

ACC 10000/143/2551 140/BS SOLARI BEATRICE

Ap. - Aug. 1945

FROM "IL SECOLO XX", 23/11/1945.

60 persons arrested in the A.C. for illicit traffic of tickets.

An English major of the A.C. with his own secretary, Miss Beatrice SOLARI, was arrested yesterday for having falsified and sent 250 allotment-tickets for 40 quintals of coal each.

The arrest was operated by the Allied Military Police who has also denounced to the Judiciary Authority other 60 persons and between them are 2 engineers, an officer of the Air Force and some industrialists and representatives of little firms.

The scandal has its origin in the office for combustible allotments to the Italian industries and the English major was its chief. He was denounced by the manager of a little Roman metallic work-shop.

Since some time ago, indeed, he has noticed that the tickets of coal were false and headed to inexistent firms.

The English major whose name is not yet known, is at the disposal of the Allied authorities, while Miss SOLARI was transferred to the Mantellate.

The investigations are active and a certain reserve is maintained about them as it is always the case concerning all the operations of the Allied Military Police.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMANDS IN
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

Ref: SP/140 (31)

9th August, 1945

Subject: Illegal of wearing of uniform.

To: Headquarters Commandant.

1. On 8th August, 1945, Capt. A.C.G. Barcroft, Security Division, interviewed Mrs. Maurice OLARI, who he had traced to Via Leone 9, Rome, as she had left her previous address some time in July.

2. She made a statement under caution in which she described why she had worn clothing resembling military clothing, and that she had worn armbands and an RE badge which had been given to her by Major Price, of PW and Billeting Sub Commission.

3. Enquiries show that she was in possession of regular travel orders issued on 15th July, for her trip to Milan.

4. Captain Barcroft accompanied her to her address, where she handed him a pair of American clocks, a khaki blouse on which was sewn an RE badge and in the pocket of which were two metal armbands; she also gave him the attached "officer status" certificate signed Major Price.

5. Her statement is attached hereto.

END

S.J. BOWEN,
MAJOR,
SECURITY DIVISION.

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HEADQUARTERS - UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 304
Public Works & Utilities Eng Commission
Electrical Division

TO : WASH DC MAY 1943

15 April 1943

1. This is to certify that BRAXTON SCOTT is employed by this Head Quarters as a Senior Administrative Assistant which position is declared to be of Officer status, (Rank of Major.).
2. It is further certified that the above named is a fit and proper person to be allowed admittance to any Club in Rome Area and to enjoy the privileges of those clubs.

s/ L.C. Price

t/ L.C. PRICE,
MAJOR US
HQ, AEC.

HEADQUARTERS UNITED COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

8 August 1945

I have been cautioned that I am not obliged to say anything unless I wish to do so, and that whatever I say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence. I fully understand what this means.

o/ Beatrice Solari

My name is Mrs. Beatrice Solari, and I am at present staying at Via Leoneo 3, Rome, Tel. B2591.

I was employed with the Public Works Utility Sub Commission (Electrical Division) Allied Commission from the 22 Sept. 1944 until my dismissal on 25 July 1945 when I occupied the post of senior administrative assistant.

On approximately the 14th or 15th of July 1945, I made a journey by air from Rome to Milan on official duty for my Sub Commission. As I was in possession of a document signed by Major L.A. Price granting me the status of an officer with the rank of Major, I thought it was in order for me to travel in uniform.

This uniform was in fact with an R.A. badge and I had a Major's crown on my shoulders. Major Price took me to the air port of Rome, and told me that it was in order for me to wear this uniform.

On my arrival at Milan, I immediately went to the A.G. Transport Office and obtained transport from Lt. Lombardi. I was shortly afterwards questioned by Capt. Hatcher who told me that I had no right to wear uniform. I told him that I thought it was in order to wear it as I had been given permission in writing. He took a copy of the letter signed by Major Price, and advised me to return to Rome at once. He asked me if I had worn this uniform before and I told him that this was the only time that I had used it.

The badges of rank and the Royal Engineers' badge were given to me by Major L.A. Price.

Following the advice of Capt. Hatcher, and a woman Major I met in the same building, I changed in to civilian clothes and returned to Rome as soon as I was able to obtain transport (21st July 1945).

I returned to my office at the Allied Commission on the morning of the 23 July 1945 and was immediately summoned by my director Lt-Col A.J. Hindott.

He informed me that I was to be immediately dismissed for travelling to Milan in military uniform against all regulations. He expressed his appreciation for my good work but said that he was obliged to dismiss me.

I should like to say that I wore the uniform in question in good faith and am very sorry for any trouble that may have been caused.

s/ Destrieu Solari

My name is Mrs. Destrieu Solari, and I am at present staying at Via Lorena 9, Rome, Tel. 8259.

I was employed with the Public Works Utility Sub-Commission (Electrical Division) Allied Commission from the 22 Sept. 1944 until my dismissal on 20 July 1945 when I occupied the post of senior administrative assistant.

On approximately the 14th or 15th of July 1945, I made a journey by air from Rome to Milan on official duty for my job Commission. As I was in possession of a document signed by Major H.G. Price granting me the status of an officer with the rank of Major, I thought it was in order for me to travel in uniform.

This uniform was in fact with an A.G. badge and I had a Major's crown on my shoulders. Major Price took me to the air port of Rome, and told me that it was in order for me to wear this uniform.

On my arrival at Milan, I immediately went to the A.G. Transport Office and obtained transport from Lt. Lombardi. I was shortly afterwards questioned by Capt. Hatcher who told me that I had no right to wear uniform. I told him that I thought it was in order to wear it as I had been given permission in writing.

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Following the advice of Capt. Hatcher, and a woman Major I met in the same building, I changed in to civilian clothes and returned to Rome as soon as I was able to obtain transport (21st July 1945). I returned to my office at the Allied Commission on the morning of the 25 July 1945 and was immediately removed by my director Lt-Col R.J. Rintock.

He informed me that I was to be immediately dismissed for travelling to Milan in Military uniform against all regulations. He expressed his appreciation for my good work but said that he was obliged to dismiss me.

I should like to say that I wore the uniform in question in good faith, and am very sorry for any trouble that may have been caused. I am very badly off and the loss of my employment is causing me great hardship.

I have read this statement, and it is true,

s/ Destrieu Solari

Statement taken and signature witnessed by me at Headquarters, Allied Commission, on 24th July, 1945.

H. F. F. Bunnell
Capt

