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DISCIPLINE OF ALLIED TROOPS, REG. 8, (TOSCANA)
SEPT. - NOV. 1944

MINUTE I:

C.A. Section

Ref. 3A/F.

Attention is invited to reports of misconduct of Allied soldiers. I suggest that copies be sent to AAI with strong letter requesting more vigorous control. If you agree we will prepare letter.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, DPS.

24/11/44
Room 8 5th floor
Tel. Ext. 686.

Prepare a strong letter please

25 NOV 1944

C.A. Sect.
Draft letter for approval
Chapman
Col. D.P.S.
26 Nov. 44.
Room 8 5th floor
Tel. Ext. 686.

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1. Letters for approval by the must be typed on this headed note paper.
2. Two copies must be forwarded to the Office of the Chief of the Staff (C.A.S.) The letter presented before will be to you unless a handwritten note with no number.

27 NOV 1944

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C.A. section.

6A for signature

28 Nov. 44.

S/Sgt Padua
for P/S

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Please see CC & note on draft

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C.A. Section Please see 7A for signature of C.C.

P.S. S.C.
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COS 7A for sign. by CC if approved

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H. W. L. for CC

Ulja Quazle

Letter submitted for signature of CC, if approved, is a redraft of 6A.

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Letter submitted with minute 7 signed & returned.

W. L. R.
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cc 1044
3/12/44W. L. R.
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19 NOV. 1945

TRANSLATION M.C.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
No. 10.10800

15 NOV. 1945 - ROME

TO : ALLIED COMMAND
PUBLIC SAFETY S.C.
ROME

SUBJECT: Suspected murder of a coloured soldier.

For your information we transmit the following letter
by the Leghorn Prefect, dated 9 Sept. No. 27159/

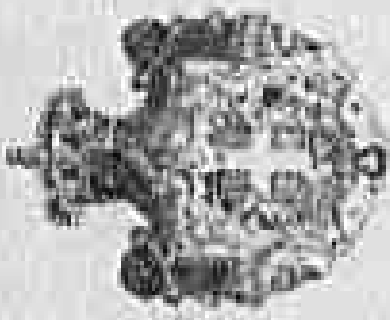
"" On 20 inst at locality "Carbonifera" of Vignale Riotorto
in a wood frequented by Allied coloured soldiers, the almost
dried up body of a negro was found.

Death appears to have taken place around two months ago.
The dead man appears to have been murdered by another coloured
soldier through jealousy.

For the Minister
/s/ illegible

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Mod. 112

17/XI Roma 15 Novembre 1915

ALL' COMANDO DELLA COMMISSIONE

ALLIATA

Sottocommissario per la P.S.

ROMA

Divisione Polizia

Pol. 1°

Risposta al Foglio del

Dir. 1°

OGGETTO rinvenimento di cadavere rimasto sconosciuto. =

Per notizia, si trascrive la seguente lettera del Prefetto di Livorno, in data 2 settembre, n° 27159:

""""IL 20 corrente, in località "CARBONIERA" di Vignale Riortorto, è stato rinvenuto in/boschetto frequentato da militari alleati di colore, un cadavere quasi disseccato, che si presume ~~1~~ia di un nero, almeno dalla capigliatura.

Si ritiene che la morte risalga a circa due mesi e si sospetta che sia dovuta a delitto commesso da altro militare di colore, per motivi di gelosia. """"

PER MINISTRO

Adelung

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

AC/14030/15/PS

30 Nov 1944

SUBJECT : Misconduct of Allied Soldiers.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters A.A.I.

1. Reference is made to the attached copies of reports of the Regional Public Safety Officer of Toscana Region, Allied Commission.

2. The misconduct of Allied soldiers against civilians is a matter of the most serious concern to the Allied Commission. Obviously this Commission and its agencies are not in position to take the necessary action to control the illegal activities of members of the Allied Forces and yet it is held responsible for law and order among civilians in areas to the rear of the combat line.

3. It will be noted that practically every offense listed in the reports was committed by armed negro soldiers. It is well known that the American negro has a proclivity for obtaining possession of weapons. Officers accustomed to dealing with negro troops know that it is absolutely necessary to have frequent surprise showdown inspections.

4. Your attention is invited to the existing situation with the hope that immediate measures will be taken to control the illegal activities of soldiers.

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

26 Nov 1944

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2. The misconduct of Allied soldiers against civilians is a matter of the most serious concern to the Allied Commission. Obviously this Commission and its agencies are not in position to take the necessary action to control the illegal activities of members of the Allied Forces and yet it is held responsible for law and order among civilians in areas to the rear of the combat line. The armies must take drastic action to control troops.

3. It will be noted that practically every offense listed in the reports was committed by armed negro soldiers. ~~It appears from the reports that the officers of Negro outfits either do not know how to deal with such troops or are afraid to put their knowledge into action.~~

It is well known that the American negro has a proclivity for obtaining possession of weapons. Officers accustomed to dealing with negro troops know that it is absolutely necessary to have frequent surprise showdown inspections. ~~The importance of this cannot be over-emphasized.~~

~~4. It is strongly recommended that immediate measures be taken to control the illegal activities of soldiers.~~ *Your attention is invited to the existing situation with the hope that immediate measures will be taken to control the illegal activities of soldiers.*

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

JWC/jwf

An excellent letter, but too presumptuous for a 4 star genl. Would you tone it down - please, particularly where marked.

