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IRREGULAR RETENTION & DISPOSAL OF ARMY STORES
APR. 1944 - APR. 1945

Public Safety Sub-Committee H&AC

1) Remarks noted

2) Return 1 as requested - minute 4.

5/Dec 45

McLean 14 USNR
Navy Sub-Committee

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40a concerns them.
H.M. list.

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19 MAR 1945
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necessary action please.
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for DFG.
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1. At young:- If I am not mistaken, Dr. & Comm. were...
to relieve shoe situation, reconciliation to determine what
viable for mil. purposes for distribution to civil population.
This desirable as an end, but with present enforcement
difficulties. Stamps such as "D & C" (Dr. & Comm. condemned)
could easily be duplicated. Will you have inquiry made of Col.
Crumphorn as to what is planned? RSK 16 April 1944

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Food Sub. Commission

Please see 22 A-D of this file.

It is stated that WD make - WD

Pork sausage meat can be purchased on the open

market. Can it please be stated if

there is any restriction on the sale & purchase of

these articles?

Blundell W-64
Public Safety Div.

17 Dec. 1944

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Public Safety Div.

There should be restriction on the sale
& purchase of the articles in question. Matter named on
returned form only (400 grams monthly) and with security, to
investigate

These are the files

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Pork sausage meat can be purchased in the open
market. Can it please be stated if
there is any restriction on the sale & purchase of
these articles?

Edward W. G.
Public Safety of C.

1st Dec. 1944

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Public Safety, etc.
There should be restriction on the sale
& purchase of the articles in question. Meat is issued on
rationed basis only (400 grams monthly) and milk similarly, to
priority classes only. Tarant Zone is being asked to investigate
and report if these breaches of rationing regulations are in fact
going on.
1/12/44
1200 S. June 194
J. J. J.

Many Sub-Commissioner

Please see Minutes 2nd above.
May we please return the papers in this file
until a reply is obtained from Tarant Zone.

2nd Dec. 1944.

Edward W. G.
Public Safety

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MINISTRY OF FINANCEGG.FF.HQ.Rome 14th April 1945
n:225

Subject: Aggression by Jugo-slav soldiers to FF.GG. soldiers.
To...../Allied Commission Public Safety Subcommittee.

On the 19th March, at about 23 hrs, a FF.GG. N.C.O. controlling the port of Catania, has been approached by two N.C.O.s and by a sailor, all jugo-slavs embarked on "mas" anchored in the port.

The jugo-slav sailor, without reasons, struck at the face of the N.C.O. injuring him at the upper lip. This latter with a blow freed himself and succeeded in escaping.

Soon afterwards, having met a jeep carrying two sergeants and other soldiers of the allied military police, informed them in regard to the matter.

Then the sergeant went to the commander of the jugo-slav "mas" in order to report him the fact; and the incident was settled.

The aggression is certainly the consequence of the detainment made by GG.FF. of some italian civilians, who had bought tobacco, from the equipage of the "mas".

In order to avoid that such incident will take place, the Commission is kindly requested to issue orders to the effect that the crew of the allied ship will not sell to the italian civilians contraband goods, and specially tobacco, bearing in mind also the recommendations made to the Commission for severe repression of the unloading of allied tobacco on the black market.

Commanding General

-G.B. Oxilia-

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MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE
COMANDO GENERALE DELLA R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA
- Ufficio Servizio -

n. 225-R.Serv.

Roma, 11 14 APR 1943

OGGETTO
Aggressione da parte di militari jugoslavi a militari della R. guardia di finanza. =

AL HEAD QUARTERS
Allied Military Government
Public Safety Division

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e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE
-Gabinetto-

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Il marinaio jugoslavo, senza specifici motivi, colpiva con un pugno al viso il sottufficiale, producendogli una contusione al labbro superiore. Questi con altro pugno rispose all'offesa, e, riuscito a svincolarsi, si allontanò. = Poco dopo, incontrato una camionetta con a bordo un sergente ed altri militari della "Military Police" alleata, dette loro notizie dell'accaduto.

Il sergente della polizia alleata si recò, allora, dal comandante dei "mas" jugoslavi a riferire i fatti e l'incidente fu appianato. =

L'aggressione fu, quasi certamente, motivata da risentimento del personale di bordo jugoslavo per il fermo, operato dalle guardie di finanza poco prima dell'aggressione, di alcuni civili italiani che avevano acquistato tabacco e cartine di sigarette dagli equipaggi dei "mas". =

Ad evitare che incidenti incresciosi del genere abbiano a ripetersi, si prega codesta onorevole commissione di voler chiedere alle autorità competenti di evitare che personale delle navi alleate venda a civili italiani generi di contrabbando e soprattutto prodotti da fumo, tenendo anche presente le sollecitazioni fatte da codesta commissione per una severa repressione dello smercio dei tabacchi alleati sul mercato nero. =

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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE f.g.s.
COMANDANTE GENERALE
(G.B. Oxilia)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 451,92-1

14 April 1945

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SUBJECT: Transactions by Military Personnel involving
Civilian Cars and Military Tires.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Attached letter ref HQ/MV/50 dated 31 Mar 45 from
PS Division SARDINIA Region is forwarded to you for necessary
action.

2. This, as will be noted, has been sent through in-
correct channels and the matter should be taken up with the
writer of the letter referred to.

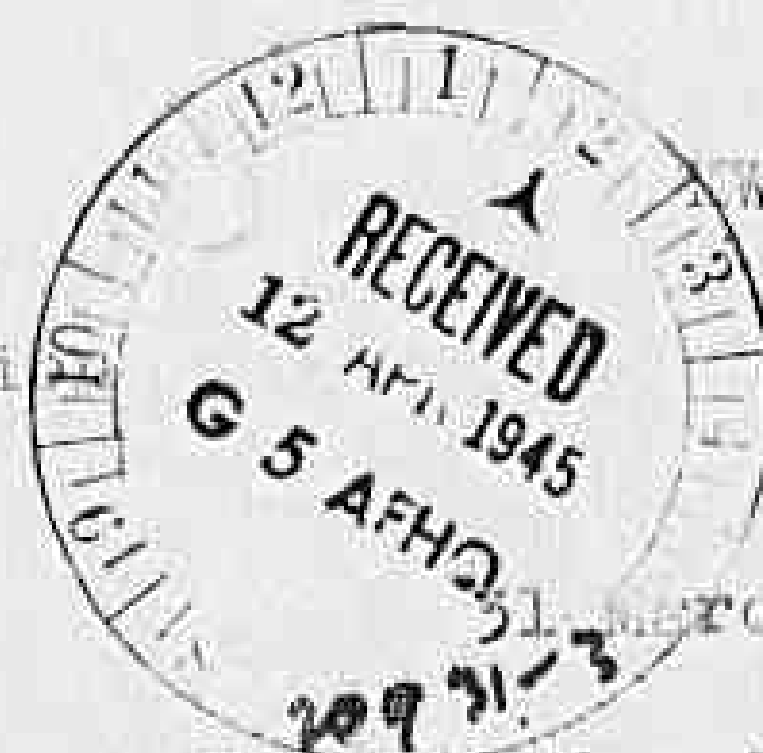
For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

1300

N. W. Hind-Smith
N. W. HIND-SMITH
Captain, R.A.

Incl: as above.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Division
SARDINIA REGION



WPF/wld

31 March 1945

HQ/MV/50

SUBJECT: Transactions by Military Personnel Involving Civilian Cars and Military Tires.

TO : Commanding General, A.P.H.Q.

1. Forwarded herewith for further investigation and appropriate action is report, in duplicate, by Tenente Aldo CARUGNO, Comando dei Carabinieri dell'Aeronautica della Sardegna upon investigation instigated by this Office.

2. Description of the tires involved is as follows:

Make	Size	Number	Military Mark
Lee	600 + 16	W 216839	Yes
Goodyear	" "	X 46M6687	"
"	" "	9ROE4467	"
"	" "	26M1187	"
"	" "	Four (4) tubes	"
"	" "	167654	"
"	" "	50N2386	"

3. All the above mentioned have been viewed by an NCO of the transportation division of this H.Q. who reports that all are clearly Military; that the first four listed casings and tubes are in fair condition but that the latter two are in bad condition and may be considered worthless. 130*

4. The first four listed casings and tubes have been impounded and are in the custody of Tenente CARUGNO. The last mentioned two tires, because of existing uncertainties and further because of having been transferred to a third person and being considered worthless, have not been seized and remain in the possession of Signor BARBAROSSA.

5. Inasmuch as this H.Q.'s is being inactivated and closed down as of this date, directions as to disposition of the impounded tires, or as to impounding of the others, should be directed to the CC.RR. Command named in the enclosed report.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:


KARL W. FISCHER,
Major, AUS,
RPSO.

1 Encl.

CC.RR. Aeronautica Report N6-12/6.

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COMANDO DEI CALABINIERI REALI DELL'AERONAUTICA DELLA SARDEGNA

N6-12/6 di Prot.

Cagliari, 29 marzo 1945

OGGETTO: Rinvenimento di pneumatici americani presso l'autorimessa fratelli DEL CORVO, sita in Cagliari-Viale Armando Diaz n. 123.-

AL PROCURATORE DEL RE NO PRESSO IL TRIBUNALE DI CAGLIARI
 ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA -Uff. P.S.-
=CAGLIARI

Questo comando aveva avuto notizia che la ditta Fratelli DEL CORVO, sita in Cagliari in Viale Armando Diaz 123, era fornita di pneumatici americani di dubbia provenienza.-

Chiesta ed ottenuta regolare autorizzazione alla Procura del Regno presso il Tribunale di Cagliari, alle ore 11,30 del 21 corrente mese, il Brigadiere CAFFIERO Antonio e il Vicebrigadiere DI GREGORIO Mario, procedevano a perquisizione nei locali dell'autorimessa "Fratelli DEL CORVO", al predetto indirizzo e nell'abitazione, sita in Via Milano N.2, in Cagliari.- Era presente alla perquisizione la vedova DEL CORVO, Elena PISU fu Salvatore e fu Longoni Tommasa, nata a Quartu S. Elena il 27 settembre 1893 e domiciliata a Cagliari, procuratrice della ditta in questione ed il di lei genero LECIS Ennio fu Enrico e di Cardu Barina, nato a Villasalto l'11.8.1913, domiciliato a Cagliari in Via Milano n.2, impiegato.-

Veniva rinvenuta una automobile-Torpedo 509-e n.4 pneumatici americani.-

Tutto questo materiale, di cui all'allegato processo verbale

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Interrogata la vedova DEL CORVO circa la detenzione del sopracennato materiale, questa dichiarava che era stato portato nella sua autorimessa durante il mese di settembre 1944 dai sergenti: JOSEPH J.L. AMIARI e AMBROSE B.KENNEDY, entrambi appar-

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tenenti al 444^a Squadriglia da bombardamento-320° Gruppo da bombardamento APO 650 (Posta Militare 650) già di stanza al campo di aviazione di Dec mo, quale donazione elargita alla ditta fratelli DEL CORVO dai suddetti militari alleati, per l'uso e conseguenti danni arrecati all'autovettura Fiat 1100 targata C.A. 4947, tenuta in noleggio dai militari predetti dall'aprile al settembre 1944 e che venne restituita in condizioni precarie di carrozzeria, motore, sospensioni e di telaio.-

La Signora PISU Elena, affermava inoltre che le due coperture americane ^{che} erano montate sulla torpeda 509 erano state da lei vendute a BARBAROSSA Antonio per l'importo di L.20.000,00 (Ventimila), per sopperire in parte alle spese che sta sostenendo per rimettere in efficienza l'auto danneggiata dai predetti militari alleati.-

