell his driver to disregard them. At 04.30 hrs 31st October, 1945, I learnt from a checker that Sgt [illegible] had a 'mystery' for me. I went to the MGY Pool and Sgt [illegible] told me what had happened. I informed the Police as soon as I could.

Signed:- L. [illegible].

I have read over the above statement, and have had the opportunity of making any alteration or addition where necessary. It is true, and is made voluntarily.

Signed:- L. [illegible].

Statement taken down, and signature witnessed by Sgt [illegible] C.R. 'C' Section, SIB, on the 8th Nov. 1945.

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H.Q. No I Detachment,
"S" Section, S.I.B.

Statement of :- CHIAPETTA Ermenne,
of Giovanni and Vittorie ASCLIA,
Born at Naples on 24/II/1900.
Residing at Vico Deiventi No. 10., Naples.

Who answers the following questions:-

1. Q. Why were you in possession of Checkers tickets when you were arrested ?.
A. I had to use them for writing down my notes when I was on duty at the 'Dockpile'.

2. Q. What do you do with your ticket book when you go of duty ?.
A. The tickets are in block and we issue them in duplicate, the original is handed to the driver and the copy remains in the book which is returned to the foreman at the end of work.

3. Q. When the book is finished how do you get a new one ?.
A. When the foreman sees that the old book is full he gives me a new one.

4. Q. How do you explain the presence of the tickets in your house ?.
A. Because they are part of the tickets found on my person.

5. Q. How do you explain the difference in colour and print of the tickets ?.
A. I do not know.

6. Q. Is it true that on 20th. October, 1945, you approached a German driver to induce him to make an illegal journey ?.
A. It is not.

7. Q. Whereyou talking with a German driver at that time and on that date?.
A. I was.

8. Q. What were you talking about ?.
A. I asked him if he could sell me any vests shoes or socks. 1 38

9. Q. Was there any person present and if so who ?.
A. Nobody was present but I saw a checker named PRIZZO coming towards us?.

10. Q. What did PRIZZO do ?.
A. Heapproached me and asked me if I could convince a German driver to go with him.

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he answers the following questions:-

I. Q. Why were you in possession of Checkers tickets when you were arrested ?.
A. I had to use them for writing down my notes when I was on duty at the 'Backpile'.

2. Q. What do you do with your ticket book when you go of duty ?.
A. The tickets are in block and we issue them in duplicate, the original is handed to the driver and the copy remains in the book which is returned to the foreman at the end of work.

3. Q. When the book is finished how do you get a new one ?.
A. When the foreman sees that the old book is full he gives me a new one.

4. Q. How do you explain the presence of the tickets in your house ?.
A. Because they are part of the tickets found on my person.

5. Q. How do you explain the difference in colour and print of the tickets ?.
A. I do not know.

6. Q. Is it true that on 20th. October, 1943, you approached a German driver to induce him to make an illegal journey ?.
A. It is not.

7. Q. Whereyou talking with a German driver at that time and on that date?.
A. I was.

8. Q. What were you talking about ?.
A. I asked him if he could sell me any vests shoes or socks.

9. Q. Was there any person present and if so who ?.
A. Nobody was present but I saw a checker named PRIZZO coming towards us?.

IO. Q. What did PRIZZO do ?.
A. Heapproached me and asked me if I could convince a German driver to go with him.

II. Q. What did you say to the German soldier ?.
A. I asked him if he would follow my friend who would tell him where to go.

I2. Q. What did the soldier do and what did he say ?.
A. The German agreed and went away.

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13. Q. Is it true that you together with your friend TRIFICORIO and PRESSO approached the German soldier several times to induce him to make an illegal journey and that the soldier agreed after several proposals ?.
A. It is not.

14. Q. Is it true that you informed Sgt. Major DI RUSSO about different loads which were going to be unloaded in the Docks ?.
A. It is not.

15. Q. Why did you state on the first questioning that you had approached German soldiers to induce them to make illegal journeys and that you had informed Sgt. Major DI RUSSO about different loads which were going to be unloaded in the Docks ?;
A. I do not know because I am a liar.

16. Q. Do you know why PRESSO asked to have a German soldier follow him ?.
A. I dont.

17. Q. Who told you that you would receive some money if you convinced the German driver to follow PRESSO ?.
A. PRESSO told me that if I was able to convince the soldier he would give me some money.

18. Q. Did PRESSO tell you how much he was going to give you ?.
A. He did not.

19. Q. Did PRESSO tell you how would you receive the money and where ?.
A. The following morning, PRESSO told me he had intention to take me to a person to get a gift for me as I had been able to convince the German.

20. Q. Did PRESSO tell you why he was going to receive the money ?.
A. He did not.

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21. Q. How much money did you get, where and when ?.
A. I received 100.000 lira, on the 2nd of October 1945, at about 09.00 hours, at Sgt. Maj. DI RUSSO's house, where PRESSO and I went the previous day at about 14.00 hours and did not find him (DI Russo).

22. Q. How did you divide the money ?.

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A. It is not.

14. Q. Is it true that you informed Sgt. Major DI RUSSO about different loads which were going to be unloaded in the Docks ?.
A. It is not.

15. Q. Why did you state on the first questioning that you had approached German soldiers to induce them to make illegal journeys and that you had informed Sgt. Major DI RUSSO about different loads which were going to be unloaded in the Docks ?;
A. I do not know because I am a liar.

16. Q. Do you know why PRESSO asked to have a German soldier follow him ?.
A. I dont.

17. Q. Who told you that you would receive some money if you convinced the German driver to follow PRESSO ?.
A. PRESSO told me that if I was able to convince the soldier he would give me some money.

18. Q. Did PRESSO tell you how much he was going to give you ?.
A. He did not.

19. Q. Did PRESSO tell you how would you receive the money and where ?.
A. The following morning, PRESSO told me he had intention to take me to a person to get a gift for me as I had been able to convince the German.

20. Q. Did PRESSO tell you why he was going to receive the money ?.
A. He did not.

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21. Q. How much money did you get, where and when ?.
A. I received 100.000 lire, on the [illegible] of October 1945, at about 09.00 hours, at Sgt. Maj. DI RUSSO's house, where PRESSO and I went the previous day at about 12.00 hours and did not find him (Di Russo).

22. Q. How did you divide the money ?.
A. 25.000 lire I gave to PRESSO; 50.000 lire I gave to TRIPICCHIO and DE MARE, two checkers friends of mine (actually the amount was divided as follows: 24.000 were given to both of them to settle a debt which I I had with them and 26.000 were given on loan following their request); I kept the remaining 25.000.

23. Q. Who was present when you received the money from DINUZZO ?.
A. Nobody.

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24. Q. When did you hand over the money to PREZZO, TRIPICCHIO and DE MASE ?.
A. On Monday the 22nd of October 1945, during the morning to TRIPICCHIO and DE MASE and during the afternoon to PREZZO.

25. Q. Dont you think that 75.000 lire is to much just for convincing a German soldier to follow nother person?.
A. I dont think so.

26. Q. What did DI NUZZO say when he gave you the money ?.
A. DI NUZZO told me :-"These are the 100.000 lire which PREZZO told me to give you because you convinced the German soldier to follow PREZZO".

27. Q. Did DI NUZZO tell you about another 'black' load which was going to take place the following days ?.
A. He did not.

28. Q. Why, during the first questioning, you said that DI NUZZO informed you about other 'black' loads ?.
A. I dont remember saying such a thing.

29. Q. For what reason you and TRIPICCHIO approached a German soldier on Monday, the 22nd of October 1945, between 21.00 hrs. and 22.00 hrs. ?.
A. We approached the German soldier to ask him if he had anything to sell us.

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

Signed :- Ghiuseppetta Ercanno.

Statement taken down, read over and signature witnessed by Luciano Andreis, Interpreter, in the presence of Sergeant Smiley, 'S' Section S.I.B., C.M.Police, on the 6th of November 1945.

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Signed :- Luciano Andreis.

I certify that the above statement has been translated to the best of my ability and knowledge.

Signed :- Luciano Andreis.

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H.Q. No. 1 Detachment,
'S' Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
The Corps of Military Police.

Statement of :- TRIPICCHIO Alfredo,
of Alfonso and Rove Consiglia,
born at Naples on 17/ /1923,
residing at no. 8 Vico Canale ai Cristallini,
Naples.

who answers to the following questions :

1. Q. Where are you employed and in what capacity ?.
A. I am employed in the Docks as a checker by 384 Port Battalion.

2. Q. What were you doing on Saturday the 20th of Oct.1945?.
A. I was working as a C.P., which means accompanying lorries from the Receiving Office to the ship.

3. Q. Is it true that you, PIERRO, CHIAPPETTA and DE MASE approached a German soldier to ask him if he wanted to do a 'black' load on the 20th of October 1945 ?.
A. No.

4. Q. Why, during the first questioning, you stated that you, PIERRO, CHIAPPETTA and DE MASE approached a German soldier to ask him if he wanted to do a 'black' load, on the 20th of October 1945 ?.
A. I have never stated such a thing.

5. Q. On Saturday the 20th of October 1945, have you seen CHIAPPETTA speaking to a German soldier ?.
A. No.

6. Q. How were you informed that you were going to receive some money ?.
A. Nobody informed me about it.

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7. Q. Where were you when CHIAPPETTA gave you 25.000 lire ?
A. I was in the vicinity of the place called Maddalena, together with DE MASE and we both received the sum of 50.000 lire.

8. Q. What date was it ?.
A. Monday, the 22nd of October 1945.

9. Q. Did CHIAPPETTA tell you how he received the money ?.

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of Alfonso and Rove Consiglio,
born at Naples on 17/ /1925,
residing at no. 8 Vico Canale ai Cristallini,
Naples.

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who answers to the following questions :

1. Q. Where are you employed and in what capacity ?.
   A. I am employed in the Docks as a checker by 384 Port Battalion.

2. Q. What were you doing on Saturday the 20th of Oct.1945?.
   A. I was working as a C.P., which means accompanying lorries from the Receiving Office to the ship.

3. Q. Is it true that you, PUZZO, CHIAPPETTA and DE MASE approached a German soldier to ask him if he wanted to do a 'black' load on the 20th of October 1945 ?.
   A. No.

4. Q. Why, during the first questioning, you stated that you, PUZZO, CHIAPPETTA and DE MASE approached a German soldier to ask him if he wanted to do a 'black' load, on the 20th of October 1945 ?.
   A. I have never stated such a thing.

5. Q. On Saturday the 20th of October 1945, have you seen CHIAPPETTA speaking to a German soldier ?.
   A. No.

6. Q. How were you informed that you were going to receive some money ?.
   A. Nobody informed me about it.

7. Q. Where were you when CHIAPPETTA gave you 25.000 lire ?
   A. I was in the vicinity of the place called Maddalena, together with DE MASE and we both received the sum of 50.000 lire.

8. Q. What date was it ?.
   A. Monday, the 22nd of October 1945.

9. Q. Did CHIAPPETTA tell you how he received the money ?.
   A. No.

10. Q. What did CHIAPPETTA tell you when he gave you the money ?.
    A. He told us :-"24.000 lire are for the debt, which I had with you and 26.000 are on loan".

11. Q. Why did he give you on loan 26.000 lire ?.
    A. Because we asked him for it to buy a quantity of cotton, which we did not buy.

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11. Q. What did you do with the money ?.
A. I gave 22.000 lire to a friend of mine, namely Vincenzo DE BLASIO, so that he could take 14.000 lire to a certain Assunta PASCARELLA, residing at Caffe Centrale, COSTIGLIOLE (Turin prov.) and keep 8000 lire for himself for a debt which I had with him.

12. Q. Where does DE BLASIO live ?.
A. I do not know, but he told me that he lives at Milano.

14. Q. What significance has that number which is written inside your note-book and which is the only number written on the pages ?.
A. When I was on duty I used to write the various numbers of the vehicles so that later I could make out their convoy notes and I think that only by mere chance that number remained in the pages.

15. Q. Is it true that on Monday the 23nd of October 1945 you were together with CHIAPETTA speaking with a German soldier ?.
A. Yes, it is true.

16. Q. What were you talking about ?.
A. I did not speak, because CHIAPETTA could speak German.

17. Q. Why, during the first questioning, you stated that you did not know the address of DI BRUNO ?.
A. Such a question was never put to me, but to CHIAPETTA.

18. Q. Do you know the address of PERRO ?.
A. No.

19. Q. Why dont you know the address of PERRO ?.
A. Because there has never been any intimate relation between me and him.

20. Q. DO you know the address of Sgt. Maj. DI BRUNO ?.
A. No.

21. Q. Did you know anything about a 'black' load which was going to take place in the Docks ?.
A. No.

22. Q. Have you anything else to add ?.
A. No.

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

Signed :- Tripicchio Alfredo.

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for himself for a debt which I had with him.

13. Q. Where does DE BLASIO live ?.
A. I do not know, but he told me that he lives at Milano.

14. Q. What significance has that number which is written inside your note-book and which is the only number written on the pages ?.
A. When I was on duty I used to write the various numbers of the vehicles so that later I could make out their convoy notes and I think that only, by mere chance that number remained in the pages.

15. Q. Is it true that on Monday the end of October 1945 you were together with CHIAPETTA speaking with a German soldier ?.
A. Yes, it is true.

16. Q. What were you talking about ?.
A. I did not speak, because CHIAPETTA could speak German.

17. Q. Why, during the first questioning, you stated that you did not know the address of DE MARI ?.
A. Such a question was never put to me, but to CHIAPETTA.

18. Q. Do you know the address of FRESCO ?.
A. No.

19. Q. Why don't you know the address of FRESCO ?.
A. Because there has never been any intimate relation between me and him.

20. Q. DO you know the address of Sgt. Maj. DI MARCO ?.
A. No.

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21. Q. Did you know anything about a 'black' load which was going to take place in the Docks ?.
A. No.

22. Q. Have you anything else to add ?.
A. No.

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

Signed :- Tripicchio Alfredo.

Statement taken down, read over and signature witnessed by Luciano Andreis, Interpreter, in the presence of Sergeant Smiley, 'S' Section S.I.B., S.E.Police, on the 6th of November 1945.

Signed :- Luciano Andreis.

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He answers to the following additional questions :

23. Q. With whom did you deal to buy the cotton and where ?.
A. With a man at the place called 'Maddalena', and together with him there was a woman, which did not take part in the conversation.

24. Q. How much did the man want for each cotton reel ?.
A. 3 lire and odd.

25. Q. How much did you want to pay him him ?.
A. 2 lire and odd.

26. Q. As you did not buy the cotton, why didnt you give back to CHIAPPETTA your part of the debt ?.
A. Because, owing to the fact that he made me wait, I had intention to do the same with him and mainly because I needed it.

I have read over these additional questions and answers and I found them correct and true.

Signed :- Trigiochio Alfredo.

The above additional questions and answers have been taken down, read over and signature witnessed by Luciano Andreis, Interpreter, in the presence of Sergeant Audrley, 'G' Section S.I.B., S.E.Police, on the 6th of November 1945.

Signed :- Luciano Andreis.

I certify that the above statement has been translated to the best of my ability and knowledge.

Signed :- Luciano Andreis.

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'I' section, WFO.

Statement of:- [illegible] Paul, Minn.,
at the late residence and business
address, born at Ryplee on 1/4/1916,
residing at the Cope Garage, 50 46,
Burwell, Nebr.

who answers the following questions:-

1. Q. Where are you employed, and in what capacity?
A. I am employed at the back of the lot as a
mechanic by the Cope Co.

2. Q. How long have you been employed?
A. About February, 1940.

3. Q. How long have you known Gilbreath and Fitzpatrick
A. Made February, 1940.

4. Q. What business is your employment for?
A. Apart from working hours, at the weekends, we
buy and sell used clothing ourselves.

5. Q. Where were you on Saturday evening, 6/1/40?
A. I was at home because I did not work.

6. Q. How did you know that Gilbreath had more money
for you?
A. Because I saw the money in his hands, and because
by himself told me he had come to give back the
$,000 like he do so.

7. Q. Did Gilbreath tell you where he got the money
from?
A. No.

8. Q. Did it not seem strange to you, that Gilbreath
had $5,000 like in his possession.
A. No, because I know that he is obliged, during
the day, to get some extra money.

9. Q. Have you ever seen Gilbreath with so much
money?
A. No.

10. Q. Have you received any money from Gilbreath
previously?
A. I have never received any money previously.

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Hamill, Angela.

Q. Answer the following questions:-

1. Q. Where are you employed, and in what capacity?
A. I am employed at the Port of Los as a checker by the port Com.

2. Q. How long have you been employed?
A. Since February, 1945.

3. Q. How long have you known Delaney and Schlesinger?
A. Since February, 1945.

4. Q. What business is your said corporate def
A. Apart from working hours, at the bookstore, we buy and sell again clothing material.

5. Q. Where were you on Saturday morning, 6/16/45?
A. I was at home because I did not work.

6. Q. How did you know that Schlesinger had made money for you?
A. Because I saw the money in his hands, and because he himself told me he had come to give back the C.O.D. Lire to me.

7. Q. Did Schlesinger tell you where he got the money from?
A. No.

8. Q. Did it not seem strange to you that Schlesinger had given back C.O.D. Lire to the prosecution.
A. No, because I know that he is obliged, during the day, to get more price money

9. Q. Have you ever seen Schlesinger with so much money?
A. No.

10. Q. Have you received any money from Schlesinger previously?
A. I have never received any money previously, only on Sunday, 22nd October, 1945 at the restaurant, whilst I was with Schlesinger, and I received 4.000 Lire for army which I had lent to him. Besides this, he gave me another 16.000 Lire which I asked him to lend me.

11. Q. Must have Schlesinger and you done with the sum of 50.000 Lire?
A. We divided it between us

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I2. Q. What have you done with your 35,000 Lire ?;
A. I gave 20,000 Lire to my creditors and the rest I lost in gambling.

I3. Q. With whom did you deal to buy the cotton and where ?.
A. With a woman in the Maddalena Square.

I4. Q. How much did the woman want for each piece of cotton ?.
A. About four Lire.

I5. Q. How much did you intend to pay.?
A. About two Lire.

I6. Q. As you did not buy the cotton why did you not pay your debt to CHIAPETTA instead of gambling ?.
A. Because CHIAPETTA was arrested before I could do it, and my bad habit of gambling made me lose the money.

I7. Q. Do you know Sgt. Major DI RUZZO ?.
A. I dont.

I8. Q. What were you doing on the night of 22nd. October, 1945?.
A. I was working in the Port;

I9. Q. What were you doing on the following day ?.
A. I was absent until 25th. October, 1945.

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

Signed :- DE MASI Mario.

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Statement taken down and signature witnessed by Luciana AMBRIS, Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. AUDSLEY Special Investigation Branch, on 6th. November, 1945.

Signed:- Luciana AMBRIS.

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14. Q. How much did the woman want for each piece of cotton ?.
A. About four Lire.

15. Q. How much did you intend to pay.?
A. About two Lire.

16. Q. As you did not buy the cotton why did you not pay your debt to CHIAPETTA instead of gambling ?.
A. Because CHIAPETTA was arrested before I could do it, and my bad habit of gambling made me lose the money.

17. Q. Do you know Sgt. Major DI RUSSO ?.
A. I dont.

18. Q. What were you doing on the night of 22nd. October, 1945?.
A. I was working in the Port;

19. Q. What were you doing on the following day ?.
A. I was absent until 25th. October, 1945.

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

Signed :- DE MASI Mario.

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Statement taken down and signature witnessed by Luciano ANDREIS, Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. AUDSLEY Special Investigation Branch, on 6th. November, 1945.

Signed:- Luciano ANDREIS.

The above translation from the original is to the best of my ability and knowledge.

Signed:- PASOLI Nicola.

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H.Q. No. 1 Detachment.
'A' Section CIB.

Statement of:- DI MEGLIO NICOLA.
of NAPLES.
born at Via Genoino (Cenacino) on 11/12/19
residing there at Via S Guglielmo No 50
actually residing at:- Comando Truppe
A Gov. Occupation, Naples.

I am a Sergeant Major of the Italian Army, and live at the above mentioned military address, and am employed in the Port of Naples as M.C.C. i/c of Caruso C.O.S., who work in the same place. My house in Naples is at the above address i.e. No. 37, in a private family apartment.

During the first days of the month of October, 1945, two brothers and another person came to my house, near, as I supposed to find out later a certain PERSICO, carabor, employed in the Port of Naples, who I previously happened to be acquainted with.

The name of the two brothers is DI LAURO, and the other person's name PERSICO, the three of them from the small town of Sorgliano.

They came to make arrangements to have a lorry load of Allied goods taken outside the docks. Previous to this reunion PERSICO told me that he had made arrangements with these persons regarding the load.

I then made the necessary arrangements with DI LAURO and PERSICO, my functions were to accompany the lorry from the docks to the place of destination. I would receive the lorry from the checkers inside the docks, and take it through the guarded gates, in accord with a number of the American Police, known by PERSICO. They arranged to deliver the load during the first hours of 1st, October, 1945, because they knew when the American policemen was going to be on duty at a definite gate.

On Saturday, the 20th, October, 1945, during the late afternoon, I met in the Port of Naples, PERSICO, who explained to me the plan we were going to carry out the next morning, and introduced me to the American policeman, who was at that time in the small

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I am a Sergeant Major of the Italian Army, and live at the above mentioned military address, and am employed in the Port of Naples as an M.T.O. i/c of German P.O.W.s., who work in the same place. My house in Naples is at the Corso Umberto I, No. 237, in a private family apartment.

During the first days of the month of October, 1945, two brothers and another person came to my house, near, as I happened to find out later by a certain Renato, character, employed in the Port of Naples, who I previously happened to be acquainted with.

The name of the two brothers is DI [illegible], and the other person's surname, the three of them from the small town of Sulmona.

They came to make arrangements to have a lorry load of allied goods taken outside the docks. Previous to this occasion Renato told me that he had made arrangements with these persons regarding the load.

I then made the necessary arrangements with DI [illegible] and DiLeo, my functions were to accompany the lorry from the docks to the place of destination. I would receive the lorry from the checkers inside the docks, and take it through the guarded gates, in accord with a member of the American police, known by name. They arranged to deliver the load during the first hours of the 20th October, 1945, because they knew when the American policeman was going to be on duty at a definite gate.

On Saturday, the 20th, October, 1945, during the late afternoon, I met in the Port of Naples, Renato, who explained to me the plan we were going to carry out the next morning, and introduced me to the American policeman, who was at that time in the small square at Piazza Municipio. He informed me that from 24.00 hours onwards he would be on duty at Gate 18. On this occasion, I gave the American soldier my address so that he could get the money for his collaboration. Renato then informed me that a civilian car would be waiting at the exit for the lorry to direct it to the destination.

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to the place of destination/

At about 00.30 hours on the 21st, October, 1945, I left my house and went towards the port of Naples to meet [illegible]. I met him in the vicinity of Gate 4, and he instructed me to wait there for one of the checkers, who was going to send the lorry to me. In the meantime I went to fetch the soldier, who was going to escort the lorry with me. The soldiers name is [illegible], 6th, Batt. 52nd. Coy., Camerne Granili, Naples, who waited with me in the vicinity of Gate 4.

At about 01.30 hours and 01.45 hours on the 21st October, 1945, an Allied lorry driven by a German P.O.W., and accompanied by a person completely unknown to me, but which I believed to be one of the checkers, arrived on the place where we were waiting. This checker handed over to me the lorry. [illegible] climbed behind, and I got inside the cab. I directed the driver towards Gate 10, when we arrived there, the lorry stopped, and the [illegible] Italian Policeman on guard came to the cab, and as soon as he recognised me, gave me the order to proceed.

Outside the gate the civilian one was waiting for us, and as soon as we were in sight, the car went with us towards Via Nuova, through Cavo di Monte, the two cars went along the road which leads to Varna. At about 500 meters from the buildings of the village of Melito, the two cars turned right along a country lane, near to a wrecked house, which I knew now to be 'Siciliano' farm.

The cars stopped, and the lorry was unloaded of the cases of Allied goods. I did not know at the time what they contained. On the place were Al LAGO and MARIO, and several other persons unknown to me.

When the cases were taken off, the [illegible] with the driver, [illegible], and I, returned to the port of Naples. Along the road, I handed over to the German driver the sum of 50.000 lire, which I previously received from Al LAGO. In the Docks, I handed over to [illegible], the sum of 75.000 lire, which I had also received from Al LAGO.

When I got out of the Docks, I returned to Melito with a taxi, hired at Piazza Garibaldi, as arranged [illegible]

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stockers, who was going to send the lorry to me. In the meantime I went to fetch the soldier, who was going to escort the lorry with me. The soldiers here is [illegible] Gefreit, Gk.Matt. and. Ger., Cesaren Quadli, Angloe, who waited with me in the vicinity of Gate 4.

At about 0.30 hours and 0.45 hours on the 21st October, 1943, an Allied lorry driven by a German N.C.O., and accompanied by a person completely unknown to me, but which I believed to be one of the dockers, arrived on the place where we were waiting. This checker handed over to me the lorry, [illegible] climbed behind, and I got inside the cab. I directed the driver towards Gate 13, when we arrived there, the lorry stopped, and the Guardian Policeman on guard came to the cab, and as soon as he recognised me, gave me the order to proceed.

Outside the gate the civilian car was waiting for us, and as soon as we were in sight, the car went with us towards Via Nova, through Porta di Ponte, the two cars went along the road which leads to Verona. At about 300 meters from the buildings of the village of Bolito, the two cars turned right along a country lane, near to a wrecked house, which I know now to be 'Simulone' farm.

The cars stopped, and the lorry was unloaded of the boxes of Allied goods. I did not know at the time what they contained. On the place were Di Lello and Bolito, and several other persons unknown to me.

When the boxes were taken off, the lorry with the driver, [illegible], and I, returned to the port of Naples. Along the road, I handed over to the German driver the sum of 50.000 lire, which I previously received from Di Lello. In the Docks, I handed over to [illegible], the sum of 75.000 lire, which I had also received from Di Lello.

When I got out of the Docks, I returned to Bolito with a taxi, hired at Piazza Garibaldi, as arranged with Di Lello, to get the rest of the money, which was supposed to amount to 1.500.000 lire. Di Lello accompanied me with the same taxi to a dwelling house on the ground floor at Bolitano, where he handed over to me the sum of 875.000 lire, and a certain account of boxes of chocolate, which was part of the load.

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which was part of the land.

When I returned to Koplen, at my house, at about 10.00 - 10.30 hours, I received a call from the gendarme baker, who told me that there was a German soldier awaiting for me downstairs. I went down and handed over to the German, whom I recognised at once as the policeman on duty at Gate 12, the sum of 100.000 lire, wrapped in a piece of paper.

Next day, on Monday, the 22nd, October, 1945, at about 09.00 - 09.30 hours, one of the gendarmes who previously were working in the post of Koplen, and who I know now to be [illegible], came to my house, sent by [illegible]. I handed over to him, as previously arranged, the sum of 100.000 lire, to be divided amongst his collaborators.

The sum of 300.000 lire remained in my hands, of which a part I spent in various things. As arranged, I was going to receive a visit at my house by Mr [illegible] who was going to give me the remaining 200.000 lire. I did not receive this money during the reloading days.

At about 08.00 hours on Friday, the 26th, October, 1945, the British police, accompanied by members of the Egadian Mobile of Koplen entered my house, and carried out a search. They found the boxes of chocolate given to me by Mr [illegible] in a cupboard, and in different drawers of the room, the total sum of 194.500 lire.

A student in Veterinary, [illegible] studied, sleeps in the same room. I state that of the above mentioned sum, 15.000 lire belongs to him. The remaining 180.000 lire was what remained of the sum given to me by Mr [illegible]. Afterwards [illegible] and I were detained for interrogation.

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If I should see again the American soldier, at Koplen, and Lerro, I would be able to recognise them.

I have been involved in the above mentioned facts only after the persistent proposals from [illegible]. Insensitive of life owing to the fact that I was going to be released from the Army, and that I had no money learned me to make this step.

I have read over the above statement, it is

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[illegible] ticker, who told me that there was an Italian soldier waiting for me downstairs. I went down and handed over to the Italian, what I recognised at once as the policeman on duty at Soto 13, the sum of 100.000 lire, wrapped in a piece of paper.

Next day, on Monday, the 22nd, October, 1945, at about 09.00 - 10.00 hours, one of the checkers who previously been working in the bank of Naples, and who I know now to be [illegible], came to my house, sent by [illegible]. I handed over to him, as previously arranged, the sum of 100.000 lire, to be divided amongst the policemen.

The sum of 200.000 lire remained in my house, of which a part I spent in various things. As arranged, I was going to receive a visit at my house by Al [illegible] who was going to give me the remaining 300.000 lire. I did not receive this money during the following days.

At about 08.00 hours on Friday, the 26th, October, 1945, the British Police, accompanied by members of the Italian Public of Naples entered my house, and carried out a search. They found the boxes of chocolate given to me by Al [illegible] in a cupboard, and in different drawers of the room, the total sum of 299.500 lire.

A student in Veterinary, [illegible] Ercolano, sleeps in the same room. I state that of the above mentioned sum, 99.000 lire belongs to him. The remaining 200.500 lire was what remained of the sum given to me by Al [illegible]. Afterwards Carmelano and I were detained for interrogation.

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If I should see again the American soldier, Al [illegible], and Al [illegible], I would be able to recognise them.

I have been involved in the above mentioned facts only after the persistent proposals from Pasano. Necessities of life owing to the fact that I was going to be released from the Army, and that I had no money forced me to make this step.

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

Signed:- [illegible]

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Statement taken down, read over, and signature witnessed by LUCIANO ARGENTO, Interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. ARNOLD 1st Section, this 6th day of Nov. 1945

Signed:- LUCIANO ARGENTO.

I certify that the above statement has been translated to the best of my ability and knowledge.

Signed:- LUCIANO ARGENTO.

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H. No. 1 Attachment
"B" Session. "B".

Statement of:- [redacted]
of [redacted] of [redacted],
born at [redacted] on 5/6/1923.
22 Guy. 6th Inft. Service. Naples.

I am an infantry man in the Italian Army stationed at the above address and on duty at the Naples depot for escorting lorries.

About [redacted] I was on duty on the 53rd, inst, while in my barracks (Caserma Cavalli, Naples). I was approached by soldier [redacted], of my company, who asked me if I would be willing to escort lorries with kit. He also if would a parcel filled with chocolate. I accepted his offer.

About 01.30 hours on the 54th, October, 1943, I met the above mentioned sergeant in the docks, but I do not remember exactly whereabouts. At first was in a lorry, and told me to get on the back, and not to worry. The lorry was driven by a German driver.

About 02.30 hours on the 54th, October, 1943, the Italian lorry went out of the docks, through three multiple gate. It went along the Via Nova and through Capo di Monte, and then made its way towards the road leading to Aversa. During the journey, I did not notice any car, civilian or military, in front of us. Before getting to the built up area, the lorry turned right, into a country lane where the cases of chocolate were emptied. There were several persons around, but I did not know any of them, and I would not be able to recognize any if I saw them again.

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After unloading, the lorry returned to Naples docks, where Sgt. Major [redacted] gave me the sum of 75,000 lire, and told me to share it with [redacted]. As a matter of fact, about 03.00 hours, the same day, I handed over the sum of 75,000 lire to Soldier [redacted] who was waiting for the lorry to come back.

I accepted the 75,000 lire well knowing the journey to be an unlawful one.

[redacted] was handed over to

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42 Sqn. SAA Unit, Torre 41, Naples.

I am an Infantry man in the Italian Army stationed at the above address and am busy at the Anglo Naples for secretarial trades.

About [illegible] October the 26th, 1943, whilst in my barracks (Caserma Cavalli, Naples). I was approached by Private [illegible], of my Company, who asked me if I wished to escape together with Sgt. Major Di Biase a drum loaded with chocolate. I accepted his offer.

