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DISCIPLINE - ALLIED TROOPS - REGION II

Folio Referred to Date

— C/Sec 14/10/44
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DISCIPLINE - ALLIED TROOPS - REGION II

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CONTAINS PAPERS
FROM JAN - 44
TO JAN - 45
CATALOGUE -

14761 - Shooting Incident at G.G.F. Barracks - attempted murder.

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FOLIO	DATE	REFERENCE	TO / FROM	SUBJECT
1A/1	25/1/44	M/3	From CATO Regio Caserta	Theft + Damage to property of Santelli Elina.
2A/B	25/1/44	M/4	From CATO Caserta	Thefts by A.T. of Bayonet, wire + Pistol.
3A	3/2/44	Rec 2.50	Bivio-Palermo Province	Thefts by A.S. of revolver + Fiat
4A-B	17/2/44	4114	From HQ No 3 dist.	Report on incidents between American Offrs + Gds of Palermo.
5A-C	23/2/44	A/337/41	From Region 2.	Robbery by Allied Soldiers.
6A-G	25/2/44	A1337/43	Fr. Region 2	Acts of Indiscipline by Allied Troops

MINUTE SHEET

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VP Admin Section. Situation disclosed in 27A primarily concerns military + naval commanders who are aware of difficulty of CC.RR. directly affects us, as being an infringement upon civil admin. Our views on this earlier expressed in 14601/11/P.S. (4A para 3.) dated 11 March 1944. Col. Fiske to make representations to AAI regarding it.

9. Aug. 44 Pol Fiske D.P.S.

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To. A.V.P.

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10. Aug 44 B.R. Rippon A.V.P.

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10. Aug 44 R.P. Chipp Lt. Col.

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To Ec Com.

The practice of disarming CCRR is in my view
an extremely bad one. They are used to carrying arms
& cannot be expected to carry out their duties efficiently
or with confidence without them. If any charges
are going to be made against the conduct of the CCRR
a Court of inquiry (with if necessary a U.S. or British officer
sitting on it) can be convened to ~~make~~ investigate
the matter. If no charges are going to be made it is
very unfair to deprive the men of their arms. I hope
you will take this up strongly with AAI please

[signature]

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Minute 1. Ethel

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Civil Affairs. The incidents at Toronto, in which you are interested, are reported as 24[A], 25[A-C], 26[A-B] 27[A], 28[A], 29[A], 30[A] & 31[A-K].

Public Safety

Hdqrs U.S. Army

C.A.S.

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75[a] for signature please.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/ 4.7 Date 31 Jan 1945

SUBJECT: Spr. BYLES, C.D.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attention of: Public Safety Sub-Commission).

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1. Reference your AC/14030/2/PS of 21 Jan 45.

2. ZPSO, Bari states the Court of Enquiry proceedings were returned to 'A' Branch, HQ. 54 Area, on 5 Dec 44 and that enquiry made of the latter on 27 Jan 45 reveals they have now been returned to G.H.Q. 2nd Ech.

For the Regional Commissioner:

HEADQUARTERS
1 FEB 1945
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for G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

LWT/bp.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800
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21 January, 1945.

AC/14030/2/PS

SUBJECT : Pte. BYLES G.D.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region,
Attention SPSO.

With reference to your letter PS/4.7 dated 3 January 1945, enclosing copy of report by Legal Officer, Bori, respecting death of Spr. BYLES.

Will you please forward the Court of Enquiry proceedings, for onward transmission to G.H.Q. 2nd Echn unless their retention is still required.

JOHN A. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

BF/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 478800

8 January, 1945

AS/11030/2/PS

SUBJECT : 2012523 Spr BYLES, CD.
TO : CHQ, 2nd Echelon.

1. With reference to your letters G2e/40561/PW dated 15 November 1944, and 13 December, 1944, respecting the above named.

2. Herewith is copy report on the subject submitted by the Legal Officer, Allied Commission, Bari.

3. The Court of Enquiry Proceedings will be forwarded on receipt at this Headquarters.

For the Chief Commissioner :

G. R. [illegible] Brig.
CA Sec.
ACB, AF.

BF/C.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/4.7

Date 3 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Spr. BYLES C.D.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(attention of Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Reference your AC/14030/2/PS of 19 Dec 44.

2. The attached copy of report submitted by Legal Officer, Allied Commission, Bari, to HQ. 54 Area is passed to you for information.

For the Regional Commissioner:

for G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

LWT/tp.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LEGAL OFFICE
BARI

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Ref: BZ.LEC.2.6163.38 1 dec 44

Subject: Death by Stabbing of 2012623 Spr. BYLES.
C.D. 152 Rg.Op.Coy.R.E.

To : Headquarters, 54 Area. (A).

1. With further reference to your 3912-A of 23 Oct 44 and subsequent conversation (Capt. Bruce-Major Boyd-Carpenter) in connection with the above matter, the position in regard to the action taken by the Italian authorities is as follows:

2. Following investigation by the Italian police, two Italians Sebastiano LAVECCHIA and his son Alfonso LAVECCHIA, both of BARLETTA were placed under arrest on 16 March 1944 charged with the murder of Spr. BYLES:-

3. The matter then passed into the hands of the TRANI Investigation Magistrate, who after an exhaustive enquiry and interrogation of a considerable number of witnesses, both British and Italian, finally stayed all further proceedings and ordered the accused men to be released on the 13th and 24th August 1944 respectively. 63 SIS, were informed of this action by the Italian Magistrate in a letter N.824 dated 25 Oct 1944, though, owing, no doubt, to an oversight, this HQs was not so informed:-

4. The records of the Italian proceedings and of the Military Court of Enquiry into Spr.Byles's death have now been carefully studied by this HQs's and the following conclusions have been reached:-

5. Having regard to the complete absence of direct evidence associating the accused men, with the killing of Spr BYLES this HQs is of opinion that the Italian investigating Magistrate had no option but to stay all further proceedings on the charge of murder.

6. The facts briefly were that the deceased Spr.BYLES accompanied by Spr.PERRY, on the night of the incident, after having consumed a certain quantity of red wine, were in fact involved in some kind of altercation with a number of Italian civilians in Barletta, amongst whom figured, on their own admission, the two LAVECCHIA father and son. The nature and details of the altercation remain vague, Spr. PERRY's story being to the effect that he and deceased were attacked by a number

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of Italian civilians apparently without provocation of any kind and the Italians' story, to the exactly cotrary effect, namely that they were attacked by several British soldiers in an advanced state of intoxication also without any apparent provocation.
What is however clearly established is that the altercation in front of the LAVECCHIA's home was not the immediate cause of Spr. BYLES's injuries and subsequent death. Both military and civilian witnesses are at one in testifying that after the first conflict, the British soldiers went away.
From the onwards, until Spr. BYLES was discovered lying stabbed on the back, on the pavement some distance away from LAVECCHIA's house, there is not one title of evidence to associate any particular individual with Spr. BYLES's injuries. Spr. PERRY who had run away from the scene of the altercation in a direction different from the one taken by his companion BYLES is unable to throw any light whatsoever on the events which immediately followed his escape from the vicinity of the LAVECCHIA house.

7. The only circumstances on which the Italian police were able to reply in order to arrest the LAVECCHIA's on the charge of murdering Spr. BYLES were:

a) That at some time previous to the discovering of Spr. BYLES's prostrate body, the LAVECCHIAs were amongst a number of Italian civilians with whom Spr. BYLES and PERRY had had an altercation.

b) That the LAVECCHIA family, on being interrogated all insisted on stating that there were several BRITISH soldiers involved in the altercation outside their house, whereas all other witnesses are quite positive that there were only two.

c) That a suit of LAVECCHIA, senior, was found freshly washed and that there were marks or spots on the left sleeve of the coat which the Italian police thought were compatible with the blood stains.

On the other hand, all the witnesses heard by the Investigating Italian Magistrate were unanimous in declaring that after the British soldiers had run away the LAVECCHIAs re-entered their home and did not come out again for a considerable time.

8. On the material before him, amounting to no more that set forth above, yourHQs will, no doubt, agree that no Magistrate, either British or Italian, could have felt justified in proceeding further with the charge of murder against the LAVECCHIAs. 4756

9. The record of the proceedings of the Court of Enquiry is being returned to 2nd Echelon through the Public Safety Sub-Commission with

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a copy of this letter.

sgd: J. A. BOYD-CARPENTER
Major, L.O.
Apulia & Calabria.

Copy to: Z.P.S.O., together with Court of Enquiry proceedings. It is pointed out that these proceedings were requested by HQ 54 Area from G.H.Q. 2 E. for the use of this branch in investigating the matter, but it is assumed that proceedings should be returned through channel through which they were sent, i.e. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

AC/14030/2/PS

19 December, 1944.

SUBJECT : Re : Spr. BYLES C.D.

TO : Regional Commissioner Southern Reg.
(Attention RPSO).

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1. Reference GHQ 2nd Echelon letter 02s/40561/MP dated 15 November, 1944, endorsed to you by this office AC/14030/2/PS dated 21 November 1944, respecting death of the above named.

2. Information was requested as to action taken by the Italian Authorities against the person or persons responsible.

3. Higher Authority is now pressing for reply. Will you please expedite your report.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

BF/Cc

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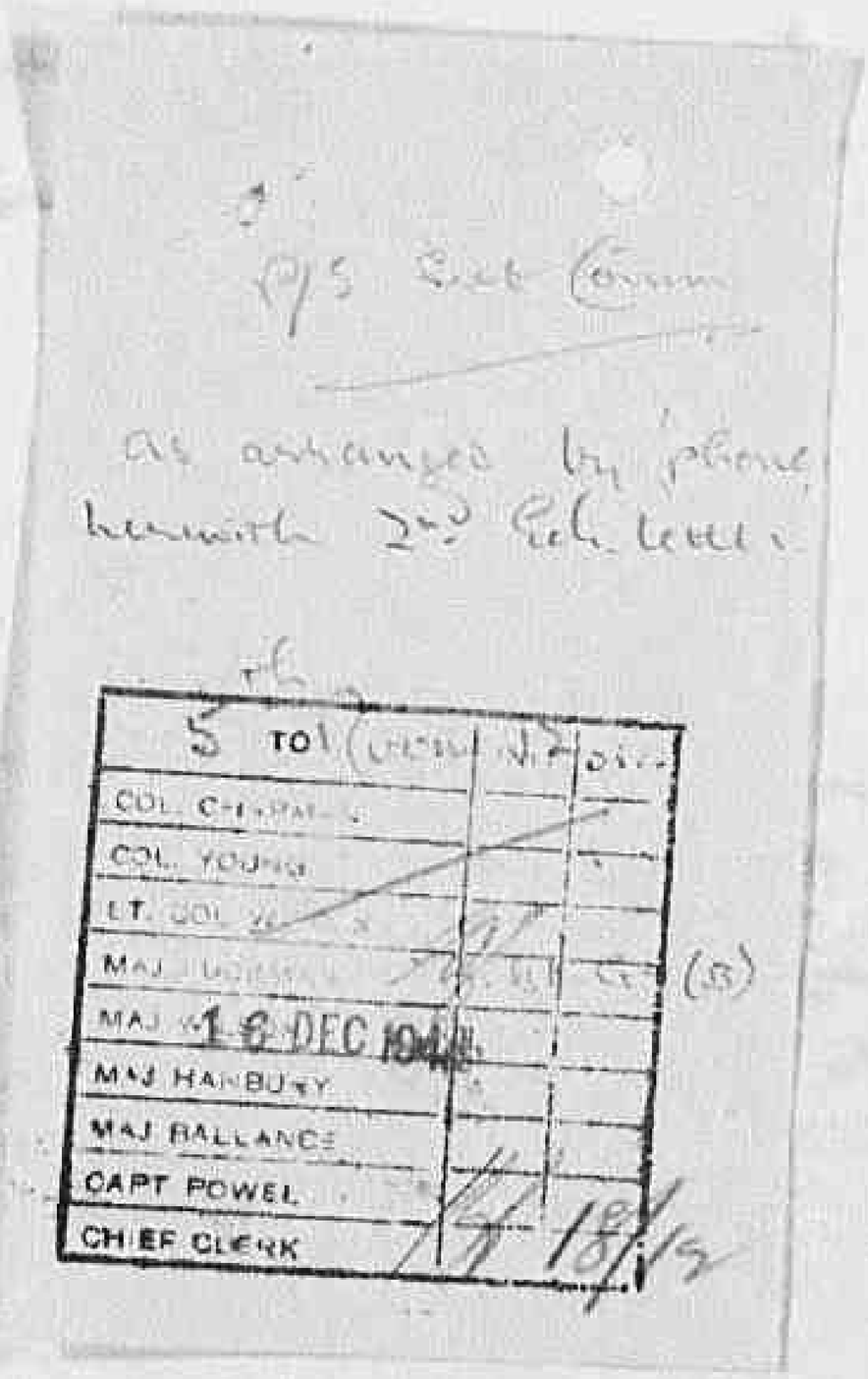

P/S Sick Comm

As arranged by phone herewith 2nd Pick Letter

5 TOT			
COL CHAPMAN			
COL YOUNG			
LT COL [illegible]			
MAJ [illegible]			(R)
MAJ [illegible] 16 DEC 1944			
MAJ HANBURY			
MAJ BALLANCE			
CAPT POWEL			
CHIEF CLERK			

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Tel No: VAS 20

HQ Allied Commission

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AC/4030/2/Pa
DEC 1944
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2012529 Sar Mtlss O.D.

Reference this HQ memo of even number dated 15 Nov 44 and your AC/4030/2/Pa dated 21 Nov 44 addressed Reg Commissioner Southern Region.

May this matter please be expedited as the Authorities in UK are pressing for a reply.

For Brigadier,
DAG,
HQ 2nd Echelon.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 839081 - 369

12 December, 1944.

AC/14030/2/PS

SUBJECT : Taranto Disturbances.

TO : General X. de Gevin.
French Representative Allied Commission.

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1. Reference your JM/ed dated 19 October 44 and our reply of even number dated 30th October 1944.

2. The following is a report by the Questore, Taranto, on the subject of the disturbance at Taranto. It is a copy of a telegram sent by him to various interested parties.

"Last night at about 2000 hrs French and Italian sailors quarrelled at the Lungomare because of unknown reasons.

"An Italian Military patrol intervened to quell the riot and it seems that a rifle shot was discharged into the air. The French sailors flung themselves against members of the Italian patrol and disarmed them of their muskets, then turned in a provoking manner toward the civilians who crowded the Lungomare for their customary walk. Italian sailors intervened and came into conflict with the French sailors. At a certain moment two bombs were thrown, it is not clear by whom. When the Italian police and the British Police arrived on the spot, fire arms were used by the Italian and French sailors, with the results as follows : two civilian killed, one about to die, three seriously wounded, an Italian marine officer seriously wounded, three sailors slightly wounded, French casualties are unknown. The authorities concerned have forbidden the French and Italian sailors to come on land. Military patrols will go around disarmed."

Signed : LENTINI, Questore.

3. Enquiry has been made by the Zone Police Officer, Taranto and information obtained from files in HQ 52 Area. The Z.P.O's report is as follows :-

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"Neither the Zone Commissioner nor myself were serving here at the time of the occurrence, viz, 30 July 44, and I must rely on very scanty and patchy information for the following account, compiled from files in HQ, 52 Area.

It would appear that at about 2000 hrs on date mentioned a party of French Marines were walking along the Lungomare, (sea front) Taranto singing the Marseillaise. One is alleged to have been brandishing a rifle. Reports differ as to where it was obtained, some say from a British Coloured sentry, others say from a Carabiniere, and others from Italian sailors. In view of other disturbances in vicinity of Taranto district around this date an effort was made by Italian sailors to disarm him and this started a general melee.

The British M.P. and 10 Italian M.P. moved on the scene in a lorry and a grenade was thrown exploding near the lorry. It is not known who threw it. Thereupon the Italian M.Ps in the lorry opened fire indiscriminately and without orders.

Order was eventually restored but not before the following casualties had occurred :

Civvies	2 killed	4 wounded
Italian Sailors	1 killed	3 wounded (incl. 2 offrs)
British soldiers	-	1 slightly wounded
American sailors	-	1 seriously wounded
French Military Pers.	3 killed	2 wounded.

The 10 Italian M.Ps were placed in custody at disposal of Allied Command, presumably for using the firearms, but in the absence of any evidence they were released after one month. (They could not be dealt with on the firearms charges mentioned as they were properly in possession.)

As a personal opinion (I was serving in Brindisi at the time where there were also disturbances of a like nature) It would have been unfair to have tried these Italians for offences unless it was clear that it could be proved. Feeling was running high on both sides and blame was fairly well distributed amongst French and Italian Military and Italian civilians. As an example, one Italian sailor was arraigned before an Allied Military Court at Taranto recently on a charge of murdering a French soldier during the disturbances and the Court had no difficulty in coming to a "not guilty" decision owing to the conflicting nature of evidence as to how the brawl started."

H. Strand Capt.,
Zone Public Safety Officer, Taranto. 7747

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4. It will be noted that the 10 Italians arrested in connection with this incident were detained for 1 month, but no charge was preferred against them owing to lack of evidence.

Sgd John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

FJS/C.

Copy to : Legal Sub-Commission
(Letter even number dated 30 Oct.44 refers).

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

R/2252 7 December 1944

SUBJECT: Taranto Disturbances.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attention of Public Safety Sub-Commission)

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Reference your ACC/14030/2/PS dated 25 November 1944.

1. We forward to you a letter from the Public Safety Officer, Taranto Zone which is self explanatory.

For the Regional Commissioner:

GUY I. WARREN
Lt. Col. Sp. Res. AUS
Executive Officer

Incl.

1 letter from Taranto Zone T/ZPS/6 dated 1 December 1944

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CH. [illegible]	Noted
LT. CO. W. COX	Circ 11 XII
MAJ. [illegible]	
MAJ. WILSON	11 XII
MAJ. HANBURY	
MAJ. BALLANCE	
CAPT. [illegible]	
CH. [illegible]	

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Reply to French to present date please

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ALLIED COMMISSION
TARANTO ZONE

Ex O 708

Ref. T/ZPS/6
1 Dec 44

Subject:- Taranto Disturbances.

To:- Executive Officer,
H.Q. Southern Region,
Allied Commission.

1. With reference to your letter R/2218 dated 27 Nov 44.

2. My report of even No. dated 13 Nov 44 covers the point raised, in that although the arrested Italian sailors (Naval Picquets) were placed in custody and held for one month, no actual charge was preferred owing to the lack of evidence, and consequently no Court proceedings followed.

Captain,
Zone Public Safety Officer.

HQ SOUTHERN REGION
31 DEC 1944
Time In 1150

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Gr. Dir. Police of Allied Comm. PA

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Roma, 29 Novembre 1944

Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Al L'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

R O M A

Divisione A.G.R. Sez. 3ª
Prot. N.° 443/II675 Allegati

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. Sez. N.°

OGGETTO Arresto disertori.

Per opportuna notizia, si trascrive, qui di seguito, quanto ha telegrafato la R. Prefettura di Potenza:

"""Seguito predisposto servizio locale Questura proceduto decorsa notte arresto flagrante disertori truppe alleate Duard Gailej e Gjones Cules nonchè italiano Quiritti Raffaele dichiaratosi volontario inglese i quali prossimità questi scali ferroviari Calabro-Lucana qualificandosi polizia alleata di cui vestivano uniforme fermavano passanti facendosi consegnare quanto trasportavano nonchè denaro. Comando polizia alleata Bari prontamente informato provvedeva ritiro arrestati e ulteriori proprie incombenze""".

PEL MINISTRO

For Your information, we transcribe below cable of Potenza Prefecture.
""" Following a surveillance service arranged for, the local Questura, last night has arrested, in flagrancy, the Allied disertors Duard Gailej and Gjones Cules and the Italian Quiritti Raffaele, who said to be an english volonteer; these people, near the local station of Calabro Lucana railways, alleging to belong to Allied police, which uniform they were dressing, stopped people pas-

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TRANSLATION
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission.
APO 394.

Ref: A30/14030/2/PS. 25th November, 1944.

SUBJECT : Turinto disturbances.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region

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1. Reference our letter of even number dated 30th October, 1944, and your reply P/2178, dated 16th November, 1944. 66

2. It is noted that the particulars of the incident which occurred at Turinto between French and Italian sailors on the 31st July 1944 are agreed by your officer in Taranto. It is particularly important that the French Mission be given some facts concerning the Court proceedings in this case; your reply quoted above does not deal with this point.

3. May we please be informed briefly of the offences with which the prisoners were charged and given some particulars of the case at Court.

John T. Chapman
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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To HQ. Allied Commission

2012623 Spr BYLES C.D.

1. Reference HQ 5A Area Memo 3912A addressed to this HQ, copy to ASC B&NI.

2. Proceedings of Court of Inquiry held to investigate the circumstances in which this soldier was stabbed at BARLETTA on 14 March 1944 are forwarded herewith.

3. Any information please be obtained regarding the action taken by the Italian authorities against the person or persons responsible.

Brigadier,
DAG,
GHQ, 2nd Echelon.

1st END

G/3430/2/PS 21 November, 1944.

SUBJECT : Death of 2012623 Spr. BYLES C.D.

FROM : H.Q. A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

TO Regional Commissioner, Southern Region
(Attention R.P.S.O.).

Herewith copy of Court of Enquiry proceedings re the above mentioned.

Please investigate as requested in para.3. above and report to this office so that DAG, GHQ, 2nd Echelon can be informed.

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John W. Chapman
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy - DAG, GHQ, 2nd Echelon.
HQ, 5A Area.

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AFF

Tel No. VALJEAN 28

Public Safety 3547

023/40561/IE

15 NOV 1944

HQ
Allied Commission

2012623 Spr BYLES C.D.

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2. Proceedings of Court of Inquiry held to investigate the circumstances in which this soldier was stabbed at BARLETTA on 14 Mar 44 are forwarded herewith.

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4 NOV 1944
A.G.

for Brigadier,
DAG,
GHQ 2nd Echelon.

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COPY to HQ 54 Area

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

16 November 1944

R/2178

SUBJECT: Report

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attention Public Safety Sub-Commission)

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Reference your ACC/14030/2/PS dated 30 October 1944.

1. Attached, hereto, is a report from the Zone Public Safety Officer, Taranto Zone.

For the Regional Commissioner:

GUY I. WARREN
Lt. Col. Sp. Res. AUS
Executive Officer

HEADQUARTERS
17 NOV 1944
A. C.

Incl.

1 letter T/ZPS/6 dated 13 November 1944 66A

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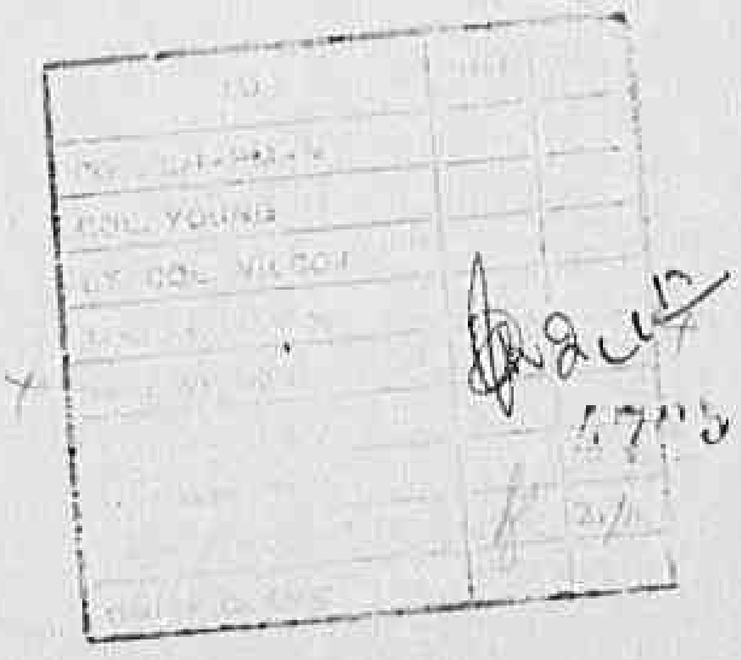

ALLIED COMMISSION - SOUTHERN REGION

TARANTO ZONE

Ex O 4222 Tbb

SUBJECT:- Report.

