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COMANDO ARMA CARABINIERI REALI DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA
SEGRETERIA E RISERVATO

N. 61/3 di prot. Ris.

P. M. 67, 16 febbraio 1944

Risposta al

del

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Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Furti e violazioni della posta.

Al Sig. Colonnello Paul G. KIRK
Chief, Public Safety - Sub Commission

APC 394

Ho ricevuto il foglio ACC/14612/PS del 2 corrente ed a nome di S.E. il Generale Comandante - assente per servizio - ho dato subito disposizioni nel senso desiderato.-

La originaria

SUBJECT: Robbery and Violations of the Mail

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IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
(Romano dalla Chiesa)

La originaria

I have received your letter ACC/14612/PS of the 2nd (Feb), and in the name of His Excellency the Commanding General - absent on official business - I have immediately carried out the requirements in the sense required desired.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio CA for ~~status~~ information

✓ C.P.S. *OGK*

D.C.P.S.

Police *SP. Ryan*

Prisons

Fire & C.D.

Regn. & Licensing *AF*

Adm. Officer

Remarks:

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..... *Any further info to*
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..... *to Cao,*
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Sub-Commission
APO 394

B/F 14612 124
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ACC/4083/L

25 February 1944
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SUBJECT : Mail Thefts.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. As your Sub-Commission may be interested in mail thefts I am reporting to you the case of PASTORE Giovanni.

2. The accused was arrested in MATERA, Region II, where he was found with certain Allied Property, the result of a mail theft in Bari on 4 January 1944. The accused was tried on two charges:

(a) Interference with communication by mail. Proclamation No. 2, Article I, Section (19);

(b) Being in possession of Allied Property. Proclamation No. w, Article II, Section (40).

3. A General Military Court convicted the accused on both charges and on the first charge sentenced him to death. On his second charge there was an alternative sentence of 20 years.

4. As the act under the first charge was committed at Bari, unoccupied territory, where the Proclamation had no effect, the reviewing authority has found it necessary to reverse the conviction under the first charge because of the lack of jurisdiction. The 20 year sentence under the second charge has been affirmed. 6355

5. The first charge apparently was based on interference with communication rather than on robbery, because it was felt that as the mail might be destined for occupied territory, the act of interference in unoccupied territory became a continued offense in occupied territory, thus giving an Allied Military Court jurisdiction. This theory could not be supported, and there was no proof of destination.

6. Under powers reserved upon restoration of territory Allied Military Courts may now function in territory restored to the Italian Government. This includes Apulia where Bari is located, but only for crimes committed after 10 February 1944. While it is not expected that Allied Military Courts will function extensively in territory under the administration of the Italian Government, one can always be convened to try a case of extraordinary importance affecting the Allied interest, when it is not thought that an Italian Court can efficiently deal with it.

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7. The record in the PASTORE case indicates that the mail cars which were robbed were not under proper guard and one of them was left unlocked.

Richard H. Wilmer
RICHARD H. WILMER

Lt. Col. C.A.C.
Deputy Chief Legal Officer.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

21 February 1944

AGC/14612/18

SUBJECT: Sentence of Civilian Convicted of Mail Theft.

TO : D.C.A.C., A.F.M.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon, C.M.F.

1. With reference to your letter ref. 3047/A.2 of 30 January 1944, the following information is forwarded.

2. Upon information received from No. 62 Special Investigation Section C.M.F., Bari, one PASTORE, GIOVANNI was arrested and charged by the S.P.S. with being the leader of a gang engaged in robbing mail cars and convoys.

3. PASTORE was tried by a General Military Court at MATERA on 6 February, 1944. He has a record of 23 previous convictions. He was found guilty and sentenced to death.

For the Commanding General:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ACTION SHEET

19 Feb. 44.

Date

Suspense _____

FROM	TO
Deputy President	
Chief of Staff	
Vice Chief of Staff	
Public Relations Officer	
Liaison Section	
Military Section	
Political Section	
✓ Econ. & Admin. Section	
Communications Section	
Administrative Directorate	
Economic Directorate	
Finance Sub-Commission	
Public Works-Mines Sub-Commission	
Agric. Forests-Fisheries Sub Com	
Legal Sub-Commission	
Education Sub-Commission	
Executive Officers	
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Miscellaneous	
Pool of Interpreters	
Archives & Reference Library	
Hq. Commandant	
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	✓

FOR:

Signature _____
 Remarks / Recommendation _____
 Information only _____
 Approval / Disapproval _____
 Appropriate Action _____
 Investigation & Report _____
 Dispatch _____

REMARKS: See info attached

19 Feb. 44.

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Mr. Cullen. Sec.

