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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

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22 October 1943

SUBJECT: Discipline - Allied Troops

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer - AMGOT HEADQUARTERS

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Attached reports are referred to your Headquarters in accordance with Memorandum, AMGOT/1017/PS, dated 10 September 1943.

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HEADQUARTERS
PS SECTION
AMGOT

Re P.S
(208/PS

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

ENCL - 3
Reports

Civil Police Section
For information. Return file
for Record.

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Palermo Province

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22 October 1943

REPORT OF R. QUESTURA OF PALERMO

On 7 October 1943, at about 7:00 P.M. police agent A. Bonnano was on duty at the entrance of the Royal Favarita Park. During such service he noticed a negro soldier entering the police office together with two women. Said agent thereupon informed the above mentioned negro soldier that women were not permitted to enter the Royal Favarita Park. The military sentry on duty also informed the soldier that women were not permitted.

Said soldier, who was intoxicated, thereupon began assaulting said Bonnano. During the struggle said Bonnano fled, but while in flight he fell and said soldier again assaulted him. Bonnano escaped again, and noticing that the soldier was pointing a rifle at him which he had taken from the sentry, Bonnano soon disappeared.

During the fracas Bonnano lost his wallet, which was recovered the next day with 500 lire missing.

Other information as to the above soldier is unavailable.

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Palermo Province

22 October 1943

REPORT OF R. QUESTURA OF PALERMO
20 October 1943

On 16 October 1943, at about 11:30 P.M., Vice Brigadier De Luca Onofrio and guard Francanilla Antonio were on petrol duty. At the above mentioned time and date, they were stopped by two American negro soldiers, who with pistols in hand demanded that said guard Francanilla turn over his bycicle to them. The above mentioned police showed said soldiers their special permits issued by the Allied Military Government showing that they were authorized policeman. Said soldiers, thereupon, by physical force, caused the guard to remove himself from the bycicle and they (soldiers) immediately fled with said bycicle.

The guards, thereupon went to the Barracks of Piazza Niscemi to obtain assistance from the Military Police. However the military police on duty could not comprehend Italian, and therefore could be of no aid.

The guards under the impression that the above mentioned soldiers belonged to the Military Repart lodged in the Istituto Agrario, went there to inform the commander of the incident. They were received by the sentinel on duty, who together with another negro soldier accompanied the guards to the interior of the Villa, hoping to seek the two soldiers responsible for the above incident. The search, however, proved futile.

While leaving the Villa, and upon nearing the gate, the two guards were assaulted by the above mentioned negro soldiers, who had accompanied the sentinel at the Villa.

Other information as to the identity of the above military personnel is unavailable.

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Palermo Province

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22 October 1943

REPORT OF R. QUESTURA
OF PALERMO

October 20, 1943

On the 15 October 1943, at about 10:00 P.M., Di Stasi Pasquale, a guard of the Public Security, was on duty at the Fiat Garage, Palermo. At the above mentioned time he noticed that some American soldiers were assaulting a boy, whom they claimed had robbed a package of cigarettes.

The boy after having been assaulted lay on the ground, and Di Stasi approached the boy and the soldiers and informed said soldiers that he was a policeman. His sole purpose for being there was to interrogate the boy and investigate the case. He thereupon requested the soldiers to stop mistreating the boy, so that he could carry on an investigation.

As a result of this the above mentioned soldiers turned on di Stasi and began assaulting him.

Di Stasi reported the incident to the American Officer in charge of the Fiat Garage.

Other information as to identity of the soldiers is unavailable.

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AFGOT/1200 PS

Incident on Via Maqueda

R.P.P.C., Region I

24 October 3

The following are the names and addresses of persons involved in incident reported to you verbally:-

Pvt. Tim WARREN - 73th Chemical
(Man accused)

Sgt. John F. Perry - 73th Chemical
Corp. Ed J. Devino - " "
(Witnesses)

DESIMONE, Salvatore,
32, Via Colonna Gratto
(Boy making charge)

DI [illegible], Ignatius,
293, Via Castro
(Claimed he witnessed the theft)

In my personal opinion the soldier accused is not guilty but was the victim of an attempted swindle.

Time - about 1500, Saturday Oct 23. Place - Via Maqueda, close to Four Corners.

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LEMUEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel, Infantry,
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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Chief [illegible] crime committed by troops.
S.C.A.F.P.O. (Through S.C.A.C.),
Province of PALAWAN.

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AGCO/1[illegible]/PS
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25 September 1943.

The attached complaint is forwarded for preliminary investigation and if necessary passing to Provost Marshal's Office, Seventh Army.

LYNDEL L. BOLTON,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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TRANSLATION.

I, the undersigned, owner of an appartment in the Gallery of Victories, stairway B, on the fifth floor left, wish to disclose to you the following:

After the occupation of the Allied Forces I was invited to give my appartment to the welcome Allies, which I did with pleasure, asking only for a few days time to transport a few house-hold effects that were of no use to them.

I was advised by the Major in charge of these things, to close up everything in a room and not to worry about it, for no one would touch them. All this was said through the interpreter NOMRA, who is still in the same office and with whom you can verify these statements. I therefore obeyed these orders accordingly.

After eight days I went to the Gallery of Victories to obtain permission to go up to the appartment to get some clothes and other objects that I needed, but not only was I refused permission to go up, but with great surprise I saw them taking out a silver tray and an armchair and place them on a truck full of rubbish, to be taken who knows where. From that day I could never succeed in talking to the Major, but I was told that he was not there anymore, and that Captain Sanders had substituted him. To him I made a regular claim which was never answered. Now, being informed that you represent the Police of the Allied Forces, please permit me to beg you to let me know where all my house-hold effects are now, because I was informed that nothing remains in my appartment.

I am enclosing a list of all that I left there. The damage amounts to about one million lires.

Hoping that you will take action or at least grant me a personal interview, please accept my sincere thanks.

EMANUELE MORA.

Via Napoli, 28 care of Sig. Gance.

ENTRANCE.

1 Table of precious wood.
2 Small Tables as above.
2 Venetian style chairs.
1 Good frame with Looking Glass.
2 Hat Racks in metal.
Window Drape Frames.

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STUDY.

Open Bookshelves in two pieces, in palesandro e maple exclusive of ornaments.
1 Sofa in five pieces with bookcase, in palesandro e maple, exclusive of cushions and copperware.
2 Piece Furniture in Palesandro and Maple.
7 Armchairs, curved forms with palesandro backs, ornamented in maple.
2 Venetian chairs of Palesandro and Maple, exclusive bronze with cloth tapestry.
1 Small table for living room

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Window Drape Frames.

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2 Piece Furniture in Palesandro and Maple.
7 Armchairs, curved forms with palesandro backs, ornamented in maple.
2 Venetian chairs of Palesandro and Maple, exclusive bronze with cloth tapestry.
1 Small table for living room
A small furniture under the window.
A Window-case back of the door of Maple and Palesandro.
2 Curtain Hangers of Maple.
Covers for the glass case back of the door.
Covers 7 arm-chairs, two Venetian and one Sofa.
Coppervases.
Furnishing for filling ten cushions.
A small table of Fir and Beech wood, drawer with.

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DINING ROOM

Bronze vases.
One long table with three addition, 6 chairs with Tapestry.
One side-board, one Buffet (with Marble and Looking Glass.).
1 piece furniture for silverware, two supporters in Walnut and Bronze.
1 Sofa 2 armchairs and 2 Curtains.

LIVING ROOM.

4 Sicilian chairs lacquer.
Complete curtain.
Playing table.
Telephone Table, Mahogany
1 Wardrobe lacquer in red and green.
Leather Sofa.

BED.

Matrimonial bed with springs, 2 night tables, a chest of drawers, 1 wardrobe with Looking Glass - Marble.
4 Chairs alike in silk and Walnut, and a silk couch.
1 Wardrobe for children. Lacquer with figures.

WASH.

A wardrobe in Maple.
1 Automuitir design table with draw.
A Big Table with Marble and drawer.

BED.

Bed, with springs, a Dressing Table , One wardrobe with Marble and Looking Glass.
4 chairs tapestried in velvet.
A big armchair covered with velvet, Maple Wood.
A complete Curtain.

SERVICE.

A Bed spring, a wardrobe, 2 stools and 1 Looking Glass.

KITCHEN.

Table with marble - drawer.
12 Cushions assorted, for receiveing room, study and Dining Room.

VARIOUS

A Statue of the Madonna in Majolica.
6 Chairs Vienna style, natural colour.
Complete Battery in Aluminious
Clock.
Scale.
3 Pails.

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1 Wardrobe lacquer in red and green.
Leather Sofa.

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12 Cushions assorted, for receiveing room, study and Dining Room.

VARIOUS

A Statue of the Madonna in Majolica.
6 Chairs Vienna style, natural colour.
Complete Battery in Aluminious
Clock.
Scale.
3 Pails.
Complete Battery in Gold Majolica.
Glass soap cup.
A small case for and with clyster.
Towel Hanger.
Handle.
Soapcup.
Spongecup.
3 Hangers.
1 writing case.
A Looking Glass
Ladder Chair.

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Original Panel Painting.
Panel (Lacquered)
An earthen vase, hand painted with stand of wrought iron.
A Silver tray with Looking Glass.
Fruit Plate in Silver and Glass.
A Zenit Pendulum Clock.
A Large quantity of Engineering Books and others. The Big Bookcase was full of books and various project designs m3x2.50.
2 Compasses and a Square etc..
1 Level in three Pieces.
A machine for the calculating of Cement-iron.
Adding Machine.
Small Vases, Small Statues, and other small objects in Silver.
10 Wool matresses.
8 cushions for the bed.
A baby of wax.
2 new Men's hats.
1 light, 1 smoking light, 2 suits, women's hats, men and children's shoes.
Blankets.
A lace fan(antigue) which was in the Maple Wardrobe.
Various oil paintings with frames by Prof. Amorelli.
Fountain pen with a relative marble and pen keeper.
Woollen Carpet.
Littorio Carpet.
Carpet.
Carpet.
Hall Carpet 12 Metre.
2 Carpets.
3 Bed Carpets.
1 Hanging Tapestry.
Green Velvet 40 metres.
1 small lamp for writing table.
Leather writing set Gold Colour.
One lamp for Receiving Room.
One lamp for Living Room.
A smoking set engraved in yellow copper.
2 Chandeliers for receiving room in black and white crystal.
2 Chandeliers for night tables.
A Japanese Majolica Vase.
3 Antique dishes.
1 big Blue and Gold Vase.
1 Set of Glasses for 12 persons.
1 " " Majolica dishes " " "
1 Coffee set for 12 persons.
Hand Work for 6 persons.
3 Orders of Dishes for Coffee and Ice Cream.
1 set for 6 persons in hand painted crystals.
A complete installation of electric light with a big chandelier of Murano. 10 in all. Entrance 2 Lights, Hall 2 Lights, Dining Room 1 Light, Study 1 Light, receiving room 1 light, Bedroom 1 Light, Bedroom 1 Light, Living Room 1 Light.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI
13 Via Regina Margherita
TRAPANI (Sicily)

S290/1004/TR
October 14, 1943

SUBJECT: Alleged misbehavior by U.S. Troops.
TO : Chief Staff Officer, Hq. AMGOT, Palermo.

1. Herewith forwarding copy of correspondence regarding further alleged acts of vandalism by U.S. troops. As usual, identification is hard to obtain. There are many scattered units of the Army in this vicinity. The alleged offence in this instance is ~~culpable~~ reprehensible because (1) the assault on the custodian, and (2) AMGOT's SAPHO had been collaborating to get this hospital open as an essential civilian public health need. Further attempts will be made locally to fix responsibility. However, we assume that reports of this nature to you will be passed on the Hq. 7th Army or U.S.S.

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This has been reported by CAO & steps are being taken to prevent a recurrence

Floyd E. Thomas

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

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

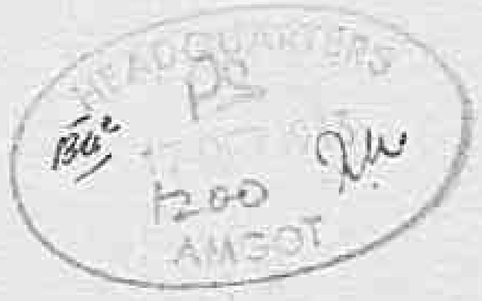
PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

13 Via Regina Margherita

TRAPANI (Sicily)

SAPHQ 1004/TR

October 14, 1943



SUBJECT: Alleged Misbehavior by U.S. troops.

TO : Chief Staff Officer, Hq. AMGOT, Palermo.

1. Herewith forwarding copy of correspondence regarding further alleged acts of vandalism by U.S. troops. As usual, identification is hard to obtain. There are many scattered units of the Army in this vicinity. The alleged offence in this instance is ~~reprehensible~~ reprehensible because (1) the assault on the custodian, and (2) AMGOT's SAPHQ had been collaborating to get this hospital open as an essential civilian public health need. Further attempts will be made locally to fix responsibility. However, we assume that reports of this nature to you will be passed on the Hq. 7th Army or I.B.S.

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Floyd E. Thomas

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

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Subject: Report on damage done to S. Antonio Hospital

To: Lt. Col. Thomas S.C.A.O. Prov.Trapani

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TOWNSHIP OF TRAPANI

To Colonel E. Thomas

In the capacity of Major of Trapani and of Chairman of The S.Antenio Civilian Hospital I report what follows:
On october IO at IO a.m. some American soldiers went into thepremises of the S.Antonio Civilian Hospital(formerly Royal Navy Headquarters), and despite the energetic protest of the resposible custodian ripped of from the walls of some rooms and took away with the considerable number of windows doors and frames.

This materialwas loaded on an Amerisan truck. The custodian,who tried to resist the unjustified vandalism,was severly beaten and left on the ground unconscious. Yesterday and to day other American soldiers with out meeting with any opposition from the custodians of the Hospital,have damaged other premises of the Hospital and have taken away other material.

As is known to the A.M.G.O.T. the Communal Relief Board Manager of the S.Antonio Hospital is going in a few days to begin important wocks of repairing and adaptatio, in order to enable the above mentioned Hospital to move from Paparella to Trapani as soon as possible.

It iseasy to understand how larger is the damage that the vandalic work of destruction above complained of has caused.

The A.M.G.O.T. which has been able to obtain so many titles of merit in reference to my mangled city and has joined with my work, which has the aim of making htetown liveagain, will certainly take care that the damage complained of will not happen again and that this damage will be compensated for.

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Riservata

MUNICIPIO DI TRAPANI

AL COLONNELLO E. THOMAS
A.M.G.O.T
T R A P A N I

Quale Sindaco di Trapani e quale Presidente dell'Ospe_
dale Civico Sant'Antonio comunico quanto segue:

Il giorno 10 Ottobre 1943 alle ore 10 alcuni milita_
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tonio (ex Comando Marina - Ammiragliato) e, malgrado le energi_
che proteste del custode responsabile, divelsero ed asportarono
dai muri di alcune sale un notevole numero di infissi, porte e
finestre, per un valore di L.30.000 circa.

Detto materiale venne caricato sopra un autocarro 3 357 ameri_
cano.

Il Custode, che tentò opporsi all'atto di vandalismo in_
giustificato e riprovevole, venne violentemente percosso e lascia_
to a terra svenuto.

Ieri e oggi altri militari americani, senza incontrare op_
posizione alcuna da parte del personale di custodia dell'Ospeda-
le, hanno danneggiato altri locali dell'Ospedale ed asportato altro
materiale.

E' certamente noto all'A.M.G.O.T. che l'Ente Comunale di
Assistenza, amministratore dell'Ospedale S.Antonio deve , tra

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MUNICIPIO DI TRAPANI

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Ciò posto è facile comprendere quanto sia grande il dan_no che la vandalica opera di distruzione sopra lamentata ha arre_

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cato ed arreca.

L'A.M.G.O. T. che tante benemerenze ha saputo acqui_ starsi nei confronti della mia città martoriata, affian_ cando la mia opera diretta alla sua resurrezione, vorrà cer_ to provvedere perchè gli inconvenienti lamentati non abbiano a ripetersi e perchè il danno arrecato sia risarcito.

IL SINDACO

Mauro

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Comdr.-in-Chief of Invasion Aid Ba.

Commanding General,
Seventh Army.

16 October, 3.

There is forwarded for such action as you may deem proper the attached communication, the contents of which are self explanatory. This gentleman occupies a position exceedingly important to the Military Government and has been uniformly correct in his attitude.

The occurrence is very embarrassing to me and because also to some the nature of the attached report is considered.

These views are theirs, of course, are not responsible. I am glad that the incidents as reported by Signor Pelosi actually took place.

It will be helpful if the situation may be given your further attention.

FRANK J. MCSHERRY,
Brig.General,U.S.A.
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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COMMAND or OFFICE: Royal Questure of Palermo

DATE October 12 1943

REPORT OF AN OCCURRENCE IN WHICH ALLIED MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE INVOLVED

DATE October 11 1943 TIME 2230 HOURS

PLACE of OCCURRENCE Palermo

on Vicolo Tramonte, No.7.

The numbers, Names, ranks and units of Military also names and addresses of civilians involved are to be stated in detail below. If names, etc, are unknown descriptions or other means of identification are to be given.

(1) A Negro of the Allied Navy was drunk

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The Names and Addresses of witnesses to the occurrence to be stated below:

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Nature of occurrence:

The negro was looking for women. He began to quarrel with the family of LoNardo, Rosario, living in Vicolo Tramonte No.7. The negro fired two shots of his pistol against his son Lo-Nardo, Nunzio, who reported wounds at his left arm-pit and, thereafter, died in the home of Lupo Giovanna.

Action taken or contemplated by Carabinieri:

Necessary action has been taken by the RR.CC. (Station Pretoria).

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Signature of Official Compiling

Rank and organization The Questor

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COMANDO [illegible] UFFICIO [illegible] DELLA QUESTURA DI PALERMO

DATA 12 Ottobre 1943

RAPPORTO DEI FATTI NEI QUALI IL PERSONALE MILITARE ALLEATO E' COINVOLTO

DATA 11 Ottobre 1943 ALLE ORE 22,30

POSTO OVE SI SONO SVOLTI I FATTI Palermo

Vicolo Tremonti n.7

Il numero, il nome, il grado e il reparto del militare ed anche i nomi ed indirizzi dei civili che vengono coinvolti, debbono essere scritti dettagliatamente nelle righe sottostanti. Se i nomi, ecc. sono sconosciuti debbono essere fornite le descrizioni ed altri particolari per l'identificazione.

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(2) A Negro of the Allied Navy was drunk

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I nomi e gli indirizzi dei testimoni al fatto.

(1) LUPO Giovanna,qui abitante in Via Savona n.3

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Natura del fatto.

Il negro che era in cerca di donne venuto a diverbio con la famiglia Lo Nardo Rosario,abitante nel Vicolo Tremonti n.7,esplodeva due colpi di pistola contro il figlio del Lo Turco a nome Nuncio,il quale riportava ferita all'ascella sinistra e cadeva cadavere nell'abitazione di Lupo Giovanna.-

Azione svolta o da svolgere dai carabinieri.

Del fatto si sta interessando l'Arma dei CC.RR. (Stazione Pretoria)

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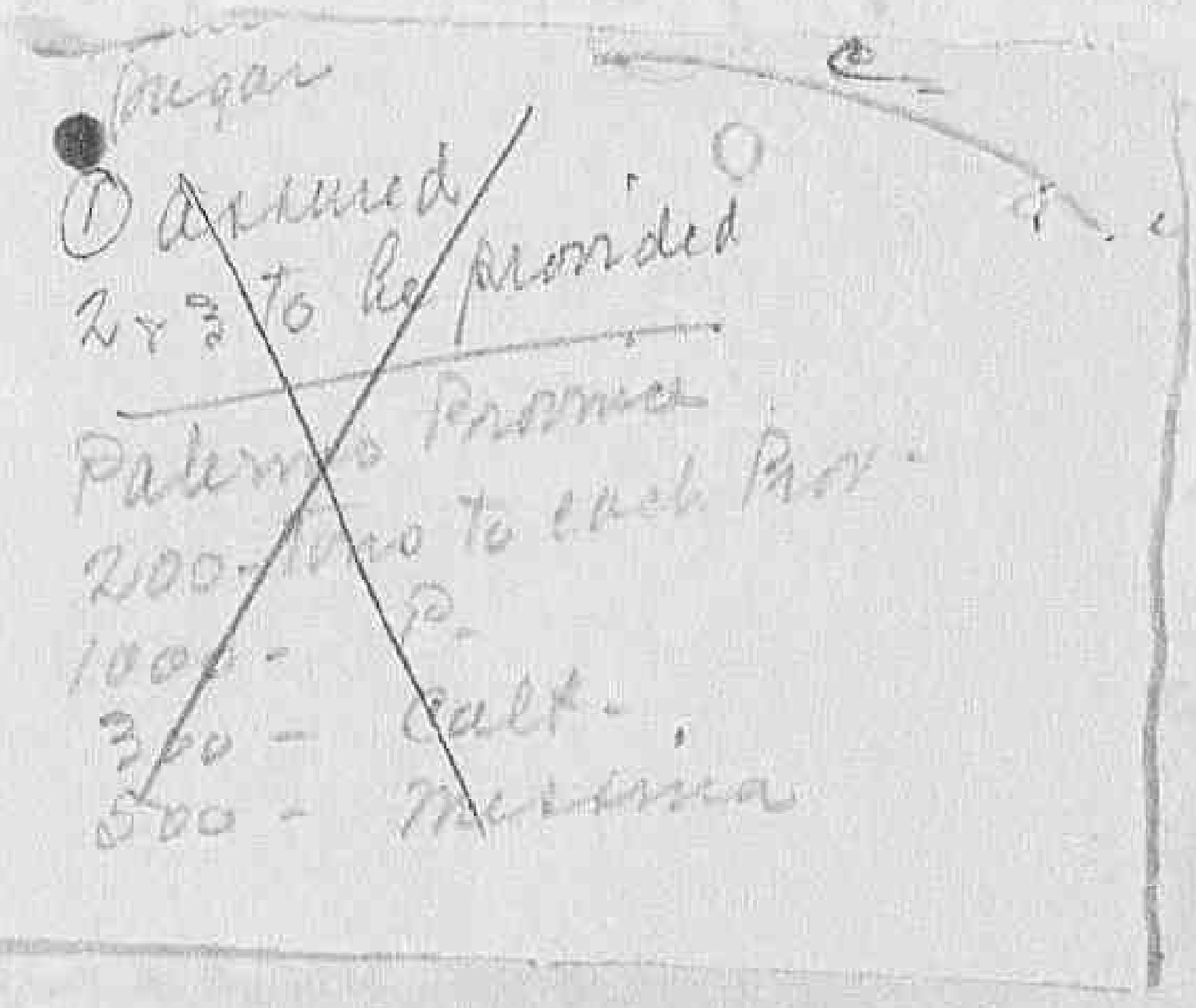

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AMGOT HQ SICILY
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section
HQ CC.RR. Palermo

8th October, 1943

TO : The Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety.

Particulars of all the attached cases have been noted in the records of this Section for future reference.

A number of these complaints have, of course, been received previously, and passed to the Liaison Officer of Provost Marshal, Seventh Army, and in view of the dates of many of the offences it would seem there is little use in referring the remainder now.

In the circumstances I suggest that subject to the directions of C.C.A.O., the papers can now be put away.

B.J. Hefford
Major
for RUSSELL A. BROOK
Lt Colonel, CMP
Supt Civil Police.

Action by DCPS
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To C.S.O.

The ECHO expressed the desire to see personally some current reports of attached character. If not possible, promptly please return in order that these complaints may be put before the appropriate Kdgrs.

Balls

Lt. Comdr
Director of Personnel

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

CP/GMS/bb

7 October 1943

SUBJECT: **Discipline**, Allied Troops

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer, AMGOT Headquarters

Attached report is referred to your Headquarters in accordance with Memorandum, AMGOT/1017/PS dated 18 September 1943.

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9 OCT 1943
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Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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Report of Imposte Di Cousumo, September 30, 1943

On the 18th of September 1943, Arturo Guido, an agent of the Imposte Di Cousumo, Sicilian Tax Collecting Department, was returning home from his duties. At about 10 PM on said date, the above mentioned was fired upon by American soldiers. None of the shots, however hit said Guido. The soldiers upon recognizing him as a revenue agent, accompanied him home in their vehicle.

Other information as to the identity of the soldiers is unavailable.

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C.C.A.O.,
AMGOT HQRS.,
PALERMO.

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With reference to your memorandum of the 24th of Sept:, 1943 regarding the alleged theft of cattle by American soldiers?

The matter was reported to Capt. Abel and Lt. Hall at the time and such enquiries were made as were possible. The informants, however, were unable to give even the vaguest description of the troops or vehicles which naturally handicapped the field of enquiries. Any developments in the case will be reported.

