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RPS 472

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Confiscation of Firearms.

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35	1030/PS	24 Sept	" " 1st 1st 1st 1st 1st
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45	1050/PS	17 Oct	To SCAO Callanville
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Let. 100.

RTM: RPS 386.8

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

23/12/43

TO: Chief Public Safety Division, HQ Headquarters

1. Forwarded in accordance with the above quoted memorandum.

CHARLES POLKETT

Lt. Colonel

Regional Civil Affairs Officer

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division

R32/14603/PS

18 November, 1945

SUBJECT : Confiscated Firearms

TO : Chief Public Safety Division, REGION I.

1. The Chief of Staff, AMGOT, directs that a report be submitted to this office with the least practicable delay, showing the number of presently available pistols or revolvers confiscated within the Region, their state of serviceability, and whether ammunition is available therefor, and in what quantities.
2. An initial report of those now in your custody is desired forthwith. Subsequent reports will be forwarded as soon as received from the Provinces, if the information sought is not now at hand.
3. Compliance with this communication is urgent.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief Public Safety.

Copies to:- Chief of Staff
R.C.A.C., REGION I.

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Re: Fed.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SOUTH REGION HEADQUARTERS APO 942

File R.F.G. 335.3

22 November 1943

To: Col. W. C. Wick: Chief Public Safety Division, Headquarters
Allied Military Government

- (1) Initial report forwarded for your information. Complete
information will be forwarded as soon as available.

BY ORDER of Lt. Col. Charles Volzetti, SAC.

FORWARDED BY: CHUCK

Chief

Public Safety Division

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 512.

RL/ 615/6/CPS/BJH.
21/11/43.

SUBJECT : Confiscated Firearms.
TO : Chief, Public Safety Division, No. 1 Region.

1. With reference to memorandum dated 18th November, 1943, from Colonel Paul G. Kirk, reference AMG/14603/PS, approximately 14 days will be required to obtain the answer to paragraph 1 of the memorandum.

2. As regards paragraph 2, there are 1155 pistols and revolvers of different types and calibres at present at these Headquarters.

3. It is anticipated that about 350 of this number are, or can be made serviceable, but it should be emphasised that the majority of the weapons are not up to date models.

4. There is no ammunition capable of being used in these revolvers.

B. J. Hefford
B. J. HEFFORD,
Major,
Supt., Civil Police Section.

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Public Safety Division

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Copies to:- Chief of Staff
R.C.A.D., REGION I.

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Pass to Major Sheppard 3.30pm. 19/11/43

Letter " " 5.45pm by messenger

14/11 Secure as soon as possible and
submit as soon as secured

RXS

WFW 19"

2nd Ind.

RPS 472

Nov. 7, 1943

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, Sicily Region 1
Headquarters, APO 512

TO - S G A O Palermo

There is no change in policy in regard to the possession
of pistols, revolvers, etc.

By ORDER of Lt Col Charles Polett, HQAG

Russell A Snook
Lt Colonel
Chief, Public Safety Division

BASIC LETTERS- Letter from Montecatini firm re Dr Giovanni
ROBERTO, November 4, 1943, and from Maj Gorman
on Nov 4.

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SUBJECT: Firearms - 1 party of Civilians.

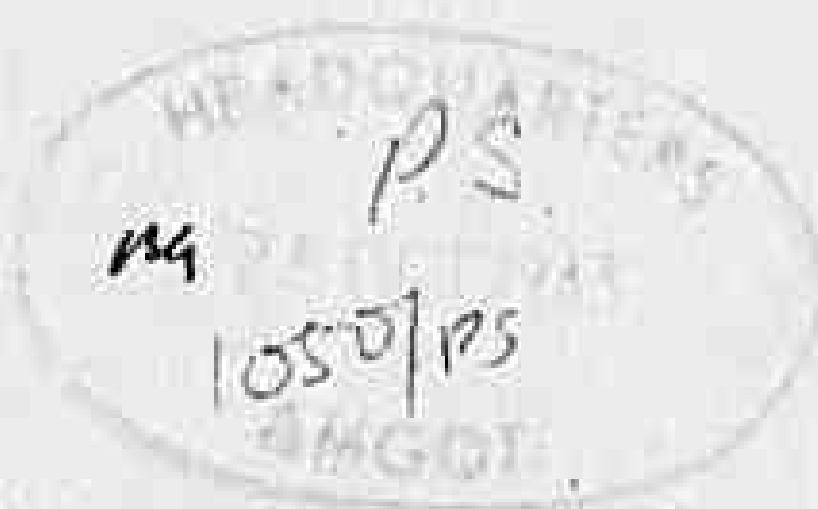
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22 Oct 43.

AMGOT, HQ, Palermo ✓
SCAOs of Provinces

MESSINA
RAGUSA
SIRACUSA
CALTANISSETTA
PALERMO
AGRIGENTO
TRAPANI
CATANIA,



Strict instructions should be issued by AMGOT to all Police having in their custody shot guns and other weapons removed from the civil population, that, under no circumstances, are they to allow these to be handed over to military personnel unless in possession of a permit issued by this HQ.

District Routine Order No. 43 of even date refers.

Redacted signature 3349

Major General,
Commanding,
No 1 District.

CMP
RAC/RAIL

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Confiscation of Firearms.

S.C.O. Province of CALABARZON.

ANGOT/1050/PS

17 October 5

Reference your letter dated 9 October 1943. (Ref. PS/9/43).

1. This matter would appear to be covered by H.Q. letter ANGOT/1050/PS dated 13 October 1943.

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W.A. Ballance

Captain,
For Commissioner of Public

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CALT. PROV/PS/9/43

A. M. G. O. T.

Office of Chief Civil Affairs Police Officer
PROVINCE OF CALTANISSETTA

P.S/9/43

9th. October

1943

S. C. A. O.

PROVINCE OF CALTANISSETTA.

SUBJECT

RETURN OF SHOT GUNS TO FARMERS. 36

Further to my report of the 29th. September 1943, attached is another request for the return of shot guns to some of the inhabitants of the Commune Mazzerino in this Province. Again it is the question of the weapons having been removed by the Allied Forces and consequently the Carabinieri are unable to comply with the request.

E. Aust
Major,

Prov. C.A.P.O.

2.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT,

AMGOT H.QRS.

PALERMO.

Can something be done to return these guns to the farmers in accordance with the order or alternatively allow some form of compensation or perhaps there are other guns available. It is a matter of some importance.

W. P. Smith
LT. COL.

11. Oct 43

S. C. A. O.
CALTANISSETTA

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

ROUTING SLIP.

TO SEE :- 42/42+ (This matter would
appear to be dealt
with at folio 41
RHS)

C.P.S.....

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

PRISON SECTION.....

CIVIL POLICE SECTION.....

FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE
SECTION.....

X LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
SECTION..... Yes.
not.

COMUNE DI MAZZARINO
Provincia di Caltanissetta

43

N° di prot. 6093

Mazzerino, 11 25 settembre 1943.

OGGETTO: Restituzione armi agli agricoltori. -

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AL COLONNATO GRUPPO CC. RR.

= CALTANISSETTA =

D'intesa col locale Comandante la Stazione CC. RR. la situazione del momento consiglia tempestivi energici provvedimenti preventivi e repressivi, ed impone quindi la immediata restituzione delle armi agli agricoltori, ed in genere a tutti coloro che sono costretti a vivere nelle campagne.