About 01.30-02.00 hours on the 31st, October,1943, I saw the above mentioned Sergeant Major in the docks, but I do not remember exactly whereabouts. Di Biase was on a lorry, we told me to get on the back, and not to worry. The lorry was driven by a German driver.

About 01.30 hours on the 31st, October, 1943, the Italian lorry went out of the docks, through Piazza Municipio area. It went along the Via Roma and through Capo di Monte, and then made its way towards the road leading to Caserta. During the journey, I did not notice any car, division or military, in front of us. Before getting to the Caserta built up area, the lorry turned right, into a country lane where the cases of chocolate were unloaded. There were several persons around, but I did not know any of them, and I would not be able to recognize any if I saw them again.

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After unloading, the lorry returned to Naples docks, where Sgt. Major Di Biase gave me the sum of 75.000 lire, and told me to share it with Battaglia. As a matter of fact, about 03.00 hours, the same day, I handed over the sum of 35.000 lire to Soldier Battaglia who was waiting for the lorry to come back.

I accepted the 75.000 lire well knowing the journey to be an unlawful one.

When Di Biase handed the money over to me, he said that if more further journeys were to be effected, he would let me know.

Out of the 40.000 lire left, part I spent in souvenirs, part I took home on occasion of a short leave.

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of a short leave/

On the 27th, October, 1945, I accompanied Sgt. [redacted], 'G' Section, SIB, to my house at Lettre, where he confiscated the sum of 15,000 lire, which is part of the money I handed over to my mother during my leave.

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

Signed:- [redacted]

Statement taken down, and signature witnessed by [redacted], interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. [redacted], 'G' Section, SIB, on 7th, Nov. 1945.

Signed:- [redacted]

The above /translation from the original is to the best of my ability.

Signed:- [redacted]

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H. Qr. 1 Detachment,
'A' Section, MIS.

Statement of:- PERCELL ELVIS
ex the late RE.676 and of LOTUMBO MALTA,
born on Lourenzamo on the 16/4/1919,
residing at the ex Coy, 6th Batt.
Marina, Naples.

I am a soldier in the Italian Army, and I am employed at the above mentioned address as a Guard on Italian Prisoners at the Detention Hall, 6th Port of Embarkation, and at the 'Annex' Armazzo.

At about 19.00 hours on Monday, 21st, October, 1946, when on the Annex Barracks, whilst getting on my duty occupy, handed to me was an 11.6MK Lire. I asked him the person, and he said, "It went straight last night, and I went to give this to you".

I went point two this during the previous evening, between 20.30 and 21.45 hours, Sub. Major X whose approached me, and asked me if I wanted to go with him to escort a lorry. He did not say where or how. I refused, and since then I have not seen him. Occasionally, Maj. Miller (R.E.M.P.) handed me the 11.6MK Lire. I thought, believing that he had told me, that he had escorted the lorry with X Major, and to keep me quiet on the matter, he gave me the money.

I was at the Military Territorial Hospital in Naples, on the 7th. October, 1946, when I was visited by a servant of the British Military Police, who asked me about the money which I had received from Maj. Miller. I handed over to him 5.6MK Lire, which was part of the 11.6MK Lire given to me by Miller. The remainder was spent in medical articles and in cigarettes.

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

Witness:- PERCELL ELVIS

Statement taken down, read over, and explained by Captain ANDRIS in the presence of Det. Sergeant 'A' Section, MIS, on 9th. Nov. 1946.

Witness:- LOTUMBO MALTA.

I certify that the above statement has been translated to the best of my ability and knowledge.

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[illegible] 1944

I am a soldier in the Italian Army, and I am employed at the above mentioned address as a guard on Foreign Prisoners at the Penal Camp, 5th Part of Internation, and at the 'Inmate' Hospital.

At about 22.00 hours on Sunday, 31st, October, 1943, was in the Carabinieri Barracks, Italian Soldiers of my own country, handed to the care of 10.000 lire. I asked him the reason, and he said, "It must already have been given to you". I must point out that during the previous evening, between 20.30 and 21.00 hours, Sgt. Major of Police approached me, and asked me if I wanted to go with him to Accord a Levy. We did not say where or how. I refused, and since then I have not seen him. Subsequently, again Police Sergeant handed me the 10.000 lire. I thought, following what he had told me, that it had concerned the Levy with my Army, and to keep me quiet on the matter, he gave me the money.

I was at the Military Territorial Hospital in Naples, on the 27th. October, 1943, when I was visited by a Lieutenant of the Italian Military Police, who asked me about the money which I had received from [illegible]. I handed over to him 7.000 lire, which was part of the 10.000 lire given to me by [illegible]. The remainder was spent in social circles and in enjoyment.

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

Signed:- [illegible]

Witness taken down, read over, and signature witnessed by CAPTAIN [illegible] in the presence of Lt. [illegible] Position, etc, on the 7th. Nov. 1943.

Signed:- [illegible].

I certify that the above statement has been translated to the best of my ability and knowledge.

Signed:- [illegible].

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Cpl. Elliott E. Thomas, (W) ASN 39319551, Hq. Co., Int Repl. Depot APO 761-R;
Maj. Francis A. Foley, (W) ASN 0-425400, Hq. and Hq. Co., RTC, APO 761-R;
Martinoia Goliardo, 127 Via dei Fastini, Rome
Martinoia "Bennie"
Samsonowicz Sem, #26 Via Varese, Rome;
Pozlomeck Leyzor, #8 Via Colfiorito (Montesano), Rome;
Coluccia Martinoja Ofelia, #96 Via Veneto, Rome.

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APO 512 — U. S. ARMY

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This case originated at:	Case No.
Rome, Italy	CID Rs #45-108

Report made at:	Date Forwarded:	Period for which made:
Rome, Italy	25 June 1945	23 April 1945 - 20 June 1945

Title: (Name[s] of accused or victim[s])

Pvt. Norman V. Willis, (W) ASN 35870552, Hq. Co., RTC, APO 49;
Pvt. Joe A. Benfield, (W) ASN 20848706, 393 Repl. Co., 8th Bn., 1st Repl. Depot, APO 761-R.

Character of case: (offense[s])

Illegal Purchase, Sale and Transfer of Postal Money Orders (U.S.).

Synopsis of facts: On 23 April 1945, Pvt. Earl E. Eder, 1st Repl. Depot, was brought to this office by Mr. Murphy, CIC, and related that he had been approached by an Italian civilian with a proposition to buy U.S. Postal Money Orders. The civilian was to furnish the money, Eder was to make the purchase in a fictitious name, turn them over to the civilian and be paid a commission for his services.

Investigation disclosed that this practice was carried on by civilian groups or individuals who approached soldiers on the streets in clubs and bars and who paid 20 to 50 per cent commission of the purchase and delivery of postal money orders. On April 25, 1945, Pvt. Norman V. Willis was apprehended at APO 794 after purchasing $1600 in money orders for two civilians named Martinoia one of whose first name was "Bennie"; on 18 May 1945, Cpl. Elliott E. Thomas and civilians Fonicenck and Samsonowicz were apprehended in a transaction involving $2600 in money orders; on 19 May 1945, Pvt. Joe A. Benfield and civilian Martinoia Geliardo were apprehended in a $1200 money order deal; and on 12 June 1945 Ofelia Martinoia Coluccia was apprehended after having acted with one of the Martinoia brothers in an attempt to have $1500 in money orders purchased by Maj. Francis A. Foley. Statements were taken from all civilian and military personnel apprehended. Military personnel were returned to their organizations and are awaiting preferment of charges. The civilians were turned over to the Italian authorities for disposition. Money orders #s 17276-17301, 16238-16253 and 16944-16959 totaling $5400 are held by this office for evidence and when cases pending are completed will be turned in to 34th Finance Disbursing Section for disposition. "Bennie" Martinoia is subject of continued search and a supplemental report will be forwarded upon his apprehension. Case closed.

Report made by:	Do not write here:
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Approved and forwarded: Robert L. Neal ROBERT L. NEAL Captain, C.M.P., Chief Agent	Distribution of Report: 1 PMG, MTOUSA 1 American Em, Rome 1 TJA, Repl. & Tng. Cmd. APO 49 1 CO Hq. Co., RTC, APO 49 1 CO 393 Co., 8th Bn. 1st RD, APO 761-R 1 CO Hq. Co., 1st RD, APO 761-R 1 CO RTC, APO 49 1 Legal Sub-Commission AC, APO 394 1 File

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DETAILS:

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1. Investigation in this matter was initiated after Pvt. Earl E. Eder, 1st Repl. Depot, APO 761-R, was brought to this office by Mr. Murphy, CIC, Rome, and disclosed that he had been made a proposition by an Italian civilian to purchase U.S. postal money orders in a fictitious name with money to be furnished by the civilian and to then turn these money orders over to this civilian for compensation. Eder stated that he knew this civilian as "Bennie" and that he drove a small green car with license Rome 4-5513.

2. On 25 April 1945, Pvt. Norman V. Willis, ASN 35870552, Hq. Co., MTO, APO 49, was apprehended at APO 794 after he had purchased $1600 in postal money orders. A statement was obtained from him in which he admitted making this and other purchases of money orders for two Italian civilians. These civilians were brothers and their last name is Martinois and one of them is known as "Bennie". He further stated that the money used by him in making these purchases was furnished him by the Martinois brothers and that he was to receive a commission of 20% for his services. (Enclosure 1).

3. A conference was held with the Staff Judge Advocate and the legal sub commission of the Allied Commission in an attempt to ascertain the explicit laws violated in this practice. At that time the consensus was that the existing regulations were too loosely drawn to apply to the soldiers and that the Italian law was without a prohibition to offenses of this nature. Subsequently we were furnished with a copy of an Italian law that was deemed applicable to the civilians. (Enclosure 2).

4. On 18 May 1945, Cpl. Elliott E. Thomas, ASN 39319551, Hq. Co., 1st HD, APO 761-R, was taken into custody at APO 794 after he had completed the purchase of $2600 in money orders. Under questioning he executed a statement the gist of which is as follows; that he had on several prior occasions purchased money orders and sold them to two civilians named Samsonowicz and Fozimeck receiving a profit for the sale; and that the $2600 in money orders he had bought before his apprehension were intended for sale to these same civilians. (Enclosure 3).

5. Acting under the guidance of the undersigned Agents, Cpl. Thomas was instructed to complete the sale of the $2600 in money orders in accordance with the arrangements previously made. Upon completion of this transaction two civilians, Sam Samsonowicz and Leyzor Fozimeck were arrested.

6. Samsonowicz, #126 Via Varese, Rome, made a statement in which he stated that he had on several occasions witnessed transactions between Cpl. Thomas and another civilian, whose name he did not know, involving the sale of money orders; that he denied having participated in any of these transactions; and that he was only a spectator at these previous acts; and that immediately before his arrest Thomas had passed $2600 in money orders to him and he had them in his possession for the purpose of examining them out of curiosity. (Enclosure 4).

7. Leyzor Fozimeck, Via Colofierito #8, Rome, denied complicity in any of the transactions testified to by Thomas and stated that on 18 May 1945 he saw Thomas give money orders to Samsonowicz; and that he had on previous occasions witnessed similiar transactions between Thomas and Samsonowicz. (Enclosure 5).

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8. On 19 May 1945, Pvt. Joe A. Benfield, ASN 20848706, 393 Repl. Co., 6th Bn., 1st Repl. Depot, APO 761-R, was arrested at APO 394 after he had consummated the purchase of $1200 in postal money orders. In a statement he admitted having received 120,000 lire from two civilians, one of whom was called "Bennie", for the purchase of these money orders. He further admitted that it had been agreed that he would receive a sum of money for his services at delivery of the money orders to the two civilians. (Enclosure 6).

9. Martinoia Colicrdo, Via dei Portini #127, Rome, identified by Pvt. Benfield as one of the two men who participated in the money order transaction was arrested and made a statement in which he admitted giving Benfield 120,000 lire for the purpose of having him purchase $1200 worth of U.S. postal money orders; that he had driven Benfield in his car to the APO and had waited for him nearby; and that his reason for obtaining these money orders was to send them to his cousin in Detroit in payment of a debt. At the time of his arrest Martinoia was in a small green car, license Rome 4-5513. (Enclosure 7).

10. S/Sgt. Mortimer L. Wittenberg, ASN 33327388, 530 AAU, on 9 June 1945 notified the undersigned that an American Major, had made inquiries towards the purchase of a large amount of money orders. In a statement thereafter furnished he testified that on 9 June 1945, an American Major, later identified as Major F. A. Foley, 1st Repl. Depot, had appeared at APO 530 and told him he had been given 1,500,000 lire (note; It was later established that he had been given only 150,000 lire and had misunderstood the amount.) by a civilian who wished to purchase that amount of U.S. postal money orders; that he informed the Major that it was against the rules to enter into such a transaction; and that he then took the Major to where the civilian was waiting for him in a small green car, license Rome 4-5513. (Enclosure 8).

11. Major Francis A. Foley, O-425400, Hq. and Hq. Co., RTC, APO 49, when interviewed executed a statement which was substatially as follows; that on 9 June 1945 while visiting at the home of a lady friend, Anita Balbo, he had met a woman, later identified by him as Coluccia Ofelia, and a man introduced by Coluccia as her brother; that during the course of the conversation he was asked whether he would be able to send some money throught the "Postale" office; that the woman, Coluccia Martinoja Ofelia, then gave him a packet of money which he thought contained 1,500,000 lire and a name on a slip of paper; that he then left with the man and a boy and was driven to APO 530; that his suspicions that these individuals were attempting to have him commit an illegal act became confirmed when he was advised by the sergeant at the APO that such practice was forbidden; that he returned to Miss Balbo's house and gave the money back to Mrs. Coluccia. (Enclosure 9).

12. Anita Linda Balbo, #49 Via Sardegna, Rome, testified in a statement that she knew Coluccia Martinoja Ofelia as one who operates a shop in her neighborhood; that she had been approached by her with the suggestion that she inquire of her friend Maj. Foly if he would transmit money for her through postal money orders; that she spoke to the Major about this and he agreed; that on 9 June 1945 the Major was present in her home and she contacted Coluccia Martinoja Ofelia who thereafter appeared with a man whom she introduced as her brother; the Major and Mrs. Coluccia's brother left together; and that some time later the Major returned alone and gave back the money to Mrs. Coluccia telling her he was unable to transmit it for her; that Mrs. Coluccia had promised her a present for her services in procuring the collaboration of the Major in this transaction. (Enclosure 10).

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13. Coluccia Martinoia Ofelia, #96 Via Veneto, Rome, was taken into custody and made a statement admitting that she had given 150,000 lire to Major Foley for the purpose of having him purchase that amount of postal money orders for her. She further admitted that she attempted a similiar transaction with two American officers on 23 May 1945. She involved her brothers Goliardo and Socrates Martinoia as having participated in these transactions. (Enclosure 11).

14. Attached hereto and made a part of this report is a copy of Allied Force Headquarters Administrative Memorandum #3 dated 11 Janunry 1945. (Enclosure 12).

15. The following amounts of U.S. postal money orders are now held by this CID office and will be available as evidence and when present cases are completed will be turned over to 24th Finance Disbursing Office for disposition.

a. 26 $100 orders #s 17276 - 17301 seized from Samsonowicz after delivery by Thomas.

b. 16 $100 #s 16238 - 16253 seized from Willis.

c. 12 $100 #s 16944 - 16953 seized from Benfield.

16. Cpl. Thomas, Pvts. Willis and Benfield are now within the control of their respective units and are awaiting preferment of charges.

17. The civilians Samsonowicz, Pomicnock, Coluccia and Martinoia Goliardo have been turned over to the Italian authorities for their disposition. "Bennie" Martinoia is the subject of continued search.

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CONCLUSIONS:

From the facts recorded above it is concluded:

1. That Pvt. Willis on 23 April 1945, did purchase for and endorse, and deliver to "Dennie" Martinoia and Goliardo Martinoia, American postal money orders in the sum of $1000, in violation of the provisions of Par 1, sections "e" and "f" of Allied Force Headquarters Administrative Memorandum #3, dated 11 January 1945.

2. That Pvt. Willis on 25 April 1945, did receive 160,000 lire from "Dennie" Martinoia and Goliardo Martinoia and did purchase American postal money orders in the sum of $1600 for subsequent endorsement and delivery to them, in violation of Par 1, sections "e" and "f" of Allied Force Headquarters Administrative Memorandum #3, dated 11 January 1945.

3. That Cpl. Thomas on 15 April 1945, did purchase, sell, endorse and deliver to Samsonowicz and Poziomeck, American postal money orders in the sum of $800 in violation of the provisions of Par 1, sections "e" and "f" of Allied Force Headquarters Administrative Memorandum #3, dated 11 January 1945.

4. That Cpl. Thomas on 10 May 1945, did purchase American postal money orders in the sum of $2600 for subsequent sale, endorsement and delivery to Samsonwicz and Poziomeck, in violation of the provisions of Par 1, sections "e" and "f" of Allied Force Headquarters Administrative Memorandum #3, dated 11 Jan. 1945.

5. That Pvt. Benfield on 19 May 1945 did receive 120,000 lire from "Dennie" Martinoia and Goliardo Martinoia and did purchase American postal money orders in the sum of $1200 for subsequent endorsement and delivery to them in violation of Par 1, sections "e" and "f" of Allied Force Headquarters Administrative Memorandum #3, dated 11 January 1945.

6. That Major Foley on 9 June 1945, did accept 150,000 lire from Coluccia Ofelia and Goliardo Martinoia and agreed to purchase with this sum, American postal money orders in the amount of $1500 for delivery to them or their agent, all to the prejudice of good order and military discipline of the U.S. Army.

7. That "Dennie" Martinoia and Goliardo Martinoia on 25 April 1945, did purchase and receive from Pvt. Willis, American postal money orders in the amount of $1000, in violation of the provisions of Article 9 of Italian Ministeriel Decree, dated December 8, 1934, published in G.U.N. 288 of December 8, 1934.

8. That "Dennie Martinoia and Goliardo Martinoia on 25 April 1945, while acting in concert with Pvt. Willis did conspire to violate the provisions of Article 9 of Italian Ministeriel Decree dated December 8, 1934, published in G.U.N. 288 of December 8, 1934, in that they purchased American postal money orders in the sum of $1600.

9. That Samsonowicz and Poziomeck on 15 April 1945, did purchase and receive from Cpl. Thomas, American postal money orders in the sum of $300 in violation of the provisions of Article 9 of Italian Ministeriel Decree, dated December 8, 1934, published in G.U.N. 288 of December 8, 1934.

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10. That Samsonowicz and Poniewsck on 10 May 1945, while acting in concert with Cpl. Thomas did conspire to violate the provisions of Article 9 of Italian Ministerial Decree, dated December 8, 1934, published in G.U.N. 288 of December 8, 1934 in that they purchased American postal money orders in the sum of $2600.

11. That "Bennie" Martinoia and Goliardo Martinoia on 19 May 1945 while acting in concert with Pvt. Benfield, did conspire to violate the provisions of Article 9 of Italian Ministerial Decree, dated December 8, 1934, published in G.U.N. 288 of December 8, 1934 in that they purchased American postal money orders in the sum of $1200.

12. That Coluccia Ofelia, "Bennie" Martinoia and Goliardo Martinoia on 9 June 1945 while acting in concert with Major Foley, did conspire to violate the provisions of Article 9 of Italian Ministerial Decree, dated December 8, 1934, published in G.U.N. 288 of December 8, 1934 in that they entered into an agreement for the purchase of American postal money orders in the amount of $1500.

13. That Pvt. Willis, Cpl. Thomas and Pvt. Benfield on the dates aforementioned engaged in transactions and committed acts all to the prejudice of good order and military discipline of the U.S. Army.

CARL PYRON
Agent, CID

MORRIS EINHORN
Agent, CID

ENCLOSURES:

1. Statement of Pvt. Norman V. Willis.
2. Memorandum of Legal Sub-Commission of Hqrs. A.C.
3. Statement of Cpl. Elliot E. Thomas.
4. " " Sam Samsonowicz.
5. " " Poniewsck Leynor.
6. " " Pvt. Joe A. Benfield.
7. " " Goliardo Martinoia.
8. " " S/Sgt. Mortimer L. Wittenberg.
9. " " Major Francis A. Foley.
10. " " Anita Linda Balbo.
11. " " Coluccia Martinoia Ofelia.
12. AMG Administrative Memorandum #3. Dated 11 January 1945.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA MTOUSA
APO 794 U.S. Army

5 May 1945

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I, Norman V. Willis ASN 35870552 Rank: Pvt., Organization: Hq Co. R.T.C. having been warned of my rights under the 24th A.W., by Agent Carl Pryor CI.D. Rome, and without threats or promises, duress or coercion, and knowing that anything that I say may be used against me, do hereby make the following statement:

About the 23rd of April, 1945, I was approached in a barbershop in Rome by an Italian civilian with a proposition to make some easy money. This man said his name was 'Bennie' Martinoja. I accompanied him to a furniture store in the neighborhood of the Parthenon where I was introduced to another civilian who Bennie said was his brother and who appeared to be the proprietor of the shop. They told me that if I would go to an APO and procure money orders in a true or fictitious name, endorse them in blank and turn them over to them that they would furnish the money and pay me 20 per cent for my services. I agreed and on that day went to APO 794, Rome, and, leaving both civilians outside, went in and bought money orders in the amount of one thousand dollars ($1000.00 or 100,000 Lire. The orders were made out in the name of Holland Roberts and were paid for by money furnished by the Martinoja brothers. Thereafter on several occasions I bought money orders using various names such as Miller, Myers, Wright etc. These orders totaled several thousand dollars and were bought with money given to me by one or the other of the Martinojas but brought to them by a third person whose name I do not know but who appeared to be familiar with the deal as he sometimes took possession of some of the money orders. These orders were made out in one hundred dollar denominations and were purchased in one thousand dollar (100,000 Lire) lots. On the occasions that I would buy the money orders I would meet 'Bennie' at the store of his brother and one or the other of them would make a telephone call and shortly this third person would come in with the money wrapped in newspapers. The money would be bound in packets of 100,000 Lire in 1000 Lire notes. On the 25th of April, 1945, I was apprehended at APO 794 by CID Agents Pryor and Strano after purchasing $1600.00 in the name of Sgt. Ralph Miller and questioned regarding my activities. Bennie's brother, who had brought me to the APO in a small green car, license Rome 1-5513, got away. Since that time I have co-operated with the CID in attempting to get information on this practice. I learned that 'Bennie' lived at #95 Viale Giulio Cesare, Rome, in apartment with the name 'Pellini Santo' on the door. At one time 'Bennie' told me that they had as much as five million dollars to send and he also said that the money came from the Vatican. I was unable to learn definitely the source of the money or what other activities these people were mixed up in. However 'Bennie' did ask me if I would be interested in a proposition to steal civilian cars. Nothing more was said about this as I told him I was not interested in the deal.

SIGNED: Norman V. Willis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of June, 1945, at Rome, Italy.

/s/ Albert Alvin, Capt. Inf.
Summary Court Officer

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:
Robert L. Neal
ROBERT L. NEAL
Captain, C.M.P.,
Chief Agent

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LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

MEMO

TO : Chief Legal Adviser.

1. The transaction whereby Italian citizens acquire from American soldiers money orders bought by the latter at military post offices and payable in dollars in the U.S. of America is illegal.

(a) Art. 1 of Ministerial Decree dated May 26, 1934 (published in G.U. n. 124 of May 26, 1934) provides that no transaction in foreign exchange can take place, unless it is proved that foreign currency is needed for industrial or commercial purposes or for travels abroad.

(b) Art. 9 of Ministerial Decree dated December 8, 1934 (published in G.U. n. 288 of December 8, 1934) provides that only the "Istituto Nazionale per i cambi con l'Estero" is authorized to buy and sell foreign currency and any other instrument (bonds, securities, promissory notes, bills of exchange and the like) that may be used for payments abroad.

2. Violations to the above mentioned Ministerial Decrees are punishable under Law n. 1097 of July 28, 1939. Art. 1 of this law sets out the penalties, which in the most serious cases is imprisonment up to 24 years and a fine.

3. In case possessors of money orders required in the circumstances mentioned above put up a defence that the Allied soldier gave them "cum animo donandi", then Art. 1 and 3 of R.D.L. n. 1942 of December 8, 1934 and Art. 1 of Ministerial Decree dated July 14, 1943 (published in G.U. n. 168 of July 22, 1943) apply.

These laws provide that all credits towards foreign debtors and all foreign currency (however acquired, even legally) must be turned over to the "Istituto Nazionale per i cambi con l'Estero".

Violations of said laws are punishable under Law n. 1097 of July 28, 1939; R.D.L. n. 794 of May 12, 1938, made into law n. 380, of January 9, 1939; and R.D.L. n. 1928, of December 5, 1938, made into law n. 739, of June 2, 1939.

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Robert L. Neal

ROBERT L. NEAL
Captain, C.M.P.,
Chief Agent

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Enclosure #2

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18 May 1945

I, Elliot E. Thomas, ASN: 39319551, Rank: Cpl., Organization: Hq. Co. 1st Repl. Depot, having been warned of my rights under the 24th A.W., by Morris Einhorn, Agent, CID, Rome, and without threats or promises, duress or coercion, and knowing that anything that I say may be used against me, do hereby make the following statements:

On or about April 15, 1945, I was approached with a proposition, by two civilians, to purchase money orders for them. No names were given or mentioned. The civilians approached me and I accompanied them to a bar on Via de Crucifera #36 in Rome. At this bar a deal was made where I was to purchase $2000.00 worth of money orders, which I was to turn over to them afterwards. I did purchase the money orders which I turned over to them after endorsing them in blank. They gave me $800.00 for the money orders and another $400.00 for my services. They suggested I return and continue to make these transactions for them when in Rome. Thereafter on several other occasions I bought money orders at APO 794 using various fictitious names in the purchase of same. On each of these occasions I turned over these money orders to the same two civilians, and they in turn bought them from me and also gave me a profit. On 18 May 45 at about 1100 hours I appeared at APO 794 Rome and purchased $2600 worth of money orders using the name of "Paul Lane". After I completed this purchase and while still at the APO I was apprehended by CID Agents Einhorn and Pryor. They questioned me as to whom I was buying them for. After such questioning I revealed the activities I was engaged in and offered to take them to the individuals who were buying these money orders from me.

On 18 May 1945 at about 1700 hours CID Agent Einhorn appeared at #36 Via de Crucifera, Rome, where he found myself and the two civilians whom I had turned over the $2600 worth of money orders that I had purchased that morning. These two civilians were taken into custody and later identified themselves as Posimak Lajsor, Via Colfiorito Monte Sacro #8, Rome, and Sam Samorowicz, Via Varese #26, Rome. Samorowicz is the man to whom I had given the money orders which I had purchased on previous occasions and he had paid me for them. Posimak on these occasions was present and witnessed these transactions. On previous occasions when I made my transactions at the above named bar another civilian whose name I do not know was present and took an active part in all negotiations. On May 18, 1945 I identified Sam Samorowicz as the person to whom I had turned over the $2600 worth of money orders prior to appearance of CID Agent. Posimak witnessed this transaction. The sum of $1800 of the $2600 I used to purchased the money orders on 18 May 45 are the accumulated profits which were paid to me by these civilians as a result of previous transactions I had with them in the sale of money orders.

/s/ Elliot E. Thomas
Cpl. ASN 39319551, Hq. Co., 1st Repl. Depot

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of May, 1945, at APO #761 US Army.

/s/ A.J.M. Cardinet
Capt., F.A.,
actg. asst. adj. Gen.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Robert L. Neal

ROBERT L. NEAL
Captain, C.M.P.
Chief Agent

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On this 27th day of May, 1945, in the Squadra Mobile office, R. Questura of Rome. Before me, the undersigned, Judicial Police Officer, has appeared a Polish citizen of Jewish race, one [redacted], son of [redacted] and of [redacted], born in Nowy Sandecz (Poland) on 27/8/1896, living in Rome, Via Varese #26, horse-dealer, who, upon being questioned, states as follows:

I have been in Italy for about one year and I came from Marseille (France). For several months I was at large around the woods, to avoid the persecution of the Germans, as I am a Polish Jew.

When I arrived in Rome, I was compelled to sell my jewelry so I could live and from said sale I made the sum of half million lire.

Eight days ago, while I was reading a newspaper in Galleria Colonna, an Allied soldier came over to me and offered to sell me some dollars in money orders.

I told him that I was not interested in such a deal; but, while I was saying so, an individual, who was passing by us, heard the conversation and came forward to us, telling the soldier that he was interested in this deal. The two started to discuss the matter and I wanted to be present to see the proceeding of such a dealing. The bases of the deal were settled between them and I could notice that the individual was giving to the Allied soldier 142 lire for each dollar.

I think that on that first deal the individual gave to the Allied soldier the sum of about 230,000 lire. When the deal was concluded, they offered me a drink of vermouth.

Three days later the same Allied soldier came back to Galleria Colonna, where I usually hang around. He asked me if I had seen the afore-mentioned individual, with whom he had made an appointment in the milk-parlor of the deal transacted.
The soldier asked me to accompany him to the milk-parlor. A few minutes later the said individual came in the shop and concluded another deal of 26 money orders for the total amount of about 370,000 lire. For each dollar he paid 145 lire.

I remember that on this occasion he bought from the said individual a pair of sunglasses with silver mounting at the price of 3,000 Lire. On 18 instant, at approximately 1530 hours, the soldier came once again to Piazza Colonna, while I was sitting near the fountain. He told me that he had made a new appointment with the individual and again asked me to take him to the milk-parlor.

When we arrived there, we sat at a table and the soldier ordered a drink of vermouth. While we were waiting for the buyer of the money orders, the soldier showed them to me: they were 26 for the total amount of 370,000 lire.

I was examining the money orders for curiosity, when the Italian and Allied

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police raided the shop. I immediately noticed that the soldier had become frightenedly so, realizing that there was something dangerous, I tried to pass to the Allied soldier the money orders under the table.

When the police agents were near us, the soldier got up and dropped the money orders to the floor, and they were immediately picked up from the floor by the Italian Police.

Then the Italian police agents searched me and seized from me the sum of 475,000 lire, in Italian and Allied notes, which represented the rest of the money which I had made from the sale of my jewelry.

Q & A - I do not know the name or the address of the individual who concluded the deals with the Allied soldier.

I am completely out of these deals. The afore-mentioned individual, whom I know very well by sight because he usually hangs around the Galleria and Piazza Colonna, is a fellow of normal height, normally built, of about 50 years of age, pale complexioned, and wears a brown suit and a hat.

On 10 May 1945, the American soldier who was in my company in the mill-quarter situated in Via dei Crociferi and who gave me the American money orders, identified himself in my presence as Cpl. Elliot S. Thomas. I saw the same soldier present in previous occasions when he concluded the same deals.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and subscribed.

Witness: /s/ Morris Ethorn
Agent C.I.D.

/s/ Commander Sea

/s/ Marina Mia. Maresciallo of P.S.

Translated to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Aldo Camerini
ALDO CAMERINI, Interpreter SIB.

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On this 20th day of May, 1945, in the Squadra Mobile offices, R. Questura, in

ROME

Before us, the undersigned, Judicial Police Officer, has appeared POZIOMECK Leyzor, son of Yraia and of Chaya Goldberg, born in Warsaw on 15/2/1896, resident in Rome, Via Colfiorito #3 (Montesacro section), who, upon being questioned, states as follows:

On 18 instant, at approximately 1550 hours, while I was sitting at a table in the milk-parlor of Via dei Crociferi, eating an ice-cream, the Italian and the American police suddenly came before me. They searched me and seized from me the sum of 16,000 lire in Italian currency notes. I did not understand the reason why they did that.

Q & A - I have never been interested in transacting currency and I have never had anything to do with Allied soldiers concerning the purchase of foreign currency or of Allied property. I am a Polish citizen of Jewish race, and I am waiting for an opportunity to go back to Paris, in France, where I was dealing in horses.

