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DISCIPLINE, CCRR
APR. 1944 - JULY 1945

AC/146011291'S

DISCIPLINE- CCRR.

63A Security 1/10.

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DISCIPLINE- CCRR.

G3A Security 1/10.

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THIS FOLDER
CONTAINS PAPERS
FROM APR 44
TO JULY 45
CATALOGUE-

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Min 21

CA. See

Please see 77A on AC/14622/1/PS.
In view of recent letters on CCRA strength
(see 90A 92A 94A) 97A has been prepared
for signature (draft).

Chapman
D.P.S.

2 Fus.
Nov 1365.

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Re. Commissions
- folio 97A. I think it is well to send this because, although
these men are not CCRA, the effect immediately is a reduction in
"Security" strength. If for approval please.
24 May

A. D. Buckham Carter Lt Col
CAS.

23

CA. See.

Please have draft at 97A. typed for C.C.'s signature
as amended.

DL. 29/5/45.

DS
for action please

29 MAY 1945

25. 468.

CA
98A prepared for signature of CC per
Group Captain Chief of Ops

29 May 1365.

26.

EC.
for action please

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No 1365.

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98A prepared for signature of CE pcp
Edward Jacob Chief of DPS

29/5
No 1365.

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EC.

98A for signature please

CA.
29 MAI 1945

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CA Jan (PS)

Letter signed by Chief Comm returned for despatch.
Copies have been withdrawn for Chief Comm, & Comm files.

31 May 45.

JCA.

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To C.A. Sec.
P.S. S/C. 55. A. for signature. Please. P.S.
15 2/45

To P.D.D. Com".
Letter signed. File returned.
16 Feb.. C.A. Section.

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C.A. Section.
59 A for approval and signature
25 Feb 45
Chairman
Col — D.P.D.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489001-365

17 July 1945

AC/14601/29/PS

SUBJECT : CC.RR Capt. TOMAIUOLI Aldo

TO : AMG Leghorn
(attention C.P.S.)

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1. Reference R-VIII/PS/3.1. dated 6t June from RPSO Toscano and 3065/PS dated 9th June from PPSO Pisa.

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2. It has been ascertained from the Minister of War that subject has been placed on leave from CC.RR as a result of the operation of Articles 12,13, and 4 of D.L.L. 159 dated 27 July 1944.

3. Subject was a member of the Milizzia Volunteria per La Sicurezza Nazionale - the Blackshirt Army.

4. It is appreciated that subject may be a good worker. He was also a member of a Fascist organization and as such has been placed on leave.

5. Steps should be taken to ensure that TOMAIUOLI is sent on leave in accordance with the directions of the Minister of War.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Director.

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PJW/G

Copy to Commanding General CC.RR
(Your G16/10 dated 1 July refers.)

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1660/29 EP 6/A

GENERAL COMMAND OF THE CARABINIERI

SUBJECT : Capt. (c) CC.RR. TOMAIUOLI Aldo.
TO : A.C. - Sub-Commision P.S.

ROME
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As regards the sheet a/m I transcript for this Sub-Commission the following dispatch from the Ministry of War- Office No. 9065/III/R dated 25 JUNE I945 , referring to Capt. (c) TOMAIUOLI Aldo :

According to circular no. 4IOO/RP/III of 4th. inst. all officers, indiscriminately , belonging to the category on leave, liable in some extent of the deeds foreseen by art. I2,I3 & I4 of D.L.L. 27th JULY I944, N. I59 must be replaced on leave.

Therefore, may provision please be taken so as Capt. CC.RR. CPL TOMAIUOLI Aldo - who belonged to the late m.v.s.n. be replaced immediately on leave

""" The A/M will be communicated to the ALLIED AUTHORITIES & precisely stress must be made on the fact that this provision is taken as a general disposition not allowing any exception """

TO		
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
PERSONNEL		
INT. & REPS.		
PRISONERS		
ADM. OFFICER		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

for GENERAL COMMANDER a.p.s.
SUB-COMMANDER
General Leonetto Taddei

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RISERVATO

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E RISERVATO

N. 616/10 *di prot.* Ris. *Roma, li* 1° luglio 1945

Risposta al foglio *del* 10 giugno u.s. *n.* AC/14601/29/DS *Allegati n.* ::

OGGETTO: Capitano (c) dei CC.RR. TOMAIUOLI Aldo.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la P. S.

R O M A

In relazione al foglio sopra distinto, trascrivo a codesta Sottocommissione il seguente dispaccio del Ministero della Guerra - Gabinetto n.9065/III/R in data 25 giugno u.s. relativo al capitano (c) TOMAIUOLI Aldo :

""" A norma della circolare n.4100/RP/III del 4 corrente, tutti indistintamente gli ufficiali delle categorie in congedo, ai quali sia addebitabile alcuno dei fatti previsti dagli articoli 12, 13 e 14 del D.L.L. 27 luglio 1944, n. 159, debbono essere ricollocati in congedo.

Pertanto, pregasi disporre perchè il capitano CC.RR. cpl. TOMAIUOLI Aldo - il quale ha appartenuto alla disciolta m.v.s.n. - sia subito ricollocato in congedo.

Di quanto sopra dovrà essere data comunicazione alle Autorità Alleate, precisando che il provvedimento è attuato per disposizione di carattere generale che non ammette eccezioni.""" 4675

p. IL COMANDANTE GENERALE a.p.s.
IL VICE COMANDANTE
- Generale Leonetto Taddei -

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TRANSLATION S.D.

GENERAL COMMAND OF CC.RR.

No. 18/144 Secret 7 July 1945

SUBJECT : CC.RR. correct.

TO : A.C. Public Safety S.C.

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(reference your AG/1460 1/29/13 of 2 June 1945)

From our investigations it appears that the statements contained in ZAINO Pasquale 's letter are not true.

In fact, the a/m Carabiniere never was ordered to shear the girls accompanied by Allied soldiers; moreover neither him nor his service-comrades have ever committed abuses of this kind.

It was ascertained that he wrote such letter lest his fiancée should take as companions Allied soldiers.

Carabiniere ZAINO was punished and transferred.

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f. General Commander a.p.s.
Vice Commander
General Leonetto Taddei.

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SEGRETO

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO MOBILITAZIONE

N. 18/144 di prot. Segreto — Roma, li 7 luglio 1945

Risposta al foglio del 2 giugno u.s. — n. AC/14601/29 Allegati n. PS

OGGETTO: Condotta di CC.RR.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA P.S. DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

R O M A

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Dall'inchiesta effettuata in merito a quanto ebbe a scrivere il carabiniere ZAINO Pasquale appartenente al Nucleo CC.RR. addetto al VI Comando Militare Territoriale, è risultato che il contenuto della lettera è stato da lui inventato di sana pianta.

Il militare non ha mai avuto ordine di tosare le ragazze che si accompagnano ad appartenenti alle forze armate alleate e né lui, nè suoi compagni hanno mai commesso abusi del genere.

Egli si è indotto a scrivere al padre quanto sopra accennato perchè servisse di ammonimento alla sua fidanzata, nel timore che questa si accompagnasse a militari alleati.

Ad ogni modo il carabiniere ZAINO, per la leggerezza dimostrata, è stato punito e trasferito.

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p. IL GENERALE COMANDANTE a.p.s.
IL VICE COMANDANTE
-Generale Leonetto Taddei-

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14601/29/PS 26 June 1945

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Petition

TO : Commanding General CCRR

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The attached correspondence from Palunilio Moraldi is forwarded for your information and such action as you may deem necessary.

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

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Moraldi Ferruccio of Rome, former carabiniere, who has been discharged from the "Carabinieri Corps" for breaking discipline rules, asks this Commission to intercede with said Corps on his behalf so that he may be reinstated in his old post.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

10 June, 1945.

AC/14601/29/PS

SUBJECT : Dismissal of CC.RR. Officer.

TO : Commanding General CC.RR.

1. Information has been received from the Regional Public Safety officer Toscana Region, that CC.RR Captain Aldo TOMAIUOLI stationed at PISA has been dismissed by order of the Ministry of War.

2. As you are aware, PISA is in Military Government territory and no prior notice of the proposed dismissal has been received by this Sub-Commission.

3. Capt. TOMAIUOLI is well spoken of by Allied officers in PISA. It is stated that he has carried out his duties loyally and with such firmness that he has antagonised certain public officials in the Pisa district, who may have made adverse reports against this officer.

4. Can some information be given please as to the reasons for the dismissal of Capt. TOMAIUOLI.

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

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EJW/C.

Copy to RPSO Toscana — 56A
(Your R-VIII/PS/3.1 dated 6 June refers).

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FILE : R-VIII/PS/3.1 6 June 1945

SUBJECT : Dismissal of CC.RR. Officer

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, A.C. - C.M.F.
(Attention Lt. Col. Wilson.)

The attached is a copy of the letter received from Provincial Public Safety Officer Pisa contents of which Major Green has already made known to you.

J.B. Foster Capt
for F. F. GREEN
Major - G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

JBF/wg

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HEADQUARTERS
PISA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref. : 5065/PS

5 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Dismissal of CC.RR. Officer.

TO : The Regional Public Safety Officer,
Hq. A.M.G. Toscana Region.

1. This office wishes to call your attention to the fact that one of the most loyal and able carabiniere officers I have ever been associated with is about to be discharged from the CC.RR. Corps due to what is obviously the result of under-hand action.

2. The above refers to Captain Tomaiuoli, Aldo. Before assignment to this Headquarters he was screened by A.M.G. in Rome. He joined the Pisa team while it was still in Volterra, in August 1944, awaiting the fall of Pisa. Since that time he has carried out his duties loyally and to the best interests of the Allied Military Government and the Italian Administration. On orders from this office he has put under arrest public officials who interpreted their position as a license to violate A.M.G. proclamations. On an occasion he personally directed the break-up of a band of young hoodlums, purporting to be communists, who were not only caught carrying arms but out after curfew at a time when utmost security was imperative from a Military view point. It was at this time that he was threatened by members of this gang to have him dismissed from the service. This office knows that several trips to Rome were made by colleagues of the arrested and this recent directive from the Ministry of War, ordering Captain Tomaiuoli dismissal appears to be the result of their efforts. The order has been revoked by me pending decision from higher echelon.

3. If the Allied Military Government or the Allied Commission hold any control whatever over the Italian Government, the proposed dismissed must be stopped.

(Sgd) /t/ Clarence L. Farber
CLARENCE L. FARBER
Captain, Ordnance,
Prov Pub Safety Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 565

10 June 1945.

AC/14601/29/PS

SUBJECT : Illegal possession of W.D. tyres by 2nd It. GRITTI Giovanni - HQ 5th Brigade CC.RR.

TO : H.C. Naples Commune
(Att: M.G.O).

1. Information has been received from the Commanding General CC.RR that It. GRITTI has been severely punished and sent home. The documents in the case are returned to you herewith.

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

Enclosure : File.

FJW/G.

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RISERVATO 34A

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E RISERVATO

N. 245/12 di prot. Ris. Roma, li 5 giugno 1945

Risposta al :: del :: n. :: Allegati n. 1

OGGETTO: Sottotenente (c) CC.RR. GRITTI Giovanni. Vedi 34A

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

Restituisco l'unito incartamento relativo al sottotenente (c) CC.RR. GRITTI Giovanni, comunicando che l'ufficiale è stato punito in modo esemplare, ricollocato in congedo e proposto per la restituzione all'Arma di provenienza.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
-Brunetto Brunetti-

We return the enclosed documents regarding the 2nd Lt. CC.RR. GRITTI Giovanni, informing you that the Officer has been severely punished, sent home and suggestions have been made to return him to the Force to which he formerly belonged.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489081 - 365

AC/14601/29/PS

2 June 1945

SUBJECT : Behaviour of CCRR.

TO : Commanding General CCRR.

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1. The attached is an extract from a letter sent by Carabiniere ZAINO Pasquale 6 Comando Militare Territ. P.M. 225 to ZAINO Giuseppe at Frosinone.

2. This information was obtained as a result of the operation of Civil Censorship by an Italian censor.

3. You will of course understand that the most serious view is taken of the statement that Carabinieri have been "ordered" to cut off the hair of girls with Allied soldiers.

4. Will you please cause an urgent enquiry to be made into this case and acquaint this office of the result.

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

FJW/ae

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Ref. ..... *Date* 1.6.45

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STATION
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From:
Carab.
ZAINO Pasquale
6 Comando Militare Territ.
P.M. 225

Give place of Postmark where there is no address

To: ZAINO Giuseppe
Via S. Guiliano 25
Sora, Frosinone, Italy.

Date of communication or postmark if letter is un-dated	Type mail	Reg. No.	Language	Previously censored by	Enclosures
14 May 1945	Ordinary Surface	-	Italian	-	-

Previous relevant record	Station allocation	C. C. G. Allocation	Disposal of original communication
-	STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO UFF. "I" ISPETT CENSURA MILITARE	G-2 (CC) AFHQ ~~AC HQ~~ FILES IRB LONDON/PWB AFHQ DIR INT ASF WASH	Held Excised E Photographed Sent with comment to: Passed Condemned Return to sender

COMMENT

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BEHAVIOUR OF CARABINIERI

"Our work is merely that of Military Police' . We have been ordered to cut off the hair of girls who are with Allied soldiers. The other day I, a "Brigadiere" and three other carabinieri came across one of these girls, out came the scissors, and we got busy. Talk about fun and games!!"

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EXAMINER Italian Censor REVIEWER A.S. EXAMINATION DATE 18 May 1945

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

AG 319.1 DPSPH

26 May 1945
Date

14601/29

SUBJECT: Delinquency Reports

TO: Commanding Officer, Allied Commission, APO 394,

Attached Delinquency Reports are forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

L.J. ROBERTS
Captain, AGD
Ass't. Adj. Gen.

1 Incls: Delinquency Reports

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TO		
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY		
REC. & REG.		
PRISONS		
OFFICER		
CHIEF		

N.F.A. Comes. Shows case was dealt with at H/Q CCRR Hagkonn Region.
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OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL, APO 782, U.S. Army

REPORT OF DELINQUENCY

Case No. 3923

(ITALIAN)

Offender: PRIMERANO FELICE Carabinieri Maresciallo Maggiore.
Last Name First Name MI Asn. Grade

Centro Raccolta Pi Guerazzi, Livorno, Italy
Organization Company APO

Time 1400 Hours, Date: 22 May 1945, Place of Offense Palace Club American Red Cross Club

Type and Number of Vehicle

Violation: ATTEMPTING TO SELL A PISTOL TO AN AMERICAN SOLDIER.

Details of Offense:

Statement attached.

Pistol, Beretta Caliber 6.35 No.632191 was also turned over to the Carabinieri Headquarters.

Apprehended by: Pfc. Ambrose J. Matuszak, Unit: 52nd MP Co. 460

Witness (es), Unit:

Disposition of Offender: booked, held, and released to Carabinieri Headquarters,

Gerald J. Whooley
Sgt. Gerald J. Whooley
(Desk Sergeant)

Eugene Halperin
EUGENE HALPERIN 1st Lt., CMP
(Duty Officer)

In reply refer to case number #3923.
jjc

Livorno, Italy
(Sub-Station)

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OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL, APO 786, U.S. ARMY

REPORT OF DELINQUENCY

Case No. 5925

(ITALIAN)

Offender: BRIMBRANO FELICE Carabinieri Maresciallo Maggiore.
Last Name First Name MI Asn. Grade

Centro Raccolta Pi Guerazzi, Livorno, Italy
Organization Company APO

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Sgt. Gerald J. Whooley
(Desk Sergeant)

ROBERT HALPERIN 1st Lt., CMP
(Duty Officer)

Livorno, Italy
(Sub-Station)

In reply refer to case number #5925.
jjc

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(ITALIAN) FRIMEANO FELICE Carabinieri Maresciallo Maggiore.

Centro Raccolta Pi Cherazzi. Livorno. Italy

Palace Club American
Red Cross Club

1430 22 May 1945

ARRESTED TO SELL A PISTOL TO AN AMERICAN SOLDIER.

Statement attached.

Pistol, Beretta Caliber 6.35 No.608131 was also turned over to the Carabinieri Headquarters.

Pfc. Ambrose J. Matuszak Unit or Co.

Lucca, Italy, and returned to Carabinieri Headquarters.

Sgt. Gerald J. Wheeley EUGENE HALPERIN 1st Lt., CMP

Livorno, Italy

In reply refer to case number #3993.
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HQ. 135TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY
Office of the Provost Marshal

22 May 1945

Statement of Private Maurice E. Lindsay, ASN 37515640 in the Case of Primerano Felice given at 1600 hours, (time) 22 May 1945 Police Station (DATE) (PLACE) in the presence of Sgt. Gerald J. Whooley, Desk Sergeant. It is my duty to warn you of your rights in this case, you are not required to make a statement, you may remain silent, however if you do answer my questions or make any statements, whatever you say may be used for you or against you should this investigation result in a trial. Do you understand what I have just said? yes. (yes or no).

I, Maurice E. Lindsay, Private ASN 37515640, of the 220th QM S/R Co., on May 22, 1945 at about 1400 hours., was approached by a civilian, who was later identified as Promerano Felice near Piazza Carlo Umberto and he attempted to seal me an Italian pistol for twelve thousand (12000) lire. When I was not interested in the pistol he tried to buy some trousers and shirts. At this time I became suspidous of the man and talked favourable to him so that I could steer him to the nearest Military Policeman and turn him in., which I did so at the American Red Cross Club.

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Maurice Lindsay

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(DATE) (PLACE)
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Maurice Lindsay
Private Maurice E. Lindsay
(Rank) (Name)

220th QM Salvage Reclamation Co.
(Organization)

Subscribed and sworn to; before me this 22 day of May

[signature]
(Name)

1st Lt CmlC
(Rank) (Organization)
Summary Court Officer.

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TRANSLATION MC.

CC.RR.GENERAL HQ.

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Rome 29th April 1945

N:44I/II
Ref.AC/I460I/29
Subject:Lt;(c) Cristiano Natale,and secondLt.(c)Signore Giovanni.
To.....: Allied Commission Public Safety Subcommission.

According to authorisation given by Allied Command X.C.A.9 disciplinary measures have been taken by the Command of the Combat group "Friuli",in regard to the officers under-discussion who have been returned to the Bari legion.

Therefore the Commission is requested to do not take into consideration the application made by this Command with letter n:44I/4 dated I2th instant.

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Commanding General
-Brunetto Brunetti-

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RISERVATO

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E RISERVATO

N. 441/11 *di prot.* Ris. *Roma, li* 29 aprile 1945

Risposta al foglio *del* 18 corrente *n.* AC/14601/29 *Allegati n.* :: P.S.

OGGETTO: Tenente (c) CRISTIANO Natale e S.Tenente (c) SIGNORE Giovanni.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

Il comando del Gruppo di combattimento "Friuli", in seguito a facoltà rilasciatagli dal comando X C.A.Alleato, ha già definito in via disciplinare la pratica relativa agli ufficiali in oggetto, che sono stati restituiti alla legione di Bari.

Pertanto, prego codesta Sottocommissione di non tener conto della richiesta di questo Comando Generale di cui al foglio n.441/4 Ris. del 12 corrente.

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
-Brunetto Brunetti-

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

18 April, 1945.

AC/14601/29/PS

SUBJECT : Lt. Ghristiano Natale and
2nd Lt. Signore Giovanni.

TO : Commanding General CC.RR.

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Reference your 441/4 dated 12th April 1945.

Could further details please be furnished on -

(a) Where the arrest took place.

(b) Identification of Allied police unit effecting the arest.

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

/c.

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Translation.

CC.RR. Gen. HQ.

14601/29 12 April, 1945.
N. 441/4

Subject : Lt. (r) CHRISTIANO Natale and 2nd Lt. (c) SIGNORE Giovanni. cc.

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

This Command has been informed that during the night of the 12 instant, the Allied Police seized a certain quantity of food-supplies , in possession of which several officers of the Fighting Group "FRIULI" were found, who were bound for Rome with a truck and who, according to the instructions issued by the Command of the 8th Army to that of the BLU 50, were kept under arrest at the disposal of the Allied Authorities.

Among these officers there are also Lt. (c) CHRISTIANO Natale of the 98^mixed CC.RR. Section and 2nd Lt. (c) SIGNORE Giovanni of the 95^mixed CC.RR. Section, who following order of the Allied Authorities have been suspended from duty awaiting to be replaced.

With ref to the above, I would be grateful to the Sub-Commission, if it would kindly communicate the result of the investigations carried out against the two Officers and if it could be taken into consideration to put them at the disposal of this Gen.Hq., which will take measures in their regard according to the evidences arisen.