Prego pertanto vivamente voler disporre perchè siano qui inviate le armi già versate da questa popolazione.

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IL SINDACO
F/to Ardovino

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REGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI PALERMO

GRUPPO DI CALTANISSETTA

N° 355/I2-I di prot. div. 3^ Caltanissetta, 11 7 ottobre 1943. 3349

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A. M. G. O. T.

OFFICE OF CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS POLICE OFFICER

= CALTANISSETTA =

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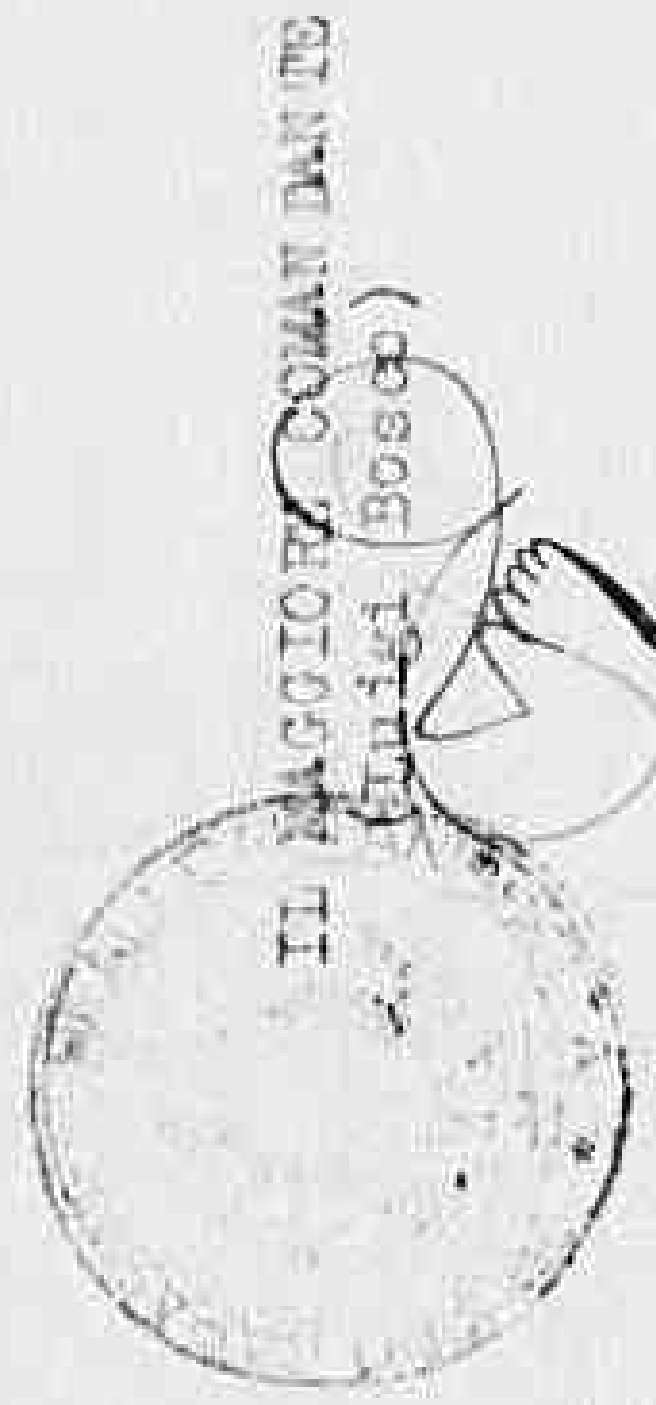
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Commune of Marinero - (Parr. Caldemich)

Marinero Sept. 25, 1943

Subject: Returning of firearms to the farmers.

In agreement with the local Commander of the Station Carabinieri, the present situation suggests timely energetic preventive and repressive measures and requires therefore the immediate restitution of firearms to the farmers and to all that are obliged to live in the country.

I ~~say~~ therefore request you earnestly to order that the firearms surrendered by this population may be sent here.

In same time I ask you to take interest in supplying these municipal agents and other custody agents of the Commune, in whole 16 with pistols, having been surrendered those we had.

The Mayor, F. Ardovino 3344

Secr'y. Leg. Carabinieri Gruppo S. Caldemich

Letter, Oct. 4-1943

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The mayor, Fr. Adornio 3344

Gen. L. Carabini Gruppo 8. Culterio 12. 64

Letter, Oct. 4-1943

... for competence, informing that the firearms
of the Commune of Anagni have been
withdrawn by the American Authorities
some days after surrendering.

Confiscation of Firearms.S.C.A.O. Province of Galtanissetta.

ANGOT/1050/P3

36
13th October

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Ref. your letter dated 29 September, 1943.

1. It is regretted that there are no available means by which the shot guns in question can be replaced.

2. It is open to the owners of the guns to prepare claims against the Allied Government. The Carabinieri should give all possible assistance in the preparation of the claims.

3. Claims arising within the Seventh Army area are dealt with by the Commanding Officer, Claims Division, Island Base Section, but full details as to the lodging of these claims will doubtless be announced later.

W.D. Ballance Capt

for LEONEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel Inf,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

To see:
DCPS RLM

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PA B.14/10

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

ROUTING SLIP.

TO SEE :-

C.P.S.

D.C.P.S.

PRISON SECTION

X CIVIL POLICE SECTION

FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE SECTION

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION SECTION

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY

CHECK SLIPDate 10-3TO: CCAO AMGOTFROM: PM

For:

1. Approval or Disapproval.
2. Appropriate action.
3. Comment or concurrence.
4. Correction and return.
5. Data on which to base reply.
6. Investigation and report.
7. Issuance of orders.
8. Notation and return.
9. Preparation of draft for reply.
10. Publication.
11. Remark and recommendation.
12. Signature.
13. Your information.
14. For necessary action and direct reply to writer.
15. To A. C. Files.
16. Note and forward.
17. For indorsement.
18. Retype.
19. For initials of responsible officer.

REMARKS:

Unable locate responsible party.

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NOTE: Check applicable paragraph above.

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(Initials)

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY

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REMARKS:

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NOTE: Check applicable paragraph above.

(Initials)

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY ORDNANCE
APO #758



27 September 1943

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Commanding Officer, 63rd Ordnance Bn. (AM), APO #758.

For investigation and report as to whether a unit of your command was involved in the incident reported in the attached report.

For the Ordnance Officer:

Hopping
Lt. Col., Ord. Dept.,
Executive Officer.

Incl:
Report

1st. Ind.
Hq. 63rd. Ordnance Bn. (AM), APO #758, U.S. Army, 30 September 1943.
TO: ORDNANCE OFFICER, SEVENTH ARMY, APO #758, U.S. ARMY.



1. Reference attached report, the nearest ASPs were at Gela and Caltanissetta, both about 40 miles from Pizzarmerina. The 603rd. Ordnance has been at Gela and a small detachment of the 69th. Ordnance Co. at #16. The C.O., 69th. Ordnance Co. knows nothing of the incident, the 603rd has not been contacted. At the time in question the 608th. was operating ASPs #18 and #19 near Capo D'Orlando and Scala, many miles away.

2. It is my finding that no unit of this command was involved.

S. E. Hall
S. E. HALL,
Lt. Col., Ord. Dept.,
Commanding.

to Provost Marshal
JHR

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY

CHECK SLIP

Date

9-25

TO: Ordnance Officer

FROM: PM

For:

1. Approval or Disapproval.
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4. Correction and return.
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REMARKS:

Understand 1/2 of 608
Ord. Co. was at
BARAFRANCA at time
mentioned in complaint.

