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DISCIPLINE OF ALLIED TROOPS, LOOTING, ETC., (8TH ARMY
AREA & NO. 1 DISTRICT)
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FROM

JULY 1943

TO

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CATALOGUE.

HISTORY SHEET

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1A	CH/2/10	26 Jul	6 Base A.F.	Re 208/HQ of 26 Jul
21	208/HQ	27 Jul	6 " "	Re 19
2	208/HQ	27 Jul	Fortlane	
3/4	208/HQ	29 Jul	Meas to CCAF	Looting cases
5/9	HO/CH/1	31 Jul	CAF Modien	Removal of Property
10/11	-	3 Aug	No. 1 (V) Section	Conditions in 8 Army Area
12	-	8 Aug	SCFO Catania	Incidents at Militella
13	PR/138	14 Aug	Region to Fortlane	RAF Looting at Ragusa 194
14/15	POS/412	26 Aug	SCAF, Lincosa	Stealing by Mavittas PC.
16/17		29 Aug.	Meas to CCAF	Looting cases
18/19	POS/412	7 Sep	Severino to 6 BAF	Looting - Palagiano
20/22		16 Sep	Angst 8 Army	Dissemination of News
23/25	1001/PS	20 Sep	20: 8 Army	Complaints against Allied Sp.
26/30	6/3/P	15 Sep	CAFPO Enna	Looting by 4 Conspicuous
30	101/PS	18 Sep	75: C.A.O.	Discipline - Allied troops.
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32/37	208/HQ	20 Sep	15 BAF	Policing at Ragusa
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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

13 Via Regina Margherita

TRAPANI (Sicily)



September 30, 1943.

SUBJECT: Discipline - Allied troops.

TO : C.C.A.O., Palermo.

REFERENCE: ANGOT/1017/PS; September 18, 1943.

1. Attached you will find partial report of acts of indiscipline of Allied troops, compiled from complaints filed in this office. Except as shown under the heading "claim", the identify of offenders was not known.

2. Previous to assembling these claims, a large additional number had been assembled. Capt. Glenn, S.L.O. of this Province, had submitted them to the Inspector General 3rd Inf. Div., for him to attempt identification of offenders. When the 3rd Inf. Div., recently left this area on very short notice the claims went with the Insp. Gen. Copy of letter written for their return is attached.

FLOYD E. THOMAS,
Lt. Col., Inf.,
S.C.A.O. - Trapani

CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
City of Trapani

September 30, 1943.

SUBJECT: Claims.

TO : Inspector General, 3rd Division, Army of United States (through Senior Civil Affairs Officer).

You will recall, I hope, the conference we had at the Civil Affairs Office in Trapani, in regard to claims resulting from requisitions by the 3rd Division when it was stationed in this area. Pursuant to that I turned over to Captain Gram, AMGOT Liaison Officer with the 3rd Division, all the written claims on file in our office at that time. Captain Gram advised me that he had turned them over to the Claims Officer of the 3rd Division. A few days later the 3rd Division suddenly evacuated, taking our files of claims with them.

Since these are required for later submission to the Claims Commission, when appointed, would you kindly see that they are sent back to this office as soon as can conveniently be done.

HENRY L. GLENN, Captain, J. A. G. D.,
Senior Legal Officer, Province of
Trapani.

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COPY to Captain Gram: What happened to the file of claims which you promised to send back.

October 1, 1943.

NAME	TIME	DATE (1943)	LOCALITY	CLAIM
RUSSO, Michelangelo		July 24	CASTELLAMMARE	Soldiers took car and when found next day, tires & other items were missing. L-33,400. Claim
PECORELLA, Antonio	1100	July 27	CASTELLAMMARE	Soldiers stopped train, took boy from barn, after breaking door. L-1800 Claim.
SUGAMELI, Michile	1730	Sept. 5	TRAPANI	Soldiers struck citizen, and sister with fists. No Claim.
INCAMICIA, Nicolo	1900	Sept. 1	TRAPANI	Soldier pointed pistol and knocked him down. No Claim.
DeCARO, Vincenzo	1900	Sept. 1	TRAPANI	Soldier threatened to shoot, then struck him in the eye. No Claim.
SIMONE, Mario		July 25	TRAPANI	Soldiers broke in house, fired pistols wounding complainant in hand. Soldiers were sentenced to 10 and 20 years. Claims for loss of work, no amount stated. No Claim.
COLLETTI, Rosalia	1730	Sept. 4-7	TRAPANI	Claimant is a prostitute. Seven soldiers forced her door and broke furniture. Again on Sept. 7 broke large mirror. claim L-8000.
MARSALA, R. R. Station 1616		Sept. 11	MARSALA	Twenty soldiers entered station and destroyed tickets, injured piano, tried to open safe, and marked walls with obscene words. No Claim

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NAME	TIME	DATE (1943)	LOCALITY	CLAIM
RICHEVUTO, Rocco	1700	Aug. 23	TRAPANI	Soldiers took bed from house. No Claim filed.
TILLOTTA, Vincenzo				
LOMBARDO, Giuseppe		Sept. 11	TRAPANI	Drunken soldiers in truck, struck cart wrecking it and injuring mule. Claim L-22500
AMELLONE, Rosalia	1400	Sept. 7	TRAPANI	Soldiers took window glass and medicine cabinets from her home Claim L-3902.
ALAGNA, Salvatore		July 27	TRAPANI	Soldier took his bicycle. Claim L-1800. Claimant accused Pvt. T.S. Chaplain, 82D Div.
CAVARRETTA, Maria		Aug. 10	TRAPANI	Soldier threw stone thru window. Claim 1000.
GULOTTA, Salvatore		Sept. 10	TRAPANI	Soldiers tried to enter house, frightened children and wife. Police frightened them away and caught one. Pvt. Edward Wallen, 30th Inf. 3d Div. No Claim.
CARABINIERI, Calatafimi		Aug. 30	CALATAFIMI	Soldiers entered Hq. and took 15 pistols. Claimant accused Pvt. John Tralia, 30th Inf. He denied charge. No claim filed.
RUGGIRELLO, Camillo	1900	Sept. 19	SAN VITO LO CAPO	Soldiers broke furniture. L-1293. Claim.
VALENTI, Bartolomea di Francesco		Sept. 6	TRAPANI	Damage to grapes and olive trees, by trucks. Claim L-30000.
ANGILERI, Pietro	1900	Sept. 11	CAMPABELLO-MAZARA del VALLO road.	Cart struck by Am. truck. Claim L-19000.
BALSOMO, Rosario	1415	Sept. 7	RILIEVO road near airport.	Cart struck by Am. truck. Claim L-300.
BARLIERA, Cristofaro		Sept. 14	CONTRADA MARGANZA	Grape vines destroyed. Claim L-10000

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NAME	TIME	DATE(1943)	LOCALITY	CLAIM
DRAGO di Ferro, Luigi fu Giuseppe		Aug. 22	PIETRETAGLIATE	Grapes eaten by soldiers bivouaced. Claim L-7000.
ACCARDI, Calogero		Sept. 21	near MILO AIRPORT	Cart struck by American truck. Claim L-2200.
SAMANNA, Andrea		Aug. 17	PAGECO	Fractured arm and teeth broken. No amount stated. No Claim.
GALANTE, Leonardo		Aug. 30	CASTELLAMMARE	Soldiers broke door. Claim L-1000
CARSO, Grazia		Aug. 29 to Sept. 8	TAVOLATA	Soldiers took chair, grapes, and olives. Claim L-3750.
BARBARA, Francesco			near airport Rilievo, TRAPANI	Soldiers destroy- ed plants for air-field. Claim L- 22500.

(also attached, two later reports.)

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COMUNE OF CALATAFIMI, PROVINCE OF TRAPANI. 27th. Sept. 1943.

ARGOT/1017/PS.

ALLEGATION OF UNAUTHORISED SEIZURE OF FIREARMS BY U.S.
SOLDIERS AT CALATAFIMI.

To S.C.A.O., Trapani,

The following is a copy of a report forwarded to U.S. Military Authorities through Provincial H.Q. on the 3rd. Sept. 1943:-

"While at Vita on the 30th. August 1943, I was informed by the Maresciallo di Carabinieri of Calatafimi, that on the previous evening four or five American soldiers had entered the Carabinieri Station at Calatafimi, and had taken 12 pistols from those surrendered by the civilian population and 3 others belonging to the Carabinieri. Complainant added that the soldier who had actually taken his (the Maresciallo's) weapon was at that moment in a restaurant at Calatafimi.

Accompanied by the Maresciallo, I went at once to Calatafimi, where I saw a patrol under Sergt. Johnson, "L" Coy., 30th. Infantry, having a meal, among them being Private John Trabia (or Travia) of the same unit. The Maresciallo pointed to Pte. Trabia and informed me that he was among those who had taken the firearms, and was in fact the actual individual who had removed the Maresciallo's weapon. The accusation was corroborated by a civilian, DENARO Vito, who was sitting with the soldiers, and who had been present during the incident on the previous evening.

I informed Pte. Trabia of the complaint, but he denied all knowledge of the incident."

Submitted for the information of C.C.A.U. in accordance with the above quoted memo.

Statements of Carabinieri and witnesses were forwarded with the original report to U.S. Army.

FORWARDED:
Floyd E. Thomas
FLOYD E. THOMAS,
Lt. Col. Inf.,
SCAD, Province of
Trapani.

B.W.H. Dyer
(B.W.H. Dyer)

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Suptain. C.A.O.

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COMUNE OF SALEMI, PROVINCE OF TRAPANI.

27th. September 1943.

AGOT/1017/PS.

UNIDENTIFIED U.S. ARMY OFFICER REMOVES CIVILIAN FIREARMS
FROM CARABINIERI HEADQUARTERS.

To S.C.A.O., Trapani,

The following is a copy of a report forwarded to U.S. Military Authorities through Provincial H.Q. on the 13th. Sept. 1943:-

"At about 7 p.m. on the 11th. Sept. 1943, an unidentified U.S. Army Officer, believed a 2nd. Lieut. and wearing the badge of the Coastal Artillery, attended the Carabinieri H.Qtrs. at Salemi, and removed 9 civilian shotguns, 50 civilian pistols, 3 swords, and 3 civilian cartridge belts. He declined to give his name, etc. or a receipt for same."

Submitted for the information of C.C.A.O. in accordance with the above quoted memo.

Statement of Maresciallo di Carabinieri was forwarded with the original report to U.S. Army.

B.W.H. Dyer
(B.W.H. Dyer)

Captain. C.A.O.

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FORWARDED:
Floyd E. Thomas
FLOYD E. THOMAS,
Lt. Col. Inf.,
SOAB, Province of
Trapani.

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File *068*
Looting.

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G.O.C. No. 1 District,
C.M.F.

12 October 5

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The attached reports (2) in original alleging looting by British Troops in MELAKA Province are forwarded for your information.

No other Div affected.
RM/1750/12/10

CHARLES E. SPONFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer,
for Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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A. M. G. O. T.

PROVINCE OF MESSINA

This Ref.: 120 - Messina

Your Ref.:

30 Sept 1943

Enclosures:

Three letters

SUBJECT:

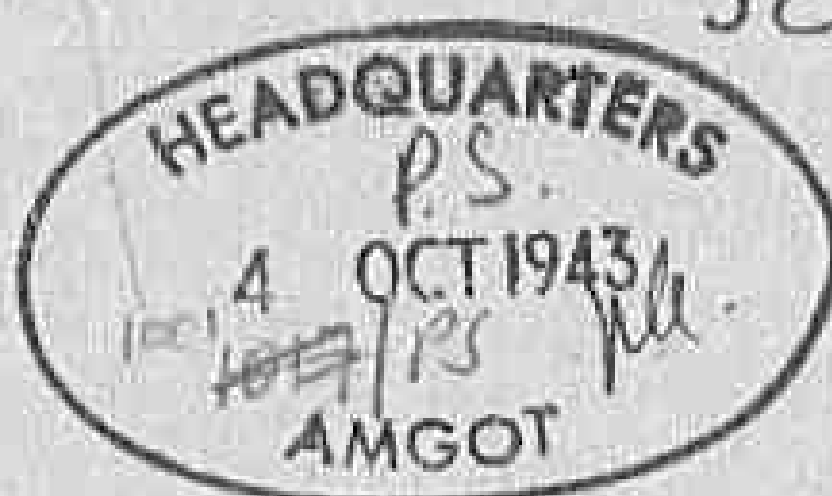
Looting Cases

To

Commanding General

1. Statements for Hq files are
herewith forwarded.

He with copy
Stephen B. Stary Hq
SCAO Messina.