For the Commanding General
Division General Alfredo Ferrari

rv.

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EXEC. OFFICER	
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PERSONNEL	
ADMINISTRATION	
SECURITY	
CIVIL AFFAIRS	

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Write asking for more details ?

a) where the arrest took place

b) identification ? the Allied Police unit effecting the arrest. hfrw.

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RISERVATO

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E RISERVATO

N. 441/4 di prot. Ris. Roma, li 12 aprile 1945

Risposta al del n. Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Tenente (c) CRISTIANO Natale e S.Ten.(c) SIGNORE Giovanni.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

ROMA

Viene riferito a questo Comando che nella notte del 12 marzo u.s. la Polizia Alleata procedeva al sequestro di alcuni generi alimentari e di conforto di cui erano stati trovati in possesso vari ufficiali del Gruppo di Combattimento "FRIULI" diretti a Roma con un autocarro, i quali, in conformità delle istruzioni impartite dal Comando dell'8^ Armata a quello della BLU 50, venivano mantenuti agli arresti a disposizione delle Autorità Alleate.

Tra essi si trovavano anche il tenente (c) CRISTIANO Natale della 98^ Sezione mista CC.RR. e il sottotenente (c) dei CC.RR. SIGNORE Giovanni della 95^ Sezione mista CC.RR. i quali, per ordine delle stesse Autorità Alleate, sono stati sospesi dalle loro funzioni in attesa di essere sostituiti. 4630

In relazione a quanto sopra, sarò grato a codesta Sottocommissione P.S. se vorrà compiacersi comunicare l'esito degli accerta

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tamenti compiuti a carico dei due ufficiali ed esaminare con cortese benevolenza la possibilità di rilasciarli a disposizione di questo Comando Generale, che provvederà nei loro confronti alla stregua delle risultanze emerse.=

p.IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
-Brunetto Brunetti-
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE ALFREDO FERRARI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081-365

AC/14601/29/PS

21 March 1945

SUBJECT : Capt. Meola of CC.RR. at Sulmona

TO : Commanding General, CC.RR.

45A

Your reply N°23/16 dated 15 March, 1945 giving the result of the investigation of Capt.MEOLA of Sulmona is acknowledged with thanks.

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

AFW/wg.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081-365

21 March 1945

AC/14601/29/PS

SUBJECT : Capt. Meola of CC.RR. at Sulmona

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission MMIA

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Reference your SD/53 of 22nd Dec, 1944.

1. The allegations against Capt. Gustavo MEOLA former commander of the Sulmona Company of CC.RR. have now been investigated by the Commanding General of the CC.RR.

2. The Italian civilian Loreto MARCONI referred to in your letter as conducting propaganda against the military call-up was not arrested (there being no power of arrest under Italian law as he was not found in the act of committing the offence) but he was questioned and proceeded against by summons in the proper manner.

3. Meola's failure to co-operate with the Italian Military Authorities has not been confirmed by the investigation, but it has been revealed that the Italian Military District Commander entertained a personal dislike for Capt. Meola, unconnected with official duties.

4. In these circumstances Capt. Meola has been transferred to a different district.

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

AFW/wg.

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Translation.

CC.RR. Gen. HQ.

15th March, 1945..
N. 23/16

Reply to letters dated 28/12/1944, 16 and 24/1/45 and 27/2/1945 n. AC/14601/29/PS.

Subject : CC.RR. Captain s.p.e. MEOLA Gustavo.

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

In reply to the a/m letters and with ref. to this Gen.Hq.'s letters n. 23/5 R. dated 21st Jan.45 and n. 23/12 R. dated 5th instant, I communicate that the investigations made have brought to light that the accusations against Captain s.p.e. MEOLA Gustavo, former Commander of the Sulmona Company, have to be attributed only in a limited measure to the real inexperience or bad professional preparation of the Officer, while the greater part of them have to be attributed to the difficulties of the actual situation and especially to the unfavourable reports, which have been given on his account by the Commander of the local military district, who disliked the Captain on account of delicate matters, not connected with the service.

Infact MEOLA's alleged reluctance to collaborate with the military authorities in the call-up operations, is not confirmed. But it is true that the tasks of the CC.RR. in this regard were at the beginning limited and that, when their energetic intervention in the gathering-up services was requested, the heavy snow-falls in the Region seriously interfered with the activity due to the complete isolation of some centres, the interruption of roads and the lack of means of transport.

The individual responsible for propaganda contrary to the presentation to arms, mentioned in the first letter to which we refer, is a certain MARCONI Loreto, who has been regularly denounced by the CC.RR. Sulmona station to the judicial authorities for the penal transgressions of which he had rendered himself guilty. The latter has been however stopped (and not arrested) having not been caught in the act; therefore according to the Italian Law of penal procedure, he could not be detained and was released following the authorisation of the Commander of the military district.

With ref. to the above and to the whole of the other particulars arisen from the effected investigations, in accordance also with the opinion given by the superior Authorities, I have adopted no other sanctions against Capt. MEOLA, having deemed the transfer of the Officer a sufficient measure, transfer which has been formerly ordered by the competent Legion for mobilisation exigencies.

Commanding General
-Brunetto Brunetti-

rv.

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RISERVATO

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E RISERVATO

N. 23/16 di prot. Ris. Roma, li 15 marzo 1945

Risposta al fogli del 28.12.1944,16 e 24.1. e 27.2.1945 n. AC/14601/29/P.S.

OGGETTO: Capitano s.p.e. dei CC.RR. MEOLA Gustavo.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

ROMA

In risposta alle note sopra distinte ed a seguito dei fogli di questo Comando Generale n.23/5 R. del 21 gennaio u.s. e 23/12 R. del 5 corrente comunico che l'inchiesta compiuta ha messo in evidenza come le deficienze addebitate al capitano s.p.e.MEOLA Gustavo,già comandante la compagnia di Sulmona,siano da attribuire solo in misura limitata ad effettiva inesperienza e scarsa preparazione professionale dell'ufficiale,mentre in gran parte esse sono da imputare alle difficoltà della situazione contingente e specialmente alle referenze poco favorevoli che sul suo conto ha fornito il comandante del locale distretto militare,poco bene impressionato verso il capitano stesso per delicati precedenti estranei al servizio.

Non é infatti confermato che il MEOLA abbia voluto esimersi dal collaborare con le autorità militari nelle operazioni di rich[illegible] chiamo alle armi.E' vero invece che i compiti dei carabinieri in materia erano inizialmente limitati e che, quando venne richiesto il loro energico intervento con servizi di rastrellamento,le abbondanti nevicate cadute nella regione ne ostacolarono fortemente

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l'attività per l'isolamento completo di alcuni centri,l'interruzione della viabilità e la mancanza di mezzi di trasporto.

L'individuo colpevole di propaganda contraria alla presentazione alle armi,di cui é cenno nel primo dei fogli cui si risponde,é tale MARCONI Loreto,il quale venne regolarmente denunciato dalla stazione CC.RR. di Sulmona all'autorità giudiziaria per le violazioni penali di cui si era reso colpevole.Questi era stato però fermato (e non arrestato) fuori della flagranza di reato; pertanto,in conformità della legge italiana di procedura penale, non poteva rimanere in detenzione e venne quindi rimesso in libertà in seguito ad esplicito nulla osta del comandante del distretto militare.

Per quanto sopra e per il complesso degli altri elementi emersi dagli accertamenti eseguiti,in conformità anche del parere espresso dai comandi gerarchici non ho adottato altre sanzioni a carico del capitano MECLA,avendo ritenuto sufficiente provvedimento il trasferimento dell'ufficiale già disposto di propria iniziativa dalla legione competente per esigenze di mobilitazione.=

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
- Brunetto Brunetti-

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14601/29/PS

Tels 489081 - 365
17 March 1945

SUBJECT : Capt Meola of CC.RR. at Sulmona.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission, MMIA.

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1. Reference your SD/76 dated 13 March, 1945. 39A

2. As a result of our letter of 27 February, 1945, a reply dated 5 March, 1945 has been received from Commanding General CC.RR. stating that the result of the investigation concerning Capt Meola is not yet known.

3. This matter will be followed up, and information forwarded to you as soon as available.

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

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SUBJECT: Captain Meola of the CC.RR at Sulmona

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
SD/~~76~~
13 March 1945

TO : Public Safety Sub Commission, ALCOM

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With further reference to your AC/14601/29/PS of 27 February 1945.

1. Request information as to the result of disciplinary inquiry.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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TO	INIT	DATE
Director		
Dep. Director		
Exec. Officer		
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Legal Sec.		
Pers. Sec.		
Admin. Sec.		
Security		
Chief Clerk		

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Translation.

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CC.RR. Gen. Hq. 40A

5th March, 1945.
N. 23/12

Reply to AC/14601/29 dated 27/2/1945.

Subject : Captain s.p. MEOLA Gustavo,

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

With ref. to a/m letter, it is reported that the result of the investigation arranged in regard to the CC.RR. Captain MEOLA Gustavo, former Commander of the Sulmona Company, are not yet known.

Information in this regard will be forwarded, as soon as possible.

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EXEC. OFFICER		
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Commanding General
(Taddeo Orlando)

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RISERVATO

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E RISERVATO

N. 23/12 *di prot.* Ris. *Roma, li* 5 marzo 1945

Risposta al foglio A.C. *del* 27 febbraio u.s. *n.* 14601/29/P. *Sull.egati n.*

OGGETTO: Capitano s.p. MEOLA Gustavo.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
-Sottocommissione per la P.S.-

R O M A

In relazione al foglio sopra distinto, comunico che le risultanze dell'inchiesta disposta nei riguardi del Capitano dei CC.RR. MEOLA Gustavo, già comandante la Compagnia di Sulmona, non sono ancora note.

Faccio pertanto riserva di ritornare in argomento appena possibile.

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IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
COMANDANTE GENERALE
(Taddeo Orlando)

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Translation.

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CC.RR. Gen.HQ.

27 Feb.1945.
N. 32/4-4 oe.

Subject : Florence - Incident between CC.RR. and Communists.

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

Following letter n. 32/4 30A R.P. dated 11 Jan.1945.

The result of the investigations carried out has been that the behaviour of the CC.RR., in the known circumstance, has been energetic, calm and courageous, and has avoided serious re-actions, easily to be foreseen, on the part of the people.

Major HARRIS, Chief of the Allied P.S. for the Florence Province, has deplored the intervention of the Allied Police, assuring generically that "measures have been taken."

Besides which, it appears that H.E. the Prefect has stopped any underhand manoeuvre aiming at a version of the facts different from truth.

Commanding General
- Taddeo Orlando -

rv.

TO	INIT	DATE
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
EXEC. OFFICER		
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RISERVATO PERSONALE

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 32/4-4 di prot. R.P. Roma, 27 febbraio 1945

Risposta al del n. Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Firenze - Incidente fra militari dell'Arma e comunisti.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

- Sottocommissione per la Pubblica Sicurezza -

R O M A

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Fa seguito al foglio n.32/4 R.P. in data 11 gennaio 1945.

Gli accertamenti eseguiti hanno permesso di stabilire che il comportamento dei carabinieri, nella nota circostanza, fu deciso, sereno e coraggioso; valse ad evitare reazioni gravi, facilmente prevedibili, per parte della folla.

Il Maggiore MARZI, Capo della P.S. alleata per la provincia di Firenze, ha deplorato l'intervento della polizia alleata, assicurando genericamente che "erano stati presi provvedimenti".

Risulta infine che S.E. il Prefetto ha eventato qualsiasi subdola manovra tendente a dare ai fatti una versione diversa dal ver[illegible]

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 409081 - 365

AC/14601/29/PS

27 February, 1945.

SUBJECT : Capt. Meola, CC.RR. Sulmona.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

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Reference your SD/53 of 26 February 1945. 25A

1. A reply to your original letter of 22 Dec.1944 was sent to you on 28 January 1945. A copy is attached for your information. 35A

2. The result of the disciplinary enquiry is not yet known.

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

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File 39A

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

AC/11601/29/PS

27 February. 1945.

SUBJECT : Capt. Meola, Sulmona.

To : Commanding General CC.RR.

With reference to your letter 23/5 of 21st Jan. 1945. may we please be informed if the disciplinary enquiries in connection with the complaint against Captain Gustavo MEOLA have been completed.

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

AFW/c.

Copy to Land Forces

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14601/29 38A

Subject: Captain Meola of the CC.RR at Sulmona

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/53
25 February 1945

To : Public Safety Sub Commission, ALCOM 25A cc.

1. No reply has been received to letter of 22 Dec 1944, above subject and file.

2. Request reply.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

AC/14601/~~371~~29/PS

13 February 1945

SUBJECT : Illegal possession of WD tyres by
2/Lt. GRITTI Giovanni - HQ.5th Brigade CC.RR.

TO : Commanding General CC.RR.

1. The attached file of documents in which will be seen evidence of 2/Lt. Gritti dealing in "black market" War Department tyres, is forwarded for your information.

2. The documents are self explanatory and after perusal I feel sure you will agree that strict disciplinary action should be taken against 2/Lt. Gritti.

3. Will you please return the file in due course.

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

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Enclosures:
Letter PS/3.1.8
Permits dated 29/12/44
and 11/1/45
Letter S.113/61/14/45 Sgt.Henwood
Statements form:-
2/Lt. Gritti Giovanni
C.R. Viserta Nicola
Piccolo Antonio
Mercurio Armando
Facchini Luciano
Bascisecco Giovanni

Copy to:- R.P.S.O. - Southern Region.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14601/29/PS

2 Feb. 1945

SUBJECT : Complaints

TO : R.C. Abruzzi-Marche Region
Attention R.P.S.O.

Attached is a denouncement made by a French National. She has appealed to us after writing numerous times to the Carabinieri without results. Forwarded for your information and attention.

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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

AC/14601/29/PS

28 January 1945

SUBJECT : Captain Meola, CC.RR. Sulmona.

TO : Director Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

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1. Reference is made to your letters SD/53 dated 22 December, 1944, and 15 and 26 January 1945.

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2. Information has been received from the Commanding General CC.RR. that while the inquiry into this matter has not been completed, facts disclosed so far, have warranted the removal of Captain Meola from his command at Sulmona.

3. You will be informed of the result of the inquiry as soon as it is to hand.

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

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Subject: Captain Meola of the CC.RR at Sulmona

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/53
26 January 1945

To : Public Safety Sub Commission, ALCOM

1. No reply has been received to letter of 22 Dec 1944, above subject and file.

2. Request reply.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

CPK/lak

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TO		
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL WILCOX		
MAJ LUCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLINGER		
CAPT POWELL		
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Translation.

CC.RR. Gen. HQ.

21 January 1945
N. 23/5

Reply to AC/14601/29 dated 16 inst.

Subject : Captain perm. MEOLA Gustavo,

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

With reference to the request contained in a/m letter I communicate that in regard to what has been reported with letter n. AC/14601/29 dated 28 December 1944, investigations are being taken, which results will be communicated, and that in the meanwhile Capt. MEOLA has been moved from the Sulmona company.

Commanding General
- Taddeo Orlando -

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Translate please

RISERVATO

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E RISERVATO

N. 23/5 di prot. Ris. Roma, lì 21 agosto 1945 P.S.

Risposta al foglio *del* 16 corrente *n.* AC/14601/29 *Allegati n.* ::

OGGETTO: Capitano s.p. MEOLA Gustavo.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

In relazione alla richiesta di cui al foglio sopra distinto comunico che circa quanto è stato riferito col foglio n.AC/14601/29/P.S. del 28 dicembre u.s. sono in corso accertamenti, sull'esito dei quali mi riservo di riferire, e che il capitano MEOLA è stato intanto allontanato dalla compagnia di Sulmona.

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

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TO	INIT	DATE
COL CHAPMAN		
COL YOUNG		
LT. COL WILCOX		
MAJ LUCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWEL		
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14601/29/PS

Tel 409061 Ext 365
24 January 1945

SUBJECT : Capt MARIA CC.RR. SULMONA.

TO : Commanding General, CC.RR. 26A

1. Reference is made to our letters of even number dated 28th December, 1944 and 16th January, 1945. 28A

2. Further requests for information received from Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) necessitate this office pressing for a reply to the above quoted letters.

J. 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 : 489081 Ext 365

19 January, 1945

AC/14601/29/PS

SUBJECT : Carabinieri incident with Military Police

TO : AMG 5 Army (Attn: C.P.S.)

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1. Commanding General CC.RR. has forwarded a letter (copy translation attached) referring to an incident in Florence on 1st January, 1945, in which CC.RR. and British M.P.'s were concerned.

2. Forwarded for your information and such action as you may deem necessary.

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

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CC.RR. Headquarters

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II January 1945.

N. 32/4

SUBJECT: Florence - Indident between CC.RR. and Communists.

TO : A.C. P.S. S/C. Rome.

In Florence, at about 16.15 hrs. of the 1st inst. at the Nazionale theatre, three cc.rr. of the 231st Infantry Division, stopped a person who had slandered the Arma, with no reason at all. While escorting him to the nearby station, about 400 persons tried to free him. A few pistol shots were heard from the crowd. The military, without using arms, succeeded in conducting the arrested person to the nearby station. The English Military Police, probably by mistake, intervening, arrested the cc.rr.s, allowing the arrested person to get away. On the M.P.s jeep, the cc.rr. were ill-treated and mocked at by the crowd.

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Translate PSC for enquiry in Florence

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO – SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 32/4 di prot. R.P. Roma, li 11 gennaio 1945

Risposta al del n. Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Firenze - Incidente fra militari dell'Arma e comunisti.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
-Sottocommissione per la P.S.-
R O M A

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In Firenze, verso le ore 16.15 del 1° corrente, al teatro "Nazionale", tre carabinieri della 231ª Divisione fanteria fermarono un individuo che senza alcuna provocazione aveva oltraggiato l'Arma. Mentre effettuavano la traduzione alla vicina stazione, circa 400 persone cercarono di liberare il fermato. Dalla folla furono sparati alcuni colpi di pistola. I militari, senza fare uso delle armi riuscirono a condurre il fermato alla vicina stazione dei carabinieri. La Polizia militare inglese intervenuta, probabilmente per equivoco, arrestò i carabinieri consentendo al fermato di allontanarsi. Sulla camionetta della M.P. i carabinieri vennero malmenati e fatti oggetto di sputi da parte della folla.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081 - 365

15 January, 1945.

AC/14601/29/PS

SUBJECT : Capt. Merla CC.RR. Salmona.

TO : Director Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

1. Reference your SD/53 dated 22 December 1944 and 15 January 1945.

2. No reply has yet been received on this subject from Commanding General CC.RR. A reminder has been sent, and you will be informed of the result.

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

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HEAD.UARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 889081 Ext 365

16 January 1945

AC/11601/29/PS

SUBJECT : Capt Merla CC.RR. Sulmona

TO : Commanding General CC.RR.

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1. Reference our letter of even number dated 28 Dec. 44.

2. May we be informed how this matter now stands please as a request for further information has been received from M.M.I.A.

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

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Subject: Captain Meola of the CC.RR at Sulmona.

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/53
15 January 1945

To : Public Safety Sub Commission, ALCOM

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1. No reply has been received to letter of 22 Dec 1944, above subject and file.

2. Request reply.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

CPK/lak

TO		
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL WILCOX		
MAJ LUCKMAN		
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MAJ BALLANCE		
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14601/29/PS

28 December 1944

SUBJECT : Capt Meola, CC.RR. Sulmona.

TO : Commanding General, CC.RR.

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1. The attached report has been received from the Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, regarding the conduct of Capt Meola, Sulmona.

2. May this Sub-Commission please be informed of the results of your investigation.

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

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

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Subject: Captain Meola of the CC.RR at Sulmona.

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/53
December 1944

(See 26A)

To : Public Safety Sub Commission, ALCOM

1. Our US Army Liaison Officer who observed the operation of the call-up of the Italian Army in the Abruzzi Region has advised us that Captain Meola of the CC.RR in Sulmona would not cooperate with the Italian Army authorities who were attempting to make the call-up effective. An Italian civilian was arrested while engaged in propaganda work aimed at opposing the call-up, and Captain Meola released the man, stating that he had no grounds for holding him. A similar case occurred in Chieti where five men are being held by the CC.RR on the same charge. The US Officer reports that Captain Meola is weak and ineffective and should be replaced. The results of the call-up in his district verify this.

2. It is suggested that this officer be investigated with a view to removal of ineffective, non-cooperative and inefficient personnel.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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* Correspondence extracted refers to Shooting of RKELLY on file 14142/PS.