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CC.RR. General R.W.

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20 November 1944

12/1773

Subj. : Marine di Pisa - Triple murder committed by negro soldiers

Subj. : A.C. - Public Safety Subcommittee

In Marine di Pisa, on the afternoon of October 14, 3 negro soldiers, with arms in hand, entered the house of Bottia Gino. Hearing his wife and his daughter calling for help, the soldiers descended in the court, where, having met Bottai Gino, they killed him with a shot.

His son, who was running to his aid and his wife, who was trying to run after the criminals, have been killed too.

the Commanding General
Taddeo Orlando



Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 12/1773 di prot.

Roma, li 20 novembre 1944

Risposta al

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Marina di Pisa - Triplice omicidio commesso da truppe di colore.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

- Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

R O M A

In Marina di Pisa, il pomeriggio del 14 corrente, tre soldati di colore penetrarono con le armi in pugno nell'abitazione di BOTTAI Gino. Alle grida di aiuto della moglie e di una figlia di lui i militari scesero nel cortile, dove, incontrato il BOTTAI, lo uccisero a colpi d'arma da fuoco.

Furono anche uccisi il figlio, accorso in aiuto del padre e la moglie, che si era accinta a rincorrere i malfattori.

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

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION

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FILE : R-VIII/PS/15.1

21 November 1944.

SUBJECT : Acts of violence committed by Allied Coloured troops.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region.

1. Submitted herewith for your information is a short list of further incidents committed by Allied troops, mostly coloured, in the Pisa - Livorno Provinces against Italian civilians.

2. Two are particularly serious, viz (a) the entry into a house by three armed negroes and the subsequent murder of a man, his wife and son and (b) the upsetting of a small boat on the Arno whereby seven civilians were drowned and which is alleged to be due to the misbehaviour of three negroes.

3. The identification of these offenders is practically impossible. I urge therefore that the matter again be taken up at the highest level by Regional Commissioner.

4. I am acquainting Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C. R.Q. and A.M.G. 5th Army accordingly.

A. W. KENNEDY

A. W. KENNEDY
Lieut. Colonel, G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer. 5401

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TUSCAN REGION

R-VIII/103/15.1

21 November 1944.

CRIMES AND MISBEHAVIOUR OF ARMED TROOPS

1. On 29 October 1944, at about 1330 hours, in Scarlino (Livorno), on the Aurelia road, three allied coloured soldiers with a jeep stopped and robbed JIOGA, Pietro fu Driano, 34 years of age, of his wallet containing 1,207 Lire.
2. On 3 November 1944, 1030 hours, at Motopoli Valerico (Pisa), two armed coloured soldiers stopped their jeep (marked Military Police) in front of an Olive-Will at "La Palanina". With their pistols drawn, the negroes threatened the crowd that was present and at the same time took a bicycle and put it in their jeep. When they left, they were laughing at the crowd and still had their pistols pointed.
3. On 6 November 1944, 1200 hours, in Via Cecconi, Livorno, two coloured soldiers stopped MURDINI, Vera, age 24, and stole her bicycle worth about 10,000 Lire.
4. On 10 November 1944, 1900 hours, in the locality of Cella Pise, an allied coloured soldier stopped MURDINI, Asia di Grete, age 37, and in the hope of having friendly relations with her, he offered her cigarettes, chocolate and money. Upon her refusal, the negro beat her and broke a bottle over her head. Then when he saw help coming, he jumped on to an allied vehicle that was going-by.
5. On 12 November 1944, 1800 hours, in Ardenza, Via Salvino No. 62 (Livorno), four drunken American soldiers entered the house of REMLI, Pia, age 61, and asked for young prostitutes. When the old lady told them that there were none, one of the soldiers broke a bottle over her head. She is now in a civilian hospital and may recover in about 20 days.
6. On 14 November 1944, 1600 hours, on the road Argo Vecchio-Marina di Pise, three armed coloured soldiers, entered the house of ROTTAI, Gino di Salvatore, age 57, and started to search the rooms. In one of the rooms they found Bottai's wife and daughter, who upon seeing the soldiers, started to scream for help. At this, the negroes started to flee from the house, but in the yard they met Bottai and fired several shots at him and killed him. Then Bottai's son, age 29, who was working close by, ran to the house and he also met the same ~~two~~ ^{two}. While this was happening, Mrs. Bottai ran out into the yard and one of the negroes while running away, turned around and fired on her and killed her.
7. On 15 November 1944, 1830 hours, on the Arno river between Cascine and Cicciolani (Pisa), 15 people were crossing the river on a boat. Among these people were three notorious negro soldiers. One of them was drunk and because of his movements, upset the boat and consequently caused the

front of an Olive-Will at "La Palazzina". With their pistols drawn, the negroes threatened the crowd that was present and at the same time took a bicycle and put it in their jeep. When they left, they were laughing at the crowd and still had their pistols pointed.

3. On 6 November 1944, 1200 hours, in Via Cacciatore, Livorno, two coloured soldiers stopped MONDINI, Vani, age 21, and stole her bicycle worth about 10,000 lire.

4. On 10 November 1944, 1900 hours, in the locality of Cella Pissa, an allied coloured soldier stopped IMPERIALI, Asia di Oreste, age 37, and in the hope of having friendly relations with her, he offered her cigarettes, chocolate and money. Upon her refusal, the negro bent her and broke a bottle over her head. When when he saw help coming, he jumped on to an allied vehicle that was going by.

