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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

Tel. 408
Ref. 4/16/1197/m6

DMK/svm
25 June 1945

SUBJECT: Shortage Report on SS "CANTAKIT"
TO : Director, Transportation Sub Commission

1. Attached hereto is a further report from
Major Boyd, Officer in Charge, ALCON General Depot, Genoa,
with reference to shortage on the SS "CANTAKIT".

ROBERT H. KLEIN
Major Maj. Adm. C.
Ports & Warehouse Division

Attachment:
As stated above.

Copy to:
Food S/C
Finance S/C
Accounts Branch, Tn S/C - Capt. Wyatt
Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari - Mr. Miazzi

ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
Port & Warehouse Division
G E N O A

13 June

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Subject : Shortage Report on S.C. "CANTAKIT"

To : Regional Commissioner, A M G
Liguria Region, Genoa

1. Reference letter this office dated 18 June 48
even subject and file reference there is forwarded
herewith copy of report submitted by # 84 Section, SIB
Genoa.

Incl. SIB Report on
S.C. "CANTAKIT"

S/ W.C. BOYD
Major CMP
G.C. Genoa Depot

Copy to : Major H.B. Klein

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Ref. No. SIB/64/A/45/37.

No. 64 Section
Special Investigation Branch
Corps of Military Police
C.M.F.
15th JUNE 1945

SUBJECT : Deficiencies in cargo of S.S. "CANTAKIT"
on discharging at A.C. Depot, GENOA

sgt W.J. Bilyard D.A.P.M.

Read & submit- 64 Section,
ted Special Investigation Branch
C.M. Police

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Captain,
D.A.P.M.

Sir,

On 13 June 1945 a telephone message was received at this office from M/Sgt. GUY, of the Allied Commission, Port & Warehouse Division, Genoa, to the effect that the S.S. "CANTAKIT" had completed discharging her cargo to the A.C. Warehouse, and on checking the warehouse receipts against the Ship's Manifest he found the following deficiencies:-

	130 bags flour
	11 bags dried vegetable
	165 bags of sugar
Distribution	1 bag of salt
	8 cases corned-beef
	4 cartons Red Cross clothing

I immediately went to the Office of 1951 Port operating Coy., R.E. Genoa, where I saw Lt. WILLIAMS who informed me that the S.S. "CANTAKIT" had completed discharging her cargo and sailed from Genoa on 10 June, 1945.

On 9th June, 1945, 2 Italian truck-drivers of the 64th Truck Coy, 1st Truck, Br. 2675th Regiment, U.S. Forces; and one Italian civilian were arrested by R.S.M. HOWORTH of this section for larceny and improper possession of A.C. stores. Vide report No. SIB/64/A/45/38.

In view of the large quantities of stores-deficient, it would appear that the majority of goods is disposed of before being loaded on the trucks at the Beach-head, as the loads are checked at the Beach-head and again on arrival at the A.C. Depot; where there is a discrepancy of more than one sack on any truck the driver is detained pending enquiries.

The ships standing off Genoa are continually visited by Civilian fishing-boats, and this provides opportunities for quite large quantities of stores to be disposed of, especially during the hours of darkness.

The S.S. "CANRAKIT" is believed to be at Leghorn now, and I respectfully suggest that enquiries among the members of the crew may produce further evidence of the unlawful disposal

of stores.

Respectfully submitted.

sgd. D.W. DAVID - Sergeant

No. 64 Special Investigation Branch

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A.C. Depot
GENOA

15th June 1945

39117024 P.F.C. TRAVENSO W.
Coy, "W" 1075 Regiment
A.C.

I am in charge of the Italian workers at the warehouse who check the stores on arrival from the Beach-head.

On 10th June, 1945 the S.S. "CANTAKIT" completed unloading cargo for the A.C. I checked the checkers slips and found everything correct.

I was not notified when the ship finished unloading but as no further truck - loads arrived at the warehouse, I sub-mitted a list of stores received to the Accounts Branch, Genoa.

I have read over the above statement, it is true.

Signed WILLIAM TRAVENSO

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Ref No. SIB/64/A/45/32

No. 64 Section,
Special Investigation Branch
Corps of Military Police,
C.M.F.

12th June, 1945

SUBJECT: - Persons Arrested - Larceny.

- (a) BOEN ALRINO, (Italian)
- (b) FOE ANGELO, (Italian)
- both of : -
6th Truck Company,
1st Truck Bn. 2676 Regiment,
United States Forces.
- (c) ARMANDO MARCANO,
Via Chiappano, No. 2
Genoa.

Read & Submitted. D.A.F.M.
64 Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
C.M. Police.

Captain Sir,
D.A.F.M.
N.64 Section S.I.B.

On 9th June, 1945, I arrested the above

named of:

- (a) Improper possession of one and a half sacks containing approximately 120 lbs. sugar at Genoa on 9th June, 1945. Contrary to Italian Military Law.
- (b) Larceny, in that he was on 9th June, 1945 concerned with Armando Marcano in stealing one sack containing approximately 100 lbs sugar from the Allied Commission's Warehouse Genoa. The property of the Allied Commission. Contrary to Italian Military Law.
- (c) Larceny, in that he on the 9th June, 1945 was concerned with Foe Angelo in stealing one sack containing approximately 100 lbs sugar from the Allied Commission's Warehouse Genoa. The property of the Allied Commission. Contrary to Italian Civil Law.

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A.P.M. 57 Area (3) Original
for transmission to
appropriate Authorities.
1 copy Major Cochrane.

REPORT & STATEMENTS.
Det. 76 S.I.B.
A.C. Port Supt.
A.P.M. Ports (179)
F I L E

The accused (a) and (b) now stand in close arrest at the Town Guard Room, Genoa, pending further instructions.
The accused (c) has been handed over to the Questura with the appropriate (sic) arrest forms and wil (sic) be dealt with by civil court.

The facts leading up to the arrest of the accused and evidence obtained since is as follow: -

At 1820 hours on 7th June, 1945, information was received at this office from Master Sergeant Day of the Allied Commission, Port & Warehouse Division, Genoa, that the S.S. Thelma had been discharging cargo to the A.C. Warehouse. On the completion of the unloading at the following deficiencies were discovered: -

112 bags flour,
3 cases soap,
12 bags salt,
1 drum lard,
7 bags dried vegetables,
138 bags sugar
27 cases H & V stone.

