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BURGLARY, APO 397 MAIL ROOM
JAN., FEB. 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

5 February, 1945

AC/14156/PS

SUBJECT : Theft of American Mail
TO : Regional Commissioner, Sardegna Region
(Attn: R.P.S.O.)

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With reference to our conversation regarding the theft of nine mail bags from the American APO in Cagliari, the Provost Marshal AFHQ has promised to send a member of his staff to Sardinia to investigate.

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

AFW/wg.

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CC.RR.H.Q.

No.130/2

21-1-1945

Subject: Fertilia di Alghero (Sassari) -The wounding of an English soldier.

On the 17th instant at 20 hours, in Fertilia di Alghero (Sassari) near the local air field, three unknown people, one of which armed with gun, approached to the Haugon n.4 occupied by an English squadron, probably for the purpose of stealing. The English sentry, Anderson William promptly opened fire, to which the unknown people shot back gravely wounding the soldier on the chest and on the left arm, running away after.

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali
UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

Roma, li 21 gennaio 1945

Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Fertilia di Alghero (Sassari) - Ferimento di un soldato inglese.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

- Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza -

R O M A

Il 17 corrente alle ore 20, in Fertilia di Alghero (Sassari), presso il locale aeroporto, tre sconosciuti, uno dei quali armato di fucile, si avvicinarono al Haugon n.4 occupato da una squadriglia inglese, probabilmente a scopo di furto. La sentinella inglese, Anderson William aprì prontamente il fuoco al quale risposero gli sconosciuti ferendo gravemente il militare al petto e al braccio sinistro, dileguandosi poi.

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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FROM: ALCOM CAGLIARI (SARDINIA REGION)
 TO: HQ ALCOM

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Reference your 693 dated 28 January. Full details of burglary of APO 397 in CAGLIARI have been sent to HQ ALCOM Public Safety sub commission on 26 January. Report on RAF shooting at ALGHERO is being prepared. Arrest has been made of 3 Italian civilian, believed implicated

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Sardinia Region

PS/1536

26 January 1945

SUBJECT: Burglary of APO 397 Mail Room, Night of 19-20 Jan 1945.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. At 0845 hours, 20 January 1945, T/4 Raymond Barnd and T/5 Frederick Bianchetti of Co. "F", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, mail clerks for APO 397, reported to me their discovery a few minutes before that the room located in the south-west corner of the ground floor of the building on Via Roma 37, Cagliari, occupied by Headquarters, Allied Commission, Sardinia Region, in which mail is received by APO 397 and held for distribution to various American units on the island, had been broken into some time during the night of 19-20 January and nine bags of mail removed. Lieut. SCANDIAN, Postal Officer, APO 397, was immediately notified.

2. Investigative officers of the Cagliari Questura Office and of the Internal Cagliari CC.RR. Group were immediately called and proceeded with an investigation together with the undersigned and Lieut. SCANDIAN.

3. It was found that entrance to the Postal room had been gained by knocking a hole through a brick wall of an empty room into a room adjoining the mail room and in which some billiard tables are stored, and from there into the mail room by knocking a hole through a double brick wall between. The bags of mail had been taken through the hole into the storage room, where they were rifled and the rifled contents scattered over the room. 689

4. Packets of first class mail and of newspapers had not been opened but were scattered over the floor. The first class mail and newspapers were gathered up and possession taken of it by the APO 397 mail clerks.

5. All parcel post packages, with the exception of a few, had been rifled and candy, cookies, cakes, chewing gum, books and miscellaneous items along with the containers, wrappers and packing materials were scattered over the floor of the storage room. It was not possible to identify or determine what remaining scattered items had come from which containers and they were all gathered up and placed in mail bags for future disposition. The wrappers and containers were also gathered up and placed in mail bags. Both are being held by clerks of APO 397 awaiting instructions from MTOUSA Postal Division.

6. In one empty parcel post container was found an invoice for five (5) Bulova wrist watches, model 38733, and empty individual wrist watch boxes from which the watches had been removed were found. It was not possible to ascertain what other items had been taken, but no cigarettes, cigars, pipes or tobacco were found and the supposition is that these items were probably the thief's principal concern.

7. The Postal Division of MTOUSA was notified by wire of the burglary by the Postal Officer of APO 397 and a subsequent written report has been submitted by him. HQ's Public Safety Sub-Commission was similarly notified by this office and request made that an experienced investigator with finger print equipment be assigned to investigate.

8. A number of suspects have been questioned by the CO.RR. and Agenti and searches made of their quarters, but no trace has been found of any of the loot and no persons as yet have been identified with the burglary.

9. Three chisels found at the scene which apparently had been used by the burglars in cutting the holes through the walls are being held by this office.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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Karl W. Fischer
KARL W. FISCHER,
Major, AUS,
RPSO.

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