5. On 12 November 1944, 1800 hours, in Arcenna, Via Salviano No. 62 (Livorno), four drunken American soldiers entered the house of BOTTAI, Cino di age 61, and asked for young prostitutes. When the old lady told them that there were none, one of the soldiers broke a bottle over her head. She is now in a civilian hospital and may recover in about 20 days.

6. On 14 November 1944, 1600 hours, on the road Arno Vecchio-Marina di Pisa, three armed coloured soldiers, entered the house of BOTTAI, Cino di Salvatore, age 57, and started to search the rooms. In one of the rooms they found Bottai's wife and daughter, who upon seeing the soldiers, started to scream for help. At this, the negroes started to flee from the house, but in the yard they met Bottai and fired several shots at him and killed him. Then Bottai's son, age 29, who was working close by, ran to the house and he also met the same fate. While this was happening, Mrs. Bottai ran out into the yard and one of the negroes while running away, turned around and fired on her and killed her.

7. On 15 November 1944, 1830 hours, on the Arno river between Cascina and Quicquiana (Pisa), 15 people were crossing the river on a boat. Among these people were three boisterous negro soldiers. One of them was drunk and because of his movements, upset the boat and consequently caused the death of the under mentioned people:-

BONICONTI, Isontina di Giuseppe	- 28 years of age.
DIAMT, Maria di Cesare	- 19 " " "
CASACSA, Germana di Emilio	- 12 " " "
CASACSA, Irma di Emilio	- 10 " " "
DIAMONTI, Renzo di Giuseppe	- 19 " " "
MONFANTI, Giuliano di Giulio	- 20 " " "
DI GARDI, Miriamia di Pilade	- 38 " " "

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION

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FILE : D-VIII/PS/15

17 November 1944.

SUBJECT : Acts of Violence Committed by Allied Troops.

TO : P.P.S.Os., Livorno and Grosseto - Thru: P. Os.

P.P.S.Os., Pisa and Lucca - Thru: A.M.G. 5th Army.

1. The attached is a list culled from reports received from the Region Commander, CC.RR. Leghorn of acts of violence committed by Allied troops, mostly coloured men on Italian civilians.

2. The list is formidable and in a number of cases the incidents are very grave. If they continue as they have during the past months there may be serious repercussions.

3. The Regional Commissioner is very perturbed about the matter, and in spite of the difficulties it is necessary that no avenue of information or assistance to the Military Police be left unexplored.

4. P.P.S.Os. are to review as far as possible all the cases that concern them and with the assistance of the Civil Police agencies, make a renewed endeavour to clear up some of these cases.

5. Every effort is to be made by close contact with Provost Marshals to establish mobile patrols comprising of Military Police and CC.RR. especially during the evening hours when most of the crimes occur.

6. Measures should be taken to step up the prosecutions for the illicit sale of liquor to troops, stricter control of wine shops and the hours of opening, etc, etc..

7. A very serious effort is demanded as extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures and P.P.S.Os. should concentrate in every possible way towards a solution of this difficult problem.

8. Will you please report what is now being done.

A. W. Swinson

A. W. SWINSON
Lieut. Colonel, G. I.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION

FILE : R-VIII/PS/15

15 November 1944.

SUBJECT : Conduct of Allied Troops.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region.

1. Forwarded herewith is a copy list of acts of violence committed by Allied Troops, mostly coloured Americans, in the Provinces of Livorno, Grosseto, Lucca and Pisa, culled from translations of reports received from the Legion Commander CC.RR. Livorno.

2. This list refers to a period of about 6 weeks between 23rd September 1944 and 5th November 1944. Details of similar incidents was forwarded on 5 October 1944 to 5th Army A.M.G., for the months of August and September, suggesting that the necessary action be taken with the appropriate Military Authorities to check these offences in the 5th Army Area.

3. In very few cases, it will be noted, was an arrest effected, due no doubt to lack of identification, as most offences were committed under the cover of darkness; lack of communications; lack of transport and inadequate Military Police resources.

4. All the cases referred have already been reported to A.M.G. and Military Police Authorities. I am now forwarding similar list to R.P.S.Os. concerned with a view of ascertaining the result of action taken and to review any fresh facts which may have come to light, and give any further assistance that may be practicable.

5. We are on safe ground here in spite of Pisa and Lucca still being 5th Army Area and I am informing C.P.B. AMG 5th Army of what is being done.

6. Submitted for your information and consideration of pursuing other channels.

A. W. Rowleson

A. W. ROWLESON
Lieut. Colonel, G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TUSCANY REGION

LIVORNES, ASSAULTS, THEFTS AND MURDERS

COMMITTED BY ALLIED TROOPS

23 September 1944 - 5 November 1944

1. On 23 September 1944, 1800 hours, in the Comune of Castiglione della Pescaia (Livorno), four armed American soldiers went to the farm of the Duchesi CR 17011, Gleffe and took two mirrors and some jewelry.

That same day at about 2100 hours, about 50 armed American soldiers came to the u/n farm, with six trucks and removed the following articles:-

A motorcycle Guzzi-500 (Cr. 560), a motor-boat, a row boat, pottery, suits, dresses, shoes, mattresses, dishes and a bicycle, all belonging to the Duchesi. One of the trucks had a license plate No. X11240.