In company with Sergeant Brabo of this section I at once commenced enquiries into the matter; but was informed that the S.S. Thelma had sailed for Naples at 2000 hours on 8th June, 1945. It was also ascertained that the S.S. Thelma had been loaded with the A.C. supplies by A.C. personnel at Leghorn.

From enquiries made it appears that the following unloading and disposal procedure took place regarding these particular stores:-

On the 8th June, 1945, the S.S. Thelma started to discharge her cargo consisting of foodstuffs destined for the Allied Commission. Her cargo was offloaded from the ship to L.C.T.'s and Docks which carried the property to the beach. There it was again offloaded and transferred to military vehicles driven by Italian Personnel of the 8th Truck Company, 1st Truck Co. U.S. Forces, who carried the property to the Allied Commission's warehouse in Via Carlo Alberto, a distance of about one and a half miles. The property was checked on each vehicle sometimes by civilians and sometimes by members of 1021 Port Operating Company, Royal Engineers. The offloading at the A.C. Warehouse was carried out and checked by civilians.

Several members of the 1021 Port Operating Company were interviewed but little useful information was available. I did however obtain a copy of the Ship's Manifest of the S.S. Thelma. The records held by this Company registering the number of items offloaded from the S.S. Thelma to the smaller craft were checked in order to ascertain if they agreed with the ship's manifest. I was unable to make both sets of figures given me by the Port Operating Company were far below those shown on the ship's manifest.

From this it would appear that the goods deficient were either not loaded or had previously been disposed of by members of the crew. The latter seems unlikely in view of the large numbers involved.

Enquiries were continued, and several Italian soldiers of the 8th Truck Company were interviewed. Two of them, Joe Angelo and Egon Albino have been arrested for stealing and improper possession of sugar. Joe worked in conjunction with a civilian employed at the A.C. Depot; this civilian has also been arrested. Their intention was to sell the sugar which in Genoa would bring a price of 500 Lire a kilo. Other members of this company were interrogated; but in view of the lack of evidence it is impossible to institute proceedings against them. However, each

was found to be in possession of a large amount of money for Italian soldiers. The money was taken possession of by us and is:-

Born Albino	-	7,850 Lire
Fos Angelo	-	600 "
Borsari Lion	-	3,870 "
Pavani Luigi	-	10,500 "
Maini Donato	-	3,950 "

This Unit is commanded by American Officers and U.C.D.'s.

Most of these Italian soldiers state that they have obtained the money through giving lifts to civilians travelling to Leghorn and return. Others say it is part of their pay. Pavani especially, though it is appreciated that this amount would represent for him six month pay. Borsari Pavani and Maini were detained in the Quastura on the night of 10/11th June, 1945, but had not been released owing to insufficient evidence to detain them.

It may be suggested that members of this company are concerned in large scale dealings on the Black Market. It appears probable that is so on a small scale, but I have found nothing to suggest it is being carried on on a grand scale. No doubt it would have assumed more serious proportions as time went on.

Statements have been obtained from the three accused which are self explanatory, each denying that they have previously been concerned in this kind of transactions. Copies are attached.

The evidence in this case, one sack of sugar found under the driver's seat of the car, and one and a half sack of sugar also found under the driver's seat of the car, is held at this office pending disposal instruction or production at any subsequent proceedings.

At the time when the S.S. Thelma was discharging her cargo it was noticed that small boats owned by civilians were plying round the bigger ships lying out to sea, and that it was suspected that they were purchasing property from the members. In view of this houses in the vicinity of the beach were raided which resulted in four civilians being reported for improper possession of flour.

From the evidence available it would appear that though it is probable that a small quantity of these missing goods has been pilfered at Genoa, the main bulk was not loaded at Leghorn and I ask that further enquiries be made in this area, also that members of the S.S. Thelma be interviewed regarding this matter.

I would point out, Sir, that during the course of this enquiry the amount stated to be missing have changed considerably, also that the transfer notes in possession of the Port and Warehouse Division vary slightly from the goods shown on the ships manifest.

Copy statements are attached from Master Sergeant Guy, and Pte. Traverso, together with "Body Receipts" of Fox and Hoen.

Enquiries will still be continued in this area and should any useful information come to light a further report will be submitted. Special observation will be kept on the activities of the Italian drivers transporting the property to the respective warehouses.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HOGGON.

R.S.M.

Field No. 64 Special Investigation Branch

COPY

A.M.O. POST OFFICE
NR. PORT OF GEORGE
FOURTH MILE
GEORGE

M.P.W./ovo

Reference PQ/4.5/10/7.

SUBJECT: S/S Thelma. S.I.B. Report.

TO : TRANS. S/S HQ. ALCON. APO 394 D.S. Army.
(Attn: Maj. Klein)

21 June 45.

1. Herewith attached S.I.B. Report on losses ref. the S/S Thelma.

E.J.W. WICKERS

Major,

A.M.O. Post Officer

Encl.

Copy of S.I.B. Report
dat 12 June 45.

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Allied Commission.
Port & Warehouse Division
GENOA

Statement of : -

No. 21015233. Master Sergeant GUY. H.
Attached Port & Warehouse Division,
Allied Commission.

Who with : -

On the 3rd June, 1945, the S.S. Thelma started discharging cargo which was A.C. Property. This property was taken immediately to the A.C. Depot on the docks. It was transported to the Depot, 1st. No. 2875 Regt., 6th Trucking Company. This Unit is Italian commanded by the Americans. When this property was unloaded at the Depot the following deficiencies have been found: -

Flour	112 X 147 1/2 lbs. each
Scrap	3 cases at 33 lbs. each
Salt	12 bags at 55 Kilos each.
Lard	1 drum. 192 kilos each.
Dried vegetable	7 bags at 105 lbs. each.
M & V Stew.	27 cases at 48 lbs. each.

These figures have been arrived at by checking against the ship's manifest against the stores received at the A.C. Depot.

(Signed) H. GUY. W/Sgt.

Statement taken and signature witnessed by me on
8th June, 1945.

(Signed) J. HENRY. R.A.C.