On 18 May 1945, the American soldier who was in my company in the milk-shop situated in Via dei Crociferi and who gave the American money orders to my companion Samsonowicz Sam, identified himself as Cpl. Elliot K. Thomas. I saw the same soldier present on previous occasions, when he concluded the same deals.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and subscribed.

/s/ Poziomeck Leyzor

/s/ Farina Elia,
Maresciallo of P.S.

Witness: /s/ Morris Einhorn,
Agent CID, Rome.

Translated to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Aldo Camerini
ALDO CAMERINI
Interpreter, CID,
Rome Area, MTOUSA

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19 May 1945

I, Joe Adrian Benfield, ASN: 20543706, Rank: Pvt., Organization: 392nd Repl. Co., 5th Bn., 1st Repl. Depot, having been warned of my rights under the 24th A.W., by Carl Fryer, Agent, CID, Rome, and without threats or promises, duress or coercion, and knowing that anything that I say may be used against me, do hereby make the following statement:

On the morning of 19th May 1945 I went into a bar near Piazza Colleoni. Shortly after I entered an American soldier came in and got into conversation with me. He was wearing sergeant's stripes and after buying me a drink, suggested he knew an easy way to make some money. He said the deal involved the purchase of money orders and that I would be paid $100 for every $1000 purchased. He told me not to use my own name on the orders and as I did not have a pass, he fixed up a blank pass for me and signed the name of my officer. We went from this bar to another one nearby and there I met an Italian civilian who the soldier with me called "Benny". "Benny" asked me if I knew the deal about buying money orders and I answered "yes". He and I then went outside the bar and met another Italian civilian. We all got in to a civilian automobile and drove to a shop a few blocks away from APO 394. I was told then to get out of the car and walk towards the APO 394. "Benny" also got out of the car and followed right behind me. About 1 block away from the APO, "Benny" slipped a roll of Italian lire into my hands. I then went to the Postal Money Order window in APO 394 and bought $1000 worth of American Postal Money Orders in the fictitious name of "Charles Crawford". After I completed this purchase and while I was still in the APO I was approached by CID Agents Bingham and Fryer. They questioned me as to what I was purchasing these money orders for. After questioning I told them the whole story and offered to lead them to the two civilians who were waiting for me on the outside; to get these money orders from me. An Italian civilian was thereafter apprehended by the CID Agents and I identified him as the man who drove me and Benny near to the post office. This man was later identified by name as Martinola Gallardo, Via De Amstrini N. 127, Rome. I am sure that Martinola was acting with "Benny" and knew everything about this deal.

/s/Joe A. Benfield

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of May, 1945, at CID Milan.

/s/ Ralph A. Hamilton Jr.,
1st Lt. F. A.,
CID, Rome Area
Summary Court

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:
Robert L. Neal
ROBERT L. NEAL
Captain, C.M.P.,
Chief Agent

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On this 19th day of May, 1945, at 2000 hours, in the Squadra Mobile office, R. Questura, Rome;

Before us, the undersigned, Judicial Police Officer, has appeared MARTINOIA Coliardo, son of the late Bernardo and of Fanasca Albina, born in Marino on 31/10/1901, resident in Rome, Via dei Pastini #127, who, upon being questioned, states as follows:

On 1940, my father, who had lived in the States for many years, died in Detroit. My cousin, BARDELONI Ubaldo, also resident in Detroit (U.S.A.) informed me of my father's death and notified me that the expenses of the funeral amounted at 2200 dollars.

He also wrote to me that my father had died in want and that the expenses for his funeral had been paid by him, for which reason he asked me to reimburse to him the said expenses as soon as possible.

At that time, I, who had been dealing in forniture for many years, had not the possibility to pay a so large sum of debt, however I was always worried to support such a moral obligation, so much felt by me.

Due to the vicissitudes of the war, I found myself in condition to collect the sum necessary to estinguish the debt with my cousin.

This morning I met an individual who spoke Italian with a Neapolitan accent, who had demonstrated much sympathy for the Americans and for the States. He gave me the possibility to forward money to United States, through a system which he explained to me. Therefore I tried to send 220,000 lire ($2200) to my cousin.

The said individual, of whom I did not try to know the name or the address, as he had demonstrated himself much interested in this deal, did not receive by me any promise of compensation not for him neither for others. However I had decided to facilitate him in the purchase of antique forniture, which he had liked upon visiting my forniture shop.

This same morning, at approximately 1130 hours, the above-mentioned individual accompanied me to the bar of Piazza Capranica; there he indicated to me an Allied soldier, but he didn't introduce the soldier to me. He only told me that the soldier was willing to take an interest in this deal.

However, before concluding everything, I told him that the deal had to be done in a serious way and that they had not to doublecross me; but he assured me that the deal would go through perfectly because that Allied soldier was a respectable person.

Consequently, the Neapolitan individual, the Allied soldier and I got on my automobile and went to Piazza Barberini, where I had been told there was a Post Office for the forwarding of money.

I then gave the sum of 120,000 lire to the afore-mentioned individual, and I left my automobile in Via degli Artisti. Then I followed the two persons, so that I could check that the soldier had gone in the post office and the individual was standing in front of the same office.

Sometime afterward, as the soldier had not yet come back and as I had lost the individual out of my sight, I went back to my automobile, where I was arrested by Italian and Allied police agents.

I have nothing else to add.

Read, confirmed and subscribed.

/s/ Martinoia Coliardo

/s/ Farina Elia, Maresciallo 1067

Translated to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Aldo Camerini

ALDO CAMERINI, Interpreter C.I.D.

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12 June 1945

I, Mortimer L. Wittenberg, ASN: 33327388, Rank: S/Sgt., Organization: 530 AFU., having been warned of my rights under the 24th A.W., by Agent Pryor, CID, Rome, and without threats or promises, duress or coercion, and knowing that anything that I say may be used against me, do hereby make the following statement:

At about 1130 hrs on 9 June 1945 while on duty at APO 530, Rome, I was approached by a U.S. Major, who subsequently identified himself as Maj. Foley, Phone Vanderbilt, Ext. 14 and who stated that he had 1,500,000 lire in his pocket. He asked me if it would be wrong if he purchased that amount of money orders for an Italian civilian. I told him that it was definitely against rules. He stated that two Italian civilians with him had also 1,500,000 lire that they wanted to use to purchase money orders. He told me that he had met these civilians through a girl friend. They waited for him on the roadway near the Post Office and when I took the Major back to their car, a small green Italian sedan, License Rome 4-5513, one of the men had disappeared. I saw the other civilian but do not know whether or not I would recognize him again. The Major stated that the money (1,500,000 lire) that he had in his pocket when he came to APO 530 belonged to the 2 Italian civilians who had accompanied him there. Before the Major left I told him I would call CID and inform them of this occurrence.

/s/ Mortimer L. Wittenberg.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of June, 1945, at Rome, Italy.

/s/ Albert Alvin
Capt. Inf.,
Summary Court Officer

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Robert L. Neal

ROBERT L. NEAL
Captain, C.M.P.,
Chief Agent

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26 June 1945

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authorized to administer oaths of this character, one Francis A. Riley, Major, AUS 0-25600, who, after being advised of his rights under AW 24, deposes and says:

"I first met Anita Balboa through a friend of mine at the Excelsior Hotel the early part of February 1945. She lives at 19 Via Sardegna.

I called her on the phone in March 1945 when I was in Rome and invited her to dinner with me at the Excelsior.

Our unit moved to the vicinity of Rome the latter part of March 1945 and during the latter part of April and May 1945, I was out with her on an average of once a week. My relationship during this period has been of a nature similar to other American soldiers and Italian girls. At no time prior to 9 June 1945 had we ever discussed money transactions of any sort.

While visiting her at 19 Via Sardegna on the morning of 9 June 1945, I was introduced to a man and woman who had entered while I was in the bathroom. I was introduced to them but failed to catch their names. During the conversation, which was mostly in Italian, some French and a little broken English, I didn't make much sense of it. My suspicions were certainly not aroused at the time.

They asked me if my mother and father were living and I indicated that my mother was dead. They talked on and then the woman pulled out a piece of paper which was the flap evidently of an envelope with the name, James Taylor, the name of a street written on it which I forget, and Bronx, New York. The conversation veered around again to my father and something about money. A mention was made of an office and then a rolled newspaper was taken from the woman's handbag, the friend of Miss Balboa, and unrolled disclosing a bundle of AMC Lire, the top one in 1,000 Lire denomination. It was handed me. I didn't count it. They said what I thought was fifty thousand Lire. From Miss Balboa I learned that they wanted me to accompany the man alone.

They had indicated I was to send the money to my father, which I said I could not do and then to have it transferred to, evidently this James Taylor, Bronx, New York. How this was to be accomplished they did not indicate. I surmised that they wanted me to write or communicate with my father. They had made no mention of money orders.

The man and I went outside and got into a small car in which was a boy of about 12 years of age whom the man indicated to be his son. We started and got into a section which I did not recognize. He tried to talk to me but was unsuccessful because I did not understand his Italian. I caught one word which was "postale" and I immediately connected it with the word "offices" from the conversation in the apartment. I surmised that I was being taken to a post office and my suspicions were now aroused. 105

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The conversation about my father and the flap of the envelope began to make sense. Still I wasn't certain until we stopped and it was indicated that I was to follow the boy. He led me through a field and down a flight of steps and indicated a building. It was a postal unit.

My suspicions being confirmed, I was sure that what they desired was impossible. I walked up a flight of steps and encountered an American enlisted man who later proved to be Sgt. Heisberger of ATC #330.

I asked Sgt. Heisberger what the story was in reference to money orders and said I had two civilians who were outside and had accompanied me. He told me what I already was pretty certain of and that was that it was illegal to purchase money orders for a third party. I talked with him a while and gave him my name, telephone number and organization. As we were talking a Jeep drove up. It belonged to the postal unit.

I agreed with Sgt. Heisberger that he would accompany me back to the car in the Jeep with a chauffeur, get the number on the license plate and notify the CID. This was done.

The boy who had led me to the building had not returned. I told the man that the proposed transaction was illegal and that I would have no part of it. I indicated that I would go back and get the boy who was still waiting. When I returned with the boy the car had disappeared.

I went back to the postal unit and called my unit for transportation. I waited it and it came about 1:30. Sgt. Heisberger had told me that the CID had been notified and I assumed that he had given the CID the number of the car and my name, telephone number and unit.

Since the CID had been notified and the money was not mine, I returned it to the woman who had given it to me, stating that it was impossible for me to do anything like that. I gave the money back exactly as it was handed to me, in the presence of Miss Balbo at 49 Via Sardegna. Miss Balbo understands some English - enough for that purpose.

Upon my return to my unit I communicated with Col. Miller, Deputy Chief of Staff, Re Replacement & Training Command, MTOUSA, and told him what had transpired, and said that the CID had been notified. I also told him that I had left my name, telephone number and unit with Sgt. Heisberger knowing that the CID would certainly contact me. It was left that way until Agent Ashorn called on me Monday, 11 June 1945.

During all the conversation on the morning of 9 June 1945 no mention was ever made of a gift or money to me. The morning of 9 June 1945 was the first time that anything of this nature had ever been broached to me. Of my own volition I suggested to Sgt. Heisberger what was to be done in the way of helping to impart information to the CID after I had talked with him.

I returned the money to the person who had given it to me since I assumed, reasonably, that it was rightfully hers. My knowledge of the Italian language is meagre and as a result of this fact, ignorance as to the true meaning of the situation brought about this series of episodes. Cn 12

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June 1945 at CID Office I was confronted by Signora Soluccia Ofilia and I identified her as the woman who gave me the money and to whom I returned this money on 9 June 1945.

/s/ FRANCIS A. FOLEY
FRANCIS A. FOLEY, Major
AGF O-1625100

Sworn and subscribed before me this 18 day of June 1945.

/s/ JOHN H. FLANNERY
Capt. A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

The Replacement & Training Com'd MTOUSA
APO 512

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Robert L. Neal

ROBERT L. NEAL
Captain, C.M.P.,
Chief Agent

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On this 13 day of June, 1945, in the offices of the C.I.D., R. Questura of ROME

Before us, undersigned, Judicial Police Officer, has appeared: BALBO Anita Linda, daughter of the late Biagio and of Brandi Giuseppina, born in Cateletto Ticino (Novara) 14.10.1911, resident in Rome, # 49 Via Sardegna, who upon being duly questioned states as follows:

Approximately five months ago I made the acquaintance of Foley A. Francis, an American major and I was engaged to him. About one month ago I went to my dress maker, one Coluccia Ofelia, who has a shop at # 12 Via Lazio. She asked me if the major would by means of mail orders send money for her to her relatives, who were in dire nee of it, in U.S.A. I told her that as soon as possible I would speak with the major . In fact I spoke to the major about it and he agreed. On the night of the 8 of June Major Foley came to my house and remained there overnight. On the following morning I again asked him if he was willing to mail money to the states. He agreed to my request. I called Mrs. Coluccia and advised her to come over with the money she intended to send in America. About one hour later Mrs. Ofelia Coluccia came to my house together with a man, whom she said was her brother. Mrs. Coluccia gave to the major 150,000 lire which had to be sent by means of a money order to America, the latter and Mrs. Coluccia's brother dep parted. Two hours later the major came back alone and advised me that it was possible for him to mail the money. At my presence he gave the money back to Mrs. Coluccia.
Q & A- I spoke with the major about sending money orders not knowing that it was forbidden. Mrs. Coluccia promised to compensate me with some moda article in case the major would have succeeded in sending the money orders in America.
I have identified Mrs. Coluccia, as the one who gave to the major 150,000 lire in my house.
Further the deponenth sayeth not.

Read, confirmed and subscribed.

/s/ Anita Linda Balbo

Witnesses:
/s/ Calavita Pietro, V. Brig. of P.S.
/s/ Carl Pryor, Agent, C.I.D.

Translated to the best of my knowledge and ability.

RENATO CASTELLANO
Interpreter, C.I.D.,
Rome Area, MTOUSA

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On this 19th day of June 1945 in the Squadra Mobile offices c/o R. Questura
ROME
Before me, undersigned Dr. MIGLIORINI Domenico V.C.A., P.S. has appeared Mrs. Ofelia Martinoja-Coluccia daughter of the late Bernardo and daughter of Fanasca Albina, born in Rome on May 10th 1897, resident in Rome #96 Via Vittorio Veneto who duly questioned states as follows

"On May 23rd 1945, a woman accompanied by two American officers came in my modiste shop, located at Via Lazio No 12 Rome, in order to make some shoping. Through the said woman I asked the officers if they would buy for me, each one, 50000 lire in American postal Orders, which made a total of 100000 lire. The officers agreed and I handed them the said sum. The two officers were not able to purchase the postal orders for the intervention of the American police. The money was then returned to me and at the same time I was warned by the Police that it was illegal to purchase American postal Orders through the American soldier, as the soldier also commit a serious offence. The sum of money that I previously gave to the officers was collected as follow 25000 lire of my own and 75000 lire for my brothers Socrate & Goliardo Martinoja. My brothers Goliardo & Socrate asked me to question the customers of mine if they were able to buy for my brothers through the officers by them known, some American postal Orders.

Sometime in May I spoke about the postal orders to Mrs. Anita Balbo, who is a customer of mine, and she promised me that she would ask an American Major. her friend, the American Major was willing to purchase the American postal orders for me. I contacted my brother Goliardo and he came in my shop with 100000 lire. Then we went in Miss Balbo's house, located at Via Sardegna No 49 and there we found the lady and the American Major that now I know to be Major FRANCIS A. FOLEY. After a short conversation I gave to the Major 100000 lire for my brother and 50000 for my own. I told also the major to address the postal orders on the name of James Marshal. Then my brother left with the Major to go to the APO. I waited in Miss Balbo's house and after several hours the Major returned and returned to me 150000 lire saying that he has not been able to purchase for me the postal orders.

On June 12th 1945 the C.I.D. Agents and the Brigadiere CC.RR. G. Guglielmino arrested me. On the same day I was confronted with an American Major and I identified him for the one who agreed to purchase 150000 lire in postal orders. I was told that the name of the said Major was Francis A. Foley.

It is of my knowledge that my brothers Goliardo and Socrate have attempted several time to purchase American postal orders in order to send money to the U.S.A.

/s/ Ofelia Martinoja Coluccia

Statement taken by: Migliorini Domenico V.C.A., P.S.

Witnesses: /s/ Victor Nacamuli Interpreter C.I.D. Rome Area MTOUSA.
/s/ Maurice Einhorn Agent " " " "
/s/ Carl Prior " " " "

Translated to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Victor Nacamuli

VICTOR NACAMULI, Interpreter CID.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 9) E-X-T-R-A-C-T 11 January 1945

Transaction in Currency and Foreign Exchange Assets.....I
Condition of Employment and Wage Scales for Civilians Employed by the Allied Forces in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.....II

I— TRANSACTIONS IN CURRENCY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE ASSETS

1. Except as otherwise specifically authorized, personnel in this theater are prohibited from:

a. Importing, holding, transferring, exporting, or in any way dealing in United States or British paper currency.

b. Participating in transactions involving the purchase, sale or exchange of gold coin and bullion or any currency against any other currency, except through authorized agencies.

c. Importing or exporting any currency through mail or parcel post facilities, except currency of small denomination as souvenirs.

d. Participating in any transaction involving gold coin and bullion, or the foreign exchange assets of any person in liberated or occupied territory not belonging to the Allied Forces.

e. Participating in the transfer of any currency against any other currency on behalf of persons not belonging to the Allied Forces in liberated or occupied territory, or on behalf of a person belonging to a unit of the Allied Forces of another nationality.

f. Participating in the importing or exporting of funds, securities, money or other financial assets on behalf of persons not belonging to the Allied Forces in occupied or liberated territory.

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Robert L. Neal
ROBERT L. NEAL
Captain, C.M.P.,
Chief Agent

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Transmittal of CID Report No. 45-281

1	22 June 45	PM SD PBS	Legal Officer i/c Ital Courts APO 394	1. Forwarded herewith is a copy of CID Report No. 45-281, involving TENGO Giuseppe fu Ciro, et al in possession of Allied property, for your information and whatever action is deemed necessary. 2. Request acknowledgement of receipt by indorsement hereon.

For the Provost Marshal:

MELLOH/Adm. O.

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OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

APO 782 U. S. Army

This case originated at: San Giovanni a Teduccio, Italy

File No. CID Southern District, PMS, 45-251

Report made at	Date when made	Period for which made	Report made by
Naples, Italy	20 June 1945	23 May-19 June	Eugene Davidson Vincent Capone

Title	Character of case
Tengo Giuseppe fu Ciro, et al	Possession of Allied Property.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On 24 May 1945, at 1030 hours, the CC.AR station at Viglieno reported the arrest of four Italian civilians who were carrying two cases of U.S. Officers trousers through the streets at 0300 hours that same morning.

Sgt. Chieffo, 13th M.P. Co., while on patrol in the area an hour later surprised a band of black-market buyers and confiscated an additional three cases of U.S. Officer's trousers and a case of U.S. Officer's service caps at the rear of Via Argine N .9 in the ruins of an uninhabited building. No arrests were made at the time of discovery of this additional merchandise and persons responsible for the theft remain unknown.

Receipt for Officer's clothing returned to R 560 totaled $2349.00.

The four Italian civilians are held in Poggioreale Prison awaiting trial. DeCaro Ciro fu Giuseppe a suspect is still at large.

Case pending.

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Approved and forwarded: Charles H Wood Chief Agent

CHARLES H. WOOD, Rank Major, CMP

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DISTRIBUTION:
1.- Chief Prosecutor, AMG Tribunals, Naples.
1.- Legal Officer, in Charge Italian Courts, A.G., APO 394. ✓
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1.- Provost Marshal, Southern District, PMS, APO 782.
1.- File, CID, Naples, APO 782.

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DETAILS:

1. Maresciallo Belluomo of CC.RR. station, Vigliena, who is working in close cooperation with the undersigned, reported at 1030 hours, 24 May 1945, that the Carabinieri of Caserma Garibaldi, Naples, had apprehended four individuals who were carrying two cases of American Officers trousers. The men were arrested at 0300 hours, 24 May 1945, on Via Argine, Pozzigno.

2. The four were identified as Agovino Aniello fu Alfonso, Lucci Gennaro fu Pasquale, D'Angelo Gaetano di Gennaro, and Tengo Giuseppe fu Ciro, all residents of the notorious Via Nuova Pazzigno N. 142, San Giovanni a Teduccio. They made a joint statement (Incl 1) that on 23 May 1945, they left Filomena's Tavern at Pazzigno at 2100 hours in an highly intoxicated condition. About 50 yards from the Tavern and 25 yards from their own residence they rested on a horseless cart which was parked in front of Via Nuova Pazzigno N. 156. They fell asleep upon the cart and were awakened about 0300 hours, 24 May 1945, by two American colored soldiers who were armed with pistols. The soldiers ordered the four men to follow them to a place behind a wall about 70 yards from the cart. When they reached the locality the colored soldiers ordered them to carry two full cases of Allied property which were lying near the wall. Lucci and Tengo carried one case and D'Angelo and Agovino carried the other. They further stated that they were carrying the cases toward Via Argine when arrested by the Carabinieri and that the colored soldiers ran away.

3. Brigadiere Cerullo Antonio and Carabinieri Fiorillo Liberato, both attached to the Compagnia Complemento of CC.RR, Caserma Garibaldi, Naples, stated (Incls 3 & 4) that about 0300 hours, 24 May 1945, they apprehended in Via Argine, Rione Pazzigno; Lucci, Tengo, D'Angelo, and Agovino. The latter persons were carrying two cases of Allied Government property and no other persons, Allied or Italian, were seen in the vicinity at the time.

4. The two cases containing 102 pair of American green trousers and valued at $624.34 were turned into G 560 against receipt (Exh 1) and the prisoners transferred to Poggioreale Prison to await trial.

5. An hour after the Carabinieri arrested the four accused another 158 pair of American Officer's green trousers and 26 Officer's service caps were recovered at the rear of Via Argine N. 8, by Sgt. Peter Chieffo, 134th M.P. Co. Three full cases of trousers and one empty case were found in the ruins of the building at Via Argine N. 9. On a table in the house were 23 loose pair of trousers. The rear part of the building is adjacent to the railroad.

6. Sgt. Chieffo, ASN 33311099, 134th M.P. Co, stated (Incl 5) that he arrested Todisco Carmine di Bartolomeo, Via Salvatore Apreta N. 10, S. Giovanni, after seeing him three times during the early morning hours. The first time Todisco was in company of three civilians on a horse drawn cart parked along Via Argine at 0130 hours, 24 May 1945. He questioned Todisco and was informed that the men were on their way back from the country. Todisco convinced the sergeant and was instructed to go on his way. An hour and a half later Sgt. Chieffo saw Todisco again with two men on his cart about 30 feet from where he first encountered him. This time Todisco excused himself by saying that he was on his way home tothe country. Upon hearing this the sergeant became suspicious

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and let Todisco go in order to investigate the surroundings. At 0345 hours Todisco was seen for the third time by Sgt. Chieffo and this time arrested. He was alone on his cart on Via Argine about 20 yards from Via Argine N. 9.

7. At 0400 hours same date, Sgt. Chieffo returned to the vicinity of Via Argine N. 9 and noticed a crowd of women carrying empty burlap bags. Upon his approach the crowd dispersed and disappeared in the darkness of the alleys adjoining Via Argine. The sergeant inspected the door of Via Argine N. 9 and found it locked. At the rear of the same address he noticed the door partly open andentered. On the table were 23 pair of American Officer's green trousers. In the ruins at the rear of the building were three full cases of the same trousers, and one empty case. In addition there was a case of American officer's service caps. The property was confiscated and the incident reported to this office.

8. The home at Via Argine N. 9 belongs to DeCaro Ciro fu Giuseppe (known as D'Figlio da Rosa). He has not been located for questioning and the Italian Authorities have a warrant out for his arrest. The 23 pair of Trousers found in his home are valued at $199.41.

9. Although Todisco Carmine was in the area with his horse and cart when the theft occurred and could not give a satisfactory explanation of his activities, he was released from custody because of lack of conclusive evidence.

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CONCLUSIONS:

From the facts gathered during the progress of the investigation it is concluded that Agovino Aniello di Alfonso, Lucci Gennaro fu Pasquale, D'Angelo Gaetano di Gennaro, and Tengo Giuseppe fu Ciro were illegally in in possession of 102 pairs of U.S. Officer's trousers, valued at $824.34. DeCaro Ciro fu Giuseppe (still at large) was illegally in possession of 23 pair of the same type trousers valued at $199.41. Responsibility for an additional 135 pair of U.S. Officer's trousers and 26 U.S. Officer's service caps having a value of $1265.13 and found in the bombed ruins at the rear of DeCaro's home, Via Argine N. 9, is undetermined.

Eugene Davidson
EUGENE DAVIDSON
Agent, CID

Vincent Capone
VINCENT CAPONE
Agent, CID

5 INCLS:
Incl 1. Statement of Agovino, Lucci, D'Angelo, and Tengo.
Incl 2. Statement of Carabinieri Fiorillo Liberto, Caserma Garibaldi.
Incl 3. Statement of Brigadiere Cerullo Antonio, Caserma Garibaldi.
Incl 4. Statement of Maresciallo Capo Belluomo Francesco, Caserma Vigliena.
Incl 5. Statement of Sgt. Peter Chieffo, 134th MP. Co.

1 EXHIBIT:
Exhibit 1. Tally-in for Officer's clothing from Q 560.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Agovino Aniello, Lucci Gennaro, D'Angelo Gaetano, and Tango Giuseppe be tried for having illegally in their possession 102 pair of U.S. Officer's trousers valued at $834.34 OQ price.

It is further recommended that this case remain open pending the apprehension of DeCaro Ciro fu Giuseppe.

Charles H Wood

CHARLES H. WOOD
Major, C.M.P.,
Chief Agent, CID

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T-R-A-N-S-L-A-T-I-O-N

To-day, 26th of May 1945, 1600 hrs, D'ANGELO Gaetano di Gennaro and di Pepe Francesca, born at S.Giovanni,1918, RIGOVINO Aniello di Alfonso and di Iovino Filomena, born in Scafati, 15 Feb.1909, LUCCI Gennaro fu Pasquale and fu Flaminio Pasqualina, born at San Giovanni a Teduccio 22 Dec.1916, TENGO Giuseppe fu Ciro and di Furiano Concetta, born at San Giovanni a Teduccio 5 August 1917, all residing at #142 Via Nuova Fazzigno, San Giovanni a Teduccio, in the presence of Vincent Capone, CID Agent, spontaneously state as follows:

On or about 2100 hrs of 23 May 1945, the four of us left the wine shop of Filomena, after drinking several pints of wine. We were all drunk and rested on a car which was near building #156, Via Nuova Fazzigno. There was no animal to the cart and being drunk we rested on said cart. Said cart stood at about 50 yards from Filomena's wine-shop and about 20 yards from our house. While resting on said cart we fell asleep. While we were sleeping we were awakened by two American colored soldiers armed with pistols. Said soldiers, holding their pistols against us said to us four: "Come on". This happened towards 3 o'clock in the morning of the 24th of May 1945. We were frightened and went with them, obeying their orders, since they were armed. The soldiers took us behind a wall at about 70 yards from the place in which they had found us. When the four of us got there, we found two wooden cases full of material of which we did not know the kind. Said cases weighed about 120 lbs each and we tell you again that we did not know of what kind was the content.

Lucci Gennaro and Tengo Giuseppe took one of the cases and D'Angelo Gaetano and Agovino Aniello, the other. The colored soldiers obliged us to carry said cases towards Via Argine, and while we were carrying them we were caught by the Carabinieri who arrested us while the colored soldiers ran away towards the place in which we had found the cases.

We had never seen said colored soldiers before the time of the above mentioned incident, nor are we able to recognize them because it was dark.

It was around 3 o'clock of the 24th of May, when the Carabinieri caught us. We have nothing else to add and in faith to what we have stated above we undersign.

Finger print of Lucci Gennaro
Finger print of Tengo Giuseppe
s/ D'Angelo Gaetano
s/ Agovino Aniello.

s/ Vincent Capone.

Translated By:
Lydia Teti
TETI LYDIA,
CID Interpreter.

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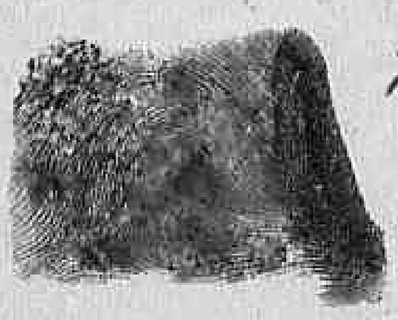
D I C H I A R A Z I O N E

Oggi, 26 Maggio 1945, Ore 16 Noi D'Angelo Gaetano di Gennaro e di Pepe Francesca nato a San Giovanni 1918, Agovino Aniello di Alfonso di Iovine Filomena, nato a Benefati, 15/7/1909, Lucci Gennaro fu Pasquale e fu Fiamina Pasqualina, nato a San Giovanni a Teduccio 22/12/1916, e Tengo Giuseppe fu Ciro e di Furiano Concetta nato a San Giovanni a Teduccio 3/8/1917, tutti domiciliato a Via Nuova Ponticino 142, San Giovanni a Teduccio, d' avanti all'Agente Vincent Capone della C.I.D. dichiariamo di nostro spontaneo volonta il seguente;

Verso le ore 21, del 23 Maggio 1945, noi quattro lasciamo la cantina di Filomena, dopo aver consumato diversi litri di vino . Noi eravamo tutti ubriachi e ci ripossamo sopra un carretto che trovasi vicino al palazzo di 136 Via Nuova Ponticino, il carretto era senza ~~cavalli~~ quadrupedi, e noi dalla ubriachezza ci ripossamo sopra a questo carretto. Il suddetto carretto si trova a circa 30 (cinquanta)metri)lontano dalla cantina di Filomena , e circa 20 (venti) metri lontano dalla nostra casa. Mentre ci ripossamo sopra a questo carretto , noi predemmo sonno. Mentre dormivamo sopra a questo carretto noi fummo svegliato da 2 soldati di colori Americani, che erano armato di pistole. Costoro con le pistole in pugno ci dissero, a tutti noi quattro" Come on" . Ora questo incidente avvenne verso le ore 3 del mattino del 24 Maggio 1945. Noi dalla paura andammo con loro, appunto per ubbidire gli ordini di questi soldati di colori, che erano armato. Questi soldati ci condussero a dietro un muro che trovasi circa 70(settanta) metri lontano dal luogo ove noi ci trovavamo. Quando noi quattro giungemmo lì' trovammo 2 casse di ~~legno~~ legno piena di materiale che noi non conoscevamo. Luro queste casse pesavano circa una ~~sessantina~~ di kili ciascuno , e ripetiamo che noi ~~non~~ noi eravamo a conoscenza del contenuto di queste casse.Lucci Gennaro e Tengo Giuseppe presero una, ed D'Angelo Gaetano e Agovino Aniello presero l'altra. I soldati di colori ci fecero portare queste casse verso Via Argine,e mentre stavamo portando queste casse noi fummo sorprese dai carabinieri, il quali ci presero in arresto, e i soldati di colori se ne scapparono verso il punto dove avevamo trovato le casse. Noi non abbiamo mai visto questi soldati di colori prima del momento dell' sopra indicato incidente, e ne tampoco possiamo riconoscerli perche era buio. ~~Erano~~ Erano circa le ore ½ del 24 maggio quando i carabinieri ci sorpresero. Non abbiamo altro da aggiungere, ed in fede ci sottoscriviamo.