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2. On the evening of 24th September 1944, at about 2100 hours (Pisa), five coloured American soldiers entered the house of Maria, Giulia and Violante in their province wife. The following day, the peasant met these same soldiers and threatened to denounce them to the Allied Command. The negroes assaulted him and knifed him repeatedly. Allied militaries intervened and accompanied him and his wife to the hospital.

3. On 25 September 1944, at about 1000 hours, at Pisa, TOSCHI, Augusto, reported to the CR 27. That on 24th September, five armed negroes entered his house in Via Emilia No. 31. They violated his daughter-in-law, opened all doors in search for something, and then left the house shooting with a pistol.

4. On 25 September 1944, at about 2200 hours, on the Aurelia road (Livorno), three negroes assaulted Lt. NERI, Giovanni (Italian) and stole his wallet, personal documents and his watch.

5. On 26 September 1944, at about 1815 hours, on highway Aurelia (Livorno), two negroes beat a woman, 45 years old, and tried to violate her.

6. On 26 September 1944, at about 2200 hours, at Livorno (Livorno) the CR 27. Of Civitella Marittima seized 20 quintals of Allied petrol from CRIST, Amadio Fa Giovanni. The man said he had bought 14 from some negroes.

7. On 26 September 1944, at about 2330 hours, at "Medina" Castiglione della Pescaia (Livorno - Livorno Prov.), four drunken negroes, armed with pistols, entered the house of MARIA, Daniele and ill-treated his wife and two boys. They also searched the room and then went away without taking anything, but their behaviour just terrorized the family.

That same day at about 2100 hours, about 30 armed American soldiers came to the a/n farm, with six trucks and removed the following articles:-

A motorcycle Suzuki-500 (Gr. 360), a motorboat, a row boat, pottery, wigs, dresses, shoes, suitcases, dishes and a bicycle, all belonging to the negroes. One of the trucks had a license plate AB. XLMG - 57 PC-5650-2A.

2. On the evening of 24th September 1944, at about 2100 hours (2100), five coloured American soldiers entered the house of MULL, a black man, five his prisoner his wife. The following day, the prisoner and these same soldiers and threatened to denounce them to the Allied Command. The negroes assaulted him and killed him repugnantly. Allied militaries intervened and accompanied him and his wife to the hospital.
3. On 25 September 1944, at about 1300 hours, at this, MARSH, Augusto, reported to the G.I. that on 24th September, five armed negroes entered his house in Via della No. 21. They violated his daughter-in-law, covered all drawers in search for anything, and then left the house shooting with a pistol.
4. On 25 September 1944, at about 2200 hours, on the Aurelia road (Livorno), three negroes assaulted Lt. Ruffi, Giovanni (Italian) and stole his wallet, personal documents and his watch.
5. On 26 September 1944, at about 1845 hours, on Highway Aurelia (Livorno), two negroes beat a woman, 45 years old, and tried to violate her.
6. On 26 September 1944, at about 2200 hours, at Paganico (Crosato) the G.I. of Civitella Marittima seized 20 quarts of Allied petrol from a car, handed to Giovanni. The man said he had bought it from some negroes.
7. On 26 September 1944, at about 2330 hours, at "Madia" Capignone Carducci (Storino - Livorno Prov.), four drunken negroes, armed with pistols, entered the house of FRATELLI, Bartolo and ill-treated his wife and two boys. They also surrounded the room and then went away without taking anything, but their behaviour just terrified the family.
8. On 27 September 1944, at 2000 hours, at 2. Cambrano (Livorno), two negro soldiers entered the house of RUFFI, Felice, a black man, after having fired several shots, and demanded the services of the lady and the young girl that were present. The proprietor opposed them, and was wounded by a rifle shot. One negro then took the girl into the garden, and not succeeding in violating her, he beat her with his rifle. The negroes could not be identified later.
9. On 29 September 1944, at about 21 miles, Livorno, people found in a pit, seven coloured soldiers had put medicine cases, the dead body of a woman, 34 years old. The body was covered with straw and tiles. The woman had been violated and her skull was fractured. Probably the crime was committed by coloured troops, that had on 28 September, worked on the spot.

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10. On 29 September 1944, at about 2100 hours, on the Unione Grande farm "Pesciolle" di Venturina (Livorno), three armed negroes entered the house of BIANCHI, Pietro di Pavia and attempted to violate his daughter. One negro shot at the parent, wounding him. The parent then managed to get his hunting rifle and seriously wounded one of the negroes.

11. On 1 October 1944, at 1900 hours, in the SS. Station di Forte Pavesina (Pisa), BILLESCHI, Eugenio fu Ranieri came to report that on the night of 30 September, two armed negro soldiers forced their entry into his house and attempted to violate his daughter and his niece. In the struggle, one of the girls was wounded by one of the negroes while the other girl managed to jump from a first story window. At the loud screams of the girls, the negroes ran away. It was not possible to identify them.

12. On 1 October 1944, at about 1835 hours, at Casino di Terra Nivola in on the road Cecina-Vulturno di Volterra (Pisa), two unidentified negro soldiers stopped CIGNINI, Enzo di Giovanni and PALASSINI, Cesare and stole their bicycles.

13. On 2 October 1944, at about 1930 hours, in Volturno (Grosseto), two negro soldiers, armed with pistols, stopped BASSINI, Pietro fu Luigi and stole his wallet containing 5000 Lire.