NOTE: Check applicable paragraph above.

RPH
(Initials)

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY

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FROM:

PM

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REMARKS:

Can you tell us what
American Army units
were stationed at or
near ENNA and BARRAFRANKA
on or about 35 Aug?

NOTE: Check applicable paragraph above.

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APD 434RDT
(Initials)

TRANSLATION

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

AMGOT/ IO50/PS/.

19 Sept. 1943.

SUBJECT: Disarming of Carabinieri by U.S. Personnel.

TO : Provost Marshal Seventh Army.

The following report is forwarded to you for necessary action:

August 30th 1943. Station of the Carabinieri of Barrafranca.

The undersigned Branca Pasquale, commanding the Carabinieri station of Barrafranca says: On August 25th about 2000 hours I was in via Garibaldi at the corner of via Roma when we were stopped by an American officer in company with three soldiers, and without saying a single word, the officer disarmed me, taking my sword away from me. They were using a car with license plates No. I3 in the rear and I3-40 in front.

By information obtained seems like the officer and soldiers are member of a Company stationed in Albana Piazzarmerina, about three miles from Barrafranca. We sent a report to the local civil commissary at the A.M.G.O.T. Police Section of Enna, and one to the Carabinieri Section of Enna.

(S) Branca Pasquale.

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Lemuel L. Bolles
Colonel , Inf.
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

SUBJECT: DISARMING OF CARABINIERI BY U.S. PERSONNEL.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

AMGOT/ 1050/PS.

19 September 1943.

To : Provost Marshall,
7th. Army.

The following report is forwarded to you for necessary action:

" L'anno 1943 addì 30 agosto in barrafranca, ufficio di stazione.....

Noi sottoscritti BRANCA Pasquale, maresciallo d'alloggio a p. comandante della suddetta stazione, riferiamo a chi di dovere quanto appresso:

Verso le ore 20 del 25 corrente, mentre ci trovavamo su questo corso Garibaldi, angolo via Roma, vestiti in divisa, siamo stati fermati da un ufficiale e tre soldati dell'Esercito Americano; l'ufficiale ci ha disarmato della sciabola regolamentare, che ha portato seco. Detti militari viaggiavano con l'automobile targata posteriormente col n. 13 ed anteriormente col n. 13 da un lato e n. 40 dall'altro lato.

Da accertamenti eseguiti ci é risultato che il sig. ufficiale ed i tre militari di cui sopra facevano parte del reparto residente in contrada Albana di Piazzarmerina e precisamente a circa Km. 3 dall'abitato di Barrafranca. Perchè ciò consti abbiamo compilato il presente processo verbale, che trasmettiamo, tramite il sig. commissario civile locale, all'A.M.G.O.T. Comando Polizia di Enna e, per conoscenza, al comando della sezione carabinieri reali di Enna. Fatto, letto, confermato e sottoscritto."

(signed) Branca Pasquale

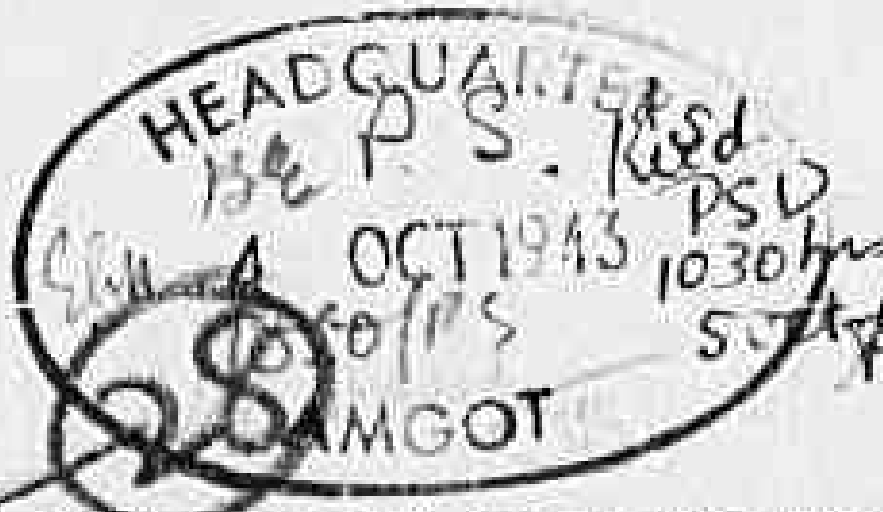
Lemuel L. Bolles
Lemuel L. Bolles,
Colonel, Inf.
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

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Subject:- Arms taken from Carabinieri by Allied Troops.

To:- "A" Branch,
No.1. District.

From:- AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group.



Ref. AL/23/83.

1 Oct 43.

The attached copy of a report from the Officer Commanding the Carabinieri in Agrigento Province is forwarded for your information and such action as you consider necessary.

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HF/ES.
FIELD.

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H. FARRER.
Captain,
Staff Captain.

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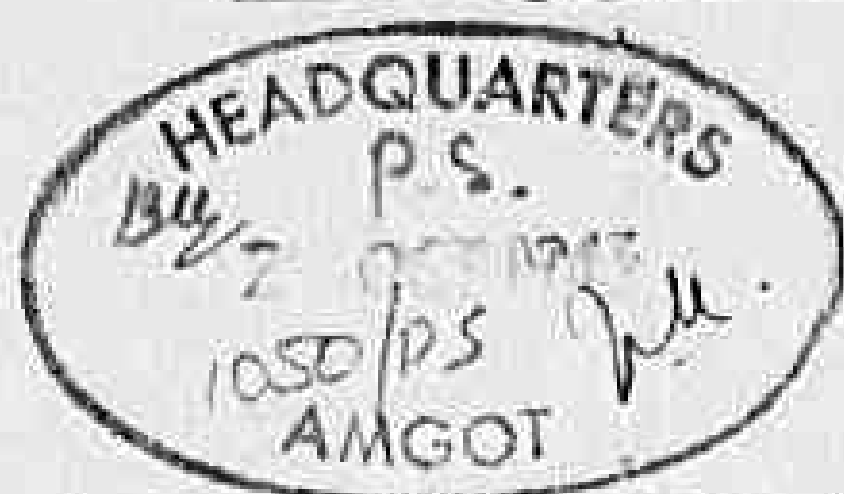
Copy to:- HQ. AMGOT, PALERMO.

A. M. G. O. T.

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Office of Chief Civil Affairs Police Officer

PROVINCE OF CALTANISSETTA



29th. September 1943

ACTION 41

To S.C.A.C.

Subject

Return of Shot guns to Farmers.

A considerable number of applications have been made to the Carabinieri by the residents of this Province for the return of shot guns, which were surrendered in response to the various orders.

The Carabinieri cannot however respond to these requests as all these firearms were taken from the Carabinieri Stations on the entry of the Allied Armies into the Province. All weapons listed at the time of surrender and a receipt given so the Carabinieri are therefore more or less responsible for their return.

I cannot quite see how it will be possible to trace these weapons now but would suggest that the whole matter be taken up with AMGOT H.Qrs. Palermo.

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E. C. C.

Major.

Prov. C.A.P.O.

2.

Public Safety Division,
Palermo.

This is a matter of some importance and materially affects the feeling of good will between the Carabinieri and the public. Can something be done please?