A.C. Depot.
GENOA Dockyard.
11 - 6 48.

Statement of : - No. 38117028, Pfc. TRAVERSO, W.
Coy., "B", 2375 Regt., A.C.

Who saith : -

I am employed at the A.C. Depot at Genoa. I am in charge of the warehouse and stores belonging to the Allied Commission.

About 13.30 hours on the 24th June, 1948, I searched a motor vehicle belonging to the 6th Coy., 1st Truck Bn., 2375th Regt., A.C., and found a sack of sugar weighing approximately 1001 (sic) lbs.

I arrested the driver of the vehicle and handed him over to the British Military Police.

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

(Signed) Pfc. WILLIAM TRAVERSO.

Statement taken down and signature witnessed by Sgt. BLAKE in the presence of R.M.W. HOSKIN both of G4 Section, S.I.B., G.M. Police, on the 11th June, 1948.

COPY

In the year 1948, on June 10th, at 1500 hrs. at No. 14 Via Cesareo, GENOVA.

Before me, undersigned GENTILE Mario, Questura Marshal, is present ROSSI Albino di Giuseppe e di MICHELLE Giuditta, born in Isola (Venice) on the 10/5/1918, there living, driver at the 8th Coy, Drivers Unit, Quartered at the Municipal Slaughter House, Ponte Carrega, GENOVA. Who opportunely questioned answer as follows. :-

Yesterday at about 1130 hours while with the broken truck, I was on my way towards the Camp (Municipal Slaughter House) I was stopped by two American Soldiers, at about one Kilometer distance from the A/2 camp. They asked me what was I carrying on the truck, I answered them that there was a full sack of sugar, and another sack containing about 7 Kg. of sugar, which being a surplus of the sugar unloaded at the Darsena Dock, I was going to the Camp in order to return it to the Americans.

I affirm that during the morning I had made three trips from the Fosse to the Darsena, two with a load of powdered milk tins, and one with a load of sugar. When I finished the delivery, at the Warehouse, it resulted that there was an extra full sack of sugar and another one nearly half full of it. It is the first time that I found goods in surplus to the ones checked on the receipt.

The sum of 7800 Lire found on me, comes from ten days salary paid to me, amounting to 3800 lire, and from some savings previously made. I also earned some money transporting civilians on my trips from Genoa to Leghorn.

I have nothing else to say.

Made, read and undersigned.

Signed...ROSSI Albino.

GENTILE Mario, Questura Marshal

I certified that to the best of my knowledge and ability, this is a true translation of the above statement.

ARZUFFADO Sebastiano
interpreter.

COPY

In the year 1948, on June 10th, at 1430 hrs. at No. 14 Via
Cosarea, OMICA.

Before me, undersigned GENTILE Mario, Questura Marshal, in
present FOR Angelo fu Antonio e di Lucia Rosalia, born in Sanetati
(Sassari) on the 13/12/1948 there living, presently a private soldier
Driver at the 6th. Coy. Drivers Unit, Quartered at the Municipal
Slaughter House, Ponte Garrega, OMICA. Who opportunistly questioned
answer as follow:

Yesterday at about 1000 hrs. back from the Foco I was at the
Darsena Docks, where after having unloaded the goods, that were on the
truck, I found out that there was an extra sack of sugar weighing about
50 Kg. Being that a Darsena Warehouse Keeper, which I am told now his
name is MARIANO Aranda, had told me to get something for him, as soon
as I saw him I told him that I had a sack of sugar in surplus and therefore
I would give it to him; then MARIANO told me to bring it outside the
Darsena Docks that afterwards he would have it brought away himself.

I afore say that the sack of sugar was assigned by me to
MARIANO who placed it under a staircase for I had to go back to the
Foco to load other goods.

When I returned to the Darsena docks MARIANO got the sack
out from where it was hidden, placing it on my truck and he himself mounted
on the foot-board. At Darsena Passagio I was stop ed by the "Americani",
who discovered the sugar which was behind the seat.

It is the first time that I found sugar surplus in the goods
that I delivered.

I decided that if MARIANO would not have taken the sugar, I
would have brought it back to the Foco.

The money requested to me is mine, it is from 18 days salary
paid to me amounting to 1500 Lire.

Done, read and undersigned.

Signed.....FOR Angelo.

GENTILE Mario, Questura Marshal.

I certified that to the best of my knowledge and ability, this
is a true translation of the above statement.

ANTONIO Faba tiano, Interpreter. 729

COPY

In the year 1946, on June 10th, at 1600 hrs. at No. 14 Via
Cesarea, GENOA.

Before me, undersigned GENTILE Mario, Questura Marshal, is present
PAYESI Luigi di Agostino e di MESSASCHI Lucio, born in Ventini (Corisla)
on the 20/11/22 private soldier, driver at the 6th Coy. Drivers Unit;
quartered at the Municipal Slaughter House, Ponte Carrega, GENOA, who
opportunistically questioned, answered as follows: -

Yesterday morning I made with my truck, four trips from the
Pace to the Borsena docks. On the first one it was loaded with boards;
on the second one with flour; on the third and the fourth one with
sugar. During the third trip, taking advantage of the fact that four
sacks of sugar were torn, I was able to get about one kg. of it off them,
putting it into a small bag, hiding it in the truck's drawer. On returning
to the Camp I brought it into my quarters, where, I believe, it still is.

The sum of 10500 Lire found on me, comes part from my 10 days
salary, amounting to about 1500 Lire part from previous saving and
part from some car lines made transporting civilians from Rome to
Leghorn who used to give me from 100 to 500 Lire per head.

I have nothing else to say.

Made, read and undersigned.

PAYESI Luigi.

GENTILE Mario, Questura Marshal

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and ability, this is
a true translation of the above statement.

ARGIDIACOMO Sebastiano Interpreter.

COPY

Before me, undersigned SCITILE Mario Questura Marshal, is present MARANO Armando, di Domenico e di BURLANDO Maria, born in Canosa, on the 11/3/1911, living at Via Chiappato No. 2 (locality called Aggio). Employed, who opportunely questioned answers as follow: -

Yesterday morning at about 10 hrs. an Italian soldier, truck driver, transporter of merchandise from the Foce to the Darsena Docks, approached me and stated as that he had a sack of sugar and that he wanted to sell to me. I told him to bring it back to the Foce, that I did not know what to do with it, and that I would not buy it because I had not sufficient money. As he insisted just for not bringing it back, I told him to put it at the bottom of a staircase underneath the elevator, and he did.