Another similar incidence occurred the same day at 2000 hours at Pietrabbate (Grosseto) of Volturno - Grosseto Prov.). About 4000 Lire worth of valuables was stolen from GILBERTI, Benedetto fu Domenico. The soldiers also had a vehicle.

14. On 3 October 1944, at 1550 hours in Piazza delle Carmine di Pontenere (Livorno), three coloured soldiers, armed with pistols, stopped BIANCHI, Marcello age 23 and stole his bicycle, at the same time firing several shots in the air. When the boy refused them, the negroes, knifed him and seriously wounded him.

15. On 4 October 1944, at about 2330 hours, in Piazza Veritina (Grosseto), two negro soldiers approached the store of BIANCHI, Rolando, with a jeep, and upon entering the store, with pistols drawn, they claimed to be military police and searched and stole from the following people:-

BIANCHI, Italiano di Remo - his wallet containing 1055 Lire.
BILLESCHI, Camillo di Nivola - his wallet containing 80 Lire and his watch.
BILLESCHI, Giorgio fu Antonio - 100 Lire, a watch and a fountainpen.

16. On 7 October 1944, at about 2300 hours, at Collevalletti (Livorno), two or three armed negro soldiers entered the house of BILLESCHI, Ferruccio fu Angelo looking for girls. They began to shoot with their pistols, killing a girl and wounding her brother and another girl also.

17. On 8 October 1944, four unidentified coloured soldiers forced their entry into the house of BILLESCHI, Raffaele, via Terranova (Livorno) in search for young girls. A young man BILLESCHI, Enrico fu Emilio tried to tell them that there were no women about, so they assaulted him and knifed him.

18. On 6 October 1944, at about 2110 hours, in Via Alfieri di Livorno, On/Agg. GALLI, Carlo heard so many screams and saw a coloured soldier trying

12. On 1 October 1944, at about 1035 hours, at Casale di Ferro which is on the road Casale-Salme di Volturno (Pisa), two unidentified negro soldiers stopped GIOVANNI, Enzo di Giovanni and FANTAZZI, Cesare and stole their bicycle.

13. On 2 October 1944, at about 1930 hours, in Follonica (Grosseto), two negro soldiers, armed with pistols, stopped MANFREDI, Pietro Fu Luigi and stole his wallet containing 5000 lire.

Another similar incident occurred the same day at 2000 hours at Pietralla (Grosseto di Volturno - Grosseto Prov.). About 5000 lire worth of valuables was stolen from GILBERTI, Remondetto Da Lorenzo. The soldiers rode in a vehicle.

14. On 3 October 1944, at 1530 hours in Casale delie Carriere di Montemaro (Livorno), three coloured soldiers, armed with pistols, stopped MARCELLO, age 23 and stole his bicycle. At the same time firing several shots in the air, then the boy refused them, the negroes, killed him and seriously wounded him.

15. On 4 October 1944, at about 2550 hours, in Vasta Vettina (Grosseto), two negro soldiers approached the store of BILIZ, Molande, with a Jeep, and upon entering the store, with pistols drawn, they claimed to be military police and searched and stole from the following people:-

FRONTI, Italian di Renato - his wallet containing 1053 lire.

VASSALI, Cesare di Ettore - his wallet containing 30 lire and his watch.

U. SCARF, Giorgio Di Luciano - 100 lire, a watch and a fountain pen.

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17. On 8 October 1944, four unidentified coloured soldiers forced their entry into the house of RAGGI, Gabriele, Via Farnesiana (Livorno) in search for young girls. A young man RAGGI, Enrico Di Emilio tried to tell them that there were no women about, so they assaulted him and killed him.

18. On 8 October 1944, at about 2110 hours, in Via Alfieri at Livorno, GILVASSI, ADIA, Carlo heard someone screaming and saw a coloured soldier trying to violate a small boy. Helping the boy, the corporal received some injuries.

19. On 11 October 1944, at about 1700 hours, at Portoferraio (Livorno), two Algerian soldiers that were drunk, tried to steal the automobile of a Dr. BELLINI, in their attempt, they beat the Dr., a driver, a municipal guard and several other people who were trying to assist.

20. On 11 October 1944, at 2130 hours, in Livorno (Livorno), a drunken negro soldier was arrested by GILVASSI. When he entered the house of BELLINI, Angela and tried to violate her.

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21. On 14 October 1944, at about 1730 hours, in Via Ernesto Rossi No. 18 (Livorno), an American soldier fired on another soldier and wounded him. It is believed that it was done because of jealousy over a woman.

22. On 15 October 1944, at about 1600 hours, in Via Ortolano, Livorno, IGEM Primo di Livorno, age 45, was attacked by a German soldier who performed libidinous acts on her.

Her brother who ran to get help, was struck by the negro, and her uncle was stabbed with a dagger.

23. On 17 October 1944, at about 1200 hours, in Ardenza (Livorno), seven unidentified soldiers, in an intoxicated state, entered a bar and after drinking about thirty glasses of liquor, refused to pay. A G.I. finally convinced them to pay. The soldiers afterwards went to another public-house, where they had lunch without paying for it.

24. On 17 October 1944, at about 1730 hours, near road Aurelia (Grosseto), three American soldiers stopped a civilian motorist and stole 12000 lire from Mr. Pizzini, Raul di Livorno and another passenger. These said soldiers then gave the permit issued by Allied Authorities for the circulation of the vehicle.