Caltanissetta
6 Oct. 1943

W. T. Ives
Lt. Col.,
S.C.A.O., Caltanissetta Province.

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To tax Dept
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HEADQUARTERS, ISLAND BASE SECTION, APO 550, Office of Provost Marshal
2 October 1943

TO: Commanding Officer, AMGOT

CI 3 refs 164

1. Reference is made to basic communication. An investigation officer from this office contacted AMGOT Headquarters at Enna 26 September 1943.

??? 2. The non-commissioned officer in charge reported that this matter had already been investigated by an officer of the Provost Marshal of the 7th U. S. Army and that no further investigation was considered necessary. He also stated that these troops had moved from the area and the problem no longer existed.

3. For your information Co. G, 2nd Bn, 47th QM now is bivouaced at Cerda; Co. H near Nicosia.

4. If your office considers any further investigation necessary kindly inform this office.

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William M. Raines
WILLIAM M. RAINES
1st. Lt. CMP
Investigation Officer

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CHECK SLIP

HQ 6625 BASE AREA GROUP (PTOV)

Date Oct. 2 - 43

TO: AMGOT.

FROM: PM - IBS.

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. G. Files.
16. Note and forward.
17. For indorsement.
18. Retype.
19. For initials of responsible officer.

NOTE: Check applicable paragraph above.

C.S.O. 3/10

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AMGOT HQ SICILY

19 September 1943

SUBJECT: Disorderly Conduct of Troops

TO : Commanding General, 7th Army

1. This HQ has received a report from the Senior Civil Affairs Officer of the Province of Enna to the following effect.

2. The conduct of the troops belonging to the 47 Q.M.C. is disorderly.

3. Although the officers are well aware that the town of Enna is out of bounds to troops not on duty they appear to be quite indifferent to breaches of this order and it would almost seem as if they encouraged their men to disregard it.

4. Apart from the extreme disorderly conduct of the men when they are in Enna there are other troubles arising from their presence. A shop was recently discovered where in which U. S. Q.M.C. stores were being retailed to the local population. There were no isolated lots of "C" Rations or cigarettes but crates and cases of merchandise which the locals said were brought up in military trucks belonging to the unit in question and openly traded to them by the Soldiers who said they were authorized to do this.

For CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

Copy to: S.C.A.O. Enna

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

Copy to: S.C.A.O. Enna

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gd Bn. 47th QM
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F - Caltagirone Felice
2nd Bn - co G - Lentini
H - Nicosia

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SUBJECT: Discipline of Allied Troops.

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AMGOT HQ. SICILY.

2 October 1943.

TO : Provost Marshal,
Seventh Army HQ.

The attached report from the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, PALERMO is forwarded to you for any action you deem necessary.

R.M.J. MARTIN,
Lieut. Colonel,
Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

CP/GAS/pm

2 October 1943

HEADQUARTERS
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SUBJECT: Discipline, Allied Troops

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer - APO [illegible] HEADQUARTERS

Attached report is referred to your Headquarters in accordance with Memorandum, AFHQ/1017/PS dated 18 September 1943.

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Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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2 October 1943

REPORT OF R. QUESTURA, PALERMO
October 1, 1943

On September 2[illegible], 1943 at about 2:30 P.M. at 71 Via Manina, Mondello, a Scottish soldier entered the house of Romano Adele, and attempted to embrace her - said Romano Adele frightened of what might happen threw some water in said soldiers face and hunted for help. Military personnel immediately appeared on the scene, and proceeded to arrest the above mentioned Scottish soldier.

Other information as to the identity of the soldier is unavailable.

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2 October 1943

REPORT OF J. DONNER, MAJOR

CAO COLLESANO

September 28, 1943

On September 13, 1943, at about 8:30 P.M. three American Soldiers went into a shop in Caltavuturo and demanded wine. They then asked to see some fountain pens and metal chains. After taking twelve pens and thirty eight chains they departed without paying.

Other information as to identity of the soldiers is unevailable.

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2 October 1943

REPORT OF ENRICO RINALDI, MAJOR
LEGION OF CARABINIERI - PALERMO

September 25, 1943

On September 18, 1943, at about 11:30 A.M. two soldiers at Corda, contracted to purchase two necklaces from a certain Manno Salvatore for two dollars. After said purchase agreement was made, said soldiers snatched the above mentioned necklaces from said Manno. They paid Manno Lire 10 for each necklace with no. 20 false bank notes of the Banca D'Italia. Manno upon complaining of this action was assaulted by above mentioned soldiers, after which they drove off in their vehicle License No. 7A21|AA, in which were seated four other soldiers.

No other information as to identity of soldiers available.

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2 October 1943

REPORT OF LT. J. ATKINSON, C.M.P.
CAO LERCARA FRIDDI

September 29, 1943

American soldiers charged with guarding a fuel dump at Manganara, have been guilty of permitting a local Italian to carry away a certain quantity of gasoline (200 litres) in return for the favors of a local prostitute. Said Italian, Pietro Anvalane, was tried in Summary Court of 2nd Lt. Atkinson and found guilty.

The soldier involved apparently a sergeant, may have been attached to the 70th tank battalion, since this unit was charged with guarding the dump at the time the above incident took place, on or about September 19, 1943.

No other information as to identity of the soldiers is available.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

30 September 1943

1200/PS

SUBJECT: Discipline, Allied Troops

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer - AMGOT HEADQUARTERS

Attached report is referred to your Headquarters in accordance with memorandum, AMGOT/1017/PS dated 18 September 1943.

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Recvd. CCAO

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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REPORT OF W. C. LACEY, CAPTAIN
CAO ALTOFONTE

September 28, 1943

On September 24, 1943 at about 5:30 P.M., at Piana dei Greci, three American soldiers visited a girl named Genaro Maria in Via Umberto Primo.

Upon leaving the house of said girl, they found a crowd around their vehicle. With theintention of frightening away the crowd, one of the soldiers fired a shot into the crowd. As a result of said firing, one Di Maggio Giuseppe was wounded.

Other information as to identity of soldiers unavailable.

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REPORT OF R. QUESTURA, PALERMO
September 29, 1943

On the 26th of September 1943, at about 8:15 P.M. four intoxicated colored soldiers stopped one Gambino Luigi, an agentof the Questura.

Upon being stopped, the agent inquired of the colored soldiers what they desired, without answering said soldiers assaulted the above mentioned agent and relieved him of his bicycle.

The above incident occu red near Piazza Albergo Gentile.

Other information regarding the identity of the soldiers is unavailable.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

30 September 1943

REPORT OF BASILE DOTT. FRANCESCO, CAPTAIN
SPECIAL DIVISION OF POLICE, PALERMO
September 29, 1943

On the 22nd of September 1943, at Uditore, one Bonvinuto Giuseppe an agent of the P.S. parked his motorcycle in front of the C.C.R.R. station.

At about 4:15 P.M. he heard themotor of the vehicle starting, and appeared on the street to inquire. Upon nearing the motorcycle he noticed two soldiers in it. He asked said soldiers to leave the motorcycle where it was, as it was necessary for his work. One of the soldiers replied in Italian, "I'll take a ride and return." Thereupon they drove off.

The motorc cle to date has not been returned nor has it been found.

Information as to identity of the soldiers is unavailable.

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Palermo Province

30 September 1943

REPORT OF ENNIO RINALDI, MAJOR
LEGION OF CARABINIERI, PALERMO
September 25, 1943

On the 22nd of September 1943 in the locality of Ginestra, Comune of Trabia, Palermo, at about 5:00 P.M., three American soldiers assaulted one Salamone Pietro, who was selling wine to military personnel. They also relieved him of his wine, without paying him for the same. Upon being assaulted, said Salamone stabbed one of the soldiers, thereby seriously wounding him.

No other information as to identity of soldiers available.

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28 September 1943

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SUBJECT: Discipline, Allied Troops

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer, AMGOT Headquarters

Attached report is referred to your Headquatters in accordance with Memorandum, AMGOT/1017/PS dated 18 September 1943.

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CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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27 September 1943

Report of Gaetano Sangiangi, representative agent of the Consorzio Fabbricanti.

The above-mentioned is an agent of an explosive deposit at Termini Imerese and states that on frequent occasions, British and American troops have forcefully entered the warehouse of the above-mentioned deposit and taken explosives and have dynamited trees in the immediate vicinity.

In addition, said soldiers have destroyed material within the warehouse and have assaulted the guards on numerous occasions.

Information as to the identity of the soldiers is not available.

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27 September 1943

Report of Amadeo Branca, General, Legion Carabinieri,
Palermo, 27 September, 1943

On 25 September 1943, a British Major and Captain entered the Carabinieri station at Altavilla di Baida and requisitioned 64 pistols, leaving a receipt for the same.

No other information as to identity of said officers is available.

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27 September 1943

Report of Amadeo Branca, General, Legion Carabinieri,
Palermo, September 27, 1943

On September 25, 1943, at about 5:30 p.m. at 50 via Acquasanta, three soldiers entered a bar and consumed orangeade and biscuits. Upon being asked for the purchase price, they began breaking cups, glasses, windows, etc.

An attempt was made by one of the soldiers to assault the proprietor's father with a knife, but no damage was done.

Information as to identity of the soldiers is unavailable.

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Report of Gaetano Fabiani, Captain, Legion of Carabinieri,
Palermo, 13 September 1943

On September 13, 1943 at about 12:30 a.m., five armed American colored soldiers entered the house of Dragatto Giuseppe, at 76 Via Partanna Sperone, Palermo.

The five soldiers upon entering the house began assaulting the Dragatto family and threatened them with their pistols - upon leaving they fired two shots into the air.

The next morning a pistol U.S. Mod. 1903 No. 3103303 with the initials R.L.B. was found by the doorway.

Information as to the identity of the soldiers is unavailable.

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Palermo Province

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27 September 1943

SUBJECT: Discipline - Allied Troops

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer - AMGOT HEADQUARTERS

1. Enclosed are the reports concerning acts of indiscipline of Allied troops, in accordance with Memorandum, AMGOT/1017/PS, dated 16 September 1943.

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CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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27 September 1943 pm

Report of F. Greco Commissario of P. S. Zisa
16 September 1943

On September 12, 1943, at about 9 o'clock in the evening, at Zisa, several soldiers came upon the home of Albanese Natale. Said Natale and his family were seated by the doorway. The soldiers speaking in Italian inquired as to the whereabouts of some woman they could obtain. When such information was not forthcoming from the natives, one of the soldiers pulled his pistol from his holster and began firing. In the ensuing fracas, Salvatore Albanese, a brother of the above mentioned Natale, was wounded.

No other information available as to identity of soldiers.

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27 September 1943 pm

Report of Enrico Rinaldi, Major
Legion of Carabinieri, External Group

Palermo September 17, 1943

On September 10, 1943, at about 11:00 A.M. Alessi Attanasio, a Carabinieri and another, were on patrol duty on the National Road at Trabia. Said Attanasio left his colleague in order to obtain a drink of water at the railway station of S. Vicolo L'Arena. There three American soldiers assaulted him, and relieved him of his pistol Mod. 34 No. 883223.

Information as to identity of the soldiers is unavailable, however, their organization has been established as the 1st Battalion of 100 Reg.

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27 September 1943

Report of Onafrio Spampinato, Major,
Legion of Carabinieri, Palermo

September 24, 1943

On September 24, 1943, at the Carabinieri station at Scalo, an officer and a soldier, obtained nine pistols from the above mentioned Carabinieri station without authority.

No other information available as to identity of said officer and soldier.

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27 September 1943 pm

Report of Amadeo Branca, General,
Legion of Carabinieri.
September 24, 1943

On September 20 at Tanotta, two American soldiers halted two Carabinieri on duty, and inquired where they could obtain wine and women. Not being immediately satisfied said soldiers violently assaulted the two Carabinieri.

No other information as to identity of soldiers available.

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27 September 1943 pm

Report of W. C. Lacey, Captain
CAO Altafonte,
September 24, 1943

On September 22, 1943 at about 5:15 A.M. three soldiers are reported to have stopped a boy and a man in a cart, at Villa Cirona, Brankario. The following description of the soldiers is given. They were wearing American type helmets, khaki jackets with belts and khaki trousers.

Said soldiers were masked and robbed the man and boy of L. 550 in A.M.C., 10 Drachma of Greek money, and then ration cards for bread. Latter incident suggests that the thieves may not have been soldiers. Said thieves were armed with revolvers.

Information as to identity of thieves is unavailable.

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27 September 1943

Report of W. C. Lacey, Captain,
CAO Altofonte,

September 24, 1943

On September 17, 1943 at about 9 P.M. two American soldiers where seen in Piana dei Greci, under the influence of liquor. They forced an entry into a house and a woman who was in said house, immediately became excited. The Carabinieri were called and eventually the soldiers were persuaded to leave.

Upon entering the street, they comandeered a civilian car and forced the driver to give them a lift out of town.

Other information as to identity of soldiers is unavailable.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

27 September 1943

HEADQUARTERS
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SUBJECT: Discipline, Allied Troops

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer, AMGOT Headquarters

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Attached report is referred to your Headquarters in accordance with Memorandum, AMGOT/1017/PS dated 18 September 1943.

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CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
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Villafrati ; Sicily
Sept. 18, 1943

SUBJECT: Arrest of American En.

TO: Lt. Col. Charles Polette S.C.A.O., Palermo, provience.

1. On Sept. 15th. report made to local C.A.O. of American soldier seen in isolated section of this district demanding entrance to homes and trying to secure the attention of women.

2. Sgt. Paul J. Kovaick, Co. C. 70th Tank Bn. (L) Hdqts., Lecara, was notified and C.A.O. arranged transportation for the Sgt. to this area. With the Cooperation of local Carabinerri Sgt. Kovaick, Apprehended Archiquette, Lilton W. ASN - 36[illegible]074 4th. Inf. 2nd. Armored Division, On or about 6:00 A.M. Sept. 15th. 1943 near Codrano. He admitted he was AWOL from his unit.

3. Capt. Stryker, 41st. Inf. 2nd Armored division, was notified and the En returned to him, with full account of his actions and copy of Carabinerri report. C.A.O. informed that this EM at the time of desertion from his unit was under arrest and awaiting court martial.

4. Copy of Carabinerri report attached hereto.

William R. Ferguson 32nd
1st. Lt. C.A.O.

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Villafrati; Sicily
Sept. 16, 1943

SUBJECT : Commendation

TO: C.O. Co. C, 70th. Tank Bn. (L), Headquarters, Lercara, Sicily
(Through Channels)

1. Persistent reports recently reach this office of an American soldier or one passing as an american soldier, alone in an isolated section of this district, demanding entrances to houses at night, demanding food, indications of molesting women and threatening the local carabineres.

2. This information was given to Sgt. Paul J. Kovaick Asn- 6[illegible]10 in command of the patrol from your unit station here. After careful invertigation and search for 2 nights and days, Sgt. Kovaick arrested Pvt. Milton W. Archiquette A3[illegible] who was AWOL from his unit 41 st. Inf., 2nd. Armored Div., and who admitted to the acts complained by local population.

3. Personal commendation is here given to Sgt. Kovaick for excellent performance of duty not only in this instance butin all his command of the patrol since stationed here up to this date.

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William R. Ferguson
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1st. Lt. C.A.C.

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Stazione di Godrano

N°45/309-2 di prot. Godrano, li I5 settembre I943
Oggetto: Identificazione di un soldato americano che trovavasi sbandato nel territorio del comune di Godrano.=

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Al Sig. Tenente degli affari civili delle FF.AA.Alleate

Villafrati

Da circa tre giorni nel territorio del comune di Godrano ,un soldato qualificatosi per americano,apparentemente inerme,si aggirava per le case coloniche portando del panico tra i contadini e specialmente donne. Infatti la notte dal I2 al I3 corrente,verso le ore 0,30,il detto sconosciuto militare si presentò nella contrada Frattina e fece mettere a paura la proprietaria con le sue due figliolette,tanto da indurla a reclamare e così il comando della sezione cc.rr.di Mezzojuso,con suo foglio n.266/6 del I3 detto,informava quest'Arma del reclamo sporto dalla famiglia ROTELLI,inducendo lo scrivente a identificare il militare e dargliene comunicazione.=

La notte dal I3 al I4 c.m.,verso le ore 23,lo stesso militare si presentò nel comune di Godrano e avvicinatosi a dei borghesi,ebbe suggerito di bussare alla porta della signora LISCIANDRELLO Francesca fu Giacomo,classe I9II,qui residente via Regina Margherita,che avrebbe dato soddisfazione al soldato in argomento,congiungendosi carnalmente. Siccome la Lisciandrello si rifiutò,il soldato insistette nel suo scopo tanto da costringerla a ricorrere,notte tempo,ai carabinieri del luogo. Il predetto soldato americano,vista la Lisciandrello davanti la caserma,voleva indurre il c/re BERARDELLI Emilio ad aprire la porta per rinchiuderla a disposizione del suo capitano. Siccome il carabiniere potè osservare che il soldato apparentemente mostravasi ubbriaco,non acconsentì alla richiesta e invitato a mezzo di un borghese lo scrivente,gli disse di aspettare. Il soldato americano,che conosceva qualche parola italiana,compreso ciò che il carabiniere disse al borghese PECORARO Francesco di Vincenzo,classe I9I3 da Godrano,qui residente via Vittorio Emanuele,calzolaio,e voltosi allo stesso gli mostrò i pugni mentre disse al carabiniere: tu police italiano,io americano, vieni fuori.Così dicendo si alzava le maniche della camicia mostrando i pugni in senso di sfida. Il carabiniere rimase al suo posto mentre il borghese venne a chiamare lo scrivente e il soldato americano andò via,senza poterlo poscia trovare.=

La sera del I4 al I5 corrente,verso le ore 2I,si presentò in questa caserma GUIDAMANDRE Natale fu Gaetano e fu Calì Francesca,nata a Godrano nel I882,riferendo che verso le ore I9,30 dello stesso pomeriggio,un soldato americano si era a lei presentata nella sua casa campestre della contrada Biviere. Siccome la Guidamandre sa parlare l'inglese,il soldato americano gli chiese se aveva portati dei soldi dall'America e essa rispose di sì,però circa 20 anni addietro. Il soldato insistette col dire che doveva avere ancora del denaro e la induceva a

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Al Sig. Tenente degli affari civili delle Forze Alleate

Villafrati

Da circa tre giorni nel territorio del comune di Godrano ,un soldato qualificatosi per americano,apparentemente inerme,si aggirava per le case coloniche portando del panico tra i contadini e specialmente donne. Infatti la notte dal I2 al I3 corrente,verso le ore 0,30,il detto sconosciuto militare si presentò nella contrada Frattina e fece mettere a paura la proprietaria con le sue due figliolette,tanto da indurla a reclamare e così il comando della sezione cc.rr.di Mezzojuso,con suo foglio n.266/6 del I3 detto,informava quest'Arma del reclamo sporto dalla famiglia ROTELLI,inducendo lo scrivente a identificare il militare e dargliene comunicazione.=

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La sera del I4 al I5 corrente,verso le ore 2I,si presentò in questa caserma GUIDAMANDRE Natale fu Gaetano e fu Calì Francesca,nata a Godrano nel I882,riferendo che verso le ore I9,30 dello stesso pomeriggio,un soldato americano si era a lei presentato nella sua casa ubicata nelle vicinanze della contrada Diviere. Siccome la Guidamandre sa parlare l'inglese,il soldato americano gli chiese se aveva portati dei soldi dall'America e essa rispose di sì,però circa 20 anni addietro. Il soldato insistette col dire che doveva avere ancora del denaro e la induceva a prenderlo ma la donna si rifiutò asserendo sempre che non ne aveva ed infine definì col dire che profferì al soldato suddetto che il denaro lo teneva al paese. Siccome il soldato americano si mostrava molto insistente nel volere vedere il denaro,la Guidamandre cercò aiuto perchè ormai preoccupata e visto che non vi era nessuno in quelle vicinanze, con una scusa qualsiasi si allontanò dal posto assieme al suo piccolo figlio,portandosi così in caserma a reclamare,dicendo che si era spa-

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Stamane lo scrivente,in unione al carabiniere LUCE Antonio,entrambi della stazione cc.rr.di Godrano,si è portato nella contrada Oliva per cercare d'individuare il soldato americano che recava molestia alle persone che abitavano in campagna e giunto di certo BISCARDI Giuseppe,verso le ore 6,30,trovò il soldato che dormiva all'aperto su un mucchietto di paglia avvolto in una coperta con una falce al fianco,però abbandonata sulla paglia. Si premurò di togliergli la falce e inviò subito presso la propria caserma dove trovavasi un sergente dell'Esercito Americano che la sera avanti era stato inviato dal tenente delle M.P.A. Alleate di stanza a Villafrati,per cercare d'identificare il soldato in questione. Infatti il sergente venne subito sul posto e così fu possibile svegliare e identificare il soldato nella persona di R.T.-Miltovw Archegvett - Reg. N.O. 41 Avf - Vud Aryd-,che era effettivo ad un distaccamento di Ficuzza e che trovavasi da circa tre giorni in quelle campagne. Poichè lo scrivente non conosce la lingua inglese,non potè capire ciò che il sergente diceva al soldato,ma venne invitato di seguirli in caserma e poscia a Villafrati per portare il soldato stesso al prefetto sig.Ufficiale.=

In Godrano ,e precisamente in quest'ufficio,vennero chiamate le persone molestate e fatte spaventare dal soldato che lo riconobbero e per mezzo di un interprete furono interrogate in merito a quanto sopra è detto.=

Si ritiene far presente che PECORARO Francesco ha fatto conoscere che verso le ore 21,30 del giorno 12 c.m.,lo stesso soldato americano,da lui oggi riconosciuto alla presenza del sergente,in questo abitato lo interrogò per sapere se qui trovavasi la polizia americana e saputo che vi era quella italiana,disse che cercava della benzina però non volle chiederla a questa caserma. Subito dopo fece presente che voleva qualche prostituta e così il PECORARO gli rispose che in questi paesi piccoli non si trovano tali specie di donne. Il soldato americano non insistette e si allontanò dall'abitato prendendo una trazzera che porta verso la contrada Monticchio sottano,che trovasi nella direzione della contrada Frattina. Lo stesso riferisce inoltre,che l'americano quella sera era in possesso di un paio di scarpe da donna,apparentemente usate da poco, con tacco basso,color azzurro chiaro,con fibietta laterale,che portava tra l'abito ed il petto. Ebbe modo il PECORARO di vedere la forma delle scarpe perchè l'americano,quando gli chiese di volere una donna,gli disse che era disposto regalarle le scarpe.=

Tanto si comunica a richiesta del Sig.Ufficiale in indirizzo specificato.=

Il brigadiere a piedi
comandante della stazione
-Vincenzo Pilorano-

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ventata.=

Stamane lo scrivente, in unione al carabiniere LUCE Antonio, entrambi della stazione cc.rr. di Godrano, si è portato nella contrada Oliva per cercare d'individuare il soldato americano che recava molestia alle persone che abitavano in campagna e giunto dà certo BISCARDI Giuseppe, verso le ore 6,30, trovò il soldato che dormiva all'aperto su un mucchietto di paglia avvolto in una coperta con una falce al fianco, però abbandonata sulla paglia. Si premurò di togliergli la falce e inviò subito presso la propria caserma dove trovavasi un sergente dell'Esercito Americano che la sera avanti era stato inviato dal tenente delle FF.A A. Alleate di stanza a Villafrati, per cercare d'itenficiare il soldato in questione. Infatti il sergente venne subito sul posto e così fu possibile svegliare e identificare il soldato nella persona di R.T.-Miltovw Archegvett - Reg. H.O. 4I Avf - Vud Aryd-, che era effettivo ad un distaccamento di Ficuzza e che trovavasi da circa tre giorni in quelle campagne. Poichè lo scrivente non conosce la lingua inglese, non potè capire ciò che il sergente diceva al soldato, ma venne invitato di seguirli in caserma e poscia a Villafrati per portare il soldato stesso al prefato sig. Ufficiale.=

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Si ritiene far presente che PECORARO Francesco ha fatto conoscere che verso le ore 2I,30 del giorno I2 c.m., lo stesso soldato americano, da lui oggi riconosciuto alla presenza del sergente, in questo abitato lo interrogò per sapere se qui trovavasi la polizia americana e saputo che vi era quella italiana, disse che cercava della benzina però non volle chiederla a queste caserma. Subito dopo fece presente che voleva qualche prostituta e così il PECORARO gli rispose che in questi paesi piccoli non si trovano tali specie di donne. Il soldato americano non insistette e si allontanò dall'abitato prendendo una trazzera che porta verso la contrada Monticchio sottano, che trovasi nella direzione della contrada Frattina. Lo stesso riferisce inoltre, che l'americano quella sera era in possesso di un paio di scarpe da donna, apparentemente usate da poco, con tacco basso, color azzurro chiaro, con fibietta laterale, che portava tra l'abito ed il petto. Ebbe modo il PECORARO di vedere la forma delle scarpe perchè l'americano, quando gli chiese di volere una donna, gli disse che era disposto regalarle le scarpe.=