Ref. T/ZPS/6
13 Nov. 44.

TO:HQ, Southern Region,
Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army.

15 NOV 1944
Time 1140

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Ref. your letter R/4193 of 1 Nov. 44., para 2 of ACC/14030/2/PS of 30 Oct. 44.,is in fact a copy of telegram sent by Questore, Taranto, to various interested parties, the copy received in this office being sent to HQ.Region II, for their information.

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Order was eventually restored but not before the following casualties had occurred:

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British soldiers	-	1 slightly wounded
American sailors	-	1 seriously wounded
French Military Pers.	3 killed	2 wounded

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As a personal opinion (I was serving in Brindisi at the time where there were also disturbances of a like nature) it would have been unfair to have tried these Italians for offences unless it was clear that it could be proved. Feeling was running high on both sides and blame was fairly well distributed amongst French and Italian Military and Italian civilians. As an example, one Italian sailor was arraigned before an Allied Military Court at Taranto recently on a charge of murdering a French soldier during the disturbances and the Court had no difficulty in coming to a "not guilty" decision owing to

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the conflicting nature of evidence as to how the brawl st: ted.

SUBJECT:- Report.

Capt.,
Zone Public Safety Officer, Taranto.

TO:HQ. Southern Region,
Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army.

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CC.RR. General H.Q's.

To : A.C. - P.S. Sub-Commission.

SUBJ. : Francavilla Fontana (Brindisi) - Incident between civilians and allied soldiers.

On October 31st, at 16 p.m. in the town of Francavilla Fontana (Brindisi), two soldiers of the American Military Police station, being drunk, ill-treated, without consequences, the porter Palumbo Vincenzo, and assaulted and knocked the farmer Russo Pietro, who lied with many contusions and not a grevious wound on his head. As Russo was lying on the ground fainted, loosing much blood, 200 people quickly reunited, with an hostile attitude towards aggressors. CC.RR. and M.P. intervened immediately and the latters appealed from 50 American negro soldiers, from a near camp.

The persuasion availed to send away the citizens and avoid grevious incidents.

The public order is normal.

The Commanding General

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394, 16 November 1944

TO : Provost Marshal, R.A.A.C.

For information and any action deemed necessary.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HG/ CG.RR.General H.Q.

14030/2. 11 November 1944
12/1705

to : A.C.-F.S. Subcommission
subj. : Francavilla Fontana(Brindisi)-Incident between civilians and allied soldiers

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RISERVATO PERSONALE

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 12/1705 *di prot.* R.P. *Roma, li* 11 novembre 1944

Risposta al *del* *n.* *Allegati n.*

OGGETTO: Francavilla Fontana (Brindisi) - Incidente tra civili e militari alleati.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
- Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza -

R O M A

Alle ore 16 del 31 ottobre u.s. nell'abitato di Francavilla Fontana (Brindisi) due militari di quella stazione American Military Police, ubriachi, malmenarono, senza conseguenze, il facchino PALUMBO Vincenzo. Quindi aggredirono il contadino RUSSO Pietro che gettarono al suolo producendogli contusioni multiple e una ferita al capo non grave.

Poichè il RUSSO - rimasto a terra privo di sensi - perdeva abbondante sangue dalla ferita, si riunirono rapidamente circa 200 persone che assunsero atteggiamento ostile verso gli autori dell'aggressione. Intervennero immediatamente i militari dell'Arma ed agenti della polizia americana i quali ultimi fecero affluire anche - temendo atti di reazione - dal vicino accampamento 30 soldati Nord-Americani di colore armati di moschetto.

L'opera persuasiva dell'Arma valse a fare allontanare i cittadini e

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ad evitare più gravi incidenti.

Ordine pubblico normale.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
COMANDANTE GENERALE
- Padden Orlando -

TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT COL WILCOX		
MAJ MASON		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ H ABBEY		
M-1 HARVEY		
M-J BALLANCE		
CAPT POWELL		

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14030/2/PS

11 Nov 1944

SUBJECT : Murder of New Zeland Soldier.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.
(Attn, R.P.S.O.).

The attached translation of a letter received from the Commanding General, CC.IR is forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

DP/jwf

Translation MV.

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CC.IR. Gen. HQ.

6 November 1944.
N. 77/08

SUBJECT : Murder of a New Zealander by two Italian soldiers.

TO : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

In Taranto, on the 22nd of last October, at about 22 hrs., and American seaman dressed in civilian clothes, and a New Zealand soldier, when rather drunk came out of an inn and for reasons not yet ascertained, quarrelled with two unknown Italian soldiers.

The New Zealander, hit on the breast by big stones, was killed.

Commanding General
-Taddeo Orlando

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-Taddeo Orlando-

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RISERVATO PERSONALE

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 77/38 di prot. Roma, li 6 novembre 1944

Risposta al *del* *n.* *Allegati n.*

OGGETTO: **Omicidio in persona di un soldato neo zelandese, ad opera di due militari italiani.**

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

- Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza -

R O M A

In Taranto, il 22 ottobre scorso, verso le ore 22, un marittimo americano in abito civile e un militare neo zelandese, usciti alquanto alticci da un'osteria, per cause tuttora non accertate, alterarono con due militari italiani sconosciuti.

Il neo zelandese, colpito nella regione toracica con grossi ciottoli, rimaneva ucciso.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
COMANDANTE GENERALE
- Taddeo Orlando -

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

30 October, 1944.

ADC/14030/2/PS

SUBJECT : TARANTO Disturbances.

TO : General X de Sevin.
French representative A.C.

No copy filed

1. Reference your JH/SM dated 19 October 1944.

2. In connection with the disturbances at Taranto on 31 July 1944, certain facts are available at this Headquarters. However, the particulars of the trial by the Italian Court are not known to Legal Sub-Commission A.C.

3. Accordingly a request has been made to the Regional Commissioner Southern region to supply particulars both of the disturbances and the trial by the Italian Court.

4. You will be informed of the result.

JOHN H. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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30 October, 1944.

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SUBJECT : Taranto Disturbances.

TO : Regional Commissioner - Southern Region.

1. On 31 July 44 disturbances occurred in TARANTO between French and Italian sailors. As a result 2 French sailors were killed and 10 wounded. Casualties were also suffered by the Italians.

2. The following is a report by the Questore, Taranto, on the subject :-

"Last night at about 2000 hrs French and Italian sailors quarrelled at the Lungomare because of unknown reasons.

"An Italian Military patrol intervened to quell the riot and it seems that a rifle shot was discharged into the air. The French sailors flung themselves against members of the Italian patrol and disarmed them of their weapons, then turned in a provoking manner toward the civilians who crowded the Lungomare for their customary walk. Italian sailors intervened and came into conflict with the French sailors. At a certain moment two bombs were thrown, it is not clear by whom. When the Italian Police and the British Police arrived on the spot, fire arms were used by the Italian and French sailors, with the results as follows : two civilian killed, one about to die, three seriously wounded, an Italian marine officer seriously wounded, three sailors slightly wounded. French casualties are unknown. The authorities concerned have forbidden the French and Italian sailors to come on land. Military patrols will go around disarmed."

Signed : LENTINI, Questore.

3. It is understood that the Italian sailors who took part in the disturbances were dealt with at court and sentenced to one month's imprisonment. The charge was one of 'Carrying fire arms' as there was no evidence that those found in possession of arms had in fact caused the death of the French soldiers.

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4. This matter is engaging the attention of General de Sevin, French representative to A.C. and he has asked that such information as is available on this matter should be supplied to him. It is thought by General de Sevin that the sentence of one month was particularly light, bearing in mind the fact that two French sailors were killed.

5. It is assumed at this Headquarters that the offence charged against the Italian Sailors was dictated by the facts of the case. No information as to the trial by the Italian Court is available here.

6. It is asked that your representative in Termoli supply such particulars as may be available concerning this case, and also the Court hearing. This has been agreed with the Legal Sub-Commission.

Frank Dillon Lt/Col.
for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to : Legal Sub-Commission.

PJS/G.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/15.1

Date 25 Oct. 44

SUBJECT: Behaviour of Greek troops.

TO : HQ. ACC. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your ACC/14030/2/PS of 22 Oct. 1944.

2. A copy of the report received from Taranto Zone Police Officer, relative to the behaviour of Greek troops is forwarded for your information.

3. A copy of this report was forwarded to the former R.C. & M.G. Section on 18 Sept. 1944 in reply to their letter 307/160/CA of 9 Sept. 1944.

For the Regional Commissioner:

TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
COL WILCOX		
MASON		
WILSON	LWT/tp.	
HANBORY		
HARVEY		
BALLANCE		
HT POWELL		

HEADQUARTERS 27 OCT 1944 C. C.

for G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
TARANTO ZONE.

15th September 44.

Ref. T/PPS/6

Subject:- Behaviour of Greek Troops.

To :- Regional Public Safety Officer,
Headquarters Southern Region,
Allied Control Commission.

With reference to your letter PS/15.1 dated 11th September, 1944, the facts in this case have been fully reported to Headquarters Region 2.

The note from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attached to your letter, is substantially true, it being more or less a copy of the telegram sent by local CC.RR. to all concerned. Major Bond, A.P.M. 52 Area, personally conducted an enquiry at the farm, and being satisfied that a certain amount of stealing and damage had taken place (although there was no means of checking whether the amounts stated by the farmer were correct) communicated with the Greek Military Authorities on the spot.

The Greek Commander (210 BLU att 3 Greek Mountain Bde). has agreed to recompense the farmers claim (when found to be genuine) through Claims and Hirings and am informed that the claim has been settled for 9,000 lire.

There will be no recurrence from this unit since it has left the district.

(sgd) H. STRAND

Captain,
Zone Police Officer....

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478708

22 October, 1944.

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AGO/14030/2/PS

SUBJECT : Discipline of Allied Troops.

TO : R.P.S.O., Southern Region,
(thro Regional Commissioner).

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The attached translated copy of a letter received from the Minister of Grace & Justice through Legal Sub-Commission is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

Would you please ensure that the matter has been properly investigated and the fact of Greek troops being involved brought to the notice of the appropriate authorities.

It appears likely that this case referred to in your monthly report for September, page 22, para.5.

JOHN M. CHAPMAN
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Encl. letter (trans.)
Min. of Grace & Just.
dated 13 October 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Sub-Commission
A.C.O. 794

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12 Oct. 44.

ACC/4017/L.

SUBJECT : Robbery by Greek soldiers committed against CALDARO Vincenzo and SANTORO Giuseppe, Taranto.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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1. Enclosed [illegible] a report on the above subject received here from the Ministry of Justice for any action you might deem necessary.

A.R. TRACONAH,
Lt. Colonel,
Italian Branch,
for Chief Legal Advisor.

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Ministry of Grace & Justice
902 - 130 - bis 22 — 13 october 1944 — 5 7/B
to : A.C. - Legal Subcommission — 4030/2
subj. : Robbery against Semeraro Vitantonio and Santoro Giuseppe

For that's Subcommission knowledge, we, inform you that the General Attorney of Lecce Appeal Court section, has stated the following:

" About 15 o'clock of 17 september 1944, about 1.000 greek soldiers, encamped near "Calvello", in the neighbourhood of Taranto, went to the farm "Francesca, near Crispiano, and having threaten with guns the farmers, Semeraro Vitantonio and Santoro Giuseppe, they robbed animals and implements.

Semeraro Vtantonio has suffered a damage of 49.369 lire and in addition he was robbed of: 59 cheeses, each weighing 4 kg.; 3 sheeps, 3 kids, 15 turkey hen; 16 hen ; 19 eggs; 50 kg of fresh almonds and nearly 2ql of tomatoes.

To Santoro Giuseppe, the soldiers robbed, a goat of 25kg, a sheep, 3 turkeys hens, chees and 24 little fresh cheeses, 2 ql. of almonds, and damaged him for nearly 22.270 lire.

" The soldiers having wished to kill also a calf, the above farmers and Santoro's sons, opposed themselves; therefore the soldiers beated Santoro Luigi and Cosimo, who suffered injuries curable in 10 days s.c.

" Owing to the great number of soldiers and to the impossibility of enter their camp, the CC.RR. of Crispiano were not able to identify them; but the Military English Police, at once warned, went there and made necessary inquiries.

" On the 22 sept.ult. the file has been trasmitted to Crispiano CC.RR. for interrogation of the damaged and for further inquiries.

for the Minister
Spellanzoni

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

PS/15.1

18 September 1944

SUBJECT: Behaviour of Greek Troops.

TO : ACC. R.C. & M.G. Section, APO 394.

A copy of a report received from the Taranto Zone Police Officer, relative to the behaviour of Greek troops, is forwarded with reference to your 307/160/CA. dated 9th instant, addressed to this Headquarters.

C. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

GRD/tp.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
TARANTO ZONE

Ref. T/PPS/6 15th September 44.

Subject:- Behaviour of Greek Troops.

To :- Regional Public Safety Officer,
Headquarters Southern Region,
Allied Control Commission.

With reference to your letter PS/15.1 dated 11th September, 1944, the facts in this case have been fully reported to Headquarters Region 2.

The note from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, attached to your letter, is substantially true, it being more or less a copy of the telegram sent by local CC.RR. to all concerned.

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There will be no recurrence from this unit since it has left the district.

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Captain,
Zone Police Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

19 Sept. 1944.

Ref/307/169/CA.

SUBJECT: Behaviour of Greek Troops.

TO : R.C. Southern Region.

A reply to my 307/160/CA of 9 September 1944 is requested.

NORMAN W. FISKE.
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref 307/160/CA

9th September, 1944

SUBJECT: Behaviour of Greek Troops

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region

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1. I enclose copy of a note from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and would be obliged if you will make an early investigation and report to this HQ.

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HOSMER S. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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Rec'd today 19/9

Copy to: Political Section

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Civil Affairs. Would you please ask Reg. Com. for report? MAC 8/9

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

POLITICAL SECTION

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been informed that on the 17th ult. at 1 o'clock p.m. about One thousand Greek troops, stationed in the vicinity, plundered from the Francesco Farm, the property of Ruggero Brothers, in Agro di Crispino (Taranto), 3 quintals of cheese, 3 sheep, 2 lambs, 15 turkey and some poultry, all amounting to a considerable value. Having failed to find any wine, the soldiers destroyed several earthenware wine-jars, damaged freshly-sown fields and injured two farmers. The occurrence has greatly alarmed the nearby agricultural population.

Although this incident is not of a particularly serious character, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, however, considers it advisable to report it to the Political Section of the A.C.C. inasmuch as, happening a few days after the arrival in Italy of the first Greek troops, it might be followed by more serious ones if such acts of indiscipline were not immediately and officially repressed.

ROME, 7th September 1944.

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Reg: Com. for report?

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TO : ACC. HQ. Public Safety Sub Commission

FROM : Abruzzi - Marche Region II. 52A

SUBJECT: Disarming of CC.RR. 119

REF : RS/314/8.

DATE : 12 October 1944. 50A

Ref. your ACC/11030/2/PS dated 5 Oct 44. steps have been taken to ensure that all CC.RR. on duty in this Region are armed.

For Regional Commissioner:

S. Worthington
Lt-Colonel,
R.P.S.O.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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From: C & S Section

9 OCT. 1944

SUBJECT:

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TO: C.A. Section

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The attd correspondence is sent for your files & any action considered necessary.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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7 October 1944

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SUBJECT: Conflict Allied Deserters.

TO : Headquarters, A.C.C. 51 / 51E

1. Reference your cable 4021 dated 29 September 1944.

2. Attached herewith clarification of statement, this headquarters reference cable SR/266 dated 28 September.

For the Regional Commissioner:

51F

GUY I. WARREN,
Lt. Col., AUS.,
Executive officer.

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Statement.

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Extract from the September Monthly Report. – Battaglione 51C

On 11/9/44 a report was received by this Department that the CIP at Reggio Calabria had been held up and robbed of a considerable quantity of nafta and petrol by Allied (believed American) soldiers who were in possession of 3 Allied Military vehicles. Enquiries were immediately instituted by this office and the culprits, comprising of 4 American soldiers and 3 civilians, two men and one woman, were located in the Varapodio - Reggio Calabria area.

The CC.RR. were informed and directed to effect their arrest. Prior to the arrival of assistance from this office, the CC.RR. attempted to arrest the culprits and shots were exchanged. One soldier and two civilians, all armed, were arrested, whilst the remaining 3 soldiers, two of whom are believed to be wounded, made good their escape. The search for these men continues. Military SIB have been informed and are conducting the investigation. The arrested soldier has been handed over to the Military for trial and the civilians are to be dealt with by the Italian Courts.

Three vehicles, a large quantity of cash and articles of value, the latter being proceeds of various crimes committed by the gang over a period, have been recovered.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMF
Office of the Chief of Staff

6 October 44.

Ref: 157/27/036.

SUBJECT: Conflict Allied Deserters.

TO : Southern Region.

1. Reference our signal 4021 dated 28 September 44, requesting clarification of statement regarding conflict involving Allied deserters contained in your signal SR/266 of 28 September 44.

2. Your reply is awaited.

(Sd) F.M.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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RESTRICTED TO PASS TO PHRASE FOR SOUTHERN REGION FROM HQ ADC PARTS REFERENCE YOUR SUGAR ROGER SEANT TWO SIX SIX OF TWO EIGHT SEPTEMBER PHRASE CLARIFY STATEMENT REGARDING CONFLICT ALLIED DESIGNATORS

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1st Lt AGD
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TO: HQ ACC

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 72/28

FROM: HQ SOUTHERN REGION ACC

CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No: SR/266

PRECEDENCE: NONE

28 SEP Recd

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: SEPT 281159

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: NONE

RESTRICTED. SUPPLEMENTARY TO SITREP 17 TO 24 SEPTEMBER. CATANZARO REPORTS ONE MURDER ALSO CONFLICT BETWEEN DESERTERS OF ALLIED FORCED AND CC RR REPORTED

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29 SEP 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/I4030/2/PS

9/IO/44

SUBJECT : Disarming of CC.RR.

TO : R.P.S.O. Abruzzi - Marche (thru R.C.)

1. The attached copy letter from Commanding General CC.RR. brings to notice the fact that CC.RR. of the Region of Abruzzi and Ancona were directed on 5th Sept 44 not to carry arms under certain circumstances.

2. The question of the carrying of arms by CC.RR. and CC.FF. OFF DUTY has been taken up with G-5 A.F.H.Q. Pending a decision, all CC.RR. and CC.FF. ON DUTY must be armed.

3. Will you please make enquiry to ensure that CC.RR ON DUTY at Abruzzi - Ancona are armed, and reply result.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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SUB, ARMAMENT ITALIAN SOLDIERS

29 September, 1944.

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Rif. 1.n.7/27 of 9-9-44

Answers to the letter A.C.C./14030/2/PS of the 1[illegible] inst.

Besides the case of Teramo, already known to this sub-commission, in the passed days, has been verified a second.

The delegation "A" of the Stato Maggiore R. Esercito Italiano Military post 135 - with its paper N.2011/serv. in date 5 inst. ordered to the legion CC.RR of the Abruzzi and of Ancona following analogous orders of the A.A.I. to dispose that also the soldiers of CC.RR. if not commanded for a determined service (patrols, inquiries, spying/etc must be disarmed.

It is necessary to point out that the carabinieri, for the qualification itself of agent of public force and for their specific attributions of protectors of order, and of safety, public and private, must be considered always in service, even when they are not expressly commanded.

For them therefore it is not lawful the distinction between soldiers in service and soldiers out of service.

The carabinieri have the duty, that cannot be disregarded to intervene even if not in commanded service, for whatever accident or action that demands their work of anticipation of repression or of protection.

Consequently they would not know in these cases how to win the event al resistance that they would meet in the work of their legitimate functions. This in a general line.

But when you consider the exceptional moment that the country in war is going through, still more evident it seems the necessity that the CC.RR. are armed in whatever circumstance.

Il generale di Corpo d'Armata.

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 251/28-1 di prot. Roma, 29 settembre 1944

Risposta al *del* *n.* *Allegati n.*

OGGETTO: Armamento militari italiani.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione di P.S. - - ROMA
e,per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - ROMA
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO - ROMA
AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE DEI CC.RR. DI - ANCONA
AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE DEI CC.RR. DEGLI ABRUZZI CHIETI
(rif. f. n.7/27 del 9-9-1944)

Risponde alla lettera A.C.C./14030/2/P/S. del 16 corrente.-

Oltre il caso di Taranto,già noto a codesta sottocommissione,nei giorni scorsi se n'è verificato un secondo.-

La delegazione "A" dello Stato Maggiore del Regio Esercito Italiano - posta militare 185 - con suo foglio n.2041/ /serv. in data 9 corrente,ha ordinato alla legione CC.RR. degli Abruzzi e di Ancona,in seguito ad analogo ordine dell'A.A.I., di disporre che anche i militari dei CC.RR.,se non comandati per un determinato servizio (pattugliamento,indagini,appostamenti ecc.) devono essere disarmati.-

Occorre rilevare che i carabinieri,per la qualifica stessa di agenti della forza pubblica e per le loro specifiche

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attribuzioni di tutori dell'ordine e della sicurezza pubblica e privata, vanno considerati sempre in servizio, anche quando non vi siano espressamente comandati.-

Per essi, quindi, non è lecita la distinzione fra militari in servizio e militari fuori servizio.-

I carabinieri reali, infatti, hanno l'obbligo imprescindibile di intervenire, anche se non in servizio comandato, per qualunque accidente o reato che esiga la loro opera di prevenzione, di repressione o di tutela.-

Pertanto, non saprebbero in questi casi, come vincere quelle eventuali resistenze che incontrassero nell'esercizio delle loro legittime funzioni.- Questo in linea generale.-

Ma, ove si considerino i momenti eccezionali che attraversa il Paese in guerra, ancora più evidente appare la necessità che i CC.RR. siano armati in qualsiasi circostanza.-

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
COMANDANTE GENERALE
- Taddeo Orlando -

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

REF : 275/109/CA. 16 Sept 1944

SUBJECT : Disturbances at the village of STATTE near TARANTO.

TO : Southern Region.

With reference to this HQ letter 275/93/CA. of 31 August 44, addressed to Admin. Section copy to you. It is understood that a further incident took place near the village of STATTE on 31 July 44, between Italian soldiers sailors and civilians and French soldiers. Please have inquiries made and let this HQ. have further information concerning the incident.

Norman Fiske

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin. Section.
(For Legal Sub-Commission).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081
Ext : 365

16 September, 1944

ACC/14030/2/PS

SUBJECT : Disarming of CC.RR.

TO : Commanding General, CC.RR.

1. This Headquarters is anxious to know if any instances have come to your notice within the last six months of CC.RR having been ordered to perform duty without arms.

2. We are aware of one instance at Taranto in July 1944 and will be glad if you can inform us whether this is the only case which has occurred.

A. E. YOUNG, Col.,
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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N. 245/I-I

answer to the letter ACC/14030/2/PS, dated 26/7/44.

Subject : Behaviour of Allied troops and Civilian population at Carbonara (Bari).

To : A.C.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

On 16/7/1944 about 12 soldiers "ciprioti" gathered around the square of Carbonara (suburb of Bari) and molested pedestrians. Especially a young woman attracted the attention of the "ciprioti", which caused resentment on the part of the present persons. One of the ciprioti turning to a Civilian said to him "bad Italian".

This caused a fist-fight and throwing of stones between civilians and ciprioti. Since the crowd increased the ciprioti were obliged to take shelter in a near by icecream parlor, from where they shot several pistol shots, without causing injuries.