25. On 19 October 1944, at about 1830 hours, in Volturno (Ortelleto), four coloured soldiers stopped TIGNI, Antonio di Livorno, and after beating him with an iron bar, stole his wallet containing 2500 lire.

26. On 21 October 1944, at about 1900 hours, in Livorno, Via Aurelia, an Allied coloured soldier assaulted PIZZINI, Arnaldo di Livorno, who reported quite a few injuries on the face and body due to punches and kicks.

27. On 21 October 1944, at 1930 hours, in Livorno, Corso Mediceo No. 19, PIZZINI, Raul and RAZZI, Adolfo ran into a shop at by a passing negro soldier.

28. On 21 October 1944, 2045 hours, at Pisa, Via C. 25, observed three Brazilian soldiers trying to violate a woman. In intervening they fired several shots in the air, this frightened the soldiers and they ran away - remaining unidentified.

29. On 22 October 1944, 2130 hours, in Pisa, four unidentified drunken American soldiers, pretending to be policemen, forced their entry into the house of MURRI, Guido di Livorno and attempted to rape his wife. The woman in her defence received several injuries, succeeding however in remaining unharmed. The soldiers, fearing to be discovered, went away.

30. On 22 October 1944, at about 2200 hours, in Volturno (Ortelleto), a group of American soldiers with a vehicle, tried to force their entry into the Coffee-house "Bavero" and a near barbershop, with the motive of committing robbery. Not succeeding, they left.

Later they forced MURRI, Emilio's Coffee-house, taking away with them 69 bottles of liquor and 8 small glasses, for a total value of 8000 lire.

24. On 17 October 1944, at about 1700 hours, near road Aurelia (Crosseto), three American soldiers stopped a civilian motorcycle and stole 12000 Lire from Dr. Fiammi, Rodolfo Alberto and another passenger. These said soldiers then tore the permit issued by Allied Authorities for the circulation of the vehicle.

25. On 19 October 1944, at about 1830 hours, in Foligno (Crosseto), four coloured soldiers stopped FIORELLI, Antonio fu Lorenzo, and after beating him with an iron bar, stole his wallet containing 2500 Lire.

26. On 21 October 1944, at about 1900 hours, in Livorno, Via Aurelia, an Allied coloured soldier assaulted PUCCHETTI, Armando fu Gemma, who reported quite a few injuries on the face and body due to punches and kicks.

27. On 31 October 1944, at 1930 hours, in Livorno, Corso Andrea No. 19, PUCCHETTI, Enzo and RUFFI, Adelina was shot at by a passing negro soldier.

28. On 24 October 1944, 2045 hours, at Pisa, two G.I.s observed three Brazilian soldiers trying to violate a woman. In intervening they fired several shots in the air, this frightened the soldiers and they ran away - remaining unidentified.

29. On 22 October 1944, 2430 hours, in Pisa, four unidentified drunken American soldiers, pretending to be policemen, forced their entry into the house of LUDWIG, Linda fu Alfredo and attempted to rape his wife. The woman in her defence received several injuries, succumbing however in remaining undarned. The soldiers, fearing to be discovered, went away.

30. On 22 October 1944, at about 2200 hours, in Foligno (Crosseto), a group of American soldiers with a vehicle, tried to force their entry into the Coffee-Rooms "Impero" and a near barbarian, with the motive of committing robbery. Not succeeding, they left.

Later they forced LARDI, Gaetano's Coffee-Room, taking away with them 09 bottles of liquor and 8 small glasses, for a total value of 60000 Lire.

31. On 24 October 1944, 1430 hours, on the Pisa-Catani road (s. Giuliano Terme - Pisa), three coloured American soldiers robbed GOLI, Paolo and VENTURA, Virginia, of a cigarette lighter and a watch, for a value of about 3000 Lire. 3395

32. On 25 October 1944, 0030 hours, in Foligno (Crosseto), two armed negroes with a vehicle, stopped VENTURA, Adolfo fu Antonio and took his wallet containing personal documents.

33. On 25 October 1944, 2000 hours, in Pisa, six allied coloured soldiers asked for wine at the house of BALDI, Mario. Not obtaining any, they went away, but returned about half an hour later and performed acts of violence against PUCCHETTI, Bruno and her daughter and several other people.

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34. On 26 October 1944, 1100 hours, at Venturino's (Livorno), a negro soldier presented himself on the pretence of wishing to speak to an NCO, but instead, he stole a pistol and ran away. Later another negro entered the station and requested to buy some bullets corresponding to the stolen pistol, when it was discovered that they were needed for the same stolen pistol, a fight started, a shot was fired and the negro subdued and arrested. His name: - JOHN MICHAEL HARRISON, AOT 3431247, Coy 478 Q.M. Services.

35. On 26 October 1944, 1845 hours, in Campo Verdeo (Livorno), two allied navy men entered the house 0877/03111111, Michele and asked for substitutes. Later, a civilian that was forced by the navy men to take them in search for substitutes, denounced the two navy men to the C.C.M. and in turn one of the men was arrested by A.M.P..

36. On 28 October 1944, at about 1830 hours, in Livorno, two drunken American soldiers entered 8/Ten. Capacci, Mario's house, inquiring for women. After receiving a negative answer, they left, taking with them the officer's coat containing 2000 lire. These two soldiers were later found and money and coat recuperated.

