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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY, A. P. O. 1758, U. S. Army, Office of the A. C.
of S., C-2, 5 October 1943.

TO: AMGOT, Public Security Section.

Attached report is for your information.

For the A. C. of S., C-2:



Lewis E. Perry
LEWIS E. PERRY
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
Asst AC of S., C-2.

Incl:
Report from 152nd CIC Section
of stolen Mustard Gas.

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152nd C.I.C. Section
HEADQUARTERS SECOND ARMORED DIVISION
A.P.O. #252, U.S. Army

26 September 1943.

SUBJECT: Theft of Mustard Gas in VILLAGRAZIA (CARINI).

TO : A. C. of S., G-2, Second Armored Division.

1. On 24 September 1943, it was reported that eighteen (18) cans of German mustard gas had been stolen by Sicilians on 22 September 1943 from an ammunition dump at VILLAGRAZIA, suburb of CARINI.

2. The 152nd C.I.C. Section investigated the report on September 25, 1943. With the aid of a Carabinieri official from CARINI, a native was appointed who displayed a can of German mustard gas and explained the circumstances to the residents of the VILLAGRAZIA area. The fatal effects of the gas were impressed upon the natives and request for its immediate return was made.

3. At this writing the gas has not been located. Therefore, it was arranged to have further announcements made in the local churches, warning the populace of the gas and demanding its return. Gas officers of the Second Armored Division, ARNOT-CARINI, and Military Police in the VILLAGRAZIA-CARINI area have been notified of the theft.

4. The above has been reported to Lt. Col. LaBolle, Chemical Warfare Officer, Second Armored Division, who, in consideration of the investigation made and the precautionary measures taken, considered the matter closed.

/s/ Robert R. La Branche
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