*All papers passed to Hq 1 Dist
at 68*

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SUBJECT:- Looting.

To:-

O.C.
56 Area.

From:-

Lt. Col. Wellesley,
S.C.A.C.
Province of Catania.

The following report has reached me from the Mayor of
Catania:-

" A number of American troops occupied the schools in Via Buteri. On leaving the place a few days ago they invited the populace to help themselves in consequence of which it sacked the place completely. British troops have now occupied the place and upon application to the Town Major to try and trace the American Unit he states that he had not authorised either unit to occupy the place at all."

I find it hard to believe the American troops deliberately invited the populace to loot - but the fact of troops occupying places without authority is all too frequent and any steps you can take to control this will be welcome.

Also, any explanation from the American unit, if it can be traced will be appreciated.

Another point is that looting frequently takes place in the interval between departure of one unit and the entry of another. Timely warning to Town Major or C.M.F. might obviate this.

AMGOT H.Q.

J. Wellesley
25.07.54

Our Ref:- CAT/123.

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AMGOT H.Q.
Catania.
6 Oct 43.

Copy to:-

AMGOT H.Q. Palermo. ✓
AMgot 15 Army Group.

Lt. Col.
S.C.A.O.

J. Hollister
2407. ✓

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.ROUTING SLIP.TO SEE :- ~~38/45~~ 04-6566

C.P.S.....

D.C.P.S.....

PRISON SECTION.....

CIVIL POLICE SECTION.....

FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE
SECTION.....LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
SECTION.....B/f on
return
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SUBJECT:- Discipline.

Our Ref:- CAT/44.

To:- G.O.C.
No. 1 District.

From:- Lt. Col. Wellesley,
S.C.A.O.
Province of Catania.

Copy of a report of a disturbance caused by
British Troops at Santa Venerina in the neighbourhood
of Ionia is forwarded for information.

ANGOT H.Q.
Catania.
5 Oct 43.
Encl:

Lt. Col.
S.C.A.O.

Copy to:- G.C.A.O. Angot H.Q. Palermo.
ANGOT Liaison, 15 Army Group.

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A.M.G.O.T. - IONIA.

Corres. A.M.G.O.T. 1017/PS

2nd October, 1943.

To:- S.C.A.O.
Catania Province.From:- C.A.P.O.
Ionia.SUBJECT:- Discipline - Allied Troops.

On 30th September 1943 I was informed that at approx 8-30 p.m. on 29th September 1943 at Santa Venerina, the Maresciallo Crisafulli Vincenzo Comandante of RR.CC. Santa Venerina had been assaulted by unknown English soldiers under the following circumstances:-

At approx 8-30 p.m. on 29th September 1943 the above named in company with the Vice Brigadier IMBESI Francesco went to the house of Signor ARDIZZANE Vincenzo where it had been reported a disturbance by English soldiers was in progress. On arrival it was found that ARDIZZANE Vincenzo had been assaulted and the Marescialle endeavoured to persuade the men to leave the vicinity he was struck and received a kick in the scrotum and other minor injuries, from which he is certified to be likely to recover within 6 days. The soldiers after a short time got away, it is alleged that they had been drinking and were nearing a state of intoxication. I went to Santa Venerina same day and made a general investigation of the complaint but I could not find any person who could assist in the identification of the soldiers involved. The person interviewed included the Marescialle, the Vice Brigadier and the persons in the household of ARDIZZANE, I then interrogated many of the persons in the vicinity of the occurrence without results.

On 2nd October 1943, I attended before Lt.Col.G. Marnham, 74th Field Regt 50 Div. who is in command of units billeted in the Santa Venerina and I reported to him the occurrence, the Colonel immediately contacted A.P.M. of the District and made arrangements for complete investigation throughout his command, he also offered all facilities for identification parades should necessity arise. At 3 p.m. 2nd October 1943 in company with Major C.F. Dunn A.P.M. 50 Div. I again went to Santa Venerina with the object to make further investigations, we saw the Marescialle and through the medium of an interpreter requested him to state if he could identify the persons who assaulted him and he replied "It is not possible for me to identify anyone of the soldiers." The Vice Brigadier was asked the same questions and he replied "It was dark I cannot say who it was." We then attended the house of ARDIZZANE Vincenzo I asked him to assist me to trace the offenders and requested information as to description or his ability to identify and he stated that he was unable to help me as he could not give me any information. His son ARDIZZANE Giovanni was questioned and he replied in answer to direct appeal for information "I cannot identify any person who came into the house".

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7th Ind.

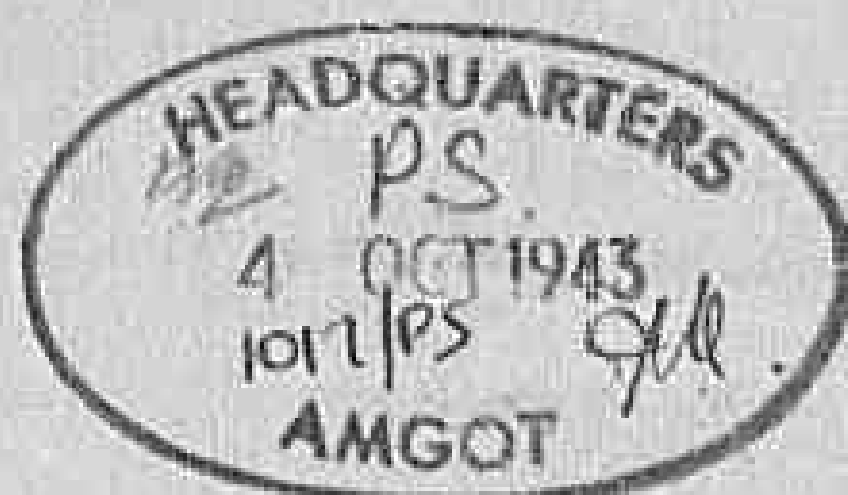
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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP (U.S. Contingent), APO 777, U.S. Army.
30 September 1943.

TO: Commanding General, AMGOT, APO 777, U.S. Army.

The recommendations made in 6th Ind. are concurred in. arrangements should be made with the British to police towns within their area.

By command of Brigadier General LEWIS:



Guy M. Talcott
GUY M. TALCOTT,
Colonel, G.S.C.
Deputy Chief of Staff

*Carbon Copy of 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th indorsements
forwarded to SCAD Regency.*

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AG 250.1/175

5th Ind.
HEADQUARTERS II CORPS, APO 302, U S Army, 18 September 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Seventh Army.

1. I concur in the recommendations contained in Paragraph 4, 4th Indorsement above.

2. It is further recommended that the military police requirements be furnished by the British Eighth Army in the towns of Vittorio, Comiso and Ragusa.

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HQ. SEVENTH ARMYJOHN F. LUCAS,
Major General, U. S. A.,
Commanding.AG 250.1 Misc 6th Ind.
HQ SEVENTH ARMY, APO 756, 26 September 1943.

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THRU: Commanding General, 15th Army Group.

TO : A.C.A.O., ARSOT, Province of Ragusa.

1. Inasmuch as disorders occurred in 8th Army area, it is believed that policing should be a function of the Eighth Army.

2. Instructions are being issued to all units, Seventh Army, that off limit signs in Eighth Army area must be obeyed.

3. Investigation has been made and units guilty of entering Vittorio and Ragusa on pass have been forbidden to issue such passes.

For the Commanding General:

 ALBERT A. LINDQUIST, H
Major, AGS,
Asst Adjutant General.

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AG 250.1-8-20 lth Ind. CIG/rro
Hq, 1st US Inf Div, APO 1, US Army, 16 September 1943.

To: CG, II Corps, APO 302, US Army.

1. An investigation of conditions in Vittoria and Comiso has disclosed that American troops, both colored and white, are entirely responsible for existing disorders. These troops are from organizations in the vicinity of Gela.

2. Since neither Vittoria nor Comiso, both in the Eighth Army sector, have military police whereas Gela is well policed, American soldiers from the Seventh Army sector, apparently with full knowledge of their commanding officers, have been visiting these towns although they are conspicuously posted as "off limits." Passes from the 809th Engineer Battalion and the 433d CA (AA) Battalion were noted in Vittoria and from the 809th Engineer Battalion, the 64th Troop Carrier Group, and the 82d Airborne Division in Comiso.

3. Four (4) houses of prostitution in Vittoria and three (3) in Comiso are operating without restriction and are being frequented by American soldiers. Much wine is available in these towns and is being sold to American soldiers, resulting in numerous cases of drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

4. It is recommended that commanding officers of all American units be instructed that these towns are "off limits" to military personnel and that passes are not to be issued to either of these towns except for official business. It is further recommended that strong military police detachments be placed in these towns, with a military police Cossack post established on the boundary between Seventh Army and Eighth Army sectors to check all vehicles and personnel, and that officer patrols be instituted in this area.

5. This division does not have sufficient military police to accomplish the recommended policing mission.

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C. R. HOEBNER
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

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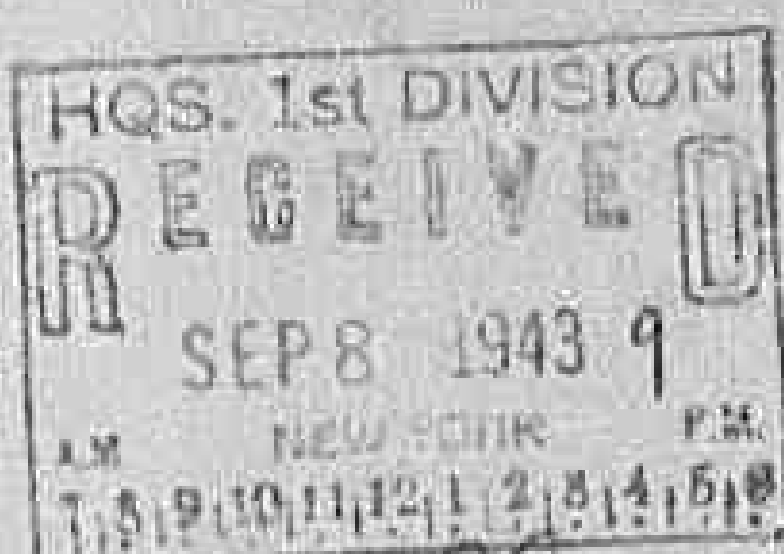
AG 250.1 (D G/S) 3rd Ind /wis
HQ II CORPS, APO 302, U.S. Army, 6 September 1943.

To: CG, 1st U.S. Inf Div.

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For investigation of conditions alleged in basic communication
and for recommendations in connection with request for Military Police.
Places enumerated are outside II Corps sector.

By command of Lieutenant General BRADLEY:



F. W. Zies
F. W. ZIES,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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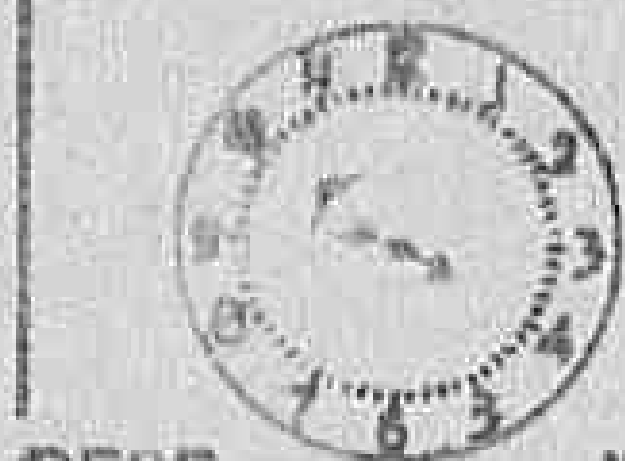
HEADQUARTERS 1st ENGINEER SPECIAL BRIGADE, APO 758, US ARMY, 30 August 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, US ARMY.