After having made another trip from the Foce to the Darsena Docks, he came over to me and asked for the sack of sugar; I consigned it to him, we agreed to bring the sack out in the city, and try to sell it to some shopkeeper; otherwise he would have brought it back to the Foce.

While we were trying to get through the Darsena Passage the driver was stopped and as being found to have a sack of sugar behind the seat, was held. I went in the city to get my mail and then to return to the Darsena Docks again.

It is the first time that I concern myself in making a sale of sugar or any other kind of merchandise.

I have nothing else to say.

Made, read and undersigned.

Signed.....A. MARANO.

SCITILE Mario,
Questura Marshal.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and ability, this is a true translation of the above statement.

ASSIDING NO Sebastiano, Interpr.

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DRAFT

12 ft 9 in Fwd
16 ft 9 in Aft
14 ft 3 in Mean

COPY

Flour 18 bags to 1 Ton
WATER DIVISION
10th PORT OF DEBARCATION
APO 321

MANIFEST OF CARGO LOADED ON
S/S "CHILMA"

FROM : ALOC
TO : SMO

CUSTOMER	SHIPPING ORDER	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT (lbs)	MEASURE (cu ft)	STORAGE (Batch)
Supply Officer, AMC 5th Army GENOA	N/A	10234 bags	Flour	3055120	62313	Row. 1,2,3,4.
		1428 cns	Meat and Veg St.	48500	2060	Row. 4.
		532 bags	Dried Vegetables	53750	1140	Row. 1.
		1700 cns	Soup	54060	1418	Row. 1.
		365 bags	Sugar	87360	1868	Row. 4.
		155 drums	Lard	71690	918	120- 1.53 1.43 1.32
		189 bbls	Milk	48560	1134	108- 1.43 1.32 1.25
		501 bags	Salt	58540	1090	Row. 4
		34370 cns		3353250 lbs	71955 cuft	

1457.0 Long Tons1728.0 Meas. TonsManifest Distribution

50 cc Water Div., 300 Ton
(For further distr.)
10 cc Div. Port Services
4 cc Water Div. 10th S/S

G. W. HANCOCK
Lt. Col. TC
Director of Port Ops

Received on board a cargo of supplies and equip-
ment as described in government manifest attached.
Shippers load and count. All on board to be de-

Master - Date - 630

Flour 15 bags to 1 ton
WATER DIVISION
10TH DIST OF EMERGENCY
APG 301

CONFIDENTIAL

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MANIFEST OF CARGO LOADED ON
S/S "THELMA"

FROM : ALOL
TO : SMOCA

NO	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT (Lbs)	MEASURE (cu ft)	STORAGE
19234	bags	Flour	2859120	82513	Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4.
1498	cas	Meat and Veg. etc.	39500	1050	No. 4.
532	bags	Dried Vegetables	53760	1149	No. 1.
1709	ctns	Soap	54980	1418	No. 1.
361	bags	Sugar	87280	1903	No. 4.
185	drms	Lard	71680	918	120- 1, 33-1/2
189	Wls	Milk	42860	1134	100- 1, 43-1/2
					32- 1/2
361	bags	Salt	58740	1000	No. 4
24378	gcs		3853280 lbs	71985 cuft	

1487.0 Long Tons

1798.9 Meas. Tons

Div., 10th Dist
(Mar. Div.)
Port Services
Div. 10th P/S

G. W. KELLEY
Lt. Col. TC
Director of Port Ops

Received on board a cargo of supplies and equipment said to
be as described in government manifest attached hereto.
Shippers load and count. All on board to be delivered.

X
Master - Mate - CWO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
Port and Warehouse Division

RRK/rf

Tel. 478700

5 June 1945

Ref. W/12/1049/Tn6

SUBJECT : Shortages

TO : Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari
Attention: Signor Missi

1. Continued shortages between shipside and warehouses in the Bari area are a matter of great concern.

2. The most serious case recently was that of the S.S. CRISWOLD (see our letter of 8 May 1945, ref. W/83/845/Tn6-) on which there was a shortage of approximately 10,000 cases. To date only some 900 cases have been recovered and there is no clue to the whereabouts of the balance.

3. When you were in my office yesterday, we discussed the discrepancies indicated by the ship unloading report on the S.S. WILLIAM COX. The discrepancies show both excess and deficiencies, which obviously cannot be true.

4. The matter is of such grave concern that it needs your particular attention at this time. It need hardly be added that the responsibility for the losses between shipside and warehouse is upon the Italian Government.

For the Director:

Copy to:-

Food S/C (Attn.: Col. Legg)
Transportation S/C, Accounts Section
(Attn.: Capt. Wyatt)
Finance S/C (Attn.: Col. Crawshaw)
ALCOM Port Liaison Officer - BARI
(Attn.: Lt. O'Leary)
Director, Transportation S/C
High Commissioner for Food
(Attn.: Dr. Bergani)

ROBERT H. KLEIN
Major Med. Adm. C.
Port & Whse. Div.

I. O. M.

PLEASE QUOTE.
V.27.

2, May 45.

SUBJECT : SHORTAGE 1 BAG OF AMMONIUM SULPHATE
(Ref. 34A TN1 - 19 Apr. 1945).

TO : Transp S/C Accts Br. (Capt. WYATT).

1. Regarding a/m shortage, we have been unable to locate the M.P.'s who arrested our checker and no report of their investigation has been rendered to us, but it is believed they were satisfied of his innocence as no charges were preferred and investigation was dropped.

T. E. Ramsey

T. E. RAMSEY,
Capt. Spec. Res.
P. & Whse Tn. Officer.

Copies:

Transp S/C P. & W. Div. (Maj. KLEIN).
Federazione - Dott. BAGNASCO.
File.

INTER - OFFICE MEMO

CSW/lb

To :- Warehouse 676, NAPLES (attn. Major Martin & Capt. Ramsay)
From :- Transportation Sub-Commission, Administration Division, Accounts Branch.
SUBJECT :- Shortages.

File
34/A/Tn.1.

