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REPRIMAND - OFFICERS
OCT. 1944 - SEPT. 1945

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Col. Parker

Your information
no further action appears QH
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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| Staff Officer | _____ |
| Executive Officer (A) | _____ |
| Executive Officer (B) | _____ |
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| G-1 (B) | _____ |
| G-4 (A) | _____ |
| G-4 (B) | _____ |
| Headquarters Commandant | _____ |
| Adjutant | _____ |

FOR:
 Draft of reply for signature of
 Please see/telephone me about this
 Investigation and report
 Answer
 Signature
 Approval/Disapproval
 Your Information and return
 Your File

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Who is Capt Waugh.

& what is he doing

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Ex. Comm'r:

Captain Waugh was transferred out of A. C. on 8 August 1944.

At the time of his transfer, he was a C. A. O. with Company G (AMG 5th Army).

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11 Sept 45

Whoulant
Capt. 549
for Col. V.P.

He appears to be articulate

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"AVANTI" - Comment -

September 1945

THE MISERY OF BEING WAUGH

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A certain Sidney Waugh, officer of AMG in Italy since the beginning of the Mediterranean campaign, published a series of diffamations on Italy, such as :

- 1) mistrust as to Italy's becoming a democratic Country
- 2) Italy may be the cause of a new World war because of her natural aversion for the Allies
- 3) the Italian population ready to welcome Mussolini if he resuscitated
- 4) if the American soldiers could express their opinion they would wish for the disbanding of the Italian Army
- 5) murdering of American soldiers by Italians
- 6) Italian partisans heroes of the "sixth day"

To note : This person, so-called sculptor and winner of the "Premio Roma" in 1929 declares to know Italy very well because he lived here before the war and also knows the language perfectly.

What can one answer to this sequel of shameless lies ? We would not have taken any notice of this "accouchement" of Capt. Waugh's delirious brain if it had not been accepted by such an important newspaper as the NEW YORK TIMES. We would have no objection to all this if this person did not belong to the Allied Military Government "controlling" our Country from his comfortable armchair.

We make a man to man appeal to all qualified American correspondents that the calumnies of this person ("messer2) be denounced to the public opinion of the United States of America.

We ask Admiral Stone to send Mr. Waugh to a less dangerous place than among Italian "murderers".

We are poor, beaten and discouraged, perhaps because we are worn out. But even if we had won, and especially because we had won, we would certainly not have flung such calumnies at a poor and beaten people.

Maybe because, more than gentlemen, we are, "malgre' tout" men, and therefor inman.

What, however, is surely at the bottom of it all is, that this Mr. Waugh lived a long time in Fascist Italy and, having enjoyed it thoroughly, has perfectly acquired the exquisite Fascist style and morals.

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Friday 7 September 1945

"ITALIA NUOVA"

"A POOR MAN'S SILLINESS"

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NEW YORK - 6 Sept. 1945

(U.P.) - To-day's NEW YORK TIMES publishes an interview with Capt. Sidney Waugh who has been with the AMG in Italy ever since the beginning of the Mediterranean Campaign.

Capt. S. Waugh, a sculptor who was awarded the "Prestio Roma" in 1929, knows Italy well having lived there before the war and speaks the language fluently, has expressed his mistrust that Italy will become a democratic country and fears that the obvious aversion of the Italian people towards the Allies may lead to another war in the near future.

Capt. Waugh is convinced that, even though the Italians executed Mussolini, they would be more than ready to welcome him again if, by some miracle he came to life and presented himself as the saviour of Italy. He also said it is useless to try and hide with weak lies the undeniable fact of the antagonism existing between American and Italian soldiers and added that, all the men in V Army - excluding those of Italian origin - "could freely express their opinion, they would ask for the disbanding of the Italian Army and for the Country to be treated as the vilest of the conquered Nations which, Capt. Waugh asserts, she undoubtedly is."

He also states that Italians continue to murder American soldiers and that they must continually look out for all sorts of acts of tyranny and dishonesty.

"Actually the Italians don't make the slightest effort to hide their dislike of the Americans. Their hope and claim that Italy become once more a first class Power, instead of a fourth or fifth which she is in reality, may cause a new war in Southern Europe if the Allied Powers are not more than careful."

Capt. S. Waugh ended up by saying that the so-called Italian Partisans gave very scarce signs of life before the break-through of the "Gustav Line", and that they really appeared on the scene only after Germany's defeat had become a fact.

COMMENT

It is extremely serious that an Officer of the AMG, regardless of his duties towards his uniform and his post, permits himself to utter such a lot of lies and nonsense.

We have no need to belie this individual as this has already been taken care of by responsible American men such as Gen. Mark Clark, Commander of the V Army. The remainder is a disciplinary matter to be handled by the American Army to whom this shameful incident (the shame of which falls solely on the individual responsible of conscious calumny) may be a lesson : that it is never profitable to anyone to send a dishonest wretch around the World.

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Jim 2196
FGAP/JB/jrs
w/back slip

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383.6-11

20 August 1945

SUBJECT: Fascist Republican PW.
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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1. Attached is a copy of a letter dated 11 Aug 1945 written by the Air Forces Sub Commission Rome and signed C.J. Eggstaff, Lt.Col. Air Corps, which was handed to an Italian named D'Onofrio.
2. Armed with this, this Italian civilian made his way into AFHQ for the purpose of demanding an interview with his sons, who are apparently ex members of the Fascist Republican Army, and as such are said to be held in PW status.
3. No action has been taken by this HQ.
4. Please take steps to ensure that in future civilians are not given unaddressed notes of this sort which are liable to lead to their making irregular approaches to this HQ.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

[Signature]

F.G.A. PARSONS,
Colonel, G.S.

1 Incl: as above.

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COPY.

AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION

A.C. ROME.

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Date: 11 Aug 1945.

MR. GIOVANNI D'ONOFRIO

The bearer of this letter is Mr. Giovanni D'Onofrio, father of two boys, Marcello and Dino, who at present are believed to be in Allied Concentration Camp in the town of Afragola. They were members of the Italian Fascist Republic.

The father of these two boys is a well known anti-Fascist. His two sons had gone with the Fascist Republic to avoid being persecuted by the Germans.

It would be greatly appreciated if he were allowed to visit his sons.

(sgd) C.J. EGGSTAFF,
Lt.Col. Air Corps.
Deputy Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLYED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO. 394

14 July, 1945

C/1157.

SUBJECT : Requisition of Car NA 31470.
TO : Hq. A. C.
(Att. Establishment Section).

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ref.

1. Reference your letter of 7 July 1945, and my letter R/1887 of 24 May, 1945.
2. The name of the officer has been checked and is correct. The officer was in charge of the "Amato" Mill in Caserta and not at A.F.H.Q.
3. Car NA 31470 is owned by the Amato family, owners of the Mill.

J. A. C. Pennyquick

J. A. C. PENNYQUICK
Colonel
Commissioner.

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~~No action -
File but not in 201.
This matter has been handled
verbally.~~

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

FILE No.

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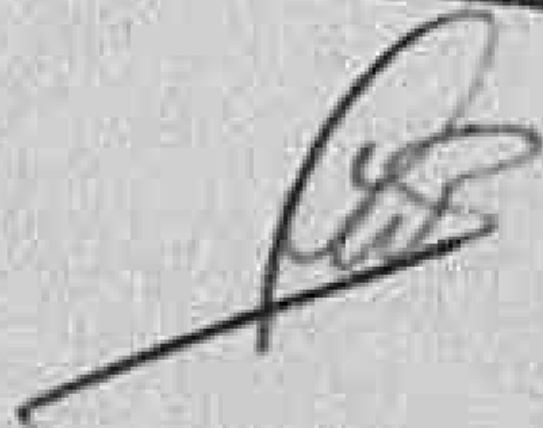
3 June

"Brought-up"

Col Fiske is in
town

to

Check with Capt Madat



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B/U when Col. Fiske
comes to town again,
OR in two weeks ^{of June}
whichever is sooner.

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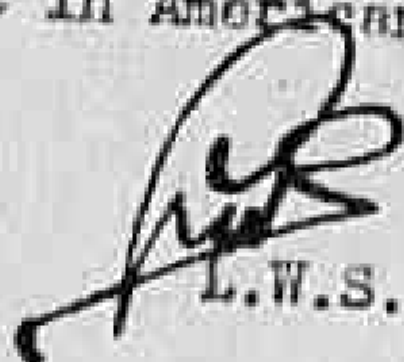
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25 May 1945

Admiral Stone--

Col. Fiske is going to look
into this situation on his
next trip thru Florence.
Until that time, this matter
will be kept in American chan-
nels.


L.W.S.

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Translation

23 May

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Dear Ellery,

I send you the enclosed
note for whatever action you may want
to take.

Yours,

s. Gen A. Infante

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s.o.

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Translation

copy

9 May 1945

Note

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It is said that the new Allied Provincial Commissioner for Florence, Colonel LESTER J. HENSLEY, American, is showing great mistrust to all the civilian Italian Authorities, and that his behaviour is rude. Everybody is convinced that he feels great contempt for the Italian people.