W. R. Lint
Lt. Col.

S. C. A. C.

Copy to file 1144
Copy in 1144 RB.

Caltanissetta
30/9/43

See H1 for reply
W.S. Palermo Capt.
13/10/43.

Arms Taken from Carabinieri by Allied Troops.

ANGOT/1050/PS

H.Q., 15 Army Group.

28 23th September

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The attached copy of a report from the Officer Commanding the Carabinieri in Agrigento Province, alleging that two British soldiers are accused of having robbed two Carabinieri of their arms whilst on duty, is forwarded for such action as may be considered necessary.

[Signature]
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety.

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[Signature]
JCCAO

File

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Arms Taken From Carabinieri By Allied Troops.

AMCOR/1050/PS

Commanding General,
Seventh Army.

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29 September 3

The attached copy of a report by the Civil Affairs Officer,
Province of Agrigento, complaining of the action of a party of U.S.
troops, is forwarded for such action as may be considered necessary.

CHARLES H. SPONTORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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33 ref

Enclosures : as stated.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO)
PROVINCE OF AGRIGENTO

1036/E/Ag Tm/cd
CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
UFFICIO DEGLI AFFARI CIVILI

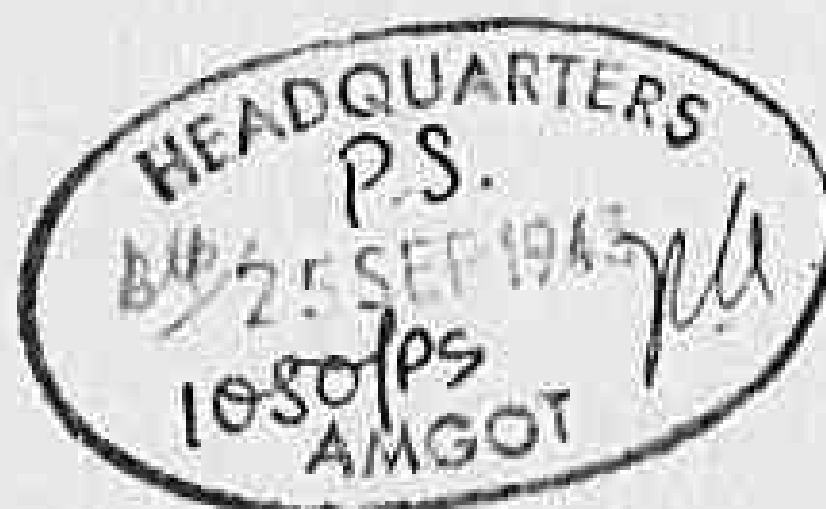
24 September 1943

SUBJECT: Guns taken from Carabinieri by Allied Troops.

TO : Public Safety Division, AMGOT, Has. Palermo.

Inclosed herewith is a report about the taking of firearms from
the Carabinieri station at Campobello di Licata.

For the SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:



Ray Ashworth
RAY ASHWORTH
Major, Inf.
SCALO

Enclosure:
1. Report

Action at 34
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A M G O TCANICATTI,
PROVINCE OF AGRIGENTO
22nd September, 1943.Major R. Ashworth,
C.A.P.O.,
Agrigento.re:- FIREARMS REMOVED FROM POLICE STATION

On the 16th September, 1943, a Lieutenant (American) accompanied by three enlisted men went to the Carabinieri Station at Campobello di Licate and asked to see the firearms which had been surrendered by the civil population.

The Maresciallo of the Carabinieri showed the officer the Notice which had been issued on the Order of Lt. Col. G.H. McCaffrey, Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Agrigento Province (copy attached) but the officer demanded that the store-room be unlocked.

The officer then took 18 revolvers and pistols and gave a receipt which is attached. They then left the building.

On 19th September, 1943, the same Officer, accompanied by a Captain and one enlisted man (all American) returned to the Carabinieri Station but on this occasion they forced the door of the room where the firearms were stored and removed a number of them.

The original receipt was then altered to 48 but the Maresciallo states that the total number taken was in the region of 80.

The men in question did not wear armbands to indicate that they were members of the Military Police or Special Military Police but they told the Maresciallo that the weapons were required by them for guard duties.

The number of the Army vehicle used was recorded by the Maresciallo on the back of the Receipt Form issued and is - U.S.A. 1 - 5 Y: 484098 - 3. M.P.H.

The Notice referred to is prominently displayed at the Carabinieri Station and neither Lieut. Kovanich (CAC) nor I had been approached by the Officers responsible on the question of the taking of firearms.

Further, we have not been approached since nor have instructions been received that the firearms were to be taken by Military Personnel.

These particulars are supplied by the Maresciallo and are submitted for information.

(Sgd) W.J. WILSON Lieut. CAPO.

Enclos. 2.

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to 7th Army

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO)
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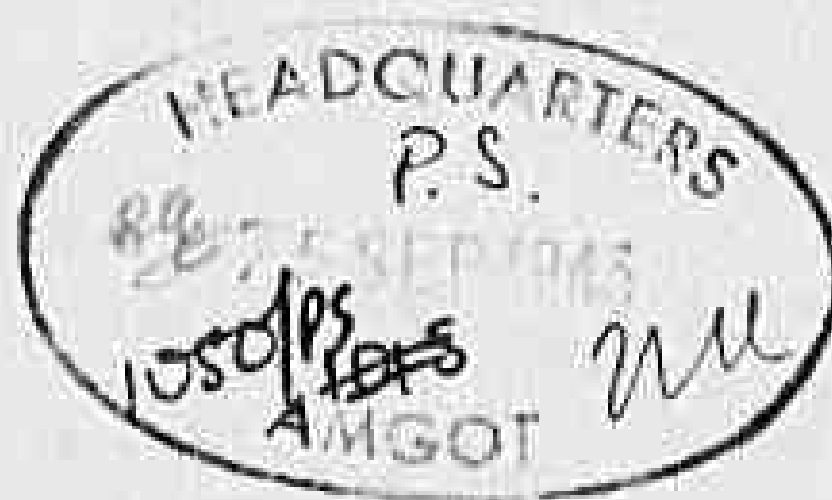
24 September 1943

SUBJECT: Guns taken from Carabinieri by Allied Troops
TO : Public Safety Division, AMOT, Reg. Palermo

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Inclosed is a report about two English soldiers taking firearms from Carabinieri on the highway between Raffadali and Ciacianea. This occurred at 1945 hours on 2-9-43.

For the SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:



Ray Ashworth
RAY ASHWORTH
Major, Inf.
SCALO

Enclosure:
1. Report.

Copy of 28
forwarded to
P.M. Seventh Army
for action.
See 35.

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CC Q. OF PALERMO = COMPANY INF. OF AGRIGENTO

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N° 464/6 of Prot. Div. III°

Agrigento 17/9/1943

Subject: = Asportation of the arm of Militaries in service, done by
militaries of the Allied Army.

Translation of att

Allied Military Commander of Civil Affairs

AGRIGENTO

At ¹⁹⁴⁵~~7,45~~ o'clock on 2/9/1943 the pedestrian police Francinelli
Angelo, in service from 4 to 8 o'clock on the high-way of Raffadali
with another police, a certain Nicola Giuseppe, both in provisional
service at Grottemurata; was by two soldiers of the Allied Army,
disarmed of his musket and pistol.

The above said militaries, English, were on the Raffadali-
Gianciana high-way, and having taken the police's pistol, turned
around and went back to where they had come from.