La ripetuta Elena PISU esibiva n.3 dichiarazioni, che si allegano in copia, scritte in lingua inglese, comprovanti la cessazione delle coperture montate sulla Fiat 1100 da parte dei sergenti JOSEPH J.L. AMMARI e AMBROSE B.KENNEDY alla ditta fratelli DEL CORVO.- E' da tener presente però che la dichiarazione rilasciata dai suddetti militari alleati alla ditta DEL CORVO specifica che i pneumatici donati non erano del tipo militare, mentre quelli trovati in seguito a perquisizione sono dell'amministrazione Militare Alleata.- Poichè i due sergenti non le rilasciarono alcun documento circa la donazione dell'autovettura "Torpedo 509", la PISU Elena li pregò di riportar via dall'auto rimessa l'auto in questione, ma essi insistettero perchè la tenesse quale indennizzo per l'uso fatto dell'autovettura Fiat

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nato a Cagliari il 3 maggio 1912, ivi domiciliato in Vico 2° S. Eusebio, autista, ma avendo lo stesso BARBAROSSA, esibito una dichiarazione d'uso rilasciata dalla Commissione Alleata della Sardegna in data 21 febbraio 1945 si è creduto opportuno restituirla. -

Da accertamenti eseguiti presso l'ufficio R.A.C.I. di Cagliari, la Torpedo Fiat 509, targata C.A. 1084, risulta intestata all'Ingegger COVA Davide fu Giovanni Battista e di Tarascogni Angela, nato, il 27.6.1891 a Cagliari e domiciliato ad Oristano in Via Vittorio Emanuele n. 19. - L'ingegner COVA ha dichiarato di essere stato possessore della torpedo 509, di cui non ricorda i dati di targa, da lui venduta diversi anni fa a certo MEREU Mario, commissario esattoriale di Oristano. - Per incuria non fu eseguito il passaggio di proprietà, che poi, non fu più fatto per la morte sopraggiunta dell'acquirente. - Pertanto la macchina passò di proprietà a MEREU Damiano fu Mario e di Batzella Angela, nato a Nuraminis il 21.11.1915, residente ad Oristano in Piazza Roma n. 20, il quale ha affermato di aver venduto, nel febbraio 1944, a due militari alleati la Fiat 509 - Torpedo - targata C.A. 1084, sprovvista di coperture, per la somma di L. 18.000 (diciottomila); non si curò di effettuare il passaggio della macchina presso il R.A.C.I. di Cagliari ai due militari americani perchè non riuscì a rintracciare il libretto relativo, che dubita sia stato bruciato erroneamente con delle carte del suo defunto genitore. - Detta macchina fu acquistata da suo padre dall'Ingegger COVA Davide fu

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Comunque dal complesso delle indagini espletate al riguardo, le asserzioni fatte dalla vedova DEL CORVO, rispondono in linea di massima a verità:=-

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SI ALLEGANO:

- 1°) Processo verbale di perquisizione seguita presso la ditta fratelli DEL CORVO e domicilio;
- 2°) Processo verbale di interrogatorio della vedova DEL CORVO Elena PISU;
- 3°) N.3 dichiarazioni esibite dalla vedova DEL CORVO a firma Lt. EDWIN R. Olson, Sgt. Kennedy A.B.-e altra a firma sergente Joseph J/L. Aumari e AMBROSE B. Kennedy;
- 4°) processo verbale di interrogatorio di BARBAROSSA Antonio;
- 5°) autorizzazione d'uso di pneumatici rilasciata a BARBAROSSA Antonio dalla Commissione Alleata;
- 6°) dichiarazione dell'ingegner COVA Davide;
- 7°) dichiarazione di MEREU Damiano.=



IL TENENTE COMANDANTE
(Aldo Carugno)

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ALLEGATO N° ICOMANDO CARABINIERI REALI DELL'AERONAUTICA DELLA SARDEGNA - CAGLIARI -

PROCESSO VERBALE di perquisizione eseguita nell'autonoleggio "Fratelli DEL CORVO", sito in Viale Armando Diaz n. 123, e nell'abitazione di PISU Elena, vedova DEL CORVO, sita in via Milano n. 2, in Cagliari.

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L'anno millenovecentotrentacinque addì 22 del mese di marzo, nell'Ufficio CC.RR. del Comando Aeronautico della Sardegna, ore 11.-

Noi sottoscritti Brigadiere CAFFIERO Antonio e vicebrigadiere DI GRECORIO Mario, entrambi in servizio presso il suddetto comando, riferiamo alla competente autorità quanto segue:-----

In seguito ad autorizzazione della Procura del Regno presso il Tribunale di Cagliari, alle ore 10,30 del 21 corrente, abbiamo proceduto a perquisizione dei locali dell'autorimessa "Fratelli DEL CORVO", sita in Viale Armando Diaz n. 123, e nell'abitazione della Vedova DEL CORVO, PISU Elena, sita in via Milano n. 2, perchè sospettata di detenere dei pneumatici americani di dubbia provenienza. Era presente alla perquisizione PISU Elena fu Salvatore e fu Longoni Tomasa, nata a Quarta S. Elena il 27/9/1893, procuratrice della Ditta in questione e il di lei genero IGIS ENRICO fu Enrico e di Cardu Barbarina, nato il 11/8/1913 a Villassalto, domiciliato a Cagliari Vie Milano n. 2,-----

Nell'autorimessa è stato rinvenuto il sottoelencato materiale:-----

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6667 = W 216829 = 26 C.M. 1187=..... N° 4

CAMERA D'ARIA AMERICANE misura 6.00 X 16..... N° 4.-

UNA autovettura "Torpedo Fiat. 509, targata CA 1084, motore n. 134288,

sprovvista di copertoni e camere d'aria.

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La perquisizione del primo capoverso del presente verbale è stato sequen-

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genero LEOIS Eudio fu Enrico e di Cardu Barbarina, nato il 11/8/1913
a Villasalto, domiciliato a Cagliari Via Milano n. 2. -----

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Il materiale del primo capoverso del presente verbale è stato seque-
strato e tenuto presso il magazzino del Comando CC.RR. dell'Aeronauti-
ca, mentre la torpedo Fiat.509 è stata lasciata in custodia alla Ditta
"Fratelli DEL CORVO" in attesa di essere ritirata.-----

Perchè consti abbiamo redatto il presente atto verbale in tre copie
per rimmetterlo alle competenti Autorità.-----
Fatto, letto, chiuso, sottoscritto e confermato in data e luogo di cui
sopra.-----

L'Ufficio Mario M.
Cattiero Antonio Brig.

COMANDO CARABINIERI REALI DELL'AERONAUTICA DELLA SARDEGNA - CAGLIARI -

PROCESSO VERBALE d'interrogatorio di PISU Elena, vedova DEL CONVO, fu Salvatore e fu Longoni Tomaso, nata il 27 settembre 1893 a Quarta S. Elena e domiciliata a Cagliari in Via Milano n. 2, procuratrice della Ditta "Fratelli DEL CONVO".

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L'anno millenovecentoquarantacinque addì 22 marzo, nell'Ufficio CC.RR. dell'Aeronautica della Sardegna, Cagliari, ore 12.

Avanti a noi Brigadiere CARLINO Antonio, in servizio presso il sud-detto comando, è presente la signora PISU Elena, in oggetto generaliz-esta, la quale, interrogata, dichiara quanto segue:

"Ai primi di aprile 1944, due ufficiali Americani accompagnati da un sergente della stessa nazionalità si sono presentati alla autorimes- sa della Ditta "Fratelli DEL CONVO", sita in Viale Armando Diaz n. 123 ed hanno richiesto una autovettura in uso; in quel momento nessuna su- to era efficiente ad eccezione di una Fiat. IIOC targata CA 4946, che si trovava temporaneamente nel piazzale della Compagnie Des Forges, prova di gomma. Alle mie rimostanze tentanti a non concedere l'uni- ca auto efficiente, dovendo cercare di rimetter su l'azienda durament- provata dai bombardamenti aerei, i detti militari Alleati mi hanno co- vinto a concedere la macchina con l'assicurazione che non solo l'av- vero usata per un periodo che non avrebbe superato il mese me che an- zicchè pagarmi il noleggio in quattro mi avrebbero ricompensato con la consegna delle gomme. Il giorno 14 aprile 1944 ritirarono l'auto- vettura suddetta e la trasportarono al campo d'aviazione di Decimo; nel frattempo al posto della IIOC targata CA 4946 consegnai la IIOC targata CA 4947 in migliori condizioni. Alla fine del mese di maggio mi hanno ancora pregato di lasciar loro la macchina ed assicurandomi ancora una volta che avrebbero ricompensato la mia gentilezza col co- segnarmi le coperture di cui avevo estremo bisogno.

Di tanto in tanto si presentavano al mio garage e rinnovavano la pr- ghiera di prolungare l'appalto: in queste visite riscontro il dete- rioramento della macchina e mi rammaricavo con loro per la poco cura dimostrata; sempre mi tacevano assicurandomi che non mi sarei penti- ta di quanto avevo fatto per loro.

In un giorno della seconda quindicina di settembre 1944 si presenta- rono con l'autovettura di mia proprietà e con una torpeda 509 e nel- comunicarmi che sarebbero partiti l'indomani mi lasciarono le coper- re che calzavano le macchine in parola.

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Nel ringraziarli per aver tenuto la parola data, li pregai però di ritornar via l'auto 509, perchè non mia: ma loro hanno insistito perchè la tenessi quale indennizzo per l'uso fatto della II00 e per i danni che questa macchina ^{avuta} subito per il lungo uso e logorio dovuto alle strade impraticabili, in cui la facevano passare, alla poca manutenzione ed a qualche leggero investimento, mi tranquillizzarono poi dicendomi che era stata acquistata ad Cristiano.

Mi preoccupai di conoscere il proprietario della torpeda 509 ed al R.A.C.I. mi comunicarono di essere intestata all'Ing. COVA di Oristano: dalla madre di questi ho però appreso che l'Ing. COVA non possedeva una macchina da oltre 8 anni. Attendendo di parlare direttamente con l'Ing. COVA per aver più ampie delucidazioni e comunque tengo la macchina a disposizione di chi dimostrerà d'essere il legittimo proprietario.

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tario.-Non ho riscosso alcun importo dai militari Alleati per l'uso e per i danni subiti dall'autovettura CA 4947 ridotta in condizioni precarie di carrozzeria, motore, sospensioni e di telaio che ho dovuto far saldare in due punti delicatissimi.

A/L/R/ Le quattro coperture delle dimensioni (6.00 X 15) portanti i seguenti numeri di matricola: S.F.O.L. 4487 = X 46 M 6687 = W 216839 = 26 C.M. 1187, e relative camere d'aria rinvenute nell'autonoleggio da me gestito, sito in Viale Diaz n. 123, dai sottufficiali del Nucleo Polizia Militare del Comando Aeronautica della Sardegna, sono state consegnate alla Ditta "Fratelli DEL CORVO", come sopra detto, quale indennizzo per l'uso e conseguenti danni arrecati dai militari Alleati alla autovettura in questione.

A/D/R/Le due coperture che erano montate sulla (Torpedo 509) sono state da me vendute al signor BARBAROSSA Tonino, per l'importo di lire 20.000, data la necessità e per sopprimere in parte alle spese che sto sostenendo per rimettere in efficienza l'auto danneggiata.

Non ho altro da aggiungere.

Fatto, letto, chiuso, sottoscritto e confermato in data e luogo del cui sopra.

Elena Tassinari Ved. Del Corvo
Croffiero Autentico Ing.