(1) V.P. is not prepared to forward this information at this time in view of the fact that the case is not yet closed.

(a) It has to be reviewed by C.H.O. acc.

(b) If it is allowed to stand, it will then require compensation by C.C.

(2) Will you therefore keep contact in the matter with L.A. and advise him in the developments.

(3) The action in this instance will not be construed as preventing you from advising this Section of any further developments for continued transmission. *W.H. L.*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

MEM/AB

100/14612/SS

13 February, 1944.

Subject: Sentence of Civilian Convicted of Mail Theft.

To : D.C.A.C., A.F.B., Adv. Adm. Section, C.S.R.

1. With reference to your letter ref. 3047/A.2 of 30 January, 1944, the following information is forwarded.
2. Upon information received from No. 62 Special Investigation Section C.S.R., Bari, one PASTORE, GIOVANNI, was arrested and charged by the S.I.S. with being the leader of a gang engaged in robbing mail cars and convoys.
3. PASTORE was tried by a General Military Court at NAPLES on 3 February, 1944. He has a record of 43 previous convictions. He was found guilty and sentenced to death.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

H.S. LEST
Lieutenant,
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission. 6330

STANSGATE,
Vice President, Administrative Section.

Headquarters
Allied Control Commission
Public Safety

Folio 107 for information

C.P.S.

D.C.P.S.

→ Civil Police. *Mary 10/4*

Special Police

Prisons

Fire & CD.

Regn. & Licensing

Adm. Officer

Remarks.

Pl. Draft letter for signature
by Prof. Louis Executive
Committee to DCAO.
AFNS Adm. Adm. Schellen
furnish details of Report &
case reference letter
at 1A.

Langley
10 Feb

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8A refers.

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HQ, ACC, REGION II, APO 394, 10 Feb 44.

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

1. From information received from No. 62 Special Investigation Section CMP, Bari, it was found that one Pastore, Giovanni, who was already serving a sentence of 16 months in Matera Province for resisting arrest and Black Market dealings, was wanted by the SIS as the leader of a gang robbing mail cars and convoys. Capt. Eddings came upon a gun battle between Pastore, his accomplices, and the Carabinieri, and personally made the arrest possible by wounding Pastore slightly in the head. Pastore was tried by a General Military Court consisting of Colonel Pollock, Lt. Col. Cousins and the undersigned at Matera on Feb. 8. He was found guilty. He had a record of 23 previous convictions. He was sentenced to death. I trust this carries out the spirit of the basic communication.

G. H. McCaffrey
G. H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
A/C 394

ACC/14612/PS

2 February 1944

SUBJECT: Theft and Violation of Mail

TO : RCAFPO, Reg's I, II, III, IV.

1. The C in C is disturbed at the prevalence of thefts of mails, apparently by Italian civilians, especially at BARI and FOGGIA railway sidings, where three notable cases have occurred during Jan '44.

2. Certain Italian civilians have been arrested in connection with these thefts. In consideration of the effect on the morale of the Troops caused by failures in the delivery of mails, and also of the security aspect, I have to request that the serious view taken of these cases may be made known to those of your officers who are responsible for dealing with such matters, as a guide to them in regard to the action to be taken.

3. It is desired that you take special precautionary measures to prevent the occurrence and repetition of such offences within the area subject to your jurisdiction, and that severe penalties be used when any offenders are brought to trial.

Paul G. Kirk
PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Infantry
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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Headquarters
Allied Control Commission
Public Safety Sub Commission

Folio *94/c* for ~~information~~ *OK*
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D.C.P.S.
Civil Police *Manning*
Special Police
Prisons
Fire & Cl.
Reg. Licensing
Adm. Officer
Remarks

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
P.O. & H.C. Section
APO 394

9 FEB 1944

Ref/279/9/CA.

8 February 1944

SUBJECT: Theft of Allied Mail.

TO : Legal Sub-Commission.

1. Attention is invited to letter of this office dated 31 Jan 1944, Ref/AMC/519.
2. Attached is copy of letter from A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon, C.M.F., 3047/A dated 5 Feb 1944 with enclosure.
3. It is requested that every effort be made to bring the accused to trial at a very early date and that this office be advised of the steps which have been and are being taken in the premises.

NORMAN E. FISKE.
Col., Cavalry,
D/Executive Commissioner.

Copies to: Lt.Col.Cripps.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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C O P Y

SUBJECT: Theft 1 Violation of Mail.

AMHQ, Adv. Adm. Echelon,
CMF.
3047/A.
5 Feb 44.

The D.C.O.A.O.,
Headquarters Allied Military Government,
A.P.O. 394.