The Italian militaries don't know the number of the licence
because the ^{auto}~~car~~ hadn't any, they didn't oppose resistance so's not
to complicate the matter, and while Francinelli pleased them to give
back the arms, they shoot ~~and~~ luckily the blow went in the air. there
are the numbers of the arms/.-

Musket: Mod. 1938 - Q.F. 9752

Pistol: " 34 - 886121

Captain Commanding the Company

Vincenzo di Dio

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LEZIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI PALERMO
COMPAGNIA INT. DI AGRIGENTO

N. 464/6 di prot. div. II^a Agrigento, li 17 settembre 1943. --
OGGETTO: Asportazione di armi e militare in servizio da parte di militari dell'Esercito Alleato. --

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AL CAPO MILITARE ALLEATO DEGLI AFFARI CIVILI DI

AGRIGENTO

Alle ore 19,45 dell'11 corrente il carabiniere 2 piedi ausiliario FRANCINELLI Angelo, in servizio perlustrativo dalle ore 18 alle ore 20 sullo stradale di Raffadali unitamente al pari grado MICALI Giuseppe, entrambi in servizio provvisorio al posto fisso di Crottemurata, veniva da due soldati dell'Esercito Alleato, disarmato del moschetto e della pistola. --

I predetti militari, inglesi, percorrevano in macchina lo stradale Raffadali-Cienciana e, avvenuto il disarmo del carabiniere in parola, giravano la macchina riprendendo la corsa alla volta di Raffadali. --

Sia il carabiniere Francinelli, che il pari grado Micali Giuseppe, non sanno precisare il contrassegno della macchina perché sprovvista di targa. -- I militari non opposero alcuna resistenza a scanso di ulteriori conseguenze. Mentre il carabiniere Francinelli insisteva per avere restituiti le armi, un soldato inglese gli esplodeva un colpo, fortunatamente andato a vuoto. --

Le armi che le sono state tolte sono le seguenti:

Moschetto mod. 1938 matricola A.F. 9752;

Pistola mod. 34 matricola 884121. --

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AL CARO MILENIO
A C R I T T N T O

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Pistola mod. 34 matricola 285121.-

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IN CARICAMENTO COMANDANTE LA CONTINGENTE
(Vincenzo Di Dio)

file 26

SUBJECT: Appropriation of Firearms from Finance Guard by U.S. Personnel.

AMCOT HQ., SICHEL.
AMCOT/1050/ES
19 September 1943

TO : Provost Marshal,
7th Army.

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The following report dated 14 September, submitted to our Division, is forwarded to you for any action that may be deemed necessary.

- "1. On 6 September 1943, time unknown, at the Caserma of the Finance Guard.
2. Three pistols belonging to the Finance Guard were confiscated.
3. by three officers who gave to the Finance Guard a note which read as follows: "9-6-43 Three pistols were taken from this station by the undersigned officers. There was an urgent need for same. 76 TCR 426 ABS"
signed Lt. J.T. McHugh 0-654320
signed Lt. D.C. Kreidt 0-520201
signed Lt. C.W. Barber 0-520225

Inquiry at 52nd Wing, Troop Carrier Command revealed that these officers are assigned to 29th Troop Carrier Squadron, 313 T.C. Command. The location of this unit is unknown to this office."

LEONARD L. BOLLIES
Colonel, Inf.
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

1050/PS
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Extract from Public Safety Bulletin No. 6. 17 Sep 43

3. Removal of Firearms from Carabinieri Barracks. A number of cases have occurred in which American soldiers have entered Carabinieri Barracks and Stations and removed firearms etc., handed in by civilians in accordance with Proclamation No. 2.
- Cases have also been reported of Carabinieri being disarmed in the streets and their weapons confiscated.
- Strict instructions on the subject have been issued to all units by the Commanding General, Seventh Army, directing that all weapons, etc. taken in the manner described be returned to the Carabinieri.
- Any breaches of the instructions coming to the notice of S.C.A.Os should be reported at once to Public Safety Division, AMGOT HQ., giving following details :-
- (a) Date, time and place of improper confiscation, as well as the type of weapon confiscated.
 - (b) Person responsible for confiscation (if identity unknown, give description or other means of identification if available).
 - (c) Whether or not weapon recovered.
 - (d) Action taken in respect of confiscation.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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PROVINCE OF AGRIGENTO

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
(UFFICIO DEGLI AFFARI CIVILI)

14 September 1943

SUBJECT: Firearms taken from Finance Guard

TO : Public Safety Division, AMGOT H.Q. Sicily

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Enclosures (2)

G. H. Mc Caffrey
G. H. MCCAFFREY
Lt. Col., Inf.
SCAO

To the Army at 26

9-6-43

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7PTGR 426 ABS

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Lt. C. W. Barber

0-520225

Kriedt

29 Troop Carrier
Squadron
313 TC Group

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Subject :- Firearms.

Public Safety Div.,
H.Q., A.M.G.O.T.,
PALERMO.

POS/421.

Reference AMGOT/1050/PS dated 8 Sept. 43.

2. Herewith extract of letter received from C.A.O. Lentini on this subject:-
"Reference men AMGOT/1050/PS dated 8 Sept. 43, the following is a copy of report submitted by C.A.P.O. on the 9th August 1943:-

To :- O.C. C.M.P. (S.I.B.)
A.P.M. 86 Area H.Q.

A.M.G.O.T., H.Q.
LENTINI,
9/8/43.

On the 6th August 1943 at about 9.30 a.m., at FRACOFORTE Carabinieri Station, an R.A.F. Officer, entered the Station and demanded seven shotguns, which he stated were for the "General", and for which he stated a proper requisition form would be forthcoming on the following day. The Carabinieri at the station were intimidated by his demeanour and allowed him to take the weapons from a number that had been surrendered by the Public. The Officer left with the weapons travelling in an R.A.F. truck, particulars unknown. No requisition form has since been received at the Station. Discreet inquiry by me reveals that the Officer is alleged to be "Flying Officer Thorpe", and that he is stationed at Lentini Aerodrome.

On the same day at about 2 p.m., two Army Motor Lorries Nos W.D. 45907 and 77097UP (21), accompanied by about six soldiers stepped outside the Station, as above. The Soldiers entered the building, threatened the Carabinieri on duty with violence, made him open the Magazine, and then took nine(9) automatic pistols. Three of the soldiers signed a register as a form of receipt for the weapons, in the names :- "J. Smith 51 H.D.", "J. Patterson, 51 H.D.", "A.E. Thompson", and "Thomas Jackson". Another signature is shewn "H.E. Thompson", believed to be a Captain. No local enquiry has been made by me in the matter. Submitted for necessary enquiry and action.

A. KANE, LIEUT.
C.A.P.O., LENTINI.

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(Sgd) J.E.H. DUSSAN LIEUT. "
C.A.O. LENTINI.

This type of incident is not without precedent. It is recommended that the matter be again brought to the attention of higher military authority, and that suitable orders be issued by such higher authority.

Syracuse.
15 Sept. 43.

Ant. L. Lenta
Major,
for Lt. Col.
S.C.A.O.
A.M.E.O.T.

A. M. G. O. T.
PROVINCE OF ENNA



OFFICE OF THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

Your ref. _____

my ref. 6/8/P

Enna. 15 Sep 43

Subject: Complaint - Harassing of Carabinieri

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

I forward herewith a complaint from the Maresciallo of Carabinieri, stationed at Barrafranca, that on 30 Aug 43 he and another Carabinieri were disarmed by an officer and three soldiers of the American Army at the junction of Corso Garibaldi and Via Roma, Barrafranca.