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Il brigadiere a piedi
comandante della stazione
-Vincenzo Filoramo-

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Legione territoriale dei carabinieri r li di Palermo
Stazione di Godrano

N°45/309-2 di prot. Godrano, li 15 settembre 1943
Oggetto: Identificazione di un soldato americano che trovavasi sbandato nel territorio del comune di Godrano.=

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Al Sig. Tenente degli affari civili delle FF.AA.Alleate

Villafrati

Da circa tre giorni nel territorio del comune di Godrano ,un soldato qualificatosi per americano,apparentemente inerme,si aggirava per le case coloniche portando del panico tra i contadini e specialmente donne. Infatti la notte dal I2 al I3 corrente,verso le ore 0,30,il detto sconosciuto militare si presentò nella contrada Frattina e fece mettere a paura la proprietaria con le sue due figliolette,tanto da indurla a reclamare e così il comando della sezione cc.rr.di Mezzojuso,con suo foglio n.266/6 del I3 detto,informava quest'Arma del reclamo sporto dalla famiglia ROTELLI,inducendo lo scrivente a identificare il militare e dargliene comunicazione.=

La notte dal I3 al I4 c.m.,verso le ore 23,lo stesso militare si presentò nel comune di Godrano e avvicinatosi a dei borghesi,ebbe suggerito di bussare alla porta della signora LISCIANDRELLO Francesca fu Giacomo,classe I9II,qui residente via Regina Margherita,che avrebbe dato soddisfazione al soldato in argomento,congiungendosi carnalmente. Siccome la Lisciandrello si rifiutò,il soldato insistette nel suo scopo tanto da costringerla a ricorrere,notte tempo,ai carabinieri del luogo. Il predetto soldato americano,vista la Lisciandrello davanti la caserma,voleva indurre il c/re BERARDELLI Emilio ad aprire la porta per rinchiuderla a disposizione del suo capitano. Siccome il carabiniere potè osservare che il soldato apparentemente mostravasi ubbriaco,non acconsentì alla richiesta e invitato a mezzo di un borghese lo scrivente,gli disse di aspettare. Il soldato americano,che conosceva qualche parola italiana,comprese ciò che il carabiniere disse al borghese PECORARO Francesco di Vincenzo,classe I9I3 da Godrano,qui residente via Vittorio Emanuele,calzolaio,e voltosi allo stesso gli mostrò i pugni mentre disse al carabiniere: tu police italiano,io americano, vieni fuori.Così dicendo si alzava le maniche della camicia mostrando i pugni in senso di sfida. Il carabiniere rimase al suo posto mentre il borghese venne a chiamare lo scrivente e il soldato americano andò via,senza poterlo poscia trovare.=

La sera dal I4 al I5 corrente,verso le ore 2I,si presentò in questa caserma GUIDAMANDRE Natale fu Gaetano e fu Calì Francesca,nata a Godrano nel I882,riferendo che verso le ore I9,30 dello stesso pomeriggio,un soldato americano si era a lei presentata nella sua casa campestre della contrada Biviere, Siccome la Guidamandre sa parlare l'inglese,il soldato americano gli chiese se aveva portati dei soldi dall'America e essa rispose di sì,però circa 20 anni addietro. Il soldato insistette col dire che doveva avere ancora del denaro e la induceva a

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Al Sig. Tenente degli affari civili delle FF.AA.Alleate

Villafrati

Da circa tre giorni nel territorio del comune di Godrano ,un soldato qualificatosi per americano,apparentemente inerme,si aggirava per le case coloniche portando del panico tra i contadini e specialmente donne. Infatti la notte dal I2 al I3 corrente,verso le ore 0,30,il detto sconosciuto militare si presentò nella contrada Frattina e fece mettere a paura la proprietaria con le sue due figliolette,tanto da indurla a reclamare e così il comando della sezione cc.rr.di Mezzojuso,con suo foglio n.266/6 del I3 detto,informava quest'Arma del reclamo sporto dalla famiglia ROTELLI,inducendo lo scrivente a identificare il militare e dargliene comunicazione.=

La notte dal I3 al I4 c.m.,verso le ore 23,lo stesso militare si presentò nel comune di Godrano e avvicinatosi a dei borghesi,ebbe suggerito di bussare alla porta della signora LISCIANDRELLO Francesca fu Giacomo,classe I9II,qui residente via Regina Margherita,che avrebbe dato soddisfazione al soldato in argomento,congiungendosi carnalmente. Siccome la Lisciandrello si rifiutò,il soldato insistette nel suo scopo tanto da costringerla a ricorrere,notte tempo,ai carabinieri del luogo. Il predetto soldato americano,vista la Lisciandrello davanti la caserma,voleva indurre il c/re BERARDELLI Emilio ad aprire la porta per rinchiuderla a disposizione del suo capitano. Siccome il carabiniere potè osservare che il soldato apparentemente mostravasi ubbriaco,non acconsentì alla richiesta e invitato a mezzo di un borghese lo scrivente,gli disse di aspettare. Il soldato americano,che conosceva qualche parola italiana,comprese ciò che il carabiniere disse al borghese PECORARO Francesco di Vincenzo,classe I9I3 da Godrano,qui residente via Vittorio Emanuele,calzolaio,e voltosi allo stesso gli mostrò i pugni mentre disse al carabiniere: tu police italiano,io americano, vieni fuori.Così dicendo si alzava le maniche della camicia mostrando i pugni in senso di sfida. Il carabiniere rimase al suo posto mentre il borghese venne a chiamare lo scrivente e il soldato americano andò via,senza poterlo poscia trovare.=

La sera dal I4 al I5 corrente,verso le ore 2I,si presentò in questa caserma GUIDAMANDRE Natale fu Gaetano e fu Calì Francesca,nata a Godrano nel I882,riferendo che verso le ore I9,30 dello stesso pomeriggio,un soldato americano si era a lei presentata nella sua casa campestre della contrada Biviere, Siccome la Guidamandre sa parlare l'inglese,il soldato americano gli chiese se aveva portati dei soldi dall'America e essa rispose di sì,però circa 20 anni addietro. Il soldato insistette col dire che doveva avere ancora del denaro e la induceva a prenderlo ma la donna si rifiutò asserendo sempre che non ne aveva ed infine,definì col dire,che profferì al soldato suddetto che il denaro lo teneva al paese. Siccome il soldato americano si mostrava molto insistente nel volere vedere il denaro,la Guidamandre cercò aiuto,perchè ormai preoccupata e visto che non vi era nessuno in quelle vicinanze, con una scusa qualsiasi si allontanò dal posto assieme al suo piccolo figlio,portandosi così in caserma a reclamare,dicendo che ei era spa-

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ventata.=

Stamane io scrivente, in unione al carabiniere LUCE Antonio, entrambi della stazione cc.rr. di Godrano, si è portato nella contrada Oliva per cercare d'individuare il soldato americano che recava molestia alle persone che abitavano in campagna e giunto dl certo BISCARDI Giuseppe, verso le ore 6,30, trovò il soldato che dormiva all'aperto su un mucchietto di paglia avvolto in una coperta con una falce al fianco, però abbandonata sulla paglia. Si premurò di togliergli la falce e inviò subito presso la propria caserma dove trovavasi un sergente dell'Esercito Americano che la sera avanti era stato inviato dal tenente delle FF.A.A. Alleate di stanza a Villafrati, per cercare d'itenficiare il soldato in questione. Infatti il sergente venne subito sul posto e così fu possibile svegliare e identificare il soldato nella persona di R.T.-Miltovw Archegvett - Reg. H.O. 4I Avf - Vud Aryd-, che era effettivo ad un distaccamento di Ficuzza e che trovavasi da circa tre giorni in quelle campagne. Poichè io scrivente non conosce la lingua inglese, non potè capire ciò che il sergente diceva al soldato, ma venne invitato di seguirli in caserma e poscia a Villafrati per portare il soldato stesso al prefato sig. Ufficiale.=

In Godrano, e precisamente in quest'ufficio, vennero chiamate le persone molestate e fatte spaventare dal soldato che lo riconobbero e per mezzo di un interprete furono interrogate in merito a quanto sopra è detto.=

Si ritiene far presente che PECORARO Francesco ha fatto conoscere che verso le ore 2I,30 del giorno I2 c.m., lo stesso soldato americano, da lui oggi riconosciuto alla presenza del sergente, in questo abitato lo interrogò per sapere se qui trovavasi la polizia americana e saputo che vi era quella italiana, disse che cercava della benzina però non volle chiederla a questa caserma. Subito dopo fece presente che voleva qualche prostituta e così il PECORARO gli rispose che in questi paesi piccoli non si trovano tali specie di donne. Il soldato americano non insistette e si allontanò dall'abitato prendendo una trazzera che porta verso la contrada Monticchio sottano, che trovasi nella direzione della contrada Frattina. Lo stesso riferisce inoltre, che l'americano quella sera era in possesso di un paio di scarpe da donna, apparentemente usate da poco, con tacco basso, color azzurro chiaro, con fibietta laterale, che portava tra l'abito ed il petto. Ebbe modo il PECORARO di vedere la forma delle scarpe perchè l'americano, quando gli chiese di volere una donna, gli disse che era disposto regalarle le scarpe.=

Tanto si comunica a richiesta del Sig. Ufficiale in indirizzo specificato.=

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Il brigadiere a piedi
comandante della stazione
-Vincenzo Filoramo-

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25 September 1943

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SUBJECT: Shooting of civilian by American Soldier in Castelbuonani on 18-9-43.

TO : Public Safety Division, AMGOT

Inclosed herewith is the report on the shooting of Calogero Calderone at Castelbuonani on 18-9-43 by Sgt. Walter A. Stevens, ASN 19091945, 437th Engineers. A complete copy of this report has been forwarded to the C.O. 437th Engineers for such action as he deems necessary.

For the SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:

RAY ASHWORTH
Major, Inf.
SCAFO

1st IND.

AMGOT/1017/PS

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY

2 October 1943.

TO : Provost Marshal,
I.B.S.

Forwarded for such action as may be deemed appropriate. May this Headquarters be informed of final disposition.

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[illegible] D. [illegible],
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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SUBJECT: Alleged Looting

TO: S.C.A.C., Messina

FILE No. 1001/PS

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

Sept. 26, 1943

1. Reference is made to verbal report made to Colonel Sherman, 7th Infantry and Major Deutsch concerning the alleged looting at the above premises. In connection therewith I am quoting reply just received from Commanding Officer, 7th Infantry dated 13 September 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Third Infantry Division, APO No. 3

2nd Lieutenant Floyd W. Crain, 7th Infantry was in command of the platoon which was charged with the guarding of stores located in the Capuchin Seminary. This guard was requested by AMGOT officials. The stores consisted of Italian naval uniforms and clothes and food. Lt. Crain states that there was postively no looting by members of his platoon at any time. The only articles which were removed from the building were a box of socks which Lt. Crain issued to members of his platoon, they being badly in need of new socks at the time, and a truckload of food, including flour, which was removed by Italians with written permission of Major Deutsch. Lt. Crain states that no civilians were touched or molested in any way by members of his platoon.

Lt. Crain also states that the two priests who were living in one room of the building objected strenuously to his entering the building at all. Furthermore a search was made in all companies in Messina and no property taken from civilians was found.

All companies in Messina were in assembly areas, alerted, and kept under control in case of emergency.

HARRY B. SHERMAN
Colonel, 7th Inf.
Commanding.

Please advise C.C.A.C. whether or not this report coincides with report made to you and if there by an discrepancy, please support your knowledge of the facts in the form of certified statements from yourself and Major Deutsch.

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EMANUEL BOLLES,
Colonel, Inf,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

1st Ind.

From: S.C.A.C., Messina, October 1, 1943.

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LEMUEL BOLLES,
Colonel, Inf,
Commissioner of Public
Safety.

1st Ind.

From: S.C.A.O. Messina, October 1, 1943.
To : Commissioner of Public Safety, AMGOT HQ.

1. The full report of the above incident, in form of a written memorandum from the head of the seminary, was handed to Col. Sherman before he left Messina.

2. That report mentioned the socks described above, among other items, which were found in the course of a systematic search of the premises in question by the officer in command of the platoon sent, at our request to guard the building against looters.

S.C.A.O. - MESSINA

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Looting.

S.O.A.O. Caltanissetta.

2/4th September 3

A letter has been received at this Headquarters from Antonino Barbeli of Mazzarino, alleging theft of cattle by American soldiers. He states that he has reported this to Captain Abel and Lieutenant Hill.

Please advise this Office of developments in this matter.

Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

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TO SEE :-

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TRANSLATION.

MAGGIOR GENERALE LORD RENNELL,
PALERMO.

PRIVATE.

I have the honour to report to you that American soldiers have committed a theft in my farm, called SAN GIULLANO and exactly distant from MAZZARINO 14 Km. and 24 Km. from GELA.

To-day, 1st Sept., at 1600 hours while a troop of oxen of my own was going to the water fountain of the above said land property, placed nearby the provincial road, two trucks having aboard two officers and about ten American soldiers stopped there. They went down and noticing a little calf eight months old for the value of 6000 lires they took possession of it. All claims made by my staff were in vain, and they were forced to leave the little calf in the hands of the American soldiers who put it on the truck and proceeded towards GELA. One of the trucks numbers was 3.

The following individuals may attest the theft:

Over Guardian BEVILACQUA GIUSEPPE, the working farm FANZONI ROCCO, the guardian MUSCARELLO ANTONINO, the farm keepers CARMIANO TILIPPO, COSENKO SERAFINO and STUPPIA PARLO who are all my employees residing in MAZZARINO and were present at that time.

I will be extremely obliged to Your Excellency for the ascertainment of the facts and provide for the cost of my damage.

A similar report has been addressed by me to this office of Civil Affairs directed by Captain ABEL and also to that of Civil Affairs at GELA directed by Lieutenant HALL.

Respectfully Yours,

Signed BARTOLI ANTONINO.

Mazzarino, 1 Sept. 1943.

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ANTONINO BARTOLI
MAZZARINO

MAJOR GEN. LORD RENNELL

PALERMO

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PERSONALE.

Mi permetto farLE rapporto di un furto, perpetrato da Soldati Americani nella mia Tenuta San Giuliano e precisamente a Km.14 da Mazzarino e Km.24 da Gela. Oggi primo settembre alle ore sedici, mentre una mia mandria di bovini si trovava al bevaio di detta tenuta, nelle adiacenze dello stradale provinciale, due autocarri con a bordo due Ufficiali e una diecina di soldati americani si fermarono, scesero ed avvistata una vitella di mesi diciotto, del valore di LIRE SEIMILA se ne impossessarono. A nulla valsero le proteste del bovaro e degli altri miei dipendenti presenti, i quali minacciati, dovettero cedere alla loro pretesa. I Soldati caricandosi la vitella sull'autocarro proseguirono per la strada di Gela. Una delle macchine portava il N.3.

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Possono testimoniare il furto i seguenti nominativi: Bovaro Bevilacqua Giuseppe, il Fattore Fanzone Rocco, il Guardiano Muscarello Antonino, i coloni Garziano Filippo, Cosenza Serafino, e Stuppia Paolo, tutti miei

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La Prego di volere disporre perchè si accertino tali

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fatti e provvedere per l'indennizzo del danno rice=
vuto.

Uguale rapporto ho fatto a questo COMANDO AFFARI
CIVILI CAP. ABEL ed al COMANDO AFFARI CIVILI di
GELA LIEUT HALL.

Distinti ossequi.

Mazzarino I settembre 1943.

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SUBJECT: Alleged Theft by American Soldiers.

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY
AMGOT/1001/PS
25 September 1943

TO : Provost Marshal,
7th Army.

1. Attached is a statement respecting the alleged theft by American soldiers of a motor car, wallets and cash from Sicilians on 9 September 43 on the road near PRIOLA.

2. The vehicle was later seen at PIAZZA ARMERINA travelling towards CASTAGERONE.

3. The report is forwarded to you for any action you deem necessary.

LEWIS L. DOLLES
Colonel, INF.
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

Original letter sent to 7th Army PM

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SPECIAL REPORT
OF C. A. P. O.

SUBJECT
(1) Alleged Larceny and receiving
(2) Alleged misconduct by Allied troops.

CORRES. NO.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION
CIVIL POLICE SECTION

TOWN CARABANIERI HEADQUARTERS

PROVINCE PALERMO

DATE 22nd September 1943.

(1)

To Superintendent.

I submit herewith the attached postal card received in this Office from an individual who desires to remain anonymous.

Writer alleges that a man named PORTUESE Giuseppe resident in Piazza Generale Cascino, Palermo, stole a quantity of Italian military property, such as blankets, sheets, beds, etc., from the Italian Barracks in that thoroughfare prior to the Allied occupation. He also adds that American military personnel visit PORTUESE's hpuse, purchase and consume liquor at excessive prices and afterwards cause disturbances in the district through over indulgence.

In the circumstances, I suggest that copies of this report be forwarded to :-

(1) The S. C. A. P. O., Palermo, for his information and any action he deems advisable in regard to the alleged larceny and receiving of the Italian military property, and

(2) The Provost Marshal, 7th Army H. Q., for his information and any action he considers desirable in respect of the supposed misconduct of the Allied military personnel.

G. Richardson,
Major,
Special Police Branch.

Special Branch 2.

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B. J. Hefford
Major
for Supt Civil Section

22/9/43.

Copies sent SCAPO Palermo
7th Army
after approval by DCPS.
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Facciamo noto a codesto Comando
che tale Portuese Giuseppe abitante in
P. Generale Cascino 91 persona facoltosa
col accanito fascista ad uno dei primi che le
forze armate alleate entrassero nella città
di Palermo il detto individuo si diede
al saccheggio della Caserma di P. Generale
Cascino asportando alla propria casa
i seguenti indumenti cioè mante di
lana lenzuoli brande ed altro materia-
le militare questo individuo cono-
scitore della lingua inglese si vante
sicuro che non possono far nulla e
con spensieratezza attira nella propria
casa gli americani che sono all'accam-
pamento della P. Generale Cascino dando
da mangiare e bere liquori senza limite
e poi facendo pagare molto caro, cou-
ciò gli americani ubbriacandosi disturb-
bano tutti gli abitanti del rione.
Ad evitare qualche incidente grave fate
una perquisizione nella di lui casa
per accertarsi e preghiamo di provvede-
per eliminare codesto scempio Ringraziam-
gli abitanti del rione.

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Al Comando Militare
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To the Command of Allied forces. 124

Palermo

We inform this Command that a man by name Portuese Giuseppe a 100/100 (100%) fascist, living in Piazza Generale Cascino, before the Allied forces entered in Palermo City he visited the Barracks of Piazza Generale Cascino what follows: wool blankets, sheets beds and other military materials. We inform also that this man knows the English language therefore he deceives the American soldiers selling them liquors and foods making them pay otherwise. -

The American soldiers overdrinking they get drunk disturbing the neighbourhood habitants, we beg to investigate.

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Palermo Province

HEADQUARTERS P.S. 22 SEP 1943 1017/PS AMGOT

21 September 1943

SUBJECT: Discipline - Allied Troops

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer, AMGOT Headquarters

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1. Enclosed are the reports concerning acts of indiscipline of Allied troops, in accordance with Memorandum, AMGOT/1017/PS, dated 18 September 1943.

2. Previous to receipt of Memorandum, AMGOT/1050/PS, dated 8 September 1943, said reports were turned over either to Chief of Staff, Seventh Army or Provost Marshal, Seventh Army.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

20 September 1943

Report of Onufrio Spampinato, Major, Legion of Carabinieri, Palermo, September 4, 1943:

On 31 August 1943, at about 6:00 p.m. in Via Discesa dei Gindici, a Corporal of the Carabinieri, while walking his post noticed two soldiers frolicing with two Carabinieri. Upon nearing the quartet, the corporal of the Carabinieri noticed that one of the soldiers was a sergeant, who had on his head, one of the Carabinieri's hats. He also noticed one of the soldiers attempting to relieve one of the Carabinieri of his watch. As the Corporal of the Carabinieri approached, the Sergeant removed his (Carabinieri's) hat and began walking away. The Carabinieri thereupon informed the Military Police, who arrested said soldiers.

No other information available as to identity of soldiers.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

20 September 1943

Report of Onufrio Spampinato, Major, Legion of Carabinieri, Palermo
September 4, 1943:

On 1 September 1943, a patrol consisting of an American Sergeant, Ionn Patucella, 32067909, and a Carabinieri, Antonino Musumeci, arrested two prostitutes consorting with American soldiers.

While the prostitutes were being booked at the station, two intoxicated naval officers appeared, and forced the Carabinieri to release said prostitutes.

Information as to above-mentioned officers, as follows:

Anthony Zegarowski (Ens) (E) (423-023-0986), United States Navy
Alexander V. Christie, Passport #92283, dated March 5, 1943.

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AILIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

20 September 1943

Report of Onufrio Spampinato, Major, Legion of Carabinieri, Palermo, September 4, 1943:

On 2 September 1943, at about 4:30 p.m., two soldiers, one colored, entered the Carabinieri station at Scalo. Said soldiers demanded that the guard release three men being held for violation of the curfew regulation.

The colored soldier threatened the guard with his gun. As a result, the Carabinieri guards released the above-mentioned men.

No further information available, to indicate the identity of said soldiers.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

20 September 1943

Report of Emilo Rinaldi, Major, Carabinieri Legion, External Group, Palermo.

On 7 September 1943, at about 8:30 p.m., at Marineo, three American soldiers traveling in a motor vehicle, stopped two Carabinieri on duty.

They inquired of the Carabinieri where they could obtain women. When the Carabinieri confessed their ignorance of such a matter, the soldiers began beating the Carabinieri, and attempted to relieve one of his pistol.

Other information as to the identity of the soldiers is unavailable.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

20 September 1943

Report of Headquarters 2629th Military Police Battalion, Sept. 11, 1943:

The 2629th M.P. Battalion has submitted a report, concerning the firearms which have been taken away from Civilian Police Station, Brancaccio Carabinieri Station, by American and British soldiers.

The salient points of such report are as follows:-

1. American and British soldiers had made frequent visits to the Brancaccio Carabinieri Station and demanded firearms from the officer in charge.

2. Although informed that such action was contrary to orders issued by Lt. Colonel Poletti, Senior Civil Affairs Officer, the soldiers would force the carabinieri in charge, often at the point of a gun, to turn over said firearms.

3. Due to the recent evacuation of troops, information indicating the identity of said soldiers is not available.

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(Ltr fr Seventh Army, 6 Sept 1943, subj: Complaint of looting)

AG 250.4 JA 4th Ind. AAL/mrv
HQ SEVENTH ARMY, APO 758, 21 September 1943.

TO: Commanding Officer, AMGOT, Palermo District.

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Incl:
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C.O. This was handed by you. Le Porz
Murphy
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DASIC: Ltr AMGOT Hq, Sicily dtd 4 September 43, Subj: Looting.

AG 250.4 JA 2nd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH INFANTRY, APO # 3, 13 September 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Third Infantry Division, APO # 3.

2nd Lieutenant Floyd W. Crain, 7th Infantry was in command of the platoon which was charged with the guarding of stores located in the Capuchin Seminary. This guard was requested by AMGOT officials. The stores consisted of Italian naval uniforms and clothes and food. Lt. Crain states that there was positively no looting by members of his platoon at any time. The only articles which were removed from the building were a box of socks which Lt. Crain issued to members of his platoon, they being badly in need of new socks at the time, and a truckload of food, including flour, which was removed by Italians with written permission of Major Deutsch. Lt. Crain states that no civilians were touched or molested in any way by members of his platoon.

Lt. Crain also states that the two priests who were living in one room of the building objected strenuously to his entering the building at all. Furthermore a search was made in all companies in Messina and no property taken from civilians was found.

All companies in Messina were in assembly areas, alerted, and kept under control in case of emergency.

HARRY B. SHERMAN
Colonel, 7th Infantry
Commanding

AG 250.4 3rd Ind. misc/amh

HEADQUARTERS THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION, A.P.O. #3, 14 September 1943.

To: Commanding General, Seventh Army, A.P.O. #758.

Attention invited to 2nd Indorsement.

For the Commanding General:

SEP 19 43 AM

File No 2504

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HQ. SEVENTH ARMY

S. A. HASLUND
Capt., A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758 US Army

HMJ/ww
6 September 1943

AG 250.4 JA

Subject: Complaint of looting.

To: Commanding General, 3d Infantry Division, APO 3.

The enclosed letter from Headquarters AMGOT, subject as above, is transmitted for appropriate action.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

ALBERT A. LINDQUIST
Major A. G. D.
Assistant Adjutant General

RECEIVED Sept 9 1943 G 3rd INF. DIV.