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO PERSONALE SOTTUFFICIALI E TRUPPA

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N. 562/II di prot. Roma, li 9 dicembre 1944

Risposta al foglio *del* 28-II u.s. *n.* AC/I460I/29/P *Allegati n.*

OGGETTO: Maresciallo capo D'ONOFRIO Vincenzo. ec.

AL COMANDO A.C.-SOTTOCOMMISSIONE P.S.-

R O M A

Il procedimento penale a carico del maresciallo ca=
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D ' O N O F R I O V i n c e n z o,

per acquisto e commercio di generi contingentati, è tut
tora in corso di istruzione presso la Procura del Regno di Larino.

Si fa riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni in merito.

The penal proceedings of Chief Maresciallo D'Onofrio Vincenzo for buying and trading rationed food, is actually in course with the Power of Attorney of the kingdom of Larino.
We reserve ourselves for further information on the subject.

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TO	INITIALS	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. CO. WILCOX		
MAJ LUCKMAN		
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HANBURY		
MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

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IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
-Romano dalla Chiesa-

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394.

AC/14601/29/PS. 28th November, 1944.

SUBJECT : Vincenzo D'Onofrio. CC.RR. N.C.O.

TO : Commanding General, CC.RR.

1. Reference your 46/8, dated 14th November, 1944, and our letter of even number, dated 13th September, 1944.

2. It has been noted that D'Onofrio was denounced to the Procuratore del Regno of Larino on the 5th July last.

3. May we please be informed whether D'Onofrio has now been tried and convicted by a Court, the sentence imposed, and whether or not he has been discharged from the CC.RR.

Edward Dickson actg.
JOHN W. CHAPMAN, Colonel JAGD.
Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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L.M. no 46/8 CC.RR.H.Q. 14-11-44
Answ.to letter of 23-9-1944 ACC/14601/29/PS.
Sub:Sottotenen De Plato Giuseppe.

Following the letter N.46/7 of prot.Ris.dated October 22nd.last. We inform What has resulted from the investigation by the Allied Military police and the CC.FR.arma.

At 9 oclock on June 7th,c.a.Maresciallo Petruzzo Antonio,belonging to the CC.RR.station of Termoli,going through via"Cesare Battisti" in that city noticed an English army motor-lorry at a stand still, with licence plate Z.4984062 Dodge,that was loaded with various bags of wheat.

As the English driver who had been asked where he was bound for, had refused to give indications,the Maresciallo was obliged to ask a N.C.O.English Military Police to intervene.

In this way it was found out that the load corresponding to 10,23 quintals of wheat 48 kilos of flour and 80 fresh eggs belonged to an officer of the Italian army,that the merchandise had been loaded in petacciato and should have been brought to Bari.

Seeing that the driver did not have the necessary permit of transit and had falsified the number of the license plate, the N.C.O.of the English police,proceeded to arrest him,confiscating at the same time the motor-lorry-that he beleives to have been stolen-and also the merchandise.After about one hour the Italian officer was traced and identified as S.Tenente De Plato Giuseppe,when questioned by the English police he declared to have the regular permits-which however were not considered valid by that police-Issued to him by the Command of the 61st. Group English Prisoners,with garrison in Bari,to go to Termoli to get food supplies to improove the soldiers and officers mess of his regiment.

Besides the officer declared to have given 2000 lira's as a gift to the English driver and that he had purchased in Petacciato the merchandise that was on the motor-lorry on June 6th.from someone he ignored the name of,but that he would be able to indicate where he lived.On the following day the 8th,the N. C.O.of the English police with S.Tenente De Plato and Maresciallo Petruzzo went to Petacciato,and there they traced the person that had sold the merchandise and that was identified as the CC.RR. Maresciallo D'Onfrio Vicenzo,who was in Petacciato on a convalescence leave of 180 days.However from the verifications made later it was possible to establish that the Maresciallo only gave the S.Tenente one and a half quintals of wheat at 1050 lira's a quintal and the 80 eggs at 9 lira fifty each,it all came from his land and his hens.The officer had purchased the rest elsewhere.Consequently the English police denounced the driver for a court-martial,and put him under arrest,and handed over the Sotto Tenente De Plato and Maresciallo D'Onfrio to the Captain commanding the CC.R R company of Termoli,who drew up a regular report on the facts that happened and transmitted it to the command of the 400thInfantry regiment to which the Italian officer belonged,to the CC.RR.Legion of Naples to which the Maresciallo depended,and to the judicial authorities for their jurisdiction.On the basis of this report the Legion of Naples on July 5th u.s.denounced the Maresciallo to the county attorney of Larino for inobservance of the Luogotenenziale Royal decree April 22,1944 no.245 (illicit trade of rationed merchandise.)

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TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. CO. W. [illegible]		
MAJ. [illegible]		
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MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

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Traduzione

Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 46/8 *di prot.* Ris. *Roma, li* 14 novembre 1944

Risposta al foglio *del* 23-9-1944 *n.* ACC/14601/29/PS *Allegati n.*

OGGETTO: Sottotenente DE PLATO Giuseppe.-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione per la P.S. -
R O M A

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Fa seguito alla lettera n.46/7 di prot.Ris. in data 22 ottobre scorso.

Si comunica quanto é risultato dalle indagini esperite dalla polizia militare alleata e dall'Arma dei CC.RR.-

Alle ore 9 del 7 giugno c.a.,il maresciallo PETRUZZO Antonio,appartenente alla stazione CC.RR. di Termoli,percorrendo la via "Cesare Battisti" di quella città,notò un autocarro delle forze armate inglesi, fermo, con targa Z. 4984062 DODGE,che aveva a bordo diversi sacchi di grano.

Siccome l'autista inglese,al quale era stato chiesto dove fosse diretta quella merce,si era rifiutato di dare indicazioni,il maresciallo fu costretto a chiedere l'intervento di un sottufficiale della polizia militare inglese.

Così si seppe che il carico,rispondente a q.li 10,23 di grano, a Kg.48 di farina di grano ed a n.80 uova fre-

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sche,apparteneva ad un ufficiale dell'esercito italiano, che la merce era stata caricata in Petacciato e che dove va essere trasportata a Bari.

Poiché l'autista era sfornito di permesso di transito ed aveva falsificato il numero della targa,il sottufficiale della polizia inglese procedette al suo fermo,sequestrando nel contempo l'autocarro - che ritenne essere di provenienza furtiva - e la merce.

Dopo circa un'ora,venne rintracciato l'ufficiale italiano,identificato per il S.Tenente DE PLATO Giuseppe,che, interrogato dalla polizia inglese,dichiarò di essere in possesso di regolari permessi - che però non furono ritenuti validi dalla stessa polizia - rilasciatigli dal comando del 61° Gruppo Pionieri Inglesi di stanza a Bari, per recarsi a Termoli a prelevare viveri per miglioramento rancio dei soldati ed ufficiali del suo reggimento.

L'ufficiale dichiarò,altresì,di aver consegnato allo autista inglese, a titolo di regalo,la somma di lire 2000 e che la merce,che era sull'automezzo,l'aveva acquistata in Petacciato il 6 giugno detto da persona,di cui ignorava il nome,ma della quale era in grado di indicare dove abitasse.

Il successivo giorno 8,il sottufficiale della polizia inglese,insieme con il S.Tenente DE PLATO ed il maresciallo PETRUZZO,si recò in Petacciato,ed ivi rintracciò la persona che aveva venduto la merce,e che fu identificata per il maresciallo dei CC.RR. D'ONOFRIO Vincenzo,il quale si trovava in Petacciato in licenza di convalescenza di giorni 180.-

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Dagli accertamenti,però,in seguito praticati, si poté stabilire che il maresciallo esitò al sottotenente soltanto q.li 1½ di grano, a £. 1050 il quintale,e le 80 uove a £.9,50 l'uno,il tutto proveniente dalla sua terra e dalle sue galline.

Il rimanente,l'ufficiale l'aveva acquistato altrove.

La polizia inglese,denunziò,pertanto,alla corte marziale,in istato di arresto,l'autista,e consegnò il sottotenente DE PLATO ed il maresciallo D'ONOFRIO al capitano comandante della compagnia CC.RR. di Termoli,il quale compilò regolare rapporto sui fatti avvenuti,che trasmise al comando del 400° Reggimento Fanteria,cui era in forza l'ufficiale italiano,al comando della Legione CC.RR. di Napoli, da cui dipendeva il maresciallo,ed alla Autorità Giudiziaria, per le incombenze di loro competenza.

In base a tale rapporto,la Legione di Napoli,il 5 luglio u.s.,denunziò,al Procuratore del Regno di Larino,il maresciallo per inosservanza al Regio Decreto Luogotenenziale 22 Aprile 1944 n.245 (illecito commercio di generi contingentati).-

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Ref No. AC/11,501/29/PS

18 November 1944

Your Excellency:

16A

Advice has just been received that you have ordered the suspension of the seven Carabinieri who quelled the riot at Ortucchio, Province of Aquila, on 16 October, last.

It is strongly recommended that you withdrew you order of suspension.

The Procuratore General, who investigated the incident, has reported favorably on the action of these Carabinieri and our Public Safety Officer reports that their firmness and decisive action has prevented widespread disorder and the development of a more serious position.

While it is agreed that any shooting is regretable it must be recognized that there are occasion when police are justified in so doing to prevent the commission of lawless action. At this particular time when many of the Carabinieri feel that every man's hand is against them even a small punishment for having taken decisive action though it involved a possible error in judgement, will react against the morale of every member of the Corps.

With the increase in incidents involving mob action it would seem to be the better course to give the Carabinieri the assurance of official support in all cases other than flagrant abuse of discretion. Otherwise there will be the danger of complete inaction on the part of Carabinieri in the face of civil disturbances.

For the benefit of the morale of Carabinieri it is suggested that you re-consider your order suspending these particular Caretinieri.

Very truly yours,

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

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General Taylor Orlando
Commanding General CC.RR.
R O M E

Approved by V.P. 432
19 Nov. 44
R.R. Caffe
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TO : HQ. AC. Public Safety Sub Commission

FROM : HQ. AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region

SUBJECT : Suspension of CC.RR.

REF : R5/514/8 See 17A

DATE : 15 November 1944

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1. The enclosed copy of letter received from P.P.S.O. Aquila is self explanatory.

2. This HQ. supports Maj. Mighall in his views.

3. As Mj. Mighall has advised the Maggiore CC.RR. to delay the suspension until you have been communicated with, an early reply will be appreciated.

4. There is no doubt that had it not been for the prompt action of the CC.RR. at Ortucchio ~~the~~ A more serious position would have arisen.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel
R.P.S.O.

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TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
LT COL WILCOX		
MAJ LUCKMAN		
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MAJ BALLANCE		
CAPT POWELL		

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ALLIED COMMISSION

PROVINCE OF L'AQUILA.

TO: HQ AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region - R.P.S.O.

FROM: Provincial Public Safety Officer, L'AQUILA Province.

SUBJECT: Carabinieri - suspension of.

REF: R5AQ/1748

DATE: 15 Nov 44.

The Maggiore i/c Carabinieri, Aquila Province has received instructions from General Commanding CC.RR, Rome, to suspend (without pay) the 7 carabinieri who quelled a riot at ORTUCCHIO, Aquila, on the 16th October Last.

Full enquiry was made by the Procuratore Generale as to the responsibility of the CC.RR mentioned, concerning the death of one person and injury to others at the riot referred to. The Procuratore Generale reported favourably on the action of the CC.RR and no legal proceedings against them are contemplated.

The CC.RR concerned were transferred and are now performing duty at Aquila City.

There is no doubt that the firmness and decision shewn by the CC.RR at the incident at ORTUCCHIO has succeeded in preventing widespread disorder. If the suspension of the CC.RR is to be carried out it will seriously affect all the CC.RR in this Province by complete discouragement in the execution of their duties.

Itseems probable that the order of the General Commanding has been given without knowledge of the facts and I have advised the Maggiore i/c to delay decision until this communication should reach Rome. I strongly recommend that no action be taken against the CC.RR and that they are more deserving of commendation than punishment.

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Major,
Provincial Public Safety Officer,
L'AQUILA PROVINCE.

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TO : HQ. AC Public Safety Sub Commission

FROM : HQ. AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region

SUBJECT : Incident involving CC.RR.

REF : R5/514/8

DATE : 6 November 1944

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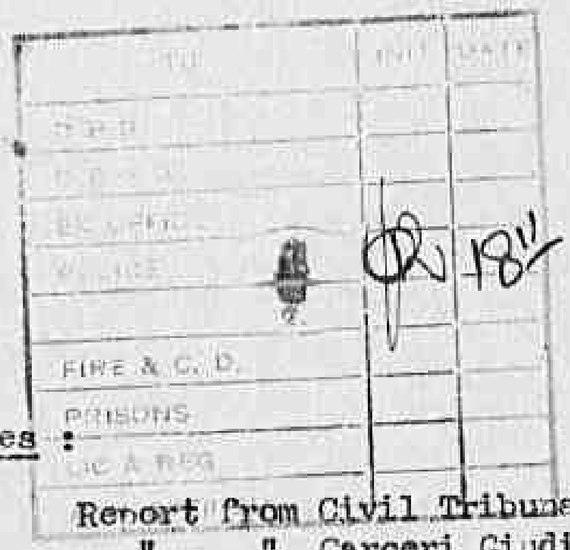
1. Ref your ACC/14601/29/PS dated 28 October 1944.

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2. The attached reports which were called for are forwarded for your information please.

3. There have been no further actions or developements, the report on CC.RR. barracks, Ortona, is no doubt in mitigation of the escape of the three italian soldiers.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:



S. PICKERING
Lt. Colonel
R.P.S.O.

Enclosures :

Report from Civil Tribunal of Teramo
" " Carceri Giudiziarie Teramo
" " CC.RR. Group of Teramo
" " CC.RR. Group of Chieti

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A. TRIBUNALE CIVILE E PENALE
DI TERAMO
UFFICIO ISTRUZIONE

Col. 6810

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Teramo I novembre 1944

Traduzione dei detenuti Ammazzalorsa Armando ed altri

Al Sig. CAPITANO BELLAMY

Ufficiale dell'A.C.C. per la Provincia di Teramo

In esito alla Vostra richiesta verbale in data odierna Vi comunico quanto segue:

Con lettera del 30/9/1944 il Procuratore del Regno di Chieti, direttore di quelle Carceri, segnalava al Procuratore del Regno di Teramo la necessità di provvedere al trasferimento dei detenuti sopraelencati in qualche altro carcere ove potessero essere sistemati più convenientemente, data la scarsa capienza, e il difetto di oggetti di casermaggio lamentati nel carcere di Chieti, e ciò allo scopo di evitare che i detenuti stessi con l'inoltrarsi della stagione invernale, costretti a dormire per terra, si trovassero esposti a gravi malanni e provocassero disordini interni.

A seguito di ciò, é poiché non era possibile a questo Ufficio, per mancanza di mezzi di trasporto, trasferirisi a

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A seguito di ciò, é poiché non era possibile a questo Ufficio, per mancanza di mezzi di trasporto, trasferirisi a Chieti ogni qualvolta fosse necessario contestare agli imputati o un nuovo reato ovvero le risultanze della istruttoria, si decise d'accordo col Procuratore del Regno di Teramo

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(il quale aveva ottenuto il nulla osta da parte del Prefetto) di disporre la traduzione dei detenuti in queste carceri meglio attrezzate.

IL GIUDICE ISTRUTTORE

E. Bellavia

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CIVIL AND PENAL COURT OF LAW

TERAMO

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Obj: Detained Quaranta Lerce Armando and others transfere-

ment.

To: Capt. Cotton

A.C.C. Officer for Terame Province

Answering your verbal request of to day, I inform you that:

With a letter dated 30/9/44 the Chieti's County-Atterney, Director of these jails, signalized to the Terame's County Atterney the necessity of transfering the detained Aunazzalerse etc. into another jail, where they could be more conveniently settled, being the Chieti jails to small and in want of bedding goods, so to avoid said detainees, obliged to sleep on the floor, catching ilnesses and provoking disorders in the jails. Moreover not being possible to this office, hard up with transportation means; to transfer itself to Chieti every time it were necessary, to contest the detainees a new crime or for an inquiring resultants, we disposed in accordance with Terame's County-Atterney (who had obtained the Prefect's previous consent) the detainees transferement in this jail, better equipped.

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ISSUED UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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Indirizzo _____

IDENTITY CARD N.
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HAS PERMISSION TO BE OUT AFTER CURFEW UNTIL
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FOR THE PURPOSE OF
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Firmato _____ Grado _____

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CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE
--TERAMO

Teramo, li 25/10/1944

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Al Comando della Polizia F.S.S.

T E R A M O

Oggetto: evasione di tre detenuti

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Il Capoguardia insieme ai sottocapi Libra e Vitale accorsi immediatamente in portineria per avvertire di aprire, senonchè durante il breve tragitto, si intese una sparatoria proveniente dall'esterno dello stabilimento. Appena finiti gli spari, per la durata di circa un minuto primo, il cancello venne immediatamente aperto dando ingresso quattro detenuti e alcuni carabinieri che entravano proprio in quel momento nell'androne esistente tra la porta esterna ed il primo cancello del Carcere.

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Direttore ff. del Carcere
(Dott. Filippo Salutari)

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CARCERI GIUDIZIARIE
TERAMO

Teramo, 25 October 1944

To: P.P.S.O. AMG. Chieti.

Subject: Evasion Three Prisoners.

In view of your verbal request may I refer, according to the knowledge of the jail's personnel, about the evasion of the following prisoners:- AMMAZZALORSO Armando, AMMAZZALORSO Aldo, and MORDENTE Ivo, happened out of the jail of Teramo on the 13 inst.

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The jail of Teramo was at the knowledge of the transfer, but didn'tknow the day and the hour of it;anyway the necessary steps were already taken for inside the jail.

The Sobstitute Procuratore Del Regno
Acting Director of Jail
Dr.Filippo SALUTARI

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DEGLI ABRUZZI
Gruppo di Teramo

N°407/19 di prot.Div. II^ Teramo,li 17 Ottobre I944-

Oggetto: Evasione di tre detenuti.=

ALL'A.C.C.
C H I E T I

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Come da richiesta verbale si comunica.

E' noto che all'alba del 5 settembre I944,previa autorizzazione del Comando Militare Alleato,fu proceduto in Teramo all'arresto dei sottonotati 10 individui,già appartenenti alla banda di patrioti "Ammazzalorso",perchè responsabili di gravi delitti,ed alcuni evasi dalle carceri: AMMAZZALORSO Armando - AMMAZZALORSO Aldo - TARASCHI Attilio - PEZZA Guido - MORDENTE Ivo - MATALONI Romolo - MATALONI Marino - D'OTTAVIO Serafino - DI BATTISTA Dante - PANICHI Antonio.=

I predetti,per ragioni di ordine pubblico,furono immediatamente internati nelle carceri di Chieti.=

Ciò premesso,senza che fossero preventivamente interpellate le locali Autorità competenti ed interessate,circa il sussistere o meno dei motivi che avevano consigliato l'internamento dei detenuti nelle carceri di Chieti,e senza che fosse dato alle stesse Autorità alcun preavviso del giorno ed ora dell'arrivo a Teramo dei detenuti,questi in numero di 7,scortati da I3 militari dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali vi giunsero,a mezzo di un camion scoperto, improvvisamente alle ore I7 del I3 corrente.=

Nessun servizio fu pertanto potuto predisporre.=

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In detta piazza era ugualmente convenuta numerosa folla,tuttavia l'automezzo raggiunse senza incidenti l'ingresso dello stabilimento,e fu iniziato lo scarico dei detenuti,i quali erano tutti assicurati dai ferri di sicurezza,e da una catena le cui estremità erano saldamente tenute da due carabinieri.=

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Immediatamente vennero iniziate le ricerche dei tre evasi,cui parteciparono anche tutti i militari che,provenienti da Chieti,avevano eseguita la traduzione.

Le ricerche stesse vengono con ogni impegno continuate,mentre speciali servizi esterni con carattere continuativo,vengono eseguiti a tutela delle carceri.=

Si ha motivo di ritenere che l'evasione si sia potuta verificare in conseguenza delle speciali circostanze createsi con l'arrivo non preavvisato dei traducendi,tre dei quali,approfittando anche della sosta prolungata nanti le carceri e della confusione creatasi,e con ogni probabilità aiutati da qualche scaltro elemento riuscirono a liberarsi dai ferri di sicurezza dandosi alla fuga.=

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CC/RR.GROUP OF TERAMO
17 October 1944.