L'impronta di Lucci Gennaro



L'impronta di Tengo Giuseppe

D'Angelo Gaetano

Agovino Aniello

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Lucci Gennaro

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Statement

I the undersigned carabiniere Fiorillo Liberato, attached to the Compagnia CC.RR. Combattente- Generale Garibaldi- state as follows:

On or about 2 o'clock of the 24th of May 1945, together with Brigadiere Cerulli Antonio and other carabinieri, we have caughtthe following persons:

1)-Agorino Aniello di Alfonso
2)-Iacci Gennaro fu Pasquale
3)-D'Angelo Gaetano di Genaro
4)-Tango Giuseppe fu Vito

who, in Via Argine, Ponticelli, Napoli, were carrying on their shoulders two big cases containing American officers uniforms. Beside the above listed we have not seen any other person either Italian or Allied. There were no negro soldiers. The merchandise came from the direction of the shanting. We have proceed to the arrest of the four above mentioned persons and to the requisition of the two cases.

Naples, 24th of May 1945.

Carabiniere
Fiorillo Liberato

Maresciallo Capo
Bellucco Angelo Francesco.

Translated by:

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CIC Interpreter.

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Dichiarazione

Io sotto scritto carabiniere Fiorillo Liberato, aggregato alla compagnia CC.RR Complementi- Caserma Garibaldi- dichiaro quanto segue.

Verso le ore 3 del giorno 24 maggio 1945 assieme al brigadiere Cerullo Antonio ed altri carabinieri abbiamo sorpreso i nominati:

1) Agovino Aniello di Alfonso
2) Lucci Gennaro fu Pasquale ;
3) D'Angelo Gaetano di Gennaro;
4) Tengo Giuseppe fu Ciro;

i quali, nella via Argine- Rione Pazzigno- trasportavo sulle spalle due grandi casse contenenti uniformi da ufficiali americani. All'infuori dei suddetti non vi si trovava altra persona ne' italiano ne' alleata.- Non vi era alcun soldato negro.- La marce proveniva dalla direzione dello smistamento ferroviario. Abbiamo proceduto all'arresto dei quattro suddetti ed alla confisca delle due casse.

Napoli, li 24 maggio 1945

F/ Il carabiniere
Fiorillo Liberato.

STAZIONE CC.RR. VIGILENA NAPOLI
Il Maresciallo
Comandante la Stazione
(Belluomo Anello Francesco)
F/ A.F.Belluomo

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Eugene O. Gramm

EUGENE O·GRAMM
1st. Lt., C.M.P.
Asst. Chief Agent C.I.D.

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STATEMENT

I, the undersigned Brigadiere of the RR.CC. Cerullo Antonio, attached to the Compagnie CC.RR.Complemento-Caserma "Garibaldi- Naples, state as follows:

On or about 8 o' clock of the 24th of May 1945, I have caught the following persons:

1)- Agovino Antello di Alfonso
2) Lucci Gennaro fu Pasquale
3)- D'Angelo Gaetano di Gennaro
4)- Longo Giuseppe fu Giro

who, in Via Argine-Stone Pazzigno- were carrying two big cases containing American officers uniforms. The above listed were carrying out cases on their shoulders.
Beside the four arrested there was no other accomplice, nor colored soldiers.
The merchandise came from the direction of the shunting.
I have proceeded to the arrest and requisition of the cases.
Naples, 24th of May 1945.

The Brigadiere of the Carabinieri
Cerullo Antonio

Maresciallo Capo
Bellucco Aiello Francesco

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CIC Interpreter.

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Dichiarazione

Io sottoscritto Brigadiere dei CC.RR Cerullo Antonio , aggregato alla Compagnia CC.RR. Complementi- Caserma Garibaldi- Napoli. dichiaro quanto segue:

Verso le ore 3 del giorno 24 maggio 1945 ho sorpreso i nominati

1) Agovino Aniello di Alfonso
2) Lucci Gennaro fu Pasquale;
3) D'Angelo Gaetano di Gennaro;
4) Tango Giuseppe fu Ciro;

i quali, nella via Argine-Rione Pazzigno- trasportavano due grandi casse contenenti uniformi da ufficiali americani.- I suddetti trasportavano le suddette casse sulle spalle.-

All'infuori dei quattro pregiudicati non vi si trovava [illegible] alcun altro complice, ne' soldati negri.-

La merce proveniva dalla direzione dello smistamento ferroviario.

Ho proceduto all'arresto ed al sequestro delle casse.-

Napoli, li 24 maggio 1945.-

(Firmato)

Il brigadiere dei CC.RR.
f/ Cerullo Antonio

STAZIONE CC.RR VIGLIENA NAPOLI
Il Maresciallo
Comandante la Stazione
(Belluomo Anello Francesco)
f/ A.F. Belluomo

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EUGENE O'GRAHM
1st. Lt., C.M.P.
Asst. Chief Agent C.I.D.

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T R A N S L A T I O N

To C.I.D. (Criminal Investigation Division) Naples
and information for:
Illmo Sig. Prefecture, district of Sarre
Company detachment of CC RR, Caserma Garibaldi Naples
Headquarters of the Tenenza CC RR of Naples suburbans

TERRITORIAL LEGION OF CC RR NAPLES
Station of Vigliena

No 84 Report Naples 24 May 1945

SUBJECT: Arrests of :

1') ACCINNO Aniello di Alfonso and son of Lovino Filomena, born in Scafati, 15/2/1909, residing at San Giovanni a Teduccio, Via Nuova Pazzigno 142.

2') LUCCI Gennaro of the late Pasquale and of the late Flavinia Pasquilina, born in San Giovanni a Teduccio, 22/12/1926, and there residing at Via Nuova Pazzigno 142.

3') D'ANGELO Gaetano di Gennaro and son of Pepe Francesca, borna San Giovanni a Teduccio, 17/1/ 1918. and there residing at Via Nuova Pazzigno 142.

4') TERZO Giuseppe of the late Ciro and son of Furiano Concetta, born at San Giovanni a Teduccio 5/8/1917, and there residing at Via Nuova Pazzigno 142.

for theft of U.S.Government property and trespassing curfew regulations.

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At 2 o'clock of the 24th of May, brigadier Cerullo Antonio and Carabiniere Fiorillo Liberato, of the Compagnia Complementi RR.CC. of Naples, caught in said street Via Argine-Nione Pazzigno- the above mentioned persons while carrying on their shoulders two cases containing N.10f trousers of the American officers uniform. These fellows came from the direction of theshunting place connected with the port entrance N.7.
The arrested have been taken to this barrack together with the two confiscated cases.
Both the arrested and the confiscated merchandise have been turned over to Davidson and Capone, CID Agents, for the investigations and denunciation to the Allied Court.
We inclose statements of the operating agents.

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Marescillo Capo
Bellucci Aniello Francesco.

Translated by:

Lydia Teti
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CID Interpreter.

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Al C.I.D.(Criminel Investigation Division) Napoli
, per conoscenza:
All'Ill/mo Sig. Pretore del Mandamento di Barra Barra.
Alla Compagnia Complementi CC. RR.- Caserma Garibaldi- Napoli
Al Comando della Tenenza dei CC.RR. di Napoli Suburbana

LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI NAPOLI
STAZIONE DI NAPOLI VIGLIENA

N. 84 del Rapporto

Napoli, li 24 maggio 1945

OGGETTO: Arresto di:

1') AGOVINO Aniello di Alfonso e di Iovine Filomena, nato a Scafati il 15/2/1909 residente a S. Giovanni a Teduccio- Via Nuova Pazzigno 142;

2') LUCCI Gennaro fu Pasquale e fu Flaminio Pasqualina, nato a S.Giovanni a Teduccio il 22/12/1916 ivi domiciliato via Nuova Pazzigno 142;

3') D'ANGELO Gaetano di Gennaro e di Pepe Francesca, nato a S.Giovanni a Teduccio il 17/1/1918 ivi domiciliato via Nuova Pazzigno 142;

4') TENGO Giuseppe fu Ciro e di Furiano Concetta, nato a S. Giovanni a Teduccio il 5/8/ 1917, ivi domiciliato via Nuova Pazzigno 142;

per furto aggravato in danno del Governo Americano e violazione alle norme sul coprifuoco.-

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Alle ore 3 del 24 Maggio 1945 il brigadiere Cerullo Antonio ed il carabiniere Fiorillo Liberato, della compagnia complementi CC.RR. di Napoli, sorprendevano in questa via Argine- Rione Pazzigno- gli arrestati in oggetto mentre trasportavano sulle spalle due casse contenenti N.102 pantaloni da ufficiale americano. I suddetti provenivano dalla direzione dello smistamento ferroviario collegato col varco portuale n.7.
Gli arrestati sono stati tradotti in quaeste caserma unitamente alle due casse sequestrate.
Sia gli arrestati che la merce sequestrata sono stati ritirati dagli agenti Davidson e Capone del C.I.D. per il prosegue delle investigazioni e conseguente denunzia alla Corte Alleata.
Si allegano le dichiarazione degli agenti operanti.

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(firmato)

IL MARESCIALLO CAPO
Comandante la Stazione
BELLUCMO ANELLO FRANCESCO
A.F. Belluomo

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EUGENE O. GRAMM. 1st., Lt. CMP.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

APO 702 U. S. Army

STATEMENT OF CRISTO, Peter, 33311979, Sgt, 13th AF Co.

in the case of CID case 15-201 Illegal possession allied property.

given at 1400 hours (Time) 25 May 1945 (Date) Imola, Italy (Place)

in the presence of Agents Davidson and Corpus, CID Region

Officer taking statement: 1st Lt. Graham, Under the 24th Article of War, it is my duty to warn you of your rights in this case. You are not required to make a statement. You may remain silent. However, if you do answer my questions or make any statements, whatever you say may be used against you should this investigation result in in a trial. Do you undestand what I have just said? (Answer) Yes

About 0830 hours, 24 May 1945, while patrolling in the town of S. Giovanni, I questioned four Italian civilians in a cart on Via Argine PC. They continued on that they were coming in from the country so I let them proceed. One and one-half hours later I saw the same cart with two men in it about twenty-five or thirty feet from the first spot that I had encountered them. At this time the driver, Teodoro Carnino, stated that he was on the way home to the country. Suspecting that he was waiting for a load of illegal material, I left and came back in the shadows surveying the place. At about 0800 hours I again encountered Teodoro Carnino and arrested him for violation of curfew and suspicion of black market activities.

I returned to Via Argine PC with these MP's and two Italian Carabinieri, to obtain a crowd with empty packs under their arms in front of No. 9 Via Argine PC. A search of the house revealed twenty-three pairs of officer's trousers on a table. In the yard were three crates of tarpaulins unpacked and one case which had been opened and was now empty. In addition there was a case of officer's service caps. The owner of the house and other Italians civilians disappeared.

The confiscated property was taken to the Questura building, Imola and turned over to CID against receipt.

When I entered the above mentioned home, I found the rear door partly closed, the front door padlocked and 23 pairs of officers trousers on the table. There was nobody home at that time, they had apparently escaped while I was approaching the building. PC

Signature Peter Cristo

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of May 1945

Eugene O. Graham, 1st Lt (Name) (Rank)

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION
APO 730 U. S. Army

This case originated at:
Naples, Italy

File No.
CID, 8th P.O.E. 45-25

Report made at:	Date when made:	Period for which made:	Report made by:
Naples, Italy	16 May 1945	29 Apr. to 15 May 1945.	Henry A. Pauly J. La Guardia

Title:
BONFANTI, Ferdinando
PARRINI, Nello
ARAGIONE, Luigi

Character of case:
Larceny (Pilferage)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On the 29th April the undersigned reported to this office that one half (½) truck load of creosote lumber valued at $3.25.00, was being unloaded at an unauthorized store. The driver BONFANTI Ferdinando of Giuseppe and PARRINI Nello of Carlo both of the 2nd Engineer Maint Co, were arrested and the truck and lumber returned to the 2nd Engineer-Maintenance Company.

In written statements BONFANTI and PARRINI admitted attempting to sell this lumber to ARAGIONE, Luigi Ocrea San Giovanni a Teduccio #41 San Giovanni. That they had completed sales of scrap firewood and lumber on five other occasions, and divided the money received from the sales. Permission had been granted to PARRINI and BONFANTI to take scrap wood to a supposed aunt by Lt. CARLO ELIA, of their Unit, but not for the creosote lumber they had attempted to sell. Both soldiers are in San Limo prison awaiting trial.

ARAGIONE, Luigi has not been apprehended to date. The search for him continues.

Case Pending.

Approved and forwarded: Frank T. Garro Chief Agent

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FRANK T. GARRO CWO, Rank 1st Lt. File Grade 84

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DETAILS :

1. On the 25th April 1946, at 1100 hours the undersigned, while enroute to Portici, observed a load of lumber being unloaded from an American truck # WD 325990, of the 2nd Engineer Maintenance Company, this was taking place at the store of ARAGIONE, Luigi of Pasquale, Corso San Giovanni a Teduccio 64, San Giovanni. The said truck was driven by BONFANTI Ferdinando of Giuseppe and was being unloaded by FARINI Nello of Carlo both of the 2nd Engineer Maintenance Co 5th Bn Provisional F.M. Bn, said truck was returned to the driver's unit whereupon a properly signed receipt (Inel. 1) was obtained for the truck and lumber.

2. Investigation revealed that on 20 April 1946 Lt. CARLO ELGIA, as soldier FARINI's request, gave him permission to take small pieces of scrap fire wood from the 2nd Engineer Area to his aunt or uncle who lived nearby. That said wood was hauled with the truck driven by BONFANTI Ferdinando which was free at the time. In a statement (Inel. 2) Lt ELGIA CARLO stated that he had granted permission to the soldiers in question, to take scrap fire wood and use the truck that was free at the time. Lt ELGIA further stated that on previous occasion similar permission was granted, on or about 7th April 1946, to take small pieces of firewood ordinarily hauled away with the refuse in the Area. That the lumber taken on the 25th April 1946 and returned to the Area by the police was not authorized and taken without his knowledge or permission; that only scrap firewood had been authorized.

3. In statements (Inel. 3 & 4) by FARINI Nello of Carlo and BONFANTI Ferdinando of Giuseppe both of the 2nd Engineer Maintenance Co 5th Bn Provisional, both admitted selling scrap firewood and lumber to ARAGIONE Luigi for an agreed price of 6 lire per kilo; and that said wood was not taken to FARINI's supposed aunt or uncle for which permission was granted.

4. That four other occasions, other than the two for which permission was granted, FARINI and BONFANTI sold wood. The net proceeds received, therefrom, totaled 4932 lire which was divided equally between them. That the large pieces of lumber taken on the 25th April 1946 and on one other occasion was taken without Lt ELGIA CARLO's permission or knowledge. They further admit that they took the lengths of creosoted lumber because of the fact that they were heavy; enabling them to realize a larger sum of money through its sale.

5. Attempts to apprehend ARAGIONE, Luigi have been unsuccessful to date. The local police of San Giovanni have been informed that he is wanted by this office for complicity on this case.

The Italian soldier BONFANTI and FARINI are in San Giuseppe Prison awaiting trial by the Military Tribunals.

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CONCLUSIONS :

It is concluded from the above recorded facts that PARRINI, Nello of Carlo and BONFANTI, Ferdinando of Giuseppe, did on 25th April 1945, take unlawfully one-half truck-load of Creosote Lumber, property of the U.S. Government, valued at approximately $125.00, as calculated by Capt. Griffin, 8th Port Engineers. It is further concluded that said men did on one other occasion unlawfully take an unknown quantity of creosote lumber. Said said lumber was on both occasions sold to ARAMONE, Luigi for personal profit. That a U. S. Government vehicle WD # 326008 was used to transport said lumber

Henry A. Pauly
HENRY A. PAULY
Agent, CID.

John La Guardia
JOHN LA GUARDIA
Agent, CID.

Inclosures : 4
Incl. 1 Receipt for Lumber and vehicle.
Incl. 2 Statement of Lt. ALMA GAMO
Incl. 3 Statement of PARRINI Nello
Incl. 4 Statement of BONFANTI Ferdinando

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RECOMMENDATIONS :

That PANUNI, Nello of Carlo, and PANUNI, Ferdinando of Giuseppe, both of 2 Engineer Maintenance Company be tried for the theft of creosote lumber, property of US Government, valued at approximately $125.00. That both be tried for the mis-appropriation of US Government truck WD # 525593, used for transport of said lumber.

Frank T. Garro
FRANK T. GARRO
1st Lt. CMP.,
Chief Agent, CID.

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29 Apr. 1945

Received from Agent Fauly one Truck, 1½ Ton, 4/4 W.D. No. 328998 and half (½) load of lumber.

S/ T/5 RALPH D. HIGHLANDS
End Engr. Maint. Co.

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1st Lt., CEF.
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DICHIARAZIONE

P. M. 151 30 Aprile 1945

In presenza degli Agenti del C.I.D. Fmly e La Guardia, io sottoscritto, Sottotenente Elisi Carlo, di Carlo, cl. 1912 appartenente alla 2nd. Comp. Genio R. E. Pl. 151 dichiaro quanto appresso:

Il giorno 29 Aprile 1945 alle ore 10.30, il soldato Ferrini Nello di Carlo e di Assirelli Caterina, nato il 5 giugno 1918, mi domando' il permesso di prendere dei pezzetti di legna combustibile. La legna che egli richiedeva, avrebbe dovuto essere portata da una sua zia la quale abitava nei pressi della nostra Area. Il soldato Ferrini gia' in precedenza aveva domandato di prendere della legna per uso combustibile, questo accadde una ventina di giorni fa. In detta occasione il permesso gli fu concesso dal Capitano J. W. Merrick ufficiale tecnico dell'Officina.

Il 29 Aprile, io autorizzai il soldato Ferrini di prendere i pezzi di legna fuori uso e gli concessi il trasporto sul camion guidato da Bonfanti Ferdinando, essendo detto camion libero e nonvo.

Mentre io mi trovavo in ufficio, i due menzionati soldati caricavano il camion e lasciavano l'area della Compagnia senza che io ne fossi a conoscenza.

Io non vidi cio' che essi avevano caricato sul camion, so non quando questi ritorno' nella nostra Area scortato dalla Polizia. Solo allora notai che i soldati avevano preso lunghi travi di eroso- ti e non il legname fuori uso per il quale io avevo dato autorizza- zione di prendere.

ssgn. ELISI CARLO

Testa: Agente John La Guardia - CIC.

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STATEMENT.

P.M. 181, April 30th 1945.

In the presence of the C.I.D. Agents Pauly and La Guardia, I, the undersigned Lt. CARLO ELISI of Carlo, cl. 1912, attached to 2nd Co. Engineers, P.M.181, state the following:

On April 28th 1945, at about 10,30 hours, the soldier FARINI Nello of Carlo and of ANGELLI Caterina, born on June 5th 1919, asked for permission to take some scraps of firewood. The scrap pieces of wood he requested, were to be taken to his aunt living near our Area. Soldier FARINI, had previously asked to take scraps of firewood about 20 days ago. On that occasion Captain J.W. HAMILTON, technical officer of the Area, granted him the permission.

On April 28th 1945, I authorized soldier FARINI to take scrap pieces of firewood and granted him transportation on the truck driven by BONFANTI Ferdinando, being free at the time.

While I was in my office, the above mentioned soldiers loaded the truck and left the Area without my knowledge.

I did not see what they had loaded on the truck, until it was returned to the Area escorted by the Police.

Only then, I noticed that the soldiers had taken cross-cut lumber and not scrap pieces of firewood which I had authorized to take.

S/ Lt. CARLO ELISI

Teste: Agents John La Guardia - CID.

Translated by:

Emilio BUCCIA, Interpreter & Translator,
8th Port CID's Office.

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FRANK T. CARRO
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T R A N S L A T I O N
STATEMENT

I, Artillery man, Parrini Nello of Carlo, born 5 June 1918 in Vecchi Rugello, Florence. Attached to the 2nd Engrs. Maint. Co. Italian Army. In the presence of Agent Henry A. PAULY and John LA GUARDIA, state the following:

On or about the 7 April 1945, I asked 2nd Lt. ELISI CARLO, of my Unit, for permission to take the small scrap pieces of wood in the Area, to a man I stated was my uncle. He agreed to allow me to take scrap firewood after he received the authority to dispose of this wood from Capt. J.W. HENRICKS, the American Captain in charge of our Unit. The 2nd Lieutenant did not know that we, Artists Bonfanti Ferdinando & I, had sold to the man I had stated was my uncle, but in reality is not, some wood previous to my requesting his permission to remove the scrap wood. At the time we made this sale we made an agreement with this man, who has a wood store at Corso S. Giovanni a Teduccio #44, Naples, to bring him some wood for which we would be paid 6 lire per kilo.

After receiving 2nd Lieutenant permission to take the firewood, we took four loads to my supposed uncle, Aragione Luigi Di Pasquale, which was unloaded in his store on Corso San Giovanni. The money Bonfanti and I received for the wood we divided equally.

The large pieces of wood that I had been taking and hiding underneath the scrap firewood was without the 2nd Lieutenant mither-ization or knoledge. The reason we took the larger pieces and the Creosote lumber was that its added weight would bring us more money.

We received a total of 4932 lire for the five loads of fire-wood and lumber we sold to Aragione at his wood store. One of these loads was made up of the same type of Lumber we attempted to sell to him on the 22 April 1945, but were stopped by the Police.

On the 20 April 1945, we had unloaded some of the Creosote Lumber that was on the truck into the store at Corso San Giovanni #44, when we were stopped by the American Police, who placed us under arrest. The Police ordered us to reload the Lumber we had taken off the truck and took it to the 2nd Maint. Engrs Co's Area. We were then taken to the Port Police Office.

The above statement is true to the best of my knoledge.

S/ PARRINI NELLO

WITNESS:

S/ JOHN LA GUARDIA
Agent, CID.

S/ HENRY A. PAULY
Agent, CID.

Translated by Emilio BOCCIA, Interpreter and Translator, 8th Port CID's Office.

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Io, Artigliere Parrini Nello, di Carlo, nato il 5 Giugno 1918, in Vecchio Mugello (Firenze) appartenente alla 2a Compagnia Genio Italiano, in presenza degli Agenti Henry A. PAULY e John LA GUARDIA, dichiaro quanto segue:

Verso il giorno 7 Aprile 1945, domandai al St. Elisi della mia Compagnia, il permesso di prendere i piccoli pezzi di legno fuori uso che si trovavano sparsi nel nostro accampamento per portarli ad un mio presunto zio. Egli mi permise di prendere i detti pezzi di legno per uso combustibile, dopo avere avuto egli stesso l'autorizzazione dal Capitano J.W. HENRICKS, Ufficiale Americano addetto al nostro Campo. Il nostro tenente (St. ELISI) non sapeva affatto che, tanto io, come l'autista Bonfanti Ferdinando, già precedentemente alla sua autorizzazione di prendere i residui di legno, avevamo venduto del legno all'uomo che io avevo dichiarato al tenente di essere mio zio e che in effetto non lo era.

Durante la nostra prima vendita, noi venimmo ad un accordo con il compratore il quale gestisce un negozio di legna al Corso San Giovanni a Teduccio No.44 e cioè, di portargli altra legna per la quale egli ci avrebbe pagato lire 6 per chilogramma.

Dopo avere avuto l'autorizzazione del St. ELISI di prendere i pezzi di legname fuori uso, noi facemmo quattro viaggi e scaricammo il legname dal mio presunto zio Aragione Luigi fu Pasquale, il quale ha un negozio nel Corso San Giovanni. Il ricavato della vendita del legname lo dividemmo in parti eguali io e Bonfanti.

I grandi travi di legna per uso costruzione che io prendevo e nascondevo sotto il carico coprendoli con piccoli pezzi di legno combustibile, non mi erano stati autorizzati dal tenente e neppure egli ne era a conoscenza.

La ragione che noi prendevamo i pezzi grandi ed i travi di creosoti, era per dare maggiore peso al carico e ricavarne più soldi.

Il ricavato totale per i cinque carichi di legname e travi che vendemmo all'Aragione nel suo negozio di legna, fu di lire 4932. Uno dei carichi che precedentemente gli avevamo venduto, era dell'istesso tipo di travi che noi stavamo vendendogli il giorno 29 Aprile 1945, quando fummo fermati dalla Polizia.

Il giorno 29 Aprile 1945, noi stavamo scaricando dei travi di creosoti nel negozio di Corso San Giovanni No.44, quando fummo fermati dalla Polizia e messo agli arresti. La Polizia ci ordinò di ricaricare i travi che noi avevamo scaricato dal camion e scortò il carico al campo della 2a Compagnia Genio mentre noi venimmo condotti all'Ufficio di Polizia del Porto.

In fede di quanto sopra dichiarato

TESTIMONI: John La Guardia

John LA GUARDIA
Agent, CID.

Henry A. Pauly

Henry A. PAULY
Agent, CID.

Parrini Nello

PARRINI NELLO

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STATEMENT

In the presence of Chief Agent 1st. Lt. Frank T. GARRO and of Agent H. A. Pauly, I, artilleryman Ferdinando of Giuseppe born in Palazzago (Bergamo) on May 10th 1920, attached to the 2nd Engrs. Maint. Co. state the following:

On or about the 6th April 1945, I was told by Parini Nello attached to my unit, that he was going to ask our Lieutenant (Lt. Mini Carlo) a permission to take some of the scrap pieces of firewood lying in our Area, to take it to his uncle living in S. Giovanni a Teduccio. The reason Parini asked for permission to take the scrap pieces of firewood to his supposed uncle was, because we planned to take it to S. Giovanni and sell it for a few dollars. We had previously sold some scrap pieces of wood to one Aragione Luigi at his store on Corso S. Giovanni a Teduccio N. 44. When this first sale was made, we agreed to bring him additional scrap of firewood for which he would pay us 6 lire per kilo.

After Parini received permission from Lt. Mini to take the scraps of wood to his supposed uncle, we made four other trips to S. Giovanni where we sold it to said Aragione in his own store.

Three of these trips were made with scrap pieces of fire wood such as our Lt. Mini had given permission to take. The fourth load of wood sold was different than usual fire wood. The wood sold on that occasion, was of the same type and of the same quality of lumber found on our truck on April 29th 1945. All the money we received for the sale of wood, was divided equally between Parini and I.

On the 30th April 1945, we made our sixth and last trip to S. Giovanni to sell lumber. On this day, while we were unloading the lumber, we were stopped by the Police, who placed us under arrest. The Police made us reload the lumber that we had unloaded from the truck and take it back to our Area where it was turned over to our Lt. (Lt. Mini)

S/ SERGEANT FERDINANDO

WITNESS:

Translated by:
Emilio BOCCIA, Interpreter & Translator
5th Port CID's Office

S/ Frank T. GARRO
1st Lt CMP.,
Chief Agent, CID.,

S/ Henry A. PAULY
Agent, CID., 1 75

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1st Lt. CMP.,
Chief Agent, CID.,

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DICHIARAZIONE

In presenza del Comandante, Agente 1st Lt. Frank T. CARRO e dell'agente H.A. PAULY, io, artigliere Bonfanti Ferdinando di Giuseppe, nato in Palazzago (Bergamo) il 10 Maggio 1920, appartenente alla seconda Compagnia Genio, dichiaro quanto segue:

Verso il giorno 6 Aprile 1945, mi fu detto da Parrini Nello, appartenente alla mia stessa Compagnia, che egli voleva domandare al nostro tenente (Lt. Elisi Carlo) il permesso di prendere dei pezzi di legno per uso combustibile che si trovavano nel nostro accampamento, per portarli ad un suo zio abitante in S. Giovanni a Teduccio. La ragione perchè il Parrini domandava detto permesso al Tenente Elisi di prendere questi residui di legna combustibile e portarli a questo suo zio immaginario, era perchè noi avevamo ideato di portarlo a S. Giovanni e venderlo per alcune centinaia di lire. Precedentemente, noi avevamo venduto in S. Giovanni ad un certo Aragione Luigi, con negozio in Corso San Giovanni e Teduccio No. 44 della legna fuori uso. Durante questa prima vendita, noi avevamo preso accordo di portargli altro legname per il quale egli ci avrebbe pagato lire 6 al kilogramma.

Dopo che il Parrini riuscì ad avere l'autorizzazione dal Tenente di portare i pezzetti di legno al suo presunto zio, facemmo altri quattro viaggi a San Giovanni e vendemmo il legname all'Aragione nel suo negozio.

Tre di questi viaggi furono fatti con carico di legno per uso combustibile quale il Tenente ci aveva autorizzato. Il quarto carico fu differente dal solito legno combustibile. Il legname venduto in quella occasione, era dell'istesso tipo e dell'istessa qualità di legname da costruzione come quello trovatoci sul camion il giorno 20 Aprile 1945.

Tutto il ricavato delle rispettive vendite fu diviso tra me ed il Parrini.

Il giorno 22 Aprile 1945, facemmo il nostro sesto ed ultimo viaggio a San Giovanni, per vendere il legname da costruzione. In detto giorno, mentre stavamo scaricando il legno, fummo fermati dalla Polizia che ci dichiarò in arresto. La Polizia ci fece ricaricare il legname che era stato scaricato dal camion e lo riportarono nel nostro accampamento dove fu consegnato al nostro Tenente (Lt. Elisi).

Bonfanti Ferdinando.
Bonfanti Ferdinando

TESTIMONI: S/ 1st Lt. Frank T. CARRO
Chief Agent, CID.

S/ H.A. PAULY
Agent, CID.

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Report of Investigation.

TO : Allied Commission, Rome. ATTENTION: Legal Office.

1. Forwarded for your information is Report of Investigation CID AAF/MTO Case #45-1-61, "Counterfeiting of Italian Ration Permits".

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

C. O. BAIRD, JR.,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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This case originated at: Rome, Italy		File No. CID-AAF/MTO Case #45-1-61
Report made at: Bari, Italy	Date when made: 20 April 1945	Period for which made: 5 - 7 April 1945
Title: VENNARINI, Vincenzo - Accused VENNARINI, Italia - Witness MICHELONI, Eugenio - " MICHELONI, Vanda - "		Character of case: COUNTERFEITING OF ITALIAN RATION PERMITS

Synopsis of facts: On 5 April 1945 at about 1140 hours the undersigned, accompanied by Brigadier BARONE of the Bari Carabinieri and members of the Squadra Mobile, Regia Questura of Rome, during the course of an investigation of counterfeiting (CID-AAF/MTO Case #45-1-53), searched the home of Eugenio MICHELONI at #200 Via Giulia, Rome, and found a suitcase containing stamps and paper used in making false Italian ration books. Investigation revealed said materials had been left there by one Vincenzo VENNARINI, brother-in-law of MICHELONI, residing at #16 Via Dei Cimatori. Search of his home led to his apprehension and discovery of additional equipment for falsifying ration-stamps. VENNARINI admitted above crime and cleared MICHELONI of connection or knowledge of same. Statements attached. All evidence turned over to the Rome Questura as this is completely an Italian matter. VENNARINI denounced and in jail at Rome awaiting trial. Case closed.

Report made by: William B. Burden, WILLIAM B. BURDEN, Agent, C.I.D. — John Doyle, JOHN DOYLE, Agent, C.I.D.	Do not write here: File Grade 1 71
Approved and forwarded: E. A. TURROU, 1st Lt., CMP, Agent-in-Charge. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION A.A.F. M.T.O. U.S.	Distribution of report: 2 - Allied Commission, Rome 1 - CID, Rome 1 - CID, AAF/MTO 1 - PMG, MTOUSA 1 - PM, 15 Air Force 1 - CID, AAF/MTO, Sub Stn. #1 1 - PM, Rome Area Comm.

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

DECLARATION

REGIA QUESTURA OF ROME
Mobile Squadron

Protocol concerning the confiscation made from VENNARINI Vincenzo, son of the late Nazzareno and the late CINQUEGRANI Ersilia, born in Rome, 20 May 1895, residing there at #16 Via Dei Cimatori, an unemployed typographer:

In the year 1945, on 5 April, in Rome, in the lodging of VENNARINI Vincenzo, located at #13 Via Dei Cimatori, at 1300 hours,

We, the undersigned, BARONE Giovanni, Brigadier, belonging to the Investigating Squadron of the Judiciary Police of the Internal Company of the Royal Carabinieri, Bari, assigned to the American C.I.D. of the same city; the Brigadier CALAVITA Pietro, on duty with the Mobile Squadron of the Royal Questura of Rome; the Agents of the American C.I.D. of Bari, William BURDEN and John DOYLE, each one within his competence, report to the competent authority that on the above-said day, hour and place, we have seized material found in the lodging of the person in question, and material found in a trunk in the home of his sister, named VENNARINI Italia, daughter of the late Nazzareno, residing at #200 Via Giulia, int. #2, which is also the property of VENNARINI Vincenzo, and which will be listed in his interrogation protocol.