Caro

1290

(2)

FEBRUARY 23 1944

To whom it may concern

The tires mounted on this car and in possession of DITTA FRATELLI DEL CORVO are non-military and are payment for use of car loaned to us for a period of three months. These tires were brought to here from ~~Italy~~ North Africa by the undersigned. If any dispute should arise over the possession you may get in touch with

Sgt. Joseph J. Iammari

Ambrose B. Kennedy

444 Bomb Sqdn.

320 Bomb Group.

A.O.C. 650 1st Mch.

U. S. Army

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444 Bomb Sqdn
320 Bomb Group
APO 650 Tel. Natch
U.S. Army

SIA NOTO A CHI TOCCA

che i pneumatici montati su questo automobile di proprietà della DITTA FRATELLI DEL CORVO non sono di provenienza militare e rappresentano il pagamento per l'uso di un automobile lasciataci in prestito per un periodo di tre mesi.

Questi pneumatici furono portati qui dal sottoscritto dall'Africa del Nord. Nel caso qualche vertenza dovesse sorgere circa la proprietà, voi potete mettervi in contatto con:

Sergente: Joseph J.L. Ammari
Ambrose B. Kennedy
444th Bomb Sqdn
320 Bomb Group
Apo 650 Tel. Natch
U.S. Army

P.C.O.

This Fiat 1100 L has been hired for
 a period of three months commencing
 Apr. 13, 1944. Motor number 4946
 The above mentioned car is owned by
 Elena Pisu Vedova Del. Corva. Vial
 Diaz 123.

L. E. Pisu

444 Bomb Squad.
 320 Bomb Squad.
 APC 650
 C/o Q.M.

Corvina, Alcatraz
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NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD - BREITENBURG

100. 1 - 5.000 - 12-37 - Tsp. TONABINA - MILANO

presso Post Master.

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Lt. EDWIN R. Olson

444 Bomb Sqdn
320 Bomb Group
APO 650
C/o P.M.

Quest' automobile Fiat 1100 e' stato presa in affitto per un periodo di tre mese a partire dal 13 aprile 1944. Numero del motore: 4946.

L' automobile su menzionato e' di proprieta' di Elena Pisu vedova Del Corvo, Viale Diaz, 123.

Sott. Edwin T. Olson

444a Squadriglia da bombardamento
320 gruppo da bombardamento
Army Post Office(Posta Militare) N. 650
presso Post Master.

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ALLEGATO 25-6

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gistered for

I am leaving this
car with this party
to be registered for
taxi service.

a per essere

Sgt Kennedy J.B.
444-3201 B8206
8/18/44

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I am leaving this car with this party to be registered for taxi service.

Sgt. Kennedy A.B.

~~444~~ 320 Bomb

8/18/1944

Consegno quest' automobile alla parte interessata per essere registrata come automobile per servizio di taxi.

Sergente Kennedy A.B.

44 - 320 Bomb

18 Agosto 1944

COMANDO CAVALIERI REALI DELLA AERONAUTICA DELLA SARDEGNA-CAGLIARI-

PROCESSO VERBALE d'interrogatorio di BARBAROSSA Antonio di Fernando e di Pintore Margherita, nato il 3 maggio 1912, a Cagliari, ivi domiciliato in Via 2° S. Gusebio n. 4, autista.

L'anno millenovecentotrentacinque addì 27 del mese di marzo, nello Ufficio CC. RR. dell'Aeronautica della Sardegna, Cagliari, ore 17. ---
Avanti a noi Brigadiere CAFFIERO Antonio, in servizio presso il sud-
detto Comando, è presente il nominato BARBAROSSA Antonio, in oggetto
Generalizzato, il quale, interrogato, dichiara quanto segue: ---
" Alla fine di dicembre 1944 ho acquistato dalla Vedova DEL CORVO,
di via PISU, due pneumatici americani portanti i seguenti numeri di
matricola: 50 N 2386 - 167654, delle dimensioni 15.00 X 16, per la
somma di lire 20.000. ---

Avendo assicurato la vedova DEL CORVO che la provenienza dei
pneumatici era legale, ho registrato i detti copertoni presso la
Commissione Alleanza della Sardegna-Ufficio Pubblica Sicurezza
ottenendo dallo stesso Ente, una dichiarazione d'uso che vi esibì-
sco. ---

Non ho altro da aggiungere. ---

Fatto, letto, chiuso, sottoscritto e confermato in data e luogo di cui
sopra. ---

Barbarossa Antonio

Caffiero Antonio Brig.

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Non ho altro da aggiungere.

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Barbarossa Antonio

Caffizio Antonio Brig.

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Carry

ALLEGATO No.5

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Division
SARDINIA REGION

21 February 1945

SIGNOR, BARBAROSSA Antonio, proprietor of garage in Via Roma 38,
has on this date registered the following tires with this Office:

ALL SERVICE 600 by 16	-50 N 2386-
ALL SERVICE 600 by 16	-167654-
	Pfc W L. De Lama
	KARL W. FISCHER,
	Major, AUS,
	RPSC

P/fo

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COMMISSIONE ARMEATA DELLA SARDINIA
-Ufficio Pubblica Sicurezza-
CAGLIARI

21 Febbraio 1945.-

Il Signor BARBAROSSA Antonio, proprietario del garage in Via
Roma 38, ha registrato le seguenti gomme in questo Ufficio in data
cable:

ALL SERVICE 600 x 16	- 50 N 2386-
ALL SERVICE 600 x 16	- 167654-
	Pfc W L. De Lama
	KARL W. FISCHER,
	Major, AUS,
	RPSC

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ALL SERVICE 600 by 16

ALL SERVICE 600 by 16

-167654-

ALL SERVICE 600 by 16

Pfc W L. Da Lama

KARL W. FISCHER,

Major, AUS,

AFSC

V/to

COMMISSIONE ALLIATA DELLA SARDEGNA

-Ufficio Pubblica Sicurezza-

CAGLIARI

21 febbraio 1945.-

Il Signor EMILIO ANTONIO, proprietario del garage in Via
Roma 38, ha registrato la seguente come in questo Ufficio in data
odierna:

ALL SERVICE

600 X 16

- 50 N 2386-

ALL SERVICE

600 X 16

- 167654-

Pfc W L. Da Lama

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KARL W. FISCHER,

Major, AUS,

AFSC

V/to

P. C. C.

ALLIATA SARDEGNA

(ALLIATA SARDEGNA)

Amor

ALLEGATO 186

11/10/1981

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Il primo punto è che la
 differenza principale tra i due è
 la loro struttura.

La struttura con la quale
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Per la mia memoria e per la tua
che non dimentichi mai che
sono il tuo affetto.

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Il tuo affetto
L. J. J.

Proclamazione Adulato di

io sottoscritto Marco Mariano da Milano e di fratelli
Luigi e Francesco e del novembre 1913, residente
ad Ostia in via Roma 119, dichiaro:

nel gennaio del 1914 ebbi occasione di conoscere in
Cristiano due fratelli dell'Avvocato Alberto e suoi andavano
in barca di un autore di p. forte io possedevo una Fiat 207
Lancia C.H. 1284 Torpedo già di proprietà del mio
cognome genitore, appartenente di prima e quindi per me
suo figlio, in ogni loro proprietà di valore approssima-
vemente 100.000 e tenuto che il tutto apparteneva. Spese
loro proprietà e acquistavo subito per la somma di £ 18.000.
per il mio impasto in alcuni loro quattrini e di loro
di denaro alla parte mancante - in circa 10.000
trasferta per due mesi in L. per in L. e di loro
to per essere - secondo per che per essere in me e, per
la 1742 essere per me e, per essere, in pochi come dopo

1250

C'è una due milioni dell' esercito alleato e quasi andavano
 in cerca di un autotreno. Sicché io prendevo una Fiat Top
 torpedo C4-1084 Topford per la proprietà del mio
 deposito veicoli, e per la di giorno e giorno per me -
 un'idea di, usavo loro proprietà e volevo acquistare
 Occasionismo e tenere dove la casa di proprietà. Brando
 loro proprietà l'acquisto subito per la somma di \$18.000-
 per il cui importo ritiravo loro proprietà e di loro proprietà
 di vendere alla parte americana - la parte per la
 frazione. Ma la parte non l'ha in locale. E che non
 lo prendere - secondo fare che per essere in modo, ma
 la parte vendere per la parte americana, in modo come poter
 e detto era proprietà di proprietà in proprietà proprietà
 di detto americano, non lo prendere i loro, e in parte
 con l'affidamento. Non mi curavo di essere il
 proprio della americana presso il R.A.C. I R. Cydon.

IL TENENTE COMANDANTE

(Milo C. C. C. C.)

ai due americani perché non potessero rintracciare i loro
 re lativi. Il sottufficiale libello non ha quasi importanza
 ed ignora la parte tecnologica, ma dubito che sia stato
 tenuto conto con quella parte del mio processo.
 gentile - Le ho macchinato per acquistare la mia parte
 dell'ing. Ben Daville in epoca che non ho più niente
 all'ist. che gli americani acquistavano la macchina
 la parte la loro esportazione nella nazione del sp.

Denis Hupels 100 in. Distretto in Via E. 100.

in fede
 Divisione di Polizia. M. M. M. M. M.

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H. TENENTE COMANDANTE

(MILITARY COMMAND)

[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

14081 42A
10th April 1945

Subject : Sequestered or Confiscated Allied Property
To : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Upon closing down of this Headquarters; the Italian Police Agencies have been instructed to turn over all future sequestered or confiscated Allied Property to the 63rd Staging Post, RAF., ELMAS.

JACP/ajs

TO	
DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY & JAC	
EXEC. OFFICER	
FCI	
LC. & JAC	
PRISON	
ADMT. OFF.	
SECURITY	
CHIEF	

J.A.C. Pentyouice
J.A.C. PENTYUICE;
Colonel.
Regional Commissioner

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P. SAFETY S/C 4631

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS TPJ/seb
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 400.8

1 March 1945

Recd in PS 5-C 6/4/45

SUBJECT: Possession of NAAFI goods by Ex-IW
and personnel of Italian Merchant Ships.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Reference your AG/14081/PS of 6 February.
G-1(B) this Headquarters has pointed out that Italian
ex-IW arriving at TARANTO may have been repatriated
from any one of a number of commands or from North
Africa. In these circumstances they enquire whether
you have any evidence tending to show that any
particular command is specially concerned.

2. Your comments are requested.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Duplicate of 372

T. B. Jackman
Lt. Col.
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

Copy to:
G-1(B), your CR/3455/G1 Br
of 27 Feb., refers.

See Action at 1402

TO	
DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
EXEC. OFFICER	
POLICE	
SEC. & REG.	
PRISONS	
POST OFFICE	
SECURITY	
TRAINING	

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HEADQUARTERS
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS TPJ/seb
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 400.8

1 March 1945

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APO 394

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For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:


T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

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of 27 Feb., refers.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

AC/14081/PS

Tel. 473709
10 March 1945

SUBJECT : Possession of N.A.A.F.I. Goods by Ex- P.O.W's.

TO : AFHQ, G-5.

1. With reference to your letter G-5 400.8 dated 1 March, 1945. it is regretted that with the withdrawal of Allied Commission Officers from Taranto it is not possible to obtain the further information required.

2. It is suggested that the Commands from which Ex POW's generally come to this country, is known at your Headquarters.

For the Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]
G.R. UNJOHN, Brig
VP CA Sec

BP/jwf

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/4

Date 13 March 45

SUBJECT:

Allied Goods in Possession of P.O.W.

TO :

H.Q. Allied Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your AC/14081/PS dated 5th
March 1945.