Ref: 407/19 Div.III/5D

Subject: Evasion of Three Prisoners.

To: A.C.C. CHIETI.

In view of the verbal request the following is submitted.

On the 5 Sept.44,following A.M.G.authorization,the following 10 prisoners,previously belonging to the patriots band "Ammazzalorso",have been arrested because responsible of serious crimes:- AMMAZZALORSO Armando - AMMAZZALORSO Aldo - TARASCHI Attilio - PEZZA Guido - MORDENTE Ivo - MATALONI Romolo - MATALONI Merino - D'OTTAVIO Serafino - DI BATTISTA Dante - PANICHI Antonio.

Said people were immediately transfered to Chieti's jail for reasons of public order.

After some time,without any previous correspondence or conversation with the local authorities,and without giving to same any forewarning about the date and the hour of the prisoners' arrival in Teramo,7 of these,escorted by 13 CC/RRs.arrived here on an uncovered truck,suddenly,at 1700 hrs.of the 13 inst. Therefore no service could be predisposed.

The news of the prisoners' arrival,happened in a time in which the streets of the town were particularly crowded,was spread immediately,so that having the vehicle stopped for some time before this barracks,within a short time the square was crowded by numerous people. Seing the influx keeping on and in order to avoid possible incidents,all the CC/RRs.of this barracks were called out and then the truck could proceed to the jail situated in Piazza S.Agostino.

But this Piazza also was found crowded,anyway the vehicle reached the entrance of the jail with no incidents,and the prisoners started to get off the vehicle;the same were all handcuffed and held with a chain the ends of which were firmly held by two carabinieri.

The entrance door of the jail,although the repeated energetic calls of the escort commander,delayed excessively to be opened by the personnel of the jail,so many precious minutes passed,during which the crowd got begger -about 800 people- and,certainly incited by friends and relatives of the prisoners,started to shout,assuming always more a tumultuous and threatening character and closed on the CC/RRs.and prisoners.

The CC/RRs.reacted energetically and,in order to not be overwhelmed,they used the arms by firing rifle shots which caused no deads.

But unfortunately,although the escort and the local CC/RRs.did their best,the prisoners AMMAZZALORSO Armando with the brother Aldo and MORDENTE Ivo succeeded in liberating themselves from chain and handcuffs and escaped taking the chance from the a/m circumstances.

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The search for the three escaped started immediately and it is still continuated zealously,while a special service is being carried out for the watching of the jail.

Their is ground to believe that the evasion happened because of the particular circumstances created for the sudden arrival of the prisoners,three of which,taking the chance from the prolonged stop before the jail and from the confusion created,and,with much probability helped by some cunning people,succeeded in liberating themselves and escape. The handcuffs and chain were regularly applied at the moment of leave from Chieti,and checked during the travel;in fact those of the other four prisoners were found regularly fixed.

Major Group Commander - PETRELLA Nicandro

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DEGLI ABRUZZI
GRUPPO DI CHIETI

N.784/152 di prot.div.I^ Chieti,li 14 ottobre 1944

OGGETTO : Camere di sicurezza della caserma di Ortona a Mare. 2.

ALL'UFFICIALE DI POLIZIA PROVINCIALE ALLEATA -CAPITANO COTTON-

CHIETI

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Dette camere possono contenere al massimo n.6 detenuti. 461

IL MAGGIORE COMANDANTE DEL GRUPPO
(Enrico Tiberi)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission

Ref: ACC/14601/29/PS 28 October 1944

SUBJECT: Incidents involving CC.RR

TO: Regional Commissioner-Abruzzi-Marche Region
(att. R.P.S.O.)

1. Reference your R5/514/8 dated 21 Oct 44.

2. It is noted that recently three serious incidents have occurred involving CC.RR in your area. Before these matters are taken up with the Commanding General CC.RR may we be informed please of what action has been taken, and how the position stands.

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

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TO : ACC/ PS. Sub-Commission
FROM : AMG/ACC - ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION HQ.
SUBJECT : Incidents involving CC.RR.
REF : R5/5I4/8
DATE : 21 October 1944.

Attached herewith letter ref PS/C4/CH dated 18 October 1944 received from PPSO. Chieti - Pescara - Teramo Provinces and copies of correspondence referred to.

Forwarded for your information please.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

S.PICKERING
Lt. Colonel
R.P.S.O.

HEADQUARTERS
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SUBJECT: Incidents involving CC.RR. Ref: PS/C./CH.

TO: H.Q.ACC Abruzzi-Marche Region. 18 October 1944
(For Attention of Regional Public Safety Officer).

FROM: ACC. Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces (at Chieti).

Attached herewith please find correspondence:-

1. Report from D.A.P.M. 5th Garrison, C.M.F., on the escape of two Italian soldiers from the CC.RR.Barracks, Ortona, on 11th October 1944. The Italian soldiers were arrested, one on 29th September, the other 2nd October, and in each case were handed over to CC.RR. for custody, pending trial by Italian Military Law for drunkeness and possession of small hand bombs, contrary to Italian Military Law.

2. Report from CC.RR. Chieti, stating that on 14th October, at 2030 hrs, a Brigadier CC.RR. following a dispute with a civilian shot and fatally injured the civilian. It is alleged that at the time the Brigadier was the worse for drink. The Shooting took place in Chieti.

3. Report from Col. Gorfi, Legion Commander CC.RR on the escape outside TERAMO gaol, 15th October at 1700 hrs of three men. The story briefly is as follows. Seven men, all arrested in Teramo on or about 4th September in connection with black market and other offences, were being transferred from Chieti to Teramo gaol, pending legal procedure according to Italian Law. While the motor truck in which the men were being conveyed, escorted by 12 armed CC.RR. was waiting admission to the gaol, a crowd rushed the truck, and assisted in the escape of three men. One named [illegible], Armando di Angelemidio, was the proclaimed leader of the local (TERAMO) Patriots, for whom a demand was made for release. Subject of correspondence received 11th October, Form the Communist Party, Teramo, (a separate report submitted in connection with this).

In consequence of the above, a letter has been forwarded to the Legion Commander CC.RR. pointing out the apparent lack of discipline and integrity of the CC.RR. Concerned. In all cases, investigations have been asked for by this Office, and that the results of such investigations be submitted at an early date.

The attached correspondence marked "1", "2" and "3" refer in sequence to this report.

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/s/ [illegible] P.P.S.O.
for
Provincial Commissioner,
Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Province

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PRO/C/ASS/657

Subject: Detained Italian Parachutist escaped

TO: The DATO
HQ 57 Garrison
Public Safety Officer, Chieti.
Liaison Officer H.I, Chieti.

Reference my PRO/C/ASS/657 in respect of

(a) 655027 URBINATO Luciano
(b) Sergente DOMENICA

who were handed over to the Carabinieri Ortona on 29 Sep 44 and the 2 Oct 44 respectively.

On 11 Oct 44 I was informed by the Carabinieri Ortona that the two above named soldiers had escaped.

I requested the Carabinieri to report the fact to all Carabinieri road checks, Ortona Railway station, Carabinieri at their home addresses and units concerned. I also requested that efforts to be made in Ortona to find them.

Ortona
12 Oct 44.

/s/ Lt, ??????????????
O I/C DET 251 PRO COY CMP Police.

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SUBJECT: INCIDENTS INVOLVING CC.RR.

TO: Col. CCRI
Legion Commander CC.RR.
Chieti.

FROM: A.C.C.
Abruzzi-Marche Region
Ref:- IS/C4/CH

The following reports have been received in which CC.RR. were directely or indirectly involved.

1. On 15th Oct 44 from the D.A.P.M. by Garrison C.M.P. giving information of the escape of two Italian soldiers from the Ortona CC.RR. Barracks on 11th. These soldiers were arrested on 29th Sept and 2nd Oct. by C.M.P. for drunkenness and possession of hand bombs and handed over for custody to CC.RR. Ortona pending trial by Italian Military Law.

2. On 13th Oct. 20.30 hrs in Via S.Maria, Chieti following a dispute with a civilian a Brigadier shot and fatally injured the civilian. It is alleged that the Brigadiere was under the influence of alcohol.

3. On 15th Oct. at Teramo, the escape of three men who from among others were being transferred from Chieti Goal to Teramo Goal, for action prior to trial under Italian Law for Black Market activities. It is said that the escort was comprised of 12 armed CC.RR, who failed to prevent the escape following a crowd rushing the vehicle outside Teramo Goal.

It would appear that in all cases the CC.RR. involved were lacking in discipline and that their integrity is open to question.

Will you please cause a full investigation to be made, and forward the results to this office please.

16 Oct.1944

Capt.
F.F.S.C.
Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DEGLI ABRUZZI IN CHIETI

COMPAGNIA DI CHIETI

N.633/1 di Prot.Div.I

Chieti li 14 Ottobre 1944

OGGETTO: Uccisione DI MATTEO Nicola da parte del vicebrigadiere BONO Marziale.

	AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO	R O M A
	AL COMANDO GENERALE CARABINIERI REALI	R O M A
	ALLA DELEGAZIONE "A" S.M.R.E.	C H I E T I
	AL COMANDO DELLA II DIVISIONE CC.RR.	R O M A
	AL COMANDO DELLA IV BRIGATA CC.RR.	R O M A
	ALLA REGIA PREFETTURA	C H I E T I
	AL COMANDO PRESIDIO MILITARE	C H I E T I
	AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE CC.RR.	C H I E T I
	ALLA REGIA QUESTURA	C H I E T I
	AL COMANDO DEL GRUPPO CC.RR.	C H I E T I
e.p.c.	ALL' A.M.G. PROVINCIALE	C H I E T I
	CAPITANO COTTON	C H I E T I
	F. S. S.	

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13 corrente ore 20.30 circa in Via S.Maria abitato Chieti seguito diverbio vicebrigadiere richiamato BONO Marziale veniva colluttazione con DI MATTEO Nicola sessantenne commerciante contro il quale sparava 4 colpi pistola uccidendolo. Autorita' Giudiziaria informata.

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TENENTE COMANDANTE INT.LA COMPAGNIA

F.to -Enrico Della Rovere-

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OGGETTO: Incidenti implicanti i CC.RR.

Comando A.C.C.
Regione Abruzzi-Molise

Al COLONNELLO GORI

Rif: PS/C4/CH

Comandante, della Legione Territoriale dei CC.RR. degli Abruzzi.

CHIETI

Sono pervenuti i seguenti rapporti, che implicano direttamente e indirettamente i CC.RR.

1) Con rapporto 15 Ottobre, il Presidio C.M.F. informava la fuga di due soldati italiani dalla Caserma dei Carabinieri di Ortona, avvenuta l'11 dello stesso mese. Questi soldati furono arrestati il 29 Settembre e il 2 Ottobre dalla Compagnia Polizia Militare, perche' trovati ubriachi ed in possesso di bombe a mano, e dati in consegna ai Carabinieri di Ortona, in attesa di giudizio, secondo la legge militare italiana.

2) Il 13 Ottobre alle ore 20,30 in via S. Maria - CHIETI, in seguito ad una disputa con un civile, un brigadiere dei Carabinieri Reali gli sparo' control e lo feri' mortalmente. Si fa presente che il brigadiere era sotto l'influenza dell'alcool.

3) il 15 Ottobre a Teramo si verificava la fuga di tre uomini nel mentre che essi insieme ad altri, venivano trasferiti dalle carceri di Chieti a quelle di Teramo, per essere processati ai sensi della legge italiana sotto l'accusa di "mercato nero". Nel rapporto si afferma che la scorta era composta di 12 Carabinieri armati, i quali non riuscirono ad impedire la fuga, che avveniva a causa di una folla di persone che si riverso'sul veicolo, al di fuori delle carceri di Teramo.

Sembra che in tutti e tre i casi i Carabinieri implicati, mancarono di disciplina e che la loro integrita' lasci a desiderare.

Vi prego di far fare delle accurate indagini e d'inviare i risultati a questo ufficio. 4605

18 Ottobre 1944.

Capitano
Ufficiale Superiore Civile per la Polizia.
per le Provincie di Chieti, Teramo & Pescara.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DEGLI ABRUZZI

Ufficio Servizio

N.227/3 di prot. Chieti 15 Ottobre 1944

OGGETTO: Evasione di detenuti

Al Signor Capitano C O T T O N - Ufficiale Superiore di Polizia
per le Provincie di Chieti -
Pescara e Teramo.-

C H I E T I

Trascrivo per conoscenza la segnalazione n.407/12 del 13 andante del Comando Gruppo Teramo:

""Oggi, circa le ore 17, senza alcun preavviso a quest'Arma, giungevano in Teramo in traduzione straordinaria con camion proveniente da Chieti, scortati da 13 militari, i detenuti : TARASCHI Attilio; MATALONI Romolo; PEZZA Guido; D'OTTAVIO Serafino; AMMAZZALORSO Armando; AMMAZZALORSO Aldo; MORDENTE Ivo, gia' appartenenti a bande di patrioti responsabili di associazione per delinquere, omicidio, rapina, per i quali reati furono arrestati in Teramo il 5 Settembre 1944, e per ragioni di ordine pubblico e sicurezza internati nel carcere giudiziario di Chieti.-

Il transito, inevitabile, dell'automezzo per le vie della citta', richiamava l'attenzione di numerose persone che si affollavano quindi avanti l'ingresso delle locali carceri, ove approfittando anche dell'attesa prolungata per l'apertura dei cancelli da parte del personale carcerario, non preavvisato, si concentravano rapidamente circa 800 persone, che, vociando, si riversavano sui detenuti e sui militari di scorta, tentando di impedire a quest'ultimi di internare gli arrestati.-

I militari reagivano energicamente, e, per non essere sopraffatti, facevano uso delle armi. Cio' valse a farle disperdere, ma nella gran ressa determinatasi, i detenuti AMMAZZALORSO Armando, AMMAZZALORSO Aldo (fratelli) e MORDENTE Ivo, confusisi tra la folla e protetti dai familiari presenti, riuscivano ad evadere.-

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IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
F.to -Mario Gori-

With a sudden order the following prisoners have been transferred from Chieti's goal to Teramo's one: TARASCHI Attilio; MATALONI Romolo; PEZZA Guido; D'OTTAVIO Serafino; AMMAZZALORSO Armando; AMMAZZALORSO Aldo; MORDENTE Ivo, previously belonging to patriot bands, now charged with for robbery and omicide, arrested at Teramo on 5 Sept 44 on ground of public order.

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When prisoners arrived Teramo a crowd of people rushed against vehicle in order to let the prisoners escape. Escort used arms; believe no deads. Following prisoners escaped; AMMAZZALORSO Armando; AMMAZZALORSO Aldo; MORDENTE Ivo.

Believe consequences will arise becauae of the notoriety of prisoners.

Necessary steps already taken for public order.

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GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
Province di Chieti, Pescara, Teramo.

Comando Chieti
13 Ott. 1944

REF:PS/188/CH

Oggetto: AMMAZZALORSO Armando

Alla Federazione del Partito Comunista
Italiano di Teramo.
e.p.c. A Sua Eccellenza il Prefetto di Teramo
Al Procuratore del Regno di Teramo.

In riferimento alla Vostra datata il 24 Settembre 1944, che mettega in evidenza i meriti di capo patriota del Sig. Armando AMMAZZALORSO di Angeloemidio, e che avanzava tali meriti come un motivo definitivo per la scarcerazione dello stesso delle carceri di Chieti dove e' detenuto per la comparizione davanti alla Corte Italiana per ungrave reato di attivita' di mercato nero, mi pregio comunicarVi.

E' contrario ad ogni principio di giustizia, sia Italiano che Alleato, di rilevare le precedenti attivita' piu' o meno buone, di una persona per evadere la legge o di arbitrare in modo tale da infrangere le leggi a vantaggio dell'imputato o dell'interesse che soffoca la legge stessa.

E' tanto deplorevole vedere un'organizzazione come la Vostra di fare, secondo la mia opinione, una domanda di scarcerazione senza una buona ragione o scusa competibili con legge e giustizia. In altre parole: nessuna posizione o potere di un uomo deve essere uno strumento di guadagno, a suo vantaggio, sui suoi compagni, e rompere o soffocare la costituzione delle leggi.

Le misure prese primieramente, quelle prese dal Governo Militare Alleato, Ramo Pubblica Sicurezza, e con ragioni molto plausibili, sono abbastanza note a Voi.

Nessuno scopo puo' essere raggiunto nel deviare dall'abituale procedura di legge applicabile al caso dell'appellante percio' nessuna considerazione puo' essere data alla Vostra richiesta. 4631

Capitano
Ufficiale Civile Superiore per la Polizia
delle Provincie di Chieti, Pescara e Teramo.

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THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Provincial Headquarters of Teramo

TO:- The Ministry of the Interior.
The Ministry of Grace and Justice
The Ministry of War
ROME
The Command of Allied Police
CHIETI
His Excellency the Prefect of the Province
The Procuratore del Regno.
TERAMO

The Directive Committee of the Italian Communist Party, Provincial Headquarters of Teramo, with regard to the arrest of Armando Armazzalorso di Angelemidio, Head of patriotic Bands, in consideration of the patriotic merits achieved by the above mentioned in the fights against the Nazi-Fascists during the period of time from September 8, 1943 to June 16, 1944: owing to the distinction due to the valiant deeds accomplished by him and his band in the aforesaid period makes vows for said Armazzalorso to be released or, at least, to be set free on bail, indipendently of the course of the judicial process.

The Commander of the Patriotic Bands Armando Armazzalorso was arrested by the Police of Teramo on the 4th of September and was immediately taken to the jails of Chieti where he is now being kept.

/s/ The Directive Committee.

The Commissary of the Commune.

The Provincial Commander of the Patriots

The Commander of the "Maiella" Bands.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces

Headquarters Chieti
13 October 1944

To: Italian Communist Party
HQ. TERAMO

Ref: PS/100/CM.

With reference to your letter dated 21 Sept 44 outlining the merits of Signor Armando ALLAZZALORSO de Angelocastello, as a patriot leader, and putting forward such merits as definite reasons for his release from Chieti goal where he is now confined pending his appearance before the Italian Courts on the serious crime of black-market and other activities.

It is contrary to the principles of justice, Italian as well as Allied, to plead a person's previous good works as a means to evade the law or to arbitrate in such a manner that would necessitate the bending of such laws to the advantage of the accused or where the ends of justice may be defeated.

Furthermore, it is regrettable to see organisations such as yours making what is in my opinion, a demand for the release of a prisoner without good reason and excuse compatible with Italian Law and Justice. In other words: no man's position or power should be an instrument whereby he gains an advantage over His fellows man, should he break or defy the Constituted Laws of the land.

The action taken primarily was that of the Allied Military Government, Public Security Branch, and with a very sound reason, well known to you.

No purpose can be achieved by deviating from the costumary procedure of law applicable to the case of the appellant and therefore no consideration can be giv en to your demand.

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Capt. P.P.S.O.
Chieti, Pescara & Teramo
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Partito Comunista Italiano

Federazione Provinciale di Teramo

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AL MINISTERO DEGLI INTERNI
AL MINISTERO DI GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
R O M A
AL COMANDO DELLA POLIZIA ALLEATA
C H I E T I
A S. E. IL PREFETTO DELLA PROVINCIA
AL PROCURATORE DEL REGNO.
T E R A M O

Teramo 2[illegible]-9-1944

Il Comitato Direttivo della Federazione Provinciale di Teramo del Partito Comunista Italiano, in seguito all'arresto del Capo Bande Patrioti ANTONACCI Armando di Angelantonio, in considerazione delle benemerenze patriottiche acquisite dallo stesso nella lotta contro i nazifascisti durante il periodo 8 Settembre 1943 - 16 giugno 1944; per la distinzione degli atti di valore compiuti da lui e dalla sua banda nel suddetto periodo, fa voti affinchè esso Antonacci sia scarcerato o quanto mai, indipendentemente dal corso del procedimento giudiziario, gli venga concessa la libertà provvisoria.

Il Comandante Bande Patriotu Armando Antonacci e' stato tratto in arresto dalla Polizia di Teramo il giorno 4 Settembre ed e' stato immediatamente tradotto nelle carceri di Chieti ove attualmente e' detenuto.

IL COMITATO DIRETTIVO
IL SEGRETARIO DEL PARTITO
IL COMANDO PROVINCIALE PATRIOTI
IL COMANDO BANDE "MONTAGNOLE".

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Subject :- Escape of Prisoners. Ref: PS/C4/CH.

