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Loss of motor-cycle.



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May the instructions requested in para 2 of attached letter, reference G4/TN/103/2/21 dated 5 November 1945, be forwarded to this Section, please, for onward transmission to Allied Commission.

Our IRS, file T-2, dated 22 August and 30 August, also refer.

For the Asst Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. G. Jeffery

F. G. JEFFERY,
Captain RE,
Economics & Supply Division.

Copy to: Headquarters, ✓
Allied Commission,
APO 394 (Attn: Establishment Section)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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Date

4 Sept

FROM

TO

Col. Parkyn

Deputy Ex. Commissioner

Staff Officer

Executive Officer (A)

Executive Officer (B)

G-1 (A)

G-1 (B)

G-4 (A)

G-4 (B)

Headquarters Commandant

Adjutant

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FOR:

Comment

Draft of reply

Investigation and report

Answer

Signature

Approval/Disapproval

Your Information

Your File

Return, please

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INTER OFFICE MEMO
OFFICE OF G-4 (B).

Att: 

3 September 1945.

SUBJECT:-- Investigation of Irregularities.

Joint Directors,

TO :-- Finance Sub-Commission.

1. The attached statement refers to a claim by an Italian Civilian (also attached), whose car was used by Capt. G. E. Lee while a Public Safety Officer in Toscana Region.
2. The facts as stated by Capt. Lee show that this officer has made himself liable to disciplinary action on several grounds, e.g.
 - i. Using a civilian type car not requisitioned.
 - ii. Using U.D. petrol in an unauthorized car (not shown but inevitable).
 - iii. Putting U.D. tyres on an unauthorized car.
3. He has further made himself liable to pay the claim of the owner for the loss of his car as theoretically this car was nothing to do with the Commission.
4. This branch has however for some time been interested in this type of case and particularly for officers like Capt. Lee the ingenious frankness of whose statement gives the impression of ignorance rather than wilful disobedience to orders.
5. The facts are, that it has constantly been the policy of Regional Commissioners to ignore Administrative Instructions which they do not like. This has almost always reached its highest point in the irregular seizing and use of passenger vehicles so that it has been the invariable policy of Regions to hold more cars than were authorized. They achieved this by holding and using cars obtained, marked and operated contrary to the orders of Establishment ~~8875~~ 6675. In the exercise of this policy Regional Commissioners have not been without encouragement.
6. The necessary result of this policy is that individual officers, often without their knowledge have been rendered liable to Court Martial and financial liability. I cannot help feeling that it would be most unfair for an Officer in the position of Capt. Lee to be called to pay for the car, when his use of the car and its complete illegality was or should have been known to his Provincial Commissioner, the Chief of Public Safety Division and to the Transportation Officer who supplied the tyres and petrol; and whose Regional Commissioner and his Admin. Staff must or should have known that irregularly obtained cars were being used by Officers.
7. However the claim of the civilian is a good one and it presumably has to be met by this Commission somehow.
8. May I be informed how far AC/AG funds can be used to meet this claim which while it can be attributed immediately to Capt. G. E. Lee is in reality a claim against the Commission as a whole, the fault having been committed in pursuance of an

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8. May I be informed how far AC/AMC funds can be used to meet this claim which while it can be attributed immediately to Capt. G.E. Lee is in reality a claim against the Commission as a whole, the fault having been committed in pursuance of an existing and known policy.
9. The enclosed copy letter, lately addressed to A/VP Establishment Section and Executive Officer (B) on this subject amplifies what I have said above. Executive Officer (B) however wishes me to take up this as an individual case rather than in general terms.

Donald H. Haslam
 D.H. HASLAM.
 Ident. Col.
 C-4(B).

Copies to:- A/VP Establishment Section.
 Executive Officer (B).

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COPY

VENEZIA PROVINCE
VENEZIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

To : PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER, VENICE

Subject : ATTACHED.