In the mearwhile, 2 CC.RR - attracted by the hustle - succeeded in dispersing the threatening mob. The ciprioti taking advantage left the ice-cream parlor through a secondary door, but upon being noticed by the public, they were subjected - in spite of the action of CC.RR., who were also assisted by Allied Police - to a new burst of stones, while one of the ciprioti fired several pistol shots in the air.

In the second incident three civilians and several ciprioti were slightly wounded.

The remaining CC.RR. of said station, including the Commandant, could not intervene because they were performing other duties.

The criminal activities of the zone - considering the large population of the suburb: about 25,000 inhabitants - is not considerable. During last three months statistics show that the following crimes have been committed: 16 robberies, a conspiracy for the Commission of crimes against property, 2 crimes of resistence and violence against public order, a fight, 5 personal injuries; the responsibles were almost all apprehended by the Arma.

I have, however ordered the Command of CC.RR. Legion of Bari to reinforce conveniently the Carbonara station

Commanding General
- Taddeo Orlando -

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.G. AND M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 359/102/GS.

6 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Misuse of CC.MM.

TO : Admin. Section (for Public Safety Sub-Commission)

1. We refer to our letter of 25 August 44 Ref:359/100/GS. to Regional Commissioner Southern Region.

2. Attached is an answer to that enquiry, a letter dated 3 Sept.44. Ref:S/1011 from the Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

3. It would appear that the problem has now been solved.

4. However, so that we may have complete information it is requested that Public Safety Sub-Commission make an enquiry of G.C.C., CC.MM., Rome as the Regional Commissioner, Southern Region suggests.

W.G.S. Dollard
Major
for KENNETH D. FISH.
Colonel.
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY.

R/1011

3 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Disarming of CCFR.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394
(Attention M.G. & M.G. Section).

1. Reference your letter 359/100/GA of 25 August 1944 391

2. I understand that the Taranto CCFR were authorized to perform duties with arms on or before 15 August 1944 and that the Taranto incidents may now to be deemed to be closed. I can add nothing to the Region 2 report of 3 August 1944.

3. I have no knowledge of any other case of the disarming of Carabinieri in this region and do not believe it has occured - but I am making inquiries through CCFR channels. Possibly an inquiry from G(G), CCFR, Rome might bring the light instances with which have been reported direct.

C.B. TURNBULL,
Colonel
Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

CONFIDENTIAL Phone:
478809

14030/2 44B

31 August 44.

REF : 275/98/CA.

SUBJECT : Court of Inquiry - Disturbance at STATTE, near Taranto. 42A 43A ref. 48A

TO / :Admin. Section (For Legal Sub-Com.)

1. Enclosed for your perusal is copy letter addressed by HQ. AAI. to No. 2 District dated 29 August 44, copy to this HQ. 44C

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive,
Commissioner.

Copy to: Southern Region.
please forward any information concerning the incident at STATTE Taranto, to this HQ. as we have no record here. The information will be obtained from Region II files.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject : Court of Inquiry - Disturbance at STATTE nr TARANTO, 17 July 44

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel : KILROY 223

5063/96/A(P3)

29 August 44

HQ No. 2 District

Executive Commissioner, ACC.

Pro

Ref your signal A.2563 dated 12 Aug 44.

1. The SIB report and the proceedings of the Court of Enquiry held by 78 Div relating to the incident at STATTE on 17 Jul have now been received. The evidence is conflicting, but in the absence of further evidence the impression given is that there had been some provocation by some British soldiers, but that assaults by civilians were not confined to self-defence or to the particular British soldiers who had given provocation. It is therefore not considered that the conduct of the civilians can be excused.

2. An incident of similar character occurred in STATTE last December, involving troops of 4 Ind Div. The exact date is not known but was between 7 and 20 Dec 43. In that case there was the same allegation of provocation, complete denial by the injured soldiers, and a general impression that at least some of the injured soldiers had not offered provocation. On that occasion firearms were used by the civilians, the case was investigated by the SIB and the Carabinieri, and prosecutions either took place or were intended.

3. In view of the comparative rarity of clashes of this kind the occurrence of two in one village under such circumstances suggests that there is an element in the village which is hostile and ready to offer violence. It is considered that this case requires thorough investigation in conjunction with the earlier one. Any civilians against whom sufficient evidence is available should be prosecuted, and if it appears that any individual has played a part in both incidents strong action should be taken against him.

4. In making this investigation you should work in conjunction with ACC.

5. Proceedings of the 78 Div Court of Enquiry are forwarded.

6. The result of your investigation will be reported to this H'.

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29 August 44

HQ No. 2 District

Executive Commissioner, ACC.
Pro

Ref your signal A.2083 dated 12 Aug 44.

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Brigadier,
D.A.G.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478703

27 August, 1944

ACC/14030/2/PS

SUBJECT : Disturbances at Statte and Taranto, enclosures 1 to 42 A/B/C

TO : A.A.I.

With reference to your confidential Signal A 2515 dated 11 August 1944 and A 2609, dated 17 August 1944 herewith are copies of reports received from Regional Commissioner on disturbances at Statte on the 17 July 1944.

Forwarded for your information also are copies of report of disturbances at Taranto.

PAUL D. KIRK
Colonel Inf.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Enclosed :

Reports by Festa, Prefect dated 3 August 1944
Reports by T.G. Robinson dated 31 August 1944
Reports by E. Wren, Sergt. dated 2 August, 1944
Reports by Lomatire dated 20 July, 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Public Safety
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24.8.44
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Ref. :- P9/22

Subject:- Disturbances Taranto and incident at Martina Franca

To :- Chief Public Safety Sub-Commission
HQ., ACC., APO 394.

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Ref your telegram NR 1770 (CONFIDENTIAL)

WBC

Copies of reports from the Provincial Commissioner, Taranto concerning above mentioned subject are forwarded.

Lt Col Dwyer

for F.H. McCLEARY.,
Lt.Col.,
Regional Commissioner.

SUBJECT : Taranto Disturbances

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Allied Control Commission
Palazzo del Governo
TARANTO
T/ACC/9 42B

See 3d 3/4

22 Aug 44

Regional Commissioner,
HQ., Allied Control Commission,
Region 2, Bari

Ref. PS/22 of 17 Aug. referring to telegram from ACC HQ.

1. Throughout July there were many incidents. In order to make a thorough investigation of those referred to a trained Provincial Police Officer is necessary.

2. Taranto was overcrowded with troops of many nations and the Mare Grande was packed with ships.

3. Translations from reports by the Prefect and Questore referring to the incidents are shown below.

"Last night at about 2000 hrs, French and Italian sailors quarrelled at the Lungomare because of unknown reasons.

"An Italian Military patrol intervened to quell the riot and it seems that a rifle shot was discharged into the air. The French sailors flung themselves against members of the Italian patrol and disarmed them of their muskets, then turned in a provoking manner toward the civilians who crowded the Lungomare for their customary walk. Italian sailors intervened and came into conflict with the French sailors. At a certain moment two bombs were thrown, it is not clear by whom. When the Italian Military Police and the British Police arrived on the spot, fire arms were used by the Italian and French sailors, with the results as follows : two civilian killed, I about to die, three seriously wounded, an Italian marine officer seriously wounded, three sailors slightly wounded. French casualties are unknown. The authorities concerned have forbidden the French and Italian sailors to come on land. Military patrols will go around disarmed.

"Signed: LENTINI, Questore.
31 July 1944."

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" Signed : FESTA, Prefect.
3 Aug 44."

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4. I have already reported that some clashes ending in fatal results took place between French sailors, French colonial troops and Italian sailors, Italian soldiers and civilians in crowded streets due to lack of training, excitable natures and racial differences.

5. The incidents demonstrated the unsuitability of the Tommy Gun and even a loaded rifle in the hands of an Italian or a Frenchman for maintenance of order.

6. Italian guards and picquets carrying firearms were a real danger.

7. To make sure that French Units reached French up to establishment and in a fighting condition it was necessary to prevent further casualties.

8. Accordingly, on 31 July, there being no "via media" the Area Commander in consultation with the Provincial Commissioner issued this Order :

"To: Il Comandante Militare Marittimo G. 3/II
31 Jul 44

1. It has become apparent that in recent disturbances the practice of guards and picquets carrying arms is a cause of real danger to all concerned, and tends to magnify what were originally trivial incidents to ones which may have serious repercussions.
2. I have accordingly to request that you issue immediate orders to the effeto :
   (a) That until further notice armed parties will not be allowed through the streets of Taranto on any pretext.
   (b) That street patrols be provided with wooden batons only.
   (c) That sentries outside barracks and quarters be similarly provided.

3. I have further to request that you withdraw into armouries forthwith, all grenades and bombs which may have been issued to subunits, and that you cause thorough searches to be made to ensure that individual sailors or soldiers are not in possession of them.

4. I wish that the order about carrying of arms takes effect from 1200 hrs today, and that after such time any sailor or soldier found in possession be the subject of immediate and strong disciplinary action.
5. I intend that the Carabinieri be included in the orders that you cause to be issued and that they be similarly prohibited from carrying arms.

Signed: T.J. ROBINSON, Lt.Col

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Signed: T.G. ROBINSON, Lt.Col
AA & QMG
for Brigadier.
Commander."

9. The order met the situation.

10. It was a temporary order.

11. On 11 Aug. the following was received.

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" HQ 5 Area CMP
G 3/11
- 11 Aug 44

" It has been decided, in agreement with GOC 2 District, that the Carabinieri should be allowed to carry their arms when on duty.

" Instructions have accordingly been given to Comando Militare Marittimo and to take effect from 11 August 1944.

"Signed: Brigadier.
Commander."

11. It will ease the situation to have in Taranto an experienced Provincial Police Officer when there is another heavy concentration of mixed troops in the vicinity.

(Sgd) F. CRAIG Major
Provincial Commissioner

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Allied Control Commission
Palazzo del Governo
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22 Aug 44

SUBJECT : Incidents at Statte

Regional Commissioner,
HQ., Allied Control Commission,
Region 2, Bari

Ref. PS/22 of 17 Aug. and ACC/I4030/2/PS of 14 Aug.

1. Extracts from the official military report to D.A.P.M., 67 Sec. S.I.B., C.M.P. and a translation from the Questura's report are below.

2 Aug. 44

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" At about 2050 hours Gnr. HANNON, 17 field Regt. states that he went to a house and asked for some water. He left there and passed a stable where he saw some children playing with a horse. He stopped and spoke to the children and the next thing he knows is that he was on the stable floor and then carried outside. He was later picked up and told that he had been hit.

" At about 1930 hours Gnr. GUTHRIE 132 Regt. R.A. accompanied by Gnr. BULLOCK stopped at a house for water. They had a drink and then they were attacked by some Italian civilians. He went for help and BULLOCK was then fighting with the Italians. Dvr. BULLOCK, 132 Regt. states that he went with GUTHRIE to a house for water and after having had a drink he was struck on the forehead with a stick and he then saw a knife descending. He stopped theblow with his arm. He thinks he can recognise the man.

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"It will be appreciated that it is difficult to get the whole truth where so many people are involved. We have the statements of the soldiers which naturally state that there was no provocation. The Italians state that they were defending the girl. To find the man or men who used the knife would necessitate an identification parade of the whole village. I have had a civilian informer in the town, a man who lives there, trying to get additional information but the only confirmed the fact that the girls were attacked by the British and that the whole population became infuriated.

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I asked for help from the Indian Camp nearby but without success. The Pole made me take a wounded soldier with some other drunken soldiers to Taranto. The Civil Hospital would not accept him.

(SIGNED) LOMATIRE.
Statement written by Dr. LOMATIRE at Statte on 20.7.44.

"On the night of the 17th July at Statte six British? soldiers manifestly drunken in an attempt to take hold of three girls and rape them, came into conflict with a group of civilians and all of them were wounded".

Questura's report.

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(Sgd) F. CRAIG MAJOR
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS

14030/7
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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

Your ref _____

My ref 65/10

Subject Incidents with Greek Troops. 23 Aug. 1944.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC. HQ. ✓
ACC 394.

The attached report of a disturbance, is forwarded for your information.

for F.H. McCLEARY.
Lt. Col.
Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

TARANTO PROV.

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Ref :T/PPS/36

Date 19 August 44.

Subject:Incidents with Greek Troops.

To :R.P.S.O., ACC, Region II, Bari.

From: SSS CCCC Da Martina Franca
TO : Ministry of War, P.M. 67
Ministry of Interior, P.M. 151
Comando Militare Puglie & Lucania, P.M. 67
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It is necessary that Allied Military Police intervenes to establish adequate patrols to keep public order.

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P.S. Further to the above report, A.P.M. 52 Area said this morning to Major Craig, that the Greek are willing to pay for the damages done, through Claims and Hirings.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. AFF M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/339/100/3A

25 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Disarming of C.C.R.R.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

1. Attached are (a) a copy of a letter dated 3 August 1944 Ref/P3/22 from the Regional Public Safety Officer Region IX;
(b) a letter dated 14 August 1944 Ref/702/105/3A from the Executive Commissioner to No. 3 District.

2. The Administrative Section A.C.C. has requested R.C. and M.G. Section for information about occurrences in which Carabinieri have been disarmed.

3. They have suggested that if charges against the conduct of the C.C. R.R. are made the court of enquiry with possibly a U.S. or British officer sitting on it should be convened to investigate any charges.

4. The attached letter from the Executive Commissioner to No.3 District makes clear the wish of A.C.C. to have Carabinieri respected as police officers.

5. Before it is determined whether the matter should be represented to A.A.I. it is requested that you furnish R.C. and M.G. Section as soon as possible with a full up to date report on any disarming of C.C.R.R. in your region.

for MORGAN E. PEYTE,
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin. Section,
Public Safety.

INCL: copy of letter 702/95/3A
copy of letter P3/22

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. AND M.G. SECTION
APO 394

14 August 1944.

Ref/702/95/CA

SUBJECT: Conduct of French Troops.

TO : No. 3 District.

see 754/744 1A020/3

1. I forward a report dated 5th of August 1944 together with the two enclosures referred to in paragraph 4 of the report which have been received at this HQ from the Regional Commissioner, Region III (Campania). I know that you will do your best to keep these difficult troops in order and I should be most grateful for your assistance in dealing with the two specific instances quoted in the report.

2. The position of the Carabinieri must be up-held if they are to function efficiently as police, and every action such as this which passes unchecked must undermine their authority.

signed: M.S. LUSH.
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to Admin. Section.

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TERRITORIAL LEGION OF CC/RR. OF BARI.

N. 129/29 Bari, 4 August 1941.

Subject : Disturbances in Taranto Province.

To : Me CC.RR. Hq. situation office
To : 3rd Division Command of CC.RR.
To : 5th Brigade Command of CC.RR.

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I also reinforced the Arms of the Taranto group, fearing new incidents.

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Commanding Lt. Col.
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Ufficio Servizio

N.129/29 di prot. R.F. Bari,li 4 agosto 1944

OGGETTO:Incidenti in provincia di Taranto.

AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC.RR.-Uff.Serv. e Situaz. ROMA
AL COMANDO DELLA 3^ DIVISIONE DEI CC.RR. NAPOLI
AL COMANDO DELLA V BRIGATA DEI CC.RR. NAPOLI

- A seguito precedente corrispondenza. -

Il Generale Naers,comandante il "2° District" di Bari,avente giurisdizione anche in provincia di Taranto,con il quale ho a lungo conferito,ha espresso il suo disappunto per i frequenti incidenti che si verificano fra popolazioni civili,marinai italiani e truppe francesi.

Mi ha fatto conoscere,in via riservata e confidenziale,che saranno adottati provvedimenti a carico dell'ufficiale e del reparto francese recatosi arbitrariamente a Martina Franca, con la conseguenza dei noti incidenti.

Altre misure ha concordate. Sembra che prossimamente le truppe francesi avranno altra destinazione.

In quanto alla disposizione relativa all'uscita dalle caserme dei militari,per qualsiasi motivo,disarmati (nel solo perimetro della Piazza Militare Marittima di Taranto),mi ha fatto cordialmente presente di essere spiacente di non poterla revocare nei riguardi dei carabinieri,sebbene apprezzi l'opera di questi. Ciò nonostante che io gli abbia rappresentato in opportuno modo,ma con insistenza,gli inconvenienti che potrebbero derivarne.

Ha però soggiunto che,per i carabinieri,la disposizione stessa ha carattere di temporaneità,fino a che la situazione non sarà normalizzata.

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Ha ancora aggiunto che le truppe - carabinieri compresi - laddove sono armate (fuori cioè del perimetro della Piazza Militare Marittima di Taranto) non dovranno fare uso delle armi, neanche sparando in aria, tranne nei casi gravissimi. Tanto per non eccitare parti eventualmente contendenti, al fine di evitare luttuosi incidenti.

Disposto in merito.

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Inviati, inoltre, altri rinforzi di militari dell'Arma a disposizione del comandante del gruppo di Taranto, paventandosi sempre incidenti.

Presi personali accordi anche con il Generale Comandante la Divisione "Piceno", con sede e reparti a Martina Franca (Taranto).

Urgerebbe il trasferimento dei reparti francesi in altre località, data l'eccitazione - reciproca - con le popolazioni.

IL T.COLONNELLO COMANDANTE ff.
F/to Francesco Tuccari -

F. C. C.
Roma, li 12 agosto 1944
IL CAPO UFFICIO
Magg. Ruggero Ruggieri -

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Public Safety Sub-Commission

L. T. MORTARA
1st Lt. AUS
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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel.478708

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ACC/14030/3/PS

SUBJECT : Incident at STATIE, Taranto.

TO : R.P.S.O. Region II.

1. The following signal was despatched from AAI to District 2 (copy to ACC HQ) on 11th August 1944:

"Fight occurred 17 Jul at Statì between troops of 78 Div. staging Tarato and civilians. Witnesses state unprovoked attack by civilians. Investigate quickly and report."

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2. It is noted that a brief reference to this affray was made in an extract from Taranto Police Report for July 1944 enclosed with your letter Reference PS/22 dated 7th Aug.44.

3. Any further information disclosed as a result of the Military Police investigation should be forwarded to this HQ for information.

PAUL C. KIRK, Lt Col
Colonel, Inf.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

Your ref _____
My ref 25/22
Subject Relations between troops and Civilians, Carbonara.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ., ACC;, APO 394.

I have discussed the situation at Carbonara with Maj. G.M. Reveley, P.P.O. Bari, and asked him to submit a report, which is attached. I am confident that Maj. Reveley is abreast of the situation in Carbonara and will take such action as the situation demands.

Lloyd E. Kelly
LLOYD E. KELLY.
Lt. Col. Inf.
Regional Public Safety Officers.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFICE BARI

PS/32/57 31/7/44

SUBJECT:- Relations between Troops

TO :- Lt.Col.Kelly
Regional Police Officer
ACC HQ 2 Region

Reference your PS/22 dated 29 July 44.

The report received from Capt. McCallum HQ 2 NZEF FS Section Ref.S6/1199 dated 20th July 44 delivered in error to Colonel Kirk's Office was intended for my office. Capt.McCallum having been requested by me - to submit this report owing to the fact that he witnessed the incident.

On the 17th July 44 a report was received at this office from the Carabinieri that on the 16th July an incident between Cypriot Soldiers and Italian Civilians, of a serious nature had occurred at Carbonara. On the 18th July I saw APM 6 Base Sub Area and explained to him what had occurred at Carbonara and requested that a joint Allied patrol of M.P's and Carabinieri should visit Carbonara, escepially over week ends. This request was confirmed in writing on the 21st July.

There is now in operation combined Allied patrols four times

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PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFICE
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a week - also regimental picquets in operation every night. Regarding para 5 of Capt.McCallums report I had already taken up the matter of extra Carabinieri, which has now been increased by three.

The inhabitants of Carbonara are certainly a poor type, but not quite asbad as the Maresciallo would have one believe.

On the night 30/31 July 44 a curfew check was held in cooperation with APM 6 Base Sub Area 160 persons were detained overnight for breach of curfew.

G.M. Reveley Major
Provincial Police Officer
(Bari) A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 469081
Ext: 502

ACC/14030/2/PS

26 July, 1944.

SUBJECT : Relations between Troops and Civilians, Carbonara

TO : R.P.S.O. Region II (through R.C.)

1) The attached letter delivered at this office is apparently intended for you.

2) Your attention is invited to para.5, and your views and recommendations are requested.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Inf.
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Subject: Relations between Troops and Civilians, Carbonara

No. 2 NZEF FS Sec.
2 NZEF. CMF.
Ref: 36/1200
20 Jul 44.

OBI(b) HQ 2 District CMF
Prov. Police Commissioner,
ADC, CMF (for information)

1. On 16 Jul 44, at about 1800 hrs, a disturbance occurred in CARBONARA between several CYPRIOT soldiers and ITALIAN civilians.

2. At about 1900 hrs, two CYPRIOT soldiers ran into this billet and demanded "ammunition" to fire upon a crowd of ITALIANS on the road outside who were throwing stones. A few minutes later another CYPRIOT, very badly wounded in the head, staggered into the billet.

3. A call was put through to CMP in BARI and an ambulance was called from 26 Gen Hosp to take care of the wounded soldier.

4. Pending the arrival of the CMP, an effort was made to ascertain the cause of the fracas. The CYPRIOTS told garbled and unintelligible stories and members of the CC RR appeared to know nothing of how the affair started. Later, reports indicated that trouble started over an ITALIAN girl, and a CYPRIOT helped along the party by firing some revolver shots into the air in an endeavour to intimidate an angry male ITALIAN. The CMP took over and took into custody the CYPRIOT with the revolver.

5. This case is of interest as the Maresciallo CC RR at CARBONARA states he considers the town to be one of the most dangerous in southern ITALY. He claims that many criminal types are resident there and he has repeatedly asked his superiors for reinforcements so that the area can be effectively policed. These requests have been refused. The Maresciallo suggests that it would be advisable to have an armed picquet (Allied personnel) in CARBONARA nightly, if possible, but certainly on SATURDAYS, when people from neighbouring hamlets visit the piazza. The Maresciallo is extremely co-operative and is prepared

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to place the caserma and his men at the picquet's disposal.

6. This Section has liaised with HQ SIB and has passed on to the NCOs investigating the disturbance such information that has been received from contacts in the town.

7. It would appear that the potential danger of the inhabitants of CANECHARA is NOT political but purely criminal. Previous incidents have occurred but this is the first occasion on which it is known that ALLIED personnel have been wounded.

(F.E.McCallum) Capt,
Officer i/c Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS 4161

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

Your ref _____ 4030/2

My ref PS/22

Subject Incidents, French-Italians. 7 AUG. 44

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ. ACC. APO 394.

Forwarded for your information are reports received from the acting P.P.O. Taranto, concerning disturbances in Taranto Provinces.

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9 AUG 1944
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Lloyd E. Kelly
LLOYD E. KELLY.
Lt. Col. INF.
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II
TARANTO PROV.

Ref : T/PPS/36 Date 5 August 44.

Subject: Incidents between French and Italians.

To : R.P.S.O., ACC, Region II, Bari.

The following reports received from Admiral Manfredi, c in C, Italian Navy, are forwarded for your information:-

I.) To: A.C.C., Taranto. 2 August 44.
" A.P.M., 52 Area.

" I beg to inform you that this morning at 1010 hrs, an Italian Military Police patrol, armed only with clubs, while on duty at Lungomare, was insulted and offended by 4 Frenc h soldiers, three of which were armed with pistols and the fourth with dagger.
The incident has been reported at once to the British M.P.s and also the four French were pointed out to the M.P.s."

Signed: Amleto Baldi,
Chief of Staff, for
Admiral Manfredi.

2.) To: A.C.C. Taranto.
" A.P.M. 52 Area. 2 August 44.