2. Contents of para 4 of the a/m letter
have been made known to H.Q. Southern Region,
Economics and Supply (Food) Section and enclosed
is copy of reply received from them.

For the Regional Commissioner:

TO	INITIALS	DATE
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
POLIC. <i>RNH/tp.</i>		
EC. & S. S.		
PRISON		
ADMIN. & S.		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

G. N. Lobb
for G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

COPY

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMICS & SUPPLY DIVISION
APO 394

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ES/216/1

12 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Allied Goods in Possession of P.O.W.

TO : HQ. AC. Southern Region
(Attn: Regional Public Safety Officer).

Reference your PS/4 of 9 March, in view of the fact that there is now no A.C. representative at Taranto, it will not be possible to obtain further information on this matter.

(signed) J.D. Sinclair

J.D. SINCLAIR
Major RA
Food Sub-Division

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P. Safety 34A
 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 G-5 Section
 APO 512

TEJ/ceb

G-5: 400.8

1 March 1945

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For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

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FROM	
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DATE	
COPY TO:	
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of 27 Feb., refers.	
REMARKS	
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T. B. JACKMAN
 Lt. Colonel.

THIS COPY FOR G-1 B

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Basic: Ltr Hq AC, Civil Affairs Section, dtd 12 Nov 1944, subj: "Illegal possession of WD property etc."

AG 333.5/259 GEG-0 1st Ind
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, APO 512, 15 February 1945.

ANK/etb

TO: President, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Investigation has been made by an Inspector General from Headquarters MTCUSA of the incident concerning the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rasa, Italian civilians, on 20 October 1944, by military police at Brindisi, Italy.

2. Appropriate action is being taken by United States Military Authorities with respect to Captain M. Catanzaro, the United States officer involved in this incident.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

A. B. KING
Lt Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

AC/14081/PS 2nd IND 20 February, 1945.
FROM HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION APO 394
TO : R.P.S.O. Southern Region.

The above is forwarded for your information. Your letter PS/17.5.1 dated 7 November 1944, refers.

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MR

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

ASC/14081/PS



SUBJECT : Illegal possession of WD property etc.

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

1. On the 20 October the Military Police at Brindisi examined the luggage which Mr. & Mrs. Rasa were having put into the luggage van of a train for Naples. It consisted of 5 cartons (inside which were found WD petrol cans containing 15 gallons of olive oil) and 5 suitcases containing flour (30 lbs) sugar (7 lbs) lard, almonds, 9 tins of meat and vegetable stew and the following of WD origin : 14 bars of chocolate 2 of washing soap 7 of toilet soap and 1 pack of playing cards.
2. Such of the property as was of WD origin was confiscated. The amount of olive oil, flour and sugar suggests a Black Market transaction.
3. Mr. Rasa produced a "letter of authority" (a copy of which is attached) which purports to be signed by Capt. M. Catanzaro of 2677 Reg. CSS Prov. APO 534. May the attention of those concerned be drawn to the impropriety of issuing such "letters of authority" Para. 2 of the letter should also be noted.

For Chief Commissioner,

G. R. JOHNSON, Brig.
VP, CA Sec.
DCOS AC.U. S. CONFIDENTIAL
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
AFG 394

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14081/PB

SUBJECT :

Illegal possession of WD property
Regional Commissioner
Attention R.P.S.O. Southern

Region

10 Feb. 1945

Reference our letter
please expedite reply.

above-mentioned

of 3 Jan. 1945

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 478300

6 February, 1945.

AG/14081/PS

SUBJECT : Possession of NAAFI Goods by Ex. POW.

TO : AFHQ G-5.

1. It has been brought to notice that ex POW and personnel of Italian merchant ships arrive at Taranto in possession of goods which they state they have purchased from NAAFI establishments in camps or on board ships.
2. It is common for individuals to be found in possession of as many as 20 tablets of soap, 20 sticks of shaving soap and 1.500 Kg. of coffee.
3. Such goods are rationed to Allied troops, and are in short supply in this country, and it would appear probable that the goods so imported are destined for the black market.
4. The above is forwarded for information and any action which may be deemed advisable.

For the Chief Commissioner :

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig. 127
VP, CA Sec.
DCOS, AG.

BF. 24/2/45.

See 37A

**HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION**

Ref: PS/ 4

Date 31 January 1945

SUBJECT: Allied goods in possession of returned Italian PW's.

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

1. The attached letter dated 22 January 1945 received from HQ. Taranto Zone is forwarded for your information and favour of a ruling thereon.

2. The question of Allied clothing has already been referred to your HQ. - Please see this HQ. letter PS/4 of 27 December 1944.

For the Regional Commissioner:

LW Lee Capt
for G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

LWT/aa.



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COL. CH. P.	<i>not s/v</i> x
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COL. G.	
COL. S. M.	
COL. H. M.	
COL. T. M.	
COL. P. M.	
COL. M. M.	

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• Maj Sealey

28 JAN 1946

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SOUTHERN REGION
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22 Jan 1946

SUBJECT : Allied goods in possession returned
Italian P.W.'s

REF : T/AC/14

TO : HQ Southern Region, Alcom, Naples.

1. Many of the repatriated Italian P.W. and personnel of Italian merchant ships arrive in Taranto in possession of quantities of rationed goods which they state were purchased from H.A.A.P.I. in the camps or on shipboard.

2. 20 Tablets soap, 20 sticks, shaving soap, 1.500 kg coffee, etc are common amounts belonging to one person.

3. Allied clothing is also carried and this subject has been taken up by 52 Area with 2 District for a ruling

4. Are these persons to be allowed to import and take with them to their homes goods which are rationed to Allied Troops and have a ready sale in the Black Market ?

A. Turner-Coles

A. TURNER COLES, Lt. Col.
Zone Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478300

3 February 1945

AG/14081/PS

SUBJECT : Sale of Allied Clothing by ex POW

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

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1. With reference to your letter PS/4 dated 27 Dec, 44, on the above subject.
2. The matter was referred to AFHQ, and reply has now been received that action will be taken to prohibit the sale of such articles of clothing which have been issued or sold to ex-POW.
3. Copy of NATOUSA letter 383.6 (SSPMG) dated 15 May, 44, is forwarded for your information, and this letter is in course of being suitably amended.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

AC/14081/PS

3 February, 1945

SUBJECT : Illegal possession of WD property

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

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With reference to your letter PS/17.5.1 dated 7 Nov, 1944, and subsequent correspondence from this Office, terminating in request for the original "Pass" issued by Capt. CATANZARO to be forwarded here, will you please expedite.

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

BF. 10/2/4

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subject:- Confiscated Property

201 Sub Area
Pro 12/592
30 Jan 45

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cc 75 Coy GP (30)

cc.

Reference your 75/10/1/25/1 dated 25.1.45.

1. Confirmation has been received from the Allied Commission that the Military Pattern pillowcase was in fact the property of General Orlando and in the circumstances, will you please forward the garment to:-

The Director,
Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Headquarters Allied Commission.
APO 302.

obtaining a receipt.

JOB/rah

[Signature]
Capt.
S. C. Sutherland.

Copy to:- Controller 201 Sub Area (copy of AL letter and GP report att)
" " Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission (your AL/1400/15 refers, —
GP report att)

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TO	DATE	INITIALS
MR. CHAPMAN	1/2/45	
MR. YOUNG		
MR. TO W. C. S.		
MR. LORRAINE		
MR. WILSON		
MR. HANBURY		
MR. BALLANCE		
CAPT. POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

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COPY

Officer G. G. G. G.
 75 Coy. G. G. G. G.

Sir, Near CIVIL CASTELLANA, ref A.718104, Route 3, on
 22 Jan 48, at about 1800 hrs, I was on duty, accompanied by
 two members of the Carabinieri, CIVIL Castellana, and one
 other military policeman, when I saw a suitcase belonging
 to GIUSEPPE ORLANDO, 1 Via SCHIZZATI, ROMA, and an
 Italian (knack).

The s/a Italian had no permission for same, but stated
 that he could produce permission in three days if I was
 agreeable.

To this I agreed, holding the jersey pullover, as it
 was my property.

No permission has been produced, and the jersey pulled
 is now in my Company Stores. 12.

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(sgd) 1/230141 G. G. G. G.
 75 Coy. G. G. G. G.

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28 January 1945

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TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your AC/14081/PS of 6 January 1945.
2. Attention is invited to the attached copy of letter which was published on 15 May 1944. This letter is being amended so as to prohibit the sale of such articles and the War Office has been requested to issue instructions to all commands on this matter.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, A.G.D.

1 Incl:
MTOUSA ltr. 383.6 (SSPMG)
dtd 15 May 1944.

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✓	COL. DR. THOMAS	
	DR. YOU	
	LT. COL. W.	
	MAJ. DICK	
	MAJ. WILSON	
	MAJ. HENRY	
	MAJ. DAL	
✓	CAPT. D. WIL	

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 750

383.6 (SSPMG)

15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Articles of Clothing Belonging to Ex-POW.

TO : See Distribution.

1. It has been reported that released or repatriated Italian prisoners of war who have been issued or sold items of U.S. clothing while prisoners of war have been stopped by Allied Military Police and questioned with respect to the possession of the items of U.S. clothing issued or sold to them.

2. In order to clarify the right of possession of items of U.S. clothing by released or repatriated Italian prisoners of war in the future, all Italian prisoners of war released or repatriated will be furnished a certificate by the camp from which released or repatriated substantially as follows showing the items of U.S. clothing of which they are rightfully in possession:

PW Camp No. _____
U. S. Army

Date _____

I certify that _____, Italian prisoner of war
(Name)
(or Service Unit member), who has been released or repatriated, has been issued or sold the following items of U.S. Army clothing which he has the right to retain in his possession.

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Signature of Certifying officer

By command of Major General LARKIN:

/s/ John M. Brown
CWO, U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel : 469061 - 383

25 January, 1945.

AC/14081/PS

SUBJECT : Road Checks.

TO : D.A.P.M. 201 Sub Area C.M.F.

1. At 1630 hrs 22 January 1945 at a road check at Civita Castellana, Giuseppe Orlando, (son of General Taddeo Orlando Commanding General Carabinieri) was stopped and searched by British Military Police as to his possession of Allied property.
2. Giuseppe Orlando was found to be wearing a military type woollen pullover, and this was confiscated. Orlando was informed that if his claim to the pullover could be substantiated it would be returned to him.
3. General Orlando has spoken to this office on the subject. It appears that the pullover is the property of the General and was bought by him when a prisoner of war in England.
4. There is no doubt that Giuseppe Orlando was properly in possession of the pullover, and it is asked that the garment be returned to this office, when steps will be taken to restore it to the proper owner.

Handwritten signature
JOHN W. CHERRY 1262
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy Commanding General CC.MR.

FJW/C.

TO	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN	
COL. YOUNG	
LT. COL. WILCOX	
MAJ. LUCKY	
MAJ. WILSON	
MAJ. HARRIS	
MAJ. BAL	
CAPT. P. WEL	
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

11/08/45

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12 January 1945

- SUBJECT: Illegal Possession of WD Property.
- TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
1. Reference is made to G-5: 386.5-1 of 23 December.
 2. An early reply is requested in order that the Inspector General's Office may be advised of the position.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Copy to:- Inspector General's
Branch, AFHQ (Attn:
Major Gibbs.)

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
AFC 394

Tel : 478832

6 January, 1945.

AC/14381/5

SUBJECT : Sale of clothing by ex- of P.

TO : AFIC 0-5.