1. In November 1944, whilst performing duty at the office R.A.C.I. Florence, I was approached by a certain Martini Bruno of Via dei Benci 19, Firenze, who asked if I would like the use of a Lancia Aprilia motor car.

2. Being without transport I interested myself in the offer and learned that the car in question was the property of Benedetti Aldo and was without tyres.

3. Through the A.M.G. garage in Florence I eventually obtained a set of W.D. tyres for the car and on or about the 10th January 1945, took the car into service.

4. There was no suggestion of it being requisitioned or taken on a hire agreement. It was placed voluntarily at my disposition and for receipt I gave a note to Benedetti stating that the car 22963 VM, had been so placed at my disposition without obligation. I also gave him verbally a guarantee that if and when I was transferred from Florence the car would be returned to him.

5. At about 7pm on 8th February 1945, the car was dismissed by me and the driver returned with it to the Prefettura, Florence, where it was garaged with other A.M.G. vehicles.

6. The driver, Silvano Bolognesi, left it as usual and went for his evening meal. On returning to the Prefettura at about 8.45 pm he noticed that the car was missing.

7. He informed me as soon as possible and I immediately reported the loss to the Military Police, C.C.R.R. and Publica Sicurezza. I also instructed the Lt. of C.C.R.R. in charge of road blocks to circulate the description of the car to all personnel engaged on road checks.

8. However nothing further was discovered about the car and it can only be assumed that it was dismantled and disposed of in parts.

9. Martini and Benedetti were informed of the circumstances of the loss.

Venice, August, 22nd 1945.

/s/ George E. Lee Capt.
P.S.O.

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COPY

Subject :- Loss of Lancia Aprilia Car
No. 22963-FI, Eng. No. 97-3596
Chassis No. 39-1852.

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H.Q., Allied Commission
R O M E -----

1. A complaint has been received from BENEDETTI Aldo, Of Via Fiesolana 19, Florence, in respect of the loss of the a/m car.
2. Copy of letter handed to Claimant by a British Flying Officer is attached.
3. The position is that claimant went to the R.A.C.I. Office in Florence soon after the occupation, when the A.M.G. Officer in charge - a Capt. George E. Lee - issued a circulation permit for one of his cars, - NOT the car which was lost.
Sometime later the civilian manager of R.A.C.I. asked him if he would lend a car to Capt. LEE. He willingly lent Lancia No. 22963 FI, but about a month later, on 8 Mar. 45, this car was stolen and has not been heard of since.
Claimant states that Capt. LEE has disclaimed any liability for this.
4. It appears that Claimant is certainly entitled to compensation, and it will be appreciated if enquiries may be made and your comments subsequently forwarded to this Office.

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Major, H.A.C.
DAD., CLAIMS & HIRINGS.

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Establishment Section

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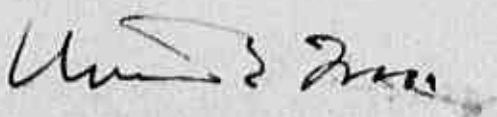
10 October 1948

SUBJECT: Stolen Requisitioned Vehicle
TO : S-2 Section, Hq. 2675 Regiment

Reference to the subject vehicle stolen on 12th August 1944, Lt. OTTINO CARACCILOLO di FORINO - Italian Army, was at that time attached to this Hq. in the capacity of Liaison Officer.

I do not recall if on the particular date of the theft I gave Lt. Caracciolo specific authorization to use the subject vehicle.

However as an Italian Army Officer attached to this Hq. Lt. Ottino Caracciolo di Forino was entitled to use the requisitioned vehicle of this Office, in connection with his duties. 6672


NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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EXT: 301

MEMO:

Ref/96/EST

TO : Colonel Parkin

1. Col. Fiske wishes this matter brought up at the Executive Commissioners meeting. (See letter attached)

2. The case is substantially as follows:

a. DiNucci, an Italian civilian, stole two American jeeps (one Army, one Navy). The jeeps were discovered in a French motor pool. DiNucci was tried by the French for having stolen the jeeps, and was given a two-year suspended sentence, plus a very small fine. DiNucci is now reported to be working for the French in Rome.

b. The Deputy Commissioner of Naples Commune, Colonel Warren, sent a full report of the case to A.C., and received the reply indicated in the letter attached.