To :- Regional Commissioner, ACC Abruzzi-Marche Region. 18 Oct.44.
(for information of RPSO)

From :- PPSO Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces.

Reference to correspodence of above , reference and date;

On 16 Oct.44 in connection with the incident 15 Oct.44, at Teramo, which resulted in the escape of three prisoners from outside the gaol, whilst waiting admission thereto, I went to Teramo and called together the Prefect, Sindaco, Questore, local Major of the CC.RR and Procuratore Del Regno.

It was explained to them that the matter of Public Order in Teramo was open to question, that incidents amounting to breaches of the peace occur and little notice apparently taken by those responsible for the maintenance of Law and Order.

The latest incident, that of the escape of three prisoners from outside Teramo Gaol the day before was undoubtedly one of unsavoury character.

It was clearly evident from previous correspondence received by AMG that local elements were endeavouring to the utmost to secure the release from prison of one of the escapees, AMMAZZALORSO Armando, so called patriot leader and also confirmed Communist. All this was told to them.

The Sindaco was challenged as to a signature on the correspondence. He admitted it to be his. Other signatures proved to be (a) Ten. De MARCO Francisco, patriot representative, (b) RODOMONTE Felice, leader of RODOMONTE Band of Partisans, Teramo.

It was further explained that the circumstances were such, that it gave one reason to believe the whole affair to be pre-arranged, following leakage of information between the office of the Judice Istruttore and the offices of the CC.RR, and collaboration with outside elements.

There was certainly an air of apathy among those present. No one appeared to trust the other. All had a fear of reprisal should the wishes of the partisans group not be met. 4596

As regards the escaped prisoners, the information was that every endeavour was being made to effect re-arrest, but it was believed that one has escaped to Rome and the others to the mountains.

The Prefect asked for an additional 30 CC.RR and 30 Agenti P.S. for Teramo.

To assist in elucidation reports have been called from ,
(a) Maggiore, CC.RR Teramo.
(b) Judice Istruttore, Teramo.
(c) Direttore d'Carciere Provinciale Teramo.

Correspondence attached , Original letters from Communist Party demanding release of AMMAZZALORSO, one of the escapees, and copies of reply to Communist Party Teramo, in English and Italian.

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It was clearly evident from previous correspondence received by AMG that local elements were endeavouring to the utmost to secure the release from prison of one of the escapees, AMMAZZALORSO Armando, so called patriot leader and also confirmed Communist. All this was told to them.

The Sindaco was challenged as to a signature on the correspondence. He admitted it to be his. Other signatures proved to be (a) Ten. De MARCO Francisco, patriot representative, (b) RODOMENTE Felice, leader of RODOMONTE Band of Partisans, Teramo.

It was further explained that the circumstances were such, that it gave one reason to believe the whole affair to be pre-arranged, following leakage of information between the office of the Judice Istruttore and the offices of the CC.RR. and collaboration with outside elements.

There was certainly an air of apathy among those present. No one appeared to trust the other. All had a fear of reprisal should the wishes of the partisans group not be met.

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As regards the escaped prisoners, the information was that every endeavour was being made to effect re-arrest, but it was believed that one has escaped to Rome and the others to the mountains.

The Prefect asked for an additional 30 CC.RR and 30 Agenti P.S. for Teramo.

To assist in elucidation reports have been called from ,

(a) Maggiore, CC.RR Teramo.
(b) Judice Istruttore, Teramo.
(c) Direttore d'Carciere Provinciale Teramo.

Correspondence attached , Original letters from Communist Party demanding release of AMMAZZALORSO, one of the escapees, and copies of reply to Communist Party Teramo, in English and Italian.

Captain,
P.P.S.O.
Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces.
for Provincial Commissioner

CP/TPC.
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B.M.
no. 46/7

CC,RR. H.Q.
: Await information.
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Sub. Arrest of the sottotenente De Plato Giuseppe and aspirant officer D'Onofrio Vincenzo

Following the sheet n. 46/5 R. dated 14 current.

The Allied officer commanding the 63rd special investigating section of Barletta referred that the Sottotenente of infantry De Plato Giuseppe and the maresciallo of carabinieri (not aspirant officer) D'Onofrio Vincenzo - both not better indicated - last June were stopped near Termoli by the allied police and handed over to the Commander of that CC.RR. company, Captain Ferrari, for having been caught De Plato Transporting on an allied motor lorry the bags of wheat sold to him by D'onofrio at 1050 lire the quintal.

Reserve of further more precise news.

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 46/7 di prot. Ris. Roma, li 22 ottobre 1944

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

OGGETTO: Arresto del sottotenente DE PLATO Giuseppe e aspirante ufficiale D'ONOFRIO Vincenzo.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
-Sottocommissione per la P.S.-
R O M A

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Fa seguito al foglio n.46/5 R. in data 14 corrente.

L'ufficiale alleato comandante della 63^ sezione speciale investigativa di Barletta ha riferito che il sottotenente di fanteria DE PLATO Giuseppe ed il maresciallo dei carabinieri (non aspirante ufficiale) D'ONOFRIO Vincenzo - entrambi non meglio indicati - nel decorso giugno vennero fermati nei pressi di Termoli dalla polizia alleata e consegnati al comandante di quella compagnia CC.RR.,capitano Ferrari,per essere stato il DE PLATO sorpreso a trasportare su autocarro alleato 11 sacchi di grano vendutigli dal D'ONOFRIO a L.1050 il quintale.

Riserva di ulteriori,più precise notizie.

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d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- Romano dalla Chiesa -

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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 46/5 di prot. Ris. Roma, li 14 ottobre 1944

Risposta al *del* *n.* 17/10/44 *Allegati n.*

OGGETTO: Arresto del S.Tenente DE PLATO Giuseppe e aspirante ufficiale D'ONOFRIO Vincenzo.

Arrest of 2nd Lt. De Plato Giuseppe and Cadet D'Onofrio Vincenzo

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

-Sottocommissione per la P.S.-

ROMA

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Risponde al foglio n° ACC/14601/29/PS del 23 settembre u.s.

Gli accertamenti fatti eseguire dai dipendenti comandi, in merito all'arresto del Sottotenente DE PLATO Giuseppe e dell'aspirante D'ONOFRIO Vincenzo, hanno dato, fin qui, esito negativo.

Riserva di ulteriori notizie.

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- Romano dalla Chiesa -

TO	INIT	DATE
D.F.S.		
S.O.-S.		
SEC. OFFICER		
A.C.D.		
PUBLICITY		
LIC & REG		
ADM OFFICER		

Answer to ACC/I460I/29/PS of the 23rd September 1944
Inquiries made by dependant commands, ri the arrest of 2nd Lt. De Plato Giuseppe and Cadet D'Onofrio Vincenzo, have not given, up to this time, any result.
Further news will be given

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14601/29/PS

18 October 1944

SUBJECT : Discipline of CC.RR.

TO : Commanding General CC.RR. See 4A

1. On 29 August 1944 Carabiniere ORSINI Filippo of 39 Via Goito, Rome, was arrested for the shooting of a British Soldier No. 4397328 Gnr. BACON, W. RA, at Piazza Independenza Rome.

2. It is understood that ORSINI has been handed to you for disciplinary action.

3. May we be informed how the matter now stands please.

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

FJW/jwf

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SUBJECT:- Discipline - Progress.

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
Tel:- FILOT 228
5130/A(PS)
5 Oct 44

Executive Commissioner
HQ ACC.

Copy to:- CG RAAC.
FRO.
ADJAG.

R will you take this up with 9 OCT. 1944 R IV

1. SIB report SIB76/A/44/485 dated 6 Sep 44 is forwarded herewith.

2. It will be noted that Carabiniere ORSINI Filippo, "MACAO", Carabiniere Station, 39 Via GOITO, ROME, is in custody in connection with the murder of 4397328 Gnr BACON W, RA, late of this HQ.

3. Please press the investigation of this case and keep this HQ informed of any disciplinary action taken against ORSINI.

4. In due course please return the SIB report.

HMF/GW.

Brigadier,
D.A.G.

For Should Public Safety deal with Fascist Italian police involved?

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I N D E X.

Ref.No. 376/A/44/485.

Your Ref.....

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

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On Investigation:

Sergt.R.J.Stirrup.
75 Section. S.I.B.
C.M.Police.

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R E S T R I C T E D.

Ref.SIB76/A/44/485.

Your Ref.....

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

September 18TH. 1944.

Subject:= Murder of No.4397328.Gunner BACON.W. Royal Artillery. Attached Supervising Officer's Dept. H.Q. A.A.I.

Persons in Custody:

(A) Carabiniere ORSINI Filippo.
'MACAO' Carabinieri Station.
No.39,Via GOITO. ROME.

(B) No.S/208584.Corporal DAVIES.F.V. RASC.
Attached Supervising Officer's Dept.
H.Q. A.A.I.

(C) No.S/1831064.L/Cpl.CANNON.J.P. RASC.
Attached Supervising Officer's Dept.
H.Q. A.A.I.

Read & Submitted.
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Capt

D.A.P.M.Section.

To:= D.A.P.M.
76 Section.
S.I.B. C.M.P.

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Report & Statements:

Camp ComdT. A.A.I.
P.M., R.A.A.C.
P.M., HQ., A.A.I. ✓
DPM., SIB., HQ.
File.

Sir,

On the 29th August,1944,at about 2245hrs., I arrested the above named Italian Carabiniere, (A), pending investigations into the shooting and unlawful wounding of a British soldier,No.4397328.Gnr.BACON.W. R.A.,attached to Supervising Officer's Dept. H.Q. A.A.I at the Palazzo dei Marescialli,No.6,Piazza Indipendenza ROME,at 2100hrs.,on the 29th.August,1944.

(At the time of this arrest,Gnr.BACON was still alive. ORSINI was not charged by me,but is being held pending action by the British Authorities.)

The soldier,Gnr.BACON,died at 1955hrs.,on the 30th.August,1944,in the 104 General Hospital,ROME, as a result of wounds received.

The accused now stands in close arrest,

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Officer's Dept. H.Q. A.A.I.

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On the 1st.September,1944,at about 1100hrs. I arrested the above named two British N.C.O's(Bands) on the following charge:=

W.O.A.S. Committing a civil offence,that is to say,Common Assault,in that they,at ROME on the 29th. August,1944,assaulted Carabiniere ORSINI Filippo,by pushing him,and jostling him about.

Contrary to Sec.42,O.A.P.A.,1861,and Sec.

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The accused,'B',and 'C',now stand in open arrest,awaiting trial.

The evidence leading up to the arrest of the accused,and result of subsequent enquiries is as follows:=

At 2145hrs.on the 29th.August,1944,information was received at this office from L/Cpl.WATCHMAN,of the 'T' Provost Coy.C.M.Police,that a British soldier had been shot,and requested the assistance of this Branch.

In consequence of this information,in company with L/Cpl.WATCHMAN,and Fred CUCKER,official interpreter attached to this Branch,I went to N°.6,Piazza Independenza, the scene of the shooting.

I commenced enquiries,and from initial information received I learned that a British soldier had been wounded by a pistol shot,which had been fired by a Carabiniere,namely,ORSINI Filippo,of the station Carabinieri 'MACAO',N°.39,Via GOITO,ROME.

From the statements obtained,and enquiries made,it would appear that,at about 1850hrs.on the 29th. August,1944,the dead man,Gnr.BACON,left his billet at H.Q. A.A.I. ROME,in company with N°.S/208584,Cpl.DAVIES,and N°. S/1831064,L/Cpl.C ANNON,both R.A.S.C.,attached to the Supervising Officer's Dept. H.Q. A.A.I. ROME.

They had drinks together in a cafe,and at about 2030hrs.they commenced to walk back to their billet.

As they were passing the sentry outside N°.6, Piazza Independenza,BACON stopped,and crossed towards the sentry. This sentry was the accused,ORSINI.

Also standing nearvthe sentry at the time were two other Italian soldiers,one Lieut.ANTONELLI Giuseppe, and the other Pte.SULPIZI Luciano,of the 225th Infantry Regt.,Italian Army.

BACON commenced to assault SULPIZI,by pushing him inside the gateway,at the same time following him in. The sentry,Carabiniere ORSINI Filippo,called out to BACON to stop,but he took no notice,and entered the gateway,apparently to continue the assault on SULPIZI.

ORSINI then entered the gateway,and tried to persuade BACON to leave,but BACON refused,and turned to attack ORSINI.

SULPIZI took this opportunity of getting away from BACON,and ran towards the inside of the building.

According to the statements obtained from the

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According to the statements obtained from the soldiers,it is not quite clear what happened at this stage. The Italian Carabiniere stated that he was attacked by BACON first,and then by the other two soldiers,who first took away his musket,and then attempted to take away his pistol.

It was whilst the struggle for the pistol was going on that ORSINI fired one shot from the pistol,and it was this shot which hit BACON in the stomach.

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The two soldiers,in their statement,said that BACON left them and went towards the sentry. They further state that they did not interfere with any Italians. They entered the gateway very soon after BACON had left them,and they had only been inside for a few seconds when a shot went off,and BACON fell to the ground with wounds to the stomach.

The sentry at once left his post,and went to report the incident to his Maresciallo. BACON was taken to the Central M.I.Room,in an Italian car,which belonged to the Italian Army,the car being driven by an Italian,and accompanied by Cpl.DAVIES,and a Military Policeman who arrived on the scene.

BACON was transferred from the M.I.Room,to the 194 General Hospital,where he died at 1955hrs.on the 30th August.1944

I examined the scene of the shooting,but,apart from bloodstains,and indistinct footmarks on the ground,I was unable to find anything. There were no empty shell cases,or spent bullets.

At about 2230hrs.on the 29th August,I interviewed the Carabiniere ORSINI,I told him who I was,cautioned him,and he then made a statement,which I took down in writing,and which he signed.

I then took possession of the pistol with which the Carabiniere had fired the shot. This pistol,a 'BRESCIA',of Italian service type,N°.M.B.59,is being held as evidence in the S.I.B. store.

When interviewed by me,the accused appeared to be very upset,there were signs of dried blood on his features,and he appeared as though he had recently been engaged in a struggle.

On the morning of the 30th August,I interviewed the two N.C.O's,Cpl.DAVIES,and L/Spl.CANNON,and obtained statements from them both.

In these statements,they both deny having struggled with the Carabiniere,but state that they went inside the gateway to see what BACON was doing,and that they had only been inside a few seconds when theshot went off,and they found BACON lying on the floor,badly wounded.

They thenwwent to find an ambulance,and DAVIES ev entually returned with the Military Police,whom he had met on the road.

It will be noticed that Lieut.ANTONELLI,in his

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Italian Army, the car being driven by an Italian, [illegible] by Cpl. DAVIES, and a Military Policeman who arrived on the scene.

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It will be noticed that Lieut. ANTONELLI, in his statement, says that he saw the three soldiers struggling inside the gateway with the Carabiniere ORSINI, but DAVIES and CANNON, in their statements, said that it was too dark inside the gateway for them to be able to recognise anyone.

It will also be seen from ANTONELLI's statement, that he heard the Carabiniere's rifle fall to the ground before the pistol shot was fired, yet CANNON, in his statement, states that he heard the rifle fall after the shot had been fired. No one else is able to say anything definite on that point.

The Carabiniere was handed over to his Maresciallo, to be kept in close custody, and statements were taken from all the witnesses, also the two Military Policeman who helped to get BACON into Hospital.

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These statements, and a copy of the Post Mortem report are attached herewith.

It will be seen from the P.M. Report that a scalp wound was found on the deceased, but, as there is no evidence that BACON was struck by anyone in that region of his body, it is reasonable to assume that this wound was caused when he fell to the ground after being shot. This wound in fact did not cause his death; which was due to internal haemorrhage, as a result of the bullet wound in the stomach.

R J Stirrup

(R.J.Stirrup) Sergt.
76 Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
Corps of Military Police.
Central Mediterranean Forces.

In the Field.
September 18th, 1944.

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76 Section.
Special Investigation Branch.
Corps of Military Police.
Central Mediterranean Forces.
August 29th, 1944.

Statement of:-

Carabiniere CRESIMI Filippo.
22yrs. Station Carabinieri MAGAC.
No.39 Via CORTE. ROME.

who states:-

I, CRESIMI Filippo, have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, but that anything I do say will be taken down in writing, and may be given in evidence.

(signed CRESIMI Filippo.)

On the 29th. August, 1944, about 2050hrs., whilst on guard at the gate of the Palazzo dei Marescialli, in Piazza Independenza, I saw three Allied soldiers coming towards me.

One of these soldiers took an Italian soldier, who was outside the building talking with a Lieutenant, and started striking him, and pushing him inside the gate, then he threw him towards the wall.

I interfered, trying to calm down the Allied soldier, and begging him to leave the place, for I had received orders not to let anybody in, except Italian soldiers on duty in that building.

I told the Allied soldier that I was a Carabiniere, and he answered me, "Polizo Italiano niente buono, soldato Italiano niente buono." He then pushed me towards the wall, so that my nose began to bleed, and one of my hands was hurt.

The other two soldiers in the meantime, had come in to help their comrade. As I was trying to keep them off, waving my rifle, one of the soldiers tried to take my rifle from me, and he got hold of it. The two other soldiers tried to take my pistol from me.

As I was defending myself with my hands, one of them took my left arm, whilst the other put his hand on my pistol holster, with the intention of taking it from me.

The third soldier had lifted the rifle up to hit my head with the butt of it. I then became aware that I was in danger.

I never had the intention of firing, the best proof of this is that whilst I was trying to defend myself with my rifle, I had previously taken out the magazine.

When I saw the butt of the gun swinging over my head, and that the other two soldiers had no better intentions, I took my pistol, and I fired.

At the moment I fired, one soldier was facing me on my left side, and holding my left arm with both his hands. Another soldier was standing close to, and facing me, on the right side, he had one hand on the pistol holster, and with his other hand he held my right wrist.

The pistol at this time was in my right hand, the third soldier was standing behind the other two, and facing me, with the rifle lifted

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The soldier who had taken the rifle from me,as he had it in his hands,he pointed it at me,trying to fire it,but he could not,as I had previously taken out the magazine. Owing to this reason,I am convinced that if I had not fired first,one of them would have shot me if he would have been able to take my pistol from me.

After I had fired,I immediately went to report the fact to my C.O. Maresciallo D'ANIENZO Alberto.

The above statement has been read over to me in Italian, and I have had the opportunity of making any alteration or addition where necessary. It is true and correct,and made voluntarily.

(signed) CAR. ORSINI Filippo.

Statement taken down,read over,and signature witnessed by Fred COCKER,F.I.S. interpreter,in the presence of Sergt.STEENUP,76 Sect.SIB. on the 29th.August 1944.

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

August 29th 1944.

Statement of:-

Lieut. ANTONELLI Giuseppe Nicola.
Palazza dei Marescialli.
Piazza Independenza ROME.

who states:-

On the 29th August, 1944, at about 2050hrs., when coming back from the mess, before going to my room in the Palazzo dei Marescialli, I stopped outside the gate to have a little talk with soldier Luciano SULPIZI.

Whilst talking, we saw three Allied soldiers coming from Piazza Independenza. One of them, without apparent reason, approached SULPIZI and started pushing him inside the gate of the Palazzo dei Marescialli.

I thought first that it was only a joke, so I did not interfere, and I kept standing outside the gate. A Carabiniere who was on guard at the above mentioned building, and whose name I do not know, entered the gate to see what was the matter.

The other two Allied soldiers, who had been outside in the meantime, interfered as they saw the Carabiniere enter. The Carabiniere was in the execution of his duties, and he had received orders not to allow anyone, except personnel on duty, to enter the building.

The Carabiniere tried to give to understand to the Allied soldier to leave SULPIZI alone, and to leave the gate of the palazzo. All at once I heard a loud shouting, and I interfered in order to quieten down the group. I saw that the Carabiniere was attempting to defend himself from the assault of the threeAllied soldiers; who were trying to disarm him.

It was very dark, I could not see very much, but I heard the Carabiniere's rifle fall to the ground.

I can state that the Carabiniere did all that he could to defend himself without firing, because I heard him say to the Allied soldiers, "Go away, do not touch me", and other words to that effect.

A few seconds later I heard a firearm report. One of the soldiers fell down, and the others escaped, but they came back soon afterwards accompanied by some soldiers, some of which were Italians.

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I then called the ambulance which carried away the wounded soldier to the Policlinico Hospital.

I am convinced that the Carabiniere has acted in self defence.

I have read over the above statement in Italian. It is true and correct.