At a meeting in the office of the Prefect, in the presence of the President of the C.T.L.N., all the technical staff of the Prefecture and the Province, representatives of the C.G.L.M. as well as agriculturists, tradespeople and manufacturers, for the study of problems connected with national reconstruction, Colonel Lester J. Hensley is supposed to have said that all that the Italians are able to do is chattering, and that, for the reconstruction problems, nobody but himself was to deal with them in the province.

Col. LESTER J. HENSLEY asked the identity card of H. E. Cora, a well known Italian diplomatist, also well known by the Allies, who, a few days ago, came to pay his respects to him, and also because he had had very friendly relations with the former Provincial Commissioner, Col. Radice, a most courteous and well managed man, Offended, H. E. Cora cut short the interview and left.

Among other things, Colonel LESTER J. HENSLEY asks that all the letters sent to him by the R. Prefecture be written in English, which will make it necessary to take a certain number of interpreters.

19 May 1945

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Note

In reference with the note of May 9th of the Comando of the CC.RR., a letter of May 15th, by H.E. Ambassador GIULIANO CORA confirmed that Colonel HENSLEY, American, Allied Provincial Commissioner in Florence, was rude to the above mentioned diplomatic official.

H.E. Cora who had gone to pay his respects to Col. Hensley was requested by him to show his papers, under the pretence that in Italy, you never know whom you may be speaking to; The Ambassador stated he had nothing to ask and that he had only come to call, because of the friendly relations he had had with the predecessor of the Allied officer; he got up abruptly, turned round and left.

The Ambassador added that this is Col. Hensley's usual attitude, for he usually speaks rudely and contemptuously to the Italians.

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11, 9 maggio 1945

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A P P U N T O

Il nuovo Commissario provinciale Alleato per Firenze, Colonnello americano LESTER J. HENSLEY, a quanto si afferma, usa verso tutte le autorità civili italiane contegno assai diffidente e tratto sgarbato. In tutti è la convinzione che egli nutra sentimenti di grande disprezzo per il popolo italiano.

Nel corso di una riunione tenuta nel Gabinetto del Prefetto, presenti il Presidente del C.T.L.N., tutto il personale tecnico della Prefettura e Provincia, rappresentanti della C.G.L., nonché degli agricoltori, commercianti e industriali, per lo studio di problemi inerenti alla ricostruzione nazionale, il Colonnello Lester J. Hensley avrebbe detto che gli italiani sanno fare soltanto chiacchiere e che, per i problemi della ricostruzione, in provincia nessuno deve interessarsi all'infuori di lui.

All'Eccellenza CORA, noto diplomatico italiano, ben conosciuto nell'ambiente degli Alleati, che giorni addietro gli si era presentato per rendergli omaggio ed anche perchè in ottimi rapporti con il precedente Commissario provinciale col. Radice, persona oltremodo compita ed educata, il Col. LESTER J. HENSLEY domandò la carta di identità. L'Ecc. CORA, vivamente offeso, chiede di ritirarsi, troncando il colloquio.

Il Colonnello LESTER J. HENSLEY, fra l'altro pretende che tutte le lettere inviategli dalla R. Prefettura siano scritte in inglese, il che renderà necessaria l'assunzione di un certo numero di interpreti.

11, 19 maggio 1945

A P P U N T O

In relazione all'appunto in data 9 maggio u.s. del Comando dei CC.RR., viene confermato, da una lettera in data 15 maggio di S.E. l'Ambasciatore...

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re GIULIANO CORA, che il colonnello americano HENSLEY, Commissario provinciale alleato a Firenze, ha tenuto un contegno inurbano nei riguardi del predetto R. funzionario diplomatico.

In particolare, S.E. Cora, recatosi a fare una visita di cortesia al Col. Hensley, è stato da questi richiesto di presentargli i suoi documenti col pretesto che in Italia non si sa mai con chi si parla; l'Ambasciatore, dopo aver precisato che nulla aveva da chiedere e di essere solo venuto per un'intervista formale in relazione ai rapporti amichevoli tenuti con il predecessore dell'ufficiale alleato, si è alzato bruscamente, ha voltato le spalle e si è ritirato.

L'Ambasciatore aggiunge che questo è il contegno abituale del Col. Hensley, il quale usa abitualmente frasi volgari e sprezzanti nei riguardi degli italiani.

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IL PRIMO AIUTANTE - CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.M. IL RE - IMPERATORE

23 maggio

Caro Ellery,

per i miei conti in
ritenuti fammi, ti mando
l'unita' opposta.

Aff. t. *Lu A. S. G.*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
APO 394

LTM/jp
7 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Relationship of Allied Officers with Italian authorities.

TO : Commissioner, Naples Commune, Allied Commission, APO 394, US Army.

1. Reference is made to your R/1687 of 24 May 1945.
2. In connection therewith, your attention is invited to attached copy of letter from G-5, AFHQ.
3. Might further information of this officer be supplied, please.

C. M. Parkin
C.M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Actg Vice President.

1 Incl: copy of ltr as per para 2 above.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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5 July 1945

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G-5: 014.13

SUBJECT: Relationships of Allied Officers with Italian Authorities.

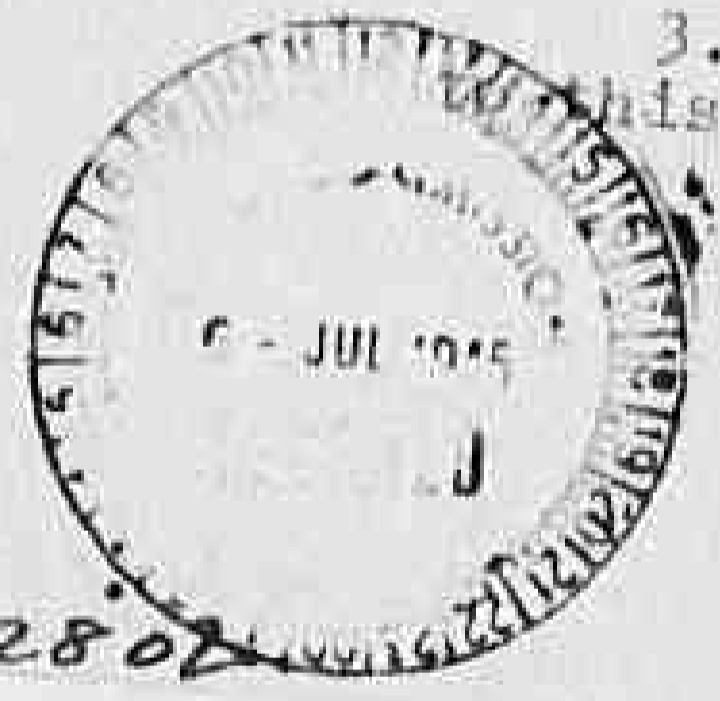
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference your 11/72/EST of 28 May.
2. There is no record at this HQ of a Lt. Belardo on either the US or British side.
3. Can any more particulars be furnished with regard to this officer?

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

J. Byles
J. BYLES
Major, C.S.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Col. Fiske
Info ✓

CC 579

4 June 1945.

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Dear Hensley:

I have recently received a letter from the Theater Commander bringing to my attention the disclosures by you of certain information concerning the alleged mistreatment of German women held in Prisoner-of-war Enclosure 334 at Scandicci. This information was apparently turned over to Mr. Myron Taylor, who in turn contacted the Theater Commander.

This resulted in embarrassment to the Theater Commander and necessitated a great deal of time-consuming investigation by officers of Headquarters AFUSA and the Peninsula Base Section. I was informed that the facts developed by this investigation disclose that you were not well informed and that the information given by you to Mr. Taylor was not factual.

The Theater Commander directs that under no conditions are you to give information of this character to persons not in the military service. Whenever you have knowledge of conditions that, in your opinion, require action by higher authority, you should bring the matter to the attention of the proper commander through military channels.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEBY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Colonel Lester Hensley,
Provincial Commissioner,
Florence.

cc: EX.C.
EST. SEC.

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
APO **■** 612

CC 0930
MAY 31 1945

26 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Activities of Colonel Lester Hensley

TO : Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Allied Control Commission
APO 394, United States Army

1. Recently Mr. Myron Taylor telephoned the Theater Commander repeating certain information he had obtained from a Colonel Lester Hensley, the Provincial Commissioner for Florence Province, regarding alleged mistreatment of German women held in Prisoner-of-War Enclosure 334 at Scandicci.

2. Colonel Hensley's action resulted in embarrassment to the Theater Commander and necessitated a great deal of time-consuming investigation by officers of this headquarters and the Peninsula Base Section. The facts developed by this investigation disclose that Colonel Hensley was not well-informed and that the information given by him to Mr. Taylor was not factual.

3. General McNarney directs that you caution this officer against giving information of this character to persons not in the military service. If this officer has knowledge of conditions that, in his opinion, require action by higher authority, he should bring the matter to the attention of the proper commander through military channels.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

GEORGE D. PENCE
Major General, GSC -
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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Ref/11/72/EST

28 May 1945

SUBJECT: Relationships of Allied Officers with
Italian authorities

TO : C-5, AFHQ

1. Attention is invited to the inclosed copies of correspondence from AMG, Naples Commune.

2. Inasmuch as the officer in question is not a member of this command, and appears to be attached or assigned to an AFHQ-MTOUSA unit, the matter is referred to you for appropriate representations to the superiors of the officer in question.