3. Does the Executive Commissioner wish the case dropped on the grounds of not stirring up the French, or shall we press the matter? Evidently the French have put over a "fast one"!

Establishment Section
16 July, 1945

Montant
L. T. MONTANT, Jr.,
Captain, AGD
Staff Officer

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ALLIED COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
APO 394

LFM/jp
7 July 1948.

SUBJECT: Military Police Report.

TO : Rome Area Allied Command, APO 794, US Army.

The attached copies of Military Police Report are returned, inasmuch as the vehicle in question is not the property of this organization.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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

2 Incls:

- 1 - ltr file AG 250 dtd 6 Jul 45.
- 2 - MP report on USA Veh #2033976.

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HQ ALCON INFO: 71 SUB AREA

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

IN CLEAR.

Ref your 3604/69/003 of 15. Seizure of Fiat car registration
No 22780/ROMA being investigated as matter of urgency. You will be
notified of result of investigation soonest. 71 Sub AREA. By
1E/2306/5/3 of 19 refers.

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LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AC/4129/15/L.

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25 NOV. 1944.

SUBJECT : Thefts of Requisitioned Cars-Trial in A.M. Courts.
TO : Establishment Section, H.Q., A.C.

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1. Reference your letter, dated 24 Nov. 44 and confirming telephone conversation of yesterday.
 2. This Sub-Commission is prepared to recommend any such cases for trial in Allied Military Courts which are brought to its notice and which contain sufficient evidence.
 3. Pending notification of any such cases no action is being taken on your letter.

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W.E. BEHRENS,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

MEP/jp
24 November 1944

SUBJECT: Theft of Requisitioned Cars.

TO : Deputy Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Section,
Allied Commission.

1. For some time past, I have been concerned over the increasing number (18) of requisitioned cars which have been stolen.

2. This is particularly serious, when it is realized how vital this transport is to our work and how difficult, if not impossible, it is to replace it.

3. The provision of transport is one of the most difficult problems with which this Commission is faced, and I venture to express the opinion that the embarrassment to our work by the theft of requisitioned vehicles is in itself a direct sabotage to the war effort.

4. Recently a requisitioned car was stolen during daylight from outside this building. Inquiries were made by the Military Police and by officers of the questura, with the result that a gang of 10 Italians who have been operating in this and similar crimes have been arrested. It was discovered that the car had been sold for 350,000 lire.

5. It can be appreciated, therefore, that the Italians who engage in this type of crime find it a very profitable business. Nor can it be argued that the chances of their discovery is particularly high.

6. These particular offenders will be dealt with by the Italian courts, and I understand that they are shortly to be released on bail. There is no indication that the Italian Authorities will pay any proper regard to the seriousness of these offenses, which ought to be viewed not only as thefts of Allied property, but also as sabotage to our war effort.

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7. I therefore, have little confidence in the Italian courts to deal with these cases in any way which will properly support either the work of this Commission or the prestige of the Allies. I feel that unless some form of salutary action is taken, there is a great danger of an increasing number of similar crimes in the future.

8. For this reason, I submit that consideration be given to the institution of Allied courts to try these and similar instances of theft of Allied property in the future.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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Hq, A.C., Office of Deputy Chief of Staff, Establishment
Section. APO 394. 28 Oct. 44. *File*

TO: Chief of Staff, Allied Commission

Request that this be investigated by a senior officer
of your section to determine who shall pay for the loss of
this valuable equipment.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

Basic: Letter from Supergarage
re theft FCC 367.

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"for recovery action;" 6600

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