1. With reference to your letter Ref/CM/327 of 2 Feb '44, the action taken is appreciated.
2. Particulars of a previous case which occurred in Dec '43 are attached. It is understood that owing to congestion in the Italian Courts there is liable to be some three months delay before trial and that the accused have been released from arrest pending trial.
3. It is most desirable, from the military point of view, that the individuals concerned should be dealt with as promptly as possible, and that if convicted, a serious view should be taken of their cases. Such action will then act as a deterrent.

(Signed) G.M. PALMER, Brig.
for Major-General,
D.C.O.A.O.

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C O P Y

17 Dec 43. Theft of Canadian parcel mail
at BARI

Civilians arrested and handed over
to Italian Civil Authorities.

PALMIOTTO GIUSEPPE
CIEBATTINI WALTER
TENTADUE VINCENZO
BARBONI ENRICO
VITUCCI GIUSEPPE
GIORDANO VINCENZO

Via Grossa No.1 GIOVINAZZO.
Via Imbriani No.15 BARI.
Via Martelli No.4 MODUGNO.
Via Pisanesi No.21 BARI.
Via Ravanas No.12 MODUGNO.
Via Carrulli No.7 BARI.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

File 8A

ACC/14612/15

2 February 1944

SUBJECT: Theft and Violation of Mail

TO : RCMPO, Reg's I, II, III, IV.

1. The 5 in 5 is disturbed at the prevalence of thefts of mails, apparently by Italian civilians, especially at Bari and Foggia railway sidings, where three notable cases have occurred during Jan '44.

2. Certain Italian civilians have been arrested in connection with these thefts. In consideration of the effect on the morale of the Troops caused by failures in the delivery of mails, and also of the security aspect, I have to request that the serious view taken of these cases may be made known to those of your officers who are responsible for dealing with such matters, as a guide to them in regard to the action to be taken.

3. It is desired that you take special precautionary measures to prevent the occurrence and repetition of such offenses within the area subject to your jurisdiction, and that severe penalties be urged when any offenders are brought to trial.

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*In translation at
GB (to Gen. Picchio)*

PAUL G. FERN
Colonel, Infantry
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 394

2 febbraio 1944.

ACC/12612/PS

SOGGETTO: Furti e Violazioni della Posta.

Al : Gen. Pleske.

1. Il Capo comandante e' molto disturbato in riguardo ai furti della posta, apparentemente commessi da borghesi italiani, specialmente nelle spoliature ferroviarie a Bari e a Foggia dove tre casi notevoli hanno avuto luogo durante il mese di gennaio, 1944.

2. Alcuni borghesi italiani sono stati arrestati per questi furti. In considerazione dell'effetto sullo morale della truppa per via della mancanza della loro posta e anche nell'aspetto di sicurezza, debbo richiedere che questo grave aspetto sia fatto notare a tutti gli ufficiali che hanno responsabilita' in questi affari come una guida nel corso da prendersi a proposito.

3. E' desiderato che precauzioni speciali siano prese ad impedire la occorrenza e ripetizioni di tali offese nel territorio sotto la sua giurisdizione e che severe condanne siano inflitte sugli imputati portati dinanzi ai tribunali per le sopradette violazioni.

PAUL G. RICE,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Administrative Section.

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2 February 1944.

SUBJECT : Theft and Violation of Mail.

TO : Legal Sub-commission,
Public Safety Sub-commission.

1. Reference D.O.C.A.C. letter to Regions I, II, III, IV,
dated 1 February 1944 (CSL/327), copies direct to you.

2. Will you please advise this office of any action taken
by you and of any information you may receive in the matter in the
future.

A. H. Bipp
A. H. Bipp
Colonel;

for Vice President Admin. Section.

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ALLIED MILITARY COMMISSION
APO 344

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Ref/OSI/327.

LVD/AS/ard
1 February 1944

SUBJECT: Theft and Violation of Mail

TO : A.P.H.C., Adv. Adm. Echelon, U.S.F.

1. Attention is invited to letter of your office dated 30 January 1944, reference 1047/A.C. - 1A

2. A most serious view will be taken of cases of the nature mentioned; and action will be instituted through this office to assist in apprehending offenders and bringing them to justice.

3. Instructions will be issued so that your headquarters will be informed of any sentences passed on civilians who are convicted in the Allied Military Courts and, as far as possible, also in the Italian Courts, of thefts of this nature.

CHARLES A. SPENCER
Colonel, A.P.H.C.
D.C.O.A.C.

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R.S.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 374

B/F 4612

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Ref: 084/127.