37. On 29 October 1944, 1900 hours, about four kilometers from Venturino (Livorno), two negro soldiers assaulted ROBERTI, Gino, robbing him of 5000 lire and small personal things.

38. On 29 October 1944, at about 2100 hours, in Savi (Santamarino), five armed coloured soldiers assaulted ROMANINI, Rocco di Antonio, taking away from him 600 lire.

39. On 30 October 1944, 1530 hours, in Livorno, a sergeant-major, Salvatore while collecting his laundry in a house, was shot at by a negro who entered the same house wishing to buy the favours of the girl that was present. Sgt. Molino and the girl both received injuries.

40. On 31 October 1944, 1830 hours, in Antignano (Livorno), a bartender was injured twice by two negroes who were looking for a fight. The negroes are still unidentified.

41. On 1 November 1944, 1700 hours, in Montenero (Livorno), CHIARI, Bruno 24 years old, and his wife were insulted and threatened by an armed negro soldier, who hit their car while taking a bath with his truck.

42. On 1 November 1944, 1930 hours, on the Venturino-Piombino road, near an allied supply camp, three armed coloured soldiers, stopped four civilians and robbed their money, etc, amounting up to lire 15450. These four men also reported that once before these same coloured soldiers robbed them of lire 74000. Soldiers are still unidentified.

43. On 1 November 1944, about 1845 hours, in Livorno, GILBERTI, Gordon 24 years old, age 53, was stopped by two drunken American soldiers who stole from him his wallet containing 500 lire and his fountainpen. 294

44. On 3 November 1944, 0700 hours, on the Venturino-Piombino road, MARINI, ... by four negro soldiers and had stolen from him ...

2011 was presented by A.M.P.

36. On 28 October 1944, at about 1830 hours, in Livorno, two drunken American soldiers entered a/cen. GASPARI, Mario's house, inquiring for women. After receiving a negative answer, they left, taking with them the officer's coat containing 8000 Lire. These two soldiers were later found and money and coat recuperated.

37. On 29 October 1944, 1930 hours, about four kilometers from Venturina (Livorno), two negro soldiers assaulted MONTI, Gina, robbing her of 5000 Lire and small personal things.

38. On 29 October 1944, at about 2100 hours, in Novi (Cinquevalli), five armed coloured soldiers assaulted MONTI, Ramon di Antonio, taking away from him 600 Lire.

39. On 30 October 1944, 1500 hours, in Livorno, a Sergeant Rossi, Salvatore while collecting his laundry in a house, was shot at by a negro who entered the same house wishing to buy the favours of the girl that was present. Sgt. Rossi and the girl both received injuries.

40. On 31 October 1944, 1630 hours, in Antignano (Livorno), a bartender was snuffed twice by two negroes who were looking for a fight. The negroes are still unidentified.

41. On 1 November 1944, 1700 hours, in Venturina (Livorno), GELI, Ramon Cu Egisto age 32, and his wife were insulted and threatened by an armed negro soldier, who hit their car while making a turn with his truck.

42. On 1 November 1944, 1930 hours, on the Venturina-Piombino road, near an Allied supply dump, three armed coloured soldiers, stopped four civilians and robbed their money, etc, amounting up to lire 15450. These four men also reported that once before these same coloured soldiers robbed them of lire 74000. Soldiers are still unidentified.

43. On 1 November 1944, about 1815 hours, in Livorno, GELI, Ramon Cu Egisto, age 32, was stopped by two drunken American soldiers who stole from him his wallet containing 500 Lire and his identification. 394

44. On 3 November 1944, 0700 hours, on the Venturina-Piombino road, MONTI, Vittorio di Umberto was stopped by four negro soldiers and had stolen from him his wallet containing 24000 Lire.

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16. Most drivers are coloured, a ^{switch} ~~switch~~ over to white drivers might provide a solution to some extent. This is probably not possible.

17. Major McKenzie has at present P. S. Agents working in the vicinity of the port with a view to detect offenders.

18. Their 'modus operandi' being either to observe possible transactions or to try and trap suspects, etc. It is not easy though. If these stores were properly checked off ship on to train or truck, and were then adequately guarded throughout the movement, all would be well, but this is not so, e.g. the enormous dump to the west of Route 1 South of Livorno is a case in point. This dump surrounded by a few strands of barbed wire with gaps and too few sentries makes leakage a simple matter in this dump of thousands of pounds worth of supplies. There is no doubt a lot of this stuff finds it's way into the Black Market and the pockets of these Coloured troops enriched accordingly.

19. I do not think Italian Police Guards are adequate with Allied Soldiers present. White guards would be a solution possibly, but even that is not certain. The whole thing is so loose and haphazard and too much trust is placed in human nature. Manpower is the key word and the problem.

20. The Questorini and Guardia di Finanza might be of some assistance in keeping a general eye on all possible dealers in Black Market, but having regard to their conditions and pay, plus the high cost of living one must expect them to be easily corrupted.

21. Returning to the number of cases of acts of violence against civilians, a decrease during the 2nd half of October is indicated.

22. This is pleasing and it is hoped that the measures now contemplated will bring better results.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION

10 November 1944.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region.

1. As directed, I handed your letter to Lt. Col. LABOON on 7 November, 1944, and discussed Public Safety Conditions with him for an hour. He was in bed with a chill.