At the seizure there was also present the Interpreter of the American C.I.D. of Bari, Mr. Fedor NEMIROVSKY, who also signs this protocol as a witness.

Regarding the above set forth facts we have compiled the present protocol in four copies to distribute one with the attached interrogation protocol of VENNARINI Vincenzo and the list of the seized items to the Procuratore del Regno at the Civil and Penal Court of Rome, while the other three copies will be kept, one at the Command of the American C.I.D. of Bari, the second at the Command of the American C.I.D. of Rome, and the third at the Office of the Mobile Squadron of the Royal Questura of Rome.

/s/ barone, giovanni
/s/ calavita, pietro
/s/ william burden
/s/ john doyle
/s/ dr. fedor nemirovsky

Translated by Miroslav DANICIC, Interpreter, C.I.D.

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E. A. TURROU,
1st Lt., CMP

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Protocol concerning the interrogation of VENNARINI Vincenzo, son of the late Nazzareno and the late CINQUEGRANI Ersilia, born in Rome, 20 May 1895, and residing there at #16 Via Dei Cimatori, an unemployed typographer:

In the year 1945, on 7 April in Rome in the C.I.D. Office, at 1000 hours, before us: John DOYLE, William BURDEN, Fedor NEMIROVSKY, the first two being Agents of the C.I.D. of Bari, and the third being their interpreter from said office, assisted by the Brigadier of the Carabinieri, BARONE Giovanni, belonging to the Investigative Squadron of the Juridical Police of the Royal Carabinieri of Bari, there is present VENNARINI Vincenzo, who, on being made aware of the reason for his being interrogated, replies as follows:

The material you have found in my lodging consisting of the following items:
1 stamp for sugar - Buono #7, October 1944, Rome.
1 stamp with the text, "Coupon for record 111, 1 November-February 1944."
1 stamp with the text, "Tobacco - record for March-June 1945, Rome."
1 stamp with the text, "287 Roma" record.
1 stamp with the text, "285 Roma", 1 double stamp with the text, "2-24 Rome."
1 double stamp with the text, "Sugar - 1 coupon - November, 1944, Rome."
1 stamp with the text, "35 - 35 - 35 - Rome. 1 stamp: sugar 5 - coupons."
1 stamp with the text, "Soap," 1 coupon, November, 1944, Rome, December 1944, Rome.
1 stamp with the text, "Napoli."
1 stamp with the coupon pattern of paper with the text, "Tobacco," Record for March, June 1945 - M.T.
6 little peckets of paper containing various inks for printing.
41 paper sheets for coupons (coupon size)
5 paper sheets for coupons, large size, as from one sheet 8 coupons can be made.
1 little pakcet containing stripes of the same paper of the size of the little coupons for ration-cards.
8 large sheets, 16 size of ration cards and 2 medium sheets with various little stripes of paper for ration-cards.
1 small stripe of paper containing six coupons with the text, "Pasta," 1 coupon March, 1945, Rome.
As well as the material found in the lodging of my sister, VENNARINI Italia, residing in Via Giulia #200, int. #2, deposited in a trunk, consisting of
13 sheets of white paper for handwriting.
21 small strips of paper, size about 35x10 cm. for ration-cards.
4 sheets of paper for ration-cards.
6 coupons of paper with the text, "Sugar," 1st coupon, 2nd coupon, 3rd coupon 4th coupon, November 1944 - Rome. 69
3 small packets of paper containing ink for printing; of various colors.
1 small stamp with the text, "Daily ration" - "Daily ration";
1 small stamp with the text, "Bread - Bread."
1 small stamp with the text, "Roma."
1 small stamp with the text, "Dott."
Various items - antimony wire and letters - steel and brass; some hundred letters, numbers and spaces for printing.
52 sheets of white paper, size 50 x 35 cm, found also in my loding are all in my property.

I specify that the letters, numbers and spaces are my property, as I have acquired them about two years ago, i.e., since I was employed at the Central Typography, while I got the paper for ration-cards, paper also for ration-cards, ink of various tints for printing; that of old-type six months ago; that of new

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type about two months ago from an acquaintance of mine named Alfredo, whom I know very well by sight. For the supply of the paper for ration-cards, for that fine-grained paper and the ink I paid my friend Alfred about 600 lire and supplied him with various coupons for pasta, soap, sugar, flour, tobacco and other foodstuffs.

Being a typographer I have manufactured with printing-letters various stamps and during the evenings at my residence I have printed various coupons for the supply of oil, flour, pasta, soap, tobacco, etc.

From the time of the distribution of the ration-cards, which dates from 1940, I have always devoted myself to the manufacturing of coupons for bread and various foodstuffs, needed by my family. I brought the coupons to various authorized merchants and bakers of Rome who, against presentation of the cards and coupons, supplied me the merchandise. For the past six months I handed over all coupons I had made to my friend Alfredo who then acquired for me the flour, pasta, sugar and other foodstuffs.

Reply to Question: I do not know where my friend Alfredo obtained the merchandise. The material you have found in the lodging of my sister I carried away in the trunk, as I did not use it anymore and I myself left it on the chest where you found it. I did not tell either my sister or my brother-in-law what the trunk contained, nor did I tell them the activities I had been engaged in.

Reply to Question: The stamps with the text, "Napoli," and "Dott." were never used by myself.

In faith to the above statement, I undersign:

/s/ vennarini, vincenzo
/s/ john doyle
/s/ william burden
/s/ dr. fedor nemirovsky
/s/ barone, giovanni, brig.

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

STATEMENT

I, the undersigned MICHELONI Venda, daughter of Eugenio, born in Rome on 1 October 1924, residing at #200 Via Giulia, before W. BURDEN and J. DOYLE, Agents of the C.I.D., and the Interpreter of the C.I.D., Fedor NEMIROVSKY, on being interrogated, declare as follows:

Yesterday, 5 April 1945, at about 1245 hours, I returned from school and found the police at our lodging. During the search there has been found a little trunk (bag) in our property, containing typographical material. This bag had been lent to my uncle Vincenzo VENNARINI about two years ago for a trip outside of Rome.

About five months ago I saw the bag of my uncle in our lodging and my mother explained to me that the uncle had found the bag again. I have not taken any interest in this bag, nor in its contents. I immediately thought that this material belonged to my uncle.

My uncle, a typographer, one year and a half ago, was implicated in an affair of counterfeited ration-coupons, for which reason he was also imprisoned for some time.

My father worked in the Istituto Poligrafico in Piazza Verdi and has always been honest; consequently, on seeing this material, I immediately thought that it belonged to my uncle. We went to the lodging of my uncle Vincenzo, situated at #16 Via Cimatori and here we found some more of the same material. The uncle declared to the police in my presence that he had manufactured ration-coupons for his own account and use.

I have nothing else to add.

Rome, Office of the C.I.D., the 6th April 1945.

THE DECLARANT:
/s/ micheloni, vanda

Witnessed:
/s/ william burden, Agent, C.I.D.
/s/ john doyle, Agent, C.I.D.

Translated by Miroslav DANICIC, Interpreter, C.I.D., Bari.

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

DECLARATION

On 6 April 1945 at 1600 hours in the office of the Mobile Squad of the Regal Questura of Rome,

Before us the undersigned: Dr. MIGLIORINI Domenico, Official of the P.S., there is present MICHELONI Eugenio, son of the late Francesco and the late MOLLI Filomena, born in Rome on 10/7/1885, residing at #200 Via Giulia, Rome, who, upon being questioned, answers as follows:

I am a typographer-printer employed at the Poligraphic Institute of the State located in Piazza Verdi, Rome. I have been employed at the same institute for about twenty-five years. I do not know anything about the suitcase containing the necessary material for counterfeiting ration-cards which were found and sequestrated in my house. It is certain that the said suitcase has been deposited in my house by my brother-in-law, VENNARINI Vincenzo, residing at #16 Via Dei Cimatori, because he has a previous record for counterfeiting.

Read, confirmed and undersigned:

/s/ micheloni, eugenio
/s/ migliorini, domenico, V.C.
/s/ john doyle, C.I.D.

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DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, VENNARINI Italia, son of the late Nazzareno, born in Rome on 27/7/1891, residing at #200 Via Giulia, int. #2, questioned by C.I.D. Agents W. B. BURDEN and J. DOYLE, and the C.I.D. Interpreter, Dr. F. NEMIROVSKY, declare as follows:

I am married to Eugenio MICHELONI since 1918. My husband has been for 25 years employed at the Poligraphic Institute of the State at Piazza Verdi. My brother, Vincenzo VENNARINI, is also a typographer and was working until about one and one-half years ago, at which time he was involved in a case regarding counterfeit ration cards and was put in jail for awhile.

One day, about two years ago, my brother asked me for a suitcase because he had to leave for a trip out of Rome. I lent him this suitcase at that time.

About four or five months ago, Vincenzo brought the suitcase back to me one day and said, "Look, there is a little piece of paper inside. I'll be back later and pick it up." I did not know what kind of paper it was and I did not look inside.

Vincenzo put the suitcase in a closet where it was found by the police yesterday! I did not say anything to my husband because I did not pay any attention at all to it.

During the search, as I saw that my husband might be implicated and he did not know anything about it, I indicated that my brother Vincenzo was the owner of the suitcase.

My brother, Vincenzo, never told me anything about his business.

I have nothing else to add.

Rome, Office of the C.I.D., 6 April 1945.

THE DECLARANT:

/s/ vennarini, italia

Witnessed by:
/s/ william burden
/s/ john doyle

Translated by Dr. F. NEMIROVSKY, Interpreter, C.I.D., Bari

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This case originated at: Rome, Italy		File No. CID-AAF/MTO Case #45-1-61
Report made at: Bari, Italy	Date when made: 20 April 1945	Period for which made: 5 - 7 April 1945
Title: VENNARINI, Vincenzo - Accused VENNARINI, Italia - Witness MICHELONI, Eugenio - " MICHELONI, Vanda - "		Character of case: COUNTERFEITING OF ITALIAN RATION PERMITS

Synopsis of facts: On 5 April 1945 at about 1140 hours the undersigned, accompanied by Brigadier RARONE of the Bari Carabinieri and members of the Squadra Mobile, Regia Questura of Rome, during the course of an investigation of counterfeiting (CID-AAF/MTO Case #45-1-55), searched the home of Eugenio MICHELONI at #200 Via Giulia, Rome, and found a suitcase containing stamps and paper used in making false Italian rationbooks. Investigation revealed said materials had been left there by one Vincenzo VENNARINI, brother-in-law of MICHELONI, residing at #16 Via Dei Cimatori. Search of his home led to his apprehension and discovery of additional equipment for falsifying ration-stamps. VENNARINI admitted above crime and cleared MICHELONI of connection or knowledge of same. Statements attached. All evidence turned over to the Rome Questura as this is completely an Italian matter. VENNARINI denounced and in jail at Rome awaiting trial. Case closed.

Report made by: William B. Burden, WILLIAM B. BURDEN, Agent, C.I.D. John Doyle, JOHN DOYLE, Agent, C.I.D.	Do not write here: File Grade
Approved and forwarded: E. A. TURROU, 1st Lt., CMP, Agent-in-Charge CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS A.A.F. M.T.O. U.S. ARMY	Distribution of report: 2 - Allied Commission, Rome 1 - CID, Rome 1 - CID, AAF/MTO 1 - PMG, MTOUSA 1 - PM, 15 Air Force 1 - CID, AAF/MTO, Sub Stn. #1 1 - PM, R.A.C.

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REGIA QUESTURA OF ROME
Mobile Squadron

Protocol concerning the confiscation made from VENNARINI Vincenzo, son of the late Nazzareno and the late CINQUEGRANI Ersilia, born in Rome, 20 May 1895, residing there at #16 Via Dei Cimatori, an unemployed typographer:

In the year 1945, on 5 April, in Rome, in the lodging of VENNARINI Vincenzo, located at #13 Via Dei Cimatori, at 1300 hours,

We, the undersigned, BARONE Giovanni, Brigadier, belonging to the Investigating Squadron of the Judiciary Police of the Internal Company of the Royal Carabinieri, Bari, assigned to the American C.I.D. of the same city; the Brigadier CALAVITA Pietro, on duty with the Mobile Squadron of the Royal Questura of Rome; the Agents of the American C.I.D. of Bari, William BURDEN and John DOYLE, each one within his competence, report to the competent authority that on the above-said day, hour and place, we have seized material found in the lodging of the person in question, and material found in a trunk in the home of his sister, named VENNARINI Italia, daughter of the late Nazzareno, residing at #200 Via Giulia, int. #2, which is also the property of VENNARINI Vincenzo, and which will be listed in his interrogation protocol.

At the seizure there was also present the Interpreter of the American C.I.D. of Bari, Mr. Fedor NEMIROVSKY, who also signs this protocol as a witness.

Regarding the above set forth facts we have compiled the present protocol in four copies to distribute one with the attached interrogation protocol of VENNARINI Vincenzo and the list of the seized items to the Procuratore del Regno at the Civil and Penal Court of Rome, while the other three copies will be kept, one at the Command of the American C.I.D. of Bari, the second at the Command of the American C.I.D. of Rome, and the third at the Office of the Mobile Squadron of the Royal Questura of Rome.

/s/ barone, giovanni
/s/ calavita, pietro
/s/ william burden
/s/ john doyle
/s/ dr. fedor nemirovsky

Translated by Miroslav DANICIC, Interpreter, C.I.D.

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Protocol concerning the interrogation of VENNARINI Vincenzo, son of the late Ma[illegible]sarene and the late CINQUEGRANI Ersilia, born in Rome, 20 May 1895, and residing there at #16 Via Dei Cimatori, an unemployed typographer:

In the year 1945, on 7 April in Rome in the C.I.D. Office, at 1000 hours, before us: John DOYLE, William BURDEN, Fedor NEMIROVSKY, the first two being Agents of the C.I.D. of Bari, and the third being their interpreter from said office, assisted by the Brigadier of the Carabinieri, BARONE Giovanni, belonging to the Investigative Squadron of the Juridical Police of the Royal Carabinieri of Bari, there is present VENNARINI Vincenzo, who, on being made aware of the reason for his being interrogated, replies as follows:

The material you have found in my lodging consisting of the following items:
1 stamp for sugar - Buono #7, October 1944, Rome.
1 stamp with the text, "Coupon for record 111, 1 November-February 1944."
1 stamp with the text, "Tobacco - record for March-June 1945, Rome."
1 stamp with the text, "287 Roma" record.
1 stamp with the text, "285 Roma", 1 double stamp with the text, "2-24 Rome."
1 double stamp with the text, "Sugar - 1 coupon - November, 1944, Rome."
1 stamp with the text, "35 - 35 - 35 - Rome. 1 stamp: sugar 5 - coupons."
1 stamp with the text, "Soap," 1 coupon, November, 1944, Rome, December 1944, Rome.
1 stamp with the text, "Napoli."
1 stamp with the coupon pattern of paper with the text, "Tobacco," Record for March, June 1945 - M.T.
6 little packets of paper containing various inks for printing.
41 paper sheets for coupons (coupon size)
5 paper sheets for coupons, large size, as from one sheet 8 coupons can be made.
1 little pakcet containing stripes of the same paper of the size of the little coupons for ration-cards.
8 large sheets, 16 size of ration cards and 2 medium sheets with various little stripes of paper for ration-cards.
1 small strip of paper containing six coupons with the text, "Pasta," 1 coupon March, 1945, Rome.
As well as the material found in the lodging of my sister, VENNARINI Italia, residing in Via Giulia #200, int. #2, deposited in a trunk, consisting of
13 sheets of white paper for handwriting.
21 small strips of paper, size about 35x10 cm. for ration-cards.
4 sheets of paper for ration-cards.
6 coupons of paper with the text, "Sugar," 1st coupon, 2nd coupon, 3rd coupon, 4th coupon, November 1944 - Rome.
3 small packets of paper containing ink for printing; of various colors.
1 small stamp with the text, "Daily ration" - "Daily ration".
1 small stamp with the text, "Bread - Bread."
1 small stamp with the text, "Roma."
1 small stamp with the text, "Dott."
Various items - antimony wire and letters - steel and brass; some hundred letters, numbers and spaces for printing.
52 sheets of white paper, size 50 x 35 cm, found also in my loding are all in my property.

I specify that the letters, numbers and spaces are my property, as I have acquired them about two years ago, i.e., since I was employed at the Central Typography, while I got the paper for ration-cards, paper also for ration-cards, ink of various tints for printing; that of old-type six months ago; that of new

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type about two months ago from an acquaintance of mine named Alfredo, whom I know very well by sight. For the supply of the paper for ration-cards, for that fine-grained paper and the ink I paid my friend Alfred about 600 lire and supplied him with various coupons for pasta, soap, sugar, flour, tobacco and other foodstuffs.

Being a typographer I have manufactured with printing-letters various stamps and during the evenings at my residence I have printed various coupons for the supply of oil, flour, pasta, soap, tobacco, etc.

From the time of the distribution of the ration-cards, which dates from 1940, I have always devoted myself to the manufacturing of coupons for bread and various foodstuffs, needed by my family. I brought the coupons to various authorised merchants and bakers of Rome who, against presentation of the cards and coupons, supplied me the merchandise. For the past six months I handed over all coupons I had made to my friend Alfredo who then acquired for me the flour, pasta, sugar and other foodstuffs.

Reply to Question: I do not know where my friend Alfredo obtained the merchandise. The material you have found in the lodging of my sister I carried away in the trunk, as I did not use it anymore and I myself left it on the chest where you found it. I did not tell either my sister or my brother-in-law what the trunk contained, nor did I tell them the activities I had been engaged in.

Reply to Question: The stamps with the text, "Napoli," and "Dott." were never used by myself.

In faith to the above statement, I undersign:

/s/ vennarini, vincenzo
/s/ john doyle
/s/ william burden
/s/ dr. fedor nemirovsky
/s/ barone, giovanni, brig.

Translated by Miroslav DANICIC, Interpreter, C.I.D., Bari.

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

STATEMENT

I, the undersigned MICHELONI Vanda, daughter of Eugenio, born in Rome on 1 October 1924, residing at #200 Via Giulia, before W. BURDEN and J. DOYLE, Agents of the C.I.D., and the Interpreter of the C.I.D., Fedor MEMIROVSKY, on being interrogated, declare as follows:

Yesterday, 5 April 1945, at about 1245 hours, I returned from school and found the police at our lodging. During the search there has been found a little trunk (bag) in our property, containing typographical material. This bag had been lent to my uncle Vincenzo VENNARINI about two years ago for a trip outside of Rome.

About five months ago I saw the bag of my uncle in our lodging and my mother explained to me that the uncle had found the bag again. I have not taken any interest in this bag, nor in its contents. I immediately thought that this material belonged to my uncle.

My uncle, a typographer, one year and a half ago, was implicated in an affair of counterfeited ration-coupons, for which reason he was also imprisoned for some time.

My father worked in the Istituto Poligrafico in Piazza Verdi and has always been honest; consequently, on seeing this material, I immediately thought that it belonged to my uncle. We went to the lodging of my uncle Vincenzo, situated at #16 Via Cimatori and here we found some more of the same material. The uncle declared to the police in my presence that he had manufactured ration-coupons for his own account and use.

I have nothing else to add.

Rome, Office of the C.I.D., the 6th April 1945.

THE DECLARANT:
/s/ micheloni, vanda

Witnessed:
/s/ william burden, Agent, C.I.D.
/s/ john doyle, Agent, C.I.D.

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DECLARATION

On 6 April 1945 at 1600 hours in the office of the Mobile Squad of the Royal Questura of Rome,

Before us the undersigned: Dr. MIGLIORINI Domenico, Official of the P.S., there is present MICHELONI Eugenio, son of the late Francesco and the late MOLLI Filomena, born in Rome on 10/7/1885, residing at #200 Via Giulia, Rome, who, upon being questioned, answers as follows:

I am a typographer-printer employed at the Poligraphic Institute of the State located in Piazza Verdi, Rome. I have been employed at the same institute for about twenty-five years. I do not know anything about the suitcase containing the necessary material for counterfeiting ration-cards which were found and sequestrated in my house. It is certain that the said suitcase has been deposited in my house by my brother-in-law, VENNARINI Vincenzo, residing at #16 Via Dei Cimatori, because he has a previous record for counterfeiting.

Read, confirmed and undersigned: /s/ micheloni, eugenio
/s/ migliorini, domenico, V.C.
/s/ john doyle, C.I.D.

Translated by Dr. Fedor NEMIROVSKY, Interpreter, C.I.D., Bari

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

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, VENNARINI Thalia, son of the late Nazzareno, born in Rome on 27/7/1891, residing at #200 Via Giulia, int. #2, questioned by C.I.D. Agents W. B. BURDEN and J. DOYLE, and the C.I.D. Interpreter, Dr. F. NEMIROVSKY, declare as follows:

I am married to Eugenio MICHELONI since 1918. My husband has been for 25 years employed at the Poligraphic Institute of the State at Piazza Verdi. My brother, Vincenzo VENNARINI, is also a typographer and was working until about one and one-half years ago, at which time he was involved in a case regarding counterfeit ration cards and was put in jail for awhile.

One day, about two years ago, my brother asked me for a suitcase because he had to leave for a trip out of Rome. I lent him this suitcase at that time.

About four or five months ago, Vincenzo brought the suitcase back to me one day and said, "Look, there is a little piece of paper inside. I'll be back later and pick it up." I did not know what kind of paper it was and I did not look inside.

Vincenzo put the suitcase in a closet where it was found by the police yesterday! I did not say anything to my husband because I did not pay any attention at all to it.

During the search, as I saw that my husband might be implicated and he did not know anything about it, I indicated that my brother Vincenzo was the owner of the suitcase.

My brother, Vincenzo, never told me anything about his business.

I have nothing else to add.

Rome, Office of the C.I.D., 6 April 1945.

THE DECLARANT:

/s/ vennarini, italia

Witnessed by:
/s/ william burden
/s/ john doyle

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Report of Investigation.

TO : Allied Commission, Rome. ATTENTION: Legal Office.

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

C. O. BAIRD, JR.
Colonel AGD
Adjutant General

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This case originated at: Rome, Italy	File No. CID - AAF/MTO Case #45-1-53
Report made at: Bari, Italy / Date when made: 20 April 1945	Period for which made: 26 March - 20 April 1945
Title: ASSOGNA, Gaetano - Accused GALASSI, Arnaldo - " PALMA, Domenico - " PANTELLINI, Ercole - " BRIOTTI, Celestino - " SCIUSCO, Francesco - " et al	Character of case: UTTERING COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY

Synopsis of facts: On 26 March 1945, acting on confidential information, the undersigned, accompanied by Brigadier BARONE of Bari Carabinieri, proceeded to Rome and arranged for a purchase of counterfeit Allied Military Currency. On 5 April 1945, with assistance of Rome CID and Rome Questura, a total of 198,000 lire in counterfeit notes were recovered. ASSOGNA Gaetano, GALASSI Arnaldo, PALMA Domenico, PANTELLINI Ercole, BRIOTTI Celestino and SCIUSCO Francesco arrested and being held in Rome jail pending trial. BETTAZZI Giulio arrested and placed at liberty pending trial. FERRIGNI Umberto and PALMA Angelo, not apprehended, have been denounced and are being sought by Italian police and CID, Rome. Investigation revealed above-named men had acted in the manufacture and distribution of at least 1,370,000 lire in counterfeit Allied Military Currency. A portion of the false currency handled by the group is of the type designated as Type "F" by PMG Circular #6, the plates of which type having been recovered previously. The recovered 198,000 lire (counterfeit) held by this office as evidence. Case closed.

Report made by:

WILLIAM B. BURDEN,
Agent, C.I.D.

JOHN DOYLE,
Agent, C.I.D.

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Approved and forwarded:

E. A. TURROU,
1st Lt., CMP,
Agent-in-Charge

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DETAILS:

1. Acting on confidential information that a large amount of counterfeit Allied Military Currency, 1000-lire note denominations, might be found in Rome, Dr. Fedor NEMIROVSKY, C.I.D. Interpreter of this office, was sent to Rome on 20 March 1945 in an effort to contact members of the gang with the view of obtaining enough information to lead to the apprehension of parties responsible for making and passing the counterfeit notes. On 23 March 1945 NEMIROVSKY contacted a member of the gang and secured samples of the counterfeit notes, telling the contact-man that he was representing an organization that wished to purchase large sums of the counterfeit notes. A price of 550-lire was set for each 1000-lire false note.

2. The undersigned agents,accompanied by Brigadier G. BARONE of the Investigation Squad, Royal Carabinieri of Bari, went to Rome and contacted NEMIROVSKY. A meeting was arranged between NEMIROVSKY and the contact-man on 25 March 1945. The contact-man was followed to a wine-shop on Piazza Libraria, Rome, and a careful check of all persons whom he contacted was made from that time on. Due to the holidays, the contact-man stated that he could not procure any of the false currency until after Easter. Arrangements were made for a meeting on 2 April 1945 to discuss the purchase of the false currency.

3. On 3 April 1945 contact was made and a deposit of 20,000 lire was given in advance, to show good faith, for the purchase of 100 false notes of 1000-lire denomination. The false money was to be delivered on the following day. On the following day at the appointed time, however, it was learned by the contact-man that the false money was not yet ready, but would be ready for delivery the following morning at 1000 hours.

4. On 5 April 1945 the contact-man was given an additional 34,000 lire by Dr. Fedor NEMIROVSKY, which, together with the original sum given, would pay for 100 false notes of 1000-lire denomination. The transaction was allowed to be completed for the 100 notes and immediately after the delivery was made to NEMIROVSKY, the undersigned agents, assisted by Brigadier G. BARONEof the Bari Carabinieri and members of the Mobile Squadron of the Rome Questura, entered the wine-shop at Piazza Libraria and arrested ASSOGNA Gaetano and GALASSI Arnaldo. The genuine money given in payment was found on the person of ASSOGNA along with an additional 98,000 lire in false money. These men were arrested together with the wife and daughter of ASSOGNA who were operating a stand in the street nearby. These people were immediately taken to the Rome CID Office and held for questioning. As a result of the observationsmade previously, of all persons contacted by the informer, the homes of ASSOGNA and MICHELONI Eugenio at #200 Via Giulia, Rome, were searched, as were the homes of PALMA Domenico at #76 Via Di Farnesi, and GALASSI Arnaldo at #7 Via Calinino, Rome.

5. At the home of MICHELONI Eugenio, #200 Via Giulia, a quantity of paper 54 and metal stamps used for the printing of false Italian ration-books were found and MICHELONI Vanda, daughter of Eugenio, and VENNARINI Italia, his wife, were arrested. The daughter stated that the materials were the property of VENNARINI Vincenzo, #16 Via Dei Cimateri, Rome. This address was promptly searched and additional printing materials found and VENNARINI was arrested. Full details of this incident are covered in CID-AAF/MTO Case Report #45-1-61, q.v. No evidence connecting the above family with the counterfeiting of the 1000-lire notes could be found.

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6. The home of ASSOGNA Gaetano at #200 Via Giulia, Rome, and the home of PALMA Domenico at #76 Via di Farnesi, Rome, were searched by the undersigned agents but no false currency nor materials for the manufacturing thereof could be found. PALMA, not at his home at the time of the search, was later arrested by the undersigned agents at his place of employment at the Post Office, Rome.

7. A statement was then taken from ASSOGNA Gaetano, #200 Via Giulia, Rome, relating the following facts: He has known "Lilli" (PANTELLINI Ercole) for several years. In November 1944, during a conversation with "Lilli," he was told that "Lilli" could procure counterfeit notes of 1000-lire and 500-lire denominations and was asked by "Lilli" if he would be interested in handling them. Making a trip to Siena with a man whom he knows only as "Carlo," ASSOGNA bought twenty of the 1000-lire notes from "Lilli" for 500-lire each. "Carlo" bought fifty of the bills. ASSOGNA disposed of thirteen of the false notes in Siena while on the trip. He showed samples of the false notes to a GALASSI Arnaldo and told him that he would supply him with all the counterfeit currency he desired. He later obtained forty 1000-lire notes from PANTELLINI for 450 lire each and sold them to GALASSI Arnaldo for 500 lire apiece. On another occasion ASSOGNA purchased seventy 1000-lire notes and thirty-three 500-lire notes which he also sold to GALASSI. After the completion of the above deal, PANTELLINI refused to make any more deals with ASSOGNA, but introduced him to a PALMA Domenico from whom ASSOGNA purchased two-hundred thousandlire of counterfeit 1000-lire notes. This money was sold to GALASSI Arnaldo who, in turn, sold it to a man from the locality of Bari, Italy. On or about 25 March 1945, ASSOGNA was contacted by our informant ('CESARE') to whom he gave samples of the 1000-lire counterfeits. A deal was later arranged and on 5 April 1945 ASSOGNA gave "CESARE" one hundred false notes of 1000-lire denomination, for which he was paid 54,000 lire. Shortly after this, ASSOGNA, in company with GALASSI Arnaldo, was apprehended and all the bonafide currency together with an additional 98,000 lire in counterfeit notes, was found on his person. (See Incl. #1.)

8. On the evening of 26 March 1945, PANTELLINI Ercole, #8 Vicolo Domizio, Rome, was arrested and questioned by the undersigned agents. He declared that during the latter part of December 1944 he was asked by BERTAZZI Giulio, #3 Piazza S. Apollonia, Rome, to procure for him two-hundred and fifty counterfeit notes of 1000-lire denomination. It was known by BERTAZZI that PANTELLINI was friendly with BRIOTTI Celestino and a certain CUTRONI who were known to be dealers in counterfeit money. BRIOTTI was contacted by PANTELLINI and BRIOTTI, in turn, secured two-hundred and fifty of the counterfeit notes from CUTRONI, which money was consigned to BERTAZZI in the latter's home. Successively during the month of January 1945, PANTELLINI and BRIOTTI acted in securing a total of approximately 400,000 lire of the counterfeit currency from CUTRONI, which money was sold to BERTAZZI at the rate of 450 lire for each counterfeit 1000-lire note. PANTELLINI declared that he also acted in securing approximately 310,000 lire in counterfeit money from PALMA Domenico, #76 Via Farnesi, Rome, which money was sold to ASSOGNA Gaetano at the rate of 450 lire per counterfeit 1000-lire note. PANTELLINI secured the latter sum of counterfeit money from PALMA Domenico since CUTRONI had been arrested and imprisoned for making the counterfeit money. (See Incl. #2.)

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9. BRIOTTI Celestino, #96 Via Dei Caronari, Rome, when arrested and questioned by the undersigned agents, declared as follows: A friend of his, named CUTRONI Andrea, whom he knew to be making counterfeit money in the basement of the home of MAIALI Alfredo, Acqua Sparta, Rome, approached him during the first part of December 1944, telling him that he could furnish him with a quantity of the counterfeit money if he wished to engage in the sale of it. A few days later, BRIOTTI was asked by PANTELLINI Ercole to secure for him 250 of the 1000-lire counterfeit notes, which notes PANTELLINI intended to sell to BETTAZZI Giulio, #3 Piazza S. Apollonia, Rome. CUTRONI, BRIOTTI and PANTELLINI together went to the home of BETTAZZI where the two-hundred and fifty 1000-lire notes were sold to him for 475 lire each. BRIOTTI and PANTELLINI received 2,500 lire each as a commission. On subsequent occasions, PANTELLINI and BRIOTTI received approximately 710,000 lire in counterfeit 1000-lire notes from CUTRONI which were sold to BERTAZZI at the rate of 450 lire per 1000-lire counterfeit note. BRIOTTI stated that after CUTRONI had been arrested, PANTELLINI told him he had found a new source from which it was possible for him to procure counterfeit money, but BRIOTTI made no further deals from this time on. (See Incl. #3.)