" On the night of 1 August 44, at 2100 hrs, S.C. Fireman Antonio Consiglio, Italian Navy, whose duties are those of delivering messages for HQ, 8 Anti-Submarine Group, Taranto, was returning to his barracks riding on British truck. On the road junction Taranto-Martina Franca-Buffoluto the truck was signalled to a stop by French Soldiers who asked if there were any Italians on board. As the Consiglio was alighting from the truck he was attached by the French and hit over head twice. He tried to escape other blows and started to run across the road and into the grape vines alongside the road, but the

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Signed: Amleto Baldi,
Chief of Staff, for
Admiral Manfredi.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II
TARANTO PROV.

Date 5 August 44.

Ref : T/PPS/ 36

Subject: Incidents French- Italians.

To : R.P.S.O.
HQ. ACC. Region II, Bari.

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The attached reports from A.P.M., on incidents between French and Italians, Sunday 30 July 44, are forwarded to you for information.

Sgd. I.J. MACHIONNA. Sgt.
Provincial Police Officer.

SUBJECT:- Disturbance Italian/French - Taranto 30 July 44

- PRELIMINARY REPORTO -

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To: H.Q. 52 Area.

1. The attached report 231/PRO/REP/343 dated 30 July 44, and statements by eye witnesses, collected by Capt. POWELL DAPM are forwarded.

2. It would appear that the origin of the disturbance, was occasioned by the fact that a number of French Marines were walking along the LUNGOMARE singing the "Marseillaise". One of them is alleged to have been carrying and brandishing a rifle. This is not confirmed at the moment, but it is possible that if it was so, it was borrowed from one of the Br. coloured sentry posts, who are on duty along the front.

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It is the usual practice for Italian Naval picquets to report at occasional periods at the H.Q. 231 Pro Coy and also to form mixed curfew patrols.. This particular picquet happened to be there, when the Coy was turned out to deal with a reported disturbance in the LUNGOMARE, and were therefore taken along.

Immediately on reaching the scene of the disturbance certain members of the Italian picquet opened fire indiscriminately and without any order to do so.

The CMP driver immediately returned all the remaining Italian picquet to his H.Q. (some had jumped off the truck and disappeared) disarmed them, and took all their names. This record and also the rifles are being held pending any instructions. The rifles are being left in the condition as when taken from the Italian ratings.

5. The statement of Major BLACK DADDS, H.Q., 52 Area is to the effect that he saw rifles being withdrawn from Italian Naval picquets, and automatics being issued in lieu.

6. One Italian was arrested for stabbing L/Cpl PEARSON 231 Pro Coy CPM in the arm, and charge from J. 1 has been lodged with the Questure (see J1 attached).

7. No evidence is forthcoming of any firing have occurred in Old Town Taranto (see attached report AMP 182 Porta Pro Coy CMP).

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No report of Italian casualties has yet been received.

9. Enquiries are being continued, and further reports and evidence will be forwarded as it comes to hand.

Field.
31 July 44.

Signed: Major.
Assistant Provost Marshal.
H.Q. 52 Area.

Copy to:- DPM No 2 District:

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SUBJECT:- DISTURBANCE AT TARANTO /REP 343
Summary of events as from 2015 hrs 30 July 44

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From theevidence to hand the following occured.

At 2015 a telephone call was received at HQ 231 Pro Coy stating that there was a disturbance on the Lungomare between Italian and French sailors.

At 2020 the Company was turned out and one truck picked up the Italia Naval picquet, approximately ten strong, who were in the billet at the time, and proceeded down Via Giovinazzi towards the Lungomare. They saw an excited crowd and were just stopping when a hand grenade exploded in the crowd. The Italian Military Police in the back of the truck immediately opened fire with their sub-machine guns, some of them jumping out of the truck and running away.

The driver of this truck with still some 3 MPs in the back immediately drove out of the centre of the shooting and returned to HQ 231 Pro Coy. The names of the Italians were then taken and they were disarmed. Pte RC Sigs a DR, states that he was on the steps of the Signal Office when he noticed four carabinieri who were standing on the corner of Via Giovinazzi - Lungomare. A discussion was going on between Italian and French sailors on the seaward side of Lungomare but no blows were being exchanged. Suddenly one of the Carabinieri threw something across the road which exploded. He then states that he the Italians who were on the CMP truck open fire at random, and he took cover. Cpl WATSON APM's clerk also saw the explosion of the bomb and surmised that it came from the direction of Via Giovinazzi but did not see who threw it.

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I attempted with the help of Cpl HAYDEN CMP to persuade these two Italians to unload their weapons, but with no success. Cpl HAYDEN was mobbed by more Italians and was threatened with the weapons in question. The approach of a French soldier (unarmed) decided me to abandon this procedure. I therefore ordered the Frenchman into my car and drove round the corner to the Lungomare all the time covered by these two Italian sailors.

On the Lungomare, the dead French sailor who had been hit by the bomb was put in a CMP truck and taken to the hospital.

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Major BLACK DDOS can state that during the early part of the riot he was passing the Italian MP HQ and saw Italian Naval and military Police handing in their carbines and being handed sub-machine guns.

Sgt HIRD CMP also states that he saw the French Army Picquet walking along in Via Margherita when some Italians unkown, on the roof of a building pushed a large coping stone onto them, badly cutting one man's arm. The French Picquet immediately opened fire on the roof, there were, however, no casualties.

A list of French wounded is attached, as yet there are no reports of any Italians being wounded.

During the disturbance L/Cpl PEARSON CMP 231 Pro Coy was attempting to persuade onlookers to return to their homes when he was knifed in the army by an Italian, whom he chased and caught. This man is in the Questura under arrest and the case on a4CC Form J1 preferred.

Field
31 July 44

Signed: Capt
Officer Commanding 231 Provost Company CMP

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Subject:- Shoot[illegible]g Incident between French & Italian at Taranto on 30 July 1944

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TO:- APM 52 AREA.

Short statements from two eye-witnesses are as follows:-

1. LIEUT EMLEY of 15 L of C SIGS LINE COY att to 3 COY 1 AIR FORMATION SIGS TARANTO, was on the LUNGOMARE at about 20.00 hrs.

He saw party of French Marines walking along the LUNGOMARE. One man was carrying a rifle and another a bayonet. They were singing the "Marseillaise". A CMP truck drove down the LUNGOMARE rd in the same direction with 2 CMP NCOs and some armed Italians (Navala Military Police) on board. A grenade was thrown at the French party by some Italians near by and then the Italians on the truck opened fire on the French. The Italians civilians and Military personnel in the vicinity scattered and ran. LIEUT EMLEY saw several Italian Military personnel charging their magazines and flourishing their rifles etc. LIEUT EMLEY did not see any firing or the use of weapons by the French.

2. SEGT MARR AEC HQ 2 DISTRICT att HQ 52 AREA saw accrowd of French Marines near the APO on the LUNGOMARE singing the "Marseillaise" and, at the same time, a crowd of Italians, mostly Naval personnel gethered on the other side of the road. SGT MARR saw someone in the Italian crowd throw a grenade at the French. Almost at the same time a CMP truck come down the road and some Italians on the back of the truck (Naval personnel) opened fire on and shot wildly in all directions. SGT MARR did not see any firing or the use of weapons by the French and said his impression was that the French he saw were NOT ARMED.

Field.
31 July 1944

Signed: E.C.POWELL, Capt.
D.A.P.M. 52 Area.

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SUBJECT:- Stabbing a British Military Policeman

Report by 7690753 L/Cpl E PEARSON 231 Pro Coy

I have to report that at TARANTO on 30 July 44 about 2000 hrs I was walking along Lungomare Vitt Emanuele, and as I was passing a number of Italian civilians who were walking on the footpath I suddenly felt a stab in my left arm. I immediately turned round ans saw QUISITANIO Cosimo who resides at 200 Via Di Mezzo, Taranto, with a knife in his hand. He suddenly started running and I gave chase. I eventually caught him by tripping him up. As he fell, he flung the knife away and it was immediately retrieved by two more civilians who then ran away. I arrested the above named civilian and conducted him to the Questura where he wasdetained.
J.I. submitted.

30 July 44

7690753 E PEARSON L/Cpl CMP
231 Pro Coy

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REPORT

To: A.P.M.
182 Ports Provost Coy

Sir,

I have to report that at TARANTO on Sunday 30 July 44 about 2030 hours, on instructions received, and accompanied by three other Members of this Unit, I proceeded to TARANTO OLD TOWN to make enquiries regarding the discharging of Fire Arms.

After an extensive patrol of the Town and the questioning of a number of Italians, I was unable to obtain any information regarding the reported incident.

In the Fiel
31 July 44

2713173 (signed) J HANLEY Sgt.
182 Ports Provost Coy, C.M.P.

Copy to: H.Q. 52 Area CMP (per A.P.M. 52 Area)
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SUBJECT:- Disturbances - Taranto.

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231 Pro Coy

Sir,

I have to report that at TARANTO on 31 July 44 I visited the 22 Gen Hosp when I was given details of the casualties that occured in the disturbances between FRENCH and ITALIAN personnel on 30 July 44. They are as follows:-

1. L/Cpl. HAMPSON, 1033 Docks Operating Coy, RE.
Shot thigh - NOT serious. Detained.

2. Cpl. FRACCARO, A. 1st Regt. French Marines.
Serious Leg injuries. (? Shell or shot). D.I.L.

3. Sgt. Le Fay. French Marines.
Extensive injuries to chest. Shot. Died after admission

4. Sol. ROCCA
In very serious condition. Lacerations. Shot. Not expected to live.

5. MARCOVITCH, L. French Marines.
Shell wounds. Serious. D.I.L.

6. ONESTR. French Marines.
Dead on admission.
Capt Dean is carrying out a Post Mortem examination today to determine whether the extensive chest injuries were caused by shot or grenade.

Field, 31 July 44 Signed 7684716 Sjt. CMP.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

SUBJECT: Extract from Taranto Police Report for month of Jul 44.

In Mottola a Polish soldier killed a civilian with a pistol shot and committed suicide. The motive was jealousy for a woman.
On July 16 in Massafra a farmer was knifed by Polish soldiers when he refused to them to a postitute. 35A see
On July 17 in Statte 6 English soldiers, drunk, tried to abduct 3 girls and were beaten up by civilians who came to the girls' aid. All 6 soldiers were taken to the Hospital for treatment.
On the 20th of July in Taranto in fights between Italians and French, a certain Stelvio Pizzini was killed by the French, 3 other civilians and II Italian sailors were wounded. Number of French wounded is unknown. As a result of these incidents the city of Taranto was placed "out of bounds" to French troops.
On July 21-22-23, in Martina Franca there were several incidents between French and Italians when some Frenchman tried to kiss a girl, in the Public square. One French soldier was killed by an Italian sailor, still unidentified.
On July 24 in Taranto a South African soldier killed an Italian when the latter protested because the African had touched the girl in "delicate parts".
To avoid far more serious incidents a stricter restriction on sale of wine was imposed by Prefect.

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Public Safety

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

Your ref _____

My ref PS/12

Subject Disorders in Taranto 5 August 1944

TO : Chief Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ, ACC, APO. 394

Forwarded herewith for your information are copies of reports concerning disorders in Taranto Province.

Lloyd E. Kelly

LLOYD E. KELLY
Lt. Col., Inf.
Regional Public Safety Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II
TARANTO PROV.

3 August 44.

REF :T/PPS/36

SUBJECT: Italian soldier and Italian civilian found dead on Statte road near Taranto.

TO : Regional Public Safety Officer, HQ. ACC, Region II, BARI.

The Questore of Taranto reports today that last night, Allied Military Police took to the Civil Hospital the corpses of an Italian soldier and civilian, found dead on Statte road, close to where the French Division is camped. They both xxx had been shot in the back of the head by party or parties unknown.

The soldier's name is Capanna Augusto of the 93rd Infantry Regt, also camped on Statte road.

The civilian's name is still unknown as he has not been identified yet.

I.J.Marchionna, Sgt.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

TARANTO PROVINCE

3 August 44

REF : T/PFS/36

SUBJECT: Riot between Italian and French Military.

TO : R.F.S.O.,ACC,Region II, BARI.

The following is the Questura's version of Sunday night's incident, 30 July 44, on Lungomare, Taranto, between French and Italians:-

" Last night at about 2000 hrs, French and Italian sailors quarrelled because of unknown reasons.

An Italian military patrol intervened to quell the riot and it seems that ~~xxx~~ a rifle shot was discharged into the air. The French sailors flung ~~xxxx~~ themselves against members of the Italian patrol and disarmed ~~xx~~ them of their muskets, then turned in a provoking manner toward the civilians who crowded the Lungomare for their customary~~x~~ walk. Italian sailors retorted the provocation and came into conflict with the French sailors. At a certain moment two bombs were thrown, it is not clear by whom. When the Italian Military Police and the British Police arrived on the spot, fire arms were used by the Italian and French sailors, with the results as follows:- Two civilians killed, one about to die, three seriously wounded, an Italian Marine Officer seriously wounded, three sailors slightly wounded. French casualities are unknown. The authorories concerned have forbidden the French and Italian sailors to come on land. Military patrols will go around disarmed.

Signed: Lentini,
Questore.

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I.J.Marchionna,Sgt.

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Allied Control Commission
Palazzo del Governo
TARANTO

T/PRS/36

3 August 44.

SUBJECT:- Behaviour of Moorish troops in Taranto.

TO:- A.P.M.,
52 Area.
" R.P.S.O.,
ACC, Region II,
BARI.

The following translation of letter received from R.Guardia di Finanza is forwarded for your information:-

"On the 27th inst. together with the patrol commanded by me, I was coming back to Taranto, in a small motor-van from a special service for the 'Granaries of the People'. Along the Martina Franca - Taranto road, at a distance of about 3 miles from Taranto, we met with hunderd of Moorish troops, stationing on both sides of the road. Some of them, gesticulating in a threatening way pronounced words which I did not understand. On reaching Taranto, the guards forming the patrol told me that a group of those coloured troops had spat against them. If I had noticed that immediately, or if my men had had/informed me at once of the outrageous affront suffered, an evident offence to the whole Italian Army, I would have reacted and ordered my men to react, whatever the consequences might have been. One who has a fatherland to defend, cannot think and act otherwise. I beg to notify your office of the happenings, for the necessary action, as I feel sure the Allied Authorities will never consent the Italian Armed Forces to be ridiculed publicly, specially by coloured troops.

Signed: F.Fenga,
Capt. Commanding

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I.J.Marvhionna,Sgt.

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SUBJECT: Incidents.

TO: A.P.M.,
HQ., 52 Area.

Copy to: R.P.S.O.,
HQ., ACC, Region II,
BARI.

Allied Control Commission
Palazzo del Governo
TARANTO

T/APS/36

2 August 44.

The following is a translation of report from Questura, about various incidents that happened last night in Taranto Prov. between Allied soldiers and Italians:-

1. Scrimieri Cataldo, son of the late Cosimo, 32 yrs old, was attacked by 7 British soldiers and received knife wounds in the stomach. The incident happened in Via Dante at about 2130 hrs. last night 1 August 44.

2. Carlucci Pietro, son of the late Saverio, 49 yrs old, was attacked last night, 1 August 44, by two French soldiers and received various ~~wounds in~~ body wounds. The French also took 400 Lire away from him. Scene of incident, Murimaggio, Via Statte.

3. Fornaro Gaetano, of Antonio, was wounded in the head by two French soldiers in Via Leonida, corner of Via Amedeo., 1 August 44.

All three men were taken to the civil Hospital for treatment. The cause of the incident is unknown.

Signed/Lentini
Questore

I.J.Marchionna, Sgt.

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SUBJECT: -Phonogram from Questura.

TO:- R.P.S.O.
HQ. ACC., Region II,
BARI.

Allied Control Commission
Palazzo del Governo
TARANTO

T/PPS/36

2 August 44.

The following is a report from Questura received at this office today:-

"Capotorto Isabella, living at Bellavista, I Km. from Taranto, came to us this morning and made following complaint:

'Last night, 1 August 44, my house was perquissitioned by French soldiers who were armed, and they took away L 30000 worth of gold articles, foodstuffs, thretening with their pistols, women and children and promising to pay us a second'visit' tonight.

My husband was arrested together with several others, by the British M.P.s last night and presently is being held in the civil jail, Taranto.

I ask you to give me protection in case the French should come back again."

Signed: Lentini,
Questore.

Copies of letter have been sent to A.P.M. 52 Area Field Security Section.

I.J. Marchionna, Sgt.

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SUBJECT:-Incidents between French & Italians.

Allied Control Commission
Palazzo del Governo
TARANTO

T/PFS/36

2 August 44.

TO: R.P.S.O.
HQ. ACC., Region II,
BARI.

The following are a series of reports sent by Comando Gruppo CC. RR. to this office this morning, concerning various incidents that happened in Taranto Prov. July 31 and August 1:-

I. Yesterday, 31 July, at about 1930 hrs, on the Statte road (Taranto) 3 French soldiers fired several shots in the air and stopped Carabiniere CARUCCI Michele, who was off duty, taking the pistol away from him and saying that the a/m Carabiniere had filled 2 French soldiers the previous day.

Signed: Giuseppe Lupis,
Capt. CC.RR.

2. Last night some Negro soldiers (?) camped near Bellavista (Taranto), and Italian sailors in charge of searchlights A.C. 14 and A.C. 23, shot it out for a few minutes but nobody was injured. The incident happened when the Negroes asked the sailors for wine and women and then tried to disarm them of their rifles. The empty shells of the rounds that were fired are being held at the 'Searchlight Command' of the 'Castello'.

Signed:- Giuseppe Lupis,
Capt. CC.RR.

3. Further to report N.2, the same Negroes that tried to disarm the Italian sailors i/c of searchlights AC 14 & AC 23 and that werw beaten back after exchanging rifle shots, went to a nearby farmhouse and tried to rape a woman but again they were unsuccessful.

Signed:- Giuseppe Lupis,
Capt. CC.RR.

4. All Allied Police Agencies were sent copies of these reports by Carabinieri.

I.J.Marchionna, Sgt.

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Palazzo del Governo
TARANTO

T/PPS/36

2 August 44.

SUBJECT: Incidents between French & Italians

R. P. S. O.,
ACC, Region II,
BARI

The following is translation of report from Carabinieri, Taranto, concerning incidents between French and Italians on Taranto-Statte road:-

"Last night 31 August 44, on Taranto-Statte road, armed French patrols stopped and searched all Italians that were passing by, taking pistols and knives away from those who happened to be in possession of them. Some of the Italians were also insulted and slapped in the face.

An Italian sailor reported that he was stopped by the French and that they wanted to lynch him but succeeded in escaping when a squad of armed Italian sailors from the anti aircraft batteries came to his aid.

Signed: Giuseppe Lupis,
Capt. CC. RR.

L.J. Marchionna, Sgt.

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SUBJECT:-Martina Franca, incidents with French soldiers.

Allied Control Commission
Palazzo del Governo
TARANTO

T/PFS/36

1 August 44.

R.P.S.O.,
ACC, Region II,
BARI.

The following message has been forwarded to me by the Prefect of Taranto, today at 0900 hrs:-

"40 French fusiliers commanded by two officers, have reached Martina Franca today at 1530 hrs. They have asked the local communist leader to show them where the Mayor and the Police officer live, as the latter had to communicate the name of the man who killed ~~xxx~~ a French soldier. The communist leader has explained to them that neither the Mayor nor the Police officer could furnish the information they wanted and has accompanied them to the Carabinieri Barracks. Here, after a short talk, rifle shots have been exploded on both sides. Bombs have been used too. A civilian and a British policeman have been wounded. It seems that also four French soldiers are wounded. The population, alarmed, is ready to react. After the intervention of the British police, the French troops have gone away threatening the population they would come back with bigger forces.

Signed:Festa,
Prefect

I.J. Marchionna, Sgt. 466 I

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

TARANTO PROV.

REF :T/PFS/35 25 July 44

SUBJECT: Incidents between Italians and French soldiers.

TO :A.P.M. HQ. 52 AREA.
copy to: Regional Public Safety Officer,
HQ. ACC, Region II, BARI.

The following is translation of letter received from Prefect of Taranto and it is forwarded for your information and any action you may take on the matter:-

"On July 21st and 22nd in Martina Franca, French soldiers, acted insolently towards the civilians and especially towards women, thus causing various incidents in the Commune.

Two of the Frenchmen, who were more drunk and violent than the rest, were stopped by the same civilians and handed over to the Carabinieri who in turn took them to Taranto on a truck supplied by the Italian Division 'Piceno', notwithstanding the threats of reprisals made by other French soldiers.

The local Police Agencices foresee graver consequences should the incidents happen again, that is why I beg you to send, every afternoon, one patrol of Allied Military Police in that Commune as long as possibilities of incidents persist.

Signed: FESTA, Prefect.

I.J. Marchionna, Sgt.

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T R A N S L A T I O N

At 15 hrs. on the 1st inst. a squad of about 50 French mariners degaulists, armed with muskets and machine guns on command of three officers arrived by trucks at the square in Martina Franca. Their commandant went to the house of the professor Carrucci, chief of the local communist section, and obliged him to come down and to drive him to the house of the seven highest authoritics at the place; the mayor, the P.S. commissioner, the parish priest, the commander of the carabinieri, ect., that had to be taken and shot on the next morning as reprisals for the killing of a French mariner, about what is in the letter 74/183 of the 29 July 1944 .

The professor Carucci accompanied the squad to the barrack of the carabinierix which had in the meantime prepared themselves for defence. On the request to open the door and to deliver the commander of the section as reprisal, the maresciallo maggiore Campolmi replied with a denial inviting the French officer to be calm and to wait. The French officer shot at him several shots from his pistol and began immediately to fire at the barrack which door he was going to break down. The carabinieri replied resolutely throwing hand bombs and dispersed the aggressors who fled first towards the public gardens and then towards Taranto by their own means taking along three gravely wounded men. On the side of Italians 5 wounded men of which one very grave among civilians which intervened in order to defend the barrack. The ~~Division~~ military Division Piceno was immediately informed and took action of security to meet the eventual return of the degaulists, ~~ha~~ reinforced the defence of the carabinieri barrack and of the military seats.

The incidents may be renewed. The Allied Police was at once informed by telephone and has already arrived.

The military marine command in Taranto- in accordance with previous arrangements issued the order that all the Italian troops on the territory of the Piazza Marittima in Taranto including also the carabinieri reali have to perform their duty disarmed.

The above is a translated copy of an unsigned statement from the Bari CC.RR. Legion Commander, delivered to the R.P.S.O., Region II, by the Bari CC.RR. Group Commander on 2 August 44.

Received before 6 Aug 44

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12th August 1944.

Ref: 395/CA.
A/CC 250.1

SUBJECT: Behaviour of French Troops - TARANTO.

TO : Chief of Italian General Staff.

1. On receipt of your letter P.M. 135,11 dated 5th August, I caused enquiries to be made regarding the disturbances in TARANTO and BRINDISI Provinces. Preliminary reports show that a number of serious disturbances involving French soldiers and sailors on one side and Italian soldiers, sailors and civilians on the other side, did take place and that casualties were inflicted on both sides.

2. It was also reported that the Area Commander, in order to avoid further casualties, gave orders that the CC.RR should perform their duties without arms. Although in principle I agree with you that the CC.RR should not be deprived of their arms, I think we must leave the decision in these cases to the Military Commander on the spot and I have no doubt that he consulted representatives of the Allied Control Commission before giving this order.

3. I expect shortly to have a full report from the Regional Commissioner of the area concerned and I have little doubt that by now the arms have been restored to the CC.RR.

4. I understand that BRINDISI has been placed out of bounds to French troops.

Hq A C C - Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date - Time 13-8-44 1120
Via HS
Initials SRR

HILARY W. STOHN
Captain, USAF
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Adm Sec (Attn. Public Safety Sub-Com).

