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FOLIO NO 00730
19TH JAN 44

FROM HQ 5TH ARMY
TO HQ AND ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY
ADV ADM ECM AFHQ (INFO)
ORG NO: 6925

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NAMES OF FOLLOWING PRISONERS OF WAR HELD IN POW STOCKADE AT AVERSA
SUBMITTED AS POSSIBLE WITNESSES IN MASSABIA CANALE AND MASSABIA
CARCERENTI ATROCITIES:
GEFREITER FRANZ ECKHART, OBERGEFREITER KURT FIEDLER,
OBERGEFREITER GEORG HOLLAND, SOLDAT LUDWIG MATERA, UNTEROFFIZIER
OTTO MOELLER, GEFREITER WERNER MUELLER, GEFREITER FRANZ PLODER,
SOLDAT FRANZ SIKORA, UNTEROFFIZIER GERHARD SIRSCH, ALL OF THIRD
BATTALION, FIFTH PANZER GRENADIER REGIMENT
REPORT OF CASE FORWARDED 30 DECEMBER. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AS
TO DISPOSITION OF THESE POW

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Subject:- Atrocities.

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AMG Hq.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Ref. AMG/224/29.
4 January 44.

R.C.A.O.,
HQ AMG Region III.

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Reference your letter 3/6093/L, 28 December 43,
the requested documents are enclosed.

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Major, A.V.S.,
Chief Legal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U.S. Army

R Mc C/eb
3/6093/L

28 December 1943

SUBJECT: Allegations of atrocities committed by Germans in Naples.

TO: AMG Headquarters, 15th Army Group, C.M.F.

1. Reference is made to letter your headquarters, 24 December 1943, relating to the above subject and referring to communication from this headquarters, 9 December 1943 (AMG/228/27).

2. No copy of the inclosure forwarded with letter of 9 December 1943 was kept in this headquarters. Accordingly, it is impossible to carry out the instructions stated in paragraph 2 of the reference letter.

3. Upon receipt of the original inclosure referred to in paragraph 2 above, or a copy thereof, action indicated by the reference letter will be taken at this headquarters.

For the Regional Civil Affairs Officer:

Douglas N. Batson
DOUGLAS N. BATSON
1st Lt., CMP
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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15 Army Group,
G.H.Q.AMC HQ, Region III. 22Ref. 4/228/27 ✓
24 December 43.

Referring to your communication of 9 December 43 concerning the enclosed allegations of atrocities committed by the Germans in Naples, we call your attention to the A.F.H.Q. Circular of 27 November on war criminals.

2. Although we understand from your letter that no one is being detained under these charges and that therefore the reports described in the A.F.H.Q. Circular are not strictly necessary, it would none the less seem desirable, if the charges are believed to be well founded, that the evidence of witnesses to the crimes be taken down on oath before a judicial officer of AF, and when completed, be forwarded to this HQ for appropriate action. Needless to say any information which may be obtained concerning the names or units of the perpetrators of the offenses will be of particular value.

Ward J.W. Howe

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Mark Dew. Howe, Major, AUS,
Chief Legal Officer. 8

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I do not think this would have any value
sent as it is. Our instructions, as I understand them,
are to send reports of atrocities fully documented
if possible with the names or at any rate the units of
the perpetrators.

It will probably be impossible to secure the latter but the evidence of the witnesses of these atrocities should be taken down, on oath, by a Judicial Officer - who should in fact institute - a judicial enquiry which can then be reopened at the end of the war when atrocity mongers will be dealt with.

with.

Even if the perpetrator ~~cannot be~~ ^{if} can not
known by name or unit the enquiry will be valuable
to support claims made by the victims or their
relatives in due course.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 464, U.S. Army

9 December 1943

SUBJECT: Atrocities.

TO: AMG 15th Army Group., APO 777

1. The enclosed case of an atrocity is forwarded according to instructions. The witnesses are procurable and should be able to give you evidence after the war.

For the Commanding Officer:

Douglas N. Batson
DOUGLAS N. BATSON
1st Lt., CMP,
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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C.S.O. I am of opinion that this file should be sent to G.S. for information and record purposes. Shall I do this?

17 Dec 43

Frederick C.H.O.

C.C.A.O.

you approve this action?

B.H. 17/12/43

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4-9-12-AMG3


DOUGLAS N. BATSON
1st Lt., CMP,
Actg Asst Adj Gen

TRANSLATION

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Subject : Looting, Damage, and atrocities committed by Germans in the city of Naples.

During the time of their domination, the Germans, looted, burned, and damaged or destroyed completely, public building and private homes; they stole, linen, cars, trucks, typewriters, and money.

The total amount of damage is estimated at 12,162,243 Lire. In addition, the damage done to factories and construction works has not as yet been estimated.

111 people lost their lives at the hands of the Germans.

The following is an account of the atrocities committed:

At approximately 15:30 September 29, 1943 MARTELOTTI ELISA, daughter of the late PASQUALE, born in Naples September 11, 1874 residing on the third floor of No. 10 VIA ARANELLA, was killed by the Germans while closing her window.

DE MARTINO ASSUNTA, daughter of GIOVANNI, 11 years old, was killed at 1500 on September 29, while crossing Piazza Arenella.

The Germans threw a number of hand grenades at the farm called "PEZZALONGO" located at No. 88 Via Puntelate, forcing the people who were concealed there to come out in the open. The brutes thereupon slaughtered them. The following were the victims :

- (1) VARRIALE VINCENZO - age 34
- (2) CEMBROLA VARRIACE, 24 years old.
VARRIALE GENNARO, age 31 - was seriously wounded.
- (3) ESPOSITO TERESA daughter of the late ALFONSO was killed while her niece TINA SICA, age 11, and her nephew SALVATORE SICA, age 14, were seriously wounded. MORRA FERDINANDO son of late LIUGI, age 76, a farmer, was also killed.
- (4) RUSSO GIOVANNI son of VITALE, and an unidentified Sicilian sailor were killed.

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- (5) CARUSO EDUARDO son of the late LIUGI, age 55.
 - (6) SOMMELLA VINCENZO son of NICOLA, age 18.
 - (7) MARID GRECO
 - (8) PALUMBO GIUSEPPE, 19 years old.
 - (9) The son of Prof. PANISINI, and PARNOLFI FRANCESCO son of GENARO, 50 years old were both killed.
 - (10) GALLO GAETANO, son of GIOVANNI, age 25.
 - (11) VARRIALE LUIGI, son of GIUSEPPE, age 25.
 - (12) VICINO SALVATORE
 - (13) MANCIAPIA FEDELE, son of NICOLA, age 20.

The last four mentioned were killed at Pianura.

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*folios 17 to 17
and
folios 20 + 21 (copied 22 + 23)
removed + forwarded to R.C.
See folio 29*

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DE MARTINO GIUNTA, daughter of GIOVANNI, 11 years old, was killed at 1500 on September 25, while crossing Piazza Arenella.

The Germans threw a number of hand grenades at the farm called "PUNZALONCO" located at No. 52 Via Funfelate, forcing the people who were concealed there to come out in the open. The brutes thereupon slaughtered them. The following were the victims:

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