1 Incl:
Ltr fr AMGOT Hq, subj
as above.

AG 250.4 JA 1st Ind. AG/foa
HQ 3D INF DIV (REINF), APO #3, 10 September 1943.

TO: Commanding Officer, 7th Infantry, APO #3.

For immediate reply to this headquarters.

By command of Major General TRUSCOTT:

B. C. PRICE
Lt Col, A.G.D.
Adjutant General.

1 Incl: n/c

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Subject: Disciplinary - Allied Troops

Ref: 7/1/AG

AMGOT HQ,
15 Army Group

Ref your AMGOT/1017/PS dated 18 Sep 43.

It is notified for information that no less than 12 reports on the above subject have been forwarded from this HQ.

Date,
21 Sep 43

HEADQUARTERS P.S. 22 SEP 43 1017/PS AMGOT

Lt Col.
A.G.A.G.

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Subject: Conduct of Troops

Ref: 7/1/AQ

AMGOT HQ,
15 Army Group

I think it only fair after my somewhat acrimonious remarks about the behaviour of Allied units in this province, to inform you that two new U.S. units who have moved into this province, the 528 QM and the 175 Engineers, are welcome guests whose officers have observed all the courtesies and shown themselves ready to assist AMGOT in the maintenance of order in the town.

Lt Col.,
C.O.A.G. 29

Enna,
21 Sep 43

HEADQUARTERS
P.S. HQ
22 SEP 1943
AMGOT

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A. M. G. O. T.

PROVINCE OF ENNA

HEADQUARTERS P.S.D. 21 SEP 1943 1017/PS AMGOT

Your ref. .....

my ref. 7/1/AO

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

Enna. 20 Sep 43

Subject: Discipline

AMGOT HQ,
15 Army Group

1. The behaviour of the Allied troops stationed in this province continues to be outrageous. Details of incidents are sent to HQ from time to time. In the majority of cases no report can be made. It is useless to expect a Carabiniere to give particulars of the names and units of 16 drunks who are shooting up a town and refuse to give them. The same applies to AMGOT officers.

2. Obviously the enforcement of bounds regulations would go a long way to improve what has become a dangerous situation.

3. The difficulties here are greater than might be expected. These questions need answering:-

(a) Who sets bounds?
(b) By what authority?
(c) How can these regulations be communicated to the units concerned?
(d) On whom can a C.O.A.O. call for troops to enforce them?

4. There was in force, when this province was at least partly in the Seventh Army's 1st Divisional Area, an "off limits" regulation for all towns. This was recognised though not obeyed by U.S. units, and neither recognised nor obeyed by the British.

5. The province is no longer in the 1st Div U.S. Forces area nor so far as I know in any other unit's area. It is therefore not possible to issue an order in the name of anybody but myself as C.O.A.O. U.S. units never and other units seldom believe themselves bound by such authority.

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6. The principal difficulty I have had to meet in this connection is to discover what authority they will recognise, and if that could be ascertained, by what means the orders of that authority could be communicated to the units concerned. Until some arrangement can be devised to overcome this difficulty, officers who do not see any point in checking the indiscipline of their men seem to me to be quite justified in encouraging it, or at least immune from any unpleasantness which might result from it. Not "I didn't know about these orders" but "As far as I know I have had no orders from anybody entitled to give them" would be a good defence in a Court Martial.

7. It is not only the indiscipline of the men that is a source of concern, but the irresponsibility of units as units, which is beginning to worry me. There is at the moment nothing to stop a detachment coming into the province, camping in a vineyard or evicting the inhabitants of a farm, having a holiday or maybe doing some work, without having to report their presence or explain their duties to anybody. They come and go as they please, never ask to be assigned camping areas or billets and the first news of their passage through the province is usually a series of complaints for outrages which, because they come from a specific area, is all the information I get that another military unit has come, and usually gone, from the neighbourhood of a harassed village.

8. I might say that this haphazard intransit not seldom results in difficulties and discomforts for the troops which the AMGOT provincial organisation would be very glad to have spared them. I have buildings, water points and small reserves of fresh food and wine which are maintained solely in order to make life more agreeable to Allied troops who have to work in, or travel through, this country side, as the officers of many units who have been courteous and sensible enough to report to my HQ will testify.

9. I would ask you to believe that only convention has led me to express myself in such moderate terms about a matter which would be understated in the strongest invective and urge your immediate intervention.

Lt. Col.,
A.C.A.O.

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SUBJECT : Translation A.F.H.Q. Allied Troops

AMGOT/1917/SS.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

20 September, 1943.

TO : Provost Marshal,
Seventh Army.

The attached copy of a report from the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Province of Enna, with enclosures as stated, is forwarded for such action as may be considered necessary.

JAMES A. HOLMES
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

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

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COPY

Subject:- Public Safety

Ref: 9/3/2

AFHQT H.Q. (For attention Public Safety Division)
15 Army Group.

1. The attached is a report in connection with shooting in the town of Rimini on 5 Sep 43. The shots were fired by Allied soldiers when forcing the driver of the motor vehicle to take them towards Iesolo. More shots were fired near Rimini.

2. A steel helmet and cartridge cases left behind in the vehicle are also forwarded herewith.

3. Notices at the approaches to the town of Rimini state that:-

(a) the town is out of bounds to all Allied troops, and

(b) no military vehicle is permitted to enter the town unless conveying troops on duty in the town.

(Sgd) T.W.J. WARREN

Major
D.A.P.M.
for S.C.A.O.

Rimini.
15 Sep 43.

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Prefectura of EMA,
Autopark Service.

The truck driver Barbera Antonio (a Fiat No 28) has reported that on 5 Sept. at 2045 hrs. re-entering from town's service, in Via Roma at the Cafe Rossa he was stopped by two Allied soldiers who enquired where he was directed to, when they were informed that he was going towards the cemetary to the garage, they got in. (This happened before the ING. PANTANINI and the labourer DI CAGUALE).

In reaching the garage the Allied soldiers forced the driver to take towards LEGHORN, offering two dollars and some cigarettes, but the driver refused for many reasons also because the truck was out of order. The soldiers fired a few shots up in the air, and pointing a revolver (or rifle) at him they compelled him to go back up the truck.

One of the soldiers sitting at the steering wheel drove the truck towards the railroad. After going through for a while he gave up the steering wheel to the driver, who, running into an obstacle near Pirato (the car was not provided with lights), went off the road. Meanwhile a firemen car driven by BIGALLI was coming up from the opposite direction. The soldiers went down the truck and ordered this other driver to take them towards LEGHORN. At his refusal they began to shoot.

During all this confusion the truck driver BARBERA WENT away and hid himself, only at daybreak was he able to get on the truck and take it to the garage.

The Allied soldiers left behind in the vehicle a steel helmet and cartridge cases.

To confirm this present report it is signed by the driver BARBERA.

AUTOPARK DIRECTOR,
BOLAINO.

DRIVER BARBERA ANTONIO,
SEEN BY THE PREFECT.

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IMPORTANT AND CONFIDENTIAL.

AMGOT/1017/PS.

AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

Subject: Discipline - Allied Troops.

18 SEP 1943

To : All S.C.A.Os. and
R.C.A.Os. - Reggiora 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.

Major General,
CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER.

Distribution.

Agrigento	6
Caltanissetta	6
Catania	6
Enna	4
Palermo	35
Ragusa	6
Syracuse	14
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HEADQUARTERS
Hdq. P.S.
Br 20 SEP 1943
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AMGOT

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September 18, 1943

SUBJECT: Complaint against American soldiers.

TO : AMGOT Hq.

I am forwarding to you herewith a complaint against American soldiers at Marsala.

Floyd E. Thomas, Lt. Col. Inf.,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer of
the Province, Trapani.

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ENCLOSURE:

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Territorial Legion of Royal Carabineers of Palermo

Company of Marsala

Nr. 14/11 prot. Div. 3

Subject;Offences committed by American soldiers.-

To : Civil Affairs Officer - Marsala

: Carabineers Headquarters- Marsala and Trapani

On September 11th at about 4 o'clock p.m.presented himself at the Carabineers Station of Marsala a civilian whose name is Sammartano Vincenzo son of Vincenzo from Marsala,employe of the Royal Railways. He stated that about twenty American soldiers alighted from four jeeps near the local Railway station,entered the premises of the tickets office in the same station and after having searched every thing they tore many railway's tickets.Afterwards they entered the office of the chief of the station whose chief was absent and having found a piano and the safe of the direction containing a big sum of money ,while some of them where playing the above mentioned piano,the others having opened the drawers of the writing-desk,took some keys there existing,trying to force the above mentioned safe.

In the meanwhile one of the employees attended the above mentioned barracks and another informed the American Headquarters. In fact soon after the arrival of the ~~ØØXØXØXØ~~ Carabineers,came with an other car Professor Lombardo,interpreter at AMgot Headquarters with a soldier and made evident the truth of what said before.

When the Carabineers arrived the American soldiers had already gone away but the Sammartano had taken the number of one of the above mentioned jeeps which resulted to be the following;

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We relate this for your knowledge.

The Captain Commander

Signed: Francesco Pagano

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Confederazione Fascista degli Industriali

Unione Provinciale di Trapani

VINCERE

Si prega nella risposta citare il numero e l'oggetto della presente e trattare un solo argomento.

Trapani, li ..... 194..

VIA VESPRI, 20
TELEFONO N.65

N. ..... Prot.

OGGETTO:

TELEGRAMMI: UNINDUSTRIA

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI PALERMO
COMPAGNIA DI MARSALA

N°14/11 di prot.Div.3^ Marsala,lì 12 settembre 1943.=

OGGETTO: Furto commesso da militari americani.=

AL SIG. UFFICIALE ADDETTO AGLI AFFARI CIVILI DI MARSALA
e,per conoscenza:
AL COMANDO DEL GRUPPO DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI TRAPANI.

L'11 andante alle ore 16 circa si è presentato all'ufficio della stazione dell'Arma di Marsala Porto,Sammartano Vincenzo di Vincenzo da Marsala impiegato delle FF.SS.informando che circa 20 soldati americani scesi da quattro camionette nei pressi della locale stazione ferroviaria entrarono nell'ufficio biglietteria della stazione stessa e,dopo avere rovistato ogni cosa strapparono vari biglietti ferroviari.Poscia si portarono nell'ufficio del capo stazione il cui titolare era assente e,trovato ivi un piano forte e la cassa forte della direzione contenente somme di denaro imprecisate,mentre alcuni guardavano detto piano,altri,aperti i cassetti della scrivania prendevano alcune carte ivi esistenti cercando di aprire l'anzidetta cassa forte.=

Nel frattempo,uno degli impiegati si recava nell'anzidetta caserma,altro invece,provvedeva ad avvertire il comando americano.Infatti,poco dopo l'arrivo dei militari dell'Arma giunse con altra macchina il professore Lombardo, interprete presso il Commissario degli affari civili delle forze armate alleate,unitamente ad un soldato e si constatò la verità di quanto detto sopra.=

Quando arrivarono i prefetti militari dell'Arma gli americani erano già andati via,ma il Sammartano aveva preso il numero di una delle predette camionette che risulta così contrassegnata:

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Tanto si comunica per conoscenza.=

CAPITANO COMANDANTE
Francesco Pagano-

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AL COMANDO DEL GRUPPO DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI TRAPANI

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CAPITANO COMANDANTE
Francesco Pegaro-

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1. Doc. 60. No action

2. Doc. 59 Send to GOC in C 15 AG with covering note as per attached draft.

3. I denied Lawn Mowers that this file and the one on Looting could profitably be combined into one.

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HEADQUARTERS
P.S.
17 SEP 1943
AMGOT

Subject: Public Safety

Ref: G/3/P

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

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

Enna,
15 Sep 43
MCH

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Prefectura of ENNA,
Autopark Service.

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To confirm this present report it is signed by the driver BARBERA.

AUTOPARK DIRECTOR
BONANNO.

DRIVER BARBERA ANTONIO 239

VISAED BY THE REPORT.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE CARABINIERI REALI DI MESSINA
GRUPPO DI ENNA

N°8 di prot. Enna 9 Settembre 1943

All' A.M.G.O.T. Office Police

ENNA

Trasmetto l'accluso rapporto, come da richiesta verbale, in merito all'incidente accaduto all'autista Barbera Antonino, in data 5 c.m., e l'elmetto con alcuni bossoli, abbandonato dai militari.

Il Maggiore Comandante
(Calacura Pasquale)

Calacura 2.9.6

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Prefettura di Enna

SERVIZIO AUTOPARCO

Barbera Antonino, autista del camion Fiat 621 targato N° 56 ha riferito che il giorno 5 c.m. alle ore 20,45 rientrando dal servizio fatto per conto del Comune, nella Via Roma, all'altezza del Caffé Rosso, è stato fermato da due militari, i quali hanno chiesto dove fosse diretto il camion, e saputo che andava verso il cimitero, per rientrare in garage, sono montati a bordo.(Ciò è avvenuto alla presenza dell'Ing. Pantalone e dell'operaio Di Pasquale).

Giunto il camion nei pressi del garage i militari hanno fatto intendere all'autista di volere essere portati a Leonforte, previo compenso di due dollari e di alcune sigarette; essendosi l'autista rifiutato, per ovvie ragioni, ed anche perchè il camion aveva un guasto al radiatore, i militari sparavano alcuni colpi in aria e puntandogli contro un'arma lo invitavano a sparare per divertirsi e lo costringevano poi a risalire sul camion.

Uno dei militari sedutosi al volante avviava la macchina verso lo scalo. Dopo percorso qualche chilometro cedeva però la guida all'autista. Questi, giunto presso Pirato, per l'urto contro un ostacolo (la macchina è sfornita di fari) usciva fuori strada.Nello stesso tempo sopraggiungeva da opposta direzione una 1.100 dei pompieri guidata dall'autista Ingallina; i militari allora scendevano dal camion e ingiungevano a quest'ultimo di portarli a Leonforte ed in seguito al rifiuto riprendevano a sparare.

Il Barbera approfittando della confusione si allontanava, nascondendosi, e soltanto dopo fatto giorno, tornato sul posto dove si trovava il camion riusciva a rimetterlo in moto ed a rientrare in garage.

Dai militari, sul camion sono stati lasciati un elmetto ed alcuni bossoli.

La presente dichiarazione viene firmata dall'autista Barbera

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L'autista

Il Dir. dell'Autop. Barbera Antonino

Visto: IL PREFETTO

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Subject: Public Safety

Ref: 6/3/P

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

Attached is a report of the theft of a pig by three English or American soldiers on 27 Aug 43 at Regalbuto, and a claim for 2000 lire.

HEADQUARTERS
D.S
Reg 17 SEP 1943
G(O)PS
AMGOT

L. G. Hoskins
Major,
C.A.P.O.,
for S.C.A.O.

Encl.
15 Sep 43
EBV

File with reference to
Seen by DCPS 23/9
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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI MESSINA
Stazione di Rocalbuto

N. 17/.2.61 di prot. div: 3° Rocalbuto li 30/3/1943

Oggetto: Elenco

Al Comando Militare Alleato di
E N N A

Una domanda presentata da Finocchiaro Costantino di Angelo abitante in questa via G.F.Ingrassia n.392 tendente ad ottenere la somma di L.2000 quale importo di un suino ucciso dai militari dell'Esercito Alleato e portato via degli stessi:

..... che si trasmette per dovere d'ufficio.

Il maresciallo capo comandante la stazione
(Di Guardo Angelo)

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To The allied military Command of
Rome

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The undersigned Finocchiaro Costantino born and residing in Pegaltute via Grenfiletto Ingresso N. 392 declares The following:

Yesterday three allied soldiers with an officer at 1030 hours stopped with a car n. 67 right before my house where I was keeping pig, one of soldiers with a pistol shot the pig carring it on the truck and went away. While this was happening one soldiers was threatening my wife for her opposing and wanted to offer her money if she would intimately forbearing. The damage suffered amounts to abut 2000 lires —

The writes wishes that you will provide for the case and for the make up of the loss suffered

Finocchiaro Costantino

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Al Comando Militare alleato di-
Roma

Il sottoscritto Finocchiaro
Costantino di Angelo nato e
residente in Regalbuto Via Giuseppe
Impagnia ev. 392 denuncia
a codesto Comando quanto appresso:
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ammonta a £ 2000 circa

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Il sottoscritto Finocchiaro
Costantino di Angelo nato e
residente in Regalbuto Via Giusep-
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a costo Comando quanto appresso:
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e per il risarcimento del danno subito.
Regalbuto 28 agosto 1943
Finocchiaro Costantino

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PROVINCE OF AGRIGENTO

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
(UFFICIO DEGLI AFFARI CIVILI)

HEADQUARTERS P.S. 18 SEP 1943 AMGOT

15. September 1943

SUBJECT: Reply your letter 2399 (Looting)

TO : CCAO, AMGOT Headquarters, Palermo

1. I have noted the contents of your letter, #2399, dated Sept. 3, 1943.

2. Nothing of this incident has been known to have occurred in Agrigento Province.

For the Senior Civil Affairs Officer:

F. J. ALFONSO
2nd Lt, Inf.
Adjutant

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Ref: G/3/P

Subject: Public Safety

A.C. of S., G-5, HQ, 15 Army Group (For attention Public Safety Division)

1. Attached is a statement respecting the alleged theft by American soldiers of a motor car, wallets and cash from Sicilians on 9 Sep 43 on the road near Perguse.

2. The vehicle was later seen at Piazza Armerina travelling towards Caltagirone.

HEADQUARTERS P.S. 17 SEP 1943 Bus AMGOT

E. J. Walker Major, C.A.P.O. for S.G.A.281

Acting

15 Sep 43
PCM

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI MESSINA
Gruppo di Enna

N°460/I di Prot.

Enna I3 settembre I943

OGGETTO: Rapina patita dal Cav. Bertoli Girolamo fu Giuseppe.

ALL'A. M. G. O. T. della Provincia

ENNA

Si trasmette per dovere d'ufficio l'acclusa denuncia presentata all'Arma di Piazza Armerina dal Cav. Bertoli, essendo autori della rapina stessa militari dell'esercito alleato.

Il Maggiore Comandante
(Pasquale Calicchiura)

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TRANSLATION

PIAZZA ARMERINA 10 September, 1943

To : AMGOT through the Comand of the Royal Carabinieri stationed at

PIAZZA ARMERINA (ENNA)

I, the undersigned, Cav. BERTOLI GIROLAMO FU GIUSEPPE, living in MAZZARINO (Caltanissetta), Piazza Francesco Crispi No. 496, declare :

While I was returning from ENNA, where I went to collect from the bank "Cassadi Risparmio Vittorio Emanuele" the amount due for 1500 quintals of grain, consigned to the public stock stores, yesterday afternoon, Sept. 9th, 1710 hours, on the road that leads to ENNA, junction Rumeta, and precisely on the last turn road to Pergusa, that is a few metres before the village, I was overtaken by a small truck of Italian rade (Fiat) motor, type of car for private use 1100, converted into a small van for agricultural purposes, as was printed on the right automobile door in granite colour, and furnished with a horn.

In the said van were five American soldiers, of which two came down, drew near my car and stole the following articles:-

(a) A black leather purse, with two wallets, one of which was closed with a zip fastener, containing about 70 lire change.

(b) A parchment purse, coloured pink, containing 2400 lire in bank notes from the Banca Italiana (2 bank notes of 1,000 each and 8 bank notes of 50 lire each). In the said purse was also the relative receipt of consignment of 15259 quintals of grain, issued by the Consorzio Agrario of Enna.

(c) A receipt of request of payment for other 783 quintals of grain consigned before the occupation, both receipts are issued in my name.

(d) Identity card.

(e) Other documents which cannot be described.

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(c) A receipt of request of permit for other 765 quintals of grain consigned before the occupation, both receipts are issued in my name.

(d) Identity card.

(e) Other documents which cannot be described.

Beside these, the thieves, in the same manner and place, plundered my driver, Franzi Raffaele fu Giacomo, residing in Mazzarino, in via Giarrizzo No. 45, of a purse containing 470 lire. They took the money and returned the purse, they also robbed Alessi Rosario fu Rosario, also living in Mazzarino, in via Bartolotta 13, of a package of cigarettes. He was also with me, being his administrator.

The aforesaid, militaries of the occupying forces, after having committed the above-mentioned crimes, took also the car and rode away

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towards Piazza Armerina. In fact, at about 1830 hrs the same day, they were seen crossing the inhabited section of Piazza Armerina, by my brother, Mr. Bartoli Salvatore, by Agnello Giuseppe from Mazzarino, and by Bruno Emanuele from Piazza Armerina, still driving the same car straight to the National Road, Piazza Armerina, Gigliotto, junction road for Gela or Caltagirone.

The car has the following characteristics. Make - Lancia. Type - Aprilia. Plate No. 1384 CL (Caltanissetta) varnished dark granite, hood and mud guards painted white.

The said car contained the following articles:-

(1) A small yellow leathey valise.

(2) A pair of black boots.

(3) Military clothes belonging to the Captain De Maria Vincenzo fu Nicolo from Mazzarino (raincoat, military coat, woollen military uniform, coloured grey, an overcoat, a civilian suit, a cap, two grey shirts. 4 handkerchiefs, a pair of gloves, etc.); all wrapped up in a bundle.

The militaries that remained in the above-mentioned truck, drove away in their own truck.

In the Lancia car which they stole away from me were also :- automobile accessories, an extra wheel, two inner tubes, two bottles of toilet water "Tasami", a black felt hat, a pair of leather shoe soles.

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We report the above facts and request a diligent and solicitous search to obtain all the items stolen, which amount to over 80,000 lire.

For proof of the above statements, the above-mentioned persons are named as witnesses.

(Sgd) Bartali Gorolamo

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SUBJECT: Seizure of Civilian Motor Cycle.

AMGOT/1001/FS

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

15 September 1943.

TO : Provost Marshal, Seventh Army.

The attached copy of a memorandum addressed by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, RAGUSA Province, to the Commanding Officer 809 Engineer Unit, is forwarded for such action as may be considered necessary.

RUSSEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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Subject:- Seizure of Civilian Motor Cycle.

To:- Col. Evans.
Commanding Officer 809 Engineers, H.Q.
Gela.

PR/188

From:- AMGOT, Province of Ragusa. 11 Sep 43.

I wish to report the action of a detachment of yours near the airport at Comiso.

The Civil Affairs Police Officer at Vittoria learnt that a civilian motor bicycle had been seized by one of the soldiers in the camp. He went yesterday to the camp and saw the Lieut. in charge. The Lieutenant said that you had given him authority to seize any civilian cars or motor cycles he wanted. He refused to give up the bicycle.

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P.S.S.W.S.
14 SEP 1943
AMGOT

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

Ragusa.

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

Your ref. .....

my ref. 7/1/AQ

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

Enna. 14 Sep 43

Subject: Disorderly Conduct of Troops

HEADQUARTERS PS 15 SEP 1943 1a7/PS AMGOT

AMGOT HQ,
15 Army Group

1. I should like to draw particular attention to the disorderly conduct of the troops belonging to the U.S. 47 QM Unit stationed in this neighbourhood. Although the officers are well aware that the town is out of bounds to troops, they appear to be quite indifferent to breaches of this order by their men and it would almost seem as if they encourage their men to disregard it.

2. Apart from the extremely disorderly conduct of the men when they get here there are other troubles resulting from their presence. I have recently discovered a shop in which American QM stores were being retailed to the local population. These were no isolated lots of "C" ration or cigarettes, but crates and cases of stuff which the Italians concerned told me were brought up in military lorries belonging to the unit and openly traded to them by soldiers, who said that they were authorised to do so.

3. This undesirable traffic can only be stopped if the OC Unit is given a direct order to prohibit his men from coming here and posting unit patrols to ensure that the order is obeyed.

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

ECM.

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

ROUTING SLIP.

TO SEE :- 61/62 Police 87/63

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FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE SECTION.....

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION SECTION.....

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

Your ref.

my ref. 7/1/AQ

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

HEADQUARTERS P.S. 15 SEP 101 AMGOT

Date. 14 Sep 43

Subject: Discipline

Officer Commanding,
47 Q.M. Unit;
U.S. Forces

Yesterday afternoon a truck No. 4150 with unit markings 14 H.57 in charge of two coloured soldiers, was found parked in the square of Enna town which as you are no doubt aware, as the two soldiers certainly were, is off limits to all troops not on duty.

When questioned, they stated that they belonged to 47 QM from Firato, knew that the town was off limits but had "hauled in for an ice cream". They were unable to depart immediately as it appears that there were other passengers in the truck who were otherwise engaged then in this relatively innocent indulgence.

I trust the above information will be sufficient to enable you to take disciplinary action for this breach of orders.