19 April 1945

1. Ref. letter written by Dott. Bagnasco addressed to you on the subject of shortage of 1 bag of ammonium sulphate.

2. If you have not done so already, will you please take this up with the police concerned. We should be interested to hear the A.P. side of the story.

Ch

(C.S. WYATT) Capt. R.A.
Accountant.

Copy to :- Transportation Sub-Commission (Major Klein)

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→ Capt J. J. Vatt
Transmitted Sublime

FROM : Dott. RAGNASCO
TO : Capt. RAMSAY
COPY TO : Maj. W.T. Martin

10 April 1945

SUBJECT: SHORTAGE DISCLOSED ON THE LOADING OF THE TRUCK No C 049
ON APRIL 2nd 1945.

1. Herewith attached I am sending you a report of the Chief of the Checkers, Rag, Vassichelli, regarding the shortage of a bag of Ammonium Sulphate, disclosed on the truck No C. 049 unloaded at Warehouse 676 on April 2nd; 1945.
2. I shall be very grateful to you if you will go through this matter with the Police and clear the incident.
3. It is obvious that if the Checkers perceive that by disclosing discrepancies between the Despatch and the calculation they risk to get serious troubles and also to be arrested by the Police, they will be compelled to neglect their duty and to misrepresent the figures of their calculation, showing on the despatches right statements also when the quantities of stores received are not those shown on the papers.
4. This trouble represents a damage for the exactness of the operations and of the relative checks, to reach some every effort is to be made for the benefit both of the management and of AC. Offices.

INCL. 1 report

VDR.

P.S. We have been informed that the two men, which the attached report refers to, have been released by the Police.

TRANSLATION

Naples, 9th April 1945.

To: Depot 676

Vigliena

I beg to inform you as follows:

On April 2nd '45 I, as the Chief of the Checkers, instructed the Checker ARTUORI RAFFAELLE to check the discharge of the truck No C 049.

On the Despatch it was shown that the truck was carrying 40 bags of Ammonium Sulphate, whilst when the commodity was discharged, it was found that, in contradiction of the escort, the bags were 39.

The escort informed the driver about the difference, and the latter asked the checker to make him the favor to issue the tally for 40 bags, assuring him to carry the missing bag by the next truck.

It is useless to say that the checker did not accept the proposal and the tally for the right number of bags received was issued by the checker.

I was informed in due time about what had happened.

The driver asked the dispatcher too, Sig. Rapone Ugo, to show on the pink Despatch 40 bags instead of 39, as shown by the checker both on the green despatch and on the tally, but Sig. Rapone refused to do so and confirmed the real discharge on the pink Despatch, as 39 bags.

After 5 days, and exactly in the afternoon of 7th April a policeman of the American Police came to Warehouse 676, looking for the checker who checked the unloading of the truck C 049. After a brief enquiry, the policeman requested him a statement.

I can state that the unloading of said truck was made by our workers belonging to the IV Group, who remarked the talk between the checker, the escort and the driver.

The following day the same American Policeman returned to Warehouse 676, informing the above checker that his statement did not comply with the information of the escort.

In the afternoon of the same day, said American Policeman returned again to Warehouse 676 and questioned the chief of the men who took care of the above discharge.

This morning I was informed that both the checker Artuori Raffaello and the chief of the group Loffredo Vincenzo had been arrested by the Policeman.

I can state that according to what the same Policeman said, the driver escaped.

THE CHIEF OF THE CHECKERS
Signed: Nunzio Vessicelli.

INTER OFFICE MEMO

March 18'45

Phone : 2202

Sub : Shortage on Railcar

To : Port and Warehouse Division (Major KHEIN)

TS/S.O. Admin. Sec. (Accounts Branch
(Attn. Capt. NYATT)

From : Port and Warehouse Section ANCONA.

Ref : TS/6/DE

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION
PORT AND WAREHOUSE DIVISION
ARCONA DEPOTS

13 MARCH 1945

PHONE : 2202

SUB : Shortage from
Schooner "ISOLINA"

TO : Chief Provost Marshall
H.Q. M T O U S A.

REF : TM/6/22

Attached is copy of a report from 66 S.I.B.
reference the above subject.

W. C. Boyd
W. C. BOYD, CAPT.
C. & S. O I/C.

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COPY TO :-

P & W. DIV. (Major Klein)
" " (Capt. Wynn)

SECRET

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

Our Ref.: SIB 18/A/45/95

Subject :- Alleged Larceny of 55 sacks of A.A.L. Sugar
discharged from the "Schooner "ISOLINA" at
ANTONIA DOCKS.

To : - D.P.W. 1 District. (2)
C.M. Forces.

Herewith attached, file relative to the above subject,
submitted by Sergeant W. DELL of this SECTION.
For your information, please.

C.P.R. WILLIAMS, Lieut.
for D.A.P.W. (AOL)
68 Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
Corps of Military Police.

In the Field.
10th March 1945

COPY TO :- S.P.W. 61 Area
Capt. BOYD
A.I.L. Port Det
ANTONIA
File.

To : D.P.M. 1 District. (2)
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In the Field.
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C.D.E. WILLIAMS, Lieut.
for D.A.F.M. (AGI)
68 Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
Corps of Military Police.

COPY TO :- A.P.M. 61 Area
Capt. HOYE
A.I.C. Fort Det
AFCONA
File.

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SECRET

Our Ref. :- SIB 68/4/43/95

68 Section
Special Investigation Branch
Corps of Military Police,
Central Mediterranean Force

Subject :- Alleged larceny of 95 sacks of A.C. Sugar
discharged from the schooner "ISOLINA" at
ANCONA DOCK.

To :- D.A.P.M.
68 Section,
Special Investigation Branch,
Corps of Military Police.

READ & SUBMITTED.

A.L. FAIRBY, Captain
D.A.P.M. SECTION

DISTRIBUTION.
Report.

D.F.M. District. (2)

A.F.M. 68 Area.

Capt. HOYD.

A.C.C. Port Det
ANCONA.

File:

On Wednesday 21st February 1945, a verbal message was received at this Office from Sergeant WARNER, 183 Ports Provost Company, to the effect the 95 sacks of sugar had failed to arrive at the A.C. Warehouse ANCONA. This sugar had been discharged from the schooner "ISOLINA".