Forwarded for your appropriate action. - 3258

For the Commanding Officer:

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Charles W. Sullivan

CHARLES W. SULLIVAN,
1st Lt., CE,
Adjutant.AG 250.1 Misc 2nd Ind.
HQ SEVENTH ARMY, APO 758, 3 September 1943.

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TO: Commanding General, II Corps, APO 302.

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

By Command of Lieutenant General PATON:

Albert A. Lindquist

ALBERT A. LINDQUIST,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General. 7a

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Subject:- Discipline

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To:- Engineer Brigad , U.S. Army,
LICATA.

From:- AMGOT, Province of Ragusa.

20 Aug 43

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1ST DIVISION

On the night of 16/17 Aug 43 at Vittoria, several negroes from a neighbouring unit became drunk and disorderly and charges of rape are impending.

On the afternoon of 18 Aug 43 some men from the same unit were drunk in Comiso and tried to break into houses etc.

I should be very glad if sufficient Military Police could be provided in these two towns.

At Ragusa numbers of airmen from Comiso and Gela come to spend some hours daily. This town is "Out of Bounds" by Eighth Army Order to all troops except those living within 3 miles. In spite of these orders which are prominently displayed, parties of men are given passes to visit Ragusa.

The behaviour of many is most undesirable and I have no military police to restore order.

W. A. Oursley m.j.

for Lt-Col.
S.C.A.O. AMGOT,
Province of Ragusa.

Ragusa.

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Subject:- Discipline - Allied Troops.

To:- AMGOT H.Q. Sicily.

1017/PS

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PR/189.

From:- AMGOT, Province of Ragusa.

26 Sep 43.

Reference AMGOT/1017/PS dated 18 Sep 43.

With reference to the C.C.A.Os. order that all matters of ill discipline among the troops should be reported to him, herewith an investigation into the accidental death of a U.S. Private.

Report has been made to 180 Inf., 45th. Div.
A.U.S.



John

Lt-Col.
S.C.A.O. AMGOT,
Province of Ragusa.

Ragusa.

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AMGOT.
Office of Civil Affairs.
Modica

24-September; 1943.

SUBJECT: Discipline - Allied Troops; Ref-AMgot-IOI7-PS.

To : Commanding General, Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

I. An investigation conducted by the undersigned, covering the accidental death by shooting, of Private Albert Monteiro. ASN II043957, Company H. 180th Infantry, 45th Division, United States Army is completed and forwarded to your office.

2. From all information obtained on this matter, it is established that Private Albert Monteiro had been drinking, and had been in a house of prostitution which is clearly marked as out of bounds for all Allied troops.

3. Attached are all Allied papers of the investigation, sworn to, by all witnesses, along with the papers of the burial and personal effects return.

Matthew F. Sheehan
Matthew F. Sheehan,
Major, Inf. AUS.
CAPO. Modica District.

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Major, Inf. AUS.
CAPO. Modica District.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI MESSINA
Stazione di Modica Bassa

REPORT No. 339

Modica 10th September 1943

SUBJECT: Death due to an accident occurred to MONTTERO ALBERT born in the year 1917.-

To the: C.A.P.O.
M O D I C A
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On the night between the 8th and 9th September at about 01.15 a.m. I was informed by the Carabinieri LOMBARDO VINCENZO of this station, that in the house of Via Correrri No. 52 an accident occurred to two american soldiers, one of whom was killed by a pistol shot and the other wounded by the same.

As I was at the door of the Caserma I met the C.A.O. and C.A.P.O. of Modica.-

The C.A.P.O. was looking to a wound at the right shoulder of an american soldier named GAMET DAVANT of the age of 31 years, and was examining the jacket of the same, searching the hole produced by the bullet.-

From the interrogatory of the named GAMET, interrogatory made by the C.A.O. and C.A.P.O. of Modica it resulted that the GAMET accompanied by MONTTERO ALBERT, american soldier,; with MALFA GIUSEPPE, Municipal Guard; and three civilians, have entered the tolerance house in Via Correrri No. 52 and as the women were afraid of the pistol, MONTTERO took it out of the holder, to assure the women that the pistol was unloaded and consequently harmless, the said MONTTERO directed the pistol on himself and more precisely towards the abdominal region, when the pistol exploded killing the MONTTERO and hurting the Gamet.

MONTTERO's Body has been immediately guarded by the Carabinieri of this station.-

The C.A.O.; the C.A.P.O.; the Lieutenant ALCESE SANTO, Commanding Officer of this Station of Modica; the Doctor Vernuccio Pietro, who in the meantime was called and myself went to the house in Via Correrri No. 52, regularly administered by the signora NATARAZZO MARGHERITA of late Crazio and late Abate Roeslis, born in Modica in the year 1896, living at the No. 50 of the same Via Correrri besides the tolerance house.

In the dining room of the said house, on the left (when entering by the entrance door) layed on the floor, on his back, the body of MONTTERO, with the legs half opened, with an overall of kaki cotton cloth and naked head. The overall was unbuttoned on the breast.

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The body layed in a large sink of blood. The face had no traces of hurts, only the left hand was dirty with blood. Near the navel on the right hand side the entry hole of the bullet could be seen. All around this hole the skin was burnt for the surface of a 10 centimes piece. The bullet came out on the back where the out hole could be seen.

Doctor VERNUCCIO PIETRO (enclosure N° 1) describes the position of MONTTERO's body as it has been said, establishing that the death has been practically immediate.

When the accident happened in the dining room where it occurred the following persons were present:-

- 10) SIGNORENO Annunziato of Sebastiano and of Marol Vincenzo, born in Naples the 1st February 1922 in Caltanissetta and resident of Modica, in Via Correrri 52 (Tolerance house) 296
- 20) CRISTALDI Venera of late Giuseppe and of Alma Lorenza, born the 3rd November 1917 in Acireale, in Catania, Via Alessi N° 15

and resident of Modica in Via Correrri 52.-

- 3) COSIMANO Angela of late Francesco and of Di Silvestro Vincenzo, born the 26th June 1920 at Raddusa, in Catania, Via S. Angelo No. 22 and resident of Modica in the tolerance house.
- 4) D'ANGELO Elisabetta of late Nunzio and late Lentini Giulia, born the 4th January 1907 in Marsala, resident of Modica tolerance house.
- 5) MALFA Giuseppe, Municipal Guard of Modica.
- 6) MARTORINA IGNAZIO of late Rosario and late Russo Rosalia, born the 15th December 1895 in Modica, administrator of the Minerva Hotel in Via S. Domenico.
- 7) CASTAGNETTA Giuseppe of late Alfonso and of Di Bernardo Francesca, born the 15th November 1896 in Comiso, resident of Modica, Vico Napolitano 19, employee at the Commune of Modica.

As it is said in the enclosures No. 2-3 and 4 signed by the three prostitutes: SIGMORINO, CRISTALDI and COSIMANO the two american soldiers were accompanied by MALFA Giuseppe, Municipal Guard; by MARTORINA and CASTAGNETTA, and went to the tolerance house which was closed, the women being inside, and the women could not open the front door being this closed by a padlock the keys of which were in the hands of the tenant MATARAZZO MARGHERITA living near the tolerance house.

Having found the door of the tolerance house closed, the two soldiers have first called on the girls who could not open, MONTTERO, who spoke some Italian, knocked at the door of MATARAZZO's house, where the said MATARAZZO and the sub tenant D'ANGELO lives. The two women refused to open being too late but MONTTERO menaced saying that he would fire against the two doors. The girls have declared that the soldiers were drunk so that MONTTERO could only after many difficulties have contact with the COSIMANO.--the GAMET satisfied himself with the CRISTALDI.-

In the enclosures 5 and 6 even the MATARAZZO and the D'ANGELO state and confirm that the soldier who spoke Italian, MONTTERO, to have the door opened menaced that in any case he would have the doors opened. Same declaration has been made by MARTORINA, CASTAGNETTA and MALFA (see enclosures 7-8-9)

In the house accompanying the two american soldiers and three civilians was the named CANNIZZO VINCENTO of Paolino and Livrera Dorotea, born in Liccidia Eubea the 16th May 1904 resident of Modica in Via Muccio No. 3 employee of the Import and Taxes Office of Modica, but he (CANNIZZO) did not stay long in the house (see enclosure 10) and as by the declaration of the Municipal Guard MALFA, by the civilians and by the same prostitutes.

From the inspection made to the dining room, underneath the table, at a distance of meters 1.30 from the body and meters 1.50 from the wall, a shell was found and consigned to the C.A.P.O.

CASTAGNETTA Giuseppe of late Alfredo and of DI Bernardo Francesca, born the 15th November 1896 in Comiso, resident of Modica, Vico Napolitano 19, employee at the Comune of Modica.

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The tolerance house is composed of the following rooms: The first floor at the street level. Going in, at the left hand side a door gives in the common room, crossing a little passage in which, at the right hand side a wooden stair conveys down to another floor in which are three rooms as follows: an empty room; the bedroom of COSIMANO with whom MONTTERO has been; a talking room for the prostitutes and a private talking room. From the dining room a little stair gives into the common room; besides the dining room CRISTALDI's bedroom where GAMET has been; and SIGNORINO's bedroom where MARTORINA has been. From the common room by the means of a stair access is given to the second floor composed of: a little talking room; a bath room and a terrace.

The proprietor of the Tolerance house, GUGLIOTTA PIETRO of late Raimondo and late Giorgia Iacono, born in Modica in the year 1877, resident of Modica in Via Tirella No. 27.

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The said GUGLIOTTA, on the same night, after that the two american soldiers and 4 civilians entered the house, advised by the MATARAZZO and by the D'ANGELO, went into the tolerance house, to say to the civilians that if they had made recognize themselves by the women, these would not have been frightened. In any case the GUGLIOTTA went into the house found the civilians and the Municipal guard only being the two american soldiers with the girls, as the GUGLIOTTA declares in the enclosure N° 11

The Municipal Guard MALFA and MARTORINA keeper of the hotel Minerva where three american soldiers including MONTTERO and GAMET lived (see enclosures 7 and 9) say that the MONTTERO for the happiness caused by the italian armistice, hoping to be soon back home, asked to MALFA what he could offer them. MALFA answered that he could offer a pair of biscuits and a little glass of Brandy MONTTERO accepted the offer so they went to MALFA's house. Coming out of MALFA's they went to the Minerva hotel, where as MALFA, MARTORINA and CASTAGNETTA declare they had two eggs and a glass of wine each, after which they went out for the tolerance house.

MARTORINA declares that the two american soldiers for the armistice at the hotel, shot out of the window several pistol and rifle shots, reason for which it seemed to MONTTERO, as he shown to be sure, that the pistol was unloaded.

From the active searches made I have not found any responsibility of the regretfull accident of which MONTTERO was a victim, being MONTTERO very well known and loved by the citizens.

Enclosure N° 12 is a declaration of service made by the Lieutenant ALBERTI.

To the MATARAZZO the licence had ended by the 24th of April 1943 and to the 16th July 1943, owing to the invasion she did not renew it, for which the house has been closed and the MATARAZZO fined for having kept her house open without a license.

Sgd: Il Narescicchio d'alloggio a piedi
Comandante la Stazione
GAROZZO ANDREA.

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Enclosure N° 12 is a declaration of service made by the Lieutenant ALECCI.

To the MATARAZZO the license had ended by the 24th of April 1943 and to the 10th July 1943, owing to the invasion she did not renew it, for which the house has been closed and the MATARAZZO fined for having kept her house open without a license.

Sgd: Il Maresciallo d'alloggio a piedi
Comandante la Stazione
GARGOZZO ANDEZA.

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ENCLOSURE No. I

MODICA 9th September 1943

I herewith declare that this night at 03.00 I have been called by two Carabinieri and I have been to the Caserma of Modica Bassa with them, to be at the orders of the C.A.P.O. of the Allied Forces.

With the C.A.P.O. and other representatives of the law, we have been to Via Correrri No. 52. We entered, passing by a little passage, into a second room where a dining table, some chairs and other furniture were seen.