No action has been taken to recover the arms as it is understood that the unit stationed between Barrafranca and Piazza Armerina has been moved.

L. J. H. H. H.

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

Arrived at 25

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Legione Territoriale dei Carabinieri Reali di Messina

Stazione di Barrafranca

N.II6 di prot.div.3/a Barrafranca, li 30-8-1943.
OGGETTO : trasmissione processo verbale n.II6.-

ALL'A.M.G.O.T.COMANDO POLIZIA

ENNA

AL COMANDO DELLA SEZIONE CC.RR.DI

ENNA

Trasmetto il processo verbale di cui all'oggetto,
per dovere di ufficio.

Apione

CAPO

IL MARESCIALLO COMANDANTE
-Pasquale Branca-

Pasquale Branca

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI MESSINA
Stazione di Barrafranca

N.116 del verbale.

PROCESSO VERBALE di disarmo della sciabola del maresciello d'alloggio a p.
BRANCA Pasquale (24298-20-1902).

L'anno 1943 addì 30 agosto in Barrafranca, ufficio di stazione.-----
Noi sottoscritti BRANCA Pasquale, maresciello d'alloggio a p. comandante della suddetta stazione, riferiamo a chi di dovere quanto appresso :-----
Verso le ore 20 del 25 corrente, mentre ci trovavamo su questo corso Garibaldi, angolo via Roma, vestiti in divisa, siamo stati fermati da un ufficiale e tre soldati dell'Esercito Americano; l'ufficiale ci ha disarmato della sciabola regolamentare, che ha portato seco. Detti militari viaggiavano con l'automobile targata posteriormente col n. 13 ed anteriormente col n. 13 da un lato e n. 40 dall'altro lato.-----
Da accertamenti eseguiti ci è risultato che il sig. ufficiale ed i tre militari di cui sopra facevano parte del reparto residente in contrada Albana di Piazzarmerina e precisamente a circa km. 3 dell'abitato di Barrafranca. Perché ciò consti abbiamo compilato il presente processo verbale, che trasmettiamo, tramite il sig. commissario civile locale, all'A.M.G.O.T. Comando Polizia di Enna e, per conoscenza, al comando della sezione carabinieri reali di Enna.-----
Fatto, letto, confermato e sottoscritto.-----

Branca Pasquale

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SUBJECT: Confiscation of Firearms.

FILE

ANGOT/1050/PS

ANGOT H.Q., SICILY.

14 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. PALERMO PROVINCE.

Inviting attention to Para. 6
Basic Communication which is approved.

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MP
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

AG 333.5 (JA) 2nd Ind.
HQS II CORPS, APO 302, US Army, 4 September 1943.

DMG/edh

To: (Thru CG Seventh Army) SCAO, ANGOT, Palermo.

Attention is invited to basic communication.

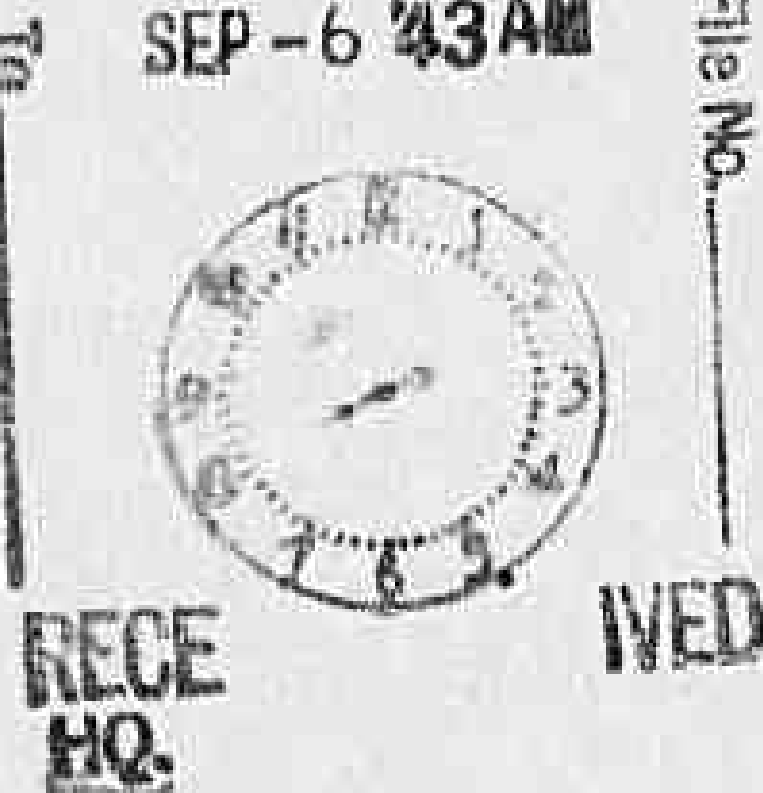
For the Commanding General:

Incl: None

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File No.

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



AG 333.5 Misc 3rd Ind.
HQ SEVENTH ARMY, APO 758, 9 September 1943.

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TO: A.M.G.O.T., Palermo, Sicily.

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTY-FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the G-1
APO 45 USA

30 August 1943.

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation

TO : Commanding General, Forty-Fifth Infantry Division

1. Authority for making report: Lt. Col. Harry W. Bobbyn, AGS G-1, 45th Infantry Division.

2. Matter investigated: a reported cache of about 100 Italian army rifles.

3. Facts:

a. Civilian Giuseppe Calliger, Number 36 Via Garibaldi; TERMINI INTERESE, advised Pvt. VINCENT SOLAFANI (32629377) Hq. Co., 45th Infantry Division, that former civilian FORTUNATO SANTUONARO, Via Montellidora, CACCAMO, knew of a cache of Italian rifles. This information was passed on to Col. John H. Church, CS 45th Infantry Division Headquarters, who directed the investigation.

b. Accompanied by the two aforementioned civilians, Pvt. Solafani, and an interpreter, JOHN MARCHIONO, House 31, Via Fondo, MAZZARENO, the undersigned went to a farm approximately four miles south of TERMINI on the CACCAMO road which had had an Italian army unit bivouacked there. No rifles, or any other weapons or stores, was there. A search was made of the surrounding area and nothing was found. Search was made this date.

c. Two youngsters in the area advised that they had observed civilians, going in the direction of Caccamo, carrying rifles from the site. They stated that they had seen about 100 rifles there, but all had been removed about two weeks before; the farmer stated he had seen the rifles approximately three weeks ago. The two boys: SANTO CAVALIERO (age 14) 17 Via Della Capre, and WILLIAM LUBERTA (age 13) 7 Via Mandra, both of TERMINI

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4. Discussion: All witnesses contacted told the same story-- that there had been a cache of about 100 Italian rifles.

COPY

5. Conclusion: That at one time there had been, in the reported area, a cache of Italian rifles. They had been removed by an unknown party or parties, presumably civilians.

6. Recommendation: That this report be forwarded to the Officer in charge of Civil Affairs for the area in which the rifles were reported to have been for necessary action.

/s/ Herbert Van Zant
HERBERT VAN ZANT
Major, CMP
G-1 Section

1st Ind.

HBR/jjh

HQ. 45TH INFANTRY DIVISION, APO 45, US Army, August 31, 1943.

To: Commanding General, II Corps, APO 302, US Army.