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

EC/

Copy to: AMGOT HQ, 15 Army Group

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HEADQUARTERS
P.S.
15 SEP 1943
AMGOT

CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
(UFFICIO DEGLI AFFARI CIVILI)

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Civil Affairs Office, Agrigento. 14 September 1943. TO: CCAO, AMGOT, Palermo.

1. The original reports of this incident were submitted to Col. Hendricks, C.C. 26th Brigade, CAC, of which the 103 Bn., CAC is a part. He stated that proper disciplinary action would be taken.

G. H. McCaffrey
G. H. McCAFFREY
LT. Col., Inf.
SCAO

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
(UFFICIO DEGLI AFFARI CIVILI)

13 September 1943

TO : The Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Province of Agrigento.

FROM : Civil Affairs Officer, Ribera District.

SUBJECT: REPORT ON CONDUCT OF 4 UNITED STATES ARMY SOLDIERS.

On 10th September, 1943, at 10 PM at Ribera, Province of Agrigento, I was informed by some person unknown that there was disorder in the licensed brothel of the town of Ribera. This brothel houses two prostitutes and a female keeper of brothels, who are duly licensed under the Italian Law.

In company with 2nd. Lieutenant Francis D. O'Keefe, C.M.P., the Civil Affairs Police Officer assigend to this district, (and No. 35642620 Private Anthony Donnie, attached to ANDOT AFD assigned for duty under me) I attended the brothel, arriving there at about 10:5 PM. There I saw an American 6 by 6 truck leaving the area of the brothel. I ordered the occupants out of this vehicle and asked them if they were armed. Each man, particulars below, replied, "No". I assured myself by searching them that they were not armed. In view of the bad light I ordered these men into the brothel in order that they may be questioned by Lt. O'Keefe. These men complied with the order. Lt. O'Keefe then asked them for particulars of their Identity tallies, and while taking them Private Patrick Sullivan, No. 32086271, of 103 C.A.C., questioned the authority of the American officer to take these particulars. I then informed all four men that I was a British Officer serving with the Allied Military Government and was assigned to the town of Ribera and District as the Civil Affairs Officer. O'Sullivan then said to me "You English started all this trouble. Fuck him. I am an Irishman and was born in Ireland and I never did like your flag. Fuck the Liemeys". Lt. O'Keefe finished taking particulars of the four men and they were then given an order by him to leave the town. Lt. O'Keefe asked each man if they were aware that the town was off limits to Military personnel not on duty. Each man replies, "No".

I then told the four men that they were to report back immediately to their Commanding Officer and inform him that I had placed them under arrest for being in a town off limits to soldiers not on duty.

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I questioned through Pte. Donnie, the interpreter, the female occupant-keeper of the brothel that these men had forced their way into the house and had taken two towels. This female person stated that she had pointed out to them a notice that I had put up, which reads, "Allied Military Covernment of Occupied Territory. This house is placed out of bounds (off limits) to all American and British troops. Signed Leonard A. E. Eddings, Lieutenant. Civil Affairs Officer, Ribera District."

The three men first named were sober, but the last named man, O'Sullivan was, in my opinion, drunk. His manner was truculent and unbecoming to a soldier of the United States Army. The names of these men are listed below.

No. 17009591 Pvt. Gene Brashear, 103 CAC
No. 2054372 " Elmer D.Sherman, "
No. 270668328 " Opal L.Neighbore, "
No. 32086271 " Patrick Sullivan. "

A statement from 2nd Lt. O'Keefe is attached.

The above particulars are forwarded for any action that you may deem necessary.

Sgd: Leonard A.E. Eddings, Lt.
Civil Affairs Officer, Ribera District

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
(UFFICIO DEGLI AFFARI CIVILI)

10 September 1943

TO : SCAO, Agrigento

FROM : CAFO, Ribera District.

SUBJECT: Report of four men found near brothel after having caused disturbance.

One night of Sept. 10, 1943, about 10PM I received notice from the carbiniere of Ribera that there was a disturbance at the local brothel. In company with Lt. Leonard A.E. Eddings, Civil Affairs Officer of this district, and Private Anthony Bonnie, interpreter, we went to the brothel. As we arrived at the scene I saw a six by six truck starting to leave the vicinity of the brothel. I shouted to the driver to stop and he did so. I ordered all men out of the truck and asked them if they had any arms. They replied, No. Subsequently these men were taken into the brothel to be questioned. I found the following particulars:

No. 1, Gene Brashear, Private, ASN 17009591, Assigend to 103 C.A.C.
" 2, Patrick Sullivan, " ASN 32083271, " " "
" 3, Alma D. Sherman, " ASN 20543?2 , " " "
" 4, Apel L. Neighbore," ASN 270668928, " " "

These men stated that Capt. Warren G. Little was their Commanding Officer and that they were bivouaced at Agrigento. I asked them if they were aware of the fact that all towns in the province were declared off bounds by the Commanding General. They replied, No. During my conversation with these men, it was apparent that they had been drinking a little with one,Sullivan, very much intoxicated. His manner was very discourteous and he questioned the right of an officer to ask him for his identification tags. He was the only one that did not co-operate fully. The others gave the information requested without hesitancy. Throughout my conversation Sullivan used extremely abusive language concerning the British Officer,Lieutenant Eddings,who accompanied me. Lt. Eddings informed these men that he was a British Officer and was Civil Affairs officer of this district. Sullivan replied, "I am an Irishman born in County Down, Ireland. I lived under your flag but I never liked you Limeys. You English started all this trouble and this war. Fuck him and Fuck the Limeys. The other men did not say anything. I asked the men if they had seen the notice posted on the inside of the hallway in the brothel, and they said no. After questioning the matron of the brothel through the interpreter Pvt. Bonnie, she stated that she had pointed to the notice on the wall, but the men had made gestures that signified the notice did not mean anything. The men were then told to leave the brothel by me and they were placed in arrest and told by Lt. Eddings to

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report to their Commanding Officer at once. One of the prostitutes in the brothel stated that the men had created a disturbance and had stolen some towels. These towels were not recovered and the men denied taking same. They said they had been there only ten minutes. The matron of the brothel stated that the men had forced their way into the brothel, but little credence can be given to this statement.

In view of the fact that these men may have been needed on necessary Military work they were not locked up. This matter is reported to Captain Little that he may take whatever action he may deem necessary for the proper disciplinary action on these men particularly Private Sullivan, whose manner was extremely abusive to me and the offensive remarks that he said to the British Officer. It is extremely regrettable that this affair should have happened in the presence of a British Officer.

Sgd. FRANCIS D. O'KEEFE
2nd Lt. CMP
Civil Affairs Police Officer

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Allied Troops.

AMGOT/1617/Ps.

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

12 Sept. 1943.

TO: Chief Director,
Central Prison,
Palermo.

Reference your letter dated 6 Sept. 1943 concerning the difficulty with soldiers at the Female Prison, Palermo.

Please issue notices herewith to the Prison.

A copy of your letter is being sent to S.C.A.O. Palermo to which it should have been sent.

for Samuel L. Bolles,
Colonel Inf,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Copy to S. C. A. O.
Palermo.

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SUBJECT: Seizure of Civilian Motor Cycle.

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PF/188

To:- Col. Evans.
Commanding Officer 809 Engineers, H.Q.
Cela.

From:- ADVOT, Province of Ragusa.

11 Sep 43

I wish to report the action of a detachment of yours near the airport at Comiso.

The Civil Affairs Police Officer at Vittoria learnt that a civilian motor bicycle had been seized by one of the soldiers in the camp. He went yesterday to the camp and saw the Lieut. in charge. The Lieutenant said that you had given him authority to seize any civilian cars or motor cycles he wanted. He refused to give up the bicycle.

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

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for Seventh Army.

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Subject:- Communiqués

HEADQUARTERS
P.S.
17 SEP 1943
AMGOT

Re 8/2/II

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Translation

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FROM: HQ,
15 Army Group

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Attached is forwarded to you..

Luna,
11 Sep 43
ECM

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

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TRANSLATION.

TO : Military Command of Occupation-CERAMI (forward to PALERMO)

The undersigned makes known to this Command that during the first days of American occupation in CERAMI in Marcita Valley, the honey produced during the year,4 quintals, was taken by some American soldiers.

A Marshal of the Police who went directly to the camp, verified the matter. In fact, two soldiers were put into the hospital owing to bites from bees. The occupying troops were entitled to use the products but in consideratio n that theundersigned (father of seven sons) derived from this product (honey) the greater proceeds for the need of the family, asks if it is possible to be reimbursed for the loss.

In the above mentioned Marcita Valley, many fruit trees were damaged during the developing of transportation facilities. In locality MONASTRIA the farm-house was damaged by bombs.

In conclusion, the troops requisitioned my radio. The American Officers of the C.I.C. promised that the radio would be returned, but he left suddenly on the 18 August and the radio followed the American band.

The undersigned has faith in the justice of the liberators, and does not wish to send any figures regarding the damage done, but is sure that the Americans will reimburse to him a fair sum.

For the radio which had given so much pleasure to his children, he has no doubt that in time another will be restored to him.

AL COMANDO DEL CORPO

DI OCCUPAZIONE

C E R A M I

Il sottoscritto rende noto a codesto Comando che durante i primi giorni dell'arrivo delle truppe americane a Cerami, nel fondo Marcita, occupato a scopo logistico, fu prelevato da alcuni soldati appartenenti alle truppe stesse, il miele prodotto nell'annata stessa e nella quantità di circa quattro quintali.

Un Maresciallo, che partì quasi subito per il fronte, constatò il fatto e due soldati dovettero essere ricoverati nell'ospedaletto da campo in seguito a punture di api.

Come truppe liberatrici esse avevano diritto all'uso dei prodotti, nella considerazione tuttavia che il sottoscritto, padre di sette figli ancora minorenni, ricava da tale prodotto il maggiore provento per i bisogni della famiglia chiede nei limiti del possibile il compenso della perdita subita ed al prezzo che si crederà opportuno di fissare.

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AL COMANDO DEL CORPO

DI OCCUPAZIONE

C E R A M I

Il sottoscritto rende noto a cotesto Comando che durante i primi giorni dell'entrata delle truppe Americane a Cerami, nel fondo Marcita, occupato a scopo logistico, fu prelevato da alcuni soldati appartenenti alle truppe stesse, il miele prodotto nell'annata stessa e nella quantità di circa quattro quintali.

Un Maresciallo, che partì quasi subito per il fronte, constatò il fatto e due soldati dovettero essere ricoverati nell'ospedaletto da campo in seguito a punture di api.

Come truppe liberatrici esse avevano diritto all'uso dei prodotti, nella considerazione tuttavia che il sottoscritto, padre di sette figli ancora minorenni, ricava da tale prodotto il maggiore provento per i bisogni della famiglia, chiede nei limiti del possibile il compenso della perdita subita ed al prezzo che si crederà opportuno di fissare.

Nel sopradetto fondo Marcita, piante di mandorle e di frutta varie furono in parte danneggiate allo scopo di sistemare i servizi dei mezzi motorizzati.

In altra località detta Monasteria, parte della casa

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colonica venne distrutta dai bombardamenti.

Infine le truppe di occupazione, appena arrivate, re=
quisirono la radio ricevente appartenente al sotto=
scritto, del tipo soprammobile a 5 valvole, alimentata
tanto a corrente alternata che continua, della fabbri=
ca G.Geloso di Milano.

L'Ufficiale Americano Comandante delle C.I.C. promise
che la radio sarebbe stata restituita, senonchè egli
partì improvvisamente il 18, Agosto U.S. e la radio
seguì il corpo musicale Americano.

Il sottoscritto confidando pienamente nella equità
e giustizia dei liberatori, non vuole e non intende
stabilire alcuna cifra per i danni subiti che saran=
no certamente apprezzati nel giusto valore dei periti
Americani.

Per la radio che allietava tanto i suoi figli nelle
ore di pace, confida che si possa provvedere ancora
in tempo alla restituzione.

Con i più devoti saluti

Giuseppe Testuzza

Giuseppe Testuzza

Via Umberto I.° N.° 69

CERAMI (Provincia ENNA) li 6/Settembre 1943

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COMUNE DI CERAMI

PROVINCIA DI ENNA

N. 1470 di Prot. Cat. Classe Fasc.

Risposta a nota del 194 Div. N.

Foglio di trasmissione al COMANDO MILITARE GOVERNI ALLEATI

Tip. del Lavoro - Nicosia E N N A

Numero degli atti che si trasmettono	OGGETTO	SCOPO della trasmissione
1	DOMANDA DEL SIGN/R LENTUZZA GIUSEPPE PER PAGAMENTO DANNI	che si trasmette per competenza=

Cerami, li 7/9/943 194 A. XX

IL SINDACO ~~IL PODESTÀ~~

Lentuzza

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: To Provost Marshal 7th Army HQ., Thru the AMGOT Commissioner of Public Safety--Colonel Rolles.

AMGOT/107/PS

AMGOT HQ., SICILY
September 11, 1943

SUBJECT : Misconduct of Military Personnel.

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(agents' note--the two soldiers appeared to be slightly intoxicated)

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Respectfully submitted for your information.

S/Sgt. John A. Flores
Public Safety Division
~~civil police section~~
~~agent~~

Noached M, 1679

Provost Marshal
Seventh Army
Forwarded for such ~~if any~~ action as may be considered necessary
13 Sep. 43.
For C.O.

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SUBJECT : Allegation against Allied Troops

AMGOT/1001/PS

AMGOT H.Q. Sicily.

9 September, 1943.

TO : Provost Marshal,
Seventh Army.

The attached copy of a report by the Civil Affairs Officer, Serradifalco, Caltanissetta Province, is forwarded for such action as is considered necessary. No action has been taken on the last paragraph.

(Sgd) LEMUEL BOLLES

LEMUEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

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HQs AMGOT

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Forwarded.

Caltanissetta
4 Sept 43

Lt. R. Sims
Ltd
S.C.A.O. Caltanissetta Provinci

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A. M. G. O. T.

Office of Chief Civil Affairs Police Officer

PROVINCE OF CALTANISSETTA

HEADQUARTERS P.S. AMGOT

2nd September, 1943.

Subject: Removal of property from shops, without payment.

To Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Province of Caltanissetta.

I transmit herewith a report from the Civil Affairs Officer, No.3 District of Caltanissetta Province, relative to an incident which occurred on 1st September, 1943, at Serradifalco in this Province.

This report alleges that Allied Troops called at shops in this Commune and, without payment, took away certain articles.

These offences are becoming increasingly common in this area but unfortunately in other cases which have been reported or come to notice there has been no evidence of the persons or vehicles concerned.

In this case, however, the numbers of the vehicles were taken and it may thus be possible to trace the offenders. The vehicles were undoubtedly those of the 7th Army and I would ask that these papers be sent to AMGOT Headquarters in order that they be passed to Headquarters, 7th Army, Palermo, for enquiry as to the location of the unit possessing these vehicles, and necessary action to trace the individuals concerned.

The question of payment I would suggest might remain in abeyance pending investigation.

C.T.Francis,
Lt.Col.
Provincial C.A.P.O.

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Subject - Removal of Property from Shops, without payment, by Allied Troops.

S.C.A.O.

I regret to report the following incidents occurred on 1/9/43, causing natural indignation to the citizens of Serradifalco :-

Allied Troops called at shops and took away :-
2 Fountain Pens;
3 Radio Bulbs;
Quantity of Mellons; and
50 Eggs.

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Nos. of Vehicles :- 7 A - 16 AA - G.23.
7 A - 27 W - 24.

I have assured the Sindaco that I am taking what steps are possible to obtain a redress, and I trust you will forward these particulars to the proper quarters. Meanwhile may I have your authority to pay from AMGOT funds the cost price of these articles, although admittedly there is no sure proof, other than the shopkeepers' words that the articles were taken.

T.C.Shanks Lt. (T.C.Shanks)
for D. Morley-Fletcher,
Major, The Rifle Brigade.
Civil Affairs Officer,
District 3 Caltanissetta.

SERRADIFALCO.

Dictated by D.M-F.

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A. M. G. O. T.

PROVINCE OF ENNA

1017/PS

Your ref.

my ref. 8/1/III

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

Enna, 7 Sep 43.

Subject: Complaints

A.M.G.O.T. HQ.,
15 Army Group.

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1. Nicosia is now without any Military Police, although considerable numbers of troops are stationed near the town, or passing through it.

2. I attach two complaints, to indicate what is happening, and which there is no means of preventing. Carabinieri have been instructed to prevent sale of wine to troops.

3. Can any representations be made to 7TH Army?

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

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

ROUTING SLIP.

TO SEE :- ~~S.S.57~~ (now T3175)

C.P.S.....

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

PRISON SECTION.....

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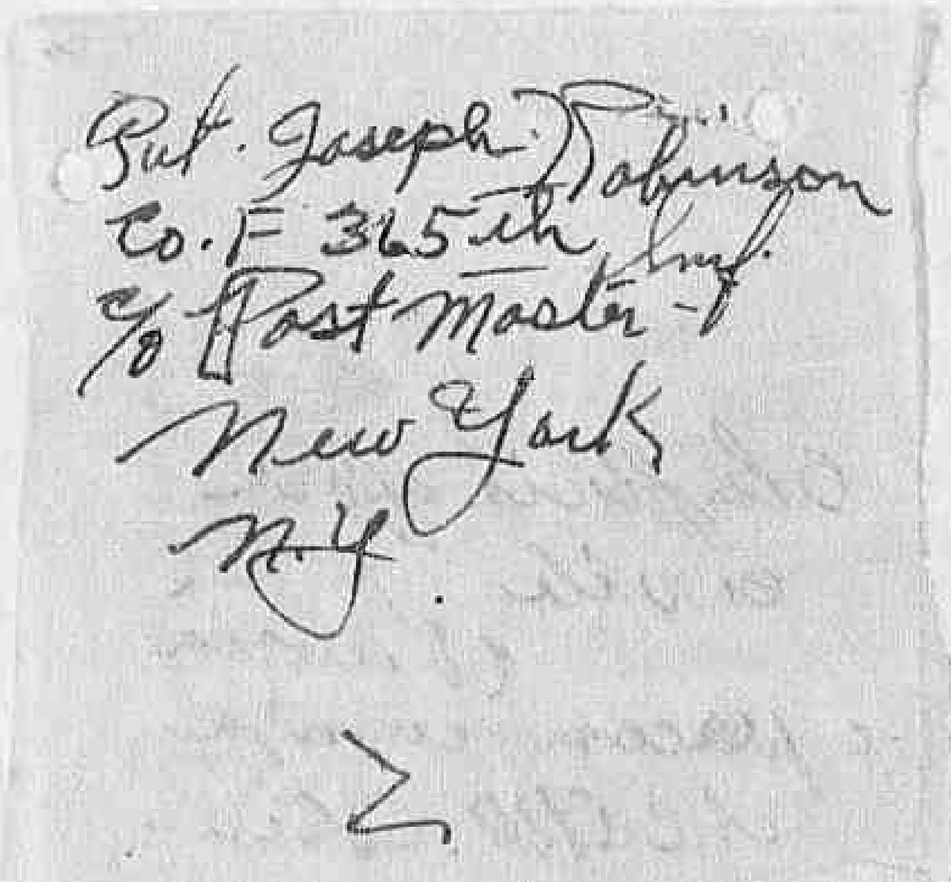
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New York
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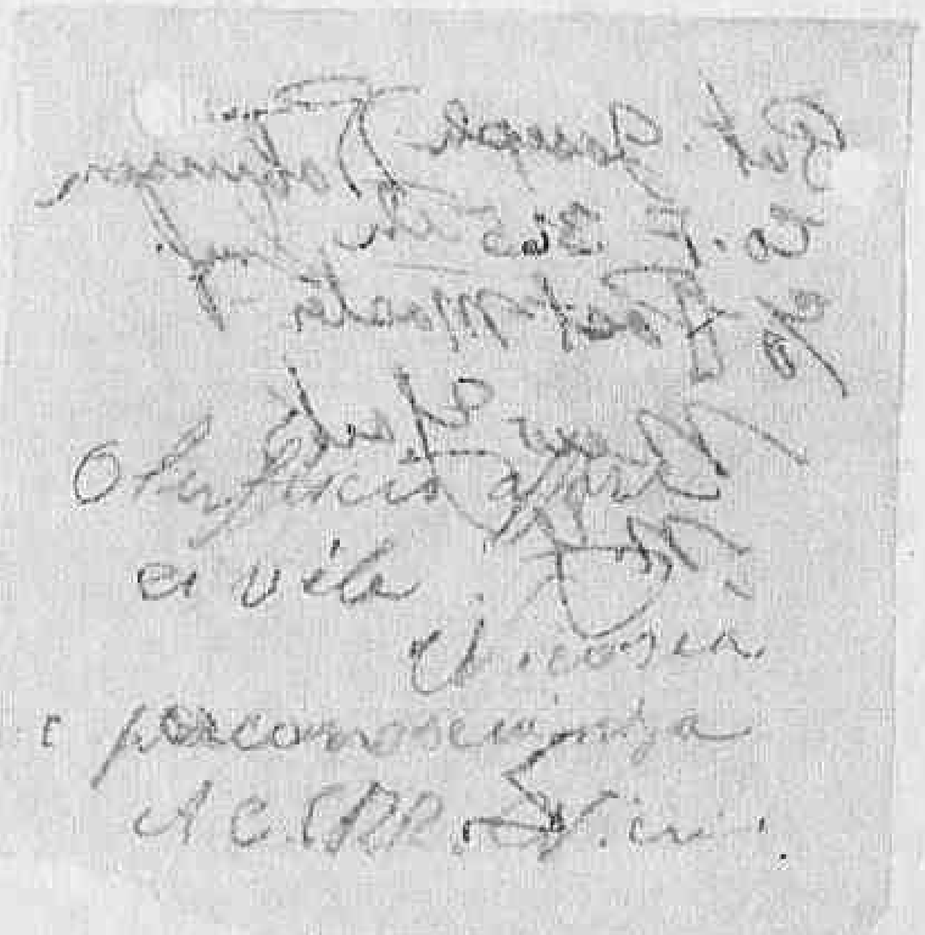

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All 15 post.
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Ufficio Affari Civile

Nicosia

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Il giorno 26 Agosto alle ore 21, io e mia moglie eravamo chiusi nella nostra abitazione sita in via Marcello Capra c.n. 16-8 già appena seminati di cenare, quando nel portone sentii dei rumori e vado ad aprire e vedo dei americani di razza (nera) pensando di trovare signorine, io che non sapevo parlare in Inglese ho detto a loro Signorita non c'è ne sono. Consigliandoci fra loro fre, volevano violare la mia signora e siccome in questa casa vi sono 2 uscite ho dato ordine alla mia signora di uscire dal portone ~~del~~ grande ed andare cercare rifugio in una vicina ed io sono stato costretto uscire assieme ad uno dei tre puntandomi con una finta pistola che io non potei bene distinguerla al buio rimanendo nella mia casa gli altri due compagni, che non appena mai, cioè io e il soldato (negro) hanno chiuso l'uscio credendo che la mia signora fosse ancora dentro. Non trovando il suo sentiero, trovando la mia giacca appesa in una sedia mi sembrarono del portafoglio contenente la somma di £ 1500

cioè: Un biglietto da £ 1000
6 = = = £ 500
9 = = = £ 100

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e il rimanente denaro da £ 5 e £ 10 e con i relativi documenti perfino il porto d'armi

Oggi giorno 1° settembre uno di questi tre porta vicino la mia casa, io che lo riconobbi cercai di fargli capire l'accaduto del giorno 26 Agosto, lui che subito capì mi diede il nome e cognome mia sola Put. Joseph Robinson to. F 365th Inf 92 Post Philadelphia New York. N.Y
dicendomi che fu lui ad rubare il mio portafoglia

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Nicosia 1. nell. 1943

Finichella Mario
Via Marcello Capra.

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Ill.mo Signor Commissario degli Affari Civili

N i c o s i a

Il sottoscritto Emanuele Vittorio di Salvatore, nato e domiciliato in Nicosia alla Via S.Antonio Abate n°9, si onora far conoscere alla V.S. Ill.ma quanto segue:-

La sera del ventotto agosto ultimo scorso ritornando da una visita di un suo parente ammalato che trovasi tuttora per cambiamento di aria in campagna in questo tenere e precisamente alla contrada Murata, proprio al bevaio di detta contrada che trovasi vicino la strada Nazionale Nicosia-Troina venne aggredito da un caporale delle Forze Alleate di razza nera con assieme altri due soldati, e derubato con prepotenze e pugni, dell'orologio da oro con catena di oro marca Elgin (americano) del valore di lire diecimila circa che portava seco nel taschino dei pantaloni; ancora non contento di questo il detto caporale inseguiva lo scrivente con lancio di bombe a mano che fortunatamente andarono a vuoto. Pertanto prega V.S. Ill/ma affinchè voglia benignamente prendere a cuore la faccenda e venire in aiuto di un povero disgraziato.-

Chiede di essere inteso personalmente.- (1) alle ore 19 precise.