1. Cases have recently come to light in Southern Region in which civilians have been found in possession of Allied military property, such as blankets and sheets.
2. Civilians have been arrested and charged on being found in possession of such articles. On investigation it has been disclosed that the civilians had purchased these articles from repatriated Italian GPs.
3. It would appear that prior to these GPs being released in India, Kenya or elsewhere, they were allowed by our military authorities to acquire these articles on repayment, and thus obtain absolute title of ownership.
4. Under these circumstances the Italian authorities take the view that no offence is disclosed by the ex- or the persons by whom the articles are purchased, and where it has been proved that the civilians have acquired the articles under the circumstances outlined above, the charges have been dropped.
5. As it may be assumed that cases of this character may increase, it is suggested that some provision be made of suitably marking such articles before they are sold to the GPs about to be repatriated.

For the Chief Commissioner :

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G.P. DEJOHN, Brig 1260
V. CA Sec.
SCOS. AC.

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Date 27 Dec.44

SUBJECT:

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L. W. Loes Capt

G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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21 Dec 44

Ref: BZ/LEG/2/6119

Subject: Sale by ex POW's to Civilians of clothing
legitimately acquired.

TO : R.C.L.O. Naples, Southern Region.

A case has arisen in this Zone in which investigations into the possession by Italian civilians of Allied military property such as blankets, sheets, etc have disclosed that the civilians purchased these articles from Italian ex-POW. It would appear that these P.O.W. prior to their return from internment in India, Kenya or other POW concentrations, were allowed by our own Military Authorities to acquire such military articles against re-payment and thus obtain an absolute title of ownership in them.

Subsequently, they disposed of them to civilians (as it is claimed, they were quite at liberty to do) who were found in possession, arrested and charged.

The Italian Authorities take the view that, in the circumstances above set forth, no offence can be said to have been committed either by the ex POW soldiers or by the civilian purchasers and that the charges must therefore fail.

In the case quoted at the beginning of this letter, the proceedings have been dropped.

As it may be assumed that an ever increasing flow of Italian POW's will be returning to this country of whom a good many may offer for sale to the civilian population Allied Military articles legitimately acquired, it is requested that representations be made to the proper authorities to introduce a system of marking any military articles ceded or sold to ex POW's and which become the latter's personal property.

The details of the special markings should of course be communicated to all Legal Officers of Allied Commission. 1200

.....Major
for Legal Officer
Apulia & Calabria.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 470800

5 March 1945

AO/14081/PS

SUBJECT : Allied Goods in possession of returned POW.

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

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1. With reference to your letter PS/4 dated 31 Jan. 45, respecting returned Italian POW being in possession of NAAFI goods.

2. This matter was referred to AFHQ, G-5, for action.

3. Reply has now been received from AFHQ, G-5, in which it is pointed out that the ex-POW arriving at Taranto may have come from any one of a number of Commands or from North Africa.

4. In these circumstances, information is requested whether there is any evidence tending to show that any particular command is specially concerned.

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 386.5-1

23 December 1944

SUBJECT: Illegal possession of WD property, etc.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your ACC/14081/PS of 12 November. This was submitted to G-1 American who have requested the Inspector General to take action.

2. The Inspector General desires to have the original of the 'pass' issued by Capt. Catanzaro (copy of which was inclosed with your letter). Can you state in whose possession this is or whether in fact the original was taken from Mr. and Mrs. Rasa. If it is still in their possession can you give their present address. If it is in your possession please submit it here as quickly as possible.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:


T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

Copy to: Inspector General's Branch AFHQ
(conversation Maj Gibbs-Jackman refers)

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AC/14081/PS

5 Jan 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, Public Safety Sub-Commission, APO 394.

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

Will you please take the necessary action to comply with the above.
Your letter PS/17.5.1 dated 7 Nov 44 refers.

JP
JOHN W. CHAPMAN 1250
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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Cdn 56/6/REST CENTRES/1
(AG1)14081 23
24 Nov 44.

Rome Allied Area Command.

(Attn: Provost Marshal)

Cdn Rest Centre - Rome.

1. The officer IC of the m/n centre has brought to the attention of this HQ that Italian civilians are urging the Cdn soldiers on leave at this centre to sell them military equipment such as boots and blankets, etc. by offering them large sums of money.
2. It appears that civilians in numbers ranging up to one hundred wait the arrival of a convoy from fd units to barter with the soldiers as they get out of their vehicles.
3. This Cdn Rest Centre has not the required number of personnel on the staff to maintain order and to prevent soldiers from selling part of their equipment to Italians. It should be brought to attention that there have been considerable thefts at this centre, and every step has been taken by this HQ to curb them. No real success will be obtained until such time as the Italians are barred from the immediate surroundings of this centre.
4. It would be greatly appreciated by this HQ if this matter could be taken up with the Allied Control Commission.
5. May this HQ be advised as to the results, please.

(sgd) E.B. Wilson

for

col 1250

(E.G. Weeks) Brigadier
Officer I-C
Cdn Sec GHQ 1 Ech AAI

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EXTRACTS FROM LETTER TO 1 CDN CORPS dated 12 Dec 44.

"2. Reports of thefts from the various leave installations in ROME have been current all summer and on receipt of 1 Cdn Corps letter A/Q 5-9 FD 2 dated 14 Nov 44, and our reply of 22 Nov, checking facilities were installed. This still did not materially decrease the number of reported thefts and in Nov the Provost-Marshal of the Rome Allied Area Command was requested to obtain the co-operation of the civil police to thoroughly investigate the various cases of reported theft. From their reports it is evident that the thefts in the first instance that are taking place are thefts by one soldier from another, when a soldier has been careless in safeguarding his equipment, or, the cases are not thefts at all but a case of a man actually disposing of his own equipment and then reporting it as theft in order to protect himself when he arrives back at his unit.

3. There is also a strong suspicion that soldiers bring extra kit and equipment down from the field with the specific intention of selling it on arrival. The Provost have not been able to prove any specific case as yet."

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

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21 November 1944.

FIRST ENDORSEMENT On
Ministry of Marine ltr
Ref: 14454 of 12 Nov '44.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Civil Affairs Section, Public Safety
Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.

1. Forwarded for comment on action taken by M.P.
2. Return of papers is requested.

H. W. Ziroli
H. W. ZIROLI

Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

2-Incls:
Ltr Min. of Marine
Report of Arrest.

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From : MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : P.O.L.I. - Rome
Date : 12.11.44
Ref. : 14454

Subject : Arrest of Chief Mech. 1st Cl. Domenico DE FRANCESCO.

1. The above Chief Petty Officer was arrested by A.M.P. at Capua on 29th September last - see attached report - as he was found to be in possession of 33 in No. tins of powdered milk and 4 in No. tins of sausages.
2. He was eventually set free and the Royal Carabinieri in that area have sent in their report.
3. From the Chief's statement it appears that these foodstuffs were purchased in the ordinary manner from grocers at Taranto.
4. The Commander in Chief Ionian and L. Adriatic, who was requested by this Ministry to inform on the matter, has confirmed that in various Food Stores at Taranto Allied tinned goods are on sale without any restriction.
5. As food bought on the open market should not be seized nor is it necessary that the corresponding bill be shown, we request you kindly notify Allied Authorities concerned of the error committed in this particular instance so as to avoid a repetition of the incident.

CHIEF OF CABINET.



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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

PRISON REGISTRY NUMBER
Numero di matricola del Carcere

REPORT OF ARREST RAPPORTO D'ARRESTO

For use by the Allied and Italian Police. This form must be completed within
12 hours of the arrest.

Per uso delle Polizie Italiane ed Alleate. Questo modulo deve essere riempito entro
12 ore dall'arresto.

MILITARY POLICE CASE NUMBER
Numero del Registro della Polizia Alleata

PERSON ARRESTED

Persona arrestata

DE FRANCESCO DOMENICO DI ENRICO.

40 years.

Last name, first name, paternity - *Cognome, nome, paternità*

age - *età*

Address

Indirizzo

Identification Number

Tessera di Riconoscimento N.

DETAILS OF THE ARREST

Causa dettagliata dell'arresto

Violation of Proclamation No.

Article No.

Subd.

Violazione del Proclama N.

Articolo N.

Comma

Violation of Italian Law

Violazione di Legge Italiana

Place of offense

Check Point near Junction Routes 3 and 7

Luogo del reato

Date of offense

29th September 1944

Time

1830 hours

Data del reato

ora

Place of arrest

Check Point near Junction Routes 3 and 7

Luogo dell'arresto

Date of arrest

29th September 1944

Time

1830 hours

Data dell'arresto

ora

Facts of offense

Being in illegal possession of WD Motorcycles

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Causa dettagliata del reato

EVIDENCE (Description)
Refurtiva (Descrizione)

33 Tins of WD Milk

4 Tins of Pork Sausage Meat.

Whereabouts of evidence
Dove è adesso la refurtiva

"R" Provost Company - GIP

DISPOSITION OF PERSON ARRESTED

Misure prese circa l'arrestato

Where has the person arrested been taken
Dove è stato portato l'arrestato

CC. RR. Capua

WITNESS No. 1

Testimone No 1

Steed Philip

1. Last name, first name, paternity - *Cognome, nome, paternità*

2. Address "R" Provost Company - Corps of Military Police.
Indirizzo

3. Testimony At Capua on the 20th September 1944 at about 1830 hours I was on duty at the Check Point near the Junction of Routes 2 and 7 when I saw a motor vehicle on which the person named on the English label was travelling as a passenger. He was in possession of the above mentioned WD Foodstuffs. He made a statement (approximate) that he bought it in Germany for his cousin Bob, and I told him that his own name was on the label. I confiscated the property, and arrested him and conveyed him to the CC. RR. Capua to be detained.

Deposizione

WITNESS No. 2

Testimone No 2

1. Last name, first name, paternity - *Cognome, nome, paternità*

2. Address

Indirizzo

3. Testimony

Deposizione:

Name of arresting officer

Nome dell'agente o Carabiniere

"R" Provost Company - GIP.

Unit

Report

Am

Matricola

G.I. Morgan.

Address of Unit of arresting officer

Stazione CC RR. o Comandato di P. R.

C O P Y

Statement made by:- De Francesco Domenico di Ernesto.
Mistaro Marina. Rome.

States:-

I bought in the grocery stores of Taranto
55 Cans of Milk at 13 lire each, and 4
cans of Sausages at 52 lire each, taking
them to Rome for my cousins children living
in Via Pia di Maruolo.

Date 29/9/44.

(Sgd) De Francesco Domenico.

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Ref.
No. 73/443 of protocol

20-11-44.

Territorial Legion CC. RR.

HDP 21A

Sub: Rhonggraw by Hana.

Yesterday 19th. current Area Home Station - Criminals proceeded to seize a knapsack which contained Allied R.F.A. garments found in the possession of the boy Torquati Gastone 12 years old. - successively was seized in the house of the boy Mosati Camilo 13 years old, via Cesare Battisti 2, a new inner-tube for automobile, a cover, and a bicycle belonging to Allied R.F.A.

Two boys who for their age it is not possible to bring charge against them, appear to have stolen these objects in various localities in Rome. These objects will be exhibited in Captain Hopkins' office.

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H. Q. A.C. Brigata
 Divisione T. Divisione di
 IPISTORIALE DEL CARABINIERI REALI DI ROMA
 COMPAGNIA IMPERNA DI ROMA

n° 73/443 di Protocollo.