1. For your information and forwarding to the AMCOT of this area.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ Henry B Roach
HENRY B ROACH
Lt Col AGC
Adj Gen

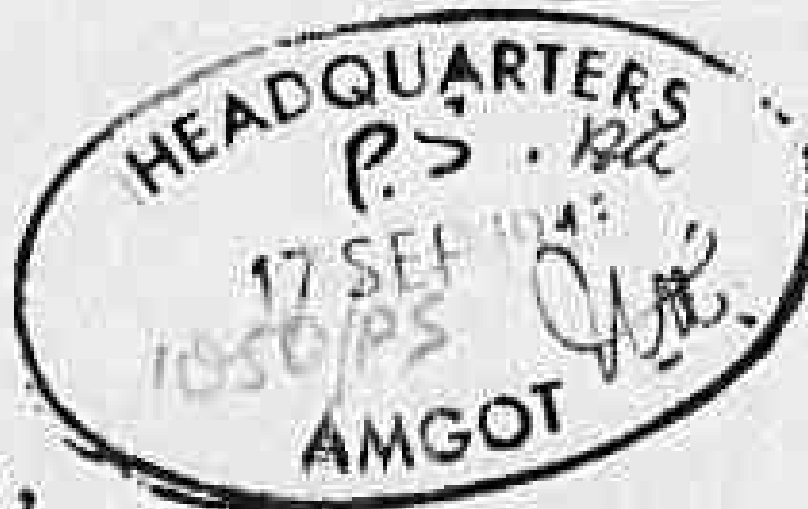
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SUBJECT:- Fire-Arms.

Our Ref:- CAT/121.
Your Ref:- AMGOT/1050/PS.
D:- 8 Sep 43.

To:- AMGOT H.Q.
PALERMO.

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



It is not clear whether this circular is retroactive. In the early days of the occupation the troops frequently raided deposits of arms given up under the "Surrender of Arms" Notice.

It will probably now be difficult to trace what has happened to these weapons. It is hoped that this practice has now ceased.

Unless contrary instructions are received it will be assumed that the circular only applies in cases of such confiscation from now onwards.

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Amgots
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J. Wellesley

Catania.
14 Sep 43.

Lt. Col.
S.C.A.O. 3316

File 1050/PS

1 Extract from Minutes of CAPOs meeting 8 Sep 43 13

(a) Firearms. Emphasis was laid on the desirability of uniformity in the provincial control of permits for firearms. Headquarters authority had already been given for reissue of shot-guns to approved persons employed for the protection of farms and private properties in country districts. Under no circumstances should hand-weapons, such as pistols, revolvers, daggers, etc., be the subject of permits. The Supt. Civil Police pointed out the danger of such weapons getting into the wrong hands.

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*Register 1
B/P on 1030/PS*

AMCOT HQ., Sicily
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section
Comando Legione CC. RR.

6, September, 1943.

TO : Commissioner of Public Safety.

The subjoined copy of an extract from report of Carabinieri, dated 31st. August, 1943, is for information. *A copy has been sent to 8th Army.*

RAS/ce.

Russell A. Snook
RUSSELL A. SNOOK
Lt. Colonel
Public Safety Division
Supt. Civil Police.

" At 6 oclock pm. on the 24TH., an American Lieutenant presented himself to the Carabinieri station of Palermo Centro and requested arms. He was given a sabre belonging to the Vice Brigadier, FOTI Angelo.

On the 30th., an American officer presented himself to the station of the Carabinieri of Partanna Mondello, requesting, and received two pistols, taken from the people, without leaving a receipt".

*Snook
7/7*

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AMGOT/1050/PSAMGOT HQ SICILY8 September 1943

SUBJECT: Fire Arms

TO : All S.C.A.O.s

1. Cases have been reported in which fire arms surrendered by civilians in accordance with proclamations of the military government and held in the Carabinieri barracks have been removed by military personnel. Cases have also been reported of military personnel disarming Carabinieri and confiscating their weapons. (4)

2. Your attention is invited to the attached memorandum HQ 7th Army dated 27 August 1943. Any breaches of the instructions coming to the notice of S.C.A.O.s shall be reported at once to Public Safety Division, AMGOT HQ, in the following manner:

- (a) Date, time, and place of improper confiscation.
- (b) Type of weapon confiscated.
- (c) Person responsible for confiscation. (If identity unknown, give description or other means of identification.)
- (d) Whether or not weapon has been recovered.
- (e) Action taken in respect of confiscation.

Distribution:

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Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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*No copy to division
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AMCOT/1050/P3
AMCOT HQ SICILY
13 September 1943

SUBJECT: Appropriation of Civilian Firearms by American
Soldiers

TO: Commanding General, Seventh Army

FROM: Chief Civil Affairs Officer, AMCOT (S)

With reference to AG250.1 Miscellaneous of 29 August 1943, there is forwarded herewith copy of report received from the Senior Civil Affairs, Province of Palermo, relating to an incident which occurred at AIGROPOLIS on 21 August 1943. (10)

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

(T.B.)
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to:
S.C.A.O., Palermo
For information W.A.T. your OP/GMS of 2 Sept. 1943. (10)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

CP/GMS/pm



SUBJECT: Firearms

TO : Chief Staff Officer - AMGOT HEADQUARTERS

1. We are advised by Civil Affairs Officer, Captain W. A. Lacey of Altofonte, that on August 21 a number of American soldiers entered the Carabinieri station at Piana Dei Greci and took out a shot-gun which had been turned in by one Terrasi Giovanni. This shot-gun was a Greener or Scott. Further details not known.

2. With these soldiers was one, reported to be Sgt. R. Paul, 34th Depot Repair Squadron, Detachment, Palermo Airport.

3. This data is being submitted for your information and such action as may be deemed necessary.

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

Acknowledged

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Public Safety Division,
Civil Police Section,
Carabinieri Headquarters,
Palermo.
3rd September 1943.

To D/Commissioner, Public Safety Division, AMGOT H.Q.

Reference your minute on 8: I am drafting below
a memorandum which I submit will meet the case :-

"A number of cases have occurred in which
American soldiers have entered Carabinieri
Barracks and Stations and removed firearms
etc handed in by civilians in accordance with
the Proclamation.

Cases have also been reported of Carabinieri
being disarmed in the streets and their
weapons confiscated. (copy enclosed)

Strict instructions have been issued to all Units
by the ~~Officer~~ Commanding, 7th Army, on the
subject and directing that all weapons etc
taken in the manner described, be returned to
the Carabinieri.

Any breaches of the instructions coming to the
notice of SCAO's should be reported at once
to Public Safety Division, AMGOT H.Q., in the
following manner :-

- (1) Date of improper confiscation
- (2) Time of improper confiscation
- (3) Place of improper confiscation
- (4) Type of weapon confiscated
- (5) Person responsible for confiscation
(if identity unknown, give description or
other means of identification if available)
- (6) Whether or not weapon recovered.
- (7) Action taken in respect of confiscation. "

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(Russell A. Snook),
Lieut. Col.
Superintendent, Civil Police.

*5/9/43
To C.S.C.
Recommend this
memo be issued to
SCAO's -
H.H.*

(Ltr fr Allied Military Government, 22 Aug 1943, subj: Appropriation of civilian firearms by American soldiers)

AG 250.1 Misc 1st Ind.
HQ SEVENTH ARMY, APO 758, 29 August 1943.

JEP/wrv

TO: Allied Military Government, Palermo Province.