Draft OK
C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry
Actg Vice President CMF

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO. 394

LESTAB SEZ

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24 May, 1945.

R/1887.

SUBJECT : Requisition of Car NA 31470.

TO : HQ. A. C. ✓

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1. I forward for your attention a letter received from the Prefect of Naples in which he complains that his authority has been set aside. The letter has been held up for enquiries and I am informed that the Prefect wished to requisition the car in question for the Office of the Committee of Liberation, at the request of the Undersecretary of State for the Interior. The Prefect also says he has been unable to find any professional activity that would entitle the owner of the car NA 31470, Amato Pasquale, to call himself a "doctor".

2. It would appear that a junior Allied officer has interfered with the legitimate duties of the Prefect. I, therefore, submit the case to you as a representation to AFHQ may be appropriate.

JAC Pennyquick

J. A. C. PENNYQUICK 533
Colonel
Commissioner.

Encl.

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R. PREFETTURA DI NAPOLI
Div. Gab. No. di Prot. 6792.

23⁰ April 1945

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SUBJECT : Requisition Car No. NA 31470.
TO : Col. J.S.C. Pennycuik, A.M.G. Commissioner for Naples Commune.

I must inform you that this morning Lt. Belardo of the Supreme Allied Command at Caserta, did not allow Agents of our Civil Police to carry out my requisitioning order of the Car No. NA 31470, owned by Dr. Amato Pasquale, living in Naples, 21 Via Palepoli, saying that ~~he~~ he was higher in authority than the undersigned.

I am informing you of the above for any steps you may deem right taking, with an aim to protect the prestige and dignity of authorities.

The Prefect,
F. SELVAGGI.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
AC TRANSPORTATION OFFICER.
PALERMO.

ESTAB. SEC

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IL/er

Ref : S/1
Date : 8 MAY 1945.

SUBJECT : Disposal of Sequestered Property.
TO : HQ. AC. Establishment Section.

With reference to your 11/36 EST.

1. Herewith a list of property lended by the I.S.R. Palermo to Allied organizations and never handed back.

HEADQUARTERS
AC

Irvine Lynch
IRVINE-LYNCH, S/Capt.R.E.
Transportation Officer
Sicily.

Enclosure:
List.

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LIST OF PROPERTY LENDED BY THE I.S.R. PALOMO TO ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS.

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Desks | 9 |
| Tables | 4 |
| Easy Chairs | 5 |
| Chairs | 49 |
| Book-case | 1 |
| Cloak-stand | 17 |
| Wardrobe with glasses | 1 |
| Wardrobe | 1 |
| Typewriters | 4 |
| Adding Machine | 1 |
| Electric heaters | 2 |
| Steel beds with springs | 8 |
| Folding beds | 70 |
| Wool mattresses | 1 |
| Sea-weed mattresses | 12 |
| Mattress covers | 3 |
| Wool Pillows | 1 |
| Sea-weed pillows | 18 |
| Pillow-cases | 4 |
| Bed Sheets | 17 |
| Blankets | 32 |
| Towels | 525 |
| Bookshelf | 2 |
| Chairs leather type | 4 |
| Leather sofas | 1 |
| Clock | 1 |
| Iron chandelier | 1 |
| Stands | 1 |
| Small tables with glasses | 2 |
| | 30 |

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LIST OF PROPERTY LENDED TO MR. STERNHEIM AS PER RECEIPT ISSUED BY HIM.

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Large Wardrobe | 1 |
| Small wardrobe | 1 |
| Table for writing-materials | 1 |
| Safe "STANZIERI" | 1 |
| Desk | 1 |
| Chairs | 1 |

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Steel beds with springs | 70 |
| Folding beds | 1 |
| Wool mattresses | 12 |
| Sea-weed mattresses | 3 |
| Mattress covers | 1 |
| Wool Pillows | 18 |
| Sea-weed pillows | 4 |
| Pillow-cases | 17 |
| Bed Sheets | 32 |
| Blankets | 525 |
| Towels | 2 |
| Bookshelf | 4 |
| Chairs leather type | 1 |
| Leather sofas | 1 |
| Clock | 1 |
| Iron chandelier | 1 |
| Stands | 2 |
| Small tables with glasses | 30 |

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Large Wardrobe | 1 |
| Small wardrobe | 1 |
| Table for writing-materials | 1 |
| Safe "STANZIERI" | 1 |
| Desk | 1 |
| Chairs | 3 |
| Small table | 1 |
| Typewriter | 1 |
| Iron cloakstand | 1 |

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To: HQ AC (Establishments Section)
 From: HQ AMG Umbria Marche Region.
 Subject: Disposal of Sequestered Property.
 Ref: R5/507/6.
 Date: 3 May 1945.

File 70
 HEADQUARTERS
 MAY 1945
 C.

Reference your 11/36/EST dated 16 Mar 45, and further to this office letter of 13th April 1945. Particulars have since been received of 4 sequestrations concerning two provinces.

One Metal Safe and one Metal Filing Cabinet were sequestered by Provincial HQ in Aquila. These have today been returned to the Prefect of Aquila by this HQ, and a signature obtained for same.

One wireless set and one electric torch confiscated from Fascist Organisations have come to light in Ancona Province. Instructions have been issued today that the officers concerned return the confiscated property as soon as possible.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

J. Thornhill
 J. G. THORNHILL.
 Colonel Inf.
 Deputy Regional Commissioner.

TC/REY

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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ACC/14006/20/13.

Tel. 489081 - 257.

16th October, 1944.

SUBJECT : Investigation of US Personnel.

TO : Provost Marshal, R.A.A.C.

1. The attached documents are forwarded for investigation by the C.I.D.

- i. Copy of letter dated 13 October 1944 from Colonel G.S. Temperley, Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.
- ii. Report P.D. 4.2 dated 11 October 1944 from R.P.S.O. Southern Region.
- iii. Report PP/5150 dated 7 October 1944, from R.P.S.O. Foggia Zone.
- iv. Copy of letter dated 4 October 1944, from Capt. Triggs, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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

Enclosures : as above.

Copy to Col. Fiske, D.C.C.S. Establishment Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
APO 394

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R/1105

13 October 1944

SUBJECT : Lt Col DEACHIRCK - Capt TRIGGS.
TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.
(Public Safety Sub-Commission).

1. Attached hereto are copies of correspondence regarding a seizure of olive oil in Foggia Province. The truck carried 3 qtls hidden in a false bottom and 8 gals in tins. An Italian civilian accompanying the shipment was in possession of a letter from Lt Col Richard DEACHIRCK (Air Corps) to Capt Clayton TRIGGS (Displaced Persons Sub-Commission). The letter mentioned a consignment of oil and refers to the Italian in charge of it as a "swell guy" who would be a nice fellow for Captain TRIGGS to know. It proceeds to say that Col DEACHIRCK will see Captain TRIGGS on the 12th October and will "Bring him more oil".

2. It is possible that Lt Col DEACHIRCK knew nothing of the hidden 3 qtls and is merely referring to the 8 gals which were in the vehicle and that the 8 gals and the further consignment are intended for private consumption. Even then Lt Col DEACHIRCK has transgressed orders by sending a private letter by an Italian and by purchasing ammassable food stuffs. But a far more sinister implication arises if the letter actually refers to the 3 qtls of hidden oil and if the 3 qtls are intended for re-sale on the black market in Rome for a personal profit which might amount to 50,000 lire to 100,000 lire..

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3. Under the circumstances, it is suggested that it would be in the interests of all concerned for a very thorough inquiry to be made into the circumstances. It may be possible to intercept the second shipment and thus discover the scale of these operations. A telephone message has been sent to you to-day suggesting this course.

3 Incls
CET/jh
CC: Commissioner, Foggia Zone.

/s/
C. E. TEMPERLEY,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

Ref: PS/4.2

11 Oct 1944

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SUBJECT : Contraband.

TO : HQ., ACC., Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Enclosed herewith is letter dated 7 October 1944 (and enclosure) received from the Zone Public Safety Officer, Foggia, relating to the illegal transport of olive oil in an ACC (Air) truck.
2. This, you will agree, is a matter for investigation by your HQ.
3. Perhaps you would be good enough to inform this HQ. in due course of the result of the enquiries.

/s/

G. RICHARDSON
Major
Regional Public
Safety Officer.

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H.Q. A.C.C. Foggia Zone
in Lucera

SUBJECT : Contraband
TO : R.P.S.O. Southern Region
FROM : P.S.O. Foggia Zone
REF : 12/5150
DATE : 7/10/1944

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Copy to
Zone Commissioner

I have to inform you that on the night of 4 October 1944 a vehicle coming from Bari was stopped by one of my patrols.

This vehicle was found to have a false bottom in which was concealed about 3 Quintals of olive oil.

Particulars of the vehicle are:-

Plate No A.C.C. (AIR) 65

Vehicle No. Painted out

Make Dodge 3 tonner

Driver Dottarelli

Work ticket Signed by Lt. Jaculli authorizing the vehicle to carry Italian Military Personnel and ammunition.

On board the vehicle was an Italian Civilian carrying 8 gallons of oil. The only document this man had was a private letter - copy of which is attached. The oil was seized.

I shall be glad if you will take this matter up in the proper quarter.

/s/ ?