ROME 11720 novembre 1944

Oggetto: Fonogramma a nastro

20 NOV 1944

AL COMANDO SUPERIORE IV° CLAIM COMMISSION (Britannico) C.M.F.
ALLA REGIA PREFETTURA DI
AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE TERRITORIALE CC. RR. - UFF. Servizio -
AL COMANDO DEL GRUPPO INTERNO DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI
ALLA REGIA QUESTURA DI
AL CAPITANO HOPKINS - presso la Regia. Questura -

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zo FORQUATI Gastone di anni I2.- Successivamente venivano sequestrate
in casa ragazzo ROSSI Sergio di anni I3, via Cesare Battisti 2 una ca-
mera d'urto nuova autovettura, una coperta ed un blusotto appartenenti
FF.AA. All'este.-

Due ragazzi, che per età non sono imputabili, affermano aver rubato detti oggetti in varie località Romæ. Gli oggetti saranno versati ufficio Capitano HOPKINS.



CAPIANO **CHIERA**
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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED ~~COMMISSION~~ COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/4.8

Date 15th November 1944

SUBJECT: Suspected Illegal Retention and Sale of British WD and
American Army clothing and equipment.

TO : Hq. Allied Commission.
(Attention of the Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission.)

1. Recently, throughout this Region and particularly in the remote parts from where Allied troops have now been withdrawn, British WD and American Army clothing and equipment have appeared in the shops and street markets for purchase by members of the public.

2. The Italian civil police agencies, aware of the offence of illegal possession of Allied military property, seized such property in certain cases and took the necessary action to bring the offenders before the Court. Practically without exception these efforts came to naught as the suspects were in a position to prove that they had purchased Allied clothing etc. from Allied sources in a legitimate manner and their defence was that the article or articles in dispute had formed part of one or other of these legal transactions - there can be no doubt at all as to what was really happening; these shopkeepers and the like had been permitted to purchase 'scrap' from the military authorities and had exhibited it for sale, but at the same time they were augmenting their stock with serviceable clothing stolen or unlawfully obtained.

3. Enquiry after enquiry was received at this Hq. not only from the Italian police but also from our Zone Public Safety Officers, military units and other Regions in which they asked for clarification of the situation. The situation was indeed becoming serious not only because thefts of military property seemed to be on the increase but also because general security was being threatened by the disposal of Allied uniforms etc. to the public.

4. Consequently, we made suitable representation to the appropriate military authorities and after consultation with our legal

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Section, the attached self-explanatory report containing instructions was compiled by this Division and forwarded to the Zone Public Safety Officers of Southern Region for information and guidance in cases of this description - it is hoped this action will solve this somewhat difficult problem.

5. Submitted for your information.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G. Richardson
G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

GR/jaz.

Enclos - 1 copy letter.

TO	INIT	DATE
✓ COL. CHAPMAN	✓	3/3/11
COL. YOUNG		
✓ LT. COL. WILCOX	✓	1/11
✓ MAJ <i>Tracy</i>	✓	1/11
MAJ WILSON		
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MAJ HARVEY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWELL		

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1944
SOUTHERN REGION, MILITARY COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

10 November 1944

75/4.8

SUBJECT: Suspected Illegal Retention and Sale of British "D and American Army Clothing and Equipment.

Mr. MAPLES Lane, (attention of JUSC)	"
" SALLING "	"
" KOCIA "	"
" BALI "	"
" KARAYAN "	"
" CAMARALLO "	"

1. In this Region British and American military clothing and equipment has been found in many shops and at open markets exhibited for sale to the general public and, when taxed by police as to legality of possession, the shopkeepers or stallholders have stated they purchased the property legitimately from Allied Military depots and in some cases they have produced documentary evidence in support of those statements.

2. Much of the property subjected to enquiry by police has been found in such a condition that would lead any reasonably minded person to believe it could not possibly have been discarded by the military authorities as unsuitable for further military use.

3. By reason of this and the information reaching this H.Q. it is very obvious these shopkeepers and stallholders have been purchasing stolen or unlawfully obtained Allied military clothing and have hoarded it pending the withdrawal of the Allied forces from the particular neighbourhood after which they have placed the various articles, for purchase by the general public, amongst other property legitimately obtained from the Allies.

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4. Had these vendors been prosecuted for illegal possession there is little doubt they would have produced evidence showing purchases of quantities of clothing and equipment in a proper manner from Allied sources, so endeavouring to convey to the Court the impression that the articles in dispute had been included in one or other of these legal transactions. In such circumstances it is reasonable to assume the Italian or Allied Judge before whom the accused appeared would not proceed to conviction but would give them the benefit of the doubt and acquit.

5. This was the position when complaints were received from Zone, consequently, letters were forwarded to H.Q. Perimeter Base Section (American) and H.Q. District (British) asking clarification of the situation - the following are extracts from the replies received:-

H.Q. PPS

29/5/44

1. Reference your letter 8/5/44 (PS/4.8) "Used Army Clothing".
2. Investigation reveals some clothing and blankets classified as 'Scrap' (Class D) have been sold to Italian civilians by 61st Quartermaster Base Depot. Effort has been made to mutilate such clothing prior to its sale so as to prevent its use as garments. These operations are necessarily carried on by civilian labour under military supervision. It is quite possible that a relatively small portion of articles of clothing and blankets better than Class D and certain Class D items which were not mutilated may have found their way into the quantity sold to civilians.
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Francois H. Cxx.
Colonel Commanding."

H.Q. No. 3 District

30/10/44

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2. There have been no authorised sales of "D clothing to ITALIAN civilians.
3. It appears that scrap woollen rags have for some considerable time been sold to civilian agencies, both in North Africa and Italy and that blankets when reduced by wear and tear are classified as scrap woollen rags.
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5. Allied Military outer clothing issued to the Italian Army is being dyed green; that issued to ICC is being dyed black. This should reduce the amount of military clothing involved in black market operations.

(illegible)
Maj. Gen. Comd."

6. The pertinent paragraph of the memorandum referred to in para. 3 of the communication from U.S. PAC reads:-

"In view of the recent change in policy announced by the Combined Chiefs of Staff which affects this subject, new and current instructions pertaining to the supply of Italian military forces are being drafted and will be published at an early date. Pending publication of these instructions uniform clothing unsuitable for use in the British and United States Armies will be dealt with on a national basis, i.e., deliveries will no longer be sent to the British Ordnance Depots in Naples or Bari by United States sources but will be delivered direct to Italian military repair installations designated by IMI to receive such clothing, shoes etc."

7. After perusal of the foregoing it will be appreciated the information supplied by these military authorities is still far from satisfactory from our point of view. Nevertheless, it does assist somewhat in determining our future policy in these cases.

8. By reference to the letter of 11 FEB it is apparent that serviceable clothing and equipment has been disposed of in this Region by the American Army authorities but that the practice has been stopped following the AFHQ memorandum of 4th September 1944. In these circumstances it would be unwise to institute Court proceedings for unlawful possession of American property if the holder can prove he purchased it before the date of the memorandum.

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11. It is pointed out that the decision as to whether an article can be described as 'scrap' is a matter entirely for the Court. If, however, such a defence is put forward by the accused an adjournment could be asked for when, upon application to this U.S., a representative of one or other of the Allied depots could be requested to give expert evidence at the remand hearing - such evidence would materially assist the

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

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Sec 24

12 November, 1954.

100/14081/75

SUBJECT : Illegal possession of WD property etc.

RE : C-5, AFHQ.

On the 20 October the Military Police at Brindisi examined the luggage which Mr. & Mrs. Rana were having put into the luggage van of a train for Naples. It consisted of 5 cartons (inside which were found WD petrol cans containing 15 gallons of olive oil) and 5 suitcases containing flour (30 lbs) sugar (7 lbs) lard, almonds, 9 tins of meat and vegetable stew and the following of WD origin: 14 bars of chocolate 2 of washing soap 7 of toilet soap and 1 pack of playing cards.

Much of the property was of WD origin and was confiscated. The amount of olive oil, flour and sugar suggest a Black Market transaction.

Mr. Rana produced a "letter of authority" (a copy of which is attached) which purports to be signed by Capt. M. Catanzaro of 2677 Reg. CTS Prov. APC 5th May the attention of those concerned be drawn to the impropriety of issuing such "letter of authority" Para.2 of the letter should also be noted.

For Chief Commissioner.

Sec 36a

G. J. SPORN, Brig.
VP, CA Sec.
USCS AG.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED ~~COMMISSION~~ COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/ 17.5.1

Date 7 November 1944

SUBJECT: Illegal possession of WD. property etc.

TO : HQ. Allied Commission
(for attention of Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. The attached military police report PRO/B.257/35.9 dated 20 Oct. 1944 has been received at this HQ. from APM, 52 Area for ZPSO, Taranto.

2. It will be noted that in addition to the Allied property found in possession of the persons concerned, the amounts of olive oil and sugar involved make it obvious that a 'black market' transaction was being undertaken.

3. From enquiries made it would appear that the 2677 Regt. OSS, is a unit under the jurisdiction of AFHQ and it is requested that their attention be drawn to the matter and in particular to the improper letter of authority issued by Capt. M. CATANZARO.

180 For the Regional Commissioner:

LWT/tp.

Copy to: ZPSO; Taranto.



for *L.W. Jones Capt.*
G. RICHARDSON
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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SUBJECT :- Improper Possession - MD Property
and Foodstuffs

PRO/63/22

26 Oct 44

HQ, ACC, TARANTO.

Attached Military Police Report
PRO/B .257/359 dated 20 Oct 44 is forwarded
for information and action considered necessary

E. O. Powell. Capt.
DAPM.
for Major.

Assistant Provost Marshal,
H.Q. 52 Area.
(Absent in Hospital)

Field.

REPORT.Reference HQ/B.257/55A.

TO:-

55 GARRISON HEADQUARTERS.

Sir,

I have to report that at BRINDISI on the 20th OCTOBER 1944, at about 1400 HOURS, I was on Special Check Duties accompanied by QUESTURA AGENT and DETACHMENT INTERPRETER at the CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION.

During the course of this duty whilst on the platform, I saw an Italian putting into the luggage van of the BRINDISI - NAPLES TRAIN, a number of suitcases and large cardboard cartons.

I opened the top of one of the cartons and inside it appeared to be a 4 gallon WD Petrol Can. I questioned the Italian:- RASA ROBERTO, 21 Via CARLO DEL GRECO, FLORENCE, who was accompanied by his wife:- ANTONIETTA, and he stated the cases and cartons contained OIL and FOODSTUFFS, 5 CASES and 5 CARTONS in all. He then produced an Authority Chit (Attached). Not being satisfied with the Authority Chit or his explanation, I conducted him to the CM POLICE DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS for interrogation, after which the case was referred to 62 Field Security Section. I conducted them to the QUESTURA where the cases were opened in my presence and found to contain FLOUR (approx., 30 lbs.) LARD, ALMONDS, SUGAR (approx., 7 lbs.) 9 tins MEAT & VEGETABLE STEW.

The 5 CARTONS contained approximately 15 GALLONS OLIVE OIL. I instructed the QUESTURA, the above mentioned be detained to await further investigation by 62 F S S.

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Field. (Signed). 7588309 6 SMALLAGE OIL
20th October '44. C.M. POLICE.

Copies to:-
AFM., 52 AREA, CMF., (1).
TOWN MAJOR, 239., (1).
62 FSS., 65 GARRISON. (1).
FILE (1).

PROVOST

Date 22 OCT 1944

No: 63

ATTN: 52 AREA.

*Copy to 62 FSS info material
On to the Major's office
by 20th October 1944*

*AFM. 52 AREA
TOWN MAJOR
62 FSS
FILE*

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Certified True Copy.

A . R . S . D .
2677th REG. OSS PROV.
APO 534 US ARMY

15th October 1944

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CIVILIAN

TO : POLICE AUTHORITIES

1. The following named civilians are enroute to Florence, Italy:

MR & MRS H. RASA.