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ROME II August 44.

PROMEMORIA : Colonel KIRK
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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On July 31st 1944, following the noted incidents provoked by the French troops in Taranto and province, the command at the head of that Naval District by request of the 52nd Allied Area, disposed, mongst other things, that, together with the other troops, the cc.rr.s should also go about disarmed both in and out of service.

The cc.rr. commander of the province did not miss pointing out to the Naal District commander, Admiral Manfredi, the obvious inconveniences which could have derivedd from the a/m/ dispositions as the cc.rr.s would have found themselves in the impossibility of watching over theorder and public safety, wit hout the means of imposing with their strengthh where necessary, therespect of the law, and the rejecting of eventual violences in thepractise of their functions. But up till now, the disposition does not appear to havehx been revoked.

The above is referred for those competent provisions which are necessary in this case.

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Roma, 11 agosto 1944.

PROMEMORIA per il Sig. Colonnello KIRK
Capo della Sottocommissione per la P.S.
- COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO -
R O M A

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Il 31 luglio scorso, in seguito ai noti incidenti provocati dalle truppe francesi in Taranto e provincia, il comando in capo di quel dipartimento marittimo, a seguito di richiesta della 52^ area alleata, dispose, tra l'altro, che, insieme con le altre truppe, anche i Carabinieri Reali dovessero andar disarmati tanto in servizio quanto fuori servizio.

Il comandante dell'Arma della provincia non mancò di far presente al comandante militare marittimo, ammiraglio Manfredi, gli ovvi inconvenienti che sarebbero potuti derivare dall'accennata disposizione, poichè i carabinieri si sarebbero venuti a trovare nella material e impossibilità di attendere alla tutela dell'ordine e della sicurezza pubblica, senza i mezzi per imporre, ove del caso, con la forza, il rispetto della legge, e per respingere eventuali violenze nell'esercizio delle loro funzioni. Ma finora non risulta che la disposizione stessa sia stata revocata.

Tanto ho riferito per quei provvedimenti di competenza che saranno giudicati del caso.

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CC.RR. GENERAL COMMAND

5 August 44.

N.251/12

SUBJECT: Incidents provoked by French soldiers.

TO : Colonel Kirk, Director P.S. Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Re our conversation of the 3rd inst. I report with deep resentment the new and serious incidents provoked by the French troops in Brindisi and Taranto.

In Brindisi

On July 24th 44, in Via Giordano Bruno, a French and Moroccon soldier broke the windows of the houses of Abramo SERRATI and Francesco ZUPPETTA, who, at the request of wanting some wine, had answered that they could not give them any. 1200 lire damages.

On the following day 25th, three French soldiers, on the provincial road S.Vito in the restaurant managed by Cosimo MELIONE, after having pronounced offensive phrases at the Italian Army, in the presence of a soldier (Italian) who did not re-act, refused to pay for the wine drunk using violences and menacing the same MELIONE and relatives.

Shortly afterwards, Cosimo MELIONE, who succeeded in escaping though, was put on to alarry.

The next day, the same soldiers returned to the restaurant in search of the MELIONE brothers, but they were not able to find them; on the evening of the 27th July, a group of French soldiers, in Via Porta Lecce, after having drunk abbundantly in the restaurant of the brothers Pietro and Cosimo MANCAVO, going on to the road, used violences and menaced a few passers by and an Italian soldiers, who were wounded, due to their intervention to protect the civilians. A hand grenade was also thrown, without consequences.

Another group of French soldiers, entered the restaurant in Corso Roma, broke plates and mirrors.

A third group, finally went towards the seat of the Section of the Communist Party, expecting to enter with the force of the carabinieri who were guarding it. A rifle shot, fired by a carabiniere for intimidation, helped to send them away.

On July 28th, a group of French soldiers, camped in camping localities, for reasaons not yet known, opened fire against the house of Raffaele AMBROSI.

A group of 10 sailors ofthe nearby battery "Cillarese" ran up, and who, greeted by rifle shot by the French, also re-acted with rifle shots.

Two civilians were killed, one of which a woman, three wounded, one of which an Italian soldier.

In Via Porta Lecce a French soldier was wounded by a hand grenade thrown by a civilian not yet identified.

The English police intervened stopping and accompanying 8 sailors to the cc.rr. barracks, 6 of which wounded.

All these incidents, and the others reported, have ended by determinig such a state of exasperation, that the population of Brinddsi appears to be decided to walk about the street armed, in order to drive away new and probable French violences.

In Taranto

Between July 30th and 1st August, French soldiers, with no reason whatever, assaulted and wounded the porter Antonio FORNACI, the carpenter Angelo MARTELLARO and the soldier MERIGGI Aurelio, from whom the sum of 6.4000 lire was also taken.

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On the 3rd inst. the English police had transported to the local hospital the bodies of two persons, bearing firearm wounds on the neck.

One of the bodies has been identified as the infantry soldier CATANNO Augusto of the 93rd Reggiment.

Inquiries are continuing to identify the authors of the duplicate homicide.

Translation 12/8/44
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Riservato alla persona

COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CARABINIERI REALI

UFFICIO SITUAZIONE

N. 251/12 di prot. Ris.Pers. Roma, 5 agosto 1944

Risposta al *del* *n.* *Allegati n.*

OGGETTO: Incidenti provocati da militari francesi.-

AL SIGNOR COLONNELLO KIRK - CAPO DELLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA - COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

R O M A

In relazione al colloquio avuto con V.S. il giorno 2 corrente, Le segnalo con vivo rincrescimento i nuovi gravi incidenti provocati da truppe francesi in Brindisi e Taranto:

In Brindisi

- il 24 luglio u.s., nella via Giordano Bruno, un militare francese e un marocchino frantumarono i vetri delle abitazioni di Abramo SERRATI e Francesco ZUPPETTA, che, alla richiesta di somministrar loro del vino, avevano risposto di non potergliene dare.- Danni per circa 1200 lire;
- il successivo giorno 25, tre soldati francesi, sulla via provinciale "S. Vito", nell'osteria gestita da Cosimo MELLONE, dopo di aver pronunziato frasi offensive per l'Esercito Italiano, alla presenza di un nostro soldato, che non reagì, si rifiutarono di pagare il vino bevuto e usarono violenze e minacce allo stesso MELLONE e ai famigliari di lui.-

Poco dopo, sequestrarono il Cosimo MELLONE, che riuscì

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a fuggire dall'autocarro sul quale era stato caricato.-

L'indomani,i medesimi militari tornarono all'osteria in cerca dei fratelli MELIONE,ma non poterono rintracciarli;

- la sera del 27 luglio,un nucleo di soldati francesi,in via "Porta Lecce",dopo aver bevuto abbondantemente nell'osteria dei fratelli Pietro e Cosimo MANCAVO,uscito sulla strada, usò violenze e minacce ad alcuni passanti e a militari italiani,dei quali rimasero feriti,intervenuti per proteggere i civili.- Vi fu anche il lancio di una bomba a mano, senza conseguenze.-

Un altro gruppo di francesi,penetrato in un ristorante del Corso "Roma",vi frantumò piatti e specchi.-

Un terzo gruppo,infine,si diresse verso la sede della sezione del Partito Comunista,pretendendo di entrarvi con la forza dai carabinieri che la vigilavano.-

Valse ad allontanarli un colpo di moschetto,sparato da un carabiniere,a scopo di intimidazione;

- il 28 luglio,un gruppo di militari francesi,accampati in località campestre,per motivi non ancora accertati,aprì il fuoco contro la casa di Raffaele AMBROSI.-

Accorse un nucleo di 10 marinai della vicina batteria "Cillarese",che,accolti a fucilate dai francesi,reagirono a colpi di moschetto.-

Rimasero uccisi due civili,di cui una donna,feriti tre, di cui un soldato italiano.-

In via "Porta Lecce" un militare francese riportò ferite da bomba a mano,lanciato da un civile non ancora identificato.-

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La polizia inglese,intervenuta,fermò e accompagnò nella caserma dell'arma 6 marinai,di cui 6 feriti.-

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Tutti questi incidenti, e gli altri già segnalati, hanno finito per determinare uno stato tale di esasperazione, che la popolazione di Brindisi si mostra decisa a scende= re armata nelle vie per respingere nuove probabili violenze dei francesi.-

In Taranto:

Fra il trente luglio scorso e il primo corrente, milita= ri francesi, senza motivo alcuno, aggredirono e ferirono il fattorino Antonio FORNACI, il carpentiere Angelo MARTELLA= RO e il fante MERIGGI Aurelio, al quale fu anche depredata la somma di £.6.400 lire;

- il tre corrente, la polizia inglese fece trasportare all'o= spedale locale i cadaveri di due persone, recanti ferite di arma da fuoco alla nuca.-

Uno degli uccisi è stato identificato per il fante CA= TANNO Augusto, del 93° reggimento.-

Fervono indagini per identificare gli autori del dupli= ce omicidio.-

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
COMANDANTE GENERALE
- Taddeo Orlando -

0. Adac Safet. SC 3768

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

HEADQUARTERS
6 AGO 1944
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3 Aug. 44.
ACC 31A

REF : PS/22

SUBJECT : Disturbances - French Naval and Military Personnel.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC. APO 394.

Recently, in Taranto and Brindisi Provinces, there have been numerous serious disturbances involving French soldiers or sailors on one side and Italian sailors and soldiers and civilians on the other side. 25C ACC 24A.

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It has not yet been confirmed by a written report.

On 22 July, 1944 at Martina Franca, Taranto Province, a French soldier was killed by an Italian sailor. This is alleged to have been caused by an attempt on the part of the French soldier to kiss an Italian girl.

CC.RR report that on 1 August , 50 armed French under command of three officers arrived in Martina Franca and

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demanded that the following be produced and turned over to them, who(according to the CC;RR.)were to be shot the next morning as reprisals for the killing of the French mariner: Mayor, Public Security Commissioner, Parish Priest, Commander of CC.RR., etc,. The CC.RR refused to comply. The Carabinieri claim that the French fired a volley at the Caserma, to which they replied with bombs, and that the French then dispersed.

I saw 23 bullet holes on the outer and inner walls of the Caserma and adjoining residence. Two bullets entered the second floor(1st floor, Italian) window of the Caserma and two entered a window of the adjoining residence.

An ACC officer who happened to arrive in town during the disturbance, stated that there was spasmodic firing for at least thirty minutes.

Casualties were as follows:

Killed	none
Seriously wounded	1 Italian Civilian.
	3 French mariners
Slightly wounded	2 Italian Civilians
	1 Italian soldier.

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25 July	Hurt	5 Italian sailors.
		1 Italian soldier
		2 civilians
28 July,	Killed	2 Civilians.
	Wounded	7 Italian Military.
		2 Civilians

Brindisi has been placed out of bounds to French troops.

It must be borne in mind that these reports come from Italian sources, but "where there is so much smoke, there must be some fire".

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The control of Allied Military Personnel is essentially the responsibility of the Military Commanders. The commander of 52 Area is aware of the situation and, I am informed by F.C. Taranto, taking appropriate action, including investigation of the incidents and steps to insure punishment of offenders, regardless of nationality.

The A.P.M., 52 Area, informed me that on the morning of 2 August he found armed Italian soldiers, acting under orders, blocking and guarding the entrance to Martina Franca.

They were withdrawn upon his orders.

Lloyd E. Kelley
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Lt. Col. Inf.
Regional Public Safety Officer.

Copies to:
D.P.M.S District.
Regional Commissioner, Reg. II.

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Col Hale, notes with
a) get latest information
from Eagan
b) communicate with AFHQ
with view to having
AFHQ order
1) Strongest demarche
upon probation of
steel case
2) Organization of joint
patrols on Iron
c) inform me of progress
d) advise me to consult
with Italian govt of
Ellen report Conference
1115 hrs 4 Aug

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PROMEMORIA

for Colonel ..RK,
Director of Public Safety
Sub-Commission.
Allied Control Commission
ROME

3 August 1944.

As already reported by the territorial CC.RR., to the various competent ministries in Taranto and Brindisi, up till now several serious incidents have taken placed between French and Morrocean troops and civilians and Italian sailors.

On the 20th July 44, brawls took place in Taranto in which a student aged 20 was killed and three civilians wounded, a midshipman and eleven sailors. It has not been possible to ascertain the number of the wounded on the French side and Moroccan side. The Allied police, helped by the military police of the place, succeeded, only after two hours in restoring order.

On the 28th July 44, in Brindisi, French soldiers assaulted soldiers and Italian civilians with firing at them, killing two, one a sailor, and wounding eight, six of whom were sailors and one soldier.

Of the French, one soldier was wounded. Order was able to be re-established towards evening, by means of an energetic intervention of the navy and army and mixed patrols of cc.rr., P.S. agents and English police.

On the 31st July 44, in borgata 'Statti' Taranto, a patrol of De Caullist soldiers, stopped and searched civilians and Italian soldiers in order to seize arms from them in case they should have eventually kept them back. Some were even slapped and insulted.

In the evening that same patrol stopped a sailor, with the intention of hanging him, and later freed him as a result of the intervention of a squad of other armed sailors.

On the same day 31st, along the 'Lungomare' road- Taranto, three serious brawls took place between French sailors, Italian sailors and Italian soldiers, with the throwing of a hand grenade and firing of various revolver shots. Two Italian civilians were killed and four civilians and four Italian soldiers wounded.

It has not been possible to find out the number of the dead and wounded on the French side.

The Italian and British military police intervened, and in order to bring back order, it was obliged to fire a few machine-gun shots.

On the afternoon of the 1st inst. a unit of French troops, commanded by three officers, going to the commune of Martina Franca (Taranto) to take hostages re the killing of a Frenchman, assaulted the local CC.RR. barracks. The re-action of the cc.rr.s, assisted by civilians, helped to drive the assailants away.

Five Italians and three French were wounded. Incidents of violence were also verified in the commune of Crispiano (Taranto).

All these occurrences have ended by creating such a tension, that other and

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more serious disorders are foreseen, both in Taranto and Brindisi.

To control them, it would be advisable that the De Gaullists and the French soldiers be forbidden to circulate within the town and that the French ships be prevented from anchoring in the port of Taranto.

If this is impossible, it would be prudent to prohibit the sailors from going ashore.

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Traduzione
vedi Ordine del Col Tiberio
allegato

P R O M E M O R I A

per il Colonnello KIRK
Capo della Sottocommissione
per la Pubblica Sicurezza

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

R O M A

Come già segnalato dall'Arma territoriale ai vari ministeri competenti, in Taranto e Brindisi, si sono finora verificati vari gravi incidenti tra truppe francesi e marocchine e civili e marinai italiani.

- Il 20 luglio scorso, a Taranto, si ebbero risse in cui rimase ucciso uno studente ventenne e furono feriti tre civili, un guardiamarina e 11 marinai. Non è stato possibile finora accertare il numero dei feriti da parte francese e marocchina. La polizia alleata, con l'ausilio della polizia militare della piazza, riuscì, solo dopo due ore, a ristabilire l'ordine.
- Il 28 luglio scorso, in Brindisi, militari francesi aggredirono con colpi d'arma da fuoco militari e civili italiani, uccidendone due, di cui un marinaio, e ferendone otto, di cui sei marinai e un soldato.
  Dei francesi, un soldato ferito.
  L'ordine potè essere ristabilito verso sera, mercè l'energico intervento di reparti armati della Marina e dell'Esercito e di pattuglioni misti di carabinieri, agenti [illegible] e polizia inglese.
- Il 31 luglio scorso, in borgata "Statti" di Taranto, una

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pattuglia di militari degaullisti procedette al fermo e alla perquisizione di civili e militari italiani per sequestrare armi da essi eventualmente detenuti. Alcuni furono anche insultati e schiaffeggiati.
In serata, la stessa pattuglia fermò ancora un marinaio, affermando di volerlo impiccare, e che successivamente liberò, in seguito all'intervento di una squadra di altri marinai armati.

- Nello stesso giorno 31, sulla via "lungomare" di Taranto, si accesero tre gravi tafferugli tra marinai francesi e marinai e soldati italiani, col lancio di qualche bomba a mano e con lo sparo di vari colpi di rivoltella. Rimasero uccisi due civili italiani e feriti 4 civili e 4 militari italiani.
Non è stato possibile stabilire il numero dei morti e dei feriti da parte francese.
Intervenne la polizia militare italiana e britannica che, per ristabilire l'ordine, dovette sparare alcune raffiche di fucile mitragliatore.

- Il pomeriggio del 1° corrente, un reparto di truppe francesi, al comando di 3 ufficiali, recatosi nel Comune di Martina Franca (Taranto) per prelevare degli ostaggi a seguito dell'uccisione di un francese, assalì la locale caserma dei CC.RR.
La reazione dei militari dell'Arma, aiutati da elementi civili, valse a respingere l'aggressione.
Rimasero feriti cinque italiani e tre francesi.

Episodi di violenza si verificarono anche nel Comune di Crispiano (Taranto).

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Tutti questi fatti hanno finito per creare una tale tensione, che sono prevedibili altri e più gravi disordini, sia a Taranto, sia a Brindisi.

Per scongiurarli sarebbe opportuno che ai militari degaullisti e ai marinai francesi fosse inibito di circolare in città, e che alle navi francesi fosse impedito di sostar nel porto di Taranto.

Non potendo evitare la sosta, sarebbe prudente proibire ai marinai di scendere a terra.

lì 3 agosto 1944

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Public Safety S.S. 3381

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

Your ref _____

My ref PS/12

Subject Incidents between French and Italians 24 July 1944

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC.
Adv. HQ. APO 394.

Forwarded herewith is a copy of CC.HQ report and covering letter, concerning a civil commotion at Taranto on 20 July 1944.

HEADQUARTERS
27 JUL 1944
A. C. C.

Lloyd E. Kelley

LLOYD E. KELLEY.
Lt. Col. Inf.
Regional Public Safety Officer

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2.

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Ref: T/PPS/25

Date , 22 July 44

SUBJECT : Incidents between FRENCH and ITALIANS.

TO : Regional Public Safety Officer,
HQ. ACC., Region II, BARI.

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The attached translation of a report from the Carabinieri, is forwarded for your information.

Further to the report from the Carabinieri I beg to inform you that the city of Taranto has been placed "out of bounds" as fas as the French and Colonial troops are concerned, and M.P.s are guarding every access to the city to make sure that nobody does get in.

The man who was killed as a result of the incidents, was employed by A.C.C., Taranto, and was working as an accountant with the Provincial Supply Office.

(Sgd) ? ? Sgt.
Provincial Police Office.

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B° di prot. 38/37-I

Taranto, 21 July 44

SUBJECT : Incidents between French Soldiers and Italian Sailors and Civilians.

TO : Allied Control Commission, Taranto.
" British Military Police, 52 Area.

On the evening of 20 July 44, in Taranto, several incidents took place between French and Colonial Troops, on one side, and Italian Sailors and Civilians on the other.

The French made large use of knives and daggers. Some Carabinieri were attacked by French soldiers, while on duty. Allied Military Police aided by Italian Military Police and Carabinieri fired several shots in the air in order to break up the fights and after two hours succeeded in restoring order.

Results of incidents : I dead, a certain Pizzini Stelvio, 20 yrs old, 3 other civilians wounded, 11 Italian sailors wounded, the exact number of French soldiers wounded is unknown.

On agreement with the Allied Authorities the French troops are forbidden to come to Taranto on leave.

Signed : BRUNO BANDELLONI
Il Capitano Comandante.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
HEADQUARTERS
PUBLIC SECURITY

TO PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION.

24 July, 1944. 24A

Prot.500/155

See 25A

We are bringing to your attention that on the night of July 20, a group of French and Moroccan attacked with knives and daggers Italian sailors, civilians and carabinieri who happened to be there.

The Allied Police, with the auxiliary military police of the park and CC.RR. succeeded to quell the riot after 2 hours by firing several shots into the air.

Two students, both 20 years of age were killed; three civilians and 11 Italian sailors suffered slight injuries.

It is not known how many French soldiers were injured.

The Allied Command has been notified so that the French soldiers would be restricted to their barracks.

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma: 24 Luglio *1944*

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI
PUBBLICA SICUREZZA
presso l'On. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
DI CONTROLLO
R O M A

Divisione A.G.R. *Sez.*
Prot. N.° 500/155 *Allegati*

Risposta al Foglio del
Div. *Sez.* *N.°*

OGGETTO

Si ha il pregio di comunicare, per opportuna conoscenza, che la sera del venti corrente, in Taranto, gruppi di militari francesi e marocchini in transito provocavano incidenti e risse con marinai italiani e cittadini facendo largo uso, contro i medesimi, di coltelli e pugnali ed aggredendo anche alcuni carabinieri che si trovavano sul posto.

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Non si conosce se e quanti militari francesi siano rimasti feriti.

Ad evitare ulteriori incidenti il giorno stesso furono localmente presi accordi con le Autorità Alleate per vietare la libera uscita, nella città, alle truppe francesi.

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DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489081
Ext: 502

ACC/14030/2/PS

26 July, 1944.

SUBJECT : Relations between Troops and Civilians, Carbonara

TO : R.P.S.O. Region II (through R.C.) /22B

1) The attached letter delivered at this office is apparently intended for you.

2) Your attention is invited to para.5, and your views and recommendations are requested.

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PAUL G. KEYE
Colonel Inf.
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489091
Ext: 502

ACC/14030/2/PS

26 July, 1944.

SUBJECT : Relations between Troops and Civilians, Carbonara

TO : Commanding General CC.MR.

The attached copy of letter received at this Headquarters is forwarded for your information.

I should like to have your Comments on para.5.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Inf.
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT : Relations between Troops and Civilians, Carbonara

GSI (b) HQ 2 District CMP
Prov. Police Commissioner,
ACC, CMP (for information)

1. On 16 July 194h, at about 1800 hrs, a disturbance occurred in Carbonara between several Cypriot soldiers and Italian civilians.

2. At about 1900 hrs, two Cypriot soldiers ran into this billet and demanded "ammunition" to fire upon a crowd of Italians on the road outside who were throwing stones. A few minutes later another Cypriot, very badly wounded in the head, staggered into the billet.

3. A call was put through to CMP in Bari and an ambulance was called from 26 Gen Hosp. to take care of the wounded soldier.

4. Pending the arrival of the CMP, an effort was made to ascertain the cause of the fracas. The Cypriots told garbled and unintelligible stories and members of the CC.RR appeared to know nothing of how the affair started. Later, reports indicated that trouble started over an Italian girl, and a Cypriot helped along the party by firing some revolver shots into the air in an endeavour to intimidate an angry male Italian. The CMP took over and took into custody the Cypriot with the revolver.

5. This case is of interest as the Maresciallo CC.RR at Carbonara states he considers the town to be one of the most dangerous in southern Italy. He claims that many criminal types are resident there and he has repeatedly asked his superiors for reinforcements so that the area can be effectively policed. These requests have been refused. The Maresciallo suggests that it would be advisable to have an armed picquet (Allied personnel) in Carbonara nightly, if possible, but certainly on Sundays, when people from neighbouring hamlets visit the piazza. The Maresciallo is extremely co-operative and is prepared to place the onserms and his men at the picquet's disposal.

6. This Section has liaised with HQ SIB and has passed on to the NCOs investigating the disturbance such information that has been received from contacts in the town.

7. It would appear that the potential danger of the inhabitants of Carbonara is Not political but purely criminal. Previous incidents have occurred but this is the first occasion on which it is known that Allied personnel have been wounded.

F.E. McCallum Capt.
Officer i/c Section.

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Translation

June 27 - 1944

Memorandum to : Chief of P.S. Lab - Commission RCMP

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On the night of 11 last., two unknown negro bandits went into the farm "Mimi Piccola" on the territory of Montegiove (Taranto) armed with a knife and murdered Montanaro Pietro fu Carlo, 45 years of age, born in Cautino, followed, asking constantly for "Signorina" who were absent.