10. BETTAZZI Giulio was arrested at his home at #3 Piazza S. Appolonia, Rome, and on questioning gave the follcwing statement. In November 1944 he was approached by PANTELLINI who told him that if he were interested, he (PANTELLINI) could furnish him with counterfeit 1000-lire notes. A few days later, BETTAZZI was approached by a stranger who invited him to a coffee-shop, saying he wanted to talk business with him. This man told him that he was from Bari and that he traveled a great deal and said that he could use counterfeit money. BETTAZZI was at first suspicious of the man, but after talking for some time, agreed to furnish the counterfeit money. BETTAZZI ordered two-hundred and fifty notes from PANTELLINI for delivery the same afternoon. The delivery was made by PANTELLINI, BRIOTTI and CUTRONI who gave the money directly to the Barese. BETTAZZI received 1000 lire for his dealings. Ten days later the Barese ordered another two-hundred notes which were brought this time by PANTELLINI and BRIOTTI. The Barese returned five or six more times, getting a total of an additional 300 counterfeit notes. BETTAZZI states that PANTELLINI and BRIOTTI paid him nothing but that the Barese gave him one thousand lire for each transaction. (See Incl. #4.)

11. On 13 April 1945 information was received by the undersigned agents that SCIUSCO Francesco, #3 Via Evandro, Rome, the person referred to by BETTAZZI as the "Barese," had returned to Rome. SCIUSCO was arrested and on questioning gave the following statement: He had sold some olive oil just before Christmas and received thirty-two 1000-lire notes of Allied Occupation Currency in payment. Shortly afterward he found that he had been paid in false currency. Therefore, he returned to the buyer who gave him good money for the counterfeit notes that SCIUSCO still held. SCIUSCO professed interest in the money and was told of a person called "Giulio" who might be able to tell him more about it. He traced "Giulio" and after much talking was able to procure fifty of the false bills, paying five-hundred lire for each 1000-lire note. All told, SCIUSCO purchased two-hundred fifty counterfeit notes from "Giulio." After his arrest, SCIUSCO identified BETTAZZI Giulio as the man he knew only as "Giulio." SCIUSCO further states that he disposed of the counterfeit money in Rome and Cerignola, and that part was given in payment to a man from Perugia for oil. (See Incl. #5.)

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12. PALMA Domenico, #76 Via Di Farnese, Rome, was then questioned. He stated that he has been an employee of the Rome Post Office for thirteen years and finding that he was unable to live on his pay, contacted a certain "Umberto" (FERRIGNI Umberto, #66 Via San Francesco di Sales, Rome), asking him if he could furnish him with counterfeit money. "Umberto" said that could do so. During the latter part of February 1945, PALMA contacted "Umberto" and received twenty-five counterfeit notes for which he paid three-hundred and fifty lire each. These he sold to PANTELLINI for four hundred lire per note. A few days later, PANTELLINI (who had originally dealt with CUTRONI) purchased another one hundred false notes for the same price. PALMA obtained these bills from Umberto. PANTELLINI later introduced PALMA to ASSOGNA who from that time on dealt directly with PALMA, disposing of PANTELLINI as a go-between. PALMA later sold ASSOGNA eighty 1000-lire notes for four-hundred lire each. Shortly before Easter an additional ten notes were sold ASSOGNA, and shortly after Easter, ASSOGNA requested PALMA to furnish two-hundred pieces of the counterfeit money. Going to contact Umberto, PALMA met his brother (Angelo PALMA, #72 Via San Francesco di Sales, Rome) who told him that ASSOGNA had contacted him, asking for two thousand counterfeit 1000-lire notes. At about 1000 hours on 5 April 1945, PALMA met Umberto as arranged and was given two-hundred counterfeit notes, which PALMA passed on to ASSOGNA in the presence of PALMA's brother, Angelo. After waiting for ASSOGNA to return and pay for the bills, he became impatient and went in search of him. Finding ASSOGNA at a wine shop in Piazzetta di Libraria, he was asked by ASSOGNA to wait another half-hour. When this time had elapsed, he again went to the wine-shop, but being unable to find either ASSOGNA or his wife, he went to his job at the Post Office where he was arrested by the undersigned. (See Incl. #6.)

13. A statement was then obtained from GALASSI Arnaldo, #7 Via Calamino, Rome, relating he had met one ASSOGNA Gaetano while returning from Siena, Italy, about 15 November 1944. ASSOGNA told him that if he ever wanted counterfeit money of 1000-lire denomination that he (ASSOGNA) could furnish them. ASSOGNA gave his address as #200 Via Giulia, Rome. About 20 December 1944, BUONGIORNO Luca, living at #5 Via Aspromonte, Bitonto (Province of Bari), Italy, came to him and asked if GALASSI knew of any person from whom he could get counterfeit currency. Recalling his conversation with ASSOGNA, GALASSI arranged a meeting and BUONGIORNO purchased one hundred counterfeit notes of 1000-lire from ASSOGNA, paying five-hundred lire for each note. Eight days later, BUONGIORNO returned and GALASSI arranged the purchase of an additional one-hundred notes for the same price. Late in February 1945, GALASSI was approached by a certain "Vito," also called "Il Barese," who wanted also to purchase counterfeit currency. ASSOGNA was contacted and "Il Barese" purchased eighty of the 1000-lire notes, paying five-hundred lire apiece. Another deal with a man known only as "Mario" resulted in "Mario"'s purchasing ten counterfeit notes for five-hundred lire each. A few days after Easter, GALASSI was approached by a man he knew only as "Cesare" who desired a large quantity of false currency. He introduced "Cesare" to ASSOGNA and a deal was arranged between them. On 5 April 1945 he was met by "Cesare" who asked him to accompany him to meet ASSOGNA to pick up some counterfeit money. GALASSI was arrested in company with ASSOGNA after the transaction was completed. (See Incl. #7.)

14. On 18 April 1945 the undersigned agents arrested BUONGIORNO Luca, #5 Via Aspromonte, at his home in Bitonto and the following declaration was made by him. While returning from Siena, BUONGIORNO stopped at the home of GALASSI

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Arnaldo in Rome where he was told that GALASSI could furnish him with counterfeit Allied currency in 1000-lire denominations. The price was to be six-hundred lire each. BUONGIORNO was impressed by the price and purchased ten of the notes. The counterfeit money was spent in Bitonto for the purchase of foodstuffs. Fifteen days later, BUONGIORNO returned to Rome and this time he purchased seventy counterfeit 1000-lire notes and thirty-three counterfeit 500-lire notes, paying eighty-six thousand five-hundred (86,500) lire for the total amount. These counterfeit notes were spent in Bitonto, Bari, Giovinazzo and Molfetta. About the middle of January 1945, BUONGIORNO returned to Rome and purchased an additional one-hundred false notes which he disposed of in the same manner and localities as he had previously done. BUONGIORNO stated that he dealt exclusively with GALASSI Arnaldo and does not know ASSOGNA. (See Incl. #8.)

15. Of the false money recovered, it is evident that there are two distinct types. The currency obtained from CUTRONI who had been arrested and is awaiting trial is listed on PMG Circular #6, dated 10 March 1945, as Type "F." A total of forty-eight pieces of 1000-lire denomination of this type were recovered and are being held in evidence. One-hundred and fifty pieces of a different origin, as yet not classified, were also recovered and are being held. All serial numbers have been listed. (See Incl. #9.)

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CONCLUSIONS:

From the statements and facts recorded in the foregoing investigation together with evidence obtained, it may be reasonably concluded that:

A.) CUTRONI Andrea, #195 Via di Caronari, Rome, presently under arrest for counterfeiting (the plates used by him having been already confiscated by police authorities), did manufacture a quantity of counterfeit Allied currency, some of which, not confiscated by police at the time of CUTRONI's arrest, was being purchased and sold by PANTELLINI Ercole, BRICTTI Celestino, ASSOGNA Gaetano, GALASSI Arnaldo, SCIUSCO Francesco, BETTAZZI Giulio, and BUONGIORNO Luca. This counterfeit currency is referred to as Type "F," by PMG Circular #6, dated 10 March 1945.

B.) FERRIGNI Umberto, #66 Via San Francesco Sales, Rome, still at large, is either one of the manufacturers of another type of counterfeit Allied currency or has been buying directly from the manufacturer and has been selling this type of counterfeit currency to PALMA Angelo, who is also still at large, his brother, PALMA Domenico, as well as to PANTELLINI Ercole and ASSOGNA Gaetano.

C.) The above-mentioned group of men acted together in effecting the distribution of at least 1,370,000 lire of counterfeit Allied Currency, and all have been denounced to the Italian civil authorities in Rome for violation of Article #453 C.P.C. and Article #81 of the same Italian Law.

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ENCLOSURES:

1. Statement of ASSOGNA Gaetano.
2. Statement of PANTELLINI Ercole.
3. Statement of BRICTTI Celestino.
4. Statement of BETTAZZI Giulio.
5. Statement of SCIUSCO Francesco.
6. Statement of PALMA Domenico.
7. Statement of GALASSI Arnaldo.
8. Statement of BUONGIORNO Luca.
9. List of serial numbers of confiscated bills.

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DECLARATION

VARBAL PROCESS of interrogation of ASSOGNA Gaetano of the late Enrico and of Paraccini Ersilia, born in Rome the 30/12/1899, there resident in Via Giulia #200, int. 3, fruit-seller.

On the 7th of April 1945 in Rome at the office of the CID US Army in Via S. Vitale, at 1700 hours.

In front of us, Brigadier BARONE Giovanni, of the investigating squad of the judicial police of the CC.RR. of Bari, assigned to the CID, Bari, assisted by the agents of the CID, BURDEN William and Mr. DOYLE John, and by the interpreter of the CID Fedor NEMIROVSKY, and present ASSOGNA Gaetano, in the subject generalized, who upon being questioned, declares:

For many years I know a certain LILLI or LILLACCIO. On or about the month of November 1944 I went a day at the Via dei Coronari in Rome and met there LILLI, In a conversation he told me that he had counterfeit thousand lire notes and also 500 lire notes for sale. He asked me if I needed some of them and if I would be able to place some of them easily. I answered that I would interess myself about the matter.

I could not sell the notes in Rome and therefore I took profit of a trip I had to undertake to Siena. Together with my friend Carlom whom I do not know better, but who lives in Via delle Grotte, we took 70 notes of 100 counterfeit lire notes from the said LILLI. I took 20 and Carlo took 50. I paid 500 lire each, Carlo paid 525 each. On my trip back I met Galassi Arnaldo, called Nando, and I showed him one of the seven counterfeit notes I had left after my purchase in Siena. I told him that I would be ready to furnish him such notes in case he needed them. GALASSI was accompanied on his trip by his brother, whose name I do not know, and his brother assisted at all our conversation.

I got a request from GALASSI and his brother for 40 pieces 1000 lire notes for account of a Barese, whose name I don't know, and I went to the house of a certain LILLI, who lives at Via Domizio. LILLI gave me the 40 counterfeit notes the next day, i.e., about the first days of January. The delivery occurred at Piazza Pollarola. Immediately after I got the notes, I handed them over to the GALASSI brothers and they paid me 500 lire for each note. I had paid to LILLI 475 for each of the counterfeit notes.

After about 15 days the brothers GALASSI called on me and told me that "the Barese" had returned and needed another 100 notes counterfeit lires. I answered to wait for a day because I had to call on the man who furnished it to me. I went to LILLI and ordered 100 pieces of 48 counterfeit 1000 lire notes. LILLI told me to return the following morning and I shall find the money ready. So I returned the following morning according to our agreement, at the Piazza Pollarolla and LILLI gave me there 103 pieces of counterfeit notes. The 103 pieces consisted of 70 one thousand lire notes and 33 five hundred lire notes. At that time I paid to LILLI 450 lire for each thousand conterfeit once and sold them for 500 lire for each counterfeit one.

As in earlier transactions between me and LILLI and me and the GALASSI brothers, this one too had taken place at the Piazza Pollarola.

After another fifteen days, the GALASSI brothers called on me again, stating that the "barese" had returned and needed another 100 notes of counterfeit thousand lire notes. In the same way I went to LILLI and

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requested them from him but he replied that he was without and unable to satisfy me. I remonstrated with LILLI and he told me not to worry for he would present to me a friend of his, who could furnish me what I needed. At the same time he asked me to come to the Piazza Pollarola the next morning. The GALASSI brothers tried to persuade me that the "barese" had to leave for his town but the stuff was not ready so I told them to wait for a couple of days. I returned to the place of the appointment and it was there that LILLI presented me a certain PALMA Domenico called"Memmo". After we explained to Memmo what was all about he took an envelop with 100 notes of counterfeit 1000 lire from his pocket and handed it over to LILLI. LILLI and I left and on the way LILLI gave me the 100 counterfeit notes which he got from PALMA. I went to the wineshop at Piazza Pollarola where I found the brothers GALASSI and gave them the counterfeit notes Which I had received from LILLI. I have to declare that in all three transactions between me and the GALLASSI brothers, for the account of the "barese" I never had the opporutnity to see him (the barese).

Somewhere during the first half of February GALASSI Arnaldo called on me again. That time he was in company of a man whom I do not know, and ordered me 80 pieces of counterfeit 1000 lire notes. This time, instead of calling on LILLI I went straight to the house of PALMA Domenico and upon my request he gave me the 80 notes, which I handed over to GALASSI. At this circumstances PALMA collected from me 450 lire for each note and I resold them to GALASSI for 500 lire each.

Subsequently GALASSI Arnaldo returned and asked me to find him another 10 counterfeit 1000 lire notes. In the same way, as before, I went to the house of PALMA Domenico and obtained from the same what GALASSI wanted. I gave the notes to GALASSI.

At that time I did not get, for some time, any request of that kind, and my activity stopped fo a while. During that time PALMA Domenico used often to call on me at my selling place in Via dei Ciubonari. Domenico used to come accompanied by his brother Angelo, who is limping a little bit, asking me always about the purchase of counterfeit notes. PALMA Domenico related me, during this visit, that the man who was printing the counterfeit notes, has been arrested, the factory distructed, and that he had ordered not sell out the remaining counterfeit notes. During another visit of his, PALMA stated that the man in charge of the selling of the remaining counterfeit notes, had received order to sell them out.

About 8 days before Easter 1945 called on me GALASSI Arnaldo accompanied by a certain Cesare, whom he presented to me, and asked me for four counterfeit 1000 lire notes as samples. I promised to procure it for them, and went to the house of PALMA. PALMA had the notes ready and geve me ten of them. I returned to the wineshop in Via dei Librari, where GALASSI and CESARE were waiting for me, and I gave them the ten counterfeit notes which I got a while ago for PALMA. They paid me 5000 lire for the counterfeit notes.

Before leaving, CESARE asked me if I would be willing to procure him a certain amount of this notes, because there were some persons who could sell them to the occupied territories. After a few days

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CESARE returned to me and requested from me four or five millions in counterfeit lire notes. I answered him that I would interest myself insofar that I had to ask the man who furnished them to me. In fact I asked PALMA if he could give me such a quantity and PALMA answered me: "Don't worry, there are enough of them, I'll take care of this".

I reported this to CESARE adding that the stuff would be ready after Eastern. Therefore CESARE and another man in his company (wearing dark eyeglasses) went away. A few days after Memmo's brother, PALMA Angelino passed my place and wearily he urged the purchase of the ordered notes. I answered him that I had an appointment with the people interested after Easter. In fact, the 3 of this month, CESARE came to me stating that the persons, by him represented, are ready to withdraw the stuff in small amount of 100 thousand lire at the time. I agreed and made an appointment for tomorrow at 10 o'clock in front of my stall at Via dei Giubonari,

On the 4th at 10 o'clock, CESARE returned, and as the stuff was not ready yet, he left me, as earnest the amount of 10.000 lire.

I went immediately to the home of PALMA Domenico at Via Farnesi #76 but he was not home. Returned afterwards at about 1400 hours, I found PALMA and told him that I needed 200 pieces of thousand lire notes (counterfeit) for the 5th t.m. at 10 o'clock. As agreed upon at the fixed time, I found PALMA Domenico and his brother Angelo at the Piazza Monte di Pieta and they handed me over the 200 notes which had been requested by me. A few minutes after I went to the wineshop on Piazza Librari where CESARE and GALASSI Arnaldo were waiting for me. I showed to CESARE the 200 counterfeit notes. He (CESARE) took only 100. I have to specify that CESARE left me 44,000 lire, which together with the 10,000 which I got as earnest, made the total amount of 54,000 lire.

CESARE added that I should preserve for him the remaining 100 counterfeit notes for half an hour, so he would have time to go to the bank and withdraw the necessary sum. He left me 4000 lire as option.

To avoid coming to and from the wineshop and my stall, I prefered to stay with GALASSI Arnaldo waiting for CESARE to return and to withdraw the remaining counterfeit notes. During we discussed the matter, PALMA Domenico entered the wineshop and very angry, said to me: "BE" with a motion of his hand which had to showme that he could not wait any longer in view of the long time passed since he had given me the counterfeit notes.

I answered to PALMA to wait for a while because the man would not fail to return.

Immediately after the Police broke into the whineshop and arrested me and GALASSI. They perquisitioned me immediately. In my left pants pocket they found the 44,000 lire (good money) which I got from CESARE a little while ago. In my right pants pocket they found the amount of 100,000 lire in counterfeit notes of thousand each.

A.t.Q.: PALMA Domenico sold me the counterfeit one thousand lire notes for 450 lire each. I resold them for 500 lire each.

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A.t.Q.: The 10,000 lire which I got from CESARE on the 4th of this month as earnest, I gave the 5th to my wife and I don't know what she did with the money when she learned that I was about to be arrested.

A.t.Q.: I don't know who was making the counterfeit notes and I don't know wherefrom PAIMA Domenico usually used to withdraw the money. The counterfeit notes of thousand and five hundred, which I sold, as I stated before, were furnished to me exclusively by PAIMA Domenico, his brother Angelino and LILLI.

I have nothing else to add and in faith after reading the above and confirming same, I undersign.

/s/ assogna gaetano
/s/ william burden, CID
/s/ john doyle, CID
/s/ dr. fedor nemirovsky
/s/ barone giovanni, Brigadier

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

DECLARATION

Protocol regarding the interrogatory of PANTELLINI Ercole, son of the late Alfredo and the late Corvesi Candita, born in Rome the 27-1-1913, residing there at #8 Vicolo Domizio, ice-cream dealer.

In the year 1945, on the 8 April, in Rome in the office of the CID in Via S. Vitale, at 1800 hours.

Before us BARONE Giovanni, brigadier of the CC.RR. of the Investigative Squad of P.G. of the internal Coy CC.RR.of Bari, assigned to the office of the CID of this town, assisted by the CID Agents Mr. DOYLE and BURDEN William, as well as by the interpreter of the CID Dr. Edor NEMIROVSKY, there is present:

PANTELLINI Ercole, generalized in object, who, on being interrogated, replies:

Since my childhood I know BRIOTTI Celestino, residing in Via dei Coronari #97 or 95, and in the last time I was informed that he traded in counterfeit money. In the first days of last December, I was approahhed by a certain BERTAZZI Giulio, who asked me to get him 250 pieces of counterfeit 1000 lire notes, as he knew that I was in friendly terms with a certain CEDRONI, a well-known money-counterfeiter. Though being a friend of the latter I did not enjoy his confidence, and therefore I was obliged to address myself to BRIOTTI, because this man withdrew counterfeit notes from CEDRONI. In fact, BRIOTTI procured me 250 counterfeit notes of lire 1000, and as, he too, was suspicious, I, CEDRONI and BRIOTTI went to the lodging of BERTAZZI, situated in Via S. Apollonia #13, and CEDRONI delivered BERTAZZI himself the before said amount. As I had procured this business and had transfered its handling to BRIOTTI, CEDRONI gave at this time 4000 lire to each one of us. After about a fortnight afterwards, BERTAZZI returned again to me and gave me an additional order of 200 counterfeited notes of lire 1000. I communicated this order to BRIOTTI and the next day we went together once more to the lodging of BERTAZZI and handed him the sum he had requested. At this occasion we earned 5000, which I divided with BRIOTTI.

Subsequently, and this happened during January 1945, BERTAZZI gave me six or seven additional orders for a total of 3-400 counterfeit 1000 lire notes. I supplied the quantities asked for by BERTAZZI, and as I had made with BRIOTTI a society partnership, the counterfeit notes were brought to the lodging of BERTZZI either by myself, or by BRIOTTI.

I can affirm without any fear to tell a lie, that BRIOTTI had always withdrawn the counterfeit 1000 lire notes from CEDRONI, paying him 400 lire for each note of 1000, whereas we sold them at lire 450 for each 1000 lire note.

I knew also a certain Caetano very well, whom you call ASSOGNA Caetano and also this person, before Christmas 1944, requested me to supply him counterfeit 1000 lire notes, which I ppovided for. He gave me several additional orders, which I fulfilled. As a total I have supplied ASSOGNA 70 - 40 - 100 counterfeit 1000 lire notes. The last sum, however, was not supplied to me by BRIOTTI, but by a certain PAIMA Domenico, nicknamed Memmo.

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I have to specify that the ₰103 notes consisted of 1000 and 500 lire notes.

I withdrew 100 counterfeit 1000 lire notes from Memmo, because in the meantime CEDRONI had been imprisoned and, consequently, neither I, nor BRIOTTI could get any more notes. PALMA too sold me 1000 lire notes at 400 lire apiece, while I sold them again at 450 lire. Whereas the counterfeit notes have been delivered to BERTAZZI in his lodging, those given to ASSOGNA partly I delivered in BERTAZZI's lodging, partly in Piazza Pollarola.

I have nothing to add and in confirmation of my above statement I sign it with a cross, because being an illiterate.

/s/ x
Sign of a cross of Pantellini Ercole
/s/ william burden
/s/ john doyle
/s/ dr. fedor nemirovsky
/s/ barone giovanni, Brigadier

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DECLARATION .

Verbal process of interrogation of BRIOTTI Celestino fu Semplice and of Carletti Giulia, born in Rome the 18/3/1910, there resident in Via Dei Coronari #96 int. 8, contractor.

The year 1945 on the 9 April in Rome at the office of the CID in Via S. Vitale at 1200 hours.

Before us Brigadier BARONE Giovenni, of the investigation squadron of the judicial police of the intern Company CC.RR. of Bari, assigned to the CID of the same town, assisted by the CID Agents of the said office Mr. BURDEN William and Mr. DOYLE John,and the interpreter of the CID Bari, Mr. Fedor NEMIROVSKY, and present BRIOTTI Celeste fu Semplicio, in subject gemeralized, upon being questioned, answers:

In the sportive circles of this town, time ago, I met a certain CUTRONI Andrea, at the time detained at Regina Coeli, for fabrication and spending false money. On about the first days of December 1944 I met CUTRONI who told me that in case I needed false notes, he was ready to furnish them to me. A few days after I was approached by a certain PANTELLINI Ercole, who, knowing that CUTRONI was selling counterfeit notes, could not get them because he was not trusted by CUTRONI. PANTELLINI knew me to be CUTRONI's friend and therefore he asked me to get the counterfeit notes for him. And in facts, I approached CUTRONI then asking him 250 counterfeit 1000 lire notes for the account of PANTELLINI. CUTRONI did not trust me, he liked to be present himself and in facts, we went all three of us to the house of Giulio, whom I only now know to be BETTAZZI Giulio, and there CUTRONI handed over to him 250 one thousand lire notes (counterfeit). In view of the, by us procured business, CUTRONI gave 2000 lire to me and 2000 lire to PANTELLINI. Subsequently, PANTELLINI ordered another 200,000 counterfeit lire and I got the said money from CUTRONI. Together with PANTELLINI, CUTRONI and I called another time on BETAZZI and handed him over the said amount. I wish to specify that CUTRONI sold to me the false notes for 450 lire each and I was selling them to BETAZZI for 475 lire each. So PANTELLINI and I made 2500 lire for each other.

Subsequently PANTELLINI ordered from me, on six or seven occasions 300 counterfeit 1000 lire notes. The said amounts I got always from CUTRONI and handed them over to PANTELLINI, who, in turn, gave it to BETAZZI, who was the one who ordered it. The sums were paid to CUTRONI at a rate of 450 lire for each counterfeit note, and resold by PANTELLINI for 475 lire each. I have to declare, however, that, although I had to split the 25 lire we made with PANTELLINI, he, (PANTELLINI) did not pay me anything for the last 200000 counterfeit lire consigned to him. In view of this I did not pay to CUTRONI either for the last 200 counterfeit notes we got. I knew positively, because CUTRONI had told me, that the counterfeits were not made by him, but by MAIALI Alfredo in a cellar at the Acqua Sparta of this town (Rome). CUTRONI undertook a trip to Siena with the aim of selling counterfeit money, but being arrested by the police, his activity was suspended. I understood that the plates for the counterfeit money were sequestrated and the accomplices of CUTRONI arrested.

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Before leaving for Siena, CUTRONI told me that he was not willing to furnish me any more counterfeits because he was making more money selling them in different towns outside of Rome.

He added that he was going to Siena because over there he could buy goods and the counterfeit had the value of good notes.

One day in the month of February 1945, PANTELLINI ordered from me 100 counterfeit one thousand lire notes and told me afterwards he had sold them to a certain CACCIAMANO.

After I heard of the arrest of CUTRONI and his accomplices, I did not want to have anything to do with the selling of counterfeit notes any more and moreover I was afraid of being arrested myself.

When I afterwards met PANTELLINI he told me once that he had found another source wherefrom he could obtain counterfeit notes. He, however, did not tell me anything more, nor did he give me the names of people involved.

I have nothing else to add, and in faith of the above, after reading it, I confirm and undersign.

/s/ briotti celestino
/s/ william burden, CID
/s/ john doyle, CID
/s/ dr. fedor nemirovsky,
/s/ barone giovanni, Brigadiere

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VERBAL Process of interrogation of BETTAZZI Giulio of the late Stefano and the late Burgarini Angelico, born in Rome the 28/10/1893, there resident at Piazza S. Appolonia #3, fruit-seller.

On the 9th of April 1945 in Rome at the office of the American CID in Via S. Vitale at 1500 hours.

Before us BARONE Giovanni Brigadier of the investigating squad of the judicial police of Bari of the internal Comp. CC.RR. attached to the CID of Bari, assisted by the CID Agents BURDEN William and DOYLE John and the CID interpreter Dr. Fedor NEMIROVSKY, and present BETTAZZI Giulio of the late Stefano, in the object generalized, who, upon being questioned states:

On the month of November 1944, a certain LILLACCIO approached me and told me that, in case I could use them, he would be able to furnish me counterfeit notes. A few days later, I was sitting in front of my house, when I was approached by an unknown individual who asked me if my name was Giulio. When I confirmed this, he invited me to a nearby coffee shop for a cup of coffee because he had to speak to me about business. I followed him into the coffee shop, and after he told me that he was from Bari and a merchant, who was travelling very much for business he said that he could use counterfeit money. As I did not know him, I was suspicious and answered him that I didn't know anything and was not willing to interest myself about the matter. But he repeated many times that he was a man of business and shaking hands with me, he tried to convince me that I could have full confidence in him. It was then that I remembered what LILLACCIO had told me before, called on him and ordered 250,000 counterfeit lire ~~the~~ for the account of the "Barese". In facts, as I had told to LILLACCI to bring the counterfeit notes to my house, the same afternoon, LILLACCIO called on me, accompagnied by a certain CUTRONI Andrea and BRIOTTI Celeste, who after meeting the Barese, handed to him the counterfeit notes ordered by me. On that occassion I got 1000 lire from the Barese.

After about ten days the "Barese" called on me again and ordered from me 200,000 counterfeit lire. In the same way as before, I made the second transaction only that this time the sum was brought to my house by BRIOTTI and PANTELLINI alone. Subsequently the "Barese" presented himself five or six times at my house ordering altogether about 300,000 counterfeit lire, which he always obtained. For the transactions the "Barese"always gave me 1000 lire. I got nothing from BRIOTTI or PANTELLINI inspite of the fact that it was I who procured the business. After that I did not interest myself anymore about the matter.

I have nothing else to add and in faith of the above, after reading it and confirming, I undersign.

/s/ bettazzi giulio
/s/ john doyle
/s/ william burden
/s/ dr. fedor nemirovsky,
/s/ barone giovanni, br.

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VERBAL PROCESS of interrogation of SCIUSCO Francesco, son of the late Giacomo and of Grieco Grazia, born in Cerignola on the 10th of August 1902, residing at #3 Via Evandro, intern #6, Rome, bricklayer.

On the 13th of April 1945, in the office of the American CID, Via S. Vitale, Rome, at 1100 hours.

Before us BARONE Giovanni, Brig. of the investigating squad of the CC.RR. internal company of Bari, in detachment with the Bari CID, assisted by Mr. John DOYLE and Mr. William BURDEN, Agents of CID, and Mr. Fedor Nemirovsky, interpreter Bari CID, SCIUSCO Francesco, son of the late Giacomo, above generalized, upon being questioned, answers:

Before Christmas 1944 I sold some oil to a person from Trastevere for 31,500 lire. He gave me thirty-two 1000 lire notes, Allied Military money of occupation, and I gave him 800 lire change. I spent about half of said notes, in good faith, to purchase goods for my family, but one day I entered a store and was about to pay with a 100 lire note, given me by the person who bought the oil, when the store-keeper, who was a woman, told me that the note I was handling her was counterfeit. I then became interested in letting somebody take a look at the remaining notes, given me in Trastevere, and I was told that they were counterfeit.

I then went to Trastevere to seek for the unknown person, who had given me them, and once I found him I told him the matter. At first he insisted on saying that they were good, but he ended up by changing those I had, and that is 15. When he finished doing so, I asked him who would have some and he indicated me a person by the name of Giulio. I traced this man and asked him if he had some counterfeit notes. He asked me who had sent me to him and I answered that it was a person who wells oil on Piazza S. Maria di Trastevere. First of all he asked me if he could trust me, and when I told him he could, he took out of his wallet a 1000 lire note, occupation-type, counterfeit, and he showed it to me. I liked it and ordered about 50 of them. As soon as Giulio received the order, he left, telling me to wait in those vicinities; but Giulio returned at about 1230 hours with another person on a bicyle. As soon as the latter handed Giulio a small package, he left. Giulio then called me and gave me 50 (fifty) 1000 lire notes, Allied Military occupation-type, counterfeit. About 10 days later I returned to Giulio and made another request for 50 counterfeit notes. Just as the previous time, with the same modalities, he gave me 50,000 lire counterfeit, of the same type, and this time I paid 500 lire for each 1000 lire counterfeit note.

About 10 or 12 days later I again returned to Giulio and as before I obtained 50 (fifty) 1000 lire counterfeit notes, paying 500 lire for each note. Following that and for the last time I returned to Giulio, and with the same modalities as before and at the same time, I asked and obtained hundred 1000 lire counterfeit notes, Allied Military occupation-type. This time also I paid 500 lire for each counterfeit note.

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Reply to questions:

Only now I know that the person, by me called Giulio and who furnished me with the 1000 lire counterfeit notes, is named BETTAZZI Giulio.

It is not true that I gave BETTAZZI 1000 lire for every request of counterfeit notes, with which he furnished me. I paid this man, as I said above, 550 lire for each of the first 50 notes and 500 lire each for the others.

It is true that all operations were carried out inside his habitation. Withe exception of the first time, when I saw the person on the bicyle, who gave him the small package, containing the counterfeit notes, I haven't seen anybody and the operations were always carried out by us two.

The 1000 lire counterfeit notes, which I received from BETTAZZI, I ppent part in Rome, part in Ceri nola, where I used to proceed to purchase various goods, and I gave part to a person from Perugia who furnished me with some oil ~~xx~~ in one of his occasions in coming to Rome.

I have nothing else to add, and in faith of the above , I undersign, after having read and confirmed the above.