Major,
SPPSO, Foggia Zone

COPY 14/10/44

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4 October 1944.

Capt. Triggs.
Displaced Persons
Allied Control Commissioner

Dear Clayton,

Sending you with my friend Mike Galante
some oil. He is one swell guy and would be a
nice friend to know.

Will be up to see you about the twelfth
of the month. Say hello to every one concerned
for me, and tell them when I will be up. I
will bring you more oil when I come.

Regards.
Dick.

Richard Deashirak
Lt Colonel.
Air Corps U.S. Army

No Official Stamp at all.

copy 14/10/44.

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25 APR 1945

HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref: Lig/RC/71

24 April 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Sequestered Property.

TO : Establishment Section, Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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With reference to letter 11/36/EST, your office, dated 16 March 1945, and subsequent letter 11/45/EST of 27 March 1945, subject as above, to date returns have been received from all officers of this Region with the exception of those on TD in the USA and UK and five (5) others who are changing stations. Thus far, all returns are negative.

For the REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

David Paquesi
DAVID PAQUESI
WOJG, USA
Adjutant

W.A. [unclear]
W/A

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TO : HQ AC (Establishment Section)

FROM : HQ AMG Umbria-Marche Region

SUBJECT : Disposal of Sequestered Property

REF : R5/507/6

DATED : 18 April 1945

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1. Reference your letter 11/36/EST dated 16 March 45, so far as it is known this is a "Nil" return in regard to this Region.
2. It has not been possible as yet to contact all Regional Officers, but up to date all Provinces have reported no Sequestrations.

For the Regional Commissioner:

J B Thornhill
 B. Thornhill
 Colonel, Infantry
 Deputy Regional Commissioner

TC/rh

HEADQUARTERS
 20 APR 1945
 A. G.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 250.

12 April 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline - Officers.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

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1. Reference is made to G-5: 250 dated 13 March and 25 March 45, and to your 11/46/EST dated 27 March 45.

2. It is requested that you inform this Headquarters as to when the full report, referred to in your above quoted letter, may be expected.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

K. P. Manno
K. P. MANNOCK
Jnr/Comd.

11/63/EST

1st Ind.

CEP/1st J.

Hq, Allied Commission, Est. Section, 14 April 1945.

TO: G-5, AFHQ.

Attention is invited to letter, this Hq, 11/62/EST, 12 April 1945.

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J. C. M. Parkin 521
J. C. M. PARKIN,
Col, Inf,
A/Vice President

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REF: 301

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

11/62/EST

12 April 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline - Officers

TO : G-5, AFHQ

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1. Reference is made to your G-5:250 of 13 March and your G-5:250 of 25 March.
 2. Negative reports have been received from all AQ/AMG Regions to our circular letter requesting reports of any cases in which sequestered or confiscated property had been loaned to or borrowed by officers of AQ/AMG.
 3. It is not considered that the problem is a serious one, in view of para 2, above, and that, so far as Allied Commission is concerned, could be adequately disposed of by the issuance of an appropriate order to the Regions.
 4. If agreeable to your HQ, the Commission will take action accordingly.

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W
C. H. PARKIN,
Colonel, Inf.
A/Vice-President

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Tel Ext: 23.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY

Subject: Disposal of Sequestered Property.

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H.Q.
Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

HEADQUARTERS

8 April 45

12 APR 1945

A. G.

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1. Reference your 11/36/EST of 16th March, 45.
2. There is no confiscated property by AMG utilised by any officers under my command, for their personal use.

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AG
Air Commodore,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. EIGHTH ARMY.

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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9 April 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Sequestered Property.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394,
(Attention): Establishment Section.

1. Reference your letter 11/36/EST same subject dated 16 March 1945.
2. Reference Paragraph four of the above mentioned letter. A negative report is submitted.

For the Regional Commissioner.

Duane D. Freese

DUANE D. FREESE,
Executive Officer

DDF/amo

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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11/36/EST

16 March 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Sequestered Property

TO : Regional Commissioners
Sicilia Region
Southern Region
Lazio-Umbria Region
Abruzzi-Marche Region
Sardegna Region
Toscana Region
Emilia Region
Liguria Region
Piemonte Region
Lombardia Region
Venezia Region

SCAO:
5th Army
8th Army

1. This Headquarters has been advised by AFHQ that several cases have recently come to light in which property confiscated by AMG has been borrowed by officers for their personal use. 517

2. The AFHQ letter further states:

"It is not known whether the practice of "lending" sequestered property is countenanced by the Allied Commission, but it is considered that this is a most dangerous practice and is likely to lead to the loss of property in question.

FM(Dr) has suggested that an order be issued that all such sequestered property borrowed from Allied Commission should be returned forthwith to the Allied Commission officer from whom it was obtained. This section considers that it would be more appropriate to require all Allied Commission officers to report loans by them to the Allied Commission and for the Allied Commission to demand the return of the property from the borrowers."

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(Disposal of Sequestered Property - Cont'd)

3. An immediate report is requested of any cases in your command, in which sequestered property has been borrowed or otherwise converted to their personal use by officers.

4. Negative reports are desired.

Sgd/ Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

A TRUE COPY:

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

J. Lee

11/58/EST

6 April 1945

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SUBJECT: Civilian Claims

TO : 45 Claims and Hirings, C.M.F.

1. Reference is made to your CC3/45/369, of 30 March 1945.
2. The records of this formation indicate that Lt. G. Britton was posted to the U. K. on long term grounds. He is, accordingly, no longer on our strength, and his present whereabouts are not known.

Copy to G-1(B)

W. H. P.
C. M. PARRIN,
Colonel, Inf.,
Acting Vice President

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The officer concerned was

T.O.S. A.C. June 1943

S.O.S. " 24/10/1944

was assigned:

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Ports Officer Region 2.

Comm. & Sup O. Reg 4.

Food Off. Reg 4.

Posted to UK on long service grounds.

was eventually earmarked for W.A. Colonial Service.

~~at present~~
He is not now with the Commission

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ASJ 5/4

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| Subject: <u>Civilian Claims</u> | Seen |
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| Allied Commission | |

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| A. DIRECTOR | <u>FINANCE</u> |
| 45 Claims and Hirings | 2073 |
| ACC3/157569 | |
| 30 Mar 45 | 8A |
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A claim has been received from Luigi GIGLIO of Via Nicoletti No. 10 CROTONE amounting to 20,633 lire in respect of chattels taken from his flat at the above address by American and British troops at the end of Nov 43.

He alleges that at the end of Nov 43 British troops broke into his flat and removed chattels comprising china glass and linen to the value of 16,160 at that time he was evacuated at Manfredonia (Foggia).

He states that these goods were removed to the building occupied in Crotona by Lt. C. Button ACC, Port Officer. He says that he made several applications to Lt. Button for a receipt for his property and this officer promised that he would give him one but that after several applications which were unsuccessful he was told to go away.

Will you please contact Lt Button and call for a report from him on these allegations.

WFS/AMI

HEADQUARTERS
3 APR 1945
A. G.

W. Dmytko Capt.

W.F. SMYTH Capt.
Claims and Hirings Officer.

118/A.
5 APR 1945
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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

AH/afp

REF: RIX/HQ/R/3/1

2 April 1945

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Sequestered Property

TO: Chief Commissioner, Headquarters, Allied Commission.
(Attn: Vice President, Establishment Section)

1. Reference is made to letter Establishment Section, Ref 11/36/EST, subject as above, dated 16 March 1945.
2. A negative report is submitted for this Region.

For the Regional Commissioner:



Alden T. Hinson

ALDEN T. HINSON
1st Lt, AC
Adjutant

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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GJL/GDS

26 March 1945

FILE : RAG/386.3
SUBJECT: Disposal of Sequestrated Property
TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Attention: Establishment Section

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1. Reference your letter 11/36/EST dated 16 March 1945, on the above subject.
2. Negative report is submitted.

For the Regional Commissioner:

HEADQUARTERS
29 MAR 1945

G. J. Leone
G. J. LEONE
CWO USA
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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31 March 1945

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Ref: Lig/RC/71

SUBJECT: Disposal of Sequestered Property.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394, Establish-
ment Section.

1. With reference to your 11/36/EST of 16 March, and your 11/45/EST of 27 March, subject as above, attached is a copy of the circular letter sent out by this Headquarters to each of the officers assigned to Liguria Region.

2. Almost all of the officers of this Region are on TD with other A.C. organizations throughout Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia. Consequently, many replies have not yet been received.

3. To date, 21 replies, all in the negative, have been received in answer to our circular, and the matter will be pursued for completion at the first possible moment.

For the A/Regional Commissioner:

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Jesse E. Cantor

JESSE E. CANTOR
Lt. Col., AUS
A/Deputy Regional Commissioner



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HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

21 March 1945

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Ref: Lig/RC/71

SUBJECT: Disposal of Sequestered Property.

TO : All Officer Personnel, Liguria Region, A.C., APO 394.

1. Headquarters, Allied Commission, has been advised that several cases have recently come to light in which property confiscated by AMG has been borrowed by officers for their personal use.
2. Pursuant to instructions in the matter, all officers are directed to make immediate report to this Headquarters on any and all sequestered property borrowed by them or retained for their personal use.
3. Reports will be made, even though they be in the negative.