At 0800 hours on Thursday 22nd February, 1945, I went to the Docks ANCONA, and interviewed No. 10673801 Sergeant BAILY, R.A. 797 Company, R.A.S.C. Master Transport, R.I.C. i/c schooner "ISOLINA". I disclose my identity, and informed him that I was investigating the loss of 95 sacks of sugar from the cargo which he had discharged. He informed me that he was aware of six sacks were deficient to the number shown on the ships manifest, whereupon he produced a receipt date the 10th December 1944, to the effect that he had taken aboard the cargo of sugar at REGGIO di CALABRIA from the schooner "ARIA S", which at that time was lying disabled at REGGIO di CALABRIA. This receipt was for 828 sacks of sugar signed by Sergeant BAILY, and countersigned by Corporal J. HESMAN, R.I.C. i/c schooner "ARIA S." against the 814 sacks of sugar shown on the manifest, which had been loaded on the "ARIA S" six weeks prior to it being transferred to the "ISOLINA".

68 Section.

Special Investigation Branch.
Corps of Military Police.READ & SUBMITTED.A.L. FAIRY, Captain
D.A.P.M. SECTIONDISTRIBUTION.
Report.

D.A.M. District. (2)

A.F.M. 61 Area.

Capt. BOYD.

A.L. Port Det
AFMCA.

File:

On Wednesday 21st February 1945, a verbal message was received at this Office from Sergeant FAIRY, 103 Ports Provost Company, to the effect the 85 sacks of sugar had failed to arrive at the A.M.C. Warehouse ANTONA. This sugar had been discharged from the schooner "ISOLINA".

At 0600 hours on Thursday 22nd February, 1945, I went to the docks ANTONA, and interviewed No. 1067807 Sergeant FAIRY, 103 Ports Provost Company, A.M.C. water Transport, N.S.O. i/c schooner "ISOLINA". I disclosed my identity, and informed him that I was investigating the loss of 85 sacks of sugar from the cargo which he had discharged. He informed me that he was aware of six sacks were different to the number shown on the ships manifest, whereupon he produced a receipt date the 19th December 1944, to the effect that he had taken aboard the cargo of sugar at REGGIO di CALABRIA from the schooner "ISOLINA", which at that time was lying disabled at REGGIO di CALABRIA. This receipt was for 828 sacks of sugar signed by Sergeant FAIRY, and countersigned by Corporal J. KILIAN, N.S.O. i/c schooner "ISOLINA". Against the 834 sacks of sugar shown on the manifest, which had been loaded on the "ISOLINA" six weeks prior to it being transferred to the "ISOLINA".

On inspecting the Log Book I found that the schooner "ISOLINA" sailed from REGGIO di CALABRIA on the 20th December 1944, arriving at CATANIA, SICILY, on the 22nd afternoon, where it was lying in. 717 pc until the 3rd January 1945, awaiting a further cargo of sugar.

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..... cargo of sugar.

Owing to transport difficulties in this port the ship was detained, and on the latter date Sergeant DAYLY was ordered to proceed to ANCONA.

The journey from REGGIO di CALABRIA took 37 days owing to bad weather conditions and then being detained at CATANIA, arriving at No. 1 Berth ANCONA on the 8th February 1945. During this journey Sergeant DAYLY assured me that at no time had the hatches been opened, and as all the sacks had to be men handled it was impossible to get the 95 sacks of sugar out of the hold without his knowledge stating further that the only time that he had left the ship was at BARI when he went ashore to contact an officer of his unit to arrange the replenishing of supplies and fuel. This period ashore lasted about four hours.

From 2th February 1945, the schooner lay at No. 1 Berth Ancona awaiting orders to discharge the cargo, when on the morning of the 16th Sergeant DAYLY received orders to proceed to No. 18 Berth, where unloading was commenced at 1655 hours that day, under the supervision of 1064 Ports Operating Company, Royal Engineers. This continued until about 0100 hours on the morning of the 17th February 1945, when the Sergeant i/c of the labour stopped the unloading owing to the lack of light. The hatches were then buttoned down, and it was not until 0800 hours the same day that work was resumed. The cargo being fully discharged at 1800 hours on the 18th February 1945-

It appears that this cargo of sugar was discharged direct to the quay in the close proximity of a large stock of flour.

At 1235 hours on the 16th February 1945, the schooner "IMOLINA" left No. 18 Berth and crossed the harbour back to No. 1 berth.

At 1400 hours on the 22nd February 1945, I visited the Quay Office of 1064 Ports Operating Company where I inspected all the tally slips for the cargo of the schooner "IMOLINA", nineteen of these tally slips had been issued to vehicles amounting to 633 sacks, a further two had been issued for quay stacking amounting to 125 sacks, making a total of 758 sacks in all for the cargo of the "IMOLINA" leaving a deficiency of 72 sacks.

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Enquiries were again continued on the 23rd February 1945, when I visited the Dock Superintendent's Office, where I examined all the Convey Notes for the schooner "ISOLINA".

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..... the schooner "LIONEL".

There I found that 22 Convey Notes had been issued by 1064 P.O. 3. Quey Office to load carrying vehicles upon examination of these Convey Notes, and comparing them with the particulars obtained from the Tally Slips. I found that three Convey notes had been issued to load carrying vehicles of which 1064 P.O. 3. had no knowledge of. In comparison the amount of sugar mentioned in the Convey Notes amounted to 739 sacks against the 762 shown on the Tally Slips, leaving a further deficiency of 23 sacks.

Subsequently I again visited 1064 P.O. 3. Quey Office, but no reasonable account could be given for the three Convey Notes being issued without first issuing Tally Slips. As these Tally Slips are not numbered I was unable to ascertain if these had been issued, and later obtained or destroyed. A scrutiny was then made of all Tally Slips issued on the 16th, 17th and 18th February 1945, but this proved negative.

On Saturday, 16th February 1945, I again visited the Docks Superintendent's Office where I examined all the Convey Notes of all ships discharging cargoes from 0801 hours on the 16th February 1945, until 2309 hours on the 19th February 1945, giving sufficient time for the cargo of the schooner "LIONEL" to be cleared from the quay, but none of the serial numbers were missing, and all the Convey Notes and in fact been acknowledged by the consignees. This scrutiny also revealed that no further supplies of sugar had been discharged during that period.