(signed) Ten.Giuseppe N.ANTONELLI.

Statement taken down,read over,and signature witnessed by Fred CUCKER,S.I.B. interpreter,in the presence of Sergt.Stirrup,76 Section,S.I.B.,on the 29th Aug.1944.

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Special Investigation Branch.
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Central Mediterranean Forces.
August 30th.1944.

Statement of:-

Pte.SMITH Isadore.
225th.Infantry Regt.
Att. to High Commissioner, Prisoners of War.
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who states:-

On the evening of the 29th August,1944,about 2100hrs., I was standing at the entrance of the main door of the Palazzo del Narescialli, in conversation with Lieut.MEYERHAT and the Carabinieri on duty.

Without knowing from which direction they came,three soldiers of the Allied Forces approached me,and one of these,without reason or motive,gave me a punch in my side,which,due to the suddenness of the attack,I lost my equilibrium.

The soldier followed me inside,still punching me,whilst the Carabinieri intervened at once,telling the soldier to leave me alone.

I heard thesoldier say to the Carabinieri that Italian soldiers were no good. I caught a blow in the stomach which made me knock my head against the wall. Finding my adversary too strong for me,I thought of nothing else but making my getaway.

I believe I was able to withdraw and run away,because the Carabinieri had come to my help.

About a minute later,I heard a shot fired. I returned later and found the Allied soldier on the ground,and I saw he was bleeding from a wound. Shortly after this he was conducted to a Hospital in a vehicle belonging to the Carabinieri.

I do not think the,other two soldiers were present when their companion assaulted me in the doorway,but I could not be certain because it was dark.

I could not recognise any of these soldiers again,and I did not notice whether these soldiers were drunk.

I have read over the above statement. It is true and correct.

(signed) SMITH Isadore.

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(signed) MARIO Lucano.

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Statement taken down,read over,and signature witnessed by L.Diossi,Sergt. S.I.B.Interpreter,in the presence of Sergt.R.J.Stirup, 7i Section,S.I.B.,on the 30th August,1944.

The above translation from the original statement is to the best of my ability.

(signed L.Diossi. Sergt.)

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Corps of Military Police.
Central Mediterranean Forces.

Statement of:-

September 1st, 1944.

D'ALTERIOR Alberto.
Maresciallo Maggiore.
Commander of the Station Carabinieri-Reali.
MACAO. N° 39 Via GOITO. ROME.

who states:-

On the 29th August, 1944, about 2100hrs., whilst I was still on duty at the barracks, Carabiniere ORSINI Filippo, from the patrol service at the gate of the Palazzo dei Marescialli d' Italia, in Piazza Indepondenza, N° 6, came to me to inform me of an incident which had happened to him.

ORSINI then reported to me that, whilst on duty at the above mentioned place, in the company of an Italian Lieut. and an Italian soldier, who were not on duty, but were stood talking together at the gate, three Allied soldiers approached, and one of them, without any reason, struck the Italian soldier several times with his fists.

The Carabiniere, in order to prevent these soldiers from entering the courtyard of the Palazzo dei Marescialli forbade them to enter, but the Allied soldiers took no notice of him, and assaulted him also.

During the struggle which followed between the Carabiniere and the three soldiers, ORSINI said that he had been disarmed of his rifle, from which he had succeeded in taking out the magazine, in order to avoid the rifle being used by anyone during the fight.

He also said that the soldiers had tried to take his pistol from him, and that in view of the danger he was in, he had been obliged to fire a pistol shot.

ORSINI said that his intention had been to fire without touching anybody, in the hope that the soldiers would go away upon hearing the report.

ORSINI was much excited, and very sorry about the matter, and he had to be assisted by an Italian soldier to the Carabiniere station.

The Carabihiere was retained by me, and later, upon order of the S.I.B. Police, was put into arrest.

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Signed. Alberto D'ALMERIO.
Maresciallo Maggiore.
Station Commander.

Statement taken down,read over,and signature witnessed by L.BIAZZI,Sergt.S.I.B. interpreter,in the presence of Sergt.Stirrup.R.J.,76 Section.S.I.B.on the 1st.September,1944.

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Statement of:-

N° S/208584 Spl. DAVIES.

Supervising Officers' Dept.

A.A.I. H.Q. C.M.F.

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

August 30th, 1944.

Who states:-

On the 29th. August, 1944, about 1850hrs., L/Cpl. CANNON, Gnr. BACON, and myself, left H.Q. A.A.I., and walked slowly towards a wine shop near Via CASTELLIARO, where we had a few drinks.

At about 2030hrs., we left this wine shop and started to walk home as quickly as possible, because CANNON was in shorts.

As we were passing the sentry outside the Palazzo Dei Marescialli, in Piazza Independenza, BACON stopped, and approached the sentry. CANNON and myself walked on a few steps, as we wished to get in quickly.

We turned round again, and heard sounds of scuffling coming from the gateway, where the sentry had been standing. We approached the gateway, and I entered, but it was very dark inside, and I had difficulty in distinguishing individual figures.

I entered the gateway on the left side, and saw two people struggling, and some other people running around, and shouting in Italian.

I stood on a step in the hall inside the gateway for a few seconds, uncertain of what to do.

As I was about to step down again, a shot went off, and I saw a bright spurt of flame. The next thing I saw was BACON lying on the floor. He was making some noises, and saying 'Hospital'.

I stood there for a second or two, then called out to CANNON, and we both went out on to the street, with the intention of getting an ambulance as quickly as possible.

I went over with CANNON to a kiosk nearby, where I knew there was a telephone, and I left CANNON there with instructions to try and get an ambulance, by means of the telephone.

I then went outside the kiosk again, and immediately noticed a 'Jeep', in which was sat two Military Policemen. I went across to it, and told them that a British soldier had been shot. I then got into the Jeep, and directed the driver to the scene of the shooting.

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I have read over the above statement.It is true and correct.

Signed.....

Statement taken down,read over,and signature witnessed by R.J.Stirrup,Sergt.76 Section,S.I.B. on the 30th.August,1944.

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

August 30th.1944.

Statement of:-

N° S/=1831064. L/Cpl.CANNON.J.P.

Supervising Officers' Dept.

A.A.I. H.Q. C.M.F.

Who states:-

On the 29th.August,1944,about 1850hrs., Cpl.DAVIES,Gnr.BACON,and myself left our H.Q.with the intentions of going for a drink of wine.

We went to a wineshop about half a mile away,where we obtained some drinks,and we left again about 2015hrs.,and set off towards our H.Q.

We passed through the Piazza Independenza, and walked down Via VERESE. We had only gone about 30 yards down Via VERESE when I heard a scuffle behind me,and upon turning round I noticed that BACON was missing.

I shouted to BACON,"Come on,I want to get back in,I have shorts on". There was no reply from him, so Cpl.DAVIES and I went back to see what was taking place.

As we approached a big door on our right, I heard sounds of a scuffle coming from inside,and I recognised the voice of BACON,who was talking,in Italian,to someone else inside the doorway.

I shouted again to BACON to come back,and received no reply. The scuffle continued,and I went to go inside,but was stopped by an Italian who was standing at the doorway. I pushed him aside,and entered the doorway,it was dark inside,and very difficult to recognise anyone.

Almost immediately afterwards a shot went off,something,which sounded like a rifle,clattered to the ground,and someone then ran towards the inside of the building.

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I was never engaged in any struggle with any Italian inside the doorway.

I have read over the above statement. It is true and correct.

Signed. F. P. Lannon

Statement taken down, read over, and signature witnessed by R.J. Stirrup, Sergt. 76 Section, S.I.B. on the 30th August 1944.

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

Statement of:-

No.7690606. L/Cpl.WATCHMAN.J.A. September 1st.1944.
'T' Provost Company.
C.M.Police. C.M.F.

who states:-

On the evening of the 29th.August,1944,about 2030hrs.,I was on Jeep patrol,in company with L/Cpl.DRUMMOND,CMP, in the Piazza Independenza,ROME.

At that time I was sat in the Jeep waiting for the Italian Carabiniere,and the Italian Marino Policeman to return from a nearby kiosk,where I had sent them.

A Corporal,whom I later knew as Cpl.DAVIES, approached our Jeep,he was rather excited,and told us that a British soldier had been shot,by an Italian,and offered to direct us to the scene of the shooting.

He got on to the vehicle,and took us to an archway,which was the entrance to a building. As we approached the archway an Italian vehicle was coming out. I shouted to the driver,who was an Italian,to stop his car,which he did.

I then went and looked inside the car,and saw a British soldier lying there,he was covered in blood. L/Cpl. DRUMMOND then got in the front of the car,with Cpl:DAVIES,and the Italian driver,and I led the way round to the Central M.I.Room, where he was carried inside.

About two or three minutes later,he was brought out again,and placed in an ambulance,which took him round to the 104 (Brit)General Hospital.

I instructed L/Cpl.DRUMMOND to remain at the scene of the shooting in the Piazza,whilst I went to the Central H.Q.,Military Police,to report the matter to the S.I.B.

I later accompanied Sergt.STIRRUP,76 Section, S.I.B.,to the scene of the shooting.

I then returned to my H.Q.,where two British soldiers,who were witnesses,were being held. These two were later interrogated by Capt.ARCHER,D.A.P.M.,76 Section S.I.B.

When I saw CPL.DAVIES,he was not drunk,but was very upset.

I have read over the above statement. It is true and correct.

(signed) J.WATCHMAN.

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Special Investigation Branch.
Corp of Military Police.
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September 1st.1944.

Statement of:-

N°.154911;L/Cpl.DRUMMOND.W.B.
'T' Provost Company.
C.M.Police. C.M.F.

who states:-

On the 29th.August,1944,about 2045hrs.,I was on Jeep patrol in the Piazza Indepondenza,ROME,in company with L/Cpl.WATCHMAN,CMP,when we were approached by a Corporal whom I now know to be N°.208584,Cpl.DAVIES.F.V.,R.A.S.C.,att. to H.Q. A.A.I.,who asked us if we were Police. Upon being informed that we were,he asked us if we would go with him to where a British soldier had been shot.He then jumped into the back of the Jeep,and we set off.

He directed us to an archway,which was the entrance to a building. Upon arrival I saw a small Italian truck standing in the archway. The driver of this vehicle gave me to understand that the wounded British soldier was in the back of the truck.

I got in the front of the truck beside him and Cpl.DAVIES got in beside me,then,escorted by L/Cpl.WATCHMAN in the Jeep,we drove to the Central M.I.Room.

Upon arrival at the M.I.Room,noticing that there was plenty of assistance available,I entered the M.I. Room,and tried to telephone through to H.Q.'T' Provost Coy.,to inform them of what had occurred. The telephone was in use,and by this time the M.O.had examined the wounded man,and decided to send him to Hospital straight away.

On the instructions of L/Cpl.WATCHMAN,who went to escort the ambulance,I returned,in the Italian car,to the scene of the incident,intending to obtain any information possible.

Arriving back at the archway, I entered, and found there an Italian Officer,whom I questioned with regard to the incident. I spoke with him for about ten minutes but he was unable to give me any information at all.

I then decided to find Cpl.DAVIES again, and went outside the archway. I found him standing outside with another soldier,whom DAVIES informed me was L/Cpl.CANNON,of the same Unit as DAVIES.

I then commandeered the Italian car again to convey us to H.Q.'T' Provost Coy.,and on arrival there I reported the occurrence to the Orderly Sergeant,and to R.S.M. GRAHAM,who advised me not to take statements,but to await the arrival of the S.I.B. Shortly afterwards,Capt.ARCHER,D.A.P.M 76 Section,S.I.B. arrived,and I handed the witnesses over to

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I could not say that the two N.C.O.'s, DAVIES and CANNON were drunk,they appeared to be upset.

I have read over the above statement. It is true and correct.

(signed)W.B.DRUMMOND.

Statement taken down,read over,and signature witnessed by R.J.Stirrup.Sergt.76 Section,S.I.B. on the 1st September,1944.

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76 Section.
Spec[illegible] Investigation Branch.
Corps of Military Police.
Central Mediterranean Forces.

August 31st.1944.

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Statement of:-

N° S/208584. Cpl.DAVIES.F.V.

Supervising Officers' Dept.

A.A.I. H.Q. C.M.F.

Who states:-

On the 31st.August,1944,about 2000hrs., I went to the Mortuary at the 104 (British)General Hospital, ROME,in company with Sergt.STIRRUP.R.J. of the 76 Section S.I.B., C.M.Police,and Sergt.BILLINGTON,of the 104 General Hospital,where I was shown the dead body of a British soldier.

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I have read over the above statement. It is true and correct.

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76 Section.
Special Investigation Branch;
Corps of Military Police;
Central Mediterranean Forces.
September 8th.1944.

Statement of:-

No.7885761. Sergt.Stirrup.R.J.
76 Section. S.I.B. C.M.Police.

who states:-

On the 29th August,1944, at 2145hrs.I received information from L/Cpl.WATCHMAN,'T'Provost Coy.C.M.P., that a British soldier had been shot near the Piazza Independenza,ROME.

I at once went to the scene, and from enquiries made, I ascertained that a British soldier had been shot, and had been taken to Hospital; In consequence of this information, I interviewed Carabiniere ORSINI Filippo, of the station 'MACAO' No.39, Via GOITO, ROME.

Through the medium of Fred CUCKER, official interpreter attached to this section, I told ORSINI who I was, I said, "I am making enquiries into the shooting of a British soldier and from information received, I believe you know something about it"? He said, "I shot the soldier with my service pistol to defend myself."

I at once cautioned him, and asked him if he wanted to make a statement. He made a statement which was taken down in Italian by CUCKER, and he signed this statement.

I now produce this statement.

Carabiniere ORSINI then handed me the pistol with which the soldier had been shot. I took possession of it, and placed it in the S.I.B. store to be held as evidence.

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Statements had already been obtained from these two N.C.O.'s, and they made no answer to the charge.

They were accordingly charged, and were remanded in, open arrest.

The Carabiniere ORSINI was handed over to his Maresciallo to be kept in close custody.

When I first saw ORSINI, at 2245hrs., on the 29th August, he appeared to be distressed, and there were signs of dried blood on his face.

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76 Section. S.I.B. C.M.P.

In the Field.
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4397828, - Gnr.BACON, R.[illegible] A.[illegible].
Report of Post-Mortem Examination

Carried out at 10[illegible] (Br) General Hospital at 1000 hrs, 31st.Aug. 1944;
Time of death: 1855 hours, 30th.August,1944.
External appearances: The body was that of a well-built man between 20 and 30 years of age.

Post-mortem lividity was intense,involving not only the dependent parts, but also face,neck,front of abdomen and thighs.
Rigor Mortis fully developed; an ulceration of gangrene was present.

WOUNDS

1. Scalp wound. Clean cut wound 10 cms.long in posterior left parietal region. Wound did not penetrate periosteum; there was no underlying fracture of the skull. A small blood clot under aponeurosis.

2. Wound in epigastrium.25 x 30 mms. situated 50 mms. to the right of the mid-line at the level of the tip of the right ninth rib.Wound had been surgically cleaned and presented a clean appearance. Track of wound had run almost horizontally backwards and slightly outwards. It had passed through the anterior abdominal wall,peritoneum,had entered the left lobe of the liver,passed through the substance of the lobe before breaking out and through the anterior and posterior walls of the stomach, which had been subsequently sutured. From there it had pierced the left dome of the diaphragm, traversed the left costo-phrenic space, missing the left lung and shattered the left eighth rib,finally emerging at the level of the left eighth rib in the posterior axillary line.

3. Wound in back (Corresponding to described with the above mentioned epigastric wound). Round the front round 25 mms. in diameter and situated in posterior axillary line at the level of the eighth rib. Wound had also been surgically cleaned and was clean.

4. Recent surgical incision running parallel to and 25 cms.to the left of the mid-line extending from xiphisternum to the umbelicus. Wound had been sutured and was clean . There were no signs of bruising or struggle prior to death.

Buccal Cavity and Pharynx; full of brownish semi-fluid stomach contents.
Pleural Cavities: The left chest cavity contained a large quantity of blood. Lungs were both collapsed to some degree,deeply congested,especially at the bases and hilar regions,and bronchioles full of frothy fluid. Trachea and Main Bronchi, were congested and contained frothy brown semi-fluid mass similar to that found in the mouth.
Peritoneal Cavity, contained free blood, both in the greater and lesser sacs; most of the blood seems to have originated in the liver wound. There was some evidence of haemorrhage from the great omentum.
Brain was congested,especially the cerebral cortex. There were no signs of meningeal or cerebral haemorrhage.

All other Organs normal.

Cause of Death: Internal haemorrhage,consequent upon penetrating thoraco-abdominal wound.

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3. Round in back (Gunshot wound). Round [illegible] about round 25 mm. in diameter and situated in posterior axillary line at the level of the eighth rib. Wound had also been carefully excised and was clean.

4. Recent surgical incision left of. Recent surgical incision running parallel to and 25 mms. to the left of the [illegible] from xiphisternum to the umbelicus. Wound had been sutured and was clean. There were no signs of bruising or struggle prior to death.

Abdominal Cavities: Left chest contained a large quantity of blood. Lungs were both collapsed to some degree, deeply congested, especially at the bases and allar regions, and bronchioles full of frothy brown semi-fluid mass similar to that found in the mouth.

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Peritoneal Cavity: semi-fluid mass similar to that found in the mouth.

Lesser sac: Not find free blood, both in the greater and lesser sac: most of the blood seems to have originated in the liver wound. There was some evidence of haemorrhage into the great omentum.

Brain was congested, especially the cerebral cortex. There were no signs of meningeal or cerebral haemorrhage.

All other Organs normal.

Cause of death: Internal haemorrhage, consequent upon penetrating gun-shot wound.

S. M. F.
1st, Sept. 1942.

Signed) C. GILES Capt. RAMC.
Att. (Br) General Hospital.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

/rlg.
16 October 1944.

ACC/4150/L.

SUBJECT : D'ONOFRIO Vincenzo, NCO of CC.RR.

TO : MMIA (Army Sub-Commission).

1. Reference your AG/6 of 14 Oct 44.

2. Public Safety Sub Commission started an inquiry concerning D'ONOFRIO Vincenzo and has recently received a reply from the Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali. According to this last mentioned communication, D'ONOFRIO, when he committed these illegal acts, was not in the Service, but was then and still is on convalescent leave. Apparently the HQ of the CC.RR. at Naples denounced this man to the Procuratore del Regno at Larino in Campobasso Province and presumably the case is being proceeded with. I understand the position of the accused as to what concerns his permanency in the Carabinieri Corps will be judged by that service after penal proceedings have been completed.

3. It has now become necessary for me to secure further information as to penal proceedings through the Regional Legal Officer of the SOUTHERN Region. As soon as I receive a reply I will let you know.

4. In the enclosure of your letter of 9 Sept. a 2d Lt DE PLATO Giuseppe was also mentioned. I understand that he is a member of the Army and not of the CC.RR.

RICHARD H. WILMER.
Colonel, CAC,
Chief Legal Advisor.

cc: Public Safety S/C.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION

FILE : R-VIII/PS/5.1 6 October 1944.

SUBJECT : Jeep Accident at Siena - CC.RR. injured.

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

The attached papers are forwarded for information.

Lt. J. J. Guarnieri for
A. W. ROWLERSON
Lieut. Colonel, G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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TERRITORIAL LEGIO" OF CC.RR. OF FLORENCE - S" tion of Siena.

No.225/1 prot.Div.3^ Siena, September 27,1944

Subject: Report on the denunciation of BARBARO ALFONSO son of Anthony for personal culpable wounds.

On September 16, 1944, at 18,30 hrs. driver BARBARO ALFONSO son of Anthony and of Mastromarini Filomena, born in Mentemarano (Avellino) the 9 of November 1922 and there residing, belonging to X Neaples Motor-car Center, actually working as a driver with the A.C.C., was coming to this CC.RR. barracks to take his evening meal driving the american jeep targed H.G.101.

When reaching the end of the street leading to St.Francisco's Church in front of the entrance of this barracks, owing to exceeding speed he could not at once apply the brake thus hitting the following persons who were standing by the barracks entrance and causing them wounds as follows:

- Capt.CARTA MARIO, 46 years old: complete fracture of the left femur at the "terzo superiore";"tibio atropolica" distortion; fracture of the right outsider malleolus, besides several contusions and excoriations - healable within 70 days unless complications arise;
- Vicebrigadier CECCARELLI ELIO, 28 years old: fracture of the left forearm and several contusions - healable within 30 days unless complications arise;
- Vicebrigadier TURCHI UMBERTO; distortion of the right hand thumb - healable within 8 day unless complications arise.