By order of Colonel JORDAN:

Jesse E. Cantor
JESSE E. CANTOR
Lt. Col., AUS
A/Executive Officer

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TO : HC AC (For Establishment Section) ~~_____~~

FROM : HQ AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region, C.M.F.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Sequestered

REF : R5/507/6.

DATE : 30th March 1945.

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1. Reference your 11/45/EST dated 27 Mar and 11/36/EST dated 16 Mar 45, replies are not yet to hand from Provinces.
2. It is regretted that the condition will be delayed owing to the Move of the Regional HQ.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

J. D. Scholtz
 J. D. SCHOLTZ
 Lt. Colonel
 Deputy Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

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R/6385

29 March, 45

SUBJECT: Disposal of Sequestered Property

TO : HQ. Allied Commission

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Reference your 11/36/EST dated 16 March.

This HQ has not been able to trace any instances of property confiscated by AMG being borrowed by Officers for their personal use.

For the Regional Commissioner:

HEADQUARTERS
30 MAR 1945
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A. D. Bonham-Carter
A. D. BONHAM-CARTER
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Regional Commissioner

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ACTION

St Day.

Is this a reply
to a letter written
in an establishments
Section file?

J. S. G.

INFORMATION

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
REGIONAL FINANCE OFFICE
PROPERTY CONTROL SUB-DIVISION
APO 394, U.S.ARMY

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29 MAR 45

Subject: Disposal of Sequestered Property

MAR 31 1945

To : Col. Norman E. Fiske
Deputy Executive Commissioner

This section does not have any record or knowledge, or have any of the officers of this section, borrowed or otherwise converted to their personal use any sequestered property.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Dg Swale 506
D. G. SWALE
Captain, SR
Property Control Officer

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Capt. L. T. Montant, Jr., AGD
Office of the Deputy Executive
Commissioner
Hq. Allied Commission

30/3/45

11/50/EST

Dear

You are probably familiar with the complaint made with respect to Captain Johnson, of Fabriano, by three Italian civilians, who addressed a memorandum of this officer's alleged misdoings to Mr. Myron Taylor, which Mr. Taylor, in turn, forwarded to General Brown of Rome Area Command under cover of a letter dated 19 February.

In the course of clearing the case up, Colonel Piske has asked for the original memorandum of complaint, signed by the civilians making the protest, or, as second choice, the names of the civilians, and suggests that you might be able to supply one or the other.

Could you look into this, and let us know at your early convenience **5086**

C.C. Supp 6 sent

Yours,
by

Lt. Colonel J. D. Scholts,
Deputy Regional Commissioner
Umbria-Marche Region

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HEADQUARTERS
POBIANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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27 Mar 45.

SUBJECT : Disposal of Sequestered Property.
TO : HQ, AG.

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1. Reference 11/36/EST dated 16 Mar 45.

2. It is assumed that the properties referred to are those placed under sequestration by Allied Military Government and the following text of a letter from the Regional Controller of Property is forwarded :

" No such property is under the control of this Division. Property controlled by this Division is owned by Allied Nationals and was sequestered by Italian authorities after declaration of war.

In any event no property under control of this Division has been loaned or in any sense dealt with under terms within the scope of HQ, AC letter 11/36/EST dated 16 Mar 45."

HEADQUARTERS

29 MAR 1945 For the Regional Commissioner:

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D. M. Lindlay
Jr Comd. A.T.S.

D. M. LINDLAY,
Junior Comdr, A.T.S.,
Acting Adjutant.

GM/cb.

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WJH/bh

MAIN HEADQUARTERS
Venetia Region
Allied Military Government
APO 394

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TO : HQ A.C. Establishment Section 27 Mar 45
SUBJECT: Disposal of Sequestered Property
FILE No: RXII/386.81

1. Reference your letter 11/36/EST dated 16 Mar 45 calling for reports of Sequestered Property.
2. A negative report is rendered on behalf of this Region.

HEADQUARTERS
29 MAR 1945
A. C.

[Signature]
Major R. A. [Signature]
Acting Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

11/46/EST

27 March 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline - Officers

TO : G-5, AFHQ

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1. Acknowledgment is made of your G-5: 250 of 25 March.
2. Upon receipt of your G-5: 250 of 13 March, the attached letter was sent to the Regions and Armies, requesting reports of any such transactions. To this letter replies are still lacking from a number of the Regions. A follow-up letter, copy attached, has been sent out, and full reply to your letter of 16th March, will be made upon receipt of the balance of the reports requested.

For the Deputy Executive Commissioner:

Recd.

L. T. MONTANT, JR.,
Captain, MED
Staff Officer

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incls: copy letter, Disposal of Sequestered
Property, 11/36/EST, 16 March 1945
copy letter, Disposal of Sequestered
Property, 11/45/EST, 27 March 1945

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REF: 501

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 354
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

11/45/EST

27 March 1945

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Sequestered Property

TO : Regional Commissions
Southern Region -
Lazio-Umbria -
Abruzzi-Marche -
Toscana -
Milia -
Liguria -
Venetia -
SCAO
5TH Army

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1. Reference is made to our 11/36/EST of 16 March.
2. May a reply to this letter be given as soon as possible, please.

Wey
ROSEAN E. WYCK,
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 250

25 March 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline - Officers.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

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1. Reference is made to G-5: 250 dated 13 March 45.
2. It is requested that a reply be expedited.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

K.P. Mannock

K. P. MANNOCK
Jnr/Comd.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

~~20 Sec~~
Jim / 3639.

23 March 1945

HR

Reference : L/I408
Subject : Disposal of Sequestered Property.
To : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Establishment Section.

Reference your II/36/EST dated 16 March 1945, re disposal of sequestered property.

A NIL report is submitted for this region.

For the Regional Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS
26 MAR 1945
A. G.

G.F.P. Wagstaff

G.F.P. WAGSTAFF.
Captain. 500
Secretariat.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

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23 March 1945.

REFERENCE: 57/1

SUBJECT : Disposal of Sequestered Property.

TO : HQ Allied Commission.

Attention: Establishments Section.

1. Reference your 11/36/EST dated 16 March 1945.
2. No cases have been discovered of the disposal of sequestered property for the personal use of officers assigned or attached to AMG Fifth Army.
3. The matter will be carefully watched and immediate action taken should any such cases come to light.

For the Commanding General:

HEADQUARTERS
2 MAR 45
A.M.C.

Arthur E. Sutherland, Jr.
ARTHUR E. SUTHERLAND, Jr.
Lt. Colonel, CAC.,
Executive Officer.

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~~ESQ. SEC.~~
Jay JNF/jdm

HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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23 March 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Sequestered Property

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission

1. Reference letter, your Headquarters, dated 16 March 1945,
file 11/36/EST and Subject as above, negative report is submitted.

For the Regional Commissioner:

HEADQUARTERS
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A. C.

Joseph N. Fournier
JOSEPH N. FOURNIER
Capt. Inf.
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION LOMBARDIA
APO 394

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22nd March 1945

Reference : RO/G-IB/I2I

Subject : Disposal of Sequestrated Property.

To : Establishment Section,
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

HEADQUARTERS
23 MAR 1945
A. C.

Reference your letter II/36/EST dated 16 March 45.

1. There are no known cases in this Region in which sequestrated property has been borrowed and converted to personal use of officers.

2. This Region is not yet in occupation of its own territory but this matter will be watched carefully after entry into Regional Area has taken place.

For the Acting Regional Commissioner:

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V. B. Hatcher
Capt RA.
V. B. HATCHER,
Captain, R. A.,
G-1 (B)
Region Lombardia.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS KPM/wsw
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 250

13 March 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline - Officers.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. It has been reported that a recent trial of an officer by FOCM revealed three cases in which sporting guns confiscated by AMGOT in SICILY had been lent to officers for their personal use.

2. It is not known whether the practice of "lending" sequestered property is countenanced by the Allied Commission, but it is considered that this is a most dangerous practice and is likely to lead to the loss of property in question.

3. PM(Br) has suggested that an order be issued that all such sequestered property borrowed from Allied Commission should be returned forthwith to the Allied Commission officer from whom it was obtained. This Section considers that it would be more appropriate to require all Allied Commission officers to report loans by them to the Allied Commission and for the Allied Commission to demand the return of the property from the borrowers. *497*

4. We have, however, no idea of the extent of the problem, and should be glad to have your views on the matter.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

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K. P. MANNOCK,
Jr. Comdr.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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11/36/ST

16 March 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Sequestered Property

- TO : Regional Commissioners
- Sicilia Region
 - Southern Region
 - Lazio-Umbria Region
 - Abruzzi-Marche Region
 - Sardegna Region
 - Toscana Region
 - Emilia Region
 - Liguria Region
 - Piemonte Region
 - Lombardia Region
 - Venecia Region

- SGAO:
- 5th Army
 - 8th Army

1. This Headquarters has been advised by AFHQ that several cases have recently come to light in which property confiscated by AMG has been borrowed by officers for their personal use. 498

2. The AFHQ letter further states:

"It is not known whether the practice of "lending" sequestered property is countenanced by the Allied Commission, but it is considered that this is a most dangerous practice and is likely to lead to the loss of property in question.

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REF: 501

(Disposal of Sequestered Property - Cont'd)

3. An immediate report is requested of any cases in your command, in which sequestered property has been borrowed or otherwise converted to their personal use by officers.