Entering and by the left hand side, laying on the ground, on his back was a body of a man, with the legs half opened, completely dressed and naked head. He was wearing a uniform of cotton cloth kaki, completely unbuttoned on the breast. The face was lightly pale and the body layed in a large stain of blood. Given the scarcity of light and having not taken the clothes off the body it has not been possible to make any other examination, nor the in and out holes of the bullet, being that on the ground under the table a shell of little dimensions has been found. It seems that two holes existed one on the abdomen side at the navel level to the right hand side and another on the back at approximately the same height, but it has not been possible for the over said reasons to examine the characters of these which was the way in hole and which the way out and thus the direction of the bullet nor the distance at which the pistol exploded causing the nearly immediate death by internal hemorrhage.

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Medico Chirurgo.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI MESSINA
Stazione di Modica Bassa.

In Modica at the office of the Station, in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty three the ninth day of September at 06.30 a.m.-

Before me :GAROZZO ANDREA, Maresciallo maggiore and officer of P.G. commandant of the Station;

Is present SIGMORINO ANNUNZIATA of Sebastiano and of Marci Vincenzo, born the 1-2-1922 in Naples, in Caltanissetta and resident of Modica, in Via Corvini 52, prostitute, whom under oath declares the following:

At about the hour 23.00 of the 8th September 1943, an american soldier named Alberto, naked at the door of the house asking to have the door opened otherwise he would fire on the door itself. The door was shut and the key was kept by the "sottopadrone" named Virginia who sleeps with the tenant of the house at the No. 50 of the same street. The girls having not opened the door ALBERTO knocked to the door of the tenant's house, for which the "sottopadrone" went out and opened the house at the No. 52. After the opening of the "casino's" door ALBERTO entered with another soldier, a municipal guard and three or four civilians.

ALBERTO and his soldier friend a little chat with the girls went in the sleeping room with two of them (LINA and BAMBOLA) while the municipal guard and the civilians remained in the dining room. A few minutes later I have been invited by one of the civilians who I recognize in this Caserma as MARTORINA IGNAZIO. I have been the first to come back in the dining room, after me ALBERTO came in with LINA and then the other american soldier with the other girl named CRISTALDI ANNA.

MARTORINA SAID TO ALBERT: "in the occasion of the Italian Armistice tonight we have shot several shots in the air.-having heard that ALBERTO took his pistol out of the holder lifting his armed hand towards the ceiling but his friend took it from him.- seeing the pistol we all girls got frightened but ALBERTO said to the "sottopadroni": "Mama don't be frightened this pistol is unloaded. Saying so he took the pistol back from the hands of his friend and to assure us that the arm was harmless he (ALBERTO) directed the pistol to his right hand side, but immediately the arm exploded touching ALBERTO and his companion. After the explosion ALBERTO with his hands on the abdomen slowly fall down slipping to the wall and without saying a word so that a few minutes later he expired.- So I and ALBERTO's friend with the intention of assisting him we vainly dropped some water on ALBERTO's face.

D.R. The "sottopadrone" at moment of the accident was before the house.

Read, confirmed and subscribed:-

SIGMORINO ANNUNZIATA.

Seen: GAROZZO ANDREA

Maresciallo d'Alloggio Maggiore.

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Read, confirmed and subsigned:-

SIGNORINO ANNUNZIATA.

Seen: GAROZZO ANDREA
Maresciallo d'Alloggio Maggiore.

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ENCLOSURE 3.

LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI MESSINA

Stazione di Modica Bassa

In Modica at the station Officer, in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty three the 9th day of September 1943 at 07.15 a.m;

Before me GAROZZO ANDREA, maresciallo maggiore and officer F.G. commandant of the said station.

Is present CRISTALDI VENERA of late Giuseppe and of Alma Lorenza, born the 3rd November 1917 in Acireale, domiciliated in Catania, Via Alessi 15 resident of Modica Via Correrri 52 under oath declares the following:-

"Last night at an hour I cannot exactly say, the tenant of the house, MATARAZZO MARGHERITA, from a window of her house corresponding with our house, knocked to the door to say that in the street there were american soldiers and civilians who would open the door of the house, and being that the MATARAZZO did not want to open to the american soldiers, these menaced to shoot to the door of the tenant's house and then to the outside padlock of the to have the tolerance house door open.

The tenant and the "sottopadrone" went out and opened the door of our house so the two american soldiers a municipal guard and three civilians came in.- One of the soldiers has been in my room for about 10 minutes, and in the meantime the other soldier and more precisely ALBERTO went in the bedroom with the other girl "BAMBOLA".-

One of the three civilians had a belt around his shoulder on which a pistol was secured (ALBERTO's pistol) The other soldier took it back from the civilian to hand it over to ALBERTO. We girls seeing the arm we got alarmed but ALBERTO was assuring us saying: "it is empty" and so saying he took it out of the holder and directed it to his right hand side, provoking the explosion of the arm, for which ALBERTO and his companion were wounded.- In that moment being very excited as I am pregnant (3 months) I put my arms around the neck and the shoulders of the other soldier the blond.- After the explosion ALBERTO brought his hands towards his abdomen slowly falling on the floor. ALBERTO's companion left me, took some water and dropped it on his friend's face, thinking that would be sufficient to get him better, but vainly; sometime later ALBERTO expired.

Read, confirmed and undersigned by:

Sgd: CRISTALDI VENERA

Witnesses: Pizzo Giuseppe
Ferraro Maria

Seen by: GAROZZO ANDREA
Maresciallo d'alloggio Maggiore a piedi.

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Read, confirmed and undercrossed by:

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Witnesses: Pizzo Giuseppe
Ferraro Maria

Seen by: GAROZZO ANDREA
Maresciallo d'alloggio Maggiore a piedi.

LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI MESSINA

Stazione di Modica Baena

In Modica at the Station Office, in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty three the 9th day of September 1943 at 07.45 a.m;

Before me GAROZZO ANDREA, maresciallo maggiore and officer of P.G. commandant of the said station.-

Is present COSIMANO ANGELA of late Carmelo and of Silvestro Vincenzo, born the 26th June 1920 in Raddusa and domiciliated at Catania, Via S. Angelo No. 22 resident of Modica Via Correrri No. 52, prostitute, who under oath declares the following:-

"The night of the 8th September 1943, in an hour I cannot exactly say, I heard a knock at the door of the house and a voice I knew that of an American soldier named ALBERTO saying: "Open! otherwise I shoot" He repeated this menace several times but none of the three girls we are sleeping in the house have answered.-

I, from the common room, the window of which I have slightly opened, I could note that on the road were two American soldiers and three civilians and a municipal guard. -

Having no answer from the girls, ALBERTO, suggested by the civilians who were with him, knocked to the door of the tenant's house which is next to our house. - The knockings were followed by the usual menaces of shooting. The "sottopadrone" at the continuous menaces, said that the girls were in bed, but the soldier continued menacing, for which the "sottopadrone" was obliged to get out the house to open the padlock which is on the entrance door of the house, so the two soldiers, the municipal guard and the three civilians came in. One of the three civilians (the lame) asked me to go with him, but being he and his companions drunk, I refused to go with him saying that we could see that the next day. - ALBERTO told me: "don't you come even with me?" I have answered: "not to-night being too late, tomorrow morning yes". - The real reason of my refusal was that the soldier was very drunk. The Municipal Guard induced me to accept ALBERTO's request so I went in the sleeping room with him, who was very long to satisfy himself for which reason SINCERINO ANNUNZIATA called us, so we came back to the dining room waiting for the other soldier and girl. - When ALBERTO entered the house he took his pistol together with the belt and threw it on the table of the dining room but MARTORINA thought it better to take it and keep it. - When ALBERTO came back in the dining room, MARTORINA was giving him back the weapon but the other soldier took it extracting the pistol from the holder to show us, who were frightened of it that the pistol was unloaded as MARTORINA was granting too. - ALBERTO to assure the presents took the pistol and directed it to his right hand side. - After that I heard an explosion and saw ALBERTO press his hands on his abdomen and fall on the ground losing much blood. - The other soldier run towards ALBERTO from

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I declare that the lame immediately after his entering the house has emptied his stomach before the entrance door of the house and went away.

Read, confirmed and undersigned by:

COSIMANO ANGELA

Seen by: GAROZZO ANDREA
COMMANDANT OF THE CC.PR. STATION

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ENCLOSURE 5.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI MESSINA

Stazione di Modica Barra.

In Modica at the Station Office in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty three the 9th day of September at 09.30 a.m.

Before me, GAROZZO ANDREA, maresciallo maggiore and officer P.G. Commandant of the said Station.

Ie present MATERAZZO MARGHERITA of late Orazio and late Abita Rosalia, born in Modica in the year 1896 resident of Modica Via Correrri 50 tenant of a tolerance house in Via Correrri No. 52 who under oath declares the following:-

The 8th September at about midnight several times I heard a knock at my door.- I said to the "sottopadrone" D'ANGELO ELISABETTA, who from some nights is sleeping in my house, not to answer, but being that menaces were made to shoot against the door and voices were saying: "Open we are americans", I said to the "sottopadrone" D'ANGELO to open the door and ask what they wanted.- D'ANGELO opened the door and she saw in the street two american soldiers, one of whom spoke italian, a municipal guard and three civilians.- The american soldier said to D'ANGELO to open the tolerance house and in the case she refuse he would fired against the padlock and open himself the door.- The d'ANGELO under that menace opened the door, so the said persons went in the tolerance house.- After that the D'ANGELO came to me and both went to call the proprietor of the house GUGLIOTTA PIETRO of late Raimondo to whom I said what I herewith declare.-

Read, confirmed and undercrossed by:

MATERAZZO MARGHERITA

Witnesses:- Pizzo Giuseppe
Ferraro Mariano.

seen by: GAROZZO ANDREA
Commandant of the CC.R.R. Station.

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The 8th September at about midnight several times I heard a knock at my door.- I said to the "sottopadrone" D'ANGELO ELISABETTA, whom from some nights is sleeping in my house, not to answer, but being that menaces were made to shoot against the door and voices were saying: "Open we are americans", I said to the "sottopadrone" D'ANGELO to open the door and ask what they wanted.- D'ANGELO opened the door and she saw in the street two american soldiers, one of whom spoke Italian, a municipal guard and three civilians.- The american soldier said to D'ANGELO to open the tolerance house and in the case she refuse he would fired against the padlock and open himself the door.- The d'ANGELO under that menace opened the door, so the said persons went in the tolerance house.- After that the D'ANGELO came to me and both went to call the proprietor of the house GUGLIOTTA PIETRO of late Raimondo to whom I said what I herewith declare.-

Read, confirmed and undercrossed by:

MATERAZZO MARGHERITA

Witnesses:- Pizzo Giuseppe
Ferraro Mariano.

seen by: GAROZZO ANDREA
Commandant of the CC.R.R. Station.

LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEL CARABINIERI REALI DI MESSINA

STAZIONE DI MODICA BASSA

In Modica at the Station Office in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty three the 9th day of September at 08.30 a.m.

before me GAROZZO ANDREA, maresciallo maggiore and officer P.G. commandant of the same station.-

Is present D'ANGELO ELISABETTA of late Nunzio and late Lentini Giulia born the 4th January 1907 in Marea resident of Modica Via Correrri N°52 "gottopadrona" of the tolerance house "MATARAZZO MARGHERITA" who under oath declares the following:-

The 8th September 1943 between the hours 23.00 and 23.30 p.m. I heard somebody knocking to the tenant's house door; MATARAZZO MARGHERITA in the house of which I sleep since a few nights being that the same has recently lost her father.- After several knocks I have been obliged to answer asking who it was.- From the outside a voice said "Open otherwise I shoot".- After this menace I opened the door and I found myself in front of two American soldiers, the Municipal Guard Malfa and three civilians of whom I know MARTORINA IGNAZIO and the lame CANNIZZO VINCENZO.-

One of the two soldiers told me in Italian that he would have the door of the tolerance house opened at once otherwise he would have fired on the door.- I adhered to the request opening the padlock of the front door of the tolerance house, so the said persons went in stopping in the dining room where they sat.- Then I went to the signora MATARAZZO to tell her all about the matter.- The MATARAZZO and I, then, have been to call the prior of the house, GUGLIOTTA PIETRO, in Via Firella, and told him to advise the Carabinieri of the local Station.