Con osservanza.-

Nicosia, 1° Settembre 943.-

Per.mo

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Dev.mo
Emanuele Vittorio
Via S.Antonio Abate,9
Nicosia

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TRANSLATION

MINISTERO
DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA

DIREZIONE
DELLE
CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE.

Palermo 6/9/43

Al
Comando Alleato
Sezione Prigioni
PALERMO.

SUBJECT:- Sezione Femminile

The matron of the quarters of prostitution tells me that often soldiers of the Allied Forces present themselves near these quarters and they want to enter the rooms where the women are lodged.

It would be better if you gave us an order of prohibition which we could show to the Allied soldiers to prevent them from entering.

THE DIRECTOR

F. Columba

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MINISTERO
DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA

DIREZIONE
DEL
Carceri Giud/rie

Palermo, addì 6/9/ 1943

Al
Comando Alleato
Sezione Prigioni
PALERMO

Cat. 2 Cl. 3 Fasc. 8 Lett.

Risposta alla lettera

del

Ufficio Numero

Allegati N.

Oggetto Sezione Femminile -

La Superiora guardiana della sezione femminile mi riferisce che spesso si presentano Militari delle Forze Alleate esigendo di girare per le varie camerate dove sono rinchiuse le detenute - Sarebbe opportuno che venisse rilasciato un'ordine di divieto in modo da esibirlo ai militari predetti, onde evitare inconvenienti da parte delle detenute ristrette nella sezione femminile.

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Il Direttore
F. Columba

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AMGOT/1001/IS

AMGOT HQ SICILY

1 September 1943

SUBJECT: Looting

TO : Col. Homer Jones,
J.A.G., 7th Army

1. Reference your conversation with General McSherry of 20 August in which he told you of Col. Story's report of looting by the 3rd Division platoon on guard at the Capuchin Seminary, Messina and your inquiry as to whether Col. Story had brought the matter to the attention of the Officer Commanding the unit concerned. I am just advised by Col. Story that he reported the matter to Col. Sherman, C.O. 7th Inf., the unit concerned.

2. According to Col. Story he and Major Deutsch made the report verbally. Col. Story told General McSherry that so far as he knows nothing has been done about the matter.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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SUBJECT: Alleged Looting.

AMGOT HQ., SICILY
AMGOT/1001/CS
September 1, 1943

TO : Commanding General,
Seventh Army U.S.

1. The enclosed letters are forwarded for such action as you deem appropriate.

2. The original report to the civil affairs officer has been acknowledged, August 29, 1943.

For the Commanding General;

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD.
Lt.Colonel G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT : DISCIPLINE OF ALLIED TROOPS

AMGOT/1017/P.S.
AMGOT HQ., SICILY
30 AUGUST, 1943

TO : Provost Marshal, 7th Army

With reference to your request of 27th August, 1943, asking for further information by which to identify certain offenders. I appreciate that the paragraphs supplied are rather vague, but at the moment this is the best that can be done.

We have the matter under consideration, however, with a view to supplying more detailed information in future cases and will contact you in due course as to the form of report most suitable for the purpose.

RUSSELL A. SNOOK
Lt. Colonel
Public Safety Div.
Supt. Civil Police

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SUBJECT:- Looting.

AMG 1001/12/S

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

3rd September, 1943.

TO:- S.C.A.O., AGRIGENTO.

A letter has been received at this Headquarters from Antonino Bartoli of Mussarino, alleging theft of cattle by American soldiers. He states that he has reported this to Captain Abel and Lieutenant Hall.

Please advise this office of developments in this matter.

Sgr Bartoli's letter to be answered as soons reports received

Major,
M.A. to C.C.A.O.

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AMGOT H.Q. MESSINA
30 August, 1943

Memorandum to--Col. Spofford:

Re-looting by 3rd Division Plattoon on guard at the Capuchin Seminary. I did report the matter to Col. Sherman in command of the combat unit to which the above referred plattoon belonged. Major Deutsch accompanied me when I made the report.

Stephen B. Story
Lt. Col. CMP
S.C.A.O. AMGOT
MESSINA.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO)

CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
(UFFICIO DEGLI AFFARI CIVILI)

Agrigento, 29 August 194 3

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1017
31 AUG 1943
AMGOT

SUBJECT: Disorderly Conduct by Tactical Troops

TO : Chief Staff Officer, AMGOT, 15th ARMY GROUP, Palermo

1. Concerning the misconduct of an officer and enlisted men of the 19th Engineers, which I reported to you by telephone on August 25th I submit the following additional report.

2. After talking with you I reported the matter by telephone to the CO of the regiment. The next morning a Board of Inquiry accompained by the two accused called upon me, heard my statement, obtained a copy of the order placing all towns off limits (which order the regiment had not previously seen), went to Canicatti, saw the place where the incident occurred and took sworn statements from Lt. Wilson and Pvt. Catenosc.

On August 27th I was informed that the Board had found the officer guilty and recommended punishment under the 104th Article of War. I was also informed unofficially that the punishment would include a reprimand and a public apology to Lt. Wilson.

I informed the Chairman of the Board that in my opinion the matter had been handled in an entirely correct manner and that the disposition of it was quite satisfactory to me.

G. H. McCaffrey
G. H. McCAFFREY
Lt. Col., Inf.
SCAO

C.A.O.
For info
Rec'd
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The incident referred to on 5th in the officer in question's drunk and disorderly language and threatening actions to Lt Wilson.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
(UFFICIO DEGLI AFFARI CIVILI)

Agrigento, 29 August 194 3

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Public Safety
AMGOT

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Lt. Col., Inf.
SCAO

C.S.O.
For action
Thanks
31/8

The incident referred to consisted in the officer in question using abusive and insulting language and threatening violence to Lt Wilson AMGOT officer (B) who was investigating a complaint by a civilian against the officer. When Col McCaffrey asked me to look the matter up and see if any steps should be taken by the unit commander I told him he would have to go to the unit commander first. CAS.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO)

CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
(UFFICIO DEGLI AFFARI CIVILI)

Agrigento, 29 August 1943

HEADQUARTERS
31 AUG 1943
AMGOT

SUBJECT: Alleged Looting

TO : CCAO, AMGOT

1. The enclosed letters are forwarded for your information and such action as you deem appropriate.

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

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29 August 3

Signore Gaetano Matarazzo
Prince of Castelreale
Agrigento, Sicily

Your Highness,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 21, 1943 in which you report the loss of certain valuable jewelry from your apartment in Viale della Vittoria, Agrigento.

I have forwarded your letter to the Commanding General of the Allied Military Government for his information and appropriate action.

With regret that such correspondence should have been necessary, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. H. HOCKTREY
Lt. Col., I.G.
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

Note

Action being taken reg. above. A Circular instruction will be issued

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To the Civil Affairs Office

I, Gaetano Notarbartolo Prince of Castelreale, as the proprietor of an apartment in Agrigento, viale della Vittoria. After the occupation of Agrigento this apartment was requisitioned by the American Authorities, while I was away, in my farm. One or two American officers lived in my apartment from July 16th to July 25th 1943: major Jackson and, probably, colonel Molly (or Molley). All these officers belonged probably to the Head Quarters of the 7th Army.

During the stay of these officers in my apartment some things were taken.

1) An ancient fan, worth	lire 15.000,--
2) A gold-plated cigarette-case, w.	1.200,--
3) A pair of ear-rings (gold, turqoises and pearls), worth	4.000,--
4) A pair of ancient ear-rings (gold, and garnets), worth	4.000,-
5) A radio (receiving set) Telefunken	4.000,-
6) China rabbitts Rosenthal	1.000,--

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I hope that the Allied Authorities will [illegible] me.

I have the honour to remain

Agrigento, August 21th 1943.

Gaetano Notarbartolo
Prince di Castelreale

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SUBJECT:- Report of Military disorder in MILITELLO.

AMGOT/1001/P3.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

29. Aug. 43.

AMGOT LIAISON,
15 Army Group.

Attached is copy of report which C.C.A.O. has directed be transmitted to M.G.A., 15 Army Group, with his compliments.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD.
Lt.Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY

Date: 27 Aug

TO: AMGOT HQ RS (SICILY)

FROM: POA

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. G. Files.
16. Note and forward.
17. For indorsement.
18. Retype.
19. For initials of responsible officer.

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way to make identify
identify these offenders.
Please return.

NOTE: Check applicable paragraph above.

(Initials)

See DH 2 & 2
Refers Bills 3 9 14 3

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SUBJECT: Information

CONFIDENTIAL
AMGOT HQ, Sicily
25 August, 1943

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TO: PROVOST MARSHAL, Seventh Army

HEADQUARTERS
P.S.
29 AUG 1943
AMGOT

For your information.

B.J. Hefford Major

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

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On the 23d some American officers went to the Carabinieri station at Partanna Mondello and took nine pistols and three hunting rifles turned in by civilians, without leaving a receipt.

On the 21st some American officers went to the Carabinieri station at Partanna Mondello and took two pistols turned in by civilians, without leaving a receipt.

At 2130 on the 21st two American soldiers went to the Carabinieri barracks at Corleone and insisted that they be accompanied to places of prostitution in the vicinity. When it was explained to them that it impossible to accede to their request, the carabinieri were threatened and one of them was slapped in the face.

On the 21st one Baldo Calogero son of Giuseppe and Curreri Giovanni was stopped and taken to the station of police in Montepellegrino. He was born in Favara on Jan. 6, 1891 and lives in Montepellegrino. Though he had been warned, he continued to sell wine at high prices to American troops. Following the arrest members of Baldo's family appeared before the station loudly protesting the arrest of this man, and alluded in no undertain terms to a termination of the Carabinieri's authority. Leaving the station they went to some American troops asking for their immediate intervention which they

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obtained immediately.

Three American soldiers went to the station and angrily demanded the release of the prisoner. The station commander, ~~Xptx~~ Cpl., Nicolo' Moreddu, in ofder to avoid trouble, released the prisoner.

Excerpts from Bulletin of Carabinieri, Palermo, Aug., 24, 1943

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Subject: Radio Letter.

To : C.O.U.S.O. Fox Able.

1. Your report and request for M.P. are under consideration.

2. This M.P. agrees with the views stated and would like to detail personnel as requested.

3. At the present, only 2 M.P. Companies are proving inadequate.

[illegible]
Capt. C.A.C.
C.O. 1st. C. 238

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AMGOT/1001/PS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
24 August 1943

Memorandum to: Col. Story

1. General McSherry took up with 7th Army through Col. Jones the instance of looting by a unit of the 3rd Division which you mentioned when you were here Sunday. He also delivered a copy of your memorandum on the indiscriminate requisitioning of motor vehicles. Col. Jones inquired and General McSherry asked me to ascertain from you what report you had made of the looting incident to the unit commander. I believe you stated that you had talked with Col. Sherman, C.O. 7th Infantry, but I am not certain enough to report on it to Col. Jones.

2. Will you please advise me on the latter.

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer

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AFHQT/1001/P3

21 August 1943

SUBJECT: Looting of Civilian Automobiles in Messina

1. When U.S. troops occupied Messina on the morning of 17 August many civilian vehicles were seized by the troops without requisition and without military necessity - as there was no fighting or combat in the city proper after the unopposed entry of the compact parts of the city.

2. Passenger vehicles, motorcycles and ambulances were seized without any formality. Doctors cars and ambulances essential for use in maintaining public health were taken without consideration for public needs. City owned cars or cars used by city officials were seized and driven away while the officials were in conference with civil affairs officers.

3. It is suggested that all civilian or non-military motor vehicle equipment now in the hands of any Army personnel be listed and described by both motor and license number. The method of acquisition should be also shown whether by requisition (the number of the requisition should also be shown to show if there was a proper requisition) or by plain seizure. Then, all seized cars should be ordered returned to U.S. officials. A list of cars could then be compiled and circulated and the owners of the seized cars eventually connected up with what remains of their motor vehicles.

Hq AFHQT
15 Army Group

S. E. STONEX,
Lt. Colonel,
S.C.A.O., Messina

Taken up with 7th Army. See 41 55

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
PROVINCE OF TRAPANI
13 Via Regina Margherita
TRAPANI (Sicily)

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2º AUG 1943
Public Safety Br.
AMGOT

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Aug. 19, 1943

Subject: Report of offense by Soldier on Civilian.
From: Legal Officer.
To: C.C.A.O. (through Senior Civil Affairs Officer)

I. There is forwarded herewith reports as above in duplicate.

2. In the one case there seems to be a clear offense (pushing a boy into the water) or his own admission by the soldier Pepler.

Henry L. Glenn,
Capt., J.A.G.D.
Legal Officer.

Seen.
C.A.S.
Lt. Col.
Supt Civil Police.
Amgot H.Q.
3/9/43.

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STATEMENT OF WILLIAM H/ PEPLER
ASN ~~31061161~~ 31061161
307th A/B ENGR/ BN.

Aug. 15, 1943

I make the following statement, freely, and without threat or promise.

I have read this statement and certify to its accuracy.

I fully realize the seriousness of the charge and have been warned that this statement may be used against me in a military courtmartial.

We went down to the water front about 8:00 oclock on Aug: 14; 1943. We saw a fishing boat with seven or eight menin it and asked them for a ride. They seemed agreeable so we went out to sea with them. While out there I threw a wine bottle overboard and shot a clip of ammunition at it:

Nothing else happenedum until we came back to the dock. From there we went to the ice cream parlor and then went home.

Before we got in the boat we were walking along the sea wall and a boy about fifteen years old wouldnt get out of our way so I pushed him in the water. He could swim.

William H. Pepler
William H. Pepler

WITNESSED Lloyd M. Price
Lloyd M. Price
1st Lt. 307 A/B ENGR/ BN/

WITNESSED Ernest H Campbell
Ernest H. Campbell
2nd Lt: 307 A/B ENGR/ BN/

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STATEMENT OF STEVE (NMI) TOKAN ASN 16063677
307TH A/B ENGR. BN/

Aug. 15, 194?

I make the following state,ent; fr ely; and without threat or promise:

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I full realiz the seriousness of the charge and have been warned that this statement may be used against me in a military court martial:

We left the hotel about seven oclock and went down to the winery near the docks. Two fellows who worked there gave us some wine: Then we walked along the water front and I heard a splash but I didnt pay any attention to it:

We came upon the boat with seven men and a small boy in it and Pepler asked by signs if they would take us out with them. They seemed agreeable so we went with them.

I went to sleep in the front of the boat:

I heard some shots and knew Pepler was shooting at a bottle:

I asked what time we were going back and the men said 10:00 oclock. I went back to sleep and when I woke again we were going back in. I helped row in:

When we got back in Pepler and I went to the ice cream parlor. Pepler borrowed someones bicycle and went to the hotel for some cigarettes Shortly after he came back we went home to bed:

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6666 Steve Tokan
Steve Tokan

WITNESSED Lloyd M. Price
Lloyd M. Price
1st Lt. 307 A/B ENGR. BN.

WITNESSED Ernest H. Campbell
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2nd Lt. 307 A/B ENGR. BN.

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Pvt Capt. Edwards.

Received complaint from a man who claims soldiers men stealing out of his boat and also out without any bodily harm. From description soldiers men from Air-borne outfit.

Will appear here tomorrow morning at 0900 hrs. to make formal complaint.

John F. Cuhane
Sgt. of the Guard

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To: Maj. Hildebrand

In my opinion the men were drinking (by their own statement) and were a little boisterous.

I do not believe that Peffers shooting directly at any fishing boats but was shooting at a bottle as he says.

The story told by the natives I believe to be a typical misrepresentation of facts, made further inaccurate through interpretation.

Lt. L. M. Price

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To: Major Fiddeman

I have read and endorse the opinion of Lt Price and should like to bring out that while these men have been thoroughly reasoned against dealing with the natives they were guilty of a misdemeanor happening rather than an assault, as is indicated by the story told by the natives.

Ernest R Canfield
2nd Lt C.C 30th Engrs.

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ASN 16063677
307TH. A/B ENGR. BN.

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Legione territoriale dei carabinieri reali di Palermo
stazione di Vita

Processo verbale di interrogatorio di SCAVUZZO Pietro fu Salvatore e fu Internicola Illuminata nato a Vita il 4/3/1891 ivi residente in via Garibaldi n.107,benestante.

L'anno millenovecentoquarantatre,addì 14 agosto in Vita,nell'ufficio di stazione ore 19.

Innanzi a Noi BONELLI Domenico,maresciallo capo a piedi comandante la stazionesuddetta,assistiti dal vicebrigadiere a piedi SPARACIO Vincenzo della stazione di Salemi,qui di passaggio,è presente il sig. SCAVUZZO Pietro fu Salvatore in oggetto generalizzato,il quale opportunamente interrogato spontaneamente dichiara quanto appresso:

Verso le ore 10,30 del giorno 29 luglio 1943,in compagnia di circa 20 soldati,comandanti da un tenente dell'Esercito Americano dal quale poco prima ero stato richiesto come interprete,mi sono portato nella abitazione di AGUECI Antonio fu Luciano e di Internicola Maria,nato a Vita il 23/7/1909,ivi abitante in via Garibaldi n.188,dove i predetti soldati-presente il signor tenente,eseguivano minuziosa perquisizione domiciliare,dato che l'Agueci era stato segnalato come appartenente alla M.V.S.N.=

L'Agueci in casa non venne trovato e così la perquisizione fu eseguita alla presenza della di lui moglie GENOVA Giuseppa di Giuseppe.=

Durante la perquisizione i militari tennero un contegno correttissimo senza che asportarono alcun oggetto.=

In merito a quanto avvenne nello stesso domicilio la sera del giorno suddetto,io nulla posso dire perchè mi trovavo in campagna.=

In merito a quanto è successo nei riguardi di D'ANGELO Nicolò di Filippo e di Leo Giuseppa,nato a Vita il 25/6/1901,ivi residente,in via Roma 27,confermo che con il gruppo di soldati di cui sopra,accompagnato dal tenente in argomento,verso le ore 9 del giorno 29 luglio 1943,mi sono portato in quest'ultima abitazione,allo scopo di eseguire una perquisizione domiciliare,dato che il D'ANGELO era stato segnalato come appartenente alla M.V.S.N.col grado di milite. Durante la perquisizione sono stato chiamato dalla moglie del D'An-

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In merito a quanto avvenne nello stesso domicilio la sera del giorno suddetto,io nulla posso dire perchè mi trovavo in campagna.=====

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Durante la perquisizione sono stato chiamato dalla moglie del D'ANGELO,signora ABATE Antonina fu Nicolò,perchè due soldati si erano impossessati di un orologio d'oro e di un anello con brillanti che non volevano lasciare.Di ciò io ne ho informato subito l'ufficiale il quale non faceva in tempo ad intervenire in quanto i due soldati

Pietro Scavuzzo
Sparacio Vincenzo V. Brig.
Bonelli Domenico m.llo C.P.

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visto si accusati avevano già lasciato gli oggetti di cui sopra. Circa il fucile ridotto in frantumi e la pistola che si dice che asportarono i soldati, nulla posso dire perchè non me ne sono accorto. In merito a quanto è successo nella stessa abitazione durante la giornata del 29 luglio detto, nulla so perchè mi trovavo in campagna. Letto, confermato e sottoscritto.==========

Pietro Scauzzo
Sparacio Vincenzo V. Brig
Bonelli Domenico Mello Cerr

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LEG[illegible]ONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI PALERMO
-STAZIONE DI VITA-

N°17/42 di Prot. div. 3ª Vita, li 12 agosto 1943.
Oggetto: Rapporto.

Ill/mo signor commissario civile di
SALEMI

Ubbedendo agli ordini impartitemi compio il dovere di comunicare che nella giurisdizione del comune di Vita, sino ad oggi, si sono verificati i seguenti fatti:
I°- verso le ore 10,30 del giorno 29 luglio 1943, circa 15 soldati dell'Esercito Americano i quali portavano la scritta "A.M.AIRBORN" sulla manica sinistra della giubba, accompagnati dal signor SCAVUZZO Pietro fu Salvatore e fu Internicola Illuminata, nato a Vita il 4 maggio 1891, ivi residente in Via Garibaldi 107, benestante, che funzionava da interprete, si presentavano nel domicilio del signor AGUECI Antonio fu Luciano e di Internicola Maria, nato a Vita il 23/7/1900, ivi dimorante in via garibaldi 188, allo scopo di perquisire l'abitazione dato che l'AGUECI era stato segnalato come appartenente alle M.V.S.N. col grado di milite."
L'AGUECI non venne trovato in casa ed i soldati alla presenza della di lei moglie GENOVA Giuseppa di Giuseppe e fu Sugameli Francesca, nata a Trapani il 1° gennaio 1900, residente a Vita, casalinga, perquisivano la casa allontanandosi poscia senza asportare alcun oggetto.-
Verso le ore 22 dello stesso giorno, mentre l'AGUECI con la moglie si trovava fuori presso parenti, venne che in casa era ritornata alcuna persona, veniva avvertito dal Fratello AGUECI Leonardo, nato a Vita il 1/1/1913, falegname, ivi abitante in via Garibaldi 216, che poco prima aveva notato che da un camion militare Americano, proveniente dalla strada di Salaparuta, che si era fermato davanti il domicilio dell'AGUECI Antonio, erano scesi circa otto soldati quali attraverso il balcone alto dal suolo circa quattro metri, erano penetrati nella casa di quest'ultimo. In seguito a ciò la moglie dell'AGUECI Antonio, in compagnia della Sorella GENOVA Maria, di anni 34 nata a Trapani, residente a Vita, si recava subito in casa dove effettivamente trovava circa otto soldati intenti a rovistare l'abitazione Fattasi capire con gesti che essa era la proprietaria, i soldati abbandonarono la casa prendendo posto sul camion che si diresse alla volta di Salemi. Da un controllo la GENOVA stabiliva che era stata asportata dai soldati la somma di lire 7600 in biglietti di banca D'Italia, nonchè i seguenti oggetti del valore complessivo di lire 8500 circa: N°4 anelli d'oro di cui uno da uomo e tre da donna;
N°3 paia di orecchini d'oro da donna;
N°1 orologio d'argento da polso per bambina, in ottimo stato d'uso;
N°1 orologio di metallo da tasca buon uso da uomo;

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L'AGUECI non venne trovato in casa ed i soldati alla presenza della di lei moglie GENOVA Giuseppa di Giuseppe e fu Sagamele Francesca, nata a Erapani il 1° gennaio 1909,residente a Vita,coniugata,perquisivano la casa allontanandosi poscia senza asportare alcun oggetto.-
Verso le ore 22 dello stesso giorno,mentre l'AGUECI con la moglie si trovava fuori presso parenti,senza che in casa era rimasta alcuna persona,veniva avvertito dal Fratello AGUECI Leonardo,nato a Vita il 1/1/1913,falegname,ivi abitante in via Garibaldi 215, che poco prima aveva notato che da un camion militare Americano, proveniente dallo stradale di Calatafimi,che si era fermato davanti il domicilio dell'AGUECI Antonio,erano scesi circa otto soldati quali attraverso il balcone alto dal suolo circa quattro metri,erano penetrati nella casa di quest'ultimo. In seguito a ciò la moglie dell'AGUECI Antonio,in compagnia della sorella GENOVA Maria,di anni 34 nata a Erapani,residente a Vita,si recava subito in casa dove effettivamente trovava circa otto soldati intenti a perlustrare l'abitazione Fattasi capire con gesti che casa era la proprietaria,i soldati abbandonarono la casa prendendo posto sul camion che si diresse alla volta di Salemi. Da un controllo la GENOVA stabiliva che era stata asportata dai soldati la somma di lire 7800 in biglietti di Banca D'Italia, nonchè i seguenti oggetti del valore complessivo di lire 8900 circa:N°4 anelli d'oro di cui uno da uomo e tre da donna;
N°3 paia di orecchini d'oro da donna;
N°1 orologio d'argento da polso per bambina,in ottimo stato d'uso;
N°1 orologio di metallo da tasca buoni uso da uomo;
N°6 paia di lenzuola di tela a doppia piazza,ricamati senza usati;
N°8 asciugamani a spugna senza usati;
N° uno specchio da toeletta piccolo,formato ovale;
N° una forbice di media grandezza per sarta;
N° dieci saponetti marca =Olio Palma=;
N° dieci litri di Olio d'oliva che i soldati asportarono dentro un bidone.
Tanto la GENOVA Giuseppa che la sorella Maria,hanno dichiarato che non hanno riconosciuto ne sarebbero in grado di riconoscere qualcuno dei soldati che ebbero a portarsi gli oggetti di cui sopra;nè tra

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tempo pensarono di annotarsi il numero della Macchina, per il fatto che faceva buio;=

2°- Verso le ore 11 del giorno 29 luglio 1943, circa 15 soldati dell'Esercito Americano comandati da un Ufficiale, i quali portavano la scritta "A.A. AIRBORN" sulla manica sinistra della giubba, accompagnati dal signor SCAVUZZO Pietro fu Salvatore, sopraindicato che funzionava da interprete, si presentavano nel domicilio del negoziante in tessuti D'Angelo Nicolò di Filippo e di Leo Giuseppa nato a Vita il 25/6/1902 ivi abitante in Via Roma 27, allo scopo di perquisire il domicilio dato che il D'Angelo era stato segnalato come appartenente alla M.V.S.N. col grado di milite.
Alla presenza della moglie del D'Angelo, Abate Antonina fu Nicolò e fu Bogina Rosa, nata a Vita il 7/10/1901, casalinga, e del di lei cognato D'Angelo Sebastiano di Filippo, nato a Vita il 21/1/1905, ivi abitante in via Fratelli Perricone 108, agricoltore, i predetti soldati perquisivano l'intera abitazione, riducendo in frantumi un fucile da caccia retrocarica a due canne, calibro 12 che buttavano in mezzo la strada, prendendosi invece una pistola automatica calibro 7,65 del Valore complessivo di L.1300 circa.=
Durante la perquisizione due soldati del gruppo, rovistando un armadio si erano impossessati di un orologio con catena d'oro da uomo e di un anello d'oro con brillanti da donna che non riuscivano ad esportare per la forte opposizione fatta dalle AVAIS e per l'intervento dell'interprete SCAVUZZO, avvertito in tempo dalla donna in parola.
Lo stesso giorno, dopo circa tre ore, uno dei soldati che aveva tentato la mattina, di esportare gli oggetti di cui sopra, faceva ritorno nell'abitazione del D'Angelo, in compagnia di altri due soldati. Mentre il primo rimaneva di guardia davanti l'ingresso dell'abitazione gli altri due salivano nel vano sito al primo piano dove dietro indicazioni del loro compagno, trovavano in un armadio ed esportavano l'orologio con catena d'oro e l'anello d'oro con brillanti sopradescritti, nonchè un orologio d'oro da polso da donna, due orologi di metallo da polso da uomo, marca "ZENOS" e un braccialo e maglia d'oro del valore complessivo di L.30.000 circa.=
A tale fatto assistettero la signora Abate ed il di lei cognato D'Angelo Sebastiano, i quali non hanno potuto insistere per avere rilasciati gli oggetti, perchè-a loro dire-i tre soldati ebbero a minacciarli con le armi di cui erano dotati.=
Le predette persone ad eccezione del D'Angelo Nicolò che si trovava assente, hanno dichiarato che sarebbero tuttora in grado di riconoscere i tre soldati qualora gli venissero presentati.
Quanto sopra esposto è risultato solo attraverso dichiarazioni verbali dei danneggiati.=

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Il Maresciallo capo Comandante la Polizia

-Domenico Bonelli-

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

13 Via Regina Margherita

TRAPANI (Sicily)

Aug. 19, 1943

Subject: Report of Alleged Violation of law by Soldier Perpetrated on Civilian.