/s/ sciusco francesco
/s/ john doyle, CID
/s/ william burden, CID
/s/ fedor nemirovsky
/s/ barone giovanni, V. Brig.

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PROTOCOL regarding the interrogation of PALMA Domenico, son of the late Vittorio and of the late CAFFARI Teresa, born in Rome the 22 February 1913, residing there in Via Dei Farnesi #76, Int. #6, a postal official.

In the year 1945, on 9 April, in Rome at the Office of the C.I.D. in Via S. Vitale, at 1730 hours,
Before us, Brigadier BARONE Giovanni, belonging to the Investigative Squadron of the Judiciary Police of the Internal Company, Carabinieri Reali of Bari, assigned to the C.I.D. of that city, assisted by the agents of the said American Police, John DOYLE and William BURDEN, as well as the Interpreter of the C.I.D. of Bari, Dr. Fedor NEMIROVSKY, there is present PALMA Domenico, generalized above, who, on being interrogated, declares as follows:

For over thirteen years I have been an official of the local Royal Post Office, and in recent times, not being able to live on my pay, I met, in the first days of February a certain Umberto who has his residence in Via S. Francesco di Sales, and I asked him if he could provide me some counterfeit money, since I was unable to live on what I was earning from my employment. He answered me that he would look into the matter, and subsequently he would inform me. About twenty days after our meeting (not having seen Umberto any more), I went to his residence, asking him if he were willing to supply me counterfeited notes. This time he told me to return the next day and in the meantime he would try to procure the money. I returned the next day according to our appointment and asked him if he had obtained the twenty-five counterfeited 1000-lire notes. He told me to be at Piazza Panico about 1600 o'clock and he would bring the money there. In fact, at time agreed upon, the said Umberto handed me the counterfeited notes I had requested and I paid him three-hundred fifty lire for each note of 1000-lire denomination.

I handed this sum to a certain Lilli who was also trading in false money, as the man who previously had supplied him with money had been arrested in the meanwhile, and as he had requested me to do so. I earned a profit of 1,250 lire by selling each note at 400 lire.

Some days afterwards, Lilli asked me for an additional one-hundred notes of 1000-lire, which I obtained from the aforesaid Umberto at the same price, and I handed Lilli the sum in Piazza Pollarola. On this occasion, Lilli introduced me to a certain ASSOGNA Gaetano. We all three met one evening in a wine-shop located in Piazza Pollarola and at this time, ASSOGNA, calling me aside, asked me if I could supply him with counterfeit notes without directing himself to Lilli. I replied to him affirmatively and the conversation ended for that evening. Some fifteen days afterwards, ASSOGNA came to see me and told me that he needed eighty counterfeit 1000-lire notes. I went to Umberto from whom I ordered and received eight counterfeit 1000-lire notes which I handed to ASSOGNA who paid me four-hundred lire apiece.

Some days before Easter, ASSOGNA told me that he needed another ten 1000-lire notes, and this time too, Umberto supplied them to me and I handed them to ASSOGNA in the presence of my brother, Angelino, in Piazza Monte di Pieta. On this occasion he told me that he needed additional money.

Reply to Question:

It is not true that ASSOGNA asked me for four or five million lire in counterfeit money. When ASSOGNA told me that he needed a certain quantity of counterfeit money, I replied, "All right."

Some days after Easter, 1945, ASSOGNA came again to see me and told me that he needed two-hundred counterfeit 1000-lire notes. On the same evening I went

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into the lodging of Umberto to pass him the orders, and in a wine-shop at a little distence from the lodging of Umberto and of my brother I met the latter who told me that he had met ASSOGNA and that ASSOGNA had asked him for two thousand counterfeit notes of 1000-lire. I replied that I knew this, as the latter had seen me.

Evidently ASSOGNA had been first at my brother's and then had visited me. In fact, on the 5th instant, at about 1000 hours, according to our appointment, Umberto brought to the Piazza Monte di Pieta the two-hundred counterfeit 1000-lire notes. Subsequently ASSOGNA came and I consigned to him all counterfeited notes in the presence of my brother, Angelino. I was impatient, as ASSOGNA had told me to wait for him at the same place, as he would immediately return as soon as he would have handed the counterfeited notes to the person who had ordered them, and pay me the price of the notes. As ASSOGNA stayed away, I went into the wine-shop, located in the Piazzetta dei Librari, to press him. The latter told me to wait half an hour more. I waited again, but ASSOGNA did not come, and therefore, I decided to go to his sales-counter, situated on Vei dei Giubbonari, but I did not find either ASSOGNA or his wife. I thought they had gone away, and then I decided to go to my office, delaying in this manner the payment by ASSOGNA until the afternoon of the same day. While still in my office, the American Police came and apprehended me.

I have nothing to add. In confirmation of my above statement, and after having read and confirmed it, I undersign.

/s/ palma, domenico
/s/ william burden
/s/ john doyle
/s/ barone, giovanni
/s/ dr. fedor nemirovsky

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PROCESS of the Interrogation of GALASSI Arnaldo, son of Oreste and DeANGELIS Eruosia, born in Rome, 28 December 1909, residing there at #7 Via Calamino, a hydraulic worker.

In the year 1945, the 10 April, in Rome, in the Office of the American C.I.D., Via S. Vitale, at 1100 hours,

Before us, Brigadier BARONE Giovanni, belonging to the Investigative Squadron of the Judiciary Police of the Internal Company, Carabinieri Reali, in Bari, assigned to the American C.I.D. of said city, assisted by Agents Mr. John DOYLE and William BURDEN, as well as by the Interpreter, Dr. F. NEMIROVSKY, all three belonging to the C.I.D. of Bari at #6 Via de Giosa, there is present GALASSI Arnaldo, in object generalized, who, on being interrogated, replies as follows:

On about the 15th of November 1944, having to pay a visit to my sister residing in Siena, I went to that city with the intention also of making some acquisitions. While returning, I became acquainted with a certain ASSOGNA Gaetano who told me that if I needed counterfeited notes of 1000-lire, he would be willing to supply me such money. I replied that should I need such money, I would think of it. Meanwhile ASSOGNA gave me his address: #200 Via Giulia.

About the 20th of next December, a certain BUONGIORNO Luca from Bitonto came into my residence, whom I have known for some time and he asked me if I knew some person having counterfeit notes. Remembering what ASSOGNA had told me, I presented BUONGIORNO to him and they came to an agreement. The latter asked and obtained from ASSOGNA one-hundred counterfeit notes of 1000-lire, for which he paid a price of five-hundred lire apiece. About eight days afterwards, BUONGIORNO returned to me and told me that he needed more false money. Also this time I accompanied him to ASSOGNA whom we found (as on the first time at the Piazza Pollarola) and BUONGIORNO obtained from ASSOGNA, under the same conditions as the first instance, an additional 100,000 lire, the whole sum in counterfeited 1000-lire notes.

During the last days of last February I was approached by a certain Vito, nicknamed "Il Barese," who asked me if I could get him some counterfeit money. I accompanied him to ASSOGNA, informing the latter of the affair. He told us to return the following day and in the meantime he would prepare the counterfeit notes. In fact, we returned at the said time and ASSOGNA delivered to Vito ("Il Barese") the sum of 80,000 lire in 1000-lire denomination notes, and the latter paid him five-hundred lire apiece. About 15 March I was approached by a certain Mario whom I did not know precisely and who perhaps had heardsomething about the matter of the counterfeited money. He asked me to get him some ten notes. I accompanied the latter to ASSOGNA who, on being informed, told us to return the next day. We returned and Mario withdrew from ASSOGNA ten notes of 1000-lire against the payment of a total of 5,000 lire.

For my mediation in the various requests for counterfeit notes I have never earned anything. Only Vito ("Il Barese") gave me a bottle containing one liter of oil.

A few days after Easter, an acquaintance of mine, named Cesare, came to me and asked me if I could supply him counterfeited notes, as he needed a large amount. I refused, stating that I did not wish to get into trouble, but upon his insistence I yielded and finally accompanied him to ASSOGNA for an agreement between them. Cesare told ASSOGNA that he needed ~~at~~ 500,000 lire of counterfeit money, but, as he had a companion, he would show him samples and in the meantime asked two samples to give him. ASSOGNA replied to him that he could not give him two notes, but if he wanted ten, he would be willing to supply him with them. Cesare replied, "All right, I will take them." After this conversation, ASSOGNA went away and returned after about a quarter of an hour, bringing the ten counterfeit 1000-lire notes. Cesare, immediately after having taken possession of the ten notes, paid five thousand lire and we left him on the 5th in-

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stant, while at Piazza Monte Sacro I was approached by Cesare who asked me what I was doing. I replied that I had some business to do, but he asked me to accompany him, as he had to go to ASSOGNA to withdraw the counterfeit money. We went to Piazza dei Librari and on arriving there, Cesare spoke with ASSOGNA in my presence about what they had agreed upon on the preceding day. ASSOGNA said to wait for him until 1030 o'clock, as at this time the person bringing the counterfeit notes was to arrive. In order not to remain in the street, Cesare and I went to a wine-shop to have our lunch where we were apprehended. After about half an hour ASSOGNA came with the money but as Cesare at this time did not have enough money, hetook only one hundred counterfeited notes of 1000-lire, stating that he would return after half an hour to take the additional 100,000 and paying 40,000 lire, because on the previous day ASSOGNA had received 10,000 lire as an earnest payment. In the meantime, he paid him 4,000 lire as an earnest for the additional one hundred counterfeit notes, which were already in possession of ASSOGNA.

Cesare went away and I remained in the wineshop with ASSOGNA in expectation of Cesare's return, but after some ten minutes the Italian and American Police arrived and apprehended us.

I have nothing to add and as a confirmation of my above statement, I sign after having read and confirmed.

/s/ galassi, arnaldo
/s/ william burden
/s/ john doyle
/s/ dr. fedor nemirovsky
/s/ barone, giovanni

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VERBAL PROCESS of interrogation of BUONGIORNO Luca, son of Pasquale and ROMANO Giovanna, born at Bitonto, 16 August 1909, there resident at #5 Via Aspromonte, a merchant.

On 18 April 1945 at the Office of the American C.I.D. at #47 Via Garruba, Bari, at 1530 hours,

Before us, SAPONARO Armando, Maresciallo-Maggiore, Commander of Investigative Squadron of the Judiciary Police of the Internal Company of the Royal Carabinieri of Bari, assigned to the C.I.D., assisted by Vice Brigadier BARONE, Giovanni, and by C.I.D. Agents William BURDEN and John DOYLE, and the C.I.D. Interpreter Fedor NEMIROVSKY, there is present BUONGIORNO Luca, in subject generalized, who, questioned, declares:

During the first days of December 1944, after obtaining a permit, I went to Siena to purchase some goods. My business did not have satisfactory results and therefore I stopped on my way back for a few days in Rome at the house of GALASSI Arnaldo, living at #7 Via Calimino. On one occasion, GALASSI asked me if I would change for him a2thousand-lire notes. I agreed, and as I was ready to give him the change, GALASSI said, "Wait a minute. I don't want to embroil you." I was wondering why, but GALASSI explained to me that these notes of 1000-lire type, Allied Military currency, were counterfeit. GALASSI added that he could give me, if I needed them, not only the two once, but also others for the price of 600 lire for each counterfeit note. Astonished by the price, I agreed and GALASSI gave me ten notes of 1000-lire denomination, all counterfeit, and I paid to GALASSI 6,000 lire.

After I got the counterfeit notes, I left for Bitonto and there I spent them buying foodstuffs.

After fifteen days I returned to Rome and visited the home of GALASSI, Arnaldo, also because his brother, Renato, was engaged to my sister, Anna. Immediately, GALASSI Arnaldo asked me how I made out with the counterfeit notes, and upon my answer that I spent them all, he proposed that I buy one-hundred notes of the same counterfeit type. I objected to the large amount, but GALASSI said that he would be ready to take the remaining notes back in case I should not be able to spend them. So it developed that GALASSI Arnaldo, before I left Rome, gave me seventy 1000-lire notes (counterfeit) and thirty-three 500-lire notes (also counterfeit) for the total amount of 86,500 lire. For these notes I paid to GALASSI the price of 650 lire for each counterfeit 1000-lire note.

Arriving at Bitonto, I got to work to spend the counterfeit notes and in the same manner as before I was able to dispose of them buying goods at Bitonto, Bari, Giovinazzo, Molfetta. I have to specify that under the expression, "goods," I understand foodstuffs, as for instance, beans, bread, fruit, etc.

About the middle of January 1945 I went again to Rome and again I visited GALASSI's home. In the same way as during the second transaction, GALASSI Arnaldo gave me about another one hundred notes of counterfeit 1000-lire denomination and I paid him 650 lire for each counterfeit 1000-lire note. Returning to Bitonto, I was able to spend all the counterfeit notes which I had obtained from GALASSI in the same manner and at the same places as previously.

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Answer to Question:

It is not true that I got some 1000- or 500-lire counterfeit notes from anyone else. They have been always and exclusively given to me by GALASSI Arnaldo in his home in Rome at #7 Via Calimino. It is not true that GALASSI presented to me a certain ASSOGNA Gaetano, because the said person is absolutely unknown to me.

I have nothing else to add, and in faith to the above, I undersign:

/s/ buongiorno, luca
/s/ saponaro, armando
/s/ barone, giovanni
/s/ burden, william
/s/ doyle, john
/s/ fedor nemirovsky

Translated by Dr. Fedor NEMIROVSKY, Interpreter, C.I.D., Bari.

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1st Lt., CMP

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LIST OF COUNTERFEIT NOTES OF 1000-LIRE CONFISCATED FROM ASSOGNA, GAETANO, ON 5 APRIL 1945

TYPE 1

Series A	96745140 A	- N.	2
"	141 A	- "	2
"	142 A	- "	2
"	143 A	- "	3
"	145 A	- "	2
"	146 A	- "	3
"	149 A	- "	2
"	151 A	- "	2
"	152 A	- "	2
"	155 A	- "	2
"	156 A	- "	1
"	158 A	- "	1
"	159 A	- "	3
"	161 A	- "	3
"	162 A	- "	1
"	163 A	- "	1
"	164 A	- "	4
"	166 A	- "	2
"	168 A	- "	2
"	169 A	- "	2
"	174 A	- "	1
"	175 A	- "	3
"	176 A	- "	2

Total Lire, 48,000

TYPE 2

Series A	01233376 A	- No.	1
"	01331457 A	- No.	3
"	03314571 A	- No.	1
"	01834457 A	- No.	2
"	01834459 A	- No.	2
"	03145713 A	- No.	3
"	03237612 A	- No.	1
"	03314571 A	- No.	2
"	03344571 A	- No.	2
"	03445713 A	- No.	2
"	03445918 A	- No.	2
"	04457133 A	- No.	1
"	04459183 A	- No.	2
"	04571331 A	- No.	2
"	04571334 A	- No.	1
"	04571834 A	- No.	1
Total		No.	28

TYPE 2

(Type 2 continued from lower left column) Total brought forward, 28

Series A	04591834 A	-	1
"	05713314 A	-	2
"	05713344 A	-	2
"	05718344 A	-	2
"	07133145 A	-	3
"	07133445 A	-	1
"	07183445 A	-	2
"	08344571 A	-	2
"	08344591 A	-	2
"	10069735 A	-	1
"	10506973 A	-	1
"	10697350 A	-	1
"	10697355 A	-	1
"	13050697 A	-	1
"	13500697 A	-	2
"	13550697 A	-	1
"	15069730 A	-	2
"	15069735 A	-	1
"	15506973 A	-	2
"	16973050 A	-	1
"	16973500 A	-	2
"	16973550 A	-	1
"	17305069 A	-	3
"	17350069 A	-	2
"	17355069 A	-	2
"	19730506 A	-	1
"	19735006 A	-	2
"	19735506 A	-	1
"	20122376 A	-	2
"	20152376 A	-	2
"	20152776 A	-	1
"	20152786 A	-	1
"	20159786 A	-	1
"	21223760 A	-	5
"	21527860 A	-	1
"	21597860 A	-	2
"	21957516 A	-	1
"	22237601 A	-	3
"	22376012 A	-	3
"	22776015 A	-	2

Total Cumulative, #96

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Total Brought forward: 96

Series	A 22786015 A	-	No.	2
	A 23760122 A	-	"	2
	" 25278601 A	-	"	2
	" 25978601 A	-	"	2
	" 26012237 A	-	"	2
	" 26015978 A	-	"	2
	" 27601223 A	-	"	1
	" 27601527 A	-	"	1
	" 27760152 A	-	"	1
	" 27860159 A	-	"	2
	" 28601597 A	-	"	2
	" 29786015 A	-	"	2
	" 30135737 A	-	"	4
	" 31657379 A	-	"	2
	" 31357370 A	-	"	1
	" 31357379 A	-	"	2
	" 33573701 A	-	"	2
	" 33573791 A	-	"	1
	" 33791357 A	-	"	1
	" 33791657 A	-	"	1
	" 33701357 A	-	"	2
	" 35737013 A	-	"	1
	" 35737913 A	-	"	2
	" 35737916 A	-	"	1
	" 36573791 A	-	"	2
	" 37013573 A	-	"	2
	" 37370135 A	-	"	2
	" 37379135 A	-	"	1
	" 37379165 A	-	"	2
	" 37913573 A	-	"	2
	" 37916573 A	-	"	2
	TOTAL			150

TOTAL SERIES I. - 48,000 LIRE (FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND)
" " 2. - 150,000 LIRE (One Hundred Fifty Thousand)

GRAND TOTAL: 198,000 LIRE (ONE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

PRISON REGISTER NUMBER _____
Numero di matricola del Carcere

REPORT OF ARREST

RAPPORTO D'ARRESTO

For use by the Allied and Italian Police. This form must be completed within 12 hours of the arrest.

Per uso delle Polizie Italiana ed Alleata. Questo modulo deve essere riempito entro 12 ore dall'arresto.

MILITARY POLICE CASE NUMBER _____
Numero del Registro della Polizia Alleata

PERSON ARRESTED
Persona arrestata

POPOLICCHIO, VINCENZO. age - eta
Last name, first name, paternity - Cognome, nome, paternita

Address Via Garibaldi 16, MONTALE.
Indirizzo

Identification Number 269759.
Tessera di Riconoscimento N.

DETAILS OF THE ARREST
Causa dettagliata dell'arresto

Violation of Proclamation No. _____ Article No. _____ Subd. _____
Violazione del Proclama N. Articolo N. Comma

Violation of Italian Law _____
Violazione di Legge Italiana

Place of offence LITTORIA
Luogo del reato

Date of offence 15 April 45. Time 10.15 Hrs.
Data del reato ora

Place of arrest LITTORIA STN.
Luogo dell'arresto

Date of arrest 15 April 45. Time 10.15 Hrs.
Data dell'arresto ora

Facts of offence 1. Illegal travel on a military train.
2. Improper possession of military equipment. 69

Causa dettaglista del reato

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EVIDENCE (Description)
Refurtiva descrizione

Whereabouts of evidence
Dove e adesso la refurtiva

DISPOSITION OF PERSON ARRESTED
Misure prese circa l'arrestato

Where has the person arrested been taken
Dove e stato portato l'arrestato

WITNESS No. 1
Testimone N.1 LIEUT. FERDINAND. H.

1. Last name, first name, paternity - Cognome, nome, paternita
"D" GOV. 30 SQM. L. I.
2. Address
Indirizzo At 10.15 Hrs. 15 April 45 I arrested the accused at Littoria Station
3. Testimony for illegal travel on a military train from AVERSA to ROME. A carbinieri found in his possession one American towel and one pair of British gloves These were removed from him.

Deposizione H. Ferdinand Lieut.

WITNESS No. 2
Testimone N.2

1. Last name, first name, paternity - Cognome, nome, paternit.
2. Address
Indirizzo
3. Testimony

Deposizione

Name of arresting officer
Nome dell'agente o Carabiniere

Ass. - Matricola

Unit - Reparto

Address of Unit of arresting officer
Stazione CC.RR. o Commissariato di P.S.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

PRISON REGISTER NUMBER _____
Numero di matricola del Carcere

REPORT OF ARREST
RAPPORTO D'ARRESTO

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Per uso delle Polizie Italiane ed Alleata. Questo modulo deve essere riempito entro 12 ore dall'arresto.

MILITARY POLICE CASE NUMBER _____
Numero del Registro della Polizia Alleata

PERSON ARRESTED
Persona arrestata

CUSIMANO, GAITANO, _____
Last name, first name, paternity - Cognome, nome, paternita age - eta

Address Via Palermo 70. MONTE LE.
Indirizzo

Identification Number 2699114
Tessera di Riconoscimento N.

DETAILS OF THE ARREST
Causa dettagliata dell'arresto

Violation of Proclamation No. _____ Article No. _____ Subd. _____
Violazione del Proclama N. Articolo N. Comma

Violation of Italian Law _____
Violazione di Legge Italiana

Place of offence LITTORIA.
Luogo del reato

Date of offence 15 Apr.45. Time ora 10.15 Hrs.
Data del reato

Place of arrest LITTORIA STN.
Luogo dell'arresto

Date of arrest 15 Apr.45. Time ora 10.15 Hrs.
Data dell'arresto

Facts of offence 1. Illegal travel on a military train.
2. Improper possession of military equipment. 28

Causa dettagliata del reato

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EVIDENCE (Description)
Refurtiva descrizione

Whereabouts of evidence
Dove e adesso la refurtiva

DISPOSITION OF PERSON ARRESTED
Misure prese circa l'arrestato

Where has the person arrested been taken
Dove e stato portato l'arrestato

WITNESS No. 1
Testimone N.1

LIEUT. FERDINAND, H.

1. Last name, first name, paternity - Cognome, nome, paternita

2. Address "D" COY. 30 SOM. L. I.
Indirizzo

3. Testimony At 10.15 Hrs. 15 April 1945 I arrested the accused at Littoria Station for illegal travel on a military ~~train~~ freight train from AVERSA to ROME. A carabinieri found in his possession one pair of canvas shoes and one American windbreak, which were recovered from him.

Deposizione H. Ferdinand Lieut.

WITNESS No. 2
Testimone N.2

1. Last name, first name, paternity - Cognome, nome, paternita

2. Address
Indirizzo

3. Testimony

Deposizione

Name of arresting officer
Nome dell'agente o Carabiniere

Asn. - Matricola

Unit - Reparto

Address of Unit of arresting officer
Stazione CC.RR. o Commissariato di P.S.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

PRISON REGISTER NUMBER _____
Numero di matricola del Carcere

REPORT OF ARREST

RAPPORTO D'ARRESTO

For use by the Allied and Italian Police. This form must be completed within 12 hours of the arrest.

Per uso dalle Polizie Italiana ed Alleata. Questo modulo deve essere riempito entro 12 ore dall'arresto.

MILITARY POLICE CASE NUMBER _____
Numero del Registro della Polizia Alleata

PERSON ARRESTED
Persona arrestata

POTOLICCHIO, SANTO LUIGI. _____ age - eta
Last name, first name, paternity - Cognome, nome, paternita

Address / Indirizzo: Via Garubaldi 16, MONREALE.

Identification Number / Tessera di Riconoscimento N.: 2697644

DETAILS OF THE ARREST
Causa dettagliata dell'arresto

Violation of Proclamation No. / Violazione del Proclam N. _____ Article No. / Articolo N. _____ Subd. / Comma _____

Violation of Italian Law / Violazione di Legge Italiana _____

Place of offence / Luogo del reato: LITTORIA.

Date of offence / Date del reato: 15 April 45 Time / ora: 10.15 Hrs.

Place of arrest / Luogo dell'arresto: LITTORIA STN.

Date of arrest / Data dell'arresto: 15 April 45 Time / ora: 10.15 Hrs.

Facts of offence / Causa dettagliata del reato:

1. Illegal travel on a military train.
2. Improper possession of military equipment. 27

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EVIDENCE (Description)
Refurtiva descrizione

Whereabouts of evidence
Dove e adesso la refurtiva

DISPOSITION OF PERSON ARRESTED
Misure prese circa l'arrestato

Where has the person arrested been taken
Dove e stato portato l'arrestato

WITNESS No. 1
Testimone N.1 LIEUT. FERDINAND. H.

1. Last name, first name, paternity - Cognome, nome, paternita

2. Address Indirizzo 1st "D" Cov. 30 Sqd. L. I.

3. Testimony At 10.15 Hrs. 15 April 45 I arrested the accused for illegal travel on a military train from Aversa to Rome. A carabinieri found in his possession one American windbreak which was recovered from him.

H. Ferdinand Lieut.

Deposizione

WITNESS No. 2
Testimone N.2

1. Last name, first name, paternity - Cognome, nome, paternita

2. Address
Indirizzo

3. Testimony

Deposizione

Name of arresting officer
Nome dell'agente o Carabiniere

Unit - Reparto

Asn. - Matricola

Address of Unit of arresting officer
Stazione CC.RR. o Commissariato di P.S.

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Ref. No.
SIB69B/A/45/73.

69 Special Investigation Section,
Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Forces.

SUBJECT :- Report of Arrest.

TO :- The Courts Officer,
A.M.G. Summary Courts Tribunals.

The attached report of Arrest, submitted by Sgt THOMSON of this Section is forwarded for necessary action.

J.A. WILKINSON, Captain
D.A.P.M.
Special Investigation Branch,
Corps of Military Police.

In The Field,
28th Mar '45.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

PRISON REGISTRY NUMBER _____
Numero di matricola del Carcere

REPORT OF ARREST
RAPPORTO D'ARRESTO

For use by the Allied and Italian Police. This form must be completed within 12 hours of the arrest.
Per uso delle Polizie Italiane ed Alleata. Questo modulo deve essere riempito entro 12 ore dall' arresto.

MILITARY POLICE CASE NUMBER SD/69/B/4/45/73.
Numero del Registro della Polizia Alleata

PERSON ARRESTED DIDATO Giorgio Di Vincenzo. 18yrs.
Persona arrestata

Last name, first name, paternity - *Cognome, nome, paternità* **age - *età***

Address No. 30 Via Borriello. S. Giorgio.
Indirizzo

Identification Number _____
Tessera di Riconoscimento N

DETAILS OF THE ARREST
Causa dettagliata dell'arresto "2" "1" "11".

Violation of Proclamation No. _____ **Article No.** _____ **Subd.** _____
Violazione del Proclama N. ***Articolo N.*** ***Comma***

Violation of Italian Law _____
Violazione di Legge Italiana BARRA.

Place of offense _____
Luogo del reato 27th March, 1945. 1530hrs.

Date of offense _____ **Time** _____
Data del reato BARRA. ***ora***

Place of arrest _____
Luogo dell'arresto 27th March, 1945. 1530hrs.

Date of arrest _____ **Time** _____
Data dell'arresto " Larceny of Allied Forces ***ora*** Property to an aggregate value of more than, 10,000 Lire ".

Facts of offense _____
Causa dettagliata del reato _____

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EVIDENCE (Description)
Refurtiva (Descrizione) Right W.D. Greatcoats.

Where abouts of evidence
Deve è adesso la refurtiva 69th S.I.B. C.M. Police. U.K. Forces.

DISPOSITION OF PERSON ARRESTED
Misure prese circa l'arrestato

Where has the person arrested been taken
Dove è stato portato l'arrestato Questura, NAPLES. (Poliziecale)

WITNESS No. 1
Testimone No 1 No. 2663176. Gnsn. Mc ILROY. R.

1. Last name, first name, paternity . *Cognome, nome, paternità*
2. Address *Indirizzo* No. "2" Sub-Depot, 557 B.O.D. R.A.O.C. C.M.F.
3. Testimony Statement attached.

Deposizione

WITNESS No. 2
Testimone No 2 D. THOMSON. Sgt.

1. Last name, first name, paternity . *Cognome, nome, paternità*
2. Address *Indirizzo* 69th S.I.B. C.M. Police. C.M.F.
3. Testimony At about 1600hrs on the 27th March, 1945, I saw the accused in the Guardroom, 557 B.O.D. I questioned him through the official interpreter, and he stated that he did not steal the coats, but found them lying on the road. He was conveyed to the Questura, NAPLES, to be detained pending trial.

Deposizione:

D. Thomson Sgt

D. THOMSON. Sgt. 4044.00.

Name of arresting officer
Nome dell'agente o Carabiniere

Unit
Reparto 69th S.I.B.

Matricola
56 Area, C.M.F.

Address of Unit of arresting officer
Indirizzo CC RR o Commissariato di P.S.

No. "2" Sub-Depot.
" 557 " B. O. D.
R. A. C. C.
C.M. Forces.
27th March, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- No. 2663176. Cdsm. Mc ILROY. R.
No. "2" Sub-Depot.
" 557 " B. O. D.
R. A. C. C.
C.M. Forces.

WHO STATES:-

At about 1530hrs on the 27th March, 1945, I was driving a W.D. vehicle through the town of BARI.A.

I saw approaching, another W.D. vehicle. There was a number of Italian civilians on the back, and they were casting items of Property off the back. I called to them, and they jumped down, and made off. I called to them again, but they did not stop.

I saw an Italian civilian, whom I now know to be, DIPATO Giorgio, pushing a number of W.D. Greatcoats under some grass, on his cart. I searched his cart, and found, he had hidden, eight of the Greatcoats, under the grass on the cart.

I arrested, and conveyed the man to the Guard-room, at the Depot.

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

(Signed) R. Mc ILROY.

Statement taken down, read over and signature witnessed by Sgt. MITCHELL, 69th S.I.B. C.M. Police, on the 27th March, 1945.

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Ref. No.
SIB69B/A/45/72.

69 Special Investigation Section,
Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Forces.

SUBJECT :- Report of Arrest.

TO :- The Courts Officer,
A.M.G. Summary Courts Tribunals.

The attached report of Arrest,
submitted by Sgt MITCHELL of this Section
is forwarded for necessary action.

J.A. WILKINSON. Captain
D.A.P.M.
Special Investigation Branch,
Corps of Military Police.

In The Field.
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

PRISON REGISTRY NUMBER _____
Numero di matricola del Carcere

REPORT OF ARREST
RAPPORTO D'ARRESTO

For use by the Allied and Italian Police. This form must be completed within 12 hours of the arrest.

Per uso delle Polizie Italiane ed Alleata. Questo modulo deve essere riempito entro 12 ore dall' arresto.

MILITARY POLICE CASE NUMBER SIB/69/P/A/45/72.
Numero del Registro della Polizia Alleata

PERSON ARRESTED AVERSANO Francesco Fu Salvatore. 51 yrs.
Persona arrestata

Last name, first name, paternity - *Cognome, nome, paternità* — age - *età*

Address No. 78 Corso Garibaldi. PORICI.
Indirizzo

Identification Number _____
Tessera di Riconoscimento N

DETAILS OF THE ARREST
Causa dettagliata dell'arresto

Violation of Proclamation No. "2" Article No. "2" Subd. "27".
Violazione del Proclama N. *Articolo N.* *Comma*

Violation of Italian Law _____
Violazione di Legge Italiana

Place of offense 750 Base Workshops. S. Giovanni.
Luogo del reato

Date of offense 27th March, 1945. Time 0645hrs.
Data del reato *ore*

Place of arrest 750 Base Workshops. S. Giovanni.
Luogo dell'arresto

Date of arrest 27th March, 1945. Time 0800hrs.
Data dell'arresto *ora*

Facts of offense " Larceny of Allied Forces property to an aggregate vale of not more than 10,000 Lire ".
Causa dettagliata del reato

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EVIDENCE (Description)
Refurtiva (Descrizione) eight Ferodo Brake linings (V.D.)

Where abouts of evidence
Dove è adesso la refurtiva 69th S.I.B. C.M. Police.C.M. Forces.

DISPOSITION OF PERSON ARRESTED
Misure prese circa l'arrestato

Where has the person arrested been taken
Dove è stato portato l'arrestato Questure, NAPLES. (Poggioreale)

WITNESS No. 1
Testimone No 1

SATILLO Antonio.