Inquiries forthwith carried on as well as statements from people who were present when the accident occurred, had shown that Barbaro went through the space of about 100 meters which form the length of St.Francisco Square at a speed by far superior to the one which 4370 would have been merely prudent to keep, so much so because he ought to have stopped the car at the barracks entrance.

The only circumstance that might justify Barbaro's imprudence is his having been momentarily distracted by a ball passing over the vehicle in that moment thrown by some children playing foot-ball on the square. Moreover, it has been ascertained that Barbaro, at a distance of 4 or 5 meters from the barracks entrance tried to apply the brake abruptly turning to the left in order to avoid hitting some soldiers who were coming out from the barracks entrance. Having failed to the purpose, he dashed with the front mid-guard against the corner of St. Francisco front door hitting Capt.Corda, Vicebrigadiers Ceccarelli and Turchi who, alarmed by the speed of the coming car, had taken shelter on the threshold of the church front door.

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As soon as the accident happened, Brigadier Boccaccini Armando tried the working of the brake which resulted to be efficient.

On the car, besides Barbaro, was also driver DEMI Adone son of Mario, 24 years old, employed in the A.CC. Garage, who a few moments before had been invited by Barbaro to step in the car.

Enclosures: Verbal No.130 on BARBARO Alfonso's deposition;
DEMI Adone's statement;
Statement of SERI Sirio son of Guy from Siena;
Statement of BACCANTE Piero son of Salvatore from Siena;
Statement of BELLINI Ezio son of the late Ferdinand from Siena;
Vicebrigadier TURCHI Umberto's statement;
3 medical reports.

THE MAJOR-COMMANDER

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI FIRENZE
Gruppo di Siena

N.225/1 di prot.Div.3ª Siena,li 27 settembre 1944.

OGGETTO: Rapporto giudiziario in sendo informativo di denuncia di BARBARO Alfonso di Antonio per lesioni personali colpose.-

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AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE TERR.DEI CC.RR. - Ufficio Comando -di FIRENZE
AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE TERR.DEI CC.RR.- Ufficio Amm/ne- di FIRENZE
AL COMANDO 10° AUTOCENTRO NAPOLI
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT - Uff.P.S. SIENA
AL PROCURATORE DEL RE SIENA

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Il 16 settembre 1944 alle ore 18:30, l'autiere BARBARO Alfonso di Antonio e di Mastromarini Filomena,nato a Montemarano - Avellino- il 9 novembre 1920,ivi domiciliato,in forza al 10° autocentro Napoli ed in servizio militare quale autista presso la "A.C.C" (Commissione alleata di controllo) guidando la macchina a lui in consegna, matricolata E.G. 101 mare."Jeep" Americana, si recava in questa caserma carabinieri reali per consumare il pasto serale.
Poichè procedeva con eccessiva velocità,sull'ultimo tratto di strada che conduce dall'arco di S.Francesco all'ingresso della caserma non riuscì a frenare l'auto ed investì,presso il portone della caserma stessa,le sottonotate persone che riportarono le lesioni seguenti:
-Capitano dei Carabinieri Reali CARRA Mario,di anni 46:frattura completa del femore s. al terzo superiore,distorsione tibio-astragolica destra ed infrazione del malleolo esterno destro,contusioni ed escoriazioni multiple guaribili in giorni 70 s.c.;
-Vicebrigadiere dei carabinieri reali ,di anni 28,CECCARELLI Elio, di anni 28 frattura del colles avambraccio sinistro,contusioni multiple;guaribili in giorni 30 s.c.;
-Vicebrigadiere dei carabinieri Reali TUCCI Umberto:distorsione

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-Vicebrigadiere dei carabinieri Reali TURCHI Umberto:distorsione del pollice mano destra guaribile in giorni 8 s.c.
Da accertamenti subito praticati ed in base anche alle dichiarazioni delle persone presenti al fatto si è potuto stabilire che il BARBARO percorse il tratto di strada lungo circa 100 metri, della

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Piazza S.Francesco, tenendo una velocità molto superiore a quella che la più elementare prudenza doveva consigliargli tanto più che egli doveva arrestare l'automezzo all'ingresso della caserma della arma.-

Unica circostanza di fatto che possa giustificare l'imprudenza del BARBANO consiste nella sua improvvisa distrazione causata da un pallone lanciato da alcuni ragazzi che erano intenti a giocare a metà della piazza e che passò al disopra della macchina in quel momento.

E' stato accertato inoltre che il BARBANO a quattro o cinque metri dal portone della caserma cercò di frenare e sterzare bruscamente a sinistra per evitare di investire alcuni militari che stavano uscendo dalla porta della caserma. Non riuscì a compiere la manovra ed urtò col paraurti anteriore nello spigolo del portone del convento di S.Francesco, investendo il Capitano CATTA, il Vicebrigadiere CECCARELLI ed il simile TURCHI che, impressionati dalla velocità alla quale stava giungendo la macchina guidata dal BARBANO, si erano rifugiati sull'ingresso di detto convento.-

Subito dopo l'incidente, venne, dal brigadiere BOCCACCINI Armando, presente sul posto, provato il funzionamento dei freni che risultò efficiente. A bordo della macchina oltre il BARBANO, vi era l'autiere DEMI ADONE di Mario, di anni 24, in servizio presso il deposito della - A.CC. e che era salito poco prima a bordo della macchina stessa per invito del BARBANO.-

Allegati: Verbale n.130 di interrogatorio di BARBANO Alfonso; 457
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Dichiarazione del Vicebrigadiere TURCHI Umberto;

Tre referti medici.

IL MAGGIORE COMANDANTE
(Vieri Papa)

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S T A T E M E N T

The undersigned driver DEMI ADONE son of Mario and of Toncelli Isolina, born in Bibbiena (Leghorn) the 29 of April 1920 and there residing, by request of the Commander of the CC.RR. Station of Siena, states as follows:

When standing in Piazza della Lizza I saw one of my friends passing on a car; I stopped him to inquire where he was going. He answered he was going to take his meal to the CC.RR. Barracks and I accompanied him stepping in the car.

When arrivingin St.Francisco Square running at a speed of 20 + 30 miles per hour, such speed having been kept aa far as a few meters from the barracks entrance, I heard my friend uttering an exclamation as a man who cannot prevent the accomplishing of a fact.

In that moment some persons standing by the front door of St.Francisco's Convent have been hit.

I jumped out of the car in order to give assistance to the wounded people.

Bearing witness of the above, I sign

DEMI ADONE

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D I C H I A R A Z I O N E =

Il sottoscritto autiere D E M I Adone di Mario e di Toncelli Isolina, nato a Bibbona(Livorno) il 29 aprile 1920, ivi domiciliato, meccanico, a richiesta del comandante le stazione cc.rr. di Siena dichiaro quanto segue:

In piazza della Lizza ho veduto passare in automobile un mio amico pure autista che fermatolo gli ho chiesto dove andasse. Egli mi ha risposto che andava a mangiare alla Caserma dei cc.rr. di S. Francesco e così mi sono accompagnato salendo sulla macchina pure io.

Giunti in piazza S. Francesco la macchina andava ad una velocità dalle venti alle trenta miglie e tale è stata mantenuta fino a pochi metri dal portone della caserma, quando a questo punto ho inteso il mio amico fare un atto di esclamazione come di colui che non può evitare l'evento di una cosa. In quel mentre è avvenuto l'investimento di alcune persone che si trovavano sul portone d'ingresso al convento di S. Francesco.

Sono sceso dalla macchina e mi sono accinto a prestare aiuto agli investiti.

Tengo a dichiarare che nel tragitto da piazza della Lizza alla caserma di S. Francesco non ci siamo mai fermati.

In fede di quanto sopra mi sottoscrivo.

Adone Demi

COMANDO COMPAGNIA CC. RR. SIENA INTERNA

Visto. Siena li 13-9-1944 4568

IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE
(Pietro Ferrini)

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S T A T E M E N T

The undersigned SERI SIRIO son of Guy and of Ponsecchi Irene, born in Siena the 8 of September 1924 and there residing, 17, Via Baroncelli, statesas follow:

This evening at about 18,30 hrs. I was standing before St.Francisco Church with other people, when I noticed an American car coming from St.Francisco's Arch at a rather high speed towards the CC.RR. Barracks.

Before the vehicle had reached the middle of the square I saw a ball thrown by some boys crossing the road of the car; I saw too the driver turning back to see whether he had hit the ball. After this, while the vehicle was arriving at 3 or 4 meters from the Barracks entrance, I saw the driver abruptly turn to the left thus hitting some people who were standing by St.Francisco Seminary's front door.

Having nothing else to add, I bear witness of the above and sign

SERI SIRIO

Siena, September 15, 1944.

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= DICHIARAZIONE =

Il sottoscritto SERI Siro di Guido e di Ponsecchi Irene, nato a Siena l'8 settembre 1924, ivi residente via Beroncelli 17, studente, dichiaro quanto segue:

Questa sera verso le ore 13,30 mi trovavo fermo davanti al= la chiesa di S.Francesco in compagnia di altre persone quando ho notato l'arrivo dell'Arco di S.Francesco di una automobile del tipo americano che ad una velocità piuttosto forte si di= rigeva verso la caserma dei CC.RR.

Prima di arrivare a metà piazza ho visto che un pallone col quale giuocavano alcuni ragazzi ha attraversato la strada alla macchina ed ho visto pure che l'autista si è voltato in= dietro forse per vedere se aveva investito la palla. Dopo di ciò:= e la macchina era giunta a tre o quattro metri dal por= tone della caserma= ho visto che l'autista ha sterzato a sini= stra andando ad investire alcune persone che si trovavano fer= me sul portone d'ingresso al seminario di S.Francesco.

Non ho altro da aggiungere ed in fede di quanto sopra mi sottoscrivo.

Siena, li 15 settembre 1944.

F/to SERI SIRO

Stazione CC.RR. di Siena

Siena, li 16/9/1944.

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(Renato Gallerini)

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COMANDO COMPAGNIA CC. RR. SIENA INTERNA

Visto. Siena li 17-9-1944

IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE
(Dario Fersini)

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S T A T E M E N T

I undersigned BACCANTE PETER son of Salvatore and of the late Tianigiani Ehina, born in Siena the 16 of May 1926 and there resi ding No.27, Via d'Rossi, state as follows:

At about 18,30 hrs. of to-day I was idling in St.Francisco Square when I saw an American car coming towards the entrance of the CC.RR. Barracks.

I was standing at a distance of about 10 meters from the spot where the car, after hitting some people, dashed against the corner of the Convent's front door.

Some persons have been wounded.

Having nothing else to add, I bear witness of the above and sign

BACCANTE PETER

Siena, September 15, 1944.

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D I C H I A R A Z I O N E

Io sottoscritto BACCANTE Piero di Salvatore e di fu Fisnigiani Elina nato a Siena il 16/5/1928, ivi residente in via De Rossi 27, studente, dichiaro quanto segue:

Circa le ore 18,30 di oggi mi trovavo a diporto in Piazza S.Francesco quando ho veduto il sopraggiungere di una automobile del tipo americano e che si dirigeva verso la porta della caserma ad una velocità piuttosto forte e tale è stata mantenuta fino a pochi metri della porta della caserma dei CC.RR..Mi trovavo ad una diecina di metri dal luogo ove la suddetta macchina ha investito alcune persone andando poi ad urtare contro lo spigolo della porta d'ingresso al convento.

Vi sono state alcune persone ferite.

Non ho altro da aggiungere ed in fede di quanto sopra mi sottoscrivo.

Siena, li 15 settembre 1944.

F/to BACCANTE Piero

Stazionedei CC.RR. di Siena

Siena, li 16/9/1944.

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(Renato Gallerini)

COMANDO COMPAGNIA CC. RR. SIENA ESTERNA

Visto - Siena li 17-9-44

IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE
(Pietro Ferrini)

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S T A T E M E N T

The undersigned BELLINI EZIO son of the late Ferdinand and of the late Bardi Orlandina, born in Campiglia d'Orcia the 8 of July 1911, residing in Siena No.60, Via de' Rossi, states as follows:

This evening at about 18,30 hrs. I was walking in St.Francisco Square and exactly in the neighbourhood of the Church's front door when I saw, drawing out of St.Francisco's Arch an American make vehicle going at full speed towards the CC.RR. Barracks.

The car kept the same speed as far as 3 or 4 meters from the entrance of the barracks, turning then to the left, thus hitting some people who was standing by the Seminary's door.

Having nothing else to add I bear witness of the above and sign

BELLINI EZIO

Siena, September 15, 1944.

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= DICHIARAZIONE =

Il sottoscritto BELLINI Ezio fu Ferdinando e fu Bardi Orlandina, nato, a Campaglia d'Orcia l'8 luglio 1911, residente a Siena, Via dei Rossi 60, dichiaro quanto segue:

Questa sera verso le ore 18,30 mi trovavo al passaggio in Piazza S. Francesco e precisamente nei pressi del portone della chiesa quando ho visto sbucare dall'Arco una automobile del tipo americano che a forte andatura si dirigeva verso la caserma dei CC.RR.. La macchina ha mantenuto la stessa velocità fino a pochi metri (3 o 4) dal portone d'ingresso alla caserma stessa, poi ha sterzato a sinistra andando ad investire alcune persone che si trovavano ferme sulla porta d'ingresso del seminario.

Non ho altro da aggiungere ed in fede di quanto sopra mi sottoscrivo.=

Siena, li 15 settembre 1944.

F/to BELLINI Ezio

Stazione CC.RR. di Siena

Siena, li 16/9/1944.

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(Ezio Bellini)

COMANDO COMPAGNIA CC. RR. SIENA INTERNA

Visto - Siena li 16-9-944

IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE
(Pietro Ferrini)

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S T A T E M E N T

I undersigned V.brig.TURCHI UMBERTO of the CC.RR.Legion of Florence, passing by Siena, state that on the evening of the 16 of September 1944, at about 18 hrs. I was standing near the barracks' entrance of the CC.RR. Station of Siena, when an American car driven by an Italian soldier was coming in the square running at full speed. I realised that the driver had lost the control of the vehicle and, in order to avoid being hit, I moved from the left to the right referring to whom comes out of the barracks' gate.

I reached the threshold of the Convent front door in good time, but the vehicle went towards that side an I was thus hit and thrown on the ground. I got the distortion of the thumb of my right hand, as per medical report.

Having nothing else to add, I bear witness of the above and sign

V.brigd.TURCHI UMBERTO

Siena, September 16, 1944.

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D I C H I A R A Z I O N E

Io sottoscritto V/brig. a P. rich. Turchi Umberto, della legione Carabinieri Reali di Firenze di passaggio in Siena, dichiaro che la sera del I6 corrente, alle ore I8 circa, mi trovavo nei pressi della porta della caserma del Comando del Gruppo di Siena, quando proveniente dalla Città, e precisamente da via dei Rossi, rientrava una macchina americana guidata da un soldato italiano a forte velocità.= Mi accorsi che il conducente aveva perso il controllo della guida e per scansarmi da un sicuro investimento mi spostai da sinistra a destra da chi esce dalla caserma.=

Fui in tempo ad entrare nella porta che da accesso al Convento di S.Francesco, ma la macchina si diresse da quella parte e quindi fui urtato dalla stessa e gettato a terra riportando la distorsione del dito pollice della mano destra come da certificato.=

Non ho altro da aggiungere e in fede di quanto sopra mi sottoscrivo:

Siena, li I6/9/I944.=

F/to V/brig. Turchi Umberto

P. C. C.

Il S.Tenente Comandante Int.
(Oreste Pierotti)

Siena, li 2I/9/I944.=

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Spedali Riuniti di S.Maria della Scala
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL Siena

Capt.CARTA MARIO, 45 years old, received in this Clinique, shows the complete fracture of his left femur; a "tibia-astragoli ca" distortion and fracture of his outsider left malleolus, and several excoriated contusions - healable within 70 days, unless complications arise.

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September 15, 1944.

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Spedali Riuniti di S. Maria della Scala di Siena
POLICLINICO CHIRURGICO

Il Ten. Col. Capitano C.R.T. Mario di anni 45 ricoverato in questa Clinica presenta: frattura completa del terzo inferiore 1 e 1 3° superiore; distorsione tibio astragalica d. ed infrazioni del malleolo esterno d. contusioni escoriate multiple. Guaribile in giorni 70 s.c.

Li, 15/9/1944.

F/to illeggibile.

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Li, 16/9.1944.=

Il Maresciallo Maggiore
comandante la Sezione
(Renato Gallerini)

COMANDO COMPAGNIA CC. RR. SIENA INTERNA

Visto. Siena 12-9-944

IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE
(Pietro Ferrini)

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Spedali Riuniti di S.Maria della Scala
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL Siena

V. brigd.CECCARELLI ELIO, 28 years old, received in this Surgical Clinique, shows: the fracture of his left forearm and several contusions - healable within 30 days unless complications arise.

Dr.PETER SILONI

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September 16, 1944.

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Spedali Riuniti di S.Maria delle Scale in Siena
POLICLINICO UNIVERSITARIO

Il Vicebrigadiere CECCARELLI Elio di anni 2b ricoverato in questa clinica chirurgica presenta: frattura di collo avambraccio sinistro, contusioni multiple guaribile in GG.30 (trenta) s.c.=
In carta semplice per gli usi di legge.
16/9/1944

Dr. Pietro Simoni

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11, 16/9/1944

(Renato Gallerini)

COMANDO COMPAGNIA CC. RR. SEDE DI SIENA

Visto - Siena 16-9-44

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IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE
(Dr. Ugo Ferrini)

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Spedali Riuniti di S.Maria della Scala
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL Siena

This is to certify that I visited to-day V.brigd.TURCHI UMBERTO finding out the distorsion of the thumb of his right hand, occurred in a motor-car accident which happened to-day at about 16 hrs.

The patient having been medicated was dismissed and considered healable within 8 days unless complications arise.

September 15, 1944.

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STAZIONE CC.RR. DI [illegible] DELLA SCALA IN SIENA
POLIZIA GIUDIZIARIA

Certifico di avere visitato oggi il V.brigadiere TURCHI Umberto nel quale ho riscontrato una distorsione del polso sinistro causa cadutagli riportata in un investimento automobilistico avvenuto ieri stesso alle ore 18 circa.
Medicato, dimesso è stato giudicato guaribile in gg.3 s.c. ed esiti.

15/9/1944.

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F.to C. C. COMANDO COMPAGNIA CC. RR. SIENA

11,15/9/1944.=

Siena 12-9-1944

IL CAPITANO COMANDANTE
(Pietro Turchi)

(Ferruccio Galletti)

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TERRITORIAL LEGION OF CC.RR. OF FLORENCE - Station of Siena.

Verbal No.130

VERBAL of BARBARO ALFONSO's deposition referring to motor-car accident.

On September 15, 1944 at 19,15 hrs. in the CC.RR. Office of St.Francisco, the undersigned Marshal GALLERINI Renato, the Commander of the Station, assisted by Brigadier BINDI Alexander of the same station, is reporting to the proper authority that, on account of a motor-car accident occurred on the evening at about 18,30 hrs. in the neighborhood of the CC.RR. Barracks, he has proceeded to the examination of driver BARBARO Alfonso son of Anthony and of Mastromarino Filomena born in Montemerano (Avellino) the 9 of November 1922 and there residing, actually employed by the A.C.C. Command.- He has stated: ----------

" I was returning from taking my Colonel to the "Pavone" where he gets
" his meals and was directed to the CC.RR. Barracks of St.Francisco whe
" re I have my lodgings and take my meals.
" Having passed St.Francisco's Arch, running at a speed of 25÷30 miles
" per hour, and reached the middle of the square, I saw two boys play
" ing foot-ball. Wishing to diminish the speed, I tried and apply
" the brake pedal whithout succeeding in doing so and realising that I
" might have hit some people standing by the barracks entrance, I turned to
" the left and could not help hitting other people standing by the Se
" minary front door.
" The car I was driving, an American jeep targed H.Q.101, belongs to
" A.C.C. Rome.
" I reject the accident having been caused by wrong handling and think
" the fact deriving from a momentarily failure of the brake action."

------ In order that this thus results, we have issued the present verbal which, after having been read, has been signed.

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BARBARO ALFONSO
BINDI Alexander
GALLERINI Renato

LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI REALI DI FIRENZE

N°1/30 del verbale

STAZIONE DI SESTO

PROCESSO VERBALE d'interrogatorio di BARBARO Alfonso di Antonio in ordine ad un investimento automobilistico .