LHM/AMG/ard
1 February 1944

SUBJECT: Theft and Violation of Mail

TO: A.M.G., Region I, II, III, IV.

See 1A

1. A.M.G., Adv. Adm. Echelon has reported that a number of thefts of Allied mail have occurred, apparently by Italian civilians. At Bari and Foggia railway stations there were three notable cases reported during January. Certain Italian Civilians have been arrested in connection with these thefts.

2. In consideration of the effect on the morale of the troops caused by failures in the delivery of mail, and also of the security aspect, a serious view must be taken of such cases.

3. Accordingly, it is requested that special efforts be exerted to apprehend the perpetrators of such thefts, and also that, after their conviction, substantial sentences be meted out for this type of offense.

4. Reports of sentences imposed both by Allied and Italian Courts in this type of case will be submitted through the Legal Sub-Commission.

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CHARLES H. STOPPARD
Colonel, U.S.
D.C.S.A.O.

HQ AOC

Public Safety Sub-Commission

3A-B

Seen by:

CPE..... *plyk*

DMS..... *Rh*

Civ. Police.....

Spec. Miss.....

Fire & CD.....

Prisons.....

R & L.....

AO..... *AO*

Remarks.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

B/F 14612 3A

ACC/080./44

2 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Theft of Red Cross Parcels.

TO: Commanding Officer, Military Mission to the Italian Army.

*NOT RECD.
P.S.S/C*

1. Reference your letter of 20 January 1944 (1/103).
2. I have referred the file on the Tukuran matter to Marshal Badoglio for immediate action and have also called his attention to the latter matter requesting an immediate report. *(See 3B)*

Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

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COPIES TO:

POLITICAL SECTION.
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION.
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION.

Herewith for information, a copy of the action taken in this matter.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

3B

AGC/OWO./AB

2 February 1944.

To His Excellency Marshal Pietro Badoglio.

Dear Marshal Badoglio:

I have the honor to present to Your Excellency a file with respect to thefts of Red Cross and other property destined to captured British soldiers who were confined in the prisoner of war camp at Futurusco.

It is reported that four Italian officers, Col. Albanese and Captains Gerano, Trevisi and Caschini implicated in this affair are now in custody at Bari. It may well be that other Italian officers and also some Italian other ranks are involved.

While those involved in this matter might be tried as war criminals for violation of Art. 37 of the Prisoners of War Convention Geneva 1929 to which Italy was one of the signatories, I would prefer to have them tried by an Italian Military Tribunal provided this may be done promptly.

At this time I would like to call Your Excellency's attention to a similar affair, which occurred at the prisoner of war camp at Lecce, on which a file has already been submitted to your Ministry of War for investigation and as to which the Allied Control Commission has not as yet received any report showing the results of the investigation and the action to be taken. The witnesses who made the investigation can be made available at short notice.

I regard these as very serious matters, and request that the necessary investigation be completed by your authorities at an early date and that I be kept advised from time to time as to what action is being taken. When trials have been held I request that I be furnished with copies of the determinations of the Military Tribunal and the sentences imposed.

Most sincerely,

Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14612/P5

2 February 1944

SUBJECT: Theft and Violation of Mail

TO : RUAFD, Reg's I, II, III, IV.

1. The C in C is disturbed at the prevalence of thefts of mails, apparently by Italian civilians, especially at BARI and FOGGIA railway sidings, where three notable cases have occurred during Jan '44.

2. Certain Italian civilians have been arrested in connection with these thefts. In consideration of the effect on the morale of the Troops caused by failures in the delivery of mails, and also of the security aspect, I have to request that the serious view taken of these cases may be made known to those of your officers who are responsible for dealing with such matters, as a guide to them in regard to the action to be taken.

3. It is desired that you take special precautionary measures to prevent the occurrence and repetition of such offences within the area subject to your jurisdiction, and that severe penalties be urged when any offenders are brought to trial.

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

See 1A

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SUBJECT:- Theft and Violation of Mail.

AFHQ, Adv. Adm. Echelon,
C.M.F.
3047/A.2
30 Jan '44.

The Deputy President,
Allied Control Commission.

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2. Certain Italian civilians have been arrested in connection with these thefts. In consideration of the effect on the morale of the Troops caused by failures in the delivery of mails, and also of the security aspect, I have to request that the serious view taken of these cases may be made known to those of your officers who are responsible for dealing with such matters, as a guide to them in regard to the action to be taken.
3. It would be appreciated if instructions could be issued so that this H.Q. is informed of the sentences passed on civilians who are convicted of thefts of this nature.

GMP/AH.

C. H. Latimer
Major General,
D.C.A.C.

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