Back from Gugliotta I went in the tolerance house and noticed that the American soldier who spoke Italian was in the Bedroom with the girl COSIMA-NO, and that he had left his pistol to MARTORINA IGNAZIO; his companion too has been in the bedroom with the girl named CRISTALDI ANNA.-

When the soldier who spoke Italian, named ALBERTO, came back in the dining room he looked to his pistol which was in his companions hands.- At that moment being frightened of firearms I went out of the house so I did not see anything else.- Sometime later I heard an explosion and I run out to call on aid without knowing what happened.-

Read, Confirmed and undersigned by:-

D'ANGELO ELISABETTA

Seen by:- GAROZZO ANDREA
Commandant of the CC.RR.Station

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Read, Confirmed and undersigned by:--

D'ANGELO ELISABETTA

Seen by:-- GAROZZO ANDREA
Commandant of the CC.RR.Station

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ENCLOSURE 7.

LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI MESSINA. 46

Stazione di Modica Bassa

In Modica at the Station Officer the the year one thousand nine hundred and fourty three the 9th day of September at 11.00 a.m.

Before me GAROZZO ANDREA, maresciallo maggiore and officer P.G. commandant of the same station.

Is present MARTORINA IGNAZIO of late Rosario and late Russo Rosalia, born the 15th December 1895 in Modica, here , living in Via Pellico No. 71 administrator of the Minerva Hotel, who under oath declares the following:-

The 8th September 1943 at 20.45 p.m. I was in the company of two american soldiers, who, since a month are living in my hotel. We were on the place in front of the Municipal Building when we met the Municipal Guard MALTA GIUSEPPE to whom the two soldiers expressed their desire to hear S. Peter's Church bells rang. In fact we went the four of us towards the church but found the door closed. In that moment the soldier ALBERTO, said to the Municipal Guard MALFA what he could offer in occasion of the Italian Armistice. Malfa answered that he could offer a pair of biscuits and a little glass of brandy only. The two soldiers accepted the offer and then we went in MALFA's house where in a few minutes we took what over is said.

Coming out of MALFA's house we have been to the Hotel where we found CANNIZZO VINCENZO and CASTAGNETTA GIUSEPPE who asked to eat. I answered that I could offer a pair of eggs each. Hearing that the soldier ALBERTO asked me if there was nothing for them; The CANNIZZO, CASTAGNETTA and MALFA answered offering two eggs each. So every one of us had two eggs and a little glass of wine.

At the moment that MALFA, CANNIZZO and CASTAGNETTA went out the Hotel the two soldier said that they would have a walk and we accepted. As we were at "Piazza Rizzone" the two soldiers asked us to go to the tollerance house. So we went but we found the door of the house closed. ALBERTO knocked at the door but the girls inside said that they could not open being too late and because the door was closed from the outside. ALBERTO having had this answer, knocked to the tenant's door. A voice from inside said that the house could not be opened owing to the time. At this answer ALBERTO said that if they were not to open the door he would fire against it. At this menace the "gottopadrone" got out of bed and opened the tollerance house in which we went in, staying in the dining room. A little later the two American soldiers and myself went in the room with the girls. As ALBERTO came into the house he threw his pistol and belt on the table, but I took it to give it back to ALBERTO as soon as he would be back from the girl's bedroom. So I did as he came back, but ALBERTO extracted the arm from the holder handing it in the way up. This excited the girls but ALBERTO assured them that the weapon was unloaded and saying so he directed the

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I also declare that the two soldiers as they heard of the Italian Armistice shot much rifle and pistol shots out of the window of the Hotel and so it is that the soldier ALBERTO thought that the pistol was unloaded.

Read confirmed and subscribed by:

MARTORINA IGNAZIO

Seen by: GAROZZO ANDREA
Comandante la Stazione C.C.P.R.

LEGION TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI MESSINA

Stazione di Modica Bassa

In Modica at the Station Office/ in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty three the 9th day of September at 12.15 p.m.

Before me GAROZZO ANDREA, maresciallo maggiore and officer of P.G. commandant of the same station.-

Is present: CASTAGNETTA GIUSEPPE of late Alfonso and of Di Bernardo Francesca, Born in Comiso the 15th November 1896, resident of Modica, Vico Napolitano N° 19, employee at the Commune of Modica, who under oath declares the following:-

The night of the 8th September 1943, I and CANNIZZO VINCENZO have been to the Albergo Minerva to drink a glass of wine.- Sometime after our arrival, the proprietor of the Hotel MARTORINA IGNAZIO came in accompanied by two American soldiers and by the Municipal Guard MALFA GIUSEPPE.- Martorina did not refuse us the wine but we asked something to eat first.- So he offered us eggs we have eaten with the soldiers.- After that we went out to have a walk and the soldiers told us of their wish of going in a tolerance house.- We have all been in that house but we found the door closed.- One of the two soldiers who spoke Italian, invited to open, but from the inside a voice said that, that was a honest house, so the soldier insisted saying that he would shoot against the door.- By this insistence the door was opened and we went all in.- The two soldiers and MARTORINA have been the bedroom with a girl each.- CANNIZZO a few minutes after he was in went away.- Me and Malfa have stayed in the dining room.- When the soldier who spoke Italian came back to the dining room took his pistol and said "I fire" ; The girls got excited but he soon said "don't be frightened it is unloaded";- a moment later I heard an explosion and I soon saw the soldier holding his abdomen fall on the ground.- I quickly went out to look for a doctor.-

Read, confirmed and undersigned by:-

CASTAGNETTA GIUSEPPE

Seen By: GAROZZO ANDREA
Comandante la Stazione CC.RR.

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Read, confirmed and undersigned by:--

CASTAGNETTA GIUSEPPE

Seen By: GAROZZO ANDREA

Comandante la Stazione CC.RR.

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In Modica at the Station Office in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty three the 9th day of September at 10.00 a.m.

Before me GAROZZO ANDREA, maresciallo maggiore and officer P.G. commandant of the same station.

Is present: MALFA GIUSEPPE of Vincenzo, Municipal Guard from Modica Alta, who under oath declares the following:-

Last night the Commisario Prefettizio sent me to Modica Alta to advise the churches to ring the bells for the Italian armistice. At about 21.30 p.m. back from Modica Alta, in the Place in front the Municipio I met two American soldiers in the company of MARTORINA IGNAZIO proprietor of the Albergo Minerva

One of these American soldiers who spoke Italian asked me to go to S. Peter's church to ask the priest to ring the bells. Go the four of us went to the church but we found the door closed. On the way back the soldier who spoke Italian asked me if I offered him something for the armistice. I answered that I could offer a pair of biscuits and a little glass of brandy. The two American soldier and MARTORINA accepted my offer so we went to my house where I offered them what I have said and 15 minutes later we went off directed to the place in front the Municipal House.

There MARTORINA and the American soldier said they were going to the hotel for a glass of wine. The soldier who spoke Italian insisted with me to accept to join them so we went to the hotel. At the hotel we found CANNIZZO VINCENZO and CASTAGNETTA GIUSEPPE who joined us and we had two fried eggs and a glass of wine each. At the moment CANNIZZO, CASTAGNETTA and me were leaving the two soldiers expressed their wish to go to the tolerance house so they insisted that we could not refuse to accompany them and we went in Via Correria No. 52. There we found the door of the house closed and the girls who were shut in told us they could not open because the door was secured by a padlock externally fixed. I don't know how and when, the soldier who spoke Italian knew that the tenant lives next to the tolerance house where he knocked at the door, and from inside the signora MATARAZZO said that she was sorry she could not open the house because it was too late. The American soldier qualifying himself a policeman said "open or I'll shoot at the door". After much insisting the sottopadrone opened the door of the tolerance house so we went in stopping in the dining room. A few minutes later the two soldiers went in the room with a girl each and we have been waiting in the said dining room. At that moment CANNIZZO went away.

At the moment we were leaving the house the soldier who spoke Italian I don't know for what reason, took his pistol out of the holster playing with a shot exploded against himself.

Consequently I went off to look for an aid and to advise, with MARTORINA, the C.A.O. and the Carabinieri, as I have done.

Read, confirmed and undersigned by:

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Consequently I went off to look for an aid and to advise, with MARTORINA, the C.A.O. and the Carabinieri, as I have done.

Read, confirmed and undersigned by:

MALFA GIUSEPPE VITTORIO

Seen by:

GARGIZZO ANDREA

Comandante la Stazione.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REATI DI MESSINA

Stazione di Modica Bassa.

In Modica at the Station Office in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty three the 9th day of September at 10.30 a.m.

Before me GAROZZO ANDREA, maresciallo maggiore and officer P.G. commandant of the same Station.

Is present: CANNIZZO PAOLINO of Vincenzo and of Livviera Dorotea born in Licodia Eubea the 16th May 1904 resident of Modica, Vico Muccio N°3 employee at the Tax Office of Modica, who under oath declares the following:

Effectively last night, in the company of two american soldiers, MATTORINA IGNAZIO, CASTAGNETTA GIUSEPPE and the Municipal Guard MAIRA GIUSEPPE, I have been in the tolerance house the door of which we have found closed, but after much insisting with the girls first and with the tenant and "sottopadrone" from one of the soldiers who spoke italian the house has been opened, so we went in, but a few minutes later I was gone, so I know nothing about what happened successively.

Made, read, confirmed and undersigned by:

CANNIZZO VINCENZO

Seen by: GAROZZO ANDREA
Comandante della Stazione.

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Made, read, confirmed and undersigned by:

CARRIZZO VINCENZO

Seen by: GAROZZO ANDREA
Comandante della Stazione.

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ENCLOSE No. 11

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LEGIONE TERRESTRIALE DEL CARABINIERI PAVI DI MESSINA.

STAZIONE DI MODICA PASSA

In Modica in the Station Office in the year one thousand nine hundred forty three the 9th September at 19.20 p.m.

Before me CAROZZO ANDREA, maresciallo maggiore and officer P.G. commandant of the same station.

Is present: GUGLIOTTA PIETRO of late Raimondo and late Isacco Giorgia, born in Modica in the 1877, resident of Modica in Via Tirella 27, who under oath has declared the following:-

In the night between the 8th and 9th September 1943, sometime after 24.00 hours MATTEO MARCERITA tenant and proprietor of the tolerance house of Via corroni 52 and D'ANGELO ELISABETTA "gottopadrone" of the same, came to me saying that two american soldiers menacing to fire against the door of MATTEO's house obtained the opening of the tolerance house.

I went without delay to the prostitution house;- There I found the Municipal Guard MALTA and three civilians: MARTORINA IGNAZIO, CANNIZZO VINCENZO and CASTAGNETTA GIUSEPPE.- The two american soldiers as I was said were in the rooms with the girls.- I complaint with MALTA and the civilians because they frightened the girls when it could be possible to not to do so.- Then I went off the house and the accident happened when I was not there so I know nothing about it.- But when the "gottopadrone" advised me of the shot, the explosion of which I heard, without knowing what was happening I run to the Caserma of the Carabinieri to advise them of the shot.-

Read, confirmed and undersigned:-

GUGLIOTTA PIETRO

seen by: CAROZZO ANDREA
Comandante la Stazione.

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Is present. ...
born in Modica in the 1877, resident of ...
oath has declared the following:-

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Read, confirmed and undersigned:-

GUGLIOTTA PIETRO

seen by: GAROZZO ANDREA
Comandante la Stazione.

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DECLARATION.

I, undersigned Sub-Lieutenant of the Reali Carabinieri ALECCI SANTO declare the following:-

The 9th September 1943 at about 1.30 a.m. I was called by the Carabinieri PERDICHIZZI GIUSEPPE informing me that in the tolerance house situated in Via Correrri N° 52 a grave accident happened to an american soldier who was killed by a pistol shot and his friend another american soldier wounded.-

Without delay I got dressed and went to the Caserma where I have found the C.A.P.O. of Modica Major Sheehan, the C.A.O. of Modica Captain Kitson Harris and the maresciallo maggiore of the Carabinieri Garozzo Andrea, commandant of the Station of Modica Base.

The C.A.P.O. sent for the Doctor Vernuccio Pietro and altogetner we have been to Via Correrri 52, more exactly in the tolerance house regularly kept by Materazzo Margherita.-

In the dining room of the said house coming in by the entrance door on the left, layed on the floor on the back in a sink of blood the body of an american soldier, with the legs half opened, completely dressed and naked head.-

The Jacket was unbuttoned on the breast. The face did not present traces of hurts and the left hand only was dirty with blood.