I continued enquiries by going to the A. S. S. houses in ANCONA to ascertain if they had received any sugar which had been consigned to them as salt, but I was assured that all their supplies of salt had been loose, and not in sacks.

Owing to the fact that lorry loads of A. S. S. supplies and foodstuffs have left the docks without the necessary documents, i. e. Convey Notes, and only being in possession of Tally Slips, it is fair to assume that in view of the fact that the considerable amount of traffic using the docks in the course of 24 hours, it would be a comparatively easy matter to transport these supplies out of the docks without detection.

Enquiries are still being continued regarding this matter, and further full

Subsequently I again visited 1064 A.C.B. Quay Office, but no reasonable account could be given for the three Convey Notes being issued without first issuing Tally Slips. As these Tally Slips are not numbered I was unable to ascertain if these had been issued, and later mislaid or destroyed. A notation was then made of all Tally Slips issued on the 15th, 17th and 18th February 1945, but this proved negative.

On Saturday, 24th February 1945, I again visited the Joint Superintendents Office where I examined all the Convey Notes of all ships discharging cargoes from 0001 house on the 16th February 1945, until 2300 hours on the 18th February 1945, giving sufficient time for the issue of the schooner "ISOLITA" to be cleared from the quay, but none of the serial numbers were missing, and all the Convey Notes had in fact been acknowledged by the consignees. This scrutiny also revealed that no further supplies of sugar had been discharged during that period.

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Owing to the fact that Lorry loads of S.S. Supplies and Foodstuffs have left the docks without the necessary documents, i. e. Convey Notes, and only being in possession of Tally Slips, it is fair to assume that in view of the fact that the considerable amount of traffic using the docks in the course of 24 hours, it would be a comparatively easy matter to transport these supplies out of the docks without detection.

Enquiries are still being continued regarding this matter and should further evidence come to light, a further full and comprehensive report will be submitted.

In the Field
24th March, 1945

W. BELL, Sergeant
58 Section
Special Investigation Branch,
Corps of Military Police

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INVESTIGATION
AND CONTROL
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION
PORT AND WAREHOUSE DIVISION
ARIZONA DEPT.

March 9, 45.

Phone : 2202

Sub : Robbery at A.C. Warehouse

To : Chief Provost Marshal H.Q. M TONGA
(Thru' channels)

Ref.: TH/6/719

On the 3 March at 2220 hrs (approx) a robbery took place at A. J. Warehouse 20 7A Via Leone - Ancona.

2. sacks of sugar 2096 Kgs. value 37109 Lire were stolen, the policemen from 280 Provost Company were called to the scene by a British Corporal, a copy of the Police report is attached.

THE CASE HAS BEEN HANDLED OVER TO THE F.B.I.

William Lloyd Garrison

WILLIAM D. BOYD

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MILITARY POLICE REPORT

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The Officer Commanding,
200 Provost Company
C.M. Police, 61 Area

Sir,

I have to report that at Ancona on the 5th March 1945 at about 22-50 hours I was on duty in the Corso Stamira accompanied by L/CPL DAVIS. E., C.M. POLICE when NS 7016074 L/CPL WYATT. G. of 568 Det. G.T. Company, ROYAL ENGINEERS reported to me that an AMG Warehouse had been broken into at the premises at 7a Via Isonzo.

I proceeded to the premises mentioned where I saw the shutter to the warehouse was wide open and that two 2cwt. sacks of sugar were lying in the doorway. On making enquiries in the near vicinity I found a civilian who was on Guard Duty in the M.T., Lines of 603 Company, RASC. (MAC). I questioned him and obtained a statement from him.

Making further enquiries, I learned that No T.95599. L/CPL. WICKHAM S.E., of 683 Coy. RASC. (MAC) was NCO i/c the Italian Civilian Guard and whose guardroom was three doors away from No 7a Via Isonzo. I questioned the above named NCO and he informed he had heard shots in a vehicle making a hurried departure and later he was informed by L/CPL WYATT G., that the warehouse had been broken into and he made a statement to this effect.

Later I interviewed No 2116429 SPR. SMITH. E., No 2 Platoon, 563 A.T.P. Coy Royal Engineers who was guarding the M.T. Lines of the above mentioned unit. I learned from the sentry whose post was about one hundred yards away from the scene of the incident that he had heard four pistol shots and on making his way in the direction they had come from he saw a WD 3 Ton DODGE making a hurried departure, and on investigation found the entrance to No 7a Via Isonzo had been broken into and he reported the matter immediately to his NCO i/c Gard L/CPL WYATT.

I obtained a statement from SPR. SMITH E.

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Later I contacted SGT. GOODALL.R.A. attached AMG and informed him of what had taken place, as there were no Officers present at the billets. I gave instructions that the matter be reported in the morning to an Officer in authority.

Statements made by persons concerned are attached.

In the Field
5th March 45

(Sgd) A. WOODS . L/CPL
200 Provost Coy.C.M.Police.

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Statements by T/95599, L/CPL. WICKHAMMS E., 683 Coy RASC (MAC):-

At approximately 22-20 hours on 5th Mar 45 was in the Guard Room at above named billet. I heard what appeared to me some and a vehicle making a hurried departure. Shortly afterwards a L/CPL and SPR. SMITH came into the Guard Room making enquiries about a Store in Via Isonzo. I went out and saw a shutter open and two sacks of what appeared to be sugar out-side the entrance.

Ancona

5th Mar 45

(Sgd) T/95599. L/CPL WICKHAM S.E.
683 Coy. RASC (MAC)

III

Statement by 7016074. L/CPL WYATT. G. 568 Det. A.T. Coy R.E. :-

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Ancona

5th March 45

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568 A.T. Coy R.E.

REPORT Conto

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SHEET No TWO
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Ancona

5th March 45

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5th March 45

(Sgd) 2116429 SPR. SMITH E.C.,
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568 A.T.P. Royal engineers.

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I, the undersigned, LANDI GIUSEPPE of late father ALBERTO and BENDAZZI MARIA born at RAVENNA on the 19th March 1881 living at Via Grazie No 4 Ancona do state :-

I was on duty last night at about 22-15 hours at Via Isonzo No 5 as a nocturnal watchman when a big military type machine was approaching to a store situated near me and loaded some wares.