Attached hereto copies of publications concerning the disarming of Carabinieri and local police without proper authority.

For the Commanding General:

4 Incl:

- 1 - Ltr Head office of the VI Brigade of the Royal Carabinieri
- 2 - Memo dated 26 July 1943
- 3 - Memo dated 4 August 1943
- 4 - Memo dated 27 August 1943 (11 copies)

John E. Pederson
JOHN E. PEDERSON,
1st Lt, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

Civil Police Section

The instructions issued by Seventh Army are definite. Perhaps we should advise SCOR to and particulars of any breaches of these orders which come to light. To this div. we can then pass particulars to Seventh Army. Re draft circular to SCOR for signature of C.O. giving particulars of the information we require.

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*See draft at 9;
Sent out at 12A*

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province6
CP/pm

22 August 1943

SUBJECT: Appropriation of civilian firearms by American soldiers from
Carabinieri Station at Resuttana Colli.

TO : Chief of Staff - SEVENTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS

1. The Carabinieri have submitted to this Headquarters a report which translated reads substantially as follows:

"On the 15th and 16th of August, American officers and soldiers presented themselves at the Carabinieri Station at Resuttana Colli and took away the following firearms and ammunition belonging to Civilians.

Shotguns - 18 —
Shotgun shells- 200
Various types
of pistols - 150
Crdses. for
pistols - 100"

2. This is only one case of many where American soldiers have entered Carabinieri Stations and taken firearms turned in by civilians in accordance with the proclamation. This places the Carabinieri in the position of being unable to account for weapons so collected. In other cases Carabinieri weapons have been taken, at times from police officers actually on patrol duty.

3. There is also attached a copy of a translation of a letter received from General Branca of the Carabinieri, reporting that arms have been taken from the police riding on grain trucks.

4. This is submitted for information with the request that steps be taken to prevent soldiers from entering police stations and taking weapons in the manner described. Weapons so taken should be returned where possible.

Charles Poletti 3209

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel, AUS
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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HEAD OFFICE OF THE VI BRIGADE OF THE ROYAL
CARABINIERI

Palermo 21 August 1943

File No: 68/16

Subject: Requisition of grain.

To Colonel Charles Poletti
Civil Affairs Officer- Palermo

American soldiers at block posts along the roads for the checking of cars, stop columns of trucks which are on their way by order of the Allied Government for the requisition of grain in the province.

It has happened more than once that while the American soldiers make no objection to the employees of the alimentation section who also travel on the trucks, they search instead the carabinieri and to some of whom they take away the bullet strap rifle and pistol, returning thereafter the bullet strap and the rifle and keeping the pistol.

All this happens in the street in the presence of civilians, with great damage to the prestige of the carabinieri who, after having been searched must inform the population of the orders of the Allied Government.

THE GENERAL COMMANDER OF THE BRIGADE

Amedeo Branca

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758 US ARMY

27 August 1943

MEMORANDUM:

TO : All Units, Seventh Army.

1. Several instances have been reported where Carabinieri and local police have been disarmed by improper authority. The unnumbered Memorandum Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 26 July 1943, is quoted for the information and guidance of all concerned:

Quote:

"3. Commanding Generals of Corps and Divisions only, with the exception of Headquarters Seventh Army, have authority to disarm Carabinieri and local police, except in cases of emergency. Individuals guilty of disarming for any other than extreme emergency, except as indicated above, will be charged with looting."

2. Attention is further invited to instructions contained in Unnumbered Memorandum, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 4 August 1943, as pertains to looting.

3. All firearms, weapons, ammunition and any other form of souvenirs, which have been taken without authority, will be returned to the Carabinieri without delay.

4. A report has been made to this headquarters that the following listed articles of private property were taken from Italian civilians by American Troops:

- 1 Motorcycle - Serial No. A 161 - P.A.S.
- 1 Motorcycle - License 142 V.F.

It is directed that a thorough search be made of the vehicles of all units Seventh Army and if the above listed vehicles are found, they will be reported to this headquarters immediately.

By Command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

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Albert A. Lindquist
ALBERT A. LINDQUIST,
Major, AGC,
Asst Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
A. P. O. 1758, U. S. ARMY

26 July 1943

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Addressees Below.

1. All billeting or requisitioning of buildings or real estate by either American or British individuals or units, for any purpose, in the Palermo area or any other area later occupied by the Seventh Army Headquarters, will be done through the Billeting Officer, Headquarters Seventh Army. Billets or buildings now occupied without the approval of this Headquarters will be reported immediately by the occupants to the Billeting Officer, who has authority to either approve or disapprove the requisition.

2. All commandeered, captured or requisitioned vehicles will be accounted for on official G-4 reports of Divisions and separate units, and reported promptly to this Headquarters. No one has authority to commandeer or requisition private vehicles except Headquarters Seventh Army and Corps Commanders. When Corps Commanders commandeer or requisition private vehicles, they will report same at once to Headquarters Seventh Army. Private vehicles already requisitioned will be reported immediately to the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-4, Seventh Army, and all future requisitions for private vehicles except those issued by Corps Commanders must be submitted to this officer for approval.

3. Commanding Generals of Corps and Divisions only, with the exception of Headquarters Seventh Army, have authority to disarm Carabinieri and local police, except in cases of emergency. Individuals guilty of disarming for any other than extreme emergency, except as indicated above, will be charged with looting.

4. No individuals, missions or units of the Allied Forces will be permitted in the Seventh Army area without the approval of this Headquarters. Those who have authority to enter the area will report upon arrival, to the Adjutant General, Seventh Army. Individuals, missions or units, will report their presence immediately to the Adjutant General, Seventh Army, giving their authority for being here, with a complete roster of officers and enlisted men. Future increases will likewise be reported.

By Command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

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[Signature]
Colonel, G. S. C.
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758 US Army

4 August 1943

MEMORANDUM:

TO : All Units, Seventh Army.

1. Several instances have been reported where officers and men of this command have taken private property from the premises where they are assigned offices, quarters, or billets. In many cases, the articles taken have little intrinsic value and have been taken as souvenirs; some of these articles are invaluable heirlooms acquired by the families of the owners over a period of generations.
2. Thoughtless and careless acts of this nature on the part of individuals tend to bring discredit upon the whole command and upon the honor of the nation which we represent. Whatever the purpose may have been, the result is the same - it is an act of looting and severely punishable under the Articles of War.
3. Military personnel and individuals serving with the command who have taken without proper authority any private property will return the articles immediately to the premises from which taken. Officers having knowledge of any such acts, and where the articles have not been returned, will report the circumstances to the Inspector General or the Provost Marshal. The failure of an officer to report such acts that come to his attention will be the subject of disciplinary action.
4. Military personnel found guilty of this or any other form of looting will be relieved of his command or duty immediately and brought to trial before a general court-martial.

By Command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

W. C. CALDWELL
Lt Col, AGO,
Adjutant General.

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ANGOT H.Q.

28th August 1943.

SUBJECT:- Firearms.

TO:- S.C.A.Os.

1. It is directed that a drive be made on firearms and that the following action be taken by S.C.A.Os immediately.

- (a) Confiscate all arms except shotguns which have been authorized for certain cases.
- (b) Prosecute all cases of illegal possession under the proclamations.
- (c) Maintain a record of the arms confiscated and place arms under appropriate guard.

Ch. H. A. P.

CHARLES M. SPOTFORD
Lieut Colonel G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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