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Modica 10th September 1943

The Sub-Lieutenant
Commandant of the Lieutenant
SANTO ALECCI.

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The Jacket was unbuttoned on the breast. The face did not present traces of hurts and the left hand only was dirty with blood.

At a little distance from the navel was the in hole of the bullet.

Modica 10th September 1943

The Sub-Lieutenant
Commandant of the Lientenance
SANTO ALECCI.

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OFFICE OF CIVIL AFFAIRS
MODICA

September 9th, 1943.

WIRE

TO Commanding Officer Co H, 180th Inf. 45th Division, AUS.

MONTEIRO, Albert IIO43957, Private Co H, 180th Infantry, 45th Division found dead early this date. Investigation Continuing, Further information forwarded to you upon completion.

Matthew F. Sheehan

Matthew F. Sheehan.
Major, Inf. AUS.
Civil Affairs.

September 9th, 1943.

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Major, Inf. AUS.
Civil Affairs.

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OFFICE OF CIVIL AFFAIRS,
TOWN OF MODICA,
PROVINCE OF RAGUSA.

SICILY

September 9th, 1943.

To Commanding Officer, 33 General Hospital,
From Matthew F. Sheehan, 0289978 Major Inf, AUS; Civil Affairs.
Subject Postmortem. NOMINATED Albert Pvt. U.S. Army.

1. The undersign request your aid in establishing the cause of death of the above mentioned soldier. If it be possible, this office would appreciate the immediate reply of the results of the autopsy in order to forward the same to the Adjutant General along with other papers pertaining to the case.
2. Eyewitnesses to the event relate that this soldier did accidentally take his own life while attempting to prove to bystanders that the pistol now in my possession was not loaded.
3. As soon as the body is ready for burial, please notify this office and the necessary steps will be taken to have the Grave Registration Section close by, take the usual steps to complete their work in the matter. Thanking you for your very kind consideration I remain,

Matthew F. Sheehan

Matthew F. Sheehan,
Major, Inf. AUS.
Civil Affairs, Modica.

Subject Postmortem. ROMERO Albert Pvt. U.S. Army.

1. The undersigned request your aid in establishing the cause of death of the above mentioned soldier. If it be possible, this office would appreciate the immediate reply of the results of the autopsy in order to forward the same to The Adjutant General along with other papers pertaining to the case.
2. Mywitnesses to the event relate that this soldier did accidentally take his own life while attempting to prove to bystanders that the pistol now in my possession was not loaded.
3. As soon as the body is ready for burial, please notify this office and the necessary steps will be taken to have the Grave Registration Section close by, take the usual steps to complete their work in the matter. Thanking you for your very kind consideration I remain,

Matthew F. Shanahan

Matthew F. Shanahan
Major, Inf. AMB.
Civil Affairs, Mexico.

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MONTIELLO, Albert. U.S. ARMY.

MONTREAU, Albert.

Attached herewith as requested by you, Post Mortem Report in respect of the late above mentioned soldier.

E. J. Macdonald
Major, R.A.M.C.,

as requested by
above mentioned soldier.
Inspector Major Dume
Major, R.A.M.C.,
No. 33 General Hospital. 2379

C.M.F.
10.9.43.

POST MORTEM REPORT.

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MONTIRO, Albert. U.S. ARMY.

The body was that of a well developed man. There was marked post mortem staining and rigor mortis had almost passed off. There was a large hydrocele. There was a small (approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch) entrance wound with inverted edges $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below the right nipple. There was some scorching round the wound. There was an exit wound with everted edges over the infra acromial fossa of the scapula $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch, an inch above the lower edge of the left scapula and approximately 5 inches outside the midline. There were no other marks on the body. There was much haemorrhage in the right pectoralis major. The bullet had entered the thoracic cavity through the interspace between the 5th and 6th ribs. Both pleural cavities and the pericardium were full of blood. The bullet had traversed both lungs and the heart and had fractured the 8th rib on the left side, before leaving the body by the above mentioned exit wound. In my opinion the cause of death was haemorrhage due to gunshot wound of chest.

W. H. Mylchreest
Signed. (W. H. MYLCHREST), Major, R.A.M.C.,
Pathologist,
No. 23 General Hospital.

Date: 10.9.43.

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MODICA, SICILY
Office of Civil Affairs.

September 10th, 1943

To: Matthew F. Sheehan. 0289978, Major, Inf. AUS (Angot)

From: James H. DaVault , 2053768I, Pvt. Battery "B" 171st FA.
45th Division.

Subject: Statement of Incident on September 9th, 1943.

- I. I voluntarily give this statement after being warned of my rights under the Articles of War and having been sworn to its truthfulness.

James H. DaVault
James H. DaVault, Pvt. 2053768I AUS.

STATEMENT

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Signed

James H. DaVault

Witnessed

James J. Terrano Pvt U.S.A.

Witnessed

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Matthew F. Sheehan Major 45th AUS

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September 19, 1943 - Modica Sicily

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Armistice September 8, 1943 three
civilians, a civilian police, Pvt.
Monteiro and myself was celebrating
at the Hotel Modica. We had
eats and a few drinks of wine.
We left the Hotel about 10:30 and
went to a house located at
53 Via Durieri where some girls
were. While inside Pvt. Monteiro
took his gun out. The girls
were frightened. Pvt. Monteiro
told the girls not to be afraid
that the gun was not loaded.
To show the girls that the
gun was harmless he pointed
it at him self. The gun fired
and I saw Monteiro fall to the
floor. I immediately I sent for the
Police. — Pvt. James H. De Vault

Btry. B 171 9th A. Bn. 45th DIVISION

Office of Civil Affairs
Modica

September 10, 1943.

TO Grave Registration Officer, Gela, Sicily;

From Matthew F. Sheehan 0289978 Major, Inf. AUS (Civil Affairs)

1. The remains of MONTUORO, Albert II043957 Private Co H, I80th Inf., 45th Division is forwarded to your command to be buried in the cemetery along with other soldiers of the United States Army.

2. In order to allow this office to complete the investigation of the incident, it is respectfully requested that full details of the location of the grave, date of burial, and town, be returned.

Matthew F. Sheehan

Matthew F. Sheehan.

Major, Inf. AUS

Civil Affairs.

*This body buried Sept 11, 1943 in
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Civil Affairs.

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Office of Civil Affairs.
Modica

September 17, 1943.

SUBJECT; Field Equipment, MONTEIRO, Albert Pvt. (Deceased)
TO ; Graves Registration Section APO 763

INVENTORY LIST

1. I-Barrack Bag
2. I-Springfield Rifle Model 1903 Number 355492
3. I-Steel Helmet
4. I-Helmet Liner
5. I-Pack and Pack Carrier
6. I-Field Shovel
7. I-Cardridge Belt
8. 2-Canteens
9. I-Canteen Cup
10. I-Shelter Half
11. I-Misquito Bar
12. I-Head net
13. I-Blanket
14. I-pr of Leggings
15. I-Combat Suit
16. I-Combat Hat
17. I-O D Woolen Shirt
18. I-O D Woolen Pants
19. I-Field Jacket
20. I-Sun Tan Pants

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Received By

Cpl. R. A. Gany
H. C. II Q. M. (B. D.) Co.

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Office of Civil Affairs.
Modica

September 16, 1943.

SUBJECT: Personal Effects (MONTEIRO, Albert) Deceased.

TO : Graves Registration Section AFO 763.

INVENTORY LIST

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|-----|--|--------------|
| 1. | 1-Wrist Watch, make (Waltham Premier) | Yellow Gold. |
| 2. | 1-Wrist Watch Band, expandable. | Yellow Gold. |
| 3. | 1-Ring, Initial "A" on black onyx | White Gold. |
| 4. | 1-Metallic chain and crucifix | |
| 5. | 2-Religious Medals | |
| 6. | 1-Soldiers Pay Book | |
| 7. | 1-Wallet (Empty) | |
| 8. | 1-Safety Razor | |
| 9. | 2-Keys | |
| 10. | 1-Pipe (Used) | |
| 11. | 1-Comb | |
| 12. | 1-Postal money receipt (2159) for 100 dollars. | |

Received By

Cpl R.A. Gandy
46th QM (G.R.) Co.

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OSPEDALE MAGGIORE

di

Modica

Add

9/9/1943 n. XXI

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Prot.

Risposta al foglio del

N.

Dir.

Allegati

OGGETTO:

Referto medico.

Al Comandante della Polizia Alleata

U. Sica

O' medico S. posto. cercare il
militare americano

James N. Da Vault 2373

accoppiato. Stando verso la sua
in punto. Ospedale per la cura del core -
Presentava una piccola ferita da arma
da fuoco alla reg. costale posteriore lungo
l'ascella posteriore destra con intagio
nei della pelle e nei tessuti sottocutanei.
La ferita è stata trattata
mediante incisione chirurgica. L'indagine

SUBJECT: Complaint against Allied Troops.

file
 AMCOF HQ., SICILY.
 AMCOF/1001/PS
 20 September 1943

TO : Eighth Army Main.

The following report which is a translation of the original complaint, is forwarded for such action as may be considered necessary.

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AMCOF - EMEA
 Major F.W. Walters.
 Civil Affairs Police Officer

The undersigned, Pernicone Francesco fu Benedetto, residing in via Cavour No. 24, Regalbuto, makes known to the Allied Military Govt., the following :

My chauffeur, Sig. Ragli Giuseppe, together with 13 friends, while returning from the fair at TROINA, at Gagliano Castelferrato Road, were stopped by four soldiers of the Allied Forces, one of whom was a sergeant, who ordered them to stop the car, and threatened them with a sub-machine gun. From the way they spoke it seemed as if they were Canadians. When the friends stopped they were searched and robbed of all the money they carried, besides watches, valises containing linen beside my small truck. The truck is a new Fiat 1100, latest series, Plate No. 1448 BH varnished in red colour, with titles on the carriage doors - "Azienda Agricola - Francesco Pernicone, Prodotti Ortofrutticola - Regalbuto.

These friends were robbed of :-

	<u>LIRAS.</u>	
1. Pernicone Martino.	2,700	
2. Marino Cataldo.	3,000	
3. Bellaria Raimondo.	7,000	
4. Dossin Giuseppe.	1,050	
5. Bonanno Vincenzo and son.	1,700	
6. Ragli Giuseppe.	300	
7. Fusco Emilio - all the items mentioned on the enclosed list.		2372

-24-24-

From investigation conducted by myself results that the automobile left by the said militaries at the time they took my small truck is a Fiat 509. The owner is Barbara Salvatore from INOUFORTE which was stolen with the pretence that they were English Police and needed it to search for the hidden Germans.

This car was returned to the owner by me, as results from the enclosed receipt.

During their absence from their Command, they were 15 days in SCARDILLE and 10 days in contrada RANDINO, territory of Agira in the country house of a lawyer IZALZA, where they committed thefts and abuses.

In one of the beds in which they slept I found an identification book belonging to Pontella Raymond of Italian origin. This was turned over to you.

On Sept. 8, I was in territory of Regalbuto where they committed other thefts.

I beg your honourable Command to consider my loss and grant me a compensation in another way, as my car cannot be found. I would appreciate if you could give me one of those military cars that have been found so that I can continue the work of transportation of alimentary articles of my "Azienda Agricola" to the inhabited centres.

Many thanks,

Francesco Pernicino.

REGALBUTO Aug. 14, 1943.

P.S. Canadian Militia Soldier's Service and Pay Book of E. 52349 Pte. R. Pantella, two passes issued to 32267848 Pte. Corsey and a water-proof bag found in the room where the man had been sleeping, are enclosed.

LENNY PERLES
Colonel, Inf.
Com. Public Safety.

30AIMPORTANT AND CONFIDENTIAL.AMCOT/1017/PS.AMCOT HQ. - SICILY.

18 SEP 1943

Subject: Discipline - Allied Troops.To : All S.C.A.Os. and
R.C.A.Os. - Regions II & III

1. At the meeting of S.C.A.Os. held in Palermo on 20 August, I stressed the necessity of reporting to me any acts of indiscipline of allied troops. These reports were to take the form of copies of or supplementary reports to, the reports rendered by you to the formation concerned.