As Montanaro's children, Joseph 12 years old and Grace - nine years old - were found in one of the two negroes took hold of the father while the other murdering hack with a knife, while the other placed of the nine-years-old girl on the bed and violated her. As the mine was committed the negroes went away hunting at them not to come out or they would kill him.

American Police at Grottaglie is investigating together with the local Arma for identifying the authors of the crime.

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li 24 giugno 1944

P R O M E M O R I A per il Capo della Sottocommissione
per la P.S.
- COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO -
S A L E R N O

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Notte dal 10 all'11 corrente due militari negri sconosciuti penetrati abitazione masseria ""Muni Piccoli"" territorio Montejasi (Taranto) armati di pugnale minacciavano Montanaro Pietro fu Cataldo di anni 48 da Carosino Fittavolo,chiedendo insistentemente signorine che erano assenti.

Poichè in casa si trovavano i figli Giuseppe di anni 12 e Grazia di anni 9,mentre uno dei negri teneva fermo con pugnale in mano il padre,l'altro adagiava sul letto la figlia novenne violentandola. Consumato delitto i negri si allontanavano facendo cenno al Montanaro di non uscire propria abitazione altrimenti lo avrebbero ammazzato. Polizia Americana Grottaglie informata,indaga unitamente Arma quella stazione per identificazione autori delitto.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

24th June, 1944

ACC/14030/2/PS

SUBJECT : Injuries inflicted upon Allied Troops.

TO : RC, Region VII

A copy of AAI/5081/A(MS) dated 13 May, 1944 is forwarded herewith as requested in your A/55/57 dated 12 June, 1944.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT:- Allied NF Personnel suffering from wounds caused by Italian Civilians or Military

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/5081/A(P3)

22 JUNE 44.

Rear Hq
Allied Control Commission
Public Society Sub Commission
APO 394.

Ref your letter ACC/14030/2/P3 dated 19 Jun, herewith 3 copies of this Hq letter AAI/5081/A(P3) dated 13 May.

AF/RAP.

Brigadier, G.S.
DAG.

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SUBJECT: Allied Mil Personnel suffering from wounds caused by Italian Civilians or Military

Hq ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

AAI/5081/A(PS)

13 May 44.

'A' HQ 1 District
'A' HQ 2 District
'A' HQ 3 District

1. In unoccupied territory (i.e. below the Northern bdys of the Provinces of SALERNO, POTENZA and BARI), ITALIAN civilians and soldiers committing offences are normally tried by the ITALIAN Courts.

2. In the event of members of the Allied Forces being admitted to Hospitals, CCS or the like, suffering from wounds not received in combat but which are suspected to have been inflicted by Italians or soldiers, the following procedure will be adopted to assist the Italian Judicial officials in their task of trying and sentencing offenders:

(a) The Senior Med Offr of the Hospital concerned will render a report (in duplicate) as quickly as possible to the nearest Provincial Commissioner ACC, containing:

(i) Full name, no., rank and regt/corps of the wounded soldier,

(ii) Description of wound (stating depth and probable cause),

(iii) Date of wound and number of days necessary for its cure specifying whether less than 10 days or more than 10 days, and less than 40 days or more than 40 days,

(iv) Whether the accused has been or is in danger of his life as a result of the wound,

(v) If it can be said that the wound will cause any permanent disability to, or loss of, any limb, sense or organ.

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(i) Full name, no., rank and regt/corps of the wounded soldier,

(ii) Description of wound (stating depth and probable cause),

(iii) Date of wound and number of days necessary for its cure specifying whether less than 10 days or more than 10 days, and less than 40 days or more than 40 days,

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5. Sufficient copies are enclosed for distribution down to all Med units affected.

H.R. Harding Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

IBW/Pa.

Copies to: CR. PBS
: Executive Commissioner, ACC.
(your 275/10/CA. dated 2 May 44 refers)
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14930/2/PS 19 June, 1944

SUBJECT : Injuries inflicted upon Allied Troops.

TO : "A" Branch, HQ, AAI.

16A refers

May this office please be furnished with 3 copies of your memo 5031/A(PS) dated 13 May, 1944.

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PAUL G. KIRK, Lt Col
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety 4631
Sub-Commission.

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R. ask HQ AAI for copies themselves

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS

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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

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Lloyd E. Kelly

Lt. Col. Inf.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI BARI

BARI SECTION

3 June 44

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Subject :- Serious incidents at Monopoli caused by Yougoslay Partisans.

As you know,since many months there is at Monopoli the Command of the Yougoslay Partisans Base,which takes care of the despatch of men and material to Yougoslavia for Marshal Tito's Army.

Besides this task,this Command achieves another clandestine task,which is the recruitment of soldiers belonging to the Italian Army and Royal Navy,born in the Veneto region and in Dalmatia. In fact,there have been many cases of disertion of soldiers, who have most probably joined the partisans.

The immediate intervention of the Carabinieri and of the Allied Military Police,have never given results,because the Base Command has either forbidden to inspect the Barracks or has declared that no Italian soldiers have ever been there. This is not true,since the recruiting of the sailor Trapella Enniohas been proved,havinghe escaped from the partisans barracks,and having told that in the same place where he had been there was also infantryman Perus Mario,who had been recruited against his will and had no intention of fighting with the Yougoslave Army.

In the meantime,the partisan garrison at Monopoli,is growing in number every day,and in order to get accomodations for it,the Town Major there,is requisitioning a large number of buidings,which are then guarded day and night by Yougoslay armed sentries. These sentries have besides the rifle,hand granades.

At 0315 hrs on 17 May,the partisan sentry guarding one of the buildings was wounde at both feet by the explosion of a hand granade.

This soldier declared to this officers i/c,that the granade had been pushed on the pavement towards him from a corner of a nearby street by an unknown person. In fact,the hand granade blew up on the payment,and not on the side edge of it,like it would have happened if the granade had really been pushed towards the sentry. Besides,nobody would have pushed,but would have thrown it.

Moreover,after examining the shrapnells,it appeared that it had been a British granade,that is one of those which are issued to the Yougoslay sentries.

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As a matter of fact,at dusk in front of every building occupied by the partisans there arec two sentries,one with a rifle and another one with a tommy gun who are constantly on the alert and forbid the passage of people through the streets.

On top of this,the partisans have alsom set up night patrols,which walk through the town fully armed,stopping italian soldiers and civilians and even Allied soldiers and Officers.

This has caused a great fear among the people,so that doctors and midwives refuse to go out at night,with a serious danger to the patients.

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On the first of this month a partisans patrol, stopped a patrol composed of carabinieri and soldiers, headed by "appuntato" (rank = corporal) Sportelli Michele, and ordered them to return immediately to the teir barracks. This order however was not carried out. A partisan sentry stopped the Commander of the Carabinieri Section of Monopoli and Lt. Donaldisen, ~~Section of Monopoli~~ commander of the Allied Military Security Section, who at 2000 hrs on said day were inspecting the town.

On the 2nd a fisherman Tavera Raffaele was killed. He was passing at 0415 hrs through Via Cristoforo Colombo, coming from the deposit of the Fish Market, of which he is the casher. He was called by the sentry, and after having been identified, he was ordered to go home. While he was following this order the sentry, fired a shot at him and killed him.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI BARI
GRUPPO DI BARI

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n.97/8 di Prot. N.P. Bari, li 3 giugno 1944

Oggetto: Gravi incidenti in Monopoli provocati da partigiani Jugoslavi.

AL MINISTERO DEGLI INTERNI	SALERNO
AL COMANDO ARMA CC.RR.DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA	PM 139
AL COMANDO DEL IXº CORPO D'ARMATA	PM 67
ALLA REGIA PREFETTURA	BARI
AL COMANDO TERRITORIALE DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA	BARI
AL COMANDO DELLA 3ª DIVISIONE CARABINIERI REALI	NAPOLI
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AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE CC.RR. Ufficio Servizio	BARI
AL MAGGIORE REVELEY - Provincial Police Officer	ACC BARI
ALLA REGIA QUESTURA	BARI

Come è noto, in Monopoli, da vari mesi vi è il comando Base di partigiani jugoslavi che provvede all'invio di materiale e uomini in Jugoslavia per l'esercito del Maresciallo Tito.

A tale compito si aggiunge quello svolto, in modo occulto, del reclutamento di militari appartenenti all' Esercito e alla R. Marina Italiana, nati nel Veneto e nella Dalmazia. Infatti numerosi sono stati i casi di militari disertori con probabile passaggio nelle file dei partigiani, segnalati da Comandi del R.Esercito e della R.Marina.

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Intanto,il presidio partigiano di Monopoli, ogni giorno, diventa più numeroso e per fronteggiare le difficoltà di alloggiamento, il Town Major del posto, tramite quel Comando di presidio, procede a perquisizione di un gran numero di fabbricati, guardati poi da sentinelle Jugoslave armate, sia di giorno che di notte. Dette sentinelle, oltre al moschetto sono dotate anche di bombe a mano.

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AL COMANDO BASE [illegible]

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A ciò aggiungasi, che dall'esame fatto dalle scheggie dello involucro, risultò trattarsi invece di bomba inglese, di quelle che vengono date in dotazione alle sentinelle Jugoslave.

Tale avvenumenti feci adottare subito dal comando partigiani misure severe e non affette compatibili per l'ambiente cittadino.

Infatti ad ogni casa occupata dai partigiani, all'imbrunire montano due sentinelle, unaarmata di moschetto e l'altra di

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mitragliatore corto, che tengono constantemente in posizione di pronto, vietando persino il transito delle persone per le relative strade.

A tali misrue di sicurezza si aggiunge ora pure quella della costituzione di pattuglioni notturni, che, ad arma spianata, percorrono le vie della città, procedendo al fermo di militari italiani, di borghesi e persino di Ufficiali e militari Alleati.

Ciò incute timore nella popolazione tanto che medici e ostetriche, durante la notte, si rifiutano di uscire di casa con grave discapito degli ammalati e perpuere.

Il 1° and. un pattuglione dei partigiani, fermò il pattuglione composti di militari dell'Arma del luogo e fanti capeggiato dall'appuntato Sportelli Michele, ed ordinò a tutti di rientrare in caserma perchè era inutile la loro presenza in paese, cosa che l'appuntato ed i fanti non fecero, e una sentinella partigiana intimò l'alt al Comandante della Tenenza di Monopoli, al Tenente Donaldisen del servizio di sicurezza militare alleato comandante la stazione, i quali alle ore 20 del detto giorno, facevano anch'essi un giro di ispezione nella residenza?

Il mattino del 2 corrente, avveniva l'uccisione del pescivendolo Tavera Raffaele, il quale, verso le 4,15, mentre transitava via Cristoforo Colombo, proveniente dal deposito del Mercato Ittico, di cui era cassiere, veniva chiamato dalla sentinella partigiana, dopo essere stato identificato, gli veniva ordinato di andare a dormire. Mentre il Tavera ottemperava all'ordine ricevuto, la sentinella gli sparava a bruciapelo un colpo di moschetto, uccidendolo.

Tale delitto ha suscitato nella popolazione vivissimo allarme e propositi di adeguate reazioni, per cui non da escludersi che continuando i partigiani in simili sistemi terroristici, potranno verificarsi in Monopoli gravi e luttuosi incidenti.

Consta che il comando della sicurezza alleata del posto ha testè informato quello superiore di Bari, ha fino a questo momento, non si conoscono le misure adottate.

Il Ten.Colonnello Comandante
Enrico Carlesi

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HEADQUARTERS Public Safety S.C - Reg #9.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

14030/2

Ref: A/53/57 12 June 1944

SUBJECT: - Injuries inflicted upon Allied Troops

TO : - H.Q. & M.P. Section
HQ. A.C.O. APO. 394

A number of reports on the a/m subject have been referred to this HQ. in accordance with HQ. A.A.I. memo Nr 5061/A (PS) of 13 May 1944. May a copy of the memo please be forwarded to this HQ.

Secretary 2d Lieutenant

JOHN T. ZEMLANS
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS
13 JUN 1944
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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Ministry of the Interior
Dg P.S.

Salerno, 21/5/1944

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Prot. No 011369/443

Subject: Incidents caused by Indian soldiers.

To P.S. Sub-Commission

On 9 Inst, about 22.00 hrs, at Castellone (Beni), three Indian soldiers tried to enter the home of Giovanni Pietro, aged 45 and struck him on his left wrist with a stick because he tried to resist.

Giovannizzi reacted and threw a stone at the face of one of the military men, who fell bleeding to the ground. Then Giovanni barricaded himself in his house.

Later on a truck one hundred Indian soldiers arrived and attacked Giovanni's home and damaged everything by throwing stones and then with sticks and firing pistol shots.

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One Tagarelli Antonio, aged 33, who dared to look
at Giannuzzi's house, was struck at his face with
a stone and was compelled to flee by a terrace
in order to escape the soldiers' wrath.

After said violent acts, the Indian riders
fired some shots at random in the square
in front of Giannuzzi's house, which seriously
wounded two persons and caused fear among

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Ministero dell'Interno
Direzione Generale della P.S.

N. 04139/443

Risposta alla lettera

N. del

OGGETTO
Castellana - Incidenti provocati da militari indiani.-

Riservata

Salerno, li 31/5/1944 -

Traslat

On.le SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI PUBBLICA SICUREZZA - Presso la Commissione Alleata di Controllo

S A L E R N O

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Intervenne la Polizia Americana, la quale fu co a fare uso di fucili mitragliatori, sparando in aria, lontanare i militari indiani, che si ritirarono nel l campamento.

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L'incidente ha provocato vivo allarme ne

IL MINISTRO

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

Your ref ACC/14030/2/Ps

My ref PS 15

29 April 1944

Subject Indiscipline Allied Troops.

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Rear Headquarters. APO 394.

Reference your ACC/14030/2Ps, I forwarded the papers to Regional Police Officer, Region 7 for information and necessary action asit is a matter pertaining to that Region.

Captain.
Regional Police Officer.

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Rear HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

26 April 1944

SUBJECT : Indiscipline Allied Troops.

TO : CPS.

From : Admin. Officer.

The attached copy statement was made at this office this day.

I respectfully suggest that copies of the statement be forwarded to RPSO Reg. II, for his information, and to the Provost Marshall, American and British, N°2 District, for necessary action.

Powell.

BADEN POWELL
Captain,
Admin. Officer

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From : HQ ACC Public Safety Sub-Commission

TO : RPSO, Reg. II
PM. HQ. PBS.
DPM. HQ, N° 2 District.

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Major
for Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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25 April 1944

GIANNELLI ALFREDO FU GIULIO -

ESULA CAMP GIULIETTO (PROV. CATANZARO)

States:

I am the General Manager of large farms in the provinces Catanzaro, Cosenza and Naples.

On the 22nd April, 1944, I was leaving Isola to go to Naples. I was using my Fiat type motor car No 1100, Reg. N- CZ 2924 and was accompanied by my mechanic. At about 12.30 pm, on approaching the town of CORIGLIANO, Province of Cosenza, I was stopped by a British soldier who was accompanied by two Italian Civilians. The soldier asked me for my pass and personal papers. After I had shown them to him, he asked me and my mechanic to place our luggage out on to the road, so that he could inspect it. As the mechanic was placing the cases in the road, the soldier and the civilians surrounded him with drawn pistols. The soldier had a revolver similar to that used by the Military Police and the civilians had automatic pistols. After the cases were moved out of the car, the one civilian ordered me to get into the back seat of the car, which I did. My mechanic was ordered to do the same. One of the civilians then sat in the back with me, one in the front seat, and the soldier took the wheel.

The soldier drove the car through Corigliano, and for a distance of 15 km and we stopped on a small bridge (?10), then they made us get out of the car, at the same time threatening us with their pistols, and took us into some nearby woods. They made us sit down, and while the soldier covered us with his revolver, the civilians tied our hands to and our backs, and tied our legs. The soldier took my wallet containing 7 000 lire, from my trouser pocket, and also 300 lire which were loose in my pocket. The soldier then tied my handkerchief round my mouth.

The soldier then took 300 lire from my mechanic and tied his handkerchief round his mouth also.

They then left us, and we heard the car being driven, and I have not seen the car or the soldier or men since. After some time we managed to release ourselves and got back to Corigliano, where we reported the matter to the C.C.RR. My mechanic went back to where we were first stopped, where he found the cases being taken care of by a peasant who had witnessed the incident. At that time the mechanic was informed by a passing farmer, that the soldier and the civilians had stopped at his farm for the past three nights. They collected our luggage and attached a ride, and at [illegible]

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approaching the town of NORMANNO, Province of Messena, I was stopped by a British soldier who was accompanied by two Italian civilians. The soldier asked me for my pass and personal papers. After I had shown them to him, he asked me and my mechanic to place our luggage out on to the road, so that he could inspect it. As the mechanic was placing the cases in the road, the soldier and the civilians surrounded him with Sten pistols. The soldier had a revolver similar to that used by the military police and the civilians had automatic pistols. After the cases were moved out of the car, the one civilian ordered me to get into the back seat of the car, which I did. My mechanic was ordered to do the same. One of the civilians then sat in the back with me, one in the front seat, and the soldier took the wheel.

The soldier drove the car through Normanno, and for a distance of 13 km and we stopped on a small bridge (Sic), then they made me get out of the car, at the same time threatening me with their pistols, and took us into some nearby woods. They made us sit down, and while the soldier covered us with his revolver, the civilians tied our hands behind our backs, and tied our legs. The soldier took my wallet containing 7 00 lire, from my trouser pocket, and also 900 lire which were lose in my pocket. The soldier then tied my handkerchief round my mouth.

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We collected our luggage and obtained a ride, and at Lastonaci, we stopped and reported at the C.C.S. there. A C.C.S. stated that he had seen a soldier with 3 civilians pass him with a car, proceeding towards Palermo.

We then came on to Palermo, and on the 15th I reported the facts to the Questore at Palermo, who informed me that investigations could be made.

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Description of Soldier:- about 25 years, 5'8", very dark hair, pale complexion, very good teeth except two side teeth overlap, which is very noticeable, neat distinctive appearance spoke bad Italian, and in my consider opinion is more likely to be American, than English.
Uniform:- British battledress with gd tens, white belt, revolver holster, field service cap unknown badge in cap.

Description of Civilians (1) 25 years, 5'4", curly brown hair, blue eyes, brown tie, light brown suit, shoes, rough dirty. appearance. Neopolitan accent.

(2) About 28 years, 5'6", black hat and suit, dirty appearance, very insignificant type.

I could recognise all three men again.

I am returning home at the end of the month, where I shall report it to the Questors there.

The name of my mechanic is ANCOTTI Biagio, address as mine.

GIANNELLI ALFREDO

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MINISTRY OF THE INTE[illegible] OF

6 ~~March~~ April 1944.

N. 010354/443

Conduct of Allied Soldiers i n Santeramo in Colle (Bari)

At 2130 hours on Feb. 28th, several drunken English soldiers molested civilians in the streets and fired some pistol shots in the air. One of them entered a private home and tried to carry away an 18-year girl.

The Commisario Prefetizio has advised the local British command who advised that he would see that such repetitions would not reoccur, and that he would see that those responsible would be ap prehended.

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MINISTRY OF THE INT. OF

4 March 1944.

N. 010354/443

Conduct of Allied Soldiers I n Centuries in Colle (Perl)

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Salerno, 4 /4/1944

Ministero dell'Interno

Direzione Gen. P. S.

N. 010354/443

Risposta alla lettera

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OGGETTO

Santeramo in Colle (Bari)
Comportamento di militari
Alleati. -

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA di CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione Pubblica Sicurezza

S A L E R N O

E' stato segnalato che il 28 febbraio u. s. verso le ore 21,30, il Santeramo in Colle (Bari), alcuni militari Inglesi, in stato di ubbriachezza, molestavano i cittadini transitanti per le vie ed esplodevano in aria colpi di pistola - Uno dei militari suddetti penetrava in un'abitazione privata e tentava di condurre via con sè una ragazza diciottenne.

I fatti vennero riferiti dal Commissario Prefettizio del Comune al locale Comando Inglese, che assicurò il proprio interessamento per impedire il ripetersi dell'inconveniente e per i provvedimenti a carico dei responsabili.

Ne informo, per opportuna notizia, codesta Commissione.

Il MINISTRO

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

21 March 1944

ACC/14030/2/PS

SUBJECT: Removal of Property from
Dr. Luigi LAPICCIRELLA.

TO : Regional Public Safety Officer, Region II

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1. A translation of a letter dated 23rd Feb. 1944 from Dr. Luigi LAPICCIRELLA of Via Umberto I, No. 15, Iacche, complaining of the removal of his property by Allied soldiers, is forwarded to you.

2. If sufficient details can be obtained to trace the soldiers concerned the matter should be referred to the local Commanding Officer or the Provost Marshal. Otherwise the complainant should approach the Claims Commission.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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TRANSLATION

Doctor Luigi Lepiccirella
Lecce

Lecce, 23/2/44

To: Allied Control Commission
Brindisi.

The undersigned, Doctor Luigi Lepiccirella, owner of a private house with an adjoining garden situated between the villages of Santa Maria and Santa Caterina di Nardo (Lecce) wishes to notify you of the following:

About a month ago a few Allied soldiers and NCO's came to the above mentioned private house, occupied by Slovene refugees, and without any authority they removed, with a car, a piano of German make worth L. 10000.

Five or six days later other Allied soldiers and NC's called again at the private house of the undersigned and removed from the adjacent garden 13 high-pressure tubes of "Eternit" concrete each 4 metres long and each costing L. 1000.

The Undersigned, by notifying the Commission of this, requests that the necessary steps be taken to obtain the restitution of the piano and of the 13 "Eternit" tubes or to be issued with a document certifying that the above articles were duly removed.

/s/ Dr. Luigi Lepiccirella

Via Umberto I, No. 15,
Lecce.

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Dott. LUIGI LAPICCIRELLA
LECCE

Lecce, 23/2/1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

B R I N D I S I

Il sottoscritto, Dr. Luigi Lapiccirella, proprietario di una casa padronale con giardino attiguo situata fra le borgate di Santa Maria e Santa Caterina di Nardò (Lecce) segnala quanto segue:

Circa un mese fa alcuni soldati e sottufficiali alleati si presentarono alla predetta casa padronale, occupata da sfollati Slavi, e senza alcuna autorizzazione portarono via con un autoveicolo un pianoforte di marca tedesca del valore di L.10.000.

Cinque o sei giorni dopo altri soldati e sottufficiali alleati si presentarono nuovamente alla casa padronale del sottoscritto e dal giardino adiacente portarono via n.13 tubi in cemento armato "Eternit", per conduttura forzata, della lunghezza di metri 4 cadauno e del valore di £.1000 ciascuno.

Il sottoscritto nel segnalare quanto innanzi prega codesta Commissione perchè siano presi gli opportuni provvedimenti tendenti ad ottenere la restituzione del pianoforte e dei 13 tubi di "Eternit" o un documento attestante l'avvenuto prelevamento dei citati oggetti.

Dr. Luigi Lapiccirella
Via Umberto I° 15
Lecce

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

23 March 1944.

ACC/1h090/2/PS

SUBJECT: Alleged Abuse of Italian Workers at BARI by Allied Personnel.

TO : His Excellency, Signor Reale, Minister of the Interior.

1. Acknowledgement is made of your communication dated March 15. regarding the above subject.

2. Pending our inquiry and action, I should appreciate the receipt of any particulars which you may have in substantiation of the allegation.

PAUL O. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Risposta alla lettera

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OGGETTO

Maestranze lavori per conto degli Alleati.

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9A 18 MAR 1944

Salerno, lì 15 marzo 1944

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On/le COMMISSIONE ALLEATA di CONTROLLO

S A L E R N O

Viene riferito che le maestranze addette ai lavori di scarico nel porto di Bari, per conto dei Comandi Alleati, lamenterebbero di essere oggetto di ingiurie e percosse da parte di elementi militari anglo americani.