L'anno millenovecentoquarantacinque addì 15 settembre, nell'ufficio di stazione dei CC.RR. di S. Francesco in Siena, ore 18,15.-------
Nel mese scrivo maggiore GALLERATI Renato, comandante la suddetta stazione, assistito dal sottoscritto BINDI Alessandro, delle medesime, riferiamo a chi di dovere che in ordine ad un investimento automobilistico avvenuto questo stesso giorno verso le ore 17,30, nei pressi della nostra caserma, abbiamo interrogato l'autista della macchina investitrice, identificato in BARBARO Alfonso di Antonio e di Nastro Marino Filomena, nato a Montemarano (Avellino) il 6/II/1922, ivi dom. ed in atto in servizio quale autista presso il comando della "A.CC." il quale ha così reso:----------
E di ritorno dall'aver accompagnato il mio colonnello all'albergo "PAVONE", dove egli consuma i pasti e quindi mi dirigevo alla caserma dei carabinieri di S. Francesco ove mangio e dormo. Dopo avere superato il portone della piazza di S. Francesco ad una velocità delle 25 alle 30 miglia e giunto in mezzo alla piazza ho veduto che vi erano due ragazzi che giocavano con un pallone. Volendo rallentare la marcia ho premuto sul freno a pedale, ma non ho ottenuto lo scopo e accorgendomi che sarei andato ad urtare contro alcune persone che si trovavano ferme sulla porta d'ingresso della caserma, ho sterzato a sinistra e non ho potuto evitare d'investire con la macchina alcune persone che stavano ferme sulla porta d'ingresso del seminario. La macchina che pilota appartiene alla Commissione Alleata di controllo di Roma; marca "GMC" americana, tre marce, matricola N.2 .IOI. Escludo trattarsi di errore di manovra ed attribuisco il fatto ad una momentanea deficienza nell'azione dei freni.----------
Perché consti abbiamo redatto il presente verbale che previa lettura viene sottoscritto .

F/to BARBARO Alfonso

Bindi Alessandro

Gallerati Renato Magg.

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Statement.

After having accompanied the Col. to Pavone Hotel, I returned to San Francesco barracks to eat and to sleep. Passing through Via Duazzi, to enter in the barracks, I saw two boys playing there. I tried to brake, but the frenca brake did not function. Therefore, I tried at once to drive to the left, because the place, where I had to enter into the barracks, was full of soldiers. On the left hand there was a lane. Near the wall of the lane stood a brigadier and a captain. When I tried to drive into the lane the brigadier ran to the left hand and the captain to the right hand. I was not in time to avoid them. So I stopped near the wall and hit both. I drove 25 km per hour. 15.1

Soldier Barbaro Alfonso.
San Francesco barracks.

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Dichiarazione

Dopo andato a portare il Signor Colonnello
alla albergo povarino tornavo alla caserma
con Francesco per andare a mangiare
ci per dormire.. Ellentre scendevo per salir
Scalone per scendere in caserma. quando
ho in boccato il pianzziale to visto
due ragazzi che giocavano al pubele allora
io .o tentato di frenare e il freno
non mè preso e ho cercato subito
di portarmi a sinistra per di nella porta
della caserma dove doveva entrare era piena
di soldati e ho cercato di buttarmi a sinistra
che era un alico a presto di al fianco
del muro del alico era un bicatiere è un
capitano so cercato di buttarmi dentro 45 24
il bicatiere sie buttato a sinistra e il
capitano a destra mentre io quando il bicatiere
sie buttato a sinistra io non ho fatto attempo
a remuzare a nessuno. e cosi sono andato a finire
vicino al muro e lo investito a tutte due
Soldato Gorbaro Alfonso alla velocita dei 40 25 allora

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Territorial Legion CC.RR. Firenze.
Internal Siena Company.

N. 195/2 di prot. T Div. 3ª. Siena, 16 Sept. 44.

Subject: Automobilistic incident.
To: Pubblic Safety Office of Allied Military Government, Siena.

On 15 Sept. 44 about 1800 hrs. the driver Barbaro Alfonso of Xth Naples auto-car center passed with an american Jeep on San Francisco square at Siena, which is situated opposite to the CC. RR. barracks. The driver hit Captain p.e. Carta Mario, by force on duty at Firenze Replacement Center, Vicebrigadier Ceccarelli Elio of Siena station and Vicebrigadier Turchi Umberto, transitevely in this town and by force at H.Q. company Firenze Legion. All these three militaries were standing at the barracks' gate.
Captain Carta had his left femur and his external malleo. lus broken, and besides some bruises. He will recover within 70 days, if no complications rise.
Vicebrigadier Ceccarelli had his left fore-arm broken and many bruises. He will recover within 30 days.
Vicebrigadier Turchi had a distorsion at the thumb 45°

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of his right hand and will recover within 8 days.
The two first militaries were sent to local civilian hospital.
We suppose, that the incident was caused, because the driver drove too quickly. It seems also, that for a moment he was disattentive, because looking at some boys, who played foot-ball on San Francesco square. So, he did not brake immediately.

Internal Commander
S. Lt. Oreste Pierotti.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE CARABINIERI REALI DI FIRENZE
COMPAGNIA INTERNADI SIENA

N.195/2 di Pro T Div. 5

Siena li 13/settembre 1944

OGGETTO Investimento automobilistico.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA ROMA
AL COMANDO GENERALE ARMA CC.RR. ROMA
AL COM.2^ DIVISIONE "PODGORA"CC.RR. ROMA
AL COMANDO DELLA LEGIONE CC.RR. FIRENZE
AL COMANDO PRESIDIO MILITARE SIENA
ALLA R. PREFETTURA DI SIENA
ALLA R. QUESTURA DI SIENA
AL COMANDO TRUPPE CC.RR. DI SIENA

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBBLIC SAFETY OFFICE SIENA
C I T T Y

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Ieri,I5 settembre,in Siena alle ore I8 l'autista Barbaro Alfonso del X autocentro di Napoli,nel transitare con una macchina americana tipo Jeep sul piazzale San Francesco antistante questa caserma carabinieri,investiva il Capitano dei carabinieri in servizio p.e.CARTA Mario in forza al Centro Raccolta di Firenze,il Vicebrigadiere Ceccarelli Elio della stazione di Siena ed il Vicebrigadiere TURCHI Umberto di transito per questa città ed in forza alla compagnia comando della legione di Firenze,che nostavano davanti al portone della caserma.

Il capitano Carta riportava la frattura completa del femore sinistro dal I cl superiore una distorsione tibio-astragolica-ed infrazione del malleolo est destro e contusioni escoriate multiple e veniva giudicato guaribile in 70 ni salvo complicazioni;il Vicebrigadiere Ceccarelli Elio riportava la frat di colles avambraccio sinistro e contusioni multiple e veniva giudicato gua bile in gg.30;il vicebrigadiere Turchi Umberto riportava una distorsione del pollice della mano destra e veniva giudicato guaribile in 8 giorni.
I primi due infortunati venivano ricoverati nel locale ospedale civile.)
Si ritiene che l'investimento sia stato causato dall'eccessiva velocità del l'automezzo e dal mancato tempestivo azionamento dei freni da parte del Ba che sembra si fosse per un attimo distratto per osservare alcuni ragazzi in tenti a giocare con un pallone sul piazzale San. Francesco.

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IL S. TEN. COMAN ANTE INT.
F/to Oreste Pierotti

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Mr. Central CC.RR. Hqs. One 20th of Sept.1944

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Subj: Chief Maresciallo D'Onofrio Vincenzo

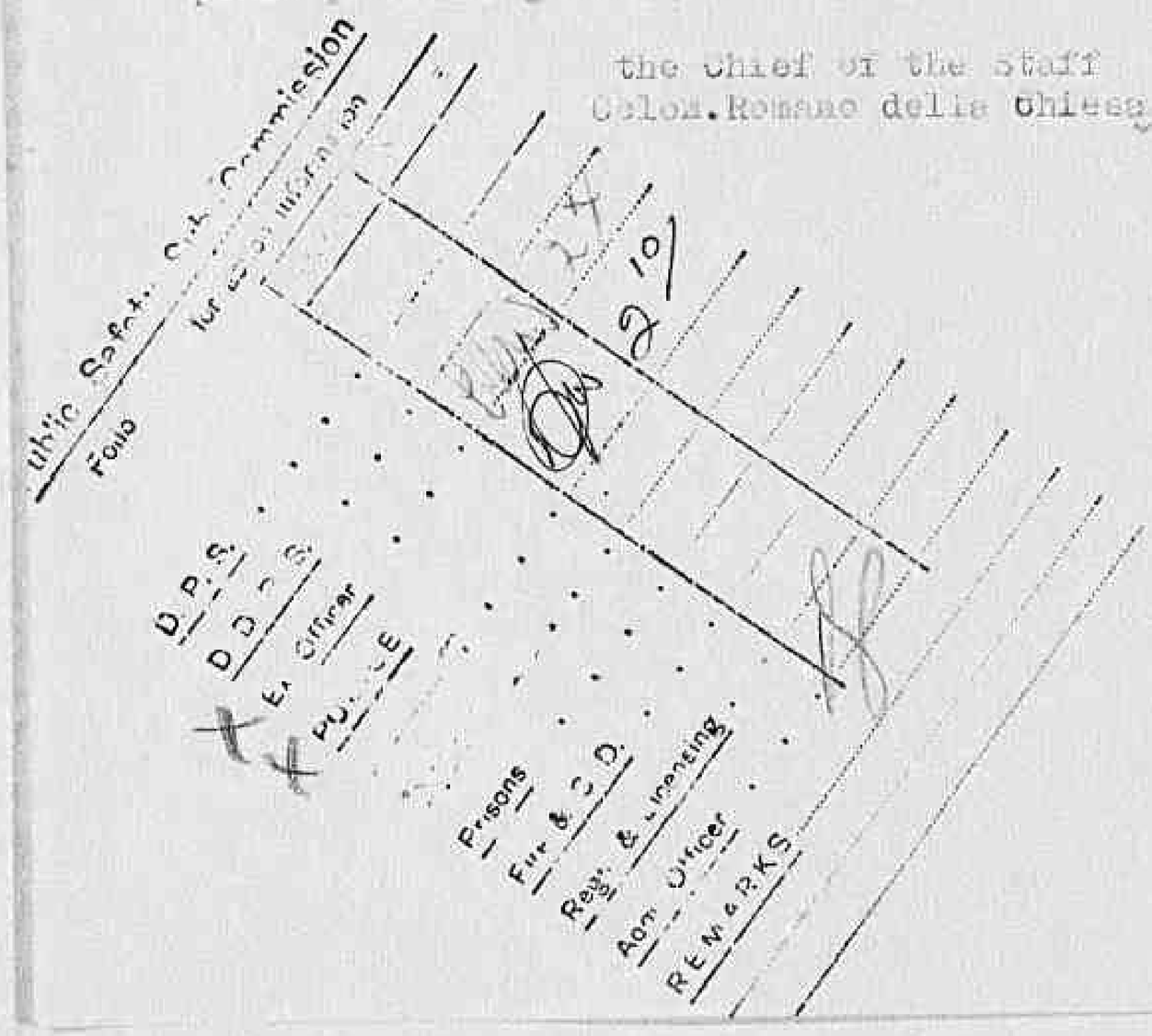
to ACC.- P.S. Sub Commission See 4A

1) Maresciallo capo D'Onofrio Vincenzo, then when he incurred in the trespass of illicit use of Allied motorcar and of trade of rationned foods, he was not in service. He was and still is, in convalescence leave.

2) The Hqs. of the CC.RR. Legion of Naples, have ~~yet~~ already denounced the n.c.o; to King's Attorney of Marine(Campobasso)

3) The process is still going on. The position of the n.c.o., as to what concerns his permanence in the Arm, will be judged as soon as the penal proceeding will be settled.

the Chief of the Staff
Colon. Romano della Chiesa



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Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO PERS.SOTT. E TRUPPA

N. 562/7 di prot. Roma, 28 settembre 1944

Risposta al del n. Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Maresciallo capo D'ONOFRIO Vincenzo.

AL COMANDO A.C.C. - SOTTOCOMMISSIONE P.S. -

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I°)- Il maresciallo capo D'ONOFRIO Vincenzo, allor= quando incorse nei reati di illecito uso di automezzo alleato e di acquisto e commercio di generi contingentati non era in servizio. Egli trovavasi e trovasi tuttora in licenza di convalescenza.

2°)- Il comando della legione CC.RR. di Napoli ha già provveduto alla denunzia del sottufficiale al Procuratore del Regno di Larino (Campobasso).

3°)- Il relativo processo é tuttora pendente. La posizione del sottufficiale, ai fini dell'ulteriore sua permanenza nell'Arma, sarà esaminata non appena definito il procedimento penale.

d' o r d i n e

IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- Romano dalla Chiesa -

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14601/29/PS

23 Sep 44

SUBJECT : Vincenzo D'ONOFRIO, CC.RR.
non-commissioned officer

TO : Commanding General, CC.RR.

See 11A

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Your early response to our enquiry concerning the above CC.RR NCO. ACC/14601/29/PS dated 19 Sep 44, will be appreciated.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081
Ext : 257

ACC/14601/29/PS

13 September, 1944.

SUBJECT : Vincenzo D'ONOFRIO, CC.RR. non-commissioned officer.
TO : Commanding General, CC.RR.

1. Information has been received that on 8 June 1944 in the Termoli District, Vincenzo D'ONOFRIO was arrested and charged with misuse of Government transport and also with dealings in contraband grain. He was jointly charged with an Italian Army Officer, 2nd Lieut. Giuseppe DE PLATO.

2. Capt. FERRARI, in charge of CC.RR at Termoli is well acquainted with this case.

3. May this Sub-Commission please be informed whether D'ONOFRIO has been tried and convicted by a Court, the sentence imposed and whether or not he has been discharged from the CC.RR.

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

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COPY TRANSLATION

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From Ministry of War
To M.M.I.A.

300316/CA
31.8.44

Reference to letter AQ/6 in date of 21 July from MMIA.

We communicate that 2nd/Lieut DE PLATO Giuseppe and W.O. D'ONOFRIO Vincenzo, CC.RR. have been handed over to the Legal authorities charged with defrauding rations.

Furthermore, 2nd/lieut Plato has now been discharged from the services.

(sgd) OXILIA

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COMANDO ARMA CARABINIERI REALI DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA

Ufficio Personale Sottufficiali e Truppa

N. 426/3 di prot. P. M. 135, li 17 maggio 1944

Risposta al del n. Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Buonocore Gennaro CC.RR.Benevento.

Al L'UFFICIO DELL'UFFICIALE A.M.G. - aggregato al Comando della V^ Armata -

1 Arrepens.

Mi riferisco alla nota del 9 andante.

Assicuro che saranno presi severi provvedimenti a carico del carabiniere

B U O N O C O R E Gennaro.

Mi riservo a suo tempo di precisare.

I L G E N E R A L E C O M A N D A N T E

- Giuseppe Pièche -

Disciplinary action will be taken
Result will be reported

18th May 1944

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CCRR - breaches of discipline

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

10th May 1944.
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SUBJECT: Breach of Discipline by C.C.R.R.

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

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1. Attached please find file in regard to BUONCORE, Gennaro, Carabinieri Reali N° 118,633.

2. This man was dected by N° 2 Section C.I.C. Fifth Army in Mondragone area and his conduct is such that warrants disciplinary action.

3. Will you please take the matter up with C.C.R.R. Command so that they may deal with his case.

For the Commanding General:

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E.B. MAYNE,
Lt. Col., U.D.F.,
Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. 5 Army.

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Seen by Gen. Poole on May 16th - 1945 -
for reply -

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OFFICE OF THE AMG OFFICER ATTACHED TO HQ. FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U S Army

9 May 1944

SUBJECT: BUONCORE, GENNARO - OF CCRR BENEVENTO.

TO : SCAO AMG 5 ARMY (FIELD)

1. Attached hereto is CIC report dated 28 April 1944 with reference to Buoncore, Gennaro, of the CCRR Force in Benevento, which you may wish to transmit to the Regional Commissioner in Benevento for whatever action he may wish to take in the matter.

William G. Collins,
Major, AC, AUS,
AMG Officer Fifth Army

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
Office of the A.C. of S., G-2
A.P.O. #464, U. S. Army

6 May 1944
ARB/he

Subject: Attached Report.

To: Liaison Officer, AMG, Hqs. Fifth Army (Attn: Maj. Collins)

Request that the attached ~~report~~ 1D be forwarded to the AMG Officer in Benevento.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

ARTHUR R. BLOM,
Major, Infantry,
Asst. A.C. of S., G-2

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ARTHUR R. BLOM,
Major, Infantry,
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COUNTER INTELLIGENCE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS, FIFTH ARMY
APO 464
SECTION NO. 2

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28 April 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest of Curfew Violators - Mondragone.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

At 0200 hours 28 April 1944, these Agents encountered three men about one and one-half miles east of Mondragone, on Route 714. They were travelling in a horse drawn cart which contained five sacks of ground Italian grain and a bicycle, in the direction of Mondragone. The three men and horse and cart containing the grain and bicycle were taken to the Carabinieri jail at Mondragone and the men questioned immediately. Their names follow:

BUONCORE, Gennaro - Carabinieri Reali Identity #118,633

SILVESTRI, Antonio fu Cosimo - Via Oberdano 20, Mondragone; Identity No. 9,38-,--0, Mondragone, 13 July 1943; Born Mondragone July 20, 1882.

MARMATTA, Emilio fu Biagio - Via Oberdano 16 - Mondragone; No identification on his person; Born Mondragone November 21, 1912.

BUONCORE's home is in Mondragone, where his wife and two children reside at Via Oberdano 24. He is in service at Benevento and produced a valid pass from his command allowing him to visit Mondragone; however, he had no AMG permit to cross the Volturno River or travel 10 kilometers beyond. BUONCORE owned the horse and cart. He told these Agents on the road that the other two were his father and brother, then, immediately afterward, that they were his uncle and cousin. When asked for all identification cards, BUONCORE then quickly said the others were just friends. When questioned by these Agents in the presence of a local Carabinieri at the Carabinieri jail at Mondragone, BUONCORE stated that he knew the others, MARMATTA and SILVESTRI, for many years and had left Mondragone with them in his cart at about 0630-0700 on 27 April 1944, taking the grain of all three to a mill at Cipari, where he said they arrived at about 0800 on 27 April 1944; he stated that he, MARMATTA and SILVESTRI were at the mill all day and that all three left the mill together at 0130 April 28, 1944 to go to Mondragone.

SILVESTRI stated to these Agents that he knew BUONCORE for many years. He then stated that at about 0600 April 27, 1944, he had hitched a ride with his grain on the cart of an unknown man, who took him to the mill at Cipari; that he saw BUONCORE arrive at the mill alone with his horse and cart at about 1500-1600 April 27, 1944; that he, SILVESTRI, had left the mill, carrying his finished grain, at dusk and was picked up on the road

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to Mondragone by BUONCORE and MARATTA at about 0130 April 28, 1944.

MARATTA stated to these Agents that he left his job on the railroad near Mondragone (civilian labor for Americans) at 1730 April 27, 1944, and went alone on his bicycle, with two sacks of grain, to the mill at Ciperi, where he met BUONCORE; that he left the mill with BUONCORE, carrying his grain and bicycle in the cart, at about 0130 April 28, 1944. When confronted with BUONCORE and the latters statement that MARATTA had left Mondragone with him early in the morning of 27 April 1944, MARATTA said BUONCORE was a liar.

BUONCORE, SILVESTRI and MARATTA were identified by the Maresciallo and two other Carabinieri at Mondragone.

SILVESTRI and MARATTA were arrested immediately by these Agents for curfew violation. They were tried by Capt. La Mar, AMG officer at Mondragone, on this date and each sentenced to one month in jail. Duplicate copies of arrest reports are attached to this summary.

BUONCORE was placed in custody of the Maresciallo of the Carabinieri at Mondragone for return to Benevento. Details of BUONCORE's deliberate attempt to deceive these Agents were given to the Maresciallo verbally and a report of the incident will be submitted by him, through Carabinieri channels.

AGENTS' RECOMMENDATIONS:

That this office follow through with Carabinieri headquarters with regard to possible disciplinary action in the case of BUONCORE.

BERNARD J. CRENNAN,
Special Agent, CIC

WILLIAM ABRUZZESE,
Agent, CIC

APPROVED:

STEPHEN J. SPINGARN,
Special Agent, CIC
Major, M.I., Commanding.

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