2. I have not been receiving such reports.

3. I require these reports in order that individual cases can be taken up with G.O.C. in C. 15 Army Group, who is taking a personal interest in the matter.

4. I again emphasise the necessity of wherever possible ascertaining the time, dates and localities involved when the individuals' names, numbers and units cannot be ascertained.

[Signature]
Major General,
CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER.

Distribution

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Subject: Public Safety

Ref: 6/3/P

AMGOT HQ, (For attention Public Safety Division)
15 Army Group

1. The attached reports of depredations by four alleged Canadian soldiers at Regalbuto ^{are} forwarded for information and such action as may be deemed necessary. The acts complained of took place between 1 and 9 Sep 43.

2. A Canadian Militia Soldier's Service and Pay Book of K.52349 Pte R; Pantella, two passes issued to 32267848 Pte Corsey and a waterproof bag were found in the room where the men had been sleeping. They are enclosed.

Enns,
15 Sep 43
ECM



L. J. Walters.

Major,
C.A.P.O.,
for S.C.A.O.

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A. M. G. O. T. Enna
Mayor. T. W. S. Walters.
Civil. Affaires. Police Officer

Il sottoscritto Fernione Francesco
fu. Benedetto residente in Regalbuto via Carrozzieri,
facio presente a vostro Governo Alleano quanto
Il mio Quintista Sig. Bagli Giuseppe insieme ad
altri tredici amici ritornando alla fiera di
Granma, nello stradale di Guglielmo Cristoforo,
sono stati fermati da quattro soldati del
Governo Alleano, uno dei quali imbarca i
guardi di sergente; di origine al parlare sembravano
essere Calabresi, obbligando di fermare la macchina
minacciando di vita colla pistola Mitragliatrice.

Appena fermati sono stati perquisiti
e rubati delle somme che portavano oltre Orologi,
Valige contenente biancheria, oltre il mio Camion
La macchina è una Fiat. 1000. Camion
cino nuovo, ultima serie, targato #418. E. N.

vennicato color Rosso, col l'interdizione nei sportelli
Arreolata Apricola- Francesco Ferencore
Prodotti Artigianali. Regalbuto

gli amici di viaggio altro rubati;
Il Fernione Massimo £ 3400
..... £ 3000

Io sottoscritto Ferruccio Francese
 fu. Benedetto residente in Regalbuto via Cassarini
 faccio presente a codesto Governo Alleato quanto
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 Arsenale Agricolo - Francese Ferruccio
 Prodotti Artigianali - Regalbuto

gli amici di viaggio erano rubati;

1° Ferruccio	Matino	£ 2400
2° Marino	Cataldo	£ 3000
3° Belloira	Raimondo	£ 4000
4° Domin	Giuseppe	£ 1050
5° Bonanno	Vincenzo, e figlio	£ 1400
6° Bagli	Giuseppe	£ 300
7° Fusco	Luigi, tutti gli oggetti nella nota qui	

archiva.

I detti militari dalle indagini fin'ora da me fatte risulta che l'autorevole che loro hanno abbandonato nel momento dopo essere in possesso del mio, era una Fiat. 509.

Il proprietario era il sig. Barbarici' fratello di Giuseppe da Georgharte, e gli è stata rubata sotto il pretesto che loro appartenessero alla Polizia Luplere, e gli serviva per trovare i Garbanelli nascosti.

Detta ~~epistola~~ macchina è stata da me restituita al proprietario, come risulta dalla ricevuta che qui accludo.

Durante il suo allontanamento del suo Concorso sono stati 15 giorni in Contrada Sardielli più 10 giorni in Contrada Bordinio territorio di Apia nella Casina dell' avv. Leanza, ove sono commessi diversi furti, e abusi di prepotenza.

Per un detto dei quali forniranno abbiamo trovato il libretto di riconoscimento del soldato Pontella Raymond di Origine Italiana.

Detto libretto è stato consegnato a V. I.

Giorno Otto ~~detto~~ Ambre sono stati in territorio di Regalberto e hanno commesso altri furti.

Prego Codesto On.le Comando partirmi risarcire

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Agricola, ai Centri abitati.

Rinpiagiano

Francesco Ferruccio

Regalato 11-8-1943

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AMCOT - ENNA

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6. Bagli Giuseppe.	500
7. Fusco Emilie - all the items mentioned on the enclosed list.	2364

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REGALBUTO Aug. 11, 1943.

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SUBJECT : Complaints against Allied
Troops

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AMCOT/1001/TS

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AMCOT H.Q. MICHIGAN

20 September 1943.

TO : High Army Main. 23/24

The attached complaint, and
rough translation, are forwarded for such
action as may be considered necessary.

The Senior Civil Affairs
Officer, Province of Man., suggests that
Canadian troops may have been responsible.

LESLIE L. BOLLAS
Colonel, Infantry,
Commander of

Copy to : M.A. to G.O.C. Safety.

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TERRITORIAL LEGION OF THE ROYAL CARABINIERI OF MESSINA.

Station of Regalbuto.

File No. 45/1288 div. 3

Regalbuto, Sep 10, 1943.

SUBJECT: Fusco Emilio residing at Regalbuto, via T.F. Ingrassia
No. 49.

TO : The Command of the Allied Military Government of
ENNA.

Application submitted by Fusco Emilio trying to obtain an indemnity because on the 9th. he was robbed by an English or an American soldier, the articles that were taken from him are set out below.

Fusco declares his damage amounts to about 10,000 LIREs.

It is transmitted to you for due course.

THE SUPERIOR MARSHAL COMMANDING THE STATION

DI GUARDO ANGELO.

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TRANSLATION.TO THE ALLIED GOVERNMENT, ENNA.

I, the undersigned, Fusco Emilio, residing in CATANIA in via Garibaldi 79, temporarily residing at Regalbuto in via C.T. Ingrassia No 42, makes known to the Government that at about 1400 hours on September 9, 1943 on the road that leads to Gagliario Castelferrato and precisely near the bridge, I together with my wife and other companions was robbed of the following items:

- 1 Leather valise, Light Gold Colour.
- 1 simple valise,
- 1 Leather bag, brown colour.
- 1 White man suit (cotton).
- 1 striped poplin morning gown.
- 2 men shirts.
- 3 pairs of men's socks of fine cotton.
- 2 mens handkerchiefs.
- 1 Shaving Box with all the necessary shaving equipment ?
- 1 Cigarette lighter in nickel.
- 1 Gold Fountain pen.
- 1 dress with jacket, black.
- 1 dress " " silk flowered.
- 1 Blue Wollen dress with cape.
- 1 Blue Cotton-Silk Morning Dress.
- 1 pair of underwears.
- 1 Night Shirt.
- 8 pairs of stockings silk- and - cotton.
- 1 pair of serpent leather shoes, new, for woman.
- 1 pair of white charoia shoes for women.
- 6 pieces of cheese (cacicarello) seasoned of about 7450 kilograms.
- 20 chicken eggs.
- 3 Kilos of almonds.

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2nd indorsment

Reggno.

SUBJECT: Desecration of Graves
TO: HQ. Amgot, Palermo.
Forwarded for your information.



For LtCol H. Gorry

Donald C. Little
Donald C. Little
Capt CMP AMGOT

16 Sept 43

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1001 101100

SUBJECT :- Secretion of Graves

"A" Branch, Rear Eighth Army.

Copy to :- A.M.G.O.T. Eighth Army.

Rear H.Q.
30 Corps.
12 Sep. 43.
1092/43/A.

The attached copy of 78 Div letter No. A. 3050/B of 10 Sep. 43 is forwarded further to this H.Q. letter No. 1092/39/A of 11 Sep. 43.

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Lt-Gen. G. H. G. G. G.

Lt-Gen.
Comd.

COPYSUBJECT :- Location of GravesA. 3050/B.HQ 30 Corps. (A)

Reference even number of 7 Sep, the following is the location of graves reported by 1 E. Surreys as having been opened and the boots removed from the corpse :-

1. CATSKANUOVA - 620884 (about 1 mile up track leading N
from town)
5338789 Pte. FIDGES, A. 1 E. Surreys.
2. GENTURIFE - 640903 (one map ref to cover all graves
which are scattered over the hill)
6151366 Pte. LLOYD, D. 1 E. Surreys.
7044309 Pte. BUTLER, A.
WICK, H. (German)
2 unknown Germans.
1 unknown British Cpl.
PNE 30/993 KREBS, O. G.E.F.R.
462 T. 62783 German.
STAMM KPGIS, 746.
3. BRONTE - 736089,
1749 FISCHER, O. Oberg.
HEINRICH, K. Lt.

(sgd)

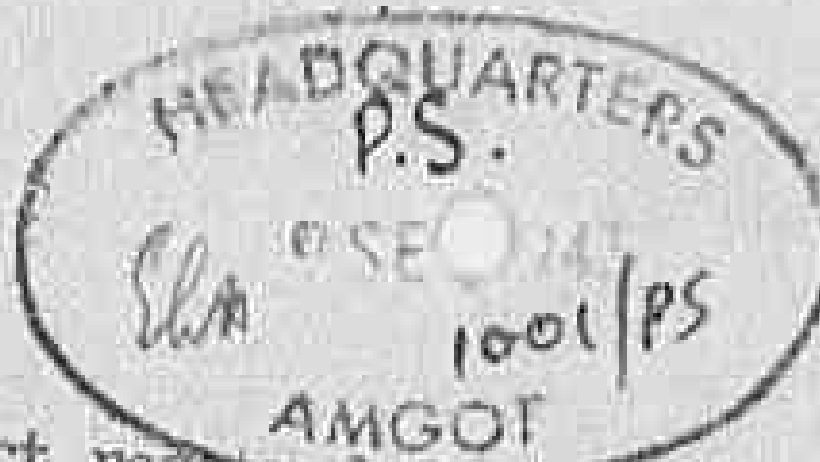
E. R. WRIGHT, Major.
for Maj-Gen.
Comd. 78 Div.

10 Sep. 43.

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Subject :- Looting and Robbery.

Headquarters,
6 Base Sub - m.



FCS/412.

I enclose a copy of a report received from the C.A.O. Palazzolo giving details of a case of looting and robbery by soldiers, for your information and any action you may deem necessary.

Syracuse.
7 Sept. 43.
JW.

Copy to :- H.Q. AMGOT.

Lt. Col.,
S.C.A.O.
A.M.G.O.T.

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H.Q. Palanolo - District.

4-9-43.To : - S.C.A.O.
Syracuse Province.PLUNDERING BY TROOPS.

At Palanolo on 1-9-43 between 1700 and 1800 hrs, four soldiers arrived in a truck, the number of which was 4464. They entered the local brothel and took away the clock, one of them removed 1600 lire from a civilian in the street and they drove off. One of the soldiers had "Canada" Secom on his shoulder.

Can steps be taken to trace these men, who are probably from the Canadian Division.

R.G. Fricke

Major.
O.A.O.

Palanolo District.

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AMGOT/1001/FSRef. AMGOT/208/HQAMGOT HQ SICILY29 August 1943Subject: LOOTING

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Undisciplined mob of drunken Canadian personnel continually creating incidents that interfere with the normal duties of the C.A.F.O., Capt. COXHEAD, who requires assistance.
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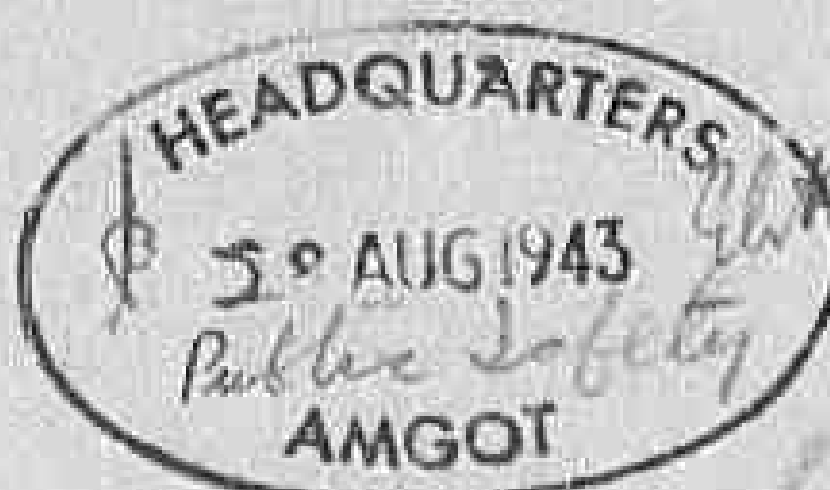
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SUBJECT: *1001/ps*

FOB/412

H.Q.,
Amot.,
Valencia.