1. Last name, first name, paternity . *Cognome, nome, paternità*
2. Address *Indirizzo* No. 43 Via S. Margherita Afonseca. (Sezione Stella-)NAPLES.
3. Testimony Statement attached.

Deposizione

WITNESS No. 2
Testimone No 2 W. MITCHELL. Sgt.

1. Last name, first name, paternity . *Cognome, nome, paternità* 69th S.I.B. C.M. Police. C.M. Forces.
2. Address *Indirizzo*
3. Testimony At about 0800hrs on the 27th March, 1945, acting on information received, I went to the 750 Base Workshops, where I saw the accused. Through the medium of the official interpreter I questioned him, and he elected to make a statement,(attached) in which he admits stealing the above mentioned Property. I arrested, and conveyed him to the Guardroom 557 B.O.D., to be later removed to the Questura,NAPLES, to be detained pending trial.

Deposizione:

W. Mitchell. Sgt.

W. MITCHELL. Sgt.
Name of arresting officer
Nome dell'agente o Carabiniere

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Am
Matricola

69th S.I.B.
Unit
Reparto

56 Area. C.M.F.
Address of Unit of arresting officer
Stazione CC RR o Commissariato di P S

No. "2" Sub-Depot.
" 557 " B. C. D.
27th March, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- AVERSANO Francesco Fu Salvatore. 51yrs.
No. 78 Corso Garibaldi.
PORTICI.

WHO STATES:-

I work as a mechanic in the 750 Base Workshops, at Croce del Legno.

At about 0700hrs on the 27th March, 1945, I stole two packages, containing four brake linings, in each package, and which I dropped over the wall into the next garden. I should go to take them the same evening, after the work was over.

I was going to take the brake linings to ISCHIA, where my brother Giovanni has a mechanical shop, but the Police arrested me, about half an hour later.

(Signed) AVERSANO Francesco.

This statement has been read over to me, and is correct, and true.

(Signed) AVERSANO Francesco.

The above statement has been taken down by me, BUONANNO Eleuterio, Ex.M. C.C.R.R. in the presence of Sgt. MITCHELL, of the 69th S.I.B. C.M. Police.

(Signed) BUONANNO Eleuterio.

The above statement is a true translation, to the best of my knowledge, and ability.

(Signed) Antonio IZZO. 21
Official Interpreter.

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No. "2" Sub-Depot.
" 557 " B. C. D.
27th March, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- SABELLO Antonio Di Alberto. 18yrs.
No. " 43 " Via S. Margherita, Afonseca.
(Sezione Stella)
MARIS.

WHO STATES:-

I work as a common labourer in the " 750" Base Workshops, Croce del Legno.

At about 0645hrs on the 27th March, 1945, while I was eating, I saw the labourer, AVERSANO Francesco, dropping by the wall, two packages containing four brake linings in each package.

The packages should have been taken by a man, waiting outside the wall, but I took them, giving the same to the Major.

(Signed) SABELLO Antonio.

This statement has been read over to me, and is correct, and true.

(Signed) SABELLO Antonio.

The above statement has been taken down by me, BUONANNO Eleuterio, Ex-M. C.C.R.R., in the presence of Sgt. MITCHELL, of the 69th S.I.D. C.M. Police.

(Signed) BUONANNO Eleuterio.

The above statement is a true translation, to the best of my knowledge, and ability.

(Signed) Antonio IZZO.
Official Interpreter.

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Ref. No.
SIB69H/A/45/71

69 Special Investigation Section,
Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Forces.

SUBJECT :- Report of Arrest.

TO :- The Courts Officer,
A.M.G. Summary Courts Tribunals.

The attached report of Arrest,
submitted by Sgt MITCHELL of this Section
is forwarded for necessary action.

G.A. Wilkinson Capt.

G.A. WILKINSON. Captain
D.A.P.M.
Special Investigation Branch,
Corps of Military Police.

In The Field.
28th Mar '45.

Distribution:- AFHQ 96 Area.
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PERSONS ARRESTED.

(A) SVICHER. Michele. Di Riccardo. 23yrs.
No. 966. Corso S. Giovanni.
S.GIOVANNI a TEDUCCIO.

(B) OLIVIERI. Vincenzo. Di Angelo. 24yrs.
No. 101 Via Giordano.
PORTICI.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

PRISON REGISTRY NUMBER _____
Numero di matricola del Carcere

REPORT OF ARREST
RAPPORTO D'ARRESTO

For use by the Allied and Italian Police. This form must be completed within 12 hours of the arrest.
Per uso delle Polizie Italiane ed Alleata. Questo modulo deve essere riempito entro 12 ore dall'arresto.

MILITARY POLICE CASE NUMBER SIB 69B/A/45/71.
Numero del Registro della Polizia Alleata

PERSON ARRESTED / **Persona arrestata** — As above.

Last name, first name, paternity - *Cognome, nome, paternità* — **age - *età***

Address / ***Indirizzo*** — As above.

Identification Number / ***Tessera di Riconoscimento N.***

DETAILS OF THE ARREST / **Causa dettagliata dell'arresto**

Violation of Proclamation No. "2" "2" — **Article No.** "3" "2" — **Subd.** "1". "27".
Violazione del Proclama N. — ***Articolo N.*** — ***Comma***

Violation of Italian Law / ***Violazione di Legge Italiana***

Place of offense / ***Luogo del reato*** — 557 BOD. S. Giovanni.

Date of offense / ***Data del reato*** — 24th March, 1945. **Time** — 12.45 hours.

Place of arrest / ***Luogo dell'arresto*** — 557 BOD. S. Giovanni.

Date of arrest / ***Data dell'arresto*** — 24th March, 1945. **Time** — 12.45 hours.

Facts of offense — " Conspiring to Steal Allied Forces Property ".
" Larceny of Allied Forces Property to an aggregate value of not more than 10.000 Lire ".

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Causa dettagliata del reato

Tip. Masula - Lungo Gelso. 53

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EVIDENCE (Description)
Refurtiva (Descrizione) Eight " A.T.S. " type vests. W.D. (£4 in value).

Where abouts of evidence 69 Special Investigation Section, C.M. Police.
Dove è adesso la refurtiva

DISPOSITION OF PERSON ARRESTED
Misure prese circa l'arrestato

Where has the person arrested been taken Questura. (Poggioreale).
Dove è stato portato l'arrestato

WITNESS No. 1
Testimone No 1

No. 10533276. Pte. EYRE. A.

1. Last name, first name, paternity . *Cognome, nome, paternità*
2. Address No. "2" Sub Depot. 557 BOD. R.A.O.C. C.M. Forces.
Indirizzo
3. Testimony Statement attached.

Deposizione

WITNESS No. 2
Testimone No 2

W. MITCHELL. Sgt.

1. Last name, first name, paternity - *Cognome, nome, paternità*
2. Address 69 Special Investigation Section. C.M. Police.
Indirizzo
3. Testimony In consequence of information to the effect that the two accused had been arrested, and were in custody at the Guard room 557 BOD. At about 14.00 hours on the 24th March, 1945, accompanied by Sgt. THOMSON of this Section I went to the Guard room 557 BOD. and saw the accused. I questioned them through the medium of the Official Interpreter, as to the

Deposizione: offences they were alleged to have committed and each made a statement admitting having taken part in the alleged offences. SVICHER handed to me 488 Lire stating that that was the money he had left over out of what had been given to him the previous day by OLIVIERI, after they had committed the same offence. I placed them both in the Questura pending trial.

W. MITCHELL. Sgt. John Mitchell. Sgt. 14253380.

Name of arresting officer
Nome dell'agente o Carabiniere

Matricola

69th SIB. C.M. Police
Unit
Reparto

56 AREA. C.M. Forces.
Address of Unit of arresting officer
Reparto CC RR o Commissariato di P S

CONFIDENTIAL.

Ref :- SIB.69B/A/45/71.

Your Ref :-.....

69 Section.
C.M. POLICE.
C.M. FORCES.

27th March, 1945.

SUBJECT :- Persons Arrested. (Larceny etc.)

(A) SVICHER. Michele.
No. 966 Corso S. Giovanni.
S. Giovanni "a" Teduccio.

(B) OLIVIERI. Vincenzo.
No. 101 Via Giordano.
Portici.

D. A. P. M.
69 Section.
SIB. C.M.P.

READ & SUBMITTED.

D.A.P.M. SECTION.

DISTRIBUTION.
Report & Statements.

At about 12.45 hours on the 24th March, 1945, the above named Italian civilians were arrested on charges of :-

(1) "A and B". Conspiring to steal Allied Forces Property. Contrary to :- Proc. "2" Art. "3" Sect. "1".

(2) "A and B". Larceny of Allied Forces Property, to an aggregate value of not more than 10.000 Lire. Contrary to :- Proc. "2" Art. "2" Sect. "27".

The accused now stand in custody at the Italian civil prison, pending trial by either the Allied Military Government, or the Italian civil Court.

The circumstances leading to the arrest of the accused, and evidence obtained since appear as follow :-

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At about 12.45 hours on the 24th March, 1945, in consequence of information received at the Regimental Police Office, "557" BOD., No. 10533276. Pte EYRE. A.,took up observations on the searching of Italian civilians, by the accused "A", who was on the date in question employed in the capacity of a policeman, for this purpose. Pte EYRE saw him go through the motions of searching the men as they came to him, by passing his hands over their clothing. The accused "B" was seen to approach "A", and he was searched in a similar manner to the rest of the men. As the information received, affected the accused "B", he was stopped and again searched by Pte EYRE. He was found to be wearing " eight " vests of the A.T.S. pattern which are stocked in the Depot. Pte EYRE, on finding the property, arrested the accused "A and B"and took them to the Guard-

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(A) SVICHER. Michele.
No. 966 Corso S. Giovanni.
S. Giovanni "a" Teduccio.

(B) OLIVIERI. Vincenzo.
No. 101 Via Giordano.
Portici.

D. A. P. M.
69 Section.
SIB. C.M.P.

READ & SUBMITTED.

D.A.P.M. SECTION. Sgt.

DISTRIBUTION.
Report & Statements.

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At about 14.00 hours the same day I saw the accused in the Guard room, and through the medium of the Official Interpreter I questioned them. Each elected to make a statement admitting the alleged offence. The accused "A" handed to me 488 Lire, stating that it was the remains of monies handed to him the previous day, after "B" had been permitted to pass out of the Depot in possession of property he had stolen whilst employed there.

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The 488 Lire is held at this office pending instructions as to disposal.

The property in this case, " eight " vests, valued at £4, has been handed against reciept to the "557" BOD.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. Mitchell Sgt.

W. MITCHELL. Sgt.
69 Special Investigation Section.
C.M. Police.

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No. "2" Sub-Depot.
" 557 " B. O. D.
24th March, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- SVICHER Michele Di Riccardo. 25yrs.
No. 966 Corso S. Giovanni.
S. Giovanni "a" Teduccio.

WHO STATES:-

I work as Caposquadro, of the civilian Police in the Depot, " 557 ".

AT about 1220hrs, on the 23rd March, 1945, I was on service, at the P. Y. F. gate, for the searching of the labourers.

At about 1300hrs, during my hour off, a labourer whom I remember to have searched, called me, and telling me that he had took outside the Depot, without me observing, four sus - penders, gave me " 500 " Lire, and two cigarettes.

I have given the S. I. B. " 488 " Lire, which is the rest of the " 500 ", having spent " 12 " Lire to buy some nuts this morning.

(Signed) SVICHER Michele.

This statement has been read over to me, and is correct, and true.

(Signed) SVICHER Michele.

The above statement has been taken down by me, Antonio IZZO, official interpreter, in the presence of Sgt. MITCHELL, and Sgt. THOMSON, both of, the 69th S. I. B. C.M.Police.

Translated to the best of my knowledge, and ability.

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(Signed) Antonio IZZO.
Official Interpreter.

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No. "2" Sub-Depot.
" 557 " E. C. D.
24th March, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- OLIVIERI Vincenzo Di Angelo. 24yrs.
No. 101 Via Giordano.
PORTICI.

WHO STATES:-

I work as a common labourer, in the Shed, No. " 64 " in the " 557 " Depot.

On the 18th March, 1945, I was coming to work, and meeting the civilian Depot Police, SVICHER, I asked him if he would let me out of the Depot, with some stuff, giving him part of the money, I would get, after having sold the stuff.

At 1230hrs on the 22nd March, 1945, SVICHER having accepted to let me out, I went to the gate in his searching line, with two pairs of socks on me, which I stole from Shed, No. " 64 ". He let me out, and I sold the socks to a woman, I do not know, receiving, " 400"/ Lire. When I came back, I gave SVICHER, " 200 " Lire.

The day after, I went out with three pairs of socks, receiving, " 450 " Lire, and giving " 200 " Lire to SVICHER.

Today at about 1245hrs, I went to the gate with eight A.T.S. vests on me. After having been searched, while I was going outside the Depot, an English Sergeant arrested me.

(Signed) by (X) of OLIVIERI Vincenzo.

This statement has been read over to me, and is correct, and true.

(Signed) by (X) of OLIVIERI Vincenzo.

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The above statement has been taken down by me, BUGNANO Eleuterio, Lt. M. C.C.R.R. in the presence of Sgt. MITCHELL, of the 69th S.I.B. C.M. Police.

(Signed) BUGNANO Eleuterio.

The above statement, is a true translation, to the best of my knowledge, and ability.

(Signed) Antonio IZZO.
Official Interpreter.

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No. "2" Sub-Depot.
" 557 " B. O. D.
24th March, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- OTTAIANO Luigi Fu Luigi. 57yrs.
NO. " 4 " Via Pessina.
S. Giorgio "a" Cremano.

WHO STATES:-

I work as a common labourer, in the Shed, No. " 72 ", in the " 557 " Depot.

At about 1330hrs, on the 23rd March, 1945, while I was going back to work, I saw the labourer, OLIVIERI Vincenzo, giving some money, to the Police, SVICHER, telling him these words. " Today, I will give you this, and another time, I will give you more than this time ". I could not see how much he gave him.

(Signed) OTTAIANO Luigi.

This statement has been read over to me, and is correct, and true.

(Signed) OTTAIANO Luigi.

The above statement has been taken down be me, BUONANNO Eleuterio, Ex-M. C.C.R.R. in the presence of Sgt. MITCHELL, 69th S.I.B. C.M. Police.

(Signed) BUONANNO Eleuterio.

The above statement is a true translation, to the best of my knowledge, and ability.

(Signed) Antonio IZZO.
Official Interpreter.

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No. "2" Sub Depot.
557 BOD. R.A.O.C.
C.M. Forces.
26th March, 1945.

STATEMENT OF :-

No. 10533276. Pte. EYRE. A.
No. "2" Sub Depot .
557 BOD. R.A.O.C.
C.M. Forces.

WHO STATES :-

At about 12.45 hours on the 24th March, 1945, acting on information received, I kept observations on the searching of the Italian civilians employed in the Depot, by one of the Italian civil policemen whose duty it is to search these employees. This particular policeman I know to be SVICHER. Michele.

I saw him going through the motions of searching the men as they came up to him. One Italian civilian, whom I now know to be OLIVIERI. Vincenzo, approached SVICHER, and the motions of searching were again carried out. The man passed by the policeman, and as this was the man mentioned in the information, I stopped and searched him myself. Beneath his clothing I found him to be wearing eight " A.T.S. " vests.

I arrested both the policeman and the civilian, and at the Guard room I handed the property and the two men over to the S.I.B.

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

(Signed) A. EYRE.

Statement taken down, read over and signature witnessed by Sgt. LITCHELL in the presence of Sgt. THOMSON, both of the 69th S.I.B. C.M. Police. C.M. Forces. on the 26th March, 1945.

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Ref. No.
SIB69B/A/45/69.

69 Special Investigation Section,
Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Forces.

SUBJECT :- Report of Arrest.

TO :- The Courts Officer,
A.M.G. Summary Courts Tribunals.

The attached report of Arrest,
submitted by Sgt THOMSON of this Section
is forwarded for necessary action.

J.A. WILKINSON. Captain
D.A.P.M.
Special Investigation Branch,
Corps of Military Police.

In The Field,
28th Mar '45.

Distribution:- AFHQ 36 Area.
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PERSONS ARRESTED.

(A) D.PROTA. Cristofaro. Fu Carmine. 47 yrs.
No. 17 Via Cortile S. Anna.
S. GIORGIO A CREMANO.

(B) CELOTTO. Alfonso. Fu Raffaele. 39yrs.
No. 833 Corso S. Giovanni.
S. GIOVANNI A TEDUCCIO.

(C) SANSO. Pietro. Di Giuseppe. 22yrs.
No. 807 Corso S. Giovanni.
S.GIOVANNI A TEDUCCIO.

(D) FINOCCHIO. Ciro. Di Giuseppe. 32yrs.
No. 809 Corso S. Giovanni.
S. GIOVANNI A TEDUCCIO.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

PRISON REGISTRY NUMBER _____
Numero di matricola del Carcere

REPORT OF ARREST
RAPPORTO D'ARRESTO

For use by the Allied and Italian Police. This form must be completed within 12 hours of the arrest.
Per uso delle Polizie Italiane ed Alleata. Questo modulo deve essere riempito entro 12 ore dall' arresto.

MILITARY POLICE CASE NUMBER SIB 69B/A/45/69.
Numero del Registro della Polizia Alleata

PERSON ARRESTED
Persona arrestata AS Above.

Last name, first name, paternity - *Cognome, nome, paternità* **age - *età***

Address As above.
Indirizzo

Identification Number _____
Tessera di Riconoscimento N

DETAILS OF THE ARREST
Causa dettagliata dell'arresto

Violation of Proclamation No. "2" **Article No.** "3" **Subd.** "1".
Violazione del Proclama N. "2" ***Articolo N.*** "2" ***Comma*** "27" "45".

Violation of Italian Law _____
Violazione di Legge Italiana

Place of offense S. Giovanni.
Luogo del reato

Date of offense 22nd March, 1945. **Time** 23.00 hours.
Data del reato ***ora***

Place of arrest S. Giovanni.
Luogo dell'arresto

Date of arrest 22nd March, 1945. **Time** 23.00 hours.
Data dell'arresto ***ora***

Facts of offense

" Conspiring to steal Allied Forces Property".

" Larceny of Allied Forces Property to an aggregate value of not more than 10.000 lire."

" Doing an act to the prejudice of the Allied Forces i.e. Resisting arrest."

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Causa dettagliata del reato

Tip. Massia - Lucca Celso. 53

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EVIDENCE (Description)
Refurtiva (Descrizione) 50 yards of WD. cloth. £25 in value.

Where about of evidence
Dove è adesso la refurtiva 69 Special Investigetion Section, C.M. Police.

DISPOSITION OF PERSON ARRESTED
Misure prese circa l'arrestato

Where has the person arrested been taken
Dove è stato portato l'arrestato QUESTURA. (Poggioreale).

WITNESS No. 1
Testimone No 1 D. THOMSON. Sgt.

1. Last name, first name, paternity *Cognome, nome, paternità*
2. Address *Indirizzo* 69 Special Investigation Section, C.M. Police.
3. Testimony Report and statements attached.

Deposizione

WITNESS No. 2
Testimone No 2 W. MITCHELL .Sgt.

1. Last name, first name, paternity *Cognome nome, paternità*
2. Address *Indirizzo* 69 Special Investigation Section. C.M. Police.
3. Testimony As above.

Deposizione:

D. Thomson Sgt.

D. THOMSON Sgt.
Name of arresting officer
Nome dell'agente o Carabiniere
69th SIB. C.M. Police.
Unit
Reparto

404400.
No.
Matricola
56 Area. C.M. Forces.
Address of Unit of arresting officer
Indirizzo CC RP - Comando reparto di P

CONFIDENTIAL.

Ref. No. SIB/69/B/A/45/69.

Your Ref:.....

69 Section. S.I.B.

C.M. POLICE.
C.M. FORCES.

26th March, 1945.

SUBJECT:- Persons Arrested:- (Larceny, etc.)

(A) DEPROTA Cristofaro.
No. 17 Via Cortile S. Anna.
S. Giorgio "a" Cremano.

(B) CILOTTO Alfonso.
No. 833 Corso S. Giovanni.
S. Giovanni "a" Teduccio.

(C) SANSO Pietro.
No. 807 Corso S. Giovanni.
S. Giovanni "a" Teduccio.

(D) FERROCCHIO Ciro.
No. 809 Corso S. Giovanni.
S. Giovanni "a" Teduccio.

D. A. P. M.
69 Section.
SIB. C.M.P.

READ & SUBMITTED.

D.A.P.M. SECTION.

DISTRIBUTION.

Report & Statements.

APM 56 Area.
DPM 3 District.
AMG Courts Officer.
File.

At about 2300hrs, on the 22nd March, 1945, the above named Italian civilians were arrested, on charges of : -

(1) " A,B, and C". Conspiring to steal Allied Forces Property.
Contrary to :- Proc."2" Art."3". Sect. "1".

(2) " A,B,C,and D". Larceny of Allied Forces Property to an aggregate value of not more than 167000 L.
Contrary to :- Proc."2" Art."2". Sect."27".

(3) " A, and B". Doing an act to the prejudice of the Allied Forces.i.e. " Resisting Arrest ".
Contrary to:- Proc."2" Art."2" Sect."45".

The accused now stand in custody at the Italian civil prison, pending trial, by either, the Allied Military Government, or the Italian civil Court.

The circumstances leading to the " Arrest " of the accused, and evidence obtained since, appear as follow :-

At about 2245hrs, on the 22nd March, 1945, information was received at this office, to the effect, that bales "557"

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(A) LEPROTA Cristofaro.
No. 17 Via Cortile S. Anna.
S. Giorgio "a" Cremano.

(B) C LOTTO Alfonso.
No. 833 Corso S. Giovanni.
S. Giovanni "a" Teduccio.

(C) SANSO Pietro.
No. 807 Corso S. Giovanni.
S. Giovanni "a" Teduccio.

(D) FINOCCHIO Ciro.
No. 809 Corso S. Giovanni.
S. Giovanni "a" Teduccio.

D. A. P. M.
69 Section.
SIB. C.M.P.

HEAD & SUBMITTED.

D.A.P.M. SECTION

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Contrary to :- Proc."2" Art."2". Sect."27".

(3) " A, and B". Doing an act to the prejudice of the Allied Forces.i.e. " Resisting Arrest ".
Contrary to:- Proc."2" Art."2" Sect."45".

The accused now stand in custody at the Italian civil prison, pending trial, by either, the Allied Military Government, or the Italian civil Court.

The circumstances leading to the " Arrest " of the accused, and evidence obtained since, appear as follow :-

At about 2245hrs, on the 22nd March, 1945, information was received at this office, to the effect, that bales of property, were being taken over the wall, from the Depot, "557" B.O.D. into an adjoining garden, and that the persons were at that time, in the garden, at the back of Villa Vacca, Corso S. Giovanni.

Acting on this information, accompanied by Sgt. MITCHELL, of this Section, I went to the garden in question. As I entered the garden, I saw a man, climbing up a wall at the side of a house, and saw him disappear over the wall.

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Report & Statements.

APM 56 Area.
DPM 3 District.
AMG Courts Officer.
File.

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I made a search of the garden, and found a bale bearing the "557" B.O.D. markings, and which contained, " 50" yards of W.D. cloth. On searching the garden further, I was walking beside the wall, which divides the garden, from the "557" B.O.D., when I heard a rustling in the leaves beneath the wall. I shone my torch in the direction of the leaves, and saw the hand of some person protruding through a covering of leaves. The hand being the only exposed portion of the body. Holding my torch in one hand, I made to touch the hand. I had almost reached it, when the accused "A" jumped up from his hiding place, and closed with me. He was immediately joined by the accused, "B". Sgt. MITCHELL came to my assistance, and only after a violent struggle were we able to conduct them to the vehicle, and so convey them to the Guardroom, at the "557" B.O.D.

The accused, " A, and B " were at the Guardroom, questioned, through the medium of an interpreter, and they gave the name and address of the accused, "C", who they said, was the person, who had escaped from the garden, as I entered. I went to the home, of "C", and found him lying in bed. I informed him of my identity, arrested, and conveyed him, to the Guardroom , " 557 " B.O.D., where when questioned, through an interpreter, he gave the name and address of the accused "D", saying, that the property he had stolen, would be found at that address. On searching the home of "D", I found no material. However, when questioned as to his being in possession of the property, he took us to another house, where he had deposited it. I arrested him, and placed him in the Guardroom, " 557 " B.O.D.

On the 25th March, 1945, I questioned each of the accused through the medium of the official interpreter. Each made a statement,(attached) " A,B,and C " admit stealing the property, and being in the garden together, for that purpose. "D" admits buying some of the property stolen by "C", but was not present at the time of the commission of the larceny.

The property which is valued at £25. has been handed to the " 557 " against receipt.

Respectfully submitted.

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No. "2" Sub-Depot.
" 557 " B. O. D.
25th March, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- DE PROTA Cristofaro Fu Carmine. 47yrs.
No. 17 Via S. Anna.
S. Giorgio "a" Cremeno.

WHO STATES:-

I knew that in the garden of Villa Vacca, about every night were stolen bales of stuff from the Depot " 557 "., and meeting in the street, my friend, CELOTTO Alfonso, I told him to go in that garden, to see if we could take something.

At about 1930hrs on the 22nd March, 1945, DE PROTA, and I went into the above named garden, waiting by the wall of the Depot " 557 ". There we saw SANSO', who was there for the same reason.

After about thirty minutes, I saw a bale coming down from the wall. While CELOTTO and I were taking it, the Police, firing a shot, arrested us. We should sell the stuff, to the first man, who would buy it.

(Signed) DE PROTA Cristofaro.

This statement has been read over to me, and is correct, and true.

(Signed) DE PROTA Cristofaro.

The above statement has been taken down by me, BUONANNO Eleuterio, Ex-M. C.C.R.R. in the presence of Sgt. MITCHELL, and Sgt. THOMSON, both of the 69th S.I.B.

(Signed) BUONANNO Eleuterio.

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The above statement is a true translation, to the best of my knowledge, and ability.

(Signed) Antonio IZZO.
Official Interpreter.

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25th March, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- CELOTTO Alfonso Fu Raffaele. 39yrs.
No. 833 Corso S. Giovanni.
S. Giovanni "a" Teduccio.

WHO STATES:-

I knew that in the garden of Villa Vacca, were stolen bales of stuff, from the Depot " 557 ", and meeting my friend, IMPROTO Cristofaro, I told him to go in that garden.

At about 1930hrs, on the 22nd March, 1945, IMPROTA, and I, went into the garden of Villa Vacca, waiting by the wall of the Depot, " 557 ". There we saw SANSO, who was in there forthe same reason.

After a short time, I saw a bale, coming down from the wall. While IMPROTA and I were taking it, the Police firing a shot, arrested us.

We should sell the stuff, to the first man who would buy it.

(Signed) CELOTTO Alfonso.

The above statement has been read over to me, and is correct, and true.

(Signed) CELOTTO Alfonso.

The above statement has been taken down by me, BUONANNO Eleuterio, Ex-M. C.C.R.R., in the presence of Sgt. MITCHELL, and Sgt. THOMSON, both of the 69th S.I.B.

The above statement, is a true translation, to the best of my knowledge, and ability.

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(Signed) Antonio IZZO.
Official Interpreter.

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" 557 " B. O. D.
25th March, 1945.

STATEMENT OF:- SANSO Pietro Di Giuseppe. 22yrs.
No. 807 Corso S. Giovanni.
S. Giovanni "a" Teduccio.

WHO STATES:-

At about 1915hrs on the 22nd March, 1945, while I w s going home, I heard some women saying that some stuff must be stolen from the Depot " 557 ", by the garden of Villa Vacca.

I went into the above named garden, jumping on the wall. Soon as I went into the garden, I wentto the wall of the Depot " 557 ", where I found, CILLOTO Alfonso, and IMPROTA Cristofaro, who told me that they were waiting for somebody dropping stuff by the wall.

I waited for a long time, without anything being dropped, so I thought I would go away, but while I was going back, I found a bale of calico. I took only two pieces of it, because I had to jump the wall.

While I was jumping the wall, somebody fired a shot, so I ran away. I sold the calico to FINOCCHIO Ciro, No. 809 Corso S. Giovanni, for 2,500 Lire, which should be given to me, the day after. During the same night, while I was sleeping, the Police arrested me.

(Signed) SANSO Pietro.

This statement has been read over to me, and is correct, and true.

(Signed) SANSO Pietro.

The above statement has been taken down by me, BUONANNO Eleuterio, Ex-M. C.C.R.R., in the presence of Sgt. MITCHELL, and Sgt. THOMSON, both of the 69th S. I. B. C.M. Police.

(Signed) BUONANNO Eleuterio.

The above statement is a true translation, to the best of my knowledge, and ability.

(Signed) Antonio IZZO.
Official Interpreter.

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" 557 " P. O. D.
25th March, 1945..

STATEMENT OF:- FINOCCHIO Ciro Di Giuseppe,. 32yrs.
No. 809 Corso S. Giovanni.
S.Giovanni "a" Teduccio.

WHO STATES:-

At about 2200hrs, on the 22nd March, 1945, while I was sleeping, a friend of mine, SANSO Pietro, came to my home with two pieces of calico, asking me if I would buy it. I took the calico, telling him, that I would give him, 2,500 Lire, the day after.

At about 0200hrs of the same night, the Police came to my home, and arrested me.

(Signed) by (X) of :-
FINOCCHIO Ciro.

This statement has been read over to me, and is correct, and true.

(Signed) by (X) of:-
FINOCCHIO Ciro.

The above statement has been taken down by me, BUONAIUTO Eleuterio, Ex- M. C.C.R.R., in the presence of Sergeant MITCHELL, 69th S.I.B. C.M. Police.

The above statement is a true translation, to the best of my knowledge, and ability.

(Signed) Antonio IZZO.

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No;"2" Sub-Depot.
" 557 " B. O. D.
C.M. Forces.

STATEMENT OF:- No.4044.00. Sgt. THOMSON. D.
69 Section.
S. I. B. C.M. Police.
C.M. Forces

WHO STATES:-

At about 2245hrs, on the 22nd March, 1945, in consequence of information received, I went to the garden situated at the back of Villa Vacca, Corso S. Giovanni.

On entering the garden, I heard someone running, and on flashing my torch round the garden, I saw a man climbing over the wall. I made a search of the garden, and found a bale of W.D. cloth, bearing the markings of the " 557 " B.O.D. On searching further, I saw amongst the leaves, beneath the wall which divides the " 557 " B.O.D. from the garden, the hand of some person, whom I now know to be, IMPROTA Cristofaro. I walked towards the hand, and was about to touch it, when IMPROTA jumped up, and closed with me. He was immediately joined by another Italian civilian, who had also been hiding a few yards further along the wall. A struggle between the two Italian civilians, and myself ensued. Sgt. MITCHELL came to my assistence, and only after a violent struggle with the two men were we able to effect their arrest.

I took them, and the property to the Guardroom, " 557 " B.O.D., andthrough the medium of an interpreter, I questioned them. In consequence of what they said to me, I went to the home of, SANSO Pietro, No. 807 Corso S. Giovanni, I informed him of my identity, arrested, and conveyed him to the Guardroom, " 557 " B. O. D., where he was questioned, through an interpreter, and gave the name, and address of FINOCCHIO Ciro, No. 809 Corso S. Giovanni, and said, that some of the property stolen that night, would be found in that man's house. I went to the house of FINOCCHIO, informed him of my identity, and the nature of my enquiry, and that I had reason to believe, that he knew where some of the property was being stored. He took me to another house, where I found two pieces of W.D. cloth. I arrested him, and took him to the Guardroom, " 557 " B.O.D.

On the 25th March, 1945, I questioned these four men further, and each elected to make a statement, which was taken down in writing, and which they signed, as being correct, and true. Each admits in his statement, the part he played in the offences. I placed them in the Questura, pending trial.

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69th Section.
S.I.B. C.M. Police.

In the Field.
26th March, 1945.

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