They have been helpful to military personnel in action around Florence. They were granted permission to come to Brindisi, and are now enroute to their home. They have been able to buy some sorely needed foodstuffs to carry back to their home for their private consumption, among which are Oil, Flour, and Sugar, etc. It is requested that they be allowed to travel with same without having it confiscated.

2. It will be appreciated if any military vehicle that are able to aid these people on their voyage, would do so.

(Signed).

M. CATANZARO.

CAPT. INF.

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2677th REGT (O.S.S.).

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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ACC/14081/PS

28 October 1944

SUBJECT : Irregular detention of Army Stores.

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

With reference to your letter R5/507/6 dated 29 September 1944, the correspondence forwarded therewith is returned, together with copies of a report received on the subject from R.P.S.O. Southern Region.

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

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See also Legal File 404/11/2

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

PROVINCE OF L'AQUILA

SUBJECT : CONFISCATION OF CLOTHING
belonging to Allied Military
Forces

R5/M/1748/

27 Sept 44.

Headquarters , Region V,
Att. R.F.S.O.

1. Before deciding upon what action to take against the persons named in the attached carabinieri reports, may I be informed as to the accuracy or otherwise of the statements made as to whether such articles may be purchased openly in Naples.

A similar explanation has been given on a previous occasion.

signed:- H. MICHALL,
Major
Provincial Public Safety Officer,
L'AQUILA PROVINCE.

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TERRITORIAL LEGION OF THE CC.RR. OF THE ABRUZZI
BALSORANO (CHIETI)

No. 45/166 of Protocol

Balsorano 13/9/1944.

SUBJECT : Confiscation of clothings belonging to Allied Military Forces.

TO THE ALLIED MILITARY COMMAND

and for the knowledge of:

THE CC.RR.

L' AQUILATAGLIACOZZO

I inform you that on the day's date, the CC.RR. of the block-post situated in the state road "Valle del Liri No 82" of Balsorano, confiscated from the underwritten persons the articles undermentioned, belonging to the Allied Military property:

- 1° Maselli Guido of Liberio and of Ceccarelli Saveria, born on 8/9/1925 in Avezzano, there resident (Napoli Street no 38), baker,
No 10 (ten) pairs of military stockings.
No 1 (one) pair of long wollen trousers (Size 36-50 WOOL).
- 2° Campana Annita late Gennaro and of DiMatteo Filamena, born in Avezzano on April 22nd 1909, there resident (Napoli Street No 40)
No 12 (twelve) pairs of military stockings.
No 1 (one) pair of long wollen trousers (SIZE 30-50 WOOL
STOK No 55 -B-546)

The above persons have declared to have bought these military clothings in the free market of Naples.

The above military clothings are deposited in the local CC.RR. office, at disposal of the Allied Military Command.

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THE CHIEF COMMANDER

(Luigi D'Aversa).

Translator:

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HEADQUARTERS

SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/4.8

Date 25 October 1944

SUBJECT: Irregular retention and disposal of Army Stores. *ac.*TO : HQ., ACC., Public Safety Sub-Commission. *✓*

1. Reference your ACC/14081/PS of 3 October 1944, enclosing correspondence from RPSO. Region Abruzzi - Marche, on the above subject, which is returned herewith.

2. Prior to receipt of your letter, this matter was causing some concern and letters had been addressed to Commanding Colonel, PBS, and HQ. No 3 District asking whether any ordnance units were in fact disposing of unserviceable Allied clothing to Italian civilian contractors. *16B*

3. A reply has been received from PBS and copies are attached. No 3 District have not yet replied and are being pressed to do so. It is thought unlikely, however, that any British units are concerned as a letter received from HQ. 57 Area dated 10 April 1944, states specific orders exist against the disposal of any Army property.

4. If the articles of Allied clothing mentioned in the CC.RR. reports are of U.S. Army origin, then it is quite possible they were bought legally and the persons in possession thereof have a reasonable defence to a charge of illegal possession. If they are of British origin, it is suggested proceedings be held in obedience pending receipt of reply from No 3 District.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G. RICHARDSON 1234
Major,
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

LWT/jag.

HEADQUARTERS

27 OCT 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

AG420 BPGDS (8 September 1944)

29 September 1944

SUBJECT: Used Army Clothing.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, Allied Control
Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.
Attention Colonel C.E. Temperley.

1. Reference: Your letter 8 September 1944 (PS/48), "Used Army Clothing".
2. Investigation reveals that clothing and blankets classified as "Scrap" (Class D) have been sold to Italian civilians by 61st Quartermaster Base Depot. Effort has been made to mutilate such clothing prior to its sale so as to prevent its use as garments. These operations are necessarily carried on by civilian labor under military supervision. It is quite possible that a relatively small portion of articles of clothing and blankets better than Class D and certain Class D items which were not mutilated may have found their way into the quantity sold to civilians.
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FRANCIS H. OXX
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
AFC 394

ACG/14015/PS

22 October 1944

SUBJECT : Irregular Detention and Disposal of Army Store.

TO : R.P.S.O. Southern Region through R.C.

With reference to this office letter dated 3 October 1944,
and inclosures on the above subject would you please expedite reply

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

Copy to: R.P.S.O. Abruzzi-Marche Region.

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TO : HQ ACC Public Safety Sub-Commission.
FROM : HQ AMG/ACC Abruzzi - Marche Region.
SUBJECT : Confiscation of Clothing belonging to Allies.
RE : R5/507/6.
DATE : 21 Oct 44. 12A 14021/PS

Ref our R5/507/6 dtd 29 Sep 44 on a/m subject and enclosures.

May we now be informed please if the statements were correct.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

SP/WCC. 22 OCT 1944 HEADQUARTERS
S. PICKERING,
Lt Colonel,
R.P.S.C.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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ACC/14051/PS

3 October 1944

SUBJECT : Irregular Retention and Disposal of Army Stores.

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

Herewith correspondence from R.P.S.O. Region Abruzzi-
Marche concerning purchasing of certain articles in Naples.

Would you please have enquiries made and return
correspondence with your reply.

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

Copy to: R.P.S.O. Region Abruzzi-Marche

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TO : HQ. ACC. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
 FROM : Mr. Abruzzi - The Region, A.M.C.
 SUBJECT : Confiscating of clothing belonging to Allied Military Forces.
 REF : R3/3/46.
 DATE : 27 September 1944.

Public Safety S.C.
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Herewith copy of letter from P.F.S.C. Aquila which is self explanatory, together with enclosures.
 Could we be informed please if the statements are true.
 Please return enclosures when they have served your purpose.

For Regional Commission:

HEADQUARTERS
 30 Oct 1944
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S. PICKERING,
 Lt. Colonel,
 R.F.S.C.

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Transmittal Slip.

Subject

civilian crime.

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From: Office of the Provost Marshal, Rome Allied
Area Command

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To: — DPM 5 District.

PM U. S. Forces.

APM RAF.

OC 111 Pro Coy.

OC 'T' Pro Coy.

OC Western Div.

OC 75 S. I. S.

OC 76 S. I. S.

OC 75 Coy CMP (TC).

SCAPO AMG.

DAD Claims

G. I. (Br) RAAC.

Comm. French Forces HQ.

APM Canadian Corps.

Chief of Public Safety

For information.

Necessary action, please.

Investigation & report.

Note & forward as indicated.

Perusal and return please.

For report.

For report & completion.

Forwarded

Remarks.



REMARKS

Date 24/9/44

Signature

Major APM (Br) RAC
 MAJOR APM (Br) RAC

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

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Ref SIB 7/4/44/587.

76 Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Forces.

Your Ref. Pro/42/358.
dated 15.9.44

Subject:- Suspected Possession of
Allied Forces Property.

D.A.P.M.
76 Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Forces.

Sir,

I have to report that on the 16th September 1944, correspondence was received at this office from, P.M.'s office, R.A.A.C., under the above reference number, the contents of which briefly are as follows:-

"That the owners of the restaurant, 'Martrigiano', at MONTECATINI, were in possession of a quantity of Allied Forces property. This information had been given by a person namely, 'CAMPANARI Eglio'."

On the 16th September, 1944, in company with Agent AMORE, Squadra Mobile, attached to this section, a search was made of this restaurant. The restaurant in question is situated in Corso Roma, 1033, and has sleeping accommodation for several persons. No Allied forces property was found in the restaurant or living quarters of the owners.

The owners were closely questioned by Agent AMORE, and elected to make a statement as to the circumstances in which 50 Litres of Olive Oil came to be in their possession. A statement by Agent Amore is attached hereto with regard to this.

I made enquiries in the Village, with the view of tracing 'CAMPANARI Eglio', the local Carabinieri were contacted but there is nobody living in the village by this name. As a result of these enquiries I am advised that the accusation is false and the information is

READ & SUBMITTED.

R. A. A. C.
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Reports

Statements.

P.M., R.A.A.C.
(In duplicate
with original
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On the 18th September, 1944, in company with Agent AMORE, Squadra Mobile, attached to this section, a search was made of this restaurant. The restaurant in question is situated in Corso Roma, 1133, and has sleeping accommodation for several persons. No Allied forces property was found in the restaurant or living quarters of the owners.

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I made enquiries in the Village, with the view of tracing "CAMPANINI Eglio", the local Carabinieri were contacted but there is nobody living in the village by this name. As a result of these enquiries I am of the opinion that the accusation is false and the informant's name is no doubt fictitious.

In the Field.
20th September 1944.

W. G. Walker
A.C. Walker. Sgt.
76 Section. S.I.D.

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TO:
Captain ARCHER,
76th, Section,
S.I.B. = C.M.P.

Statement of:- AMORE CONRADO
Squadra Mobile Agent,
C/o 76th, Section, S.I.B.

Today, at 1500 hrs, in company with Sgt. WASHNER,
we have performed a search, both, in the house and in the
Restaurant of the owners, brothers VALENTINI Felice and
Orlando, situated in Corso Roma, N° 33, MONTEROTONDO.

In the Restaurant nothing has been found
of the property of the Allied Forces.

It has only been found about 50 litres Italian
olive oil, and as per Valentini's statement, the oil had been
acquired in MONTALIBRETTI, from a certain Agolfo RENZI, for
the exclusive use of their Restaurant, as per attached statement.

Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio Rome, for information, 18th, Sept. 1944.

(Signed) Amore Corrado.

D. P. S.	
D. D. P. S.	
Ex. Officer	
POLICE	
Prisons	
Fire & C. D.	
Regn. & Licensing	
Adm. Officer	

The above statement from the Italian original
has been translated to the best of my ability.

(Signed) C. VALDELLI, Interpreter.

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

Yk. with info
file 101A

Ref. ACC/14081/PS.

Tel. 489081 -- 502

13th September, 1944.

SUBJECT : Alleged sale of clothes etc. by E.M.

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

With reference to this office's endorsement ACC/14081/PS, dated 9th September, 1944 to AFHQ letter G-5. 311-1, dated 5th September, 1944, respecting alleged gifts and sales of parcels by an E.M. of 1981 St. Q.M. Coy. (AVN), will you please take no further action in this matter.

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

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Copy to G5 Section, A.F.H.Q.
attention Major Diffield-White.

Major Drappfield's phone

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- 1 A letter was sent to us asking if we had any information re sale of clothing etc.
- 2 Replied as at 3A
- 3 He doesn't know what PM ADAC means (he wouldn't)
- 4 Answer considered satisfactory!
- 5 Have we mentioned Drappfield's name before?
- 6 Any disciplinary action will be taken by AFHQ.
- 7 Letter to PM ~~is~~ must be withdrawn

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081
Ext : 502

9 September, 1944.

ACC/14081/PB

SUBJECT : Alleged Sales or Gifts by EM in
1981st GM Truck Co. (Avn).