Copy of translation of a complaint received concerning
alleged *meeting*, together with a *manila* letter with
No. 6 Base Sub-area is forwarded. *covering*

Cmd. 6 Base Sub-area has called for a report, which
on receipt will be sent to you.

Synopsis:
24 Aug 43.
JRS.

14-101.
S.E.A.C.,
A.E.C.O.S.

2 Enclosures.

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Conf.

Subject: Looting.

H.Q.,
No. 6 Base Sub-area.

A translation of a complaint received through the good offices of the Town Mayor is forwarded.

I have no doubt that you will have seen this complaint already, but I understand it has been impossible to trace the individual soldiers responsible for the alleged looting.

I do not know what action you may have directed in this case, but in the circumstances under the collective disciplinary action might be instituted against the unit in question as an incentive for the future good behavior, and as a possible deterrent to other units.

Symones.
17 Aug 43.

Signed, Lt-Col.
S. G. A. O., AFMOT.

Translation.

I, Cordilero Salvatore, who was living at 47, Viale D'Amato, make the aforementioned declaration to the responsible authorities. From the 1st of July 43 a Division Finanze Corps Company have been camping on my farm, and they have stolen the following items:-

60 hens, 50 pigeons, 20 rabbits, 50 birds of various New Spain, 40 birds of old wine, fern tools including shovels, picks and axes. They have also stolen the other objects to the quantity and prevented him from collecting his harvest of various etc.

They have damaged 3 barrels, sacks, shoes and almost trees, and have not care to the orchard.

They have also destroyed the other from the quantity listed and from the fact which is causing damage from the property both in and in the future.

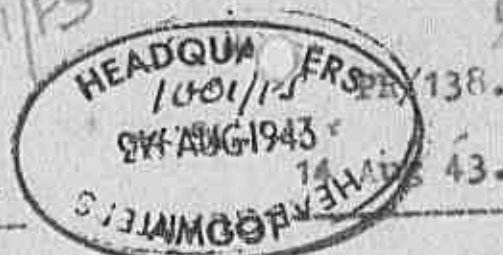
I, Cordilero Salvatore also ask if may be granted access to the farm to collect the harvest of almonds etc. and to permit the could and harvest my land, for which power I ask to be allowed access for ten or fifteen days.

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Subject:- Looting.

To:- H.Q. Fortbase.

From:- ANGOT, Province of Ragusa.



A party of R.A.F. from Pachino have broken into the stores of the Italian Army Barracks at Ragusa Ibla and carried off several bales of blankets, medical stores, aluminum ware etc.

These stores are mentioned in D.A.D.O.S. 103 Base Sub-Area's letter 103/SA/179/ORD dated 3 Aug 43, addressed to D.D.O.S. Fortbase, copy to this H.Q.

As numerous doors etc. were broken into and no application made to me, I presume that permission was not given for the removal of these stores.

[Signature]
Lt-Col.
S.C.A.O. ANGOT,
Province of Ragusa.

Ragusa.

Copy to:- ANGOT, *HQ. Palermo*
~~S. C. A. O.~~

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COPY



OFFICE OF C.A.O. SCORDIA

Subject :- Report of Military disorder in MILITELLO Aug. 8 1943

To:- Lord Wellesley, Lt.Col., S.C.A.O. Catania.

1. Capt. Percy COXHEAD, C.A.O. SCORDIA / MILITELLO / PALAGONIA, has continually reported to me incidents of Military disorder in the town of MILITELLO, which if they are allowed to continue will result in chaos and disruption of Civil Affairs activities. The most recent report is as follows:-

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2. Captain COXHEAD, with incidents of this kind, occurring frequently, is unable to attend to his normal duties as C.A.O.

3. The following has been done to eliminate the problem but to no avail :-

- (a) Contact local M.P. (SCORDIA). The P.M. has not sufficient men or equipment to control the towns.
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5. I have great anxiety for the personal safety of Capt. COXHEAD under these conditions, strongly request immediate action.

(sd) Theodore Shannon
2/Lieut.,
C.A.O. ANGOT,
SCORDIA.

Looting
To the Senior Officer.
Amgot.
From Major Eric Whelpton .
No I (U) Section
Casa del Fascio
Syracuse.

Sir,

May I draw your attention to the deplorable conditions prevailing in the British sphere of influence in Sicily.

Because of the wholesale looting and the frequent wanton destruction by our soldiers, sailors and merchant seamen we are rapidly destroying the confidence and support of the population which welcomed us so readily after our landing. We are also causing considerable disgust among our American Allies who view this lack of discipline with dismay since it reacts unfavourably on the prestige of the Allied Nations.

My views on the present state of affairs are shared by all Italian speaking British officers whom I have met, by police and security officers as well as many members of the Amgot Administration. Indeed there seems a distinct possibility that the matter may be made a political issue at home and even in America.

The looting takes the following form:

Firstly parties from ships or units set out to pick fruit or vegetables on a large scale. In some cases the entire crop of a small holder has been taken or ruined. This practice would seem to have the tacit or even open approval of officers in charge. Evidence of this practice can easily be obtained almost anywhere on the peninsular which lies East of the Syracuse Cassibile. I myself confiscated 150 pounds of grapes from a party of sailors whom I reported to the Naval security Officer. The same day one of my officers Captain Harrison handed over to the Military Police for stealing three horses.

An hour later I heard a report that a dispatch rider had saved a peasant from being molested and having his bicycle stolen by one of the native troops also stationed on the peninsular. Certainly all the landowners and peasants are afraid to stop these depredations, and fear that all their fruit will be stolen from them in the future.

Another frequent practice on the part of other ranks and even officers, is to break in to empty or occupied houses and seize furniture or mattresses without any authority. This has

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Public Inquiry

happened in the house which I now occupy before my arrival.

Wanton destruction has been on a small scale, but in Syracuse valuable furniture and picture have been destroyed. In the country barrels of wine have been taken, in some cases the contents emptied on the ground. In the towns some of the shopkeepers have had so much pilfering that they have decided to close their shops. For evidence of this Captain Dawson Intelligence Corps, Casa del Fascio can furnish at least one name.

Lastly among the peasants there are many rumours current about the native troops who are said to molest women and ill treat their men folk.

I have spoken about these matters to police officers, Security officers and Angot officials. Their reply has in each case been that there was no machinery to deal with these disorders. My own impression is that officers in command of ships or units have taken no steps to check these disorders. It would seem too that officers frequently seize furniture cars and other objects without authority and requisition orders and consequently the other ranks have followed suit. If I have not given fuller details about these disorders, it is because of the urgency of my own work. I am certain that any Italian speaking officer could obtain corroboration of the truth of my statements in very short time and in doing so would find that I have not in anyway overstated the position.

I remain Sir,

Yours faithfully

Rich Welford

3rd August 43.

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31 Jul 43

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Civilian claimsIGNAZIO CASTELLOTT, VIA CASTELLOTT, 6
MEDICA

- 1- Att. copies of documents relating to impasse removal by Allied Forces of property belonging to or in residence of this community
- 2- For your further action, please

C. D. Helyar
Civil Affairs Officer

Ignazio Castelletti

- 3 Cane Chairs
12 Glasses
3 Bottles ? Spirits
3 Towels
1 Wash Basin
2 Towels

Sgd. (Illegible)

450 Sqa.

Mess requirements only.

True copy
C. H. H. H.
major

Address: Via Castelletti 6
Modice

Ignacio Castellat

Received from caretakes the
following goods:-

Gramophone

Pots and Pans

Bedding

Pillows

Miscellaneous articles.

Thermometer.

Sgd: Cpt. Smith

R.A.O.S. 4 Sect.

A. Forces 785 Squad.

*True copy
J. H. Smith
major*

addres. Via Castellat 6

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Ignacio Castellón
via Castellón G-Modica

2 Bottles of wine
1 Bag
2 Chairs
1 Transmitter
1 Receiver
3 Chairs

Sgd: Cpt. Joseph Oswaldo
111 Cengirers USA.

*True copy of document
signed by Capt Joseph Oswaldo
Ct. K. Schenck
major*

TRANSLATION of a letter received from IGNAZ CASTELLETT, Via Castellett 6
Modica, on the 27th JULY 1943.

With reference to my letter of to-day's date, I beg to inform you that this morning in the absence of the guardian, the house at Michelica has been visited again by soldiers of the Canadian Army, who have forced all the doors, drawers, broken all the window glasses and window frames, ruining or taking all what remained of furniture, linen clothes and food. It is not easy to say how much has been taken being the house all practically emptied and destructed, but surely the damage is over the 50.000 Lire. 2349

During the operation shoted with their guns and revolvers for which the neighbours and the Carabinieri who were crossing, thought better not to interfere. I am sure you will make an enquiry as soon as possible to see the truth about what I said above.

Yours faithfully,
sgt. Ignazio Castellett.

LOOTING.

Memorandum to: C.C.A.O.

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 9. Syracuse. "On 25 Jul. at 1800 hrs. Major Smith and Major Morley-Fletcher of ADV. AMCOT HQ were requested by an Italian caretaker to come to her assistance as the house for which she was responsible was being looted by British sailors.
- "2. The above officers proceeded to this house, FONDO MOSCUZZA e BARATTA, map reference approximately 157263, 1/100,000 map 274, and found that entry had been forced, doors, cabinets,

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drawers, etc. broken open and the contents of the house strewn in disorder on the floor. A No. 4 rifle No. B25235A was found and is now in possession of ADV. AMGOT. The Italians said this was left by the sailors.

"3. The caretaker stated that the sailors had gone off with a sheet over their shoulders carrying articles from the house and especially linen.

"4. The men were believed to be on leave for one day from a T.L.S.

"5. In addition three men under Sgt. Low of "O" TP No. 34 Bty. L AA were found in the house upstairs trying on civilian clothes. They had not taken any articles. When questioned they stated they had seen a party enter and leave the house with articles and went to see what had happened.

"B. There have been a number of instances in this locality in the last week of British O.Rs being reported for housebreaking. Officers of this HQ have seen 4 villas which have been broken into and have learned of cases where O.Rs - some reported to be from a naval commando - have arrived in trucks and removed wine, tables, bedding, etc. despite protests of the owners. Unfortunately no case has been identified, though the British rifle in this case may afford a slight clue.

"C. Letter is attached showing further case of robbery reported by the local priest at peninsula Maddelena.

"Further -

"On 26 Jul. Major Smith met two naval officers off an L.C.I. who said they and their men were looking for food as neither Malta or Syracuse provided them with rations nor pay. Major Smith did not ask the officers name nor the number of their ship."

ADVANCE AMGOT HQ
FORTHASE

Major
General Staff

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Subject:- Looting.

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Further to this H.Q. ANGOT/208/HQ of 26 July.

Attached please find another complaint by the local priest
of Peninsular del Haddolana.

ADW ANGOT HEADQUARTERS,
FORTBASE.

✓ L.X
Lt-Colonel.
G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Subject:- Looting.

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AMGOT/208/HQ.

27 July, 43.

D.A.D. Claims & Hirings,
No.6. Base Sub-Area.

Reference your CH/2/10 of 26 July.

Regretted original was handed to Portbase.

— L X
Lieut-Colonel,
G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

ADV AMGOT HEADQUARTERS,
PORTBASE.

2345

SUBJECT:- Looting.

Ref: CH/2/10,

Civil Affairs Officer,
A.M.G.O.T.,
No, 6 Base Sub-Area.

Reference your letter A.M.G.O.T./
208/HQ. dated 26 July 43.

May a copy of the letter, as
stated in para. 5(c) be sent to this
Office please.

Clurman

In the Field.
26 July 43,
CEW/FTJ.

Major.
D.A.D. Claims &
Hirings.
No. 6 Base Sub-Area.

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