Si segnala quanto sopra a codesta On/le Commissione per quell'interessamento che riterrà svolgere, al fine di evitare il ripetersi di incresciosi incidenti.

Si gradirà un cortese cenno di riscontro.

IL MINISTRO

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Translation attached 4615

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Ministry of Interior.
No.177/GAB. RI[redacted]

Subject:

Guild of workers being occupied on behalf of the United Nations. (Allied Forces)

Salerno, March 15th. 1944.

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I have got the information that the workers occupied with discharging work in the port of Bari on behalf (for account) of the Allied Command, make claims that they are subject of insults and punchs by British and American Military Elements (persons).

I give notice of the informations mentioned above to the A.C.C. for giving the necessary orders and explanations to avoid the repetition of these vexatious incidents.

I shall be expecting your reply in this matter.

The Minister
Signed: R e a l e .

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI BARI

Gruppo di CHieti in Vasto

N.193/2 di prot.div.3ª Vasto, li 17 febbraio 1944

OGGETTO: Incidenti fra militari italiani e quelli alleati.-

AL COMANDO ARMA CC.RR.DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA BARI
AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE DEI CC.RR.-UFF.Comando-BARI

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Per notizia comunico che il IO corrente in Lanciano, si sono verificati i seguenti incidenti:

Iº)-Alle ore I2 nei pressi di quella caserma, un paracadutista-ritenuto camerata-avvinazzato, avvicinato il carabiniere ROSCO Camillo, che in quel momento transitava, gli chiedeva chi fosse e, sputolo, gli vibrava, senza motivo, due schiaffi che il carabiniere ha evitato. Mentre i due stavano per venire a colluttazione, sono intervenuti altri paracadutisti che hanno trascinato via il loro compagno.

2º)-Alle ore I4, quattro paracadutisti sono entrati nel cortile della caserma dell'Arma chiedendo insistentemente che il militare di piantone, carabiniere rich.MARTELLI Francesco Paolo, li accompagnasse presso prostitute locali. Alla risposta negativa, predetti militari hanno malmenato il predetto carabiniere che ha riportato contusioni alla faccia esterna del labbro superiore e ferita escoriata alla faccia interna dello stesso labbro, guaribile in IO giorni.-Poichè in difesa del MARTELLI accorrevano i carabinieri SQUADRITO Antonio e LORETI Amato, avveniva una colluttazione con scambio di pugni e calci. Un paracadutista-nell'occasione- estraeva un coltello che i militari dell'Arma gli hanno impedito di usare.

3º)-Alle ore I5, nei pressi di quel Municipio, altri paracadutisti hanno-senza motivo-fermato e malmenato due carabinieri di transito. Un terzo carabiniere NANEI Giuseppe, pure di transito, che tentava accorrere in

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I°)-Alle ore I2 nei pressi di quella caserma, un paracadutista-ritiensi canadese-avvinazzato, avvicinato il carabiniere BOSCO Camillo, che in quel momento transitava, gli chiedeva ch'i fosse e sputolo, gli vibrava, senza motivo, due schieffi che il carabiniere ha evitato. Mentre i due stavano per venire a colluttazione sono intervenuti altri paracadutisti che hanno trascinato via il loro compagno.

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3°)-Alle ore I8, nei pressi di quel Municipio, altri paracadutisti hanno-senza motivo-fermato e malmenato due carabinieri di transito. Un terzo carabiniere NANEI Giuseppe, pure di transito, che tentava accorrere in 4614
difesa dei compagni, veniva a sua volta, circondato da un nucleo di soldati allestì e malmenato. Uno degli aggressori puntava contro il carabiniere NANEI la propria rivoltella ma il militare dell'Arma con un colpo sulla mano gliela faceva cadere ~~[illegible]~~ ed estraendo la propria arma riusciva a liberarsi e ad allontanarsi.-Il NANEI riportava contusioni all'occhio destro.-

4°)-Alle ore I7 il carabiniere DI CIANO Alfredo, transitando per la via S.Iorio veniva fatto segno a parole ingiuriose e al lancio di mele qua-

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ste da parte di alcuni militari alleati,cuochieri, appartenenti a un reparto di artiglieria.

In seguito a tali incidenti il comandante della compagnia si è recato a conferire con il comando A.M.G. del luogo nel quale,nel presentare un rapporto sui fatti, ha protestato energicamente per il contegno dei militari alleati,chiedendo che venissero adottati i necessari provvedimenti, affine di evitare ulteriori,più gravi incidenti.

Il predetto comando ha presentato le scuse per l'occorso,comunicando che erano state impartite tutte le disposizioni del caso per prevenire ulteriori fatti del genere,e che già tre dei militari responsabili erano stati arrestati dalla polizia militare alleata.

IL MAGGIORE COMANDANTE
(Ernesto Giovagnoli)

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TRANSLATION

TERRITORIAL REGION OF CCRR AT BARI
Group of Chieti in Vasto.

SUBJECT: Incidents between Italian and Allied Soldiers.

Vasto, 17 Feb. 1944. 8A

TO : HQ CCRR at Bari (Arma)
HQ CCRR at Bari (Legion)

1. I have been notified that the following incidents occurred at Lanciano on the 10th of Feb.

At 1200 hrs. in the vicinity of that station, a Canadian parachutist, under alcoolic influence approached Carabiniere BOCCO Camillo, who was walking (his post), and asked him who he was and being informed, let fly a few passes which the Carabiniere avoided. While the two were about to engage in fisticuffs, other paratroopers intervened and carried off their companion.

2. At 1400 hrs., four paratroopers entered the court of the station insistently demanding that the guard, Cara. MARTELLI Francesco, accompany them to local prostitutes. At being denied, the above Cara. was beat up and suffered contusions on his upper lip and face, curable in 10 days. Two other Carabinieri rushed to his defense, (SQUADRITO Antonio and IORETI Amato), and a brawl ensued with exchanges of fists and kicks. One of the Paratroopers flashed a knife which the Carabinieri prevented him from using.

3. At 1500 hrs. in the vicinity of the Municipio (of Lanciano) other paratroopers, without provocation, stopped and mauled up two Cara. walking their posts. At a third, NANEI Giuseppe, also walking his post, who sought to come to the aid of his companions, was in turn, surrounded by a group of Allied soldiers and also mishandled. One of the aggressors pointed a pistol at NANEI which the latter knocked out of his hand and taking out his own gun succeded in freeing himself and getting away. He reported contusions to his right eye.

4. At 1700 hours Cara. DI CIANO Alfredo, walking his beat on via S. Iorio, was being insulted in sign language by a group of Allied soldiers who then started to hurl rotten apples at him (N.F.s belonging to an Artillery group).

Thereupon, as a result of these incidents, the commander of the company went to the AG command to confer with authorities on the above matter, reporting the facts, and protesting strongly the attitude of the allied soldiers, and requesting that necessary measures be taken, to prevent the further occurrence of such serious incidents.

The Officer in command offered his apologies for such behaviour, and stated that all the facts of the matter would had already been noted and that action had already been taken in that regard, and that three of the men responsible had been arrested by the Allied police.

The Major in Command,

Sgd (Osvaldo Giovannoli).

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Sgd (Osvaldo Olovagnoli).

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

3 March 1944

TO : C.P.S.

Visited Hq 96th Service Group today. Met the Commanding officer Lt. Col. Hill also the A-2 12th APSC Major J.A. Sylvester and the ~~PM~~ PM. 12th ASSC Capt. Burdette, discussed all cases of violations by members of his group - Negro soldiers, gave him the information on same he had not heard of including the hold-up at the Health Dept. office, (his Provost officer knew about this case but had not spoken to him about it).

Col. Hill will go into all cases and take action where a case can be made out.

C. C. A. MERCHIANI
1st. Lieutenant, Infantry
Police Division.

Col Mearney —
Have all Italian copy of report of Italian officials, as that identification — ready for arrest by us here.

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Risposta alla lettera

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OGGETTO

To the.

Officer Commanding

510 Independent Mobile Provost Company

e p. c. Brigadier Generale D Parkinson
Alleato Commissario Sanitario della A.C.C.

On the 25th February about at about five,30 in the afternoon a negro clad with an U.S.Army uniform shouted some unintelligible words to two os us (Dr Trillo,Dr Martini) who were standing near an open fenester in the Public Health Bureau (Ministry of Interior)in via Roma 35.
After that the coloured man presented himself into the Bureau alwais muttering unintelligible phrases and began pointing through the pocket of the overcoat what seemed to be the barrel of a revolver in menacing attitudide.
Speaking more clearly he motioned all of us to stand up near the wall alwais under the menace of firing at us from the pocket telling that we were German spies,that he was going "to pierce our guts"and grabbing at the papers on the desk.
After the arrival of our chief medical officer,Dr Vezzoso,the negro motioned us to stand with hands up front to the wall, and began searching in our pockets,butting to each of us the muzzle of the revolver im the side while doing so.
Then he retired to the other side of the room;alwais pointing to us the supposed revolver,abusing us and speaking of murdering us.
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e p. c. Brigadier General D Parkinson
Deputy Commissioner Investigation Sect A.C.C.

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We were then set free and asked the help of british and american soldiers.
The negro was halted a few yards from our bureau,accompanied to the Sub-Area and then to an american barracks and to the Provost-Marshall office.

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We miss the following things:
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3)-a sum of money,about 270 liren,given to the negro under the threat of death.
A report about that incident will be sent also to the A.C.C. and to the Minister of Interior.
Signed

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Dr Trillo Angelo	Medical Officer	A. Trillo.
Dr Graziano Felice	" "	dr F Graziano.
Dr Martini Igino	Veterinary surgeon	Martini
Sig.Cecere Armando	typewriter	Armando Cecere
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To the

Officer Commanding
310 Indipendent Mobile Provost Company

c.p.c. Brigadiere Generale D.Fortunato
Direttore Consultorie Sanitarie dell'AOI

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Speaking more clearly he motioned all of us to stand up near the wall always under the menace of firing at us from the pocket telling that we were German males that he was going " to pierce our guts" and grabbing at the papers on the desk .

After the arrival of our Chief medical officer, Dr.Vernoso, the negro motioned us to stand with hands up front to the wall and began searching in our pockets, putting to each of us the muzzle of the revolver in the side while doing so.

Then he retired to the other side of the room; always pointing to us the supposed revolver, abusing us and speaking of murdering us .

Owing to the moral strain our service man fainted and were not let free to aid him.

After a lot of time spent in abuses and menaces the negro told us to raise up to five dollars ; in order to be sure I asked him whether he wanted money from us,he assented and those of us who had not been already deprivedof our money gave him a few bank-notes , up to 270 lire all together.

We were then set free and asked the help of british and american soldier. The negro was halted a few yards from our service, accompanied to the Sub-Area and then to an American barracks and to the Provost-Marshal Office.

In the Provost Office we got back from the negro t e pair of spectacle stolen to us by the negro and gave a receipt for it.

We miss the following things :

1) a pocket-book, skin leather imitation, containing 1250 lire (one thousand and fifty lire), plus identification cards, belonging to our typewriter Cesare Armando.

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3) a sum of money, about 270 lires, given to the negro under the threat of death.

A report about that incident will be sent also to the A.... and to the Minister of Interior.

Signed

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Dr. Graziano Felice	" "
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Possible Complicity by Govt Canada

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Ref. A / 33/43

25 Feb 44

Subj. Acts of Indiscipline by Allied Troops.

To: R.C. and M.G. Section, A.C.C. HQ, Naples.

1. There is attached for your information and appropriate action a detailed report of several acts of violence committed by Canadian soldiers against civilians at Trebisacce, Cosenza Province, on 9 Jan 44.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF COSENZA

CIVIL AFFAIRS
POLICE OFFICE

22nd. February 1944.

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SUBJECT: ACTS OF INDISCIPLINE BY ALLIED TROOPS.

TO: G.C.C. in C., 8th. ARMY. THRO' R.O., REGION 2.

Reference AMGOT/1017/PS dated 18th. September 1943:

Herewith a report from the Carabinieri combating serious allegations of acts of violence by Canadian soldiers against the civilian population at Trebisacce, Province of Cosenza, on the 9th. January 1944. It is also stated that women were assaulted, property stolen, and as the result of indiscriminate shooting, the following persons were injured:- Russo Francesco, Tiretta Domenico, Firetta Salvatore, and Miretta Vincenzo.

It appears that the Commanding Officer of the convoy was informed, and an identification parade held, but without success. It is presumed, therefore, that the matter has already been reported by him.

Additional copies attached for:-

(1) Chief Civil Affairs Officer in accordance with the above quoted memo.
(2) Claims and Hirings Branch, Catanzaro.

E.W.H. Dyer

(E.W.H. Dyer) Capt. PCAPO.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI CATANZARO

GRUPPO DI COSENZA

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To The CHIEF OF POLICE OF A.M.G.O.T. OF COSENZA

On the 9th Inst. a motor column of Canadian soldiers going from Reggio Calabria to Taranto, stopped for the night at Trebisacce.

The soldiers, after parking the vehicles, spread over the town, where through the civilians they procured sufficient alchcolic drinks to render them drunk.

At 7pm., in a state of drunkeness, passing by the house of the railwayman TUCCI Domenico and perhaps hearing female voices, they opened the door violently and entered the house. Tucci's daughters, Rafalda aged 21, Casimira aged 19, and Anna aged 14, frightened, bolted by the back door and the Canadians remaining alone with the owner, searched the drawers of a chest and took a clock worth Lire 150.

At 8pm. the same day, two other Canadian soldiers also drunk, entered with violence into the house of AMERISI Vincenzo, at the edge of the village and with revolver in hand obliged AMERISI and his wife RIZZO Santa to follow them into the country, perhaps with the intention of abusing of the woman and not succeeding as she escaped, they searghed Amerisi stealing Lire 30 he had in his pocket.

About 11 pm. on the same day other three Canadian soldiers, armed with a hand machine gun, came to the house of TIROTTA Salvatore and not having obtained some wine, they fired on him wounding him on the left hip.

His relations TUNNO Francesco, TIROTTA Domenoco and TIROTTA Vincenzo intervened but they also were fired upon and all wounded with injuries curable in 15 days?

The Comand of the parking station of Trebisacce and the Comand of the Carabinieri ofthe place, hearing the above facts, organized a service of soldiers and carabinieri to trace the Canadians guilty of above crimes, but

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The injured people were also unable to recognize the said soldiers,even though ,through the Commandant of the parking station ,they were confronted with all the soldiers of the column.

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(signed) The Lieut.Col.Comanding the Group

Di Nunzio Quintilio

Jan .18 1944

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI CATANZARO
GRUPPO DI COSENZA

N°279/14 di prot.RIS.PER. Cosenza lì 18 gennaio,1944

OGGETTO:Reati commessi da elementi alleati in danno della popolazione di Trebisacce.=

AL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA DELL'A.M.G.O.T.DI COSENZA
e,per conoscenza

AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE TERR/LE DEI CC.RR.DI CATANZARO

Il giorno 9 corrente un autocolonna di militari canadesi proveniente da R.Calabria e diretta a Taranto permettò al parco sosta di Trebisacce.

I militari dopo avere sistemati gli automezzi si sparsero per le vie di quell'abitato,dove ebbero occasione con l'ausilio dei civili di procurarsi bevande alcoliche sino a rendersi alticci.=

Alle ore 19 essi,in istato di ubbriachezza,transitando nei pressi dell'abitazione del ferroviere TUCCI Domenico di Francesco,forse perché avevano sentito delle voci femminili,aprirono con violenza la porta ed entrarono in casa.Le figlie del TUCCI a nome MAFALDA di anni 21,CASIMIRA di anni 19 e ANNA di anni 14,spaventate,scapparono uscendo dalla porta retrostante e cosi i canadesi rimasti soli con il proprietario rovistarono i tirretti di un cassettone ed si appropriarono di una sveglia del valore di L.150.=

Alle ore 20 dello stesso giorno,altri due militari canadesi anche in stato di ubbriachezza,penetrarono con violenza nella casa del contadino AMERISI Vincenzo d'ignoti di anni 34,situata alla periferia del paese, e qui con la rivoltella in pugno obbligarono l'AMERICI stesso e la moglie di costui,RIZZO Santa di anni 40,a seguirli in aperta campagna, forse con l'intenzione di abusare della donna e non essendovi riusciti perché costei ebbe modo di fuggire,perquisirono lo AMERISI depredandolo della somma di L.30 che teneva in tasca.=

Verso le ore 23,sempre dello stesso giorno 9,altri tre soldati canadesi armati di fucile mitragliatore,si presentarono nell'abitazione di

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Verso le ore 23,sempre dello stesso giorno 9,altri tre soldati canadesi armati di fucile mitragliatore,si presentarono nell'abitazione di TIROTTA Salvatore fu Luigi e di Amerisi Rosa di anni 35,e non avendo ottenuto del vino fecero fuoco contro costui producendogli una ferita d'arma da fuoco all'altezza del terzo medio anterore inferiore della anca sinistra.

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Intervenuti i parenti TUNNO Francesco di Giuseppe, TIROTTA Domenico di Luigi di anni 33 e TIROTTA Vincenzo di Luigi di anni 22 anche costoro vennero fatti segno a colpi di mitraglia rimanendo tutti feriti d'arma da fuoco con lesioni guaribili in 15 giorni?=

Il Comando del parco sosta di Trebisacce ed il Comando della stazione carabinieri in luogo, venuti a conoscenza dei fatti sopra esposti organizzarono subito un servizio con carabinieri e soldati allo scopo di rintracciare i canadesi autori dei sud= detti reati, ma ciò nonostante l'identificazione dei responsabili riuscì negativa.

Egualmente negativo riuscì il riconoscimento dei militari stessi da parte dei danneggiati che per interessamento del co= mandante del parco sosta furono messi a confronto con tutti i militari della colonna.

IL TENENTE COLONNELLO COMANDANTE DEL GRUPPO
=Di Nunzio Quintilio=

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R E F E R T O M E D I C O

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Trebisacce, il 10 gennaio 1944.

Sono stato chiamato questa notte, 9 gennaio 1944, alle ore 23 circa per visita re d'urgenza alcuni civili feriti da arma da fuoco.

Ho constatato che il nominato TUOTO Francesco di Giuseppe di anni 33, nato a Cerchiara residente a Trebisacce, in Via Trieste n.23, aveva una ferita da arma da fuoco all'altezza della regione fronte parietale destra e sfiorante losso cranico.

Il paziente ne ha avra`per una 15 di dieci salvo complicanza.

Visitata la nominata Tiretto Domenica fu Luigi e di Amerise Rosa di anni 35 nata a Trebisacce, ivi residente in Via Trieste n.23, ho riscontrato una feri- ta d'arma da fuoco, con foro di entrata e di uscita alla parte esterna del- la regione del ginocchio destro, e un'altra della stessa natura al piede si- nistro interessante il lato superiore esterno.

La paziente ha avuto forte perdite di sangue e trovasi in grave condizioni con prognosi riservate.

Vitistato il nominato Tiretta Salvatore fu Luigi e di Amerise Rosa di anni 32, nato a Trebisacce, fratello della precedente ed ho constatato ferita d'arma da fuoco con foro di entrata all'altezza del terzo medio anteroinferiore della sinistra, e con foro d'uscita all'altezza del terzo supero mediale del- lo stesso arto.-Il paziente ha avuto molta perdita di sangue perciò gli fa prognosi riservate.

Visitato il nominato Tiretta Vincenzo fu Luigi e di Amerise Rosa di anni 22 nato a Trebisacce, fratello del precedente, ho constatato ferita lacero contu- se penetrante fino all'osso cranico all'altezza della parte centrale della regione fronteparietale e diverse ematomi in varie parte della testa.

Il paziente che alquanto dice la ferita gli e`stata procurata da varie col- pi dati col calcio del fucile mitragliatore, ne avra`per una quindicina di giorni salvo complicazione. A quanto riferiscono i pazienti le ferite di cui sopra sono stati loro procurate da militari Canadesi, ai quali i pazienti ave- vano dato vino, trovandosi questi gia`avvinazzati, ed essendo

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Il Ten.Medico Dott. Valente Giuseppe

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L'anno 1944 addì 31 gennaio in Trebisacce.

Avanti noi Flocco Gennaro Maresciallo Maggiore Comandante Int.la Tenenza di Castrovillari ed in servizio a Trebisacce abbiamo fatto presentare il nominato Pisriello Pasquale fu Michele e di Temuta Chiara, nato a Bitonto il 10 febbraio 1900 domiciliato a Trebisacce il quale dichiara quanto segue:

La sera del 9 corrente e verso le ore 24 circa mi trovavo a casa mia in Trebisacce che e'situata nella Via Cesare Battista quando sentii' bussare alla porta della parte opposta. Mi alzai perche'ero al letto e sentii'la voci delle figliole del ferroviere Tucci Domenico. Aperta la porta trovai le nominate Tucci Maffelda, Tucci Casimira e Tucci Anna le quali mi riferirono che erano state costrette a scappare di casa perche' 2 soldati Canadesi avevano con la forza violato il loro domicilio e non sapevano che cosa pretendevano dalla famiglia dato che esse si trovavano a letto. Esse mi dicevano che la casa era rimasta in mano ai Canadesi dato che i genitori era assenti perche'la madre si trovava a Cosenza ed il padre era a Liberi di servizio.

Io a dire la verita'non potendo affrontare da sole i detti Canadesi che erano nella casa del Tucci credette opportune di non intervenire pero' verso le ore 2 e quando abbiamo conosciute che essi si erano allontanati, io con una delle figlie del Tucci, ci portammo in casa trovammo la porta aperta e uno scompiglio nella casa stessa perche'i Canadesi avevano revistate ovunque. Riscontrati gli oggetti notammo che era scomparsa solo una sveglia del valore di L.150 che si trovava sul come'.

In fede di quanto sopra mi sottoscrivo.

Pasquale Pisriello

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Finocchio Pasquale

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la Tenenza di Castrovillari e in servizio a Trebisacce abbiamo fatto presentare il nominato Scanderberro Giovanni fu Clemente e di Chiesi Caterina, nato il 5 agosto 1909 a Venezia, Mira ed ivi domiciliato in atto Lanciere al 5° Novara distaccato a Trebisacce il quale dichiara quanto segue:

Il giorno 9 gennaio mi trovavo nella casa contadina che s'situata sulla strada Provinciale e precisamente alle ultime case del paese verso Amendolara dove ero alloggiato quando fui chiamato da una bambina di anni 12 la quale tutta spaventata mi faceva capire che aveva bisogno di aiuto inquanto truppe Inglesi Canadesi che erano qui di passaggio volevano uccidere il di lei padre.

Io corsi subito in compagnia di tre miei compagni e mentre gli altri presero la via della strada, io tagliai per i campi e subito mi portai nella via Duca di Genova che e'situata alla ultima case del paese lato Nord. Qui giunto trovai due soldati Canadesi dei quali uno passeggiava e l'altro teneva afferrato certo Amerise Vincenzo di anni ignoti di abbi 34 con una mano gli teneva immobile il braccio destro mentre con l'altra che era armata di un coltello acuminato gli lo teneva quasi ferma al collo in guisa di colpire.

Io corsi di afferrare e distaccare il Canadese dalla Amerise ma costui rivolgendosi contro di me cercava di colpirmi con lo stesso coltello. Liberato disse che andava a chiamare il sue ufficiale e fu così che i due Canadesi hanno desistito dall'impresa delittuosa.

Non ho visto la moglie dell'Amerise, Ricca Laura di anni 40 perchè costei si era allontanata dall'altro canadese che l'aveva afferrata e non so con quale intenzione.

Seppi dalla Amerise che il canadese le aveva depredato dil.30 che teneva in tasca di una macchinetta accendisigari ed il coltello. La macchinetta poi venne trovata a terra e in mezzo la campagna.