TO : G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q.

Your G-5 : 311.1 dated 5 September 1944 has been
passed to P.M., R.A.A.C., for inquiry and report direct to
your office. This Headquarters has no knowledge of any such
activities.

Mol/G.

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

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ACC/14081/PS

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

9 September, 1944.

TO : P.M., R.A.A.C. *Copy over*

Basic document is passed to you for inquiry and
report direct to G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q., please.

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

ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

WDN/AMB/CS

DAISCAI/OGA

G-5: 311.1

5 September 1944

SUBJECT: Alleged Sales or Gifts by EM in 1981st QM Truck Co.
(Avn).

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. This HQ has been advised that an unduly large number of parcels containing articles of clothing and other goods have been shipped from US to an EM of 1981st QM Truck Co (Avn) as gifts or for sale to Jewish persons in the vicinity of the named unit.

2. Information is requested as to whether any such matter has been brought to your attention.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

W. DRIFFIELD-WHITE
Major

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

PA 14081
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PS/4.6

15 August 1944

SUBJECT: Incident between civilians and British Military Police.

TO : Legion Commander, Royal Carabinieri, Naples.

1. Copy of a report by the N.C.C. i/c Military Police at Nola on an incident at S. Genesiole is forwarded herewith.

2. The articles seized all proved to be the property of the Italian Armed Forces and were handed to the Captain commanding the Company of Royal Carabinieri at Nola for return to the appropriate authority.

3. As possession of firearms on a considerable scale is indicated, the Commanding General of the Area requests that you be asked to make investigation.

4. Might I be notified of the result, please ?

G. T. Francis

G.T. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, G.I.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

GTF/tp.

Copy to:

HQ. ACC. Public Safety Sub-Commission
Prov. Commissioner, Naples (for P.P.S.C.).

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[Signature]

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A.C.C.

COPY

Sir,

On the 4 August 44, at about 1900 hrs at Nola, I was informed by a civilian of a house at San Gennariello in which quite a lot of contraband clothing was stored. The name of the resident is Bifulco Ferdinando. I immediately detailed a corporal and two men (one to drive the vehicle) to accompany me to this house, we were armed in case of trouble. I took the civilian informed to show me the way and point out the house.

Arriving at the house, I and the corporal searched it and found the contraband goods and loaded in the lorry, the resident of the house had left before I arrived. Coming from the house it was necessary to drive along a long winding cart-track. I walked in front of the lorry along the cart-track in order to try to find the civilian informer whom I had dropped off about two hundred yards from the house. At the end of the cart-track, a blockade had been stretched across our path, the vehicle was obliged to stop. The corporal noticed someone watching us from a nearby window, we were then fired upon from all directions, we retaliated. I noticed a person with a rifle in a doorway nearby, so I made after him but when I got there, there were two of them so I struck out and escaped by scaling a wall, the two persons followed me and caught me, one of them twisted my arm behind my back, so I struck him with a farming implement which I still had in my hand. I cut his neck, he seemed to drop away from me, and then I escaped through a vine-yard and got out to the main Nola road, stopped an American lorry and got a lift back. Meanwhile the driver of the vehicle drove into the blocked and broke through, then with clever driving managed to get away and reported back to Nola. The vehicle had four bullet marks on it and a bent front bumper bar.

List of goods retrieved:-

60 prs White Trousers (probably cooks')
 117 prs Pants Long (woollen)
 183 Vests (woollen)
 2 Hospital Gowns
 2 Sheets
 1 Roll of Cloth
 2 Towels

 367

Number of Policemen concerned:-

T/64660 Sgt Hartley A.
 S/246267 Cpl Simpson C.
 S/198560 Pte Johnson A.G.
 S/82832 Pte Hill

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Signed A. Hartley, Sgt.

To Public Safety
5ATel. Ext. 292CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE : 16088/G-1

29 July 1944

SUBJECT : Army Newspapers - Anti-Sabotage Campaign.

TO : Distribution below.

1. The attached Copy of HQ. AAI. Letter AAI/5045/5/A(PS) dated 14 July 1944 is forwarded herewith.

2. Immediate action should be taken to impress upon all officers and ORs. the seriousness of pilfering of WD stores & equipment.

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENTS OFFICER

J. L. JONES,
Lt. Colonel,
G-1(B)

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C O P YCONFIDENTIAL & URGENTSUBJECT : Army Newspapers - Anti - Sabotage Campaign.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/5045/5/A(P3).
14 July 1944.HQ 5. Corps.
HQ No. 1 District.
HQ No. 2 District.
HQ No. 3 District.
RAC.

1. The amount of theft of WD stores and equipment by members of the Services is causing concern, and a campaign is about to be conducted in the Army Newspapers against it. This will not be announced as a formal campaign, but will be unconnected articles on this general theme.
2. This action in the Press should be reinforced by action in units. What is required is to bring home to all ranks the persistent slowing up of our war effort caused by losses through theft. It should be made clear that petty theft, politely called 'scrounging', 'flogging' etc., is still theft. A healthy public opinion requires to be created against these practises, which at present tend to be tolerated and even admired.
3. The Press campaign is beginning at once, and the contents of this letter should be made known to all CO's as quickly as possible.

(Sgd) C.M. PATON,
Brigadier,
DAG.

JDP/IV.

Copy to :- Rear Eighth Army.
C1 (US)
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Pro
Welfare.

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SUBJECT: - Thefts & unlawful disposal of
Allied Forces property

Colonel A.E. YOUNG,
Deputy Chief,
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Rear HQ
A.C.C. CMF.

HQ AAI CMF
Pro 62
28 June 44

1.

It is considered that the following extracts from a report recently received from C.C.64 S.I.S. SICILY, under reference SIB64/A/44/164, may be of interest.

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(b) " During investigations it was learned that the Maresciallo Regia Guardia di Finanza at Gela, was recovering military petrol from vehicles his men searched, and afterwards selling it himself to civilians for 35 lire per litre. These transactions were being controlled through NAPOLI Diego, 15 Via Battesinco, Gela, who has given a statement to this effect. It is expected that Marshall Mangione of Vittoria, will send a complete report of these transactions to the Commander of the Guardia di Finanza, with a request that this official be removed from office."

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The complete report is being retained for certain action at this HQ, but in the event of further information being required by you, the report will be made available on application to this HQ.

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July 7th /44. Chief of Staff of
Finanza Guardia has been
informed and will investigate
and take necessary steps.

Colonel
Provost Marshal

By all means
Copy

STATEMENT OF:-

NAPOLI Diego,
No.15, Via Battesimo
GELA.

WHO SAITH:-

It was really I who, on the 26th May ultimo, in Gela, made a certain SPAGNA Francesco living in Vittoria buying 40 litres of petrol contained in two cans at 35 lire per litre.

The said petrol which was of American source was sold by the Marshall of the Regia Guardia di Finanza of Gela, Commander of that Brigade, who told me if I would interest myself in helping him to sell the petrol.

1400 lire were got from the sale of the petrol and I was given 300 lire, but 1100 lire was handed to the aforesaid Marshall. The sale of the petrol took place just near the Regia Guardia di Finanza's Barracks.

Yesterday morning the Allied Police made a search at my home and removed 5 kilos of sugar, an axel for American lorry, 24 bolts for vehicles, a piston for vehicles, 3 tins of American motor grease, 3 adjustable spanners and two spanners, 3 springs for bulbs, and 6 ball bearings.

I bought the sugar 20 days ago from a certain TALLARITA of Gela, a wheat broker who wears spectacles, at 180 lire per kilo. I have no knowledge about the sources of this sugar.

I have been sold the lorry axel by an ex-soldier of Milan who, after the invasion, stopped in Gela where is working as a blacksmith. The piston is of Italian source and I found it along the road. The 3 tins of grease have been given to me soon after the invasion by an American Captain for whom I made some work in the Electrical Workshops of Desucri. The set spanners and the adjustable spanners have been given to me by a certain "Peppi In rezzu(Giuseppe the mad) who uses to hire bicycles

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Read, confirmed and undersigned.

(Signed) NAPOLI Diego.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio *3A* for action/information

C.P.S.

D.C.P.S.

Ex. Officer. *P.A. [Signature]*

Police.

Fire & C.D.

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~~Adm. Officer.~~

REMARKS

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14081/PS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SALERNO PROVINCE

PS/MSO/60/44

19/5/44 3A

SUBJECT: Alleged sale of Army stores.

TO : Public Safety Commissioner
Rear Hq A.C.C., A.P.O. 394.

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With reference to letter FSCR/82 dated 3rd May 1944,
forwarded from the Offices of the Finance Sub-Commission,
enquiry has been made with regard to the stores on sale to
civilians and it has been ascertained that these goods are
rationed goods to civilians released by A.C.C. Food Sub-
Commission.

H. Luen.

Major P.P.O.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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FSCR/82

SUBJECT : Violations of Italian Law.

- 3 May 1944.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, Salerno.

1. The under-manager of the Banco di Roma, Salerno branch has reported to Major Haig-Wood, Salerno R.F.O. that a Swiss who purports to be employed by the Legal Sub-Commission came to the Bank and attempted to exchange 2,600 lire into dollar notes and sterling notes. It is contrary to Italian law for a private citizen to hold foreign exchange.

2. In the last few days several members of this Sub-Commission have fairly large stocks of cans marked as Meat & Vegetable Hash of U.S. Army stores for sale to civilians at fifty two lire per can. This is presumably illegal and may warrant investigation.

J. I. LAWLER,
Lt. Cmdr. USCCR,
Finance Sub-Commission

jjl/jbh

1st Ind.

5th May 1944

From / HQ ACC Public Safety Sub-Commission

TO / PPSO Salerno (Major Green)

Possibly the information in para 2 above has already been brought to your attention.

F. A. WILCOX, Major
for Chief Public Safety,
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

PS/4.8

13 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Used Army Clothing.

TO : Provincial Public Safety Officers, Naples
Avellino
Benevento
Salerno

(Copy to - Rear HQ ACC Public Safety Sub-Commission
for information
Copy to - Chief Legal Officer, for information.)

1. At our last meeting of Provincial Public Safety Officers it was brought to notice that in cases of unlawful possession before the Courts a common plea of the defence is that used articles of military clothing found in possession of prisoners have been either given or sold to them by military units because they are no longer serviceable or fit for re-issue to the troops.

2. I promised to take the matter up and hereunder are extracts from the replies received:-

HQ, Metropolitan Area, PPS.

No authority for sale or issue of used military clothing to civilians, other than raincoats to civilians working at supply installations.

HQ, PPS.

All articles of military clothing worn beyond serviceability should be returned through salvage channels to US stocks. The practice by military personnel of donating used clothing to civilians is not permitted. Every effort is made to prevent such donations and known violators of regulations are subjected to disciplinary measures.

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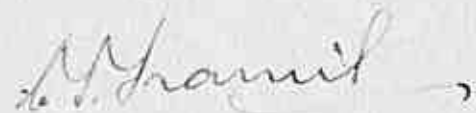
It is requested that if evidence is forthcoming of unauthorised donations by specific military personnel, that HQ be notified so that appropriate disciplinary action may be taken.

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HQ, 57 Area

No knowledge of clothing being given away or sold.
Specific orders exist against disposal of any Army property.

Would like to be informed of details of any
cases that may occur which are alleged to concern units under
command of this HQ.



A.C. FRANCIS
Lieut. Colonel, G.L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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