4. Negative reports are desired.

HERMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel
Deputy Executive Officer

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Col. Fiske

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

KPM/wsw

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G-5: 250

13 March 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline - Officers.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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MEMORANDUM

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REFERENCE : G-1(B)/16120/260/2/0
SUBJECT : Discipline.
TO : C.A. Section,
Economic Section.

23 February 1945

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1. Will you please submit the names of two British Majors for escort duties on the dates shown below.
2. Escort officer should report to HQ Commandant's Office at 1400 hrs. each day.

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| <u>C.A. Section</u> | 25. 2. 1945 |
| | 26. 2. 1945 |
| <u>Economic Section</u> | 27. 2. 1945 |
| | 28. 2. 1945 |
3. This Branch letter No. as above dated 21 February 1945 is cancelled.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION

As Faras Mair
Sir J.M.T. MITCHELL Bt.
Lt. Colonel,
G-1 (B)

/SP
Copy to : HQ. Comdt.
Estab. Section. ✓

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MEMORANDUM

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TO : C.A. Section,
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FOR VICE PRESIDENT ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION

A.S. Farrell
Sir J.H.T. RITCHIE Dt.
Lt. Colonel,
G-1 (B)

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Estab. Section. ✓

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Establishment Section

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Ref/11/Est

REF/ard
22 February 1945

SUBJECT: Promotions

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region

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1. Reference is made to your letter of 28 January addressed to Brigadier M. S. Lush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., Chief of Staff, Allied Commission, concerning the promotions of U.S. officers. The allegations which you make are of a very serious nature, reflecting on the integrity and/or administrative efficiency of senior American officers of the Commission who deal with promotions. I shall see to it that an exhaustive investigation is conducted and every conceivable effort made to ascertain the facts.

2. It appears that these allegations are six in number:

a. That promotions are manipulated in favor of officers or groups of officers who are in a good position to advocate their own promotions.

b. That practically every officer in the immediate headquarters of the 2875th Regiment has been promoted without regard for the comparative importance of his position.

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c. That practically every officer in the Legal Subcommission has been promoted.

d. That certain regions whose personnel have not been engaged in running a region have been promoted out of proportion to promotions in regions actually functioning as such.

e. That willfully, or through gross inefficiency, promotions are sidetracked because the promotion recommendations are lost at the Headquarters of the Commission.

f. That a promotion lobby exists at Headquarters Allied Commission which is operated to the disadvantage of Toscana Region, which does not have such a lobby.

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3. It is my earnest desire that all of the facts bearing on the above allegations may be adduced. I should, therefore, be grateful to you if you would provide me with factual evidence on which the allegations are based and with all pertinent supplemental information in your possession which will aid in the investigation.

4. As you are no doubt aware, recommendations for promotions of U.S. officers are passed upon by a board of officers at Headquarters of the Commission, consisting of myself and the following: Colonel Parkin, Executive Officer, U.S. and Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment; Colonel Chapman, Director, Public Safety Subcommittee and Senior U.S. Officer at Headquarters of the Civil Affairs Section; Colonel Densmore, Chief Staff Officer, Economic Section and sometimes Acting Vice President, Economic Section. In order to set some limit to the scope of the investigation, I propose that it be confined to the period of the last five months, which is to say, from 19 September 1944, on which date I was appointed Director, Establishment Branch, in addition to other duties, to the present.

5. The officers concerned are most desirous that the investigation be full and complete and that the facts, with respect to the six allegations, be established beyond any reasonable doubt. I trust, therefore, that you will be specific and detailed in the evidence you supply and the information you furnish.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Office of the Regional Commissioner.
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25 Jan. 1945.

Brigadier M. S. Lush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.,
Chief of Staff,
HQ. Allied Commission.

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Dear Brigadier,

1. The manner in which the promotions of American officers has been handled in HQ. AC has caused much dissatisfaction among American officers in the field. There appears to be ample reason to believe that promotions are manipulated in favor of certain officers or groups of officers who are in a good position to advocate their own promotion. First, practically every officer in the immediate headquarters of the 2675th Regiment has been promoted, regardless of the comparative importance of his position. Then, too, practically every officer in the Legal Sub-Commission has been promoted. Also certain Regions whose personnel have not been engaged in running a Region, have been promoted out of proportion to the promotions in Regions actually functioning as such.

2. AS an example of an unaccountable promotion, Major (now Lt. Col.) Garry CARTER has, with the exception of a very short time, been doing duty in my Region either as an assigned or attached officer for more than six months. I have not recommended him for promotion. His work while quite satisfactory does not compare either in importance or in quality with that of at least three Heads of Divisions, and one Provincial Commissioner, in TOSCANA Region who have been recommended but not promoted. Moreover, he has not had as long a time in grade as either of the three Majors (two Heads of Divisions and one Provincial Commissioner) recommended by me for promotion.

3. One of the usual causes of sidetracking promotions is losing the recommendation in HQ. AC. This has happened several times. One must conclude that this is done either wilfully or through gross inefficiency.

4. The officers of this Region are fully occupied with their duties in the provinces and at Region Headquarters. This Region has not and cannot maintain a promotion lobby at HQ. AC. It must depend upon HQ. AC to look after its interests. This appears not to have been done.

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5. Among other promotions recommended but not acted upon are the following most deserving cases:

- Capt. SAMUEL V. NOE, Regional Education Officer;
- Major JOHN W. CLARKE, Regional Finance Officer;
- Major GEORGE H. SOWERS, Regional Transportation Officer;
- Major WILLIAM E. McBRATNEY, Provincial Commissioner,
PISTOIA Province.

6. It is respectfully requested that all recommendations for promotion of American officers submitted from TOSCANA Region be given the consideration merited by the importance of the position occupied, manner of performance, and length of service in grade. Moreover, it is especially requested that the recommendations made for the promotion of Heads of Divisions and Provincial Commissioners be given prompt and favorable consideration.

s/ Robert G. Kirkwood
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel, FA, US Army
Regional Commissioner

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APO 394
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Ref/11/Est

NEF/ard
19 February 1945

Dear Bowman:

Reference is made to your letter RIX/RC of 4 February 1945, enclosing Colonel Bye's report. The matter is under rather extensive investigation and you may be assured that action will be taken within the next fourteen days.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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HEAD-QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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Ref/11/Est

HEF/mrd
16 February 1945

SUBJECT: Alleged illegal sales and dispositions of official Allied Commission sale releases and transportation allotments.

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TO : Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section, APO 512.

1. Reference is made to your letter G-5: 000.5 of 5 February 1945.

2. The officer concerned has been ordered to Three District, 34 Area, for disciplinary action.

3. The Security Division of the Public Safety Sub-Commission, in conjunction with CID and SIB, has for some time been giving very careful attention to matters of this kind. Cases which come to the attention of the Commission are turned over to the respective British and American criminal investigation agencies, to be investigated and prepared for trial. Vigilance on the part of Directors of Sub-Commissions, Regional and Provincial Commissioners, as well as the Security Division, has proved an effective deterrent and should go far toward the prevention of corruption on the part of personnel and employees of the Commission.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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HQ AS HOME, 54 AREA.

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Request Major G BRIGHT formerly at BARI but now at LUGSA be returned forthwith to BARI for disciplinary action. To report on arrival Hq 54 AREA. Please notify this Hq and Hq 54 AREA Sta. Offr will be attached local unit by Hq 54 AREA.

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REF: 301
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1st Ind.
201-Lewis, P.C. (O) - 11/29/EST - P-1165-ED

Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394, 8 February 1945

TO: Commanding General, Civil Affairs Training Center, SHANP

1. Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.
2. This officer transferred your command per Letter Order, NATOUS4, AG 210 - 482/300-AGP, 15 January 1944.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

For balance of correspondence Lee
201-Lewis, P.C. (O) — in files of G-1 (St) 485:
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Ref by A73 of 29 trial Lt Col HART postponed until 05 February same time place most essential Lt Col FRANCIS reports to J.A.G. Branch Hq 3 District by 1000 hours 3 February confirm Lt Col FRANCIS has proceeded if not available can you dispatche another officer of equal rank who can give some evidence. URGENT.

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HQ AND TOSCANA REGION
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Reference your 588 dated 27 January and this HQ Q 1 dated 29 January 45. ²
Now confirmed Dvr GILL left FLORENCE for RCSE 28 January 45. Assume
necessary disciplinary action will be taken by you.

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MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief of Staff

The attached copy of letter from G-4 (B) is passed to you as a matter of interest, for inclusion on file 560/008.

incl: copy letter, M.T. Spares,
G-4/132/17, 29 Jan. 45

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff 482

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INTER OFFICE MEMO
OFFICE OF G-4 (B)

Ext : 596

G-4/I32/I7.

29 January 1945

SUBJECT : M.T. Spares.

TO : Capt. MONTANT, Office of D.C. of S.,
Establishment Section.

