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Col. C. M. PARRIN

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
(Establishment Section)

CMP/FJA/EOE

GA/41/A

3 July 1945

SUBJECT: Confiscated Property.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Lombardia Region,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

ATTENTION: Captain B. R. Johnson.

It is requested that Captain B. R. Johnson examine the attached correspondence and reply by indorsement hereon as to any information he may have on the whereabouts of property mentioned.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

C. M. PARRIN
Colonel, Infantry
Acting Vice President

- 3 Incls.
Incl 1. Ltr, HQ AMG, Ancona, ref
AMG/C/16, dtd 25 Jun 45.
Incl 2. Translation of ltr, Bianchini
Reg. Tarquinio, dtd 20 Giugno 45.
Incl 3. Ltr, Bianchini Reg. Tarquinio,
dtd 20 Giugno 45.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMC
ANCONA
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SUBJECT: Sequestered Property

Ref.: AMC/C/16

TO : HQ AC (G-4 (A))

Date: 25 June 45

FROM : AMC ANCONA

The attached letter and translation from BIANCHINI Terquinio of Fabriano is forwarded for investigation please.

Capt. Johnson is now with Lombardia Region.

/s/ O. J. Maunder, Major R. A.
/t/ O. J. Maunder, Major R. A.
Acting Commissioner,
Ancona.

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To A.M.G. Ancona

I beg to submit the following statement:

On 12 Dec 44 a Carabinieri and an Agent of P.S. came to my house at Fabriano, Viale Aurelio Zonghi 1, and sequestered for the P.O. Capt. R.B. Johnson the following articles:

- a) A radio set, 5 valves, "Philips", functioning perfectly;
- b) a camera with leather covering, 13 x 18, "Veritas";
- c) a binocular and a prismatic eye-glass "Goertz"

The P.S. Agent warned me that the above articles were at disposal of the P.O. and I could not dispose of them.

On 19 Dec. 44 the radio set was collected by the agent and another person. I asked for a receipt but the agent replied that he was not authorized to issue the same.

I went to the P.O. to enquire why the radio set had been taken and learned that it had been sequestered because I had not declared it according to AMG Order of July 44.

I beg to point out that I had left Fabriano, as most of the inhabitants, owing to war events since January 44 and returned there at the end of August 44; and had submitted a declaration although late. The P.O. replied through the interpreter that I should be informed of the outcome of the sequestration of the radio set.

On 5 Jan 45 two P.S. Agents came to my house and collected the camera and two binoculars.

Having learned that after Capt. Johnson's departure many radio sets, cameras and binoculars had been handed over to the local Commissariato of P.S. who returned them to the owners, I went there but the articles belonging to me were not found.

May these articles be returned to me or be replaced by other articles to my liking, or made good to me in cash.

BIANCHINI MARQUINO

Fabriano, 20 June 45

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
OFFICE OF G-4 (A)

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19 February 1945

SUBJECT: Responsibility for Property

TO : Executive Officer (US), Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394
US Army

1. Reference is made to the attached report.

a. Responsibility according to Army Regulations is divided into two categories -- direct responsibility and indirect responsibility. With reference to paragraph 1 c.: The officer who has affixed his signature to a receipt for an item or items of property which he requires for the administration of his duties automatically becomes directly responsible not only for the condition of the property, but also for the financial responsibility if the property is lost, damaged or destroyed through fault or neglect. The issuing officer or agency then becomes indirectly responsible, insofar as affixing the financial responsibility, for the loss, damage or destruction of the property involved.

b. With reference to paragraph 1 d:
The fact that an officer does not have the items of property for which he signed constantly under his control is not justification for relieving said officer from pecuniary responsibility or accountability. It is the duty of every officer to obtain receipts for property under his control in order to affix responsibility for losses.

c. With reference to paragraph 1 e.:
An officer who has signed for a vehicle and neglects to adhere to the proper security regulations can be held financially liable pending report of survey and findings of an investigating officer. This applies to all U.S. Government property.

d. With reference to paragraph 1 f., sub-paragraph (1):
It is suggested that responsibility for shifting of furniture within the headquarters be placed on the officer directly responsible for the property. This can be done by notifying all concerned that such responsibility is fixed on the directors, or supply officers, etc., of the respective sub-commissions or sections.

e. With reference to paragraph 3:
It is felt that the only necessary step to be taken is to fix direct responsibility with the sub-commissions or sections as is done for US T/E property.

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Ltr Hq AC, Off of G-4(A), file 140.2,
dtd 19 Feb 45 (cont'd)

f. With reference to paragraph 4:
From the security point of view the suggestion is a worthy one, provided that all sections or sub-commissions involved have the adequate and adaptable space for compliance with the proposed security order.

Clayton C. Craig
CLAYTON C. CRAIG
Major, Infantry
G-4 (A)

Further clarification of paragraph 1 e. above:

1. Purchased property which has been paid for from Allied funds becomes Allied property, and as such a simple system of property accounting should be maintained by the Headquarters Commandant.
2. This system could be similar to the Company Property Book, with periodic physical inventories and running balances.
3. In order to avoid any confusion in the different classifications of the property, it should be maintained by a separate section, and if possible, inventories should be taken by a disinterested Allied officer.

cc
C.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Printing & Security Office

FILE	HQC/13
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C.C.	

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10 February 45

HQC/8

SUBJECT: Report on fixing responsibility for /
missing equipment in offices.

TO : Hq Commandant.

1. The matter has been discussed with Capt. Sinclair with the following results:

- (a) It is felt that the most important reason for equipment being stolen is a lack of precautionary measures on the part of the responsible officers.
- (b) The building is adequately guarded and all civilians are stopped attempting to leave with packages and searched.
- (c) Each piece of equipment theoretically has a signature affixing responsibility, but as far as known there has never been an inquiry into a loss with the view of fixing financial responsibility.
- (d) In some cases the officer is compelled to sign for equipment which is not used in his own office but may be in use in another section of the building. In a sense, the officer in question is not responsible for any losses which might occur, but might reasonably be held responsible for safeguarding this equipment (e.g. seeing that a typewriter is locked in a cabinet during the night in the other office).
- (e) It is felt that the matter might well be put on the same plane as a vehicle in that leaving a vehicle unattended or not properly locked, places the officer pecuniarily responsible for the vehicle should it be stolen.
- (f) It is felt that this matter of financial responsibility cannot be applied to office furniture, even though it is theoretically government equipment, because of the
 - (1) Vastness of this building, making it impractical to control shifting of furniture.
 - (2) It is impossible for anyone to carry a piece of furniture out of the building without being stopped.

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2. Loss of personal articles such as fountain pens, etc. should be considered on a purely personal basis. Responsibility for such losses cannot fairly be placed on the Headquarters Commandant's Branch.

3. It is felt that all office machinery should come under Headquarters Supply Office in order to effect better control. In addition, the Purchasing Office should not be permitted to purchase machines for anyone except supply.

4. It is felt that an order should be issued to all Sub-Commissions, etc. that all office machinery must be locked away every night. Further, it should be pointed out that the Administrative Officer of each Sub-Commission is financially responsible for the safeguarding of his Sub-Commission's machines.

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1st Lt., AUS,
Security Officer.

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