From: Legal Officer, Trapani Province.
To: Chief Civil Affairs Officer (through Senior Civil Affairs Officer for Trapani Province)

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The woman stopped me on the street late yesterday and took me into a Cafe, pointed out a soldier (who later identified himself as above) and made a charge of some kind in Italian. I asked her to come to this office this morning, where an interpreter would be available. Welsh, when I entered was under the influence of liquor, with head and arms lying on top of a table. After leaving the Cafe, I met other soldiers of the 82nd Div., one of whom I told to go to the Cafe to take care of the soldier Welsh.

2. This morning, it became clear that the woman accused Welsh of robbing her of L.15,115 made up of the following:

L.10,800	in regular U.S. dollars (@ 108)
3,175	" " Lire
830	" silver
310	in occupational money
15,115	

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3. I advised Lt. Col. Moss, Judge Advocate of the 82nd Div., of the charge and he sent an investigator to this office. All information was turned over to the latter, and the suggestion made that Welsh and his belongings be searched to determine whether he had the same relative quantities and kinds of money mentioned above.

Henry L. Glenn
Capt., JAGD.,
Legal Officer

Forwarded: Aug. 19, 1943
Lloyd E. Thomas, Lt. Col., Inf., S.C.A.O.
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Aug. I9, I943

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The woman stopped me on the street late yesterday and took me into a Cafe, pointed out a soldier (who later identified himself as above) and made a charge of some kind in Italian. I asked her to come to the office this morning, where an interpreter would be available. Welsh, when I entered was under the influence of liquor, with head and arms lying on top of a table. After leaving the Cafe, I met other soldiers of the 82nd Div.,one of whom I told to go to the Cafe to take care of the soldier Welsh.

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TO: AMGOT
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15 18 August 1943 T/Sgt. Robert M. Morris
Pvt. Stanley Yanaitis

Palermo, Sicily 6 August 1943----7 August 1943.

Removal of furniture from Grand Hotel Castello Utveggio by U.S. Army personnel. Reported to this Headquarters by Provost Marshal, Seventh Army.

This is a special report concerning the removal of furniture and furnishings from the Grand Hotel Castello Utveggio by U.S. Army personnel.

This hotel is located atop Monte Pellegrino, Palermo, Sicily.

Upon investigation, it was learned that on the 23 July 1943, the 12th Air-Support Command established occupancy at the Grand Hotel Castello Utveggio, but due to the results of the bombing raid of 1 August 1943, evacuated therefrom on 2 August 1943. This is the only organization that has been given permission to occupy this hotel.

It was also learned that, during the period, 5 August 1943 to 9 August 1943, no guard was stationed at the hotel. It is the belief of the investigator, that the furniture and furnishings ~~are~~ were removed from the building during this period.

After contacting organizations suspected of looting said hotel, it was found that Warrant Officer Klingerten, Hq., Seventh Army, QM Section, was issuing requisitions for the distribution of said furniture and furnishings. It was also learned that two other organizations had taken furniture and furnishings from the hotel without acquiring a requisition. Lists, itemizing articles taken, and the organizations in possession of them, are attached hereto.

It might also be added in this report, that many of the doors have been detached from their hinges as the result of concussion from a bomb which fell near the hotel, and not caused by U.S. Army personnel.

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Robert M. Morris

ROBERT M. MORRIS, T/Sgt., 2629th M. P. Bn.

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Harold A. Graupner

HAROLD A. GRAUPNER, 2nd Lt., C. M. P., 2629th M. P. Bn.

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NO REQUISITION

List of furniture removed from Grand Hotel Castello Utveggio by 206th Signal Depot Co.

Capt. John M. Tallman, Commanding Officer.

DESCRIPTION	NUMBER
Bar	1
Tables	5
Lounging Chairs	2
Cabinets	4
Mirrors	2
Hat racks (Wall)	4
Love Chair	1
Chairs	30

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NO REQUISITION

List of furniture removed from Grand Hotel Castello Utveggio by Stry. "K", 62nd Coast Artillery.

Lt. Livingston, Commanding Officer.

DESCRIPTION		NUMBER
Chairs:	Wicker	7
	Overstuffed	2
	Walnut	5
	Office	1
	Occasional	1
Stools:	High for drafting	1
Tables:	Ten	1
	Card, felt covered	1
	Walnut	5
Bed:	Walnut	7
Springs:	Bed	11
Stands:	Telephone	1
Piano:	Upright	1
Mirrors:	Wall	6
Rugs:	Room size	1
	Small	1
Desk:	Office	1
Ice Box:	Small	1

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List of furniture removed from Grand Hotel Castello Utvargio by 52nd Fighter Group, 1st Air Defense Wing.

Requisition issued by Warrant Officer A. ~~Reinecke~~ Weingarten, Hq., Seventh Army, Q. M., 12 August 1943, to 1st Air Defense Wing.

Requisition No. 1994.

Description	Number
Tables	2

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List of furniture removed from Grand Hotel Castello Utveggio by Hq. Squadron, 1st Air Defense Wing.

Requisition issued by Warrant Officer A. ~~Weingerde~~ wineg garten, Hq., Seventh Army, Q. M., 12 August 1943, to 1st Air Defense Wing.

Requisition No. 19983.

DESCRIPTION		NUMBER
Rugs:	Small	3
	Large	4
Stands		3
Chairs:	Wicker	41
	Kitchen	25
	Dining	15
Carpet runners		2
Tables:	Small	12
	Long, dining	2
	Medium	11
Mattresses:	Single bed	9
Beds:	Single	5
Mirrors		5
Bars		3
Desk:	Writing	1

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List of furniture removed from Grand Hotel Castello Utveggio by 318th Signal Wing.

Requisition issued by Warrant Officer A. ~~Wehrgarde~~ Wine garten, Hq., Seventh Army, Q. M., 12 August 1943 to 1st Air Defense Wing.

Requisition No. 1982

DESCRIPTION	NUMBER
Mirrors	5
Chairs (Straight back)	11
" (Wicker)	5
Tables (Small Wicker)	3
" (Small)	2

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List of furniture removed from Grand Hotel Castello Utveggio by 52nd Fighter Group, 4th Squadron.

Captain Sunder, Commanding Officer.

Requisition issued by Warrant Officer A. ~~Weingarme~~ wine garten, Hq., Seventh Army, Q. M., 9 August 1943, to 1st Air Defense Wing.

Requisition No. 19981.

Description	Number
Mirror, medium	1
Sofas (without seats)	2
Chairs (lawn)	7
Mirrors (small)	2
Desk (Plain)	2
" (Small)	1
Rugs	1
Chairs (Inside)	2
Mirrors (Medium, large)	1
Stools	2

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List of furniture removed from Grand Hotel Castello Utveggio by 1st Air Defense Wing.

Requisition issued by Warrant Officer A. ~~Weingärtle~~ Weingarten, Eq., Seventh Army, Q. M. 6 August 1943, to 1st Air Defense Wing.

Requisiti n No. 19979

Description		Number
Shelves (Book)		2
Mattress		1
Chairs		9
Tables:	(Oak)	1
	(Large, round)	6
	(Small)	13
	(Kitchen)	4
Chairs:	(Upholstered)	6
	(Arch bottom)	24
	(Kitchen)	8
	(Wicker)	20

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To CCAO

AMGOT Hdqs - (attn Lt Col Martin)

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Attached is a supplemental report covering the looting of the Palermo Museum & its arrival Gen. have been informed by phone that Prince Palermo has submitted list and that Lt Manahee of PT Base Navy has recovered some but fully he believes it was taken from Palermo

Chas P. Stitt Lt CAO 1625

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Palermo, Sicily,
17 August 1943.

SUBJECT: Supplemental Investigation of Theft at Palace Butera.

TO : Director, Office of Civil Affairs.

1. 161100B, inquiry was made at Italian Hospital No. 5 for Lotto Ernesti Troisi. Records disclosed he was released 11 August 1943. 172300B, inquiry at Prisoner of War Cage, Palermo, disclosed that Mario Troisi has never been incarcerated there. Investigation will be continued. Property of Troisi reported stolen by Raffaelo Inglese: 1 Perretta 9mm automatic pistol, 1 Italian Army Carbine, 1 pair boots (no description), 1 wrist watch - yellow gold with leather strap.

2. 161330, proceeded to Palace Butera, accompanied by Lt. Nielson, 82nd Rcn. Bn., 2nd Armored Division. Interviewed Princess Paterno who stated she could not give a list of missing items, but that she would notify her husband. Learned that Arno Russo, only direct witness to theft by U.S. Troops, died on 16 August 1943, in the servant's quarters of the Palace. Accompanied by one Guzzio Di Cara (48), a waiter employed by Prince Paterno, this officer and Lt. Nielson made a trip through the building. There was some evidence of looting, particularly a safe broken open in the administrative office. Lt. Nielson stated that things were in approximately the same condition on his visit in answer to Duca Bisignani's complaint of 7 August 1943. Room of Giacchino Zanfardo was checked. Door was locked but was pried open by servants. Contents were in a state of confusion. Di Cara stated that he could not describe any missing articles from Palace. He stated that almost all objects of value had been removed from Palace Butera to Villa Trabia, near Bagheria, Sicily, prior to American occupation.

3. 161030B, interviewed Lt. C. C. Smith, 82 AA, in charge of AA installations along docks near Palace. He stated that his predecessor, Capt. McKelvy, had received complaint of Major Scarica, and checked for missing property, and that he will take another search if a list of missing articles is given him.

4. Recommendations: Commodore of Naval PT Force, two AA units, and Dock Guard have been alerted in case. However, the only description of missing property includes 1 doorman's coat, 7 pairs of shoes belonging to a secretary (Giovani Pagliuca), and 1 Lotus victrola, with records, belonging to the electrician (Confrabo). This officer has made four trips to the Palace Butera without obtaining a list (and description) of other items of missing property of the Prince, which would have started his complaint. It is imperative that Commanding Officers of units which are involved, have a detailed description of all items.

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5. Recommendation: That Prince Paterno be notified that the investigation is delayed pending his action in supplying a list and description of stolen property.

B. P. BREZ,
Major, F.A.

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HEADQUARTERS, Palermo Military Area, Palermo, Sicily, 18 August 1943.

TO: Civilian Affairs Officer, Palermo Province.

1. The above investigation has taken a great deal of time of a field officer of my staff, who should be on other duties (in command of the Prisoner of War Cage, now administering to approximately 8000 prisoners of war). To date, the investigation has revealed little of importance due to the lack of cooperation on the part of Prince Paterno, in failing to submit a detailed description of items missing from the Palace Butera.

2. Recommend that the investigation be suspended, pending the submission of such a list.

T. A. ROBERTS, JR.,
Colonel, F. A.,
Commanding.

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Palazzo Butera

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18 AUG 1943
Palermo, Sicily

16 August 1943

SUBJECT: Investigation of Thefts at Palace Butera.

TO : Director, Office of Civil Affairs.

1. On 12 August 1943, was directed by Colonel T. A. Roberts, Jr., Commander of Palermo Military District, to get in touch with Major Searles, Office of Civil Affairs, Government Palace, Palermo, for the purpose of investigating a complaint of alleged theft of personal property from the Palace Butera, Porto Felice, Palermo, by U.S. troops.

2. 13Ø93ØB, interviewed Major Searles, USMC, at Office of Civil Affairs, and learned known facts of case.

3. 1315ØØB, interviewed Captain Shipman, 14th F.A., 2nd Armored Division, who is in charge of a special dock guard of 160 men, with C.P. on Prince Belmont Avenue. Capt Shipman stated he first entered the Palace Butera, 7 August 1943, when he saw suspicious looking persons on the grounds. Upon entering, he found six U.S. sailors, in dungarees, three U.S. soldiers, and two Sicilian children on the premises. Some of the sailors were carrying parts of strange uniforms, apparently found on the premises, and Capt. Shipman made them put down the uniforms and leave the premises. The two Sicilian children were carrying small sacks, but left the premises immediately. The three soldiers appeared to have no stolen property and left the premises at once when directed to do so. Capt. Shipman then notified the Headquarters of the Palermo Military District at the Palace of Orleans.

4. 16Ø9ØØB, interviewed Major W. C. Merriam, Palermo Military District, who stated that he received message of Capt. Shipman at Ø715ØØ, and that he dispatched a patrol under Capt. Large, 82nd Recn. Bn., 2nd Arm'd Div., to investigate, and that they reported at Ø717ØØB, that the palace was guarded by a civilian watchman, and also a civilian caretaker. Capt. Large was assisted in the investigation by Capt. Nielson of the same organization.

5. Ø814ØØ, Capt. Shipman returned to the palace and found two U.S. sailors walking out of the building. He questioned them, and the spokesman, a man whom Capt. Shipman recognized as having been there on the previous day, stated that they were there because they were interested in architecture. They were carrying no visible loot, and left the premises when directed. Capt. Shipman described the spokesman as follows: 30 years of age, 5'7", 145 lbs., sparse, brown hair, smooth-shaven, cultured voice, wearing blue dungarees, no hat, no insignia, and states that he can identify this man.

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7. 151000B, interviewed one Lt. Lutty, Executive Officer of a PT unit located on the dock about 500 yards northwest of Palace Butera. He stated that his unit arrived in Palermo on 24 July 1943, and that it had a total strength of about 450 officers and men, of which, continually, about 150 were at sea. Lt. Lutty stated that he would make a search for stolen, private, property, and hold anything found for identification by Prince Paterno.

8. 140000B, interviewed Prince Paterno at Palace Butera, and asked him for a list of stolen property. He stated he could not supply a list at that time, but would attempt to do so on 16 August. He stated that his housekeeper made two requests of the Carabinieri to guard his property, prior to 7 August, but that they did not appear there until 10 August. He gave this partial list of missing articles: One doorman's long coat, light brown, about size 34 (U.S.), makers' tag in lining - "G. Cassini & Fo., Palermo", with name of doorman - "Dell'Oglio"; yellow neckband; six large, bronze buttons bearing coat of arms of House of Trabia (lion standing erect with crown suspended overhead); seven pairs "Hellcstern" (English make) low shoes, size 42 (Italian), 30 cm in overall length each, one pair white, two pairs brown, and four pairs black; one Cavalry sword, no description. Prince Paterno produced a neighbor, one Giovanni Galati, via Butera 28, who stated that another Italian, whose name he did not know, had seen an American soldier wearing the missing doorman's long coat in a field a short distance west of Campo Felici, about 1 August 1943.

9. 141000B, interviewed Anna Russo, 67, (widow of porter) who is critically ill in the palace. She stated that she saw a U.S. sailor take a large silver watch belonging to her deceased husband from her apartment at 081400B. She stated that she had previously seen a group of six U.S. sailors on the premises. Owing to her enfeebled condition, she could not be questioned further. Beyond stating that they wore blue dungarees, she could not describe the. The witness stated that on the nights of 7 and 8 August, she heard American voices and saw flashlights in the palace, but did not go to investigate. Prince Paterno added that there were a number of cigarette butts in the rooms which were discovered looted the following morning.

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10. Prince Paterno turned over a letter which he had prepared for American authorities, complaining of thefts and requesting restitution and reimbursement. That letter and translation by an official of Office of Civil Affairs, are hereto attached.

11. 141500B, arrived at Campo Felici (45 miles east of Palermo) and checked U.S. military units in area. Found just one unit then in area that had been there on 1 August 1943,

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and were previously stationed in Palermo. Interviewed Lt. Colonel A. H. Schutz, 436th AA Bn., and learned that his unit had been on duty in Palermo until 30 July 1945, when it moved to present area. Colonel Schutz stated that he had no knowledge of any stolen property in the hands of his unit, but would institute an immediate search. Interviewed various officers of 45th Division, and found they had arrived in bivouac near Campo Felici about 27 July, but that no part of Division or attached troops had come through Palermo.

12. 161000B, interviewed one Gioacchino Benfante, age 26, an electrician at the Palace Butera, who was paroled on 6 August 1945, after being captured by U.S. troops, as a sergeant major in the Italian Army. Witness stated that at some time between 7 and 10 August, persons unknown had entered a room which he occupies at the palace and removed one mahogany victrola, floor model, make "Leica", together with 200 Columbia records. He stated that a quantity of other property belonging to one Sotto Tenente Troisi, a captured Italian officer, now under treatment at the 3rd Italian Military Hospital, Palermo, was removed from his room under the same conditions.

13. Investigation is being continued.

B.P. BRETZ,
Major, F.A.

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Letter written by Prince Paterno'
and translation.

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TO: AMGOT
Hq., Seventh Army
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M2 16 August 1943 Sgt. Fred N. Singleton, 204th M. P. Co.

Palermo, Sicily 16 August 1943

Alleged looting by U.S. EM. of the home of
Princess Cuilia Pardella.

On Monday afternoon, 16 August 1943, I made an investigation at the home of Princess Guilia Pardella, 25 Piazza Causo Reale, Palermo, Sicily. The home was said to have been looted by American soldiers.

I arrived at said home at about 1545 hrs. and got in touch with the caretaker, Signor Giovanni Mule', who lives on the premises. He, Pvt. Quinte, an interpreter from 204th M. P. Co., and I then went through the rooms said to have been looted and I observed the following things:

1. The lock on the door leading to the row of rooms had been broken and the door opened.

2. The rooms were filled with furniture, books, paintings, clothing, medicines, and objects D'Art of all descriptions. From all appearances, it seemed that the Princess must have been years collecting the souvenirs and to her, they were, no doubt, priceless.

3. Dresser table drawers had been opened, boxes had been opened, many being empty, and all the rooms appeared to have been searched by someone who took what they wanted and threw the rest on the floor.

On questioning the aforementioned caretaker, Signor Giovanni Mule', he made the following statements:

1. On Sunday afternoon, 15 August 1943, at approximately 1300 hrs., he saw three American soldiers, wearing OD's., no stripes and no insignias, in one of the rooms where articles were later missed. He did not see them enter. On seeing him, both soldiers ran out of the room. 209

2. That he saw American soldiers again in the room at about 1700 hours.

3. That he would not recognize any of the soldiers if he saw them again.

4. That things were missed from said rooms today, but that he had seen no soldiers in them.

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FRED. N. SINGLETON, Sgt., 204th M. P. Co.

C. M. P.
ERNEST A. GRAUPNER, 2nd Lt., 2629th M.P. Bn.

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HEADQUARTERS 2629th MILITARY POLICE BATTALION
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5. That he had no idea what was now missing and that Signor Christoforo Leone, the lawyer of the Princess, had to this date, 16 August 1943, made no investigation of the looting.

6. That the said Princess did not at present live at the afore-mentioned home, but that she had evacuated.

Lt. Geo. T. Foster, Jr., 1st Bn., 68th C. A. made the following statement:

That to his knowledge, the said caretaker had sold to American troops, furniture, objects d'art, and wine for very high prices.

This would seem far fetched.
Certainly the caretaker would not break locks and throw things on the floor. See para. 1 & 3.

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13 16 August 1943 Sgt. Fred H. Singleton, 204th M. P. Co.

PALERMO, SICILY

Alleged looting by U. S. PM. of home of
Signor Desiderio Rosati.

On Monday afternoon, 16 August 1943, at approximately 1500 hours, I went to the home of Signor Desiderio Rosati, 95 Via Della Liberta, Palermo, Sicily, to investigate a charge made by him that American soldiers had looted his home.

Pvt. Guinta, of 204th M. P. C. acted as interpreter.

We found that Signora Rosalie Carbuccio lived in the home at 95 Via Della Liberta, and she made the following statement:

"I have lived here for eleven (11) years and no American soldier has ever taken anything from it".

Signora Carbuccio stated that Signor Rosati was the owner of the house, and not the tenant.

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FRED H. SINGLETON, Sgt., 204 M. P. Co.

ERNEST A. GRAUPNER, 2nd Lt., C. E. P., 2629th M. P. Bn.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

CP/pm

12 August 1943

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SUBJECT: Looting of Palazzo Butera, property of Principessa TRABIA - Palermo.

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer - AMGOT

(Copies to Provost Marshal Seventh Army and Commanding Officer Naval Operating Base).

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1. COMPLAINT:-

a. Letter dated 10 August 1943, from Lt. Colonel Martin, stating that General Lord [redacted] had reported the looting of the Palazzo Butera; that a permanent guard of Carabinieri had been ported and that arrangements should be made to prevent and report any attempted looting in the future. Reports of investigation should be made with copies to appropriate naval or military authority.

2. INVESTIGATION:-

a. On 11 August 1943, Major Searle, proceeded to the Palazzo Butera. Found two Carabinieri on guard and a Carabinieri Lieutenant and Marshal on the premises making an investigation of the looting.

b. Interviewed Prince Paterno, son-in-law of Principessa Trabia. The prince was preparing a list of the property taken but at the time of the interview could give little information except that some military uniforms, equipment, and swords, which belonged to two of his brothers, both killed in World War #1, had been taken. No money had been stolen but two cabinets had been broken open and some documents taken. A list of stolen articles is being compiled and will be forwarded to Major Searle when completed. Prince Paterno stated that Captain J. D. Shipman, Commander of Port Guard, 10th Port of Embarkation, had been at the Palazzo several days before looking for a carriage.

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c. Interviewed caretaker at the Palazzo, who stated that at about 2:30 pm on Saturday, August 7, 1943, about 15 American soldiers and sailors entered the palace over his protests and carried away some property. He thinks that he may be able to identify some of them. There is also a woman caretaker at the Palazzo and one of the soldiers or sailors took a watch from her which had belonged to her deceased husband.