2. I gathered that when he said to you, there was no Public Safety problem in Livorno, he had in mind the civilian angle only. That what problem there existed was a military one purely and simple. That one or two A.M.G. police officers could have little effect on what he considered was purely one for military.

He agreed there was a Public Safety problem however as we also had a duty to the civilian population.

3. I discussed the matter also with Major McKenzie, P.P.S.O. and Captain Beatty, City P.S.O.. As a result of complaints made locally to C.M.P. etc, and also one directed for this office to 5th Army A.M.G. calling their attention to the seriousness of the situation, an attempt is now being made to deal with the problem under its three aspects.

- i) Assault and other acts of violence by Coloured troops.
- ii) Road incidents, e.g. running down cases of civilians, mostly by Coloured drivers.
- iii) Larcenies of Allied Supplies.

4. In the first place a complete overhaul of C.M.P. arrangements is in progress.

5. All C.M.P. officers have been replaced in the area, but there is only one Coy. of C.M.P. at present in Livorno. Another is expected shortly.

6. A British A.P.M. has also arrived, but is at present without staff or transport. In addition a company of Italian Military Guards are on their way from Naples, but these I feel will be of little use except for traffic duties.

7. P.P.S.O. and P.S.O. are in almost daily contact with the Provost Marshal and his staff and all available information is forwarded to them as soon as complaints are registered, either with A.M.G. or the Civil Police agencies.

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8. C.I.D. have achieved very little however, but as the re-organisation of C.M.P. proceeds, plans are in progress to:-

- a- Drastically limit the number of leave passes to troops.
- b- Require every member of the Allied Force to have in his possession an authorised and uniform pass, permitting him to be away from his Unit.
- c- Constant road checks by M.P. to determine if troops are going about armed with guns and knives, etc, e.g. by actually searching on the spot.
- d- To press all charges where possible more vigorously.
- e- Enlarge M.P. force to at least 220 men.
- f- Form mobile police squads of combined M.P. and CC.RR.
- g- Increase transport facilities considerably.

9. This is all a contribution to the problem, but the responsibility for the behaviour of the troops must rest squarely on the shoulders of the Unit Commander, and until such is made effective, there will always be indiscipline.

Officers in Command of Coloured troops are well aware of their potentialities and also what is occurring. What are they doing about it ??????

10. A.M.G. Public Safety Officers are well aware and are prompt in passing on all available information and evidence. They cannot be expected to patrol all night in the dark in the hope of stumbling over a case in addition to work all day.

11. They should help in every possible way by promptly forwarding all information and evidence, but care is necessary that C.M.P. services and responsibilities are not interfered with having regard to the inadequacy of our own resources.

12. CC.RR. and other civil police agencies cannot be expected to interfere with Allied troops and so the thing reverts to additional control measures as indicated above.

13. If these measures are prosecuted vigorously, they should contribute much to a solution of the problem but it all depends upon having the available manpower at the right spot at the right time.

14. With regard to running down cases in which many civilians have been killed or injured by Coloured drivers, it would seem that unless these men, whose driving is often notoriously reckless and bad, are re-educated by the military authorities and they are made accident conscious, mobile traffic patrols will have little effect on the problem, especially at dusk or during the hours of darkness. Military Police manpower available is only likely to produce a tithe of the patrols necessary.

15. In regard to Black Market activities and larceny of Allied property from ports and dumps, etc. it is to be remembered from our experiences in Palermo and Naples, that the strength of the chain depends upon its weakest link and that weakest link is invariably inside the port or dump and is therefore under Military or Naval control and consequently primarily their responsibility.

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Convinced when I sent
details of many cases in
Aug & Sept to ARK Stoney
appeared for same action
by the Military Authority.

Spoke to R.C. who in turn
spoke to Laboon. R.C.
considered P.S.O. were not
doing all that was
possible.

I carried a letter to
Laboon. P.C. Livorno & spoke to
him & ~~my~~ others, then
reported to R.C. who may
report dated 10 Nov.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section

ACG/14030/15/PS

22 October 1944

SUBJECT : Incident Involving French Troops.

TO : H.Q., A.A.I.

With reference to your letter 5063/71/A(PS) dated 19 September 1944, forwarding H.Q. Natoussa 2nd Ind. A.G.000-5/340 A-0 dated 9 September 1944, and correspondence relating to an incident at Castaldi-Capris on 21 July 1944, the whole of the documents are returned herewith, together with a Police Report R-VIII/PS/4.7, dated 19 October 1944, received from Regional Public Safety Officer, Toscana Region.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner,

G.R. UPJOHN Brig.
V.P., C.A. Section
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION

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19 October, 1944.

R-VIII/PS/4.7

SUBJECT : Murder at S. Rosco, Prov. of Siena,
July 1944.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, A.C.C. - C.M.F.

- all sent to HQ*
1. Reference attached corres. re the murder of Italian citizens, Livio Rossi, Adam Branconi and Victor Branconi.
 2. Herewith the result of further enquiry by the Giudice Istruttore of Siena.
 3. The evidence points to the fact that the murder was committed by Moroccan troops. The proof or not, whether caliber 8 copper bullets for pistol, are on issue to Moroccan troops, would furnish further confirmation of the suspicion held.

A.W. ROWLERSON
Lt. Col. C.I.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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