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In fede di quanto sopra mi sottoscrivo.

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Incaricato Ricerche

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Avanti di noi Fiocco Gennaro Maresciallo Maggiore Comandante int.la Tenenza di Castrovillarie in servizio a Trebisacce, abbiamo fatto presentare la nominata Tucci Mafalda di Domenico di anni 21 da Trebisacce la quale denunzia quanto segue:

Verso le ore 23 del giorno 9 gennaio mi trovavo a casa in compagnia delle mie sorelle Casimira di anni 19 e Anna di anni 14. Mentre stavamo per andare a letto sentimmo bussare ripetutamente la porta e parlare con accento straniero. Capimmo che doveva trattarsi di soldati Inglesi o Americani perchè per il passaggio di una autocolonna, il paese durante il pomeriggio era affollato di detti militori.

Noi eravamo soli in casa perchè i nostri genitori si trovavano fuori sede e data la maniera brusca con la quale veniva spinta la porta di accesso alla casa nostra ci siamo impauriti in maniera tale che stimammo opportuno lasciare sola la casa ed uscire da questa dalla porta della strada opposta per andarci a ricoverare nella casa del nostro vicino Fiorello Pasquale fu Michele allo scopo di chiedere protezione.

I canadesi visto che dal di dentro la porta non si apriva, forzarono questa sino ad aprirla e a penetrarvi.

Essi, non avendo trovato nessuno in casa presero a rovistare ogni cosa, e dopo circa due ore di perquisizione si allontanarono dalla nostra casa asportando una sveglia del valore di L.150.

Dopo che i canadesi sé ne sono andati io con le mie sorelle, il Fiorello e qualche componente della sua famiglia, siamo rientrati in casa constatammo che questa era stata messa sottosopra ed accertammo la mancanza della sveglia.

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In fede di quanto sopra mi sottoscrivo.

Lucci Rafaela.

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Avanti a noi Flocco Gennaro Maresciallo Maggiore Comandante Int.la Tenenza di Castrovillari, in servizio in Trebisacce abbiamo fatto presentare il nominato Amerise Vincenzo di ignoti di anni 34 da Trebisacce, muratore, il quale denunzia quanto segue:

Verso le ore 20 del 9 gennaio 1944 mentre mi trovavo a casa che è situata quasi fuori il paese di Trebisacce, si presentarono due soldati Canadesi quasi nello stato di ubbriachezza, uno di essi era armato di rivoltella. Entrati che furono nella casa, quello armato di rivoltella mi afferrò portandomi fuori e per la campagna mentre l'altro afferrò mia moglie per un braccio portando anche lei fuori di casa senza sapere che cosa pretendeva. Mia moglie riuscì a liberarsi dal canadese che la teneva e quindi andò a nascondersi dietro la casa e sotto gli alberi mentre l'altro canadese che mi teneva con la rivoltella puntata, mi perquisì mi tolse dalla tasca un coltello e il portafogli abbassò la rivoltella di cui era armato e poi mi minacciò col coltello di uccidermi. In quell'istante giunse in quel luogo perchè fatto chiamare da mia moglie il soldato Scantaborro Giovanni fu Clemente e costui minacciò il canadese di arrestarlo e denunziarlo ai suoi ufficiali e fu per questo che il canadese stesso dopo di avergli depredato della somma di L.30 che aveva prelevato del mio portafogli si allontanò da quel luogo in unione al suo compagno.

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Amerise Vincenzo

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Amerise Vincenzo

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Avanti di noi Flocco Gennaro Maresciallo Maggiore Comandante int.la Tenenza di Castrovillari ed in servizio in Trebisacce abbiamo fatto presentare il nominato Tirotta Salvatore fu Luigi e di Amerise Rosa di anni 35 da Trebisacce il quale denunzia quanto segue:

Verso le ore 23 del 29 Gennaio si presentarono nella mia rivendita di vino che era con la porta socchiusa tre militari canadesi tutti armati di pistola e di un fucile mitragliatore.Essi erano ubbriachi e nell'entrare nel mio esercizio chiesero del vino.Io siccome ne ero sprovvisto non potei somministragliene ed avendo essi intuito che io non volevo venderne quello armato di moschetto mitragliatore fece fuoco contro di mè ferendomi in diverse parte.Al mio lamento e alle detonazioni intervennero subito i miei parenti Turno Francesco di Giuseppe di anni 35,Tirotta Domenico fu Luigi di anni 33 e Tirotta Vincenzo fu Luigi di anni 22,costoro volevano prestarmi aiuto essendo io rimasto a terra ma i canadesi spararono anche contro di loro ferendoli tutti con arma da fuoco e con lesioni guaribili in giorni quindici.

Per interessamento del Comandante il Parco Sosta Maggiore Maulà ed del Comandante la stazione dei Carabinieri Maresciallo Galasso Guglielmo a cui la stesse sera vennero denunziati i fatti,la mattina seguente siamo stati messi al confronto con tutti i militari canadesi del Parco Sosta però non abbiamo riconosciuti i nostri aggressori.

In fede di quanto sopra mi sottoscrivo.

Tirotta Salvatore

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In fede di cuanto sopra mi sottoscrivo.

Tirotta Salvatore

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1st Ind. GHMc/pjh
HQ, A.C.C., Region II, APO 394, 23 Feb 44

To: R.C. and M.G. Section, ACC HQ, Naples.
Copy: Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC HQ, Salerno.

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CONTROL COMMISSION

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SALERNO PROVINCE

PS/CT/8/44 17 FEBRUARY 1944 5B

SUBJECT: BEHAVIOUR OF ALLIED TROOPS.

TO : R.C., A.C.C. - Region 2.
Area Commander, 94 Sub-Area (for information).

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Further to my letters of the 6th February and the 13th February dealing with behaviour of troops in the Fecatum area, I attach herewith translations of reports from the Carabinieri Station of Agropoli dealing with two further serious cases of highway robbery by Allied troops in the same general locality.

For transmission to appropriate authority please.

H Armstein

Lt. Col., P.C.(Salerno)

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Agropoli - 11/2/44

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SUBJECT: Robbery by Allied Soldiers.

About 2130 hours of the 10/2/44 on the provincial road Agropoli - S. Marco di Castellabate, locality "Monte Maratena" commune of Agropoli (Salerno), three Allied soldiers (two of which wore English uniforms and one an American) armed with pistols, signalled to lorry to stop. This lorry was loaded with flour, and driven by Zecconi Marco, aged 45 years from Pianura (Napoli) coming from Naples and going to S. Marco di Castellabate.

Compelling Zecconi to get off, the above soldiers took possession of the sum of 19.000 lire and of eight small sacks of flour weighing on the whole 180 Kilos, which they loaded on to their small lorry.

The below mentioned people were also on the lorry and were robbed by the soldiers as shown.

ACANFORA ANDREA aged 32 from Messina and resident Naples, driver, [illegible] lire.
SCHERILLO MICHELE aged 20 years from Naples driver, 1165 lire.
ZECCONI GIORGIO aged 17 years from Naples, driver, 200 lire.

Recorded 17/4/44

Agropoli - 13/2/44

On the 2nd February at 2100 hours in Agropoli (Salerno) on the Provincial Agropoli - Torchiara Road, two Allied soldiers signalled with their hands and stopped a lorry coming from Salerno, loaded with flour, driven by Spina Michele, aged 55, business man from Casella Pittari, and on which were also Marrone Gennaro aged 35, driver from Sessa Cilento and Ficca Vincenzo aged 35, manual labourer, from Torre del Greco.

The lorry, having stopped, the above soldiers asked and obtained a ride. After about two kilometers, one of the soldiers aimed his pistol at Spina while the other one did likewise with Marrone and Ficca. Being told to get off the lorry, the latter two obeyed immediately.

One of the soldiers assaulted Spina with blows, producing lacerations on the upper lip, and robbed him of 47.000 lire and a cigarette lighter valued at 500 lire; while the other robbed Marrone of his pocket-book [illegible] lire and other documents, and from Ficca he took [illegible]

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lorry was loaded with flour, and driven by Zecconi Marco, aged 45 years from Pianura (Napoli) coming from Naples and going to S. Marco di Castellabate.

Compelling Zecconi to get off, the above soldiers took possession of the sum of 13.000 lire and of eight small sacks of flour weighing on the whole 180 Kilos, which they loaded on to their small lorry.

The below mentioned people were also on the lorry and were robbed by the soldiers as shown.

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Recorded 17/4/44

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The lorry, having stopped, the above soldiers asked and obtained a ride. After about two kilometers, one of the soldiers aimed his pistol at Spina while the other one did likewise with Marrone and Ficca. Being told to get off the lorry, the latter two obeyed immediately.

One of the soldiers assaulted Spina with blows, producing lacerations on the upper lip, and robbed him of 47.000 lire and a cigarette lighter valued at 500 lire; while the other robbed Marrone of his pocket-book containing 1750 lire and other documents, and from Ficca he took a [illegible] pocket-book containing 1550 lire and other documents.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

RNG/EJB/nr

3 February 1944

SUBJECT: Discipline, Allied Troops

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer, AMG HQ.

THRU : RCAO, Sicily Region HQ.

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

ROBERT N. GORMAN
Major
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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Reports

cc. to: Provost Marshal, IBS, APO 550

FILE: REO 250 1st IND. ER/ED

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS APO 394
4/2/44.

TO: Chief of Staff, A.M.G., H.Q.

Forwarded for information.

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer.

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On January 25, 1944 about 2100 hours the Maresciallo of the Public Security, while on duty at Veneto Square, was stopped by three American soldiers, one of which was armed with a revolver. While he (Maresciallo) was being held at the point of a gun by one of the soldiers, the other two searched him. Having found no valuables on the said Maresciallo, the above mentioned soldiers stripped him of his revolver. Before leaving the scene, the armed soldier, who appeared to be intoxicated, assaulted the above mentioned policeman.

Other information as to the identity of the above-mentioned soldiers is unavailable.

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10 FEB 1944

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On 29 January 1944 at 1840 hours, two unidentified American soldiers stole a Fiat 1100 car, license PA 9386, belonging to Prince Ugo Moncada di Paterno, residing at Villa Trabia at Torre Rosse.

The two soldiers forced the driver to put the car in motion and then took over. At Regina Margherita street, the driver was searched by said soldiers, and afterwards released, while the soldiers drove off towards Corso Olivuzza. Both soldiers spoke Italian slightly.

Other information as to the identity of the above-mentioned soldiers is unavailable.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF COSENZA

CIVIL AFFAIRS
POLICE OFFICE

25th. January 1944.
Ref: S/4

SUBJECT: DISCIPLINE - ALLIED TROOPS.

TO: G.O.C. in C., 15 ARMY GROUP, MTRO' H.Q.A.O.

Reference AMGOT/1017/PS dated 18th. Sept. 1943:

Herewith a report from the Carabinieri containing allegations of theft by Allied Troops of a bayonet from the soldier CIOCATTO Michele, nine from the civilian POTESTIO Giulio, and a pistol from the Italian officer FRANCO Francesco, at about 1 p.m. on the 4th. January 1944, near Amantea, Province of Cosenza.

The only means of identification of the personnel responsible is the number of the lorry in their possession, viz. 46524.

Additional copies attached for:-

(1) Chief Civil Affairs Officer in accordance with the above quoted memo.

(2) Claims and Hirings Branch.

(E. .H. Dyer) Capt. R.C.A.F.

Copy to Chief Civil Affairs Officer AMG HQ

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Il sottoscritto Fante CICCATO Michele di Guglielmo e di Seta Francesca, nato a Barbania (Torino) il I9/I/I9I5, appartenente alla 2^ Compagnia del 346°Btg.Costiero S.Eufemia del Golfo, in servizio al posto fisso sul ponte stradale Oliva di Amantea, dichiaro:

Ieri, alle ore I3 circa ero di servizio sul ponte, vicino la garitta, lato sud.Il Carabiniere In Sala G.Battista si trovava alla altra estremità del ponte.=

E' giunto proveniente da Amantea un autocarro Inglese con a bordo due uomini nella macchina del guidatore.=Si é fermata, mi ha fatto segno il conducente di avvicinarmi e mi ha chiesto informazioni sulla strada per Reggio Calabria.=

Dppo avergliela indicata; lo stesso autista ha allungata la mano al mio fucile afferrando la baionetta.=Io mi sono allontanato di un passo ma l'altro militare che sedeva accanto all'autista e che era quello che si trovava più vicino a me, mi ha puntato in direzione del petto e molto vicino al petto un fucile mitragliatore.=

L'autista é disceso in quel momento della macchina, con la rivoltella in pugno, e mi ha tolto la baionetta mentre ero fermo sotto la minaccia del fucile mitragliatore e della rivoltella che anche l'altro mi puntò.=

Mi misi a gridare all'allarme e subito l'autista salito in macchina ch'era rimasta col motore acceso, si sono immediatamente allontanati a tutta velocità.=Prima che la macchina prendesse velocità, quello armato di fucile mitragliatore ha sempre continuato a puntarmi con esso.=

D.R.Sono rimasto col fucile a brac'arm, senza avere nessuna possibilità di movimento.=

D.R.Il Carabiniere era lontano e capì qualche cosa di anormale in seguito al mio allarme, per cui al suo giungere la macchina erasi diliguata.=

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Amantea, li 5/1/1944 F/to Ciccatto Michele
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Dichiarazione di Giulio Potentio di Raffaele e di Guzzetto Teresa, nato a [illegible]maldi il 13/12/1903, cantoniere statale in servizio al cantone n.41 della Strada Statale n.18, residente a Campora, dichiara:

Ieri 4 corrente mese, verso le ore 12,45 mentre mi trovavo in contrada Coreca assieme ad altri operai che non me lavoravano sulla strada, vidi avvicinarsi a me tale Lorelli Anfolso, il quale veniva accompagnato da un militare Anglo-Amerivano portante in mano un fucile mitragliatore ed il Lorelli una scatola di carne di formato medio.=

Il Lorelli domandò a me se vi era tra di noi qualcuno che voleva dare in cambio 8 uova alla scatola di carne appartenente al militare anzidetto.=

Logicamente, nessuno di noi però aderì a tale richiesta per cui il graduato americano, adirato ordinò a me, puntendomi contro il fucile mitragliatore di andare a comprargli una bottiglia di vino, cosa che io in verità feci onde evitare delle conseguenze.=

Però nel momento in cui detto militare assieme ad un altro suo compagno stava per sorseggiare il primo bicchiere di vino e volevano anche saldarmi di ciò che avevo speso, si trovò a passare vicino a noi un calesse con a bordo un nostro ufficiale ed altri due militari, al che, gli anglo-americani intimatogli il fermo gli spianarono contemporaneamente contro il fucile mitragliatore.=

I nostri militari si fermarono ed uno dei due militari anglo-americani tolse al Tenente la paltola della fondina che portava attaccata al cinturone, minacciandolo con delle frasi ch'io non potei decifrare.=

Dopo che i due militari anglo-americani prendevano posto sulla macchina dirigendosi alla volta di Reggio Calabria e spara,do alcuni colpi di fucile al nostro indirizzo.=

D.R.la spesa da me sostenuta (£5%)quale importo di u litro di vino compresa la misura di vetro portata via dagli stessi militari,non mi venne poi corrisposta.-

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D.R:Per la scorrettezza dimostrata dai predetti militari,presi mentre si trovavano in marcia il N. della loro macchina corrispondente al N48324.

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D.R. Secondo il mioparere i predetti militari erano ubbriachi fradici.
D.R.Non sò altro

Campora S.Giovanni lì 5/1/1944

F:to Giulio Potestio
" Rocco Rosso V.Brg.

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IL T. COLONNELLO COMANDANTE INT. IL GRUPPO
F/to Quintilio Di Nunzio

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Il sottoscritto, Sottotenete Franco Francesco di Pietro e fu Marmo Margherita, effettivo alla I^ Compagnia del 346° Battaglione Fanteria Bis, con sede a Campora S.Giovanni (Cosenza), dichiara che ieri, per ragioni di servizio, si recò in calesse ad Amantea, in compagnia del Se Magg.Agresti Ferdinando e del Caporale Stazzi Pio.=

Durante il viaggio di ritorno, arrivato verso le ore I3,30 in località Corica, scorse un gruppo di civili che discutevano con due militari Anglo-Americani, presso un camion fermo,contrassegnato dai distintivi dello Esercito Inglese.=

Ferso si trattasse di una delle solide discussioni e proseguì oltre Allontanatosi di pochi metri, sentì alle spalle una violenta intimazione, pronunziata in Inglese (lingua che il sottoscritto non conosce).= Fatto fermare il calesse e voltosi per rendermi conto di che si trattasse si, si trovò puntato al petto un moschetto automatico.=

L'arma era impugnata da un graduato di truppa, che aveva accanto un militare in camicia e di cui quindi non si poteva conoscere il grado.= I due (che davano impressioni di essere ubriachi) con gesti agitati e pronunziando parole violente gli strapparono immediatamente dalla fondina, attaccata al cinturone; la Pistola Baretta Cal.9 che conteneva.= La scena fu rapida ed inaspettata e trovò il sottoscritto e i due militari in sua compagnia nell'impossibilità di spiegarsi o reagire.=

L'impressione ricevuta da tutti e tre di meraviglia prima e di sdegno poi.=

Quando il calesse riprese la sua via, i due militari Anglo-Americani lo tennero per un buon tratto sotto la mira dell'arma.=

Campora S.Giovanni, li 5 Gennaio I943

F/to S.Tenente Francesco Franco

F. C. C.

IL T.COLONNELLO COMANDANTE INT. DEL GRUPPO
F/to Di Nunzio Quintilio.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF COSENZA

CIVIL AFFAIRS
POLICE OFFICE

25th. January 1944.

Ref: S/3

SUBJECT: DISCIPLINE - ALLIED TROOPS.

TO: G.O.C. in C., 15 ARMY GROUP, THRO' R.C.A.O.

Reference AMGOT/1017/PS dated 18th. Sept. 1943:

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Herewith a report from the Carabinieri containing allegations of wilful damage and theft of property belonging to Signora Santelli Elisa by a party of unidentified Canadian and British troops, at Cetraro, Province of Cosenza, on or about the 18th. October 1943.

Additional copies attached for:-

(1) Chief Civil Affairs Officer in accordance with the above quoted memo.

(2) Claims and Hirings Branch.

B.W.H. Dyer.
(B.W.H. Dyer) Capt. P.C.A.P.O.

Copy to Chief Civil Affairs Officer AMG HQ.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI CATANZARO

GRUPPO DI COSENZA

N°279/11 di prot. Cosenza li 16 gennaio 1944

OGGETTO: Trasmissione di un rapporto.=

AL COMANDO DELL'A . M . G . O . T . DI C O S E N Z A

e, per conoscenza

AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CC.RR. CATANZARO

Si trasmette l'unito rapporto n.116 del 31 dicembre 1943, della stazione di CETRARO, riguardante un furto commesso ad opera di militari dell'8ª Armata Britannica, per competenza dell'A.M.G.O.T.

IL TENENTE COLONNELLO COMANDANTE DEL GRUPPO

=Di Bonzio' Quintilio=

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI CATANZARO

COMPAGNIA INT. COSENZA

Nº116 del Rapporto.-

Cetraro lì 31/12/943

RAPPORTO circa il furto patito da Santelli Elisa in Leone, ad opera delle truppe di occupazione Inglesi e Canadesi.-

Il 18/10/1943, il signor Leone Giovambattista, da Cetraro, marito della signora Santelli Elisa, faceva pervenire a quest'ufficio, l'unita denunzia scritta, circa un furto patito dalla di lui moglie in una casa di abitazione, sitain contrada -Fonte- territorio di questo comune, degli oggetti in essa elencati, ad opera di militari inglesi e canadesi, i quali sostarono al loro passaggio, alcuni giorni in quella contrada.

Recatomi sul posto il giorno 26 successivo, ho constatato che diverse porte della casa erano state rotte, che il salotto era stato danneggiato che la macchina da cucire era stata resa priva del "braccio" e che N.6bottiglioni erano stati rotti.

Non ho potuto constatare l'ammanco degli altri oggetti elencati nella denunzia perchè nessuna traccia era rimasta. Ho constatato inoltre l'ammanco di N.4 porte alle stalle ed al forno ed il deprezzamento di alcune piante di ulivo.

Da indagini successivamente esperite sono venuto a conoscenza che le suddette truppe, nell'allontanarsi avevano lasciati abbandonati nella campagna adiacente alla abitazione n.2 paglericci i quali sono stati recuperati da un nipote della Santelli a nome Del Carlo angelo, residente in Cetraro Marina, presso la famiglia Cassarec Vincenza, e che ho fatto restituire alla Santelli stessa. Durante il corso delle indagini, nessun oggetto elencato nella denunzia é stato recuperato, fo se perche le truppe di ocupazione nel 'allontanarsi se il abbiano portati dietro.-

Esperite altri indagini per accertare se civili del luogo avessero eventualmente e successivamente al furto commesso dai militari britannici e Canadesi, approfittato ed asportato oggetti di cui alla denunzia della Santelli, essi hanno dato esito negativo.

Le indagini continuerannno per accertare gli eventuali altri autori del furto; oltre i predetti militari, e di ogni esito favorevole sarà fatto seguito al presente rapporto che trasmetto in duplice copia al comando della Legione tenenza dei CC.RR. di Paola per l'ulteriore inoltro di una copia alle autorità militare britannica trattandosi di furto commesso da militari dell'8^ Armata Britannica.

AL SIG. PROCURATORE DELLA LEGGE IN COSENZA

Il Maresciallo M.a P;
comandante della stazione
F/to Sebastiano Lizio

Per l'ulteriore corso di giustizia, trattandosi di reato commesso da Inglesi e Canadesi.

Cetraro li 2 Gennaio 1944.

Il primo trattore F/to illegibile

AL COMANDO DELLA STAZIONE DEI CC.RR. DI

CATRARO

Il sottoscritto Isone Giovambattista, coniuge della signora Elisa Santelli proprietaria del villino situato in Contrada "Ponte" in territorio di Catraro,

Vi denuncia i danni rilevanti causati dalla permanenza temporanea in detto fondo delle truppe Inglesi e Canadesi, colà di passaggio:-

-1-Vari scassi alle porte d'entrata
-2-Distruzione di 4 porte (alle stalle al forno ecc.)
-3-Esportazione dalla palazzina di 4 materassi (2 di lana e due di crine), 2 bauli pieni di biancheria e cioè: 12 paia di lenzuola, 12 coperte di lana, 4 copertini bianchi. N° 4 reti metalliche e relativi lettini fatti a pezzi.-
-4-Tutti gli utensili di cucina e cioè: 4 casseruole d'allumio, 2 padelle, 1 teglia grande di rame ecc.
-5-Un servizio di piatti da 12
" bicchieri 12
" posate 12
-6-N°60 bottiglie vuote
-7-" 2 zappe e due accette e 1 stadera
-8-" 40 sedie
-9-" 6 bottiglioni frantumati
-10-Un braccio di macchina per cucire
-11-Il salotto reso inservibile.

La palazzina non può essere abitata se non dopo regolare disinfezione; perchè nei relativi locali se ne sono serviti da latrina.
NUMEROSISSIMI ALBERI d'ulivo in frutto sono stati divelti ed altri stroncati apportando danni rilevanti.-

La presente denuncia per gli accertamenti del caso e realtivo indennizzo.

Distinti saluti Isone Giovambattista coniuge della signora Elisa Santelli

F/to Isone Giovambattista

Catraro li 18/10/945.-

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proprietario del villino sittiato in Contrada "Fonte"in territorio di Catraro,

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La presente denunzia per gli accertamenti del caso e realtivo indennizzo.

Distinti saluti Leone Giovambattista coniuge della signora Elisa Sahtsli.

F/to Leone Giovambattista

Cetraro li 18/10/943.-

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