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d. On the nights of Saturday and Sunday, August 7 and 8th, 1943 at about 11:00 pm., soldiers and sailors with flashlights visited the Palazzo and took more property.

e. Major Searle questioned Carabinieri as to what method would be used to report promptly any future attempts at looting. There are no workable telephones at the Palazzo and they had been instructed to report as soon as possible to their headquarters, one of them using a bicycle. Their headquarters would handle additional reports to proper authorities. This is not entirely satisfactory and arrangements have been made with Captain Shipman to check these premises. Details regarding the arrangements appear later in this report.

f. Proceeded to interview Captain Shipman, who stated that about Friday or Saturday, August 6 or 7th, 1943, while inspecting guard posts near the Palazzo, he had observed about eight (8) sailors and three (3) soldiers and several civilian children in the Palazzo. Captain Shipman chased these persons out of the building, but did not identify them or take their names. Captain Shipman reported to Colonel Roberts, Provost Marshal of the Palermo Area, that looting was going on at the Palazzo and he was under the impression that Military Police were sent there that evening. The following day, Captain Shipman, accompanied by Major Wood observed two (2) American Naval Officers and two (2) sailors at the Palazzo.

g. Proceeded with Captain Shipman to P.T. Naval Base, across the street from the Palazzo, and interviewed Lt. Mutty. The Lt. will make an effort to determine whether or not the men at that base were at the Palazzo and if they had any of the stolen material in their possession.

h. Proceeded with Captain Shipman to Headquarters of Battery H-62 CA (AA) and interviewed Captain W. J. McKelvey, who has two anti-aircraft guns in the vicinity of the Palazzo. Captain McKelvey will question those men to determine if they were involved in the looting.

i. Proceeded to Seventh Army Headquarters and verbally reported the matter to Lt. Colonel Burch, Provost Marshal Seventh Army.

j. Proceeded to C.P. of P.M., Palermo Area and discussed the looting with Colonel Thomas A. Roberts, Provost Marshal, Palermo Area. Colonel Roberts will assign Major Benj. Dretz to continue investigation.

k. Arrangements have been made with Captain Shipman to check the Palazzo each time he inspects guard posts. The officer of the day and Sgt. of the guard will be instructed to make similar inspections.

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3. FINDINGS:-

a. That American soldiers and sailors unlawfully entered the Palazzo Butera and undoubtedly had a part in the looting. It is possible that some civilians were also involved.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS:-

a. A copy of this report is being forwarded to the Provost Marshal Seventh Army and to the Naval Authorities. It is recommended that these agencies continue the investigation coordinating their efforts thru Major Dretz, who can evaluate results of the Carabinieri investigation and use such information as may be helpful.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel, AUS
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

Translation of Carabinieri Report of 11 Aug '43 attached to MS.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE VI BRIGATE OF THE ROYAL CARABINIERI

Palermo August 11, 1943

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Subject: Robbery of ~~Valle~~ Palazzo Trabia

To Col. Charles Poletti,

Civil Affairs Officer

Palermo

With regard to the robbery by unknown persons against Principessa di Trabia, in the Butera Palace located in Via Butera fro, the first investigations it appears as follows:

The principal entrance is in Via Butera, but from a long terrace which gives on the Viale Umberto 1°, where, because of bombardments, part of the wall has gone down and an opening space left. Also the doors which are at the same height of the terrace on the side of Porta Felice are broken. At present they are being repaired.

Having questioned the porter, Anna Russo, 57 years of age and her niece, Domenica Piazza, 30 years of age, they confirmed that for the past 4 or 5 days and with frequency, they have seen at the foot of the stairs of the principal entrance a group of American sailors. Sometimes they noted some of these sailors carrying a top hat, a sword or other military objects giving to understand that they were amusing themselves. They also claim that various times officers and agents of the American police presented themselves saying that they had to investigate. The porter also claims that about 2 o'clock of the 8th inst., after having spoken with an American police on the principal entrance in returning to her home which is on the ground floor at the right, she noticed an American sailor going out of her house and later noted the disappearance of a man's metal watch which was hanging on the wall.

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Having questioned the porter, Anna Russo, 67 years of age and her niece, Domenica Piazza, 30 years of age, they confirmed that for the past 4 or 5 days and with frequency, they have seen at the foot of the stairs of the principal entrance a group of American sailors. Sometimes they noted some of these sailors carrying a top hat, a sword or other military objects giving to understand that they were amusing themselves. They also claim that various times officers and agents of the American police presented themselves saying that they had to investigate. The porter also claims that about 2 o'clock of the 8th inst., after having spoken with an American police on the principal entrance in returning to her home which is on the ground floor at the right, she noticed an American sailor going out of her house and later noted the disappearance of a man's metal watch which was hanging on the wall.

The aforementioned woman also state that during the night after the daily visits of the Americans they heard noise in the rooms above their living quarters but are not able to state whether they were civilians or military.

About 4 o'clock yesterday, after having jumped over the surrounding wall of the terrace which brings into the palace and against the prohibition of the Carabinieri stationed there, two American soldiers entered the palace and having met Prince

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the son-in-law of the Princess of Trabia, asked him to have them see an ancient carriage which was in the courtyard. One of these soldiers said he was a captain and that his name was Shignom Commanding the 10) post ef embarkation.

One Adelfio Paolo, aged 61 years living in Via Butera N.25, custodian of the shelter N. 26 on the same street, also in charge of the surveillance of the palace Butera, stated that about 2 o'clock on the 7th inst. he saw coming down from the principal stairway of the palace about 15 American soldiers, two of whom officers, some had in their hands belts, swords or military clothing. Adelfio stopped them but they took away those articles just the same and went out from the terrace while the officers went out from the central doorway.

This man also says that the other night he saw American soldiers with flash lights going around the rooms of the palace.

This morning a Major of the American Police has gone to the place to verify and investigate and to him was told Adelfio's story and the name of the officer who yesterday visited the carriage which is still there.

It ~~is~~ has not been possible to have exact information of the articles taken away inasmuch as the Prince of Paterno' is not in a position at the moment to specify them but will do so as soon as possible. 202

He believes however that linen, pictures, artistic objects, silverware and various articles were stolen.

The investigation proceeds.

The General Commanding the Brigade

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To the Police Department of the Allied Forces

Palermo.

The undersigned Princess Giulia of Trabia and Princess Giovanna Moncade di Paterno' the latter with her husband Ugo Moncada Prince of Paterno' state asfollows:

They are the proprietors of the very ancient noble palace located in Via Butera N. 18 and of the building next to it at one time used as Hotel Trinacria. The noble palace is furnished with furniture and artistic articles of great value.

The said palace from the side which looks on the Foro Italico (Umberto 1°) confines with a great terrace which is also the property of the undersigned and which is attached to anopen promenading terrace used by the public and to which one could go to through a stairway near Porta Felice.

In the days of saturday, sunday and monday last (7,8 and 9 August) soldiers of the navy and American ~~navy~~ infantry, through the public terrace penetrated into the palace breaking open furniture, wardrobes, safes and taking away others. Among other things together with belts and uniforms was stolen a sword belonging to one of the sons of the Prince of Trabia, son, brother and brother-in-law of the undersigned, who died on the battlecamp (fighting together with the Anglo-Americans against German Empires)

Mr. Adelfio Francesco residing inVia Butera N. 25 may witness the above statements.

Besides the doors of the Butera Palace were also broken open those of the palace near it (ex hotel Trinacria). Through the latter building the American soldiers entered in the apartment of the administration of the palace and continued in that manner to plunder.

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Mrs Russo Anna, residing in the palace, notified various times the Royal Carabinieri without having any help from them.

The undersigned, refers this case to you in order that once you ~~find the~~ ascertain the facts, you give orders for the

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restitution of the furniture and objects stolen and to pay for all damages borne by them.

Tofacilitate you work the undersigned inform you that when they came to know of this the Prince of Paterno went to the palace who personally saw on one side of the public terrace an American officer and soldier enter the palace and who later stated to be Capt Shipman, 10th Post Emb. Questioned by the Prince as to what they wanted he said that he wished to visit an ancient carriage existing in the palace and went there directly without needing anyone to accompany him which means that he and his friend had been there before. It seems that he may be able to give information concerning the facts.

The undersigned trust in your sentiment of justice and put themselves at your disposal for any explanation you may need while we will send later a list of the furnitureand articles which,according to their memory,are missing.

Palermo August 1943

Pssa.Giulia di Trabia
PpS. Giovanna Moncada di Paterno'
Ugo Moncada Ppe di Paterno'

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Palermo, Sicily 10 August 1943

Attempted rape and entrance by force into civilian house. Captain Thistle, Asst. P. M., Hq., 7th Army, reported incident for investigation

This is an investigation report of attempted rape that happened at 2000, 10 August 1943, on Via Allora, No. 55, Palermo, Sicily.

Three unknown, American soldiers entered a building and tried to break into the apartment of Mrs. Eleanora Caluzo. The soldiers had been drinking and whistled and called at Mrs. Caluzo for quite a while before they decided to enter the building. The soldiers were armed with weapons, and threatened to shoot any civilian who tried to force them to leave the building.

Civilians near the building knew what was going on and tried to find other American soldiers to help.

Pvt. T. Reed, ASN 17007221, Hq. Co., Seventh Army, while driving along in a 3/4 ton truck, was stopped by a civilian about five blocks from where the incident was happening. With Pvt. Reed, in the vehicle, were Pfc. James A. James, ASN 20600710, T/5 N. J. Defoe, ASN 39310864, both of Hq. Co., Seventh Army, and Carlo Pauli, an Italian prisoner of war who is interpreter for Col. Williams, Hq. Prov. Corps. Pauli learned from the civilian what was wrong, and then proceeded, in their vehicle, to the place of the incident to help Mrs. Caluzo. Upon their arrival, they found two American soldiers, about 12 feet away from Mrs. Caluzo, who was screaming for help. One of the soldiers, later identified as Pfc. James D. Hall, ASN 34107961, Btry. "B", 14th F. A., 2nd Armored Div., was dressed in an OD uniform, and armed with a Tommy-gun. The other soldier, name unknown, was found innocent by the witnesses who were there at the time, and also Mrs. Caluzo. Pfc. Hall falsely stated to Pvt. Reed and the other soldiers that he was an M. P. on guard duty. 138

Two other American soldiers, names unknown, passed in front of the building and heard a woman screaming. They continued on up the street, and stopped 2nd Lt. Burckhardt, ASN O-1541298, Co. "A", 36th Amb. Bn., 91st Evac. Hosp., APO # 758, and asked the lieutenant to accompany them to this building. The lieutenant did so, and arrived shortly after Pvt. Reed.

Lt. Burckhardt immediately arrested and disarmed Pvt. Hall after Mrs. Caluzo identified him as one of the soldiers who had tried to break into her apartment.

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ERNEST A. GRAUPNER, 2nd Lt., C. M. P., 2629th M. P. Bn.

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

File No. 10, 11 August 1943, (con't):

Pvt. Hall was taken to Capt. Thistle, Ass't. Provost Marshal, Hq., Seventh Army, who had him interned at the jail of the 2629th M. P. Bn..

Pvt. Hall admitted to Capt. Thistle that he left his bivouac area without a pass, alone, and had been alone ever since. However, in contradiction, Pvt. Hall stated today, 11 August 1943, that he left the area with two other soldiers, T/5 George, and T/5 Barnett, both of his organization. Pvt. Hall also stated that the two soldiers, mentioned above, drank, and remained with him until about a half hour before he was arrested. Pvt. Hall stated that the two soldiers left him on a street corner, and knows nothing of their whereabouts thereafter.

The Investigator recommends that the commander of the organization, to which Pfc. James D. Hall belongs, make a further investigation of the case.

T/5 George and T/5 Barnett have not been questioned concerning this case and it is, as yet, unknown whether or not they had permission to be inside the city of Palermo.

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11 August 1943

THIS IS A STATEMENT MADE BY PFC JAMES A. JAMES, ASN 20800710, H.Q., SEVENTH ARMY, APO # 758, WHO ASSISTED IN ARRESTING AND BRINGING PFC. JAMES D. HALL TO THE MILITARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS, 10 AUGUST 1943.

I was riding in atruck, accompanied by an Italian prisoner, Carlo Pauli, who is an interpreter for Hqs. Prov. Corps, Cpl. . Defoe, and Private T. Reed, driver of the vehicle.

While driving to our destination, an Italian civilian shouted at us to stop and we did so. Our prisoner, Carlo Pauli talked to the man to ascertain the trouble. I asked Pauli what the man had said. Pauli relayed to me that three soldiers were trying to break into a woman's house to rape her, and this man asked us to help her. He was out of breath, having run from the scene of the incident which happened five blocks from where we were.

When we drove up there, we found two soldiers running east towards the Port area. We halted them and they immediately started arguing. The soldier, wearing ODs., who we later on brought into the Military Police, had a Tommy gun. He told us he had heard a call for help and was only trying to give aid to someone in distress. A man and the woman identified Pfc. Hall as the one who had entered the building. The woman was standing on the balcony with a baby in her arms. She was on the verge of hysteria but insisted Pfc. Hall was the one.

Shortly there after, Lt. Burckhardt, riding in a peep, came to the scene and took charge. Again Pfc. Hall was identified. Pfc. Hall began cursing and said, "Look in my service record, I have a good one. I admit I have no pass, but I came to town anyway.". He also stated that he was an K. P. off duty. The Lieutenant took his gun and told us to take the gun and Pfc. Hall to the Provost Marshal's office. He said he would lead the way. We turned all details over to Capt. Tuttle, Assistant Provost Marshal, Hq., Seventh Army.

This incident happened at about 2015. There were also two other soldiers but they got away before we arrived.

My belief is that the soldier was under the influence of an intoxicant and I could smell liquor on his breath, although he knew what he was doing.

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P. F. C. James A. James

JAMES A. JAMES
Pfc., ASN 20800710
Hq. Co., Seventh Army
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THIS IS A STATEMENT MADE BY CPL. W. J. DEFOE, ASN 39310864, HQS. CO., SEVENTH ARMY, APO # 758, WHO ASSISTED IN ARRESTING AND BRINGING PFC HALL TO MILITARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

At approximately 2015, 10 August 1943, while an Italian prisonar, two enlisted men and myself were riding in a 3/4 ton truck from Prov. Corps Hqs. to Rear Hqs. Area, we were stopped by a civilian. He told our interpreter, the prisoner, that American soldiers were breaking into a house. Hearing this, we proceeded to the house. Upon arrival, two soldiers started running away, but stopped when we told them to do so. One of the soldiers, Pfc. Hall, was armed with a loaded tommy gun. A woman, who was on the balcony, upstairs, pointed out Pfc. Hall as the one who had threatened her and tried to enter her apartment by force. This woman had a baby in her arms and was hysterical. Pfc. Hall told us that he was an M. P. on guard duty and was merely trying to help the woman.

Shortly after, Lt. Burckhardt, of the 91st Bvne. Hosp., arrived and put Pfc. Hall under arrest. Lt. Burckhardt disarmed Pfc. Hall and put him in our vehicle. He led the way to the Provost Marshal's office.

The civilian stated that the other soldier was not involved so the lieutenant let him go. But the civilians did state that there were two more soldiers involved and they got away just before we arrived.

Cpl. William J. Defoe

W. J. DEFOE
Cpl., ASN 39310864
Hqs. Co., Seventh Army
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THIS IS A STATEMENT BY PFC JAMES D. HALL, ASN 34107960, BTRY. "B", 14th F. A., 2nd ARMORED CORPS, WHO IS BEING HELD FOR QUESTIONING, CONCERNING AN INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED 10 AUGUST 1943.

I left my bivouac area at about 1400, 10 August 1943. With me, were T/5 George, and T/5 Bernett from my organization. We were going to visit the city of Palermo. I did not have a pass and I knew that some parts of the city were off limits. We walked up the streets of Palermo, and had quite a few drinks of wine.

At about 1930, I left my two buddies, and started walking down the street alone. About a half hour later, I met up with a soldier, who I don't know, and who was dressed in fatigues. A short time after I met him, I heard a woman screaming on a balcony above us. I did not know what was happening, but I went up in the building to find out. I did not know the inside of the building, and went up to the balcony one story above the one where the woman was screaming. I did not knock on any door. I came back down. At that time, an American vehicle drove up. They put me in the vehicle, and took me to M. P. Hq..

James D Hall

JAMES D. HALL, PFC
ASN 34107960
Btry. "B", 14th F.A., 2 A. D.

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11 August 1943

THIS IS A STATEMENT MADE BY PFC T. REED, ASN 17007221, HQS. CO. , SEVENTH ARMY, APO # 758, WHO ASSISTED IN ARRESTING AND BRINGING PFC JAMES D. HALL TO MILITARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS, 10 AUGUST 1943.

I was driving the vehicle that is assigned to me when suddenly a civilian came running and yelling. Inside my vehicle with me were one corporal, one private, and an Italian prisoner. I couldn't understand what he was saying, but the Italian prisoner, who was with us, could speak English. He interpreted for us and stated that the civilian said some American soldiers were breaking into a civilian house about five blocks away. The civilian had been running quite a distance because he was out of breath. When we arrived at the place where the civilian took us, two soldiers were going up the street. We jumped out of the truck and halted them. At that time, the two soldiers started arguing with us. They had been drinking and were staggering; their eyes were glassy. I could smell wine or some kind of liquor on their breath.

On a balcony, an elderly woman, holding a baby was hollering. A casual glance at this woman is all that I had. Some Lieutenant came over and took charge. I dispersed the civilians away from the scene. We took Pfc. James D. Hall to the Military Police Headquarters.

I saw only two soldiers around the building. We took one to Headquarters and the Lieutenant let the other one go.

This happened 10 August 1943, at approximately 2015.

T. REED
Pfc., ASN 17007221
HQ. Co., Seventh Army
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THIS IS A STATEMENT MADE BY MRS. ELEANORA GALUZZO, NO. 55 VIA ALLORO, PALERMO, SICILY, CONCERNING THE INCIDENT OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS TRYING TO BREAK INTO HER APARTMENT ON 10 AUGUST 1943.

Last night, 10 August 1943, at approximately 2000, I was standing on the balcony of my apartment with my two children. I was talking to a couple of ladies who were downstairs. I saw three American soldiers coming down the street who appeared to be under the influence of liquor. I, at that time, went inside my apartment. The soldiers stopped in front of my apartment, and started whistling and calling me. The soldiers then started knocking on the door downstairs. Later, they found the stairway, and came up to the door of my apartment. They started hitting on my door, trying to get in. I put an iron piece behind the door to keep them from breaking in. I went out on the balcony again and screamed for help. The soldiers then went up to the balcony above mine and tried to get down to mine from there. I then went back into my apartment. The soldiers then heard the sound of a vehicle and left.

The reason I pointed out that particular soldier last night is because, out of the three that came up in the building, two got away. But this soldier stopped and talked to another soldier who was with civilians below. The one that was with the civilian below was wearing work clothes and did not come up in the building.

At no time, did any of the soldiers touch me or get inside my apartment. I am not able to identify the soldiers now. They stayed around the building and inside the building approximately one hour. Quite a few people were around and saw what was going on, but are not able to identify the soldiers either. The people were not able to help me because the soldiers threatened them with their weapon.

THIS STATEMENT WAS INTERPRETED BY PAOLO PAULI, P. O. W., INTERPRETER FOR COL. PHILLIPS, HEADQUARTERS, PROV. CORPS.

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ELEANORA GALUZZO (Mrs.)
No. 55 Via Alloro
Palermo, Sicily

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11 August 1943

THIS IS A STATEMENT MADE BY CARLO PAULI, P. O. W., INTERPRETER FOR HQ., PROV. CORPS, WHO WAS PRESENT WHEN PFC HALL WAS ARRESTED.

August 10, 1943, at approximately 2000, as I was riding down the street in an American vehicle with my two guards, I saw a civilian running, yelling and waving his hands. We stopped and I asked him what the trouble was. He told me that three soldiers were trying to break into a woman's house. We then turned the vehicle around, and the civilian lead us to this house.

On our arrival, I saw two American soldiers talking, approximately 12 feet from where a woman was yelling.

The soldier, later taken to the police station by us, was identified by this woman as the one who had tried to enter her apartment.

CARLO PAULI
P. O. W., Interpreter
HQ., Prov. Corps

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Statement of Floyd J. Burckhardt, 2nd.Lt.M.A.C., AGF O-1/1298, Co"A" 36th Amb. Bn. c/o 91st. Evac. Hosp., APO #758, in connection with rape case occurring at about 1830 hours, 10 Aug.43 in Port Area of City of [redacted], Sicily.

At or about 1830 hours on the night of Aug.10, 1943, I was driving on the street adjacent to the Port Area, when two unidentified American soldiers hailed me, and upon stopping, told me that there was a disturbance going on in the home of an Italian family, caused by three American soldiers.

I had them get in my vehicle and they directed me to the scene of the trouble. There, in the street, I found an American soldier, who appeared to be intoxicated, surronded by civilians and a few other soldiers. A woman, whom I was told, was the victim of the disturbance, was on a second floor balcony, screaming and wailing. Also at the scene was an Italian-Prisoner-Interpreter under guard of two American soldiers on patrol, and he told me that the intoxicated soldier was one of three who had forced their entrance into the woman's home at gun-point, and that the other two had fled.

I dis-armed the accused soldier, put him under guard, and took him to the Provost Marshal's office, 7th Army Headquarters and turned him in.

I do not know the name of the accused soldier, but I can identify him by sight.

These are all the facts that I know in the case.

Floyd J Burckhardt
FLOYD J. BURCKHARDT
2nd.Lt.M.A.C.

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Subject:- Looting.

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10 August 45.

S.C.A.O.
Palermo Province.

I am directed by C.C.A.C. to request you to have an enquiry made into the looting which took place at Villa Trabia, and to submit this report to me as soon as possible.

Major.
Staff Officer.

AMGOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

Sgt Rolle, caretaker at the Villa, will be able to furnish particulars

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HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
Civil Police Division

AMGOT/1011/PS

10 August 1943

Memorandum to: Major Searle, C.A.P.O., Palermo

The premises of Principessa Trabia at Palazzo Butera have been entered and certain property removed.

By direction of General Lord Rennell, C.C.A.O. AMGOT, General Sannino of the Carabinieri has been ordered to forthwith supply a permanent guard of Carabinieri at the premises.

Please arrange with this guard that an immediate report is made to the proper naval or military authority and also to you if any members of the Allied Armed Forces attempt to enter. Unauthorized civilians are not to be allowed to enter the premises.

The losses should be investigated and a report of the circumstances forwarded to the appropriate naval or military authority.

Particulars of the case with action taken and results are also to be reported to AMGOT HQ, Civil Police Division.

Lt. Colonel
Act. Commissioner Public Safety

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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APO # 758

10 August 1943

SUBJECT: Taking of furniture from Grand Hotel Castello Utveggio.

TO : Provost Marshal, Headquarters, Seventh Army, APO # 758.

1. In violation of Memorandum, Headquarters, Seventh Army 4 August 1943, pertaining to looting and the taking of private property from premises, the following names and organizations are submitted for your attention as having been involved in the removal of furniture from the Grand Hotel Castello Utveggio.

1. 562nd Air Raid Warning Bn., Captain Allen.
2. Btry. "K", 62nd Coast Artillery, Lt. Livingston.
3. 206th Signal Depot Company, Captain Tallman.
4. Unknown Chaplain reported to have taken five truck loads of furniture.
5. Unknown colored troops.
6. 52nd Fighter Group, 4th Sq., Captain Snyder.
7. 1st Air Defense Wing.
8. Unknown organization with symbol, = R R, red letters, and white background.

Ernest A. Grauberger

ERNEST A. GRAUBERGER
2nd Lt., C. M. P.
Adjutant

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Amgot H.Q.
Lentini.
10 th August, 1943.

To Group Capt Benson,
Amgot H.Q.
And C/A.C. Lentini.

SUBJECT- MILITARY REQUISITIONING.

On the 10th August, 1943, at 12 Noon, information was received at this Office, that on the 6th August, 1943, at Viola De Geronimo No.7, Lentini; a stud Heifer, the property of Professor Vincenzo Alletta, was taken by an Army Officer, whose name is shewn on the attached requisition slip as:- "Thomas Jackson, Capt. 2Ist Battn, 2Ist H.D. The ~~Beef~~ purpose of the requisition of the animal is for "mess use".
No local enquiry can be made in the matter, as enquiry reveals that the Unit is advanced.
A copy of this report is forwarded to C.M.P.(S.I.B.) for necessar action.

[signature]
Lieut.
C.M.P.O.

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OPERA NAZIONALE DOPOLAVORO

DOPOLAVORO DEL LITTORIO DI LENTINI

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S.C.A.O.,
AMGOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group,
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An increasing amount of trouble is being experienced in this town of Enna from Canadian and U.S. Troops who, usually drunk but sometimes even sober, are committing depredations and assaults and indulging in small arms fire in the evenings. I have no force to restrain them and it is no good putting the town out of bounds if there is no sanction behind the order. The nearest M.P. units are a long way off and have other commitments. I would urge that a small force of M.Ps., say 2 British and 2 U.S. be placed at my disposal immediately as the excesses are already bordering on serious crime and the temper of the population and carabinieri is not improving.

Civil Affairs,
ENNA.
9 Aug 43.
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Lt-Col.,
S.C.A.O.

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