I cannot tell who was the driver because I could not see him - besides there were other persons that I perceived only because it was dark.

Ancona
5th Mar 45

(Sgd) GIUSEPPE LANDI

INTER OFFICE MEMO

7 March 1945

Phone : 2202
 Sub : Shortages from Port.
 To : P. & W. Div. (Major KLEIN)
 Ref : 4/DE/78

Reference your W/8/229/TN6 of 7 Feb. 45 we have made a thorough investigation of these shortages with the following results : -

<u>S.S. EMPIRE SOUTHEY</u>	<u>M. & V.</u>	<u>409 Cases Short</u>
(19 - 31 Dec.)	<u>D. Veget.</u>	<u>109 Sacks</u>

None of the M. & V. from this ship could be traced, 179 sacks D. Veg. were discovered at Adriatic Depct, some of this D. Veg. is believed to have originated from the Empire Southey.

<u>S.S. SAMSTURDEY</u>	<u>Powdered milk</u>	<u>17 Els. Short</u>
(29 Dec. - 2 Jan.)		

No trace could be found of this milk.

S.S. HINDSHOLM
 (27-29 Dec.)

We have received a transfer note from Bari for this ship which shows the following amounts shipped : -

Lard	3533 Drums
Soup	10623 Cases

Our receipts were : -

Lard	3533 Drums
Soup	10523 Cases. 100 Cases short

No trace could be found of the soup from this ship.

WILLIAM C. BOYD
 Capt. C.M.P.

i/c Ancona Depots.

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

Phone : 2202

Feb. 28, 45

Sub : Shortage on rail shipment
 To : P. & W. Div. (Major KLEIN)
 Ref : TN/5/C

On the 26 Feb. '45 this office received a signal from Naples stating that sacks had been loaded on rail-car n° 8519.

On the 27 Feb. above car arrived and was unloaded, there were no sacks in the car although the railcar manifest stated 3000 flour sacks.

The car was wired but not sealed, a large percentage of the railcars from Naples (including cars which have not been pilfered) are arriving unsealed.

R. Webb for
 W.C. BOYD Capt CMP
 Officer in Charge
 Ancona Depots.

COPY TO :-

Accounting Section (Capt. WYATT)
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COPY TO :-

Accounting Section (Capt. WYATT)

Naples 676 (Major Martin)

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
Port & Warehouse Division
Leghorn
APO 394

18 February 1945

SUBJECT : Pilferage Report

TO : Provost Marshal, Headquarters Command,
Allied Force, APO 520, U.S. Army

1. In compliance with your letter reference 400.73, dated 3 Jan 1945, and confirming telephone report on 18 Feb. by undersigned:

- (1) Date - 18th Feb 1945
- (2) Time - Between 0100 and 0630 hrs.
- (3) Number of installation - A.C. Whse. 12L57.
- (4) Location - Leghorn
- (5) Type of supplies - 83 bags of flour(a)150 pounds ea. Value approx. 250 dollars.
- (6) Resume - Thieves torn a hole in the tile roof entered the whse. torn two 6x6 boards off that were nailed across the door - took 83 bags flour to edge of canal, approx. thirty feet away, and apparently loaded it on some type of boat.
- (7) C.I.D. was called in on case at 0900 hrs.
- (8) None of flour recovered.

ALLEN C. RAMSEY
Capt. F.A.
i/c A.C. Whses. Leghorn

Copy to:- Reg. Commissioner (Col. Kirkwood)
Reg. Transportation Officer (Maj. Sowers)
Prov. Commissioner (Col. Hensley)
Port & Whse Div. (Maj. Klein - File)

Ref: 3./339/TN6 1st Ind. 20 Feb 45
HQ. TH. S/C. ALCOM Port & Warehouse Div. APO 394 U.S. Army
TO : HQ., 2675 Regt. Allied Commission (OVHD) APO 394 U.S. Army
1. Forwarded as requested (400.73-29 Jan 45, your 1st Ind 2 Feb 45)

ROBERT H. KLEIN
Maj. Med. Adm. C.
Port & Whse. Div.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
Analysis of Discrepancies-Sugar Transferred to AMG-5th Army
Dec 1944

DATE	Trans	Rec	Number of		QUANTITY(Kg.)		REMARKS
	Note	Rep	sacks		Trans	Rec	
	No.	No.	per	per	per note	per Rep.	
			Trans	Rec			
			Note	Rep.			
2 Dec	105 & 107	65	960	956	91.446	91.064	8 sacks - $\frac{1}{2}$ full = total of 4 sacks short
3 "	115	92	558	552	53.153	52.581	12 sacks - $\frac{1}{2}$ full = total of 6 sacks short
4 "	127	95	248	241	23.623	22.956	54 broken sacks = to 7 sacks short
5 "	133	97 & 98	682	677	64.965	64.480	30 broken sacks = to 5 sacks short
8 "	153	104 & 105	775	766	73.823	72.965	14 sacks & 13 broken = to 9 sacks short
13 "	191	109	227	223 $\frac{1}{2}$	21.623	21.289	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ sacks and 15 broken = to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ short
1 "	90	62	556	556	52.962	52.962	NONE
15 "	197	112	33	33	3.143	3.143	NONE
18 "	234	127	465	460 $\frac{1}{2}$	44.294	43.865	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 15 broken sacks = to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ sacks short
19 "	247	133	585	578 $\frac{1}{2}$	55.725	55.105	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 71 broken = to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ sacks short
21 "	274	135	248	246	23.623	23.433	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 25 broken = to 2 sacks short
29 "	341	101	251	250	25.048	24.948	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " = to 1 sack short
12 "	184	8B	310	306 $\frac{3}{4}$	29.529	29.267	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ short + a deduction of $\frac{1}{2}$ sack for 72 wet sa
23 "	296	15B	378	374 $\frac{1}{2}$	36.007	35.673	7 sacks half full = to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ sacks short
TOTALS			6276	6220 $\frac{3}{4}$	598.964	593.739	

Recapitulation:
Total sacks short - 55 $\frac{1}{4}$
" kilos " - 5,225

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