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1. Reference this morning's discussion.
2. LOMBARDIA Region have asked for a Ford Half-shaft but these are not available throughout the country. Request was first made last November.
3. Their Transport Officer has since told G-4 (B) Spare Parts Section that he has tried all over the country, including Sicily. It is the impression of G-4 (B) Spare Parts Section that LOMBARDIA Region have not yet obtained the half-shaft as the Transport Officer of the Region asked for one as recently as last week.
4. If Capt. Coult knows of some method of obtaining Spare Parts not available to R.E.M.E. should he not put this knowledge at the disposal of this H.Q.?
5. It is appreciated that sometimes Regions can obtain spares by local "scrounging", but in view of the fact the G-4 (B) Spare Parts Section can go direct to the main Ordnance Depot it is thought that long journeys in search of spares which this main Depot cannot supply will only rarely achieve any object, and in the long run will show a considerable debit balance in fuel, mileage and man-hours wasted.

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Donald H. Haslam Maj
for S. W. MILLER
Lieut. Colonel,
G-4 (B).

Copy to : Executive Officer, (B).

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Request present location Maj A. H. MOWLAND RA. Required for disciplinary action.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION LOMBARDIA
APO 394

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Reference: R/G-1B/113

26th January 1945

Subject : Travel to Sicily.

To : HQ, Allied Commission
(Establishment Section)

Reference 11/22/EST dated 25 Jan 45. Writer as A/Executive Officer Lombardia Region authorized the journey of Capt. Coult to Sicily for the following reasons:-

- a. The Ford Staff Car used by R.C. Lombardia Region broke a half shaft in the transmission.
- b. On dismantling the car it was found that other parts required replacement.
- c. A thorough search was made of Ordnance and R.E.M.E. installations in the neighbourhood of CHIANCIANO to find spare parts, without success.
- d. A similar search was made inROME Area also without success. G4 (Br) M.T. Spares Dept were unable to supply the necessary parts.
- e. Capt. Coult had, for a long time, been Tn. O. at Region I HQ and was well acquainted with Ordnance and R.E.M.E. installations in the Island.
- f. Capt. Coult succeeded in obtaining the necessary parts and the car, which would ~~have~~ otherwise have been written off, has been repaired.

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A. S. Giles
A. S. GILES,
Lt. Colonel,
A/Executive Officer
Lombardia Region

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

11/22/EST

25 January 1945

SUBJECT: Travel to Sicily

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region

1. On or about 16 December 1944, pursuant to Para 2, S.O. 319, Hq. A.C., Capt. G.W.E. Gault (B), accompanied by Tpr Thompson, travelled from Rome to Catania, Sicily, on temporary duty.
2. It has been reported to this office that this travel, authorized by Lt. Col. Giles, was for the purpose of obtaining certain items for the Regional Mess.
3. Might this point be looked into, please, and a report sent this Hq.

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NEWMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

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Signal exact period Lieut E G SMOUIN, Cdn Forestry Corps suspended duty including period in open or close arrest.

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HEADQUARTERS FLORENCE COMMAND (USC), APO #534, U.S. Army, 7 December 1944

TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission,
(Overhead), APO #394, U.S. Army.

1. Claim against officers named in basic communication is withdrawn.
2. Request officers concerned be so informed.

Robert A. Han
ROBERT A. HAN
Lt. Colonel, Inf
Commanding

6 Incls:
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HEADQUARTERS FLORENCE COMMAND, ^{4th Ind.} (U.S. CONTINGENT), APO #534, US ARMY, 3 December 1944. GWB/jv
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To: Captain Lombardo, Excelsior Hotel, Florence.

You are appointed to complete investigation of complaint stated in paragraph 3 of basic communication and to submit full report to the Headquarters with statements of all witnesses prior to 6 December 1944.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel GAW:

G. W. Bryan
G. W. BRYAN,
Major, PA,
Adjutant.

4 Incls:
n/c.

^{5th Ind.}
CAPTAIN LOMBARDO, EXCELSIOR HOTEL, FLORENCE, 7 December 1944.
TO: Commanding Officer, Hqs Florence Command (USC), APO #634, U.S. Army.

1. Directions contained in preceding indorsement complied with.
2. Request, that basic communication be forwarded, was made by undersigned. In view of officers' statements and fact that all evidence obtainable is circumstantial request claim be withdrawn.

Leo P. Lombardo
LEO P. LOMBARDO
Captain, Inf.

6 Incl:
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Added 2 Incls:
Incl 5 - Statement of Tosca Nannizzi
Incl 6 - Statement of Pasquale Donati

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HQ. ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, LAZIO UMBRIA REGION, APO 394, 51 November 1944. JDA/jr

TO: CO, 2675th Regt. APO 394, Allied Commission.

1. Here with 2 written statements by the officers concerned in regard to the charges made against them.
2. On the face of it, these charges apparently have been brought without sufficient evidence and are damaging to the officers concerned.
2. Since both officers demand a full investigation, suggest that HQ, Florence Command be notified and investigation completed or the charges dropped and officers concerned be so notified.

For the Regional Commissioner:

John D. Ames
 JOHN D. AMES,
 Lt. Col. AGD,
 Executive Officer (Rome)

400.73
 (31 Oct 44)
 HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U.S. Army, 24 November 1944. 3rd Ind. 3RM/jtg

TO: Commanding Officer, Florence Command, (U.S. Contingent), APO 534, US ARMY. 576

Attention invited to preceding indorsement and inclosures.

For the Commanding Officer:

W. R. Wessmuth
 W. R. WESSMUTH,
 WOJG, USA,
 Asst Adjutant.

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For the Regional Commissioner:

John D. Ames
JOHN D. AMES,
Lt. Col. AGD,
Executive Officer (Rome)

400.73
(31 Oct 44)
HEADQUARTERS, 2075TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U.S. ARMY, 24 November 1944. TRW/jts

TC: Commanding Officer, Florence Command, (U.S. Contingent), APO 534, US ARMY. 476
Attention invited to preceding indorsement and inclosures.
For the Commanding Officer:

W. S. West
W. S. WEST,
WOJG, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS FLORENCE COMMAND
(U.S. Contingent)
APO #634 U.S. Army

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GWB/js
31 October 1944

SUBJECT: Damage to Hotel Excelsior by Officers.
TO : Commanding Officer, 2675 Regiment, A.C.C.

1. Hotel records show Captains Gulotta, 0519661, and Cowan, 0917293, occupied room number 528 at Excelsior Hotel, Florence, Italy on the night of 18 October 1944.
2. M.R.U. advises subject officers are assigned to Company D, 2675 Regiment A.C.C.
3. Complaint is made against the above named officers for damage to the room in the Hotel Excelsior occupied by them on 18 October 1944 as follows:
 - a. Cut wires in room.
 - b. Removed from the room one light bulb, one bulb holder, and one plug (toilette table).
4. Request appropriate disciplinary action and that the named officers be required to pay full cost of repairs and/or replacements needed and that this Headquarters be advised of final action taken.

For the Commanding Officer:

G. W. Bryan
G. W. BRYAN,
Captain, FA
Adjutant

400.73
(31 Oct 44)

1st Ind. TWD/jtg
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVERHEAD), APO 394, U.S. Army, 7 November 1944.

TO: Colonel CHARLES POLETTI, Company "D", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army. **473**

For investigation and report to be forwarded to this headquarters.

By order of Colonel PARKIN:

N. W. Dragoff
N. W. DRAGOFF
Major, ADD
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

NCB/dfs
11 November 1944

SUBJECT: Damage to Hotel Excelsior.
TO : Captain James R.K. Cowan, 0917293, A.C. Co "D" 2675th Regiment
A.C.C. (overhead).
THROUGH: Provincial Commissioner, Grosinone Province.

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By order of Colonel POLETTI:

Neil C. Baker
NEIL C. BAKER,
Captain, GSC,
Adjutant

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

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11 November 1944

SUBJECT: Damage to Hotel Excelsior .

TO : Captain Frank A. Gulotta, 0519661, SR, Co."D" 2675th Regiment A.C.C.
(overhead)

THROUGH: Provincial Commissioner, Grosinone Province.

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VIENNA PROVINCE
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Lazio Umbria Region
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Subject: - Damage to Hotel Excelsior

To: 1-REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
Lazio Umbria Region - ROME

1. Captain COWAN and I did occupy room number 525 at the Excelsior Hotel, Florence, Italy, on the night of 18 October 1944.
2. We left the Hotel the morning of 19 October 1944.
3. Except that the room had been slept in, it was in exactly the same condition at the time we left as it was at the time we entered it.
4. We checked in, if I recall correctly, late in the afternoon. We washed and immediately went to dinner in the dining room of the Hotel. We then took a little walk, conversed in the sitting room for a while with friends, and retired to bed at about 9 p.m. The next morning we arose at about 7 a.m., washed, had breakfast and left.
5. Whether the damage referred to existed prior to our occupancy I did not observe, whether it was done by any subsequent occupants I, of course, am not in a position to say. It is certain, however, that during our occupancy not a thing was touched by Captain COWAN or by me.
6. I feel, that not only have we been charged with something about which we haven't the slightest knowledge, but apparently have also been convicted of it without the usual formality of an investigation to determine the facts.
7. In conclusion, I desire to voice my innocence, my resentment of being practically convicted without the benefit of a proper investigation or hearing, and suggest that because of the apparent gravity of the charge, that a full and immediate investigation be conducted.

Frank A. Gulotta, Capt
Frank A. Gulotta, Captain
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FLORENCE PROVINCE
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Lazio Umbria Region
APO 394

Subject:-Damage to Hotel Excelsior

To :-REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
Lazio Umbria Region - ROME

In response to the letter of 31st October 1944, of the Headquarters Florence Command, wherein certain charges are made against Captains GULOTTA and COVARI, I submit the following facts:

1. Capt. Gulotta and I did occupy room 526 at the Excelsior Hotel, Florence on the night of 18th October 1944.
2. The room at the time of occupancy was in good order so far as was apparent to the eye.-
3. The room at time we left, the morning of 19 October 1944, was in the exact same condition with the exception that the beds were undone.
4. If any wires had been out or anything missing prior to our occupancy it was not apparent to me.
5. That Captain Gulotta and or I out the wires referred to and removed from the room one light bulb, one bulb holder, and one plug I most vehemently deny.
6. The charge made imputes to us maliciousness, vandalism and larceny apparently made without any previous investigation as to who the culprit may have been, if those things did happen.-
7. Further, not only are we charged with something we know nothing about but we apparently have been convicted of it because the letter of Headquarters Florence Command date 31st October 1944 states:

"4.-Request appropriate disciplinary action and that the named Officers be required to pay full cost of repairs and/or replacements needed and that this Headquarters be advised of final action taken.."

8. I feel that the charge is entirely unjustified, the tone of the above mentioned letter unwarranted and request an immediate and full investigation of all facts as the charge of larceny against an Officer of the U.S. Army is most serious and should be either proven or we should be completely exonerated.-

James R. K. Cowan
James R. K. Cowan
Capt. A.C. - A.U.S. 469

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Nov. 16th 1944

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EXCELSIOR HOTEL

Allied Officers Transit Hotel

5th Dec. 1944

Personally appeared before me Tosca NANNIZZI
who being sworn states:

" I am the housekeeper of the Excelsior Hotel. On the morning of Oct. 19 1944 Pasquale DONATI came to me and said that there were damages and missing articles from room 526 . I visited room 526 forthwith and noted that there was missing from the room, a light bulb, a bulb socket and a light plug which had been cut from the extension wire. I made a note of these items and reported them to the management. I assumed the damages were caused by the officers who occupied room 526 as I check all rooms against the room property inventory sheet before the room is reported as ready for occupancy. I had done this in the case of room 526 before it was occupied on Oct. 18, 1944."

Tosca Nannizzi
Tosca NANNIZZI

Sworn to before me this 5th day of December 1944

Leo P. Lombardo
Leo P. Lombardo
Capt. Inf.
Investigating Officer

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EXCELSIOR HOTEL

Allied Officers Transit Hotel

5th Dec. 1944

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Personally appeared before me Pasquale DONATI who being sworn states:

" I was the porter that took care of room 526 on the night of Oct. 18-19 1944, that prior to its being occupied by Capt. GULOTTA and COWAN the room was in order as it was checked by me against the property inventory. I noted on the morning of the 19th, immediately after the above mentioned occupants had checked out, that there was missing one light bulb, one extension plug removed by cutting extension wire and one light bulb socket missing."

Pasquale Donati
Pasquale DONATI

Sworn to before me this 5th day of December 1944

Leo P. Lombardi
Leo P. Lombardi
Capt Inf.
Investigating Officer

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EXHIBIT A

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SUBJECT: Duty Officer's Tour - 17/18 November

TO : Chief of Staff

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1. I refer to your letter 67/16/OSS of the 20 November to DCOS Establishment Section, which has been forwarded to me.
2. On the night of 17/18 November during my tour as Duty Officer, Lt. Col. Friend James telephoned me at about the time stated and gave me a message which he wishes delivered to Major Talbot. He stated that Major Talbot could be contacted at Brigadier Lush's villa. There was never any mention of delivering the message to the COS Office in the morning.
3. Immediately after receiving the message I telephoned the COS's villa and spoke to an orderly who stated that Major Talbot was out. He left the telephone on my instructions to enquire where Major Talbot could be located urgently and was replaced almost immediately by Col. Graffey Smith, to whom I explained that I had an urgent message from Lt. Col. Friend James to Major Talbot. Col. Graffey Smith, upon whom I was expecting that such a message might be delivered and I therefore gave him the text, at which he remarked that he was also interested and would deal with the matter. Having no other means of locating Major Talbot on the evening in question, I considered that the message was left in most capable hands.
4. It should be observed that the message was given to me in a most cryptic form with no reference to Siena or to a "political" meeting.

Copy to: DCOS, Establishment Section
(ref. 11/EST of 21 Nov.)

John Lush
H.Q. GIST
Major, I.C.

COMBINED SUBCOMMISSION
22 November 1944

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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21 November 1944

Subject: Duty Officer Hour - 17 November

To : Major H.A. Gent, Commerce Sub-Commission

1. Attention is invited to attached letter from the office of the Chief of Staff.
2. This office is informed that, at the time in question, you were serving as night Staff Duty Officer. Would you, therefore, be good enough to make reply to the attached letter, with a copy to this office, please.

1st Lt., ASD

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ext: 388

Ref: 67/16/COS

20 November 1944

SUBJECT: Duty Officer Night of 17/18 November 1944

TO : DCOS Establishment Section

1. At 1925 hours 17 November 1944 Lt Col Friend James, Civil Affairs Section, Hq AAI, telephoned the Duty Officer and gave a message which he said was urgent and asked the Duty Officer to pass the message on to COS Office in the morning. The message was in connection with the holding of a political meeting at Siena.

2. The message was never passed on to COS Office and I shall be grateful if you will investigate the reason for this. It is quite essential that messages given to the Duty Officer are immediately and accurately delivered. In this particular case two Senior Officers of AAI were working for a whole hour to get the reply, and their work was wasted because the information had to be obtained by telephoning in the morning.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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8 November 1944

~~Ref/E54/COS~~

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation

TO : C.C., AFHQ
(Attention Major General White, G-1 (A))

1. In compliance with instructions contained in AFHQ signal F40428, dated 18 October 1944, the attached report of investigation in the case of Major Earl W. Garrett, Ord, 0912177, Co. N, 2075th Regt., A.C., (Ovhd), is forwarded to you.

2. Request acknowledgment of receipt by indorsement hereon.

For the Chief Commissioner:

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Acting Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

NEP/CMP/jp
3 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Censorship Violation.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section, APO 512,
US Army.

1. Reference your G-5-201-P-Smith, T.V. (Off), dated 6 October 1944, the violation was turned over to the Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment for action under the 104th AW.

2. Attached herewith is copy of the given reprimand.

NORMAN B. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

1 Incl: Copy of reprimand.

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HEADQUARTERS
267TH REGIMENT
ALLIED GENERAL COMMISSION
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File: 311.7
x-201-Smith, T. V. (O)

2 November 1944

SUBJECT: Reprimand under the 104th Article of War.

TO : Lt. Col. T. V. Smith, Education Sub-Commission, Allied Com-
mission, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. On or about 15 September 1944, while a member of this command, you wrote and mailed a letter to Miss Nancy Smith, Matteson, Illinois. In this letter you made statements that were in violation of Military Censorship regulations.

2. The purpose of Military Censorship is to prevent information getting into the hands of our enemies, and thereby to prevent loss of lives, battles, or even the loss of the war. It is apparent that you have failed to realize the seriousness of your violation. The mere fact of your signature on the lower left hand corner of the envelope, which you posted, is a certificate that you read, understood and complied with Military Censorship regulations.

3. As an officer of the Army of the United States, you must conform loyally to all regulations, or else be delinquent in the discharge of your duties. I trust that you realize the absolute necessity among military men for obedience, and that you will give unselfishly of your best efforts in the accomplishment of our present mission. I shall expect you to always conform loyally to all regulations.

4. For your action, I reprimand you and admonish you that any future repetition will be dealt with promptly and effectively.

O. N. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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Establishment Section, Hq., ACC, APO 394. 27 October 1944.

TO: S.C.A.O., 5th Army AMG.

1. The officer concerned has been notified accordingly.
2. Any action which you may be able to take will be appreciated by this headquarters.

NORMAN E. FISKE
 Colonel
 Deputy Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS
AND FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

22nd October 1944

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SUBJECT: Salvaged Clothing.

TO : H.Q., A.C.C.

The attached copy letter is forwarded.

May the officer concerned be instructed to make requests of this nature through channels.

For the Commanding General:

s/ W. D. Payne
W. D. PAYNE,
Major R.A.,
Admin. Staff Officer,
A.M.C. Fifth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Lazio-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

FDO/gr
17 October 1944

DISPLACED PERSONS & REPARATION DIVISION

DP/982/41.6

SUBJECT: Salvaged Clothing.

TO : Commanding General
8th Army
8th Army
Att: Quartermaster General.

1. This division has under supervision various camps for people displaced by the war. They are in most cases without adequate clothing or shoes and no blankets. In order to avoid the hardships that are inevitable during the winter without covering all agencies in a position to contribute are being asked for help. Whatever blankets or shoes that have been rendered as unfit for use by soldiers will contribute toward the solution of this problem. Your assistance in any manner will be appreciated.

For Regional Commissioner,

s/ Frank DiGiaco
FRANK DI GIACOMO
Captain, Infantry
Director

Copy to:

Alto Commissariato profughi di guerra
Piazza Niccolò

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