

ACC

10000/142/153

SALE OF ALLIED
MAR., APR. 1944

10000/142/153

SALE OF ALLIED PROPERTY BY FRENCH SOLDIERS
MAR., APR. 1944

FILE CLOSED : 20 April 1944

9



PARTITO COMUNISTA REPUBBLICANO
FEDERAZIONE DELL'URBE
IL COMMISSARIO FEDERALE

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/307/58/CA

20 April 1944

SUBJECT: Sale of Allied Property to French
Soldiers.

TO : Administrative Section.

Ref. your ACC/6011/7/L of 8 Apr. 44.

1. The papers in this case have been turned over to Chief of Staff 901 French Base for action. (17 Apr. 44)
2. The complaint and incident will be fully investigated and we are assured that appropriate action will be under-taken if facts justify.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
Region III

21 APR 1944

8

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394.

8 April, 1944.

REFERENCE : ACC/4011/7/L.
SUBJECT : Sale of Property by French Soldiers.
TO : R.L.O. (thru Regional Commissioner), Region 3.

1. Reference your letter 3/6083/L dated 7 April 1944 and report in connection with the above.

2. This matter has been passed to the Executive Commissioner for action.

RICHARD H. WILMER.
Lieutenant-Colonel.
Deputy Chief Legal Officer.

RHW/wow.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Administrative Section
APO 394.

6

8 April 1944.

REFERENCE : ACC/4011/7/L.
SUBJECT : Sale of Allied Property by French Soldiers.
TO : Executive Commissioner.

- ...
1. Enclosed is a copy of certain correspondence dealing with the sale of allied property by French soldiers.
 2. This appears to be a matter which will require action by the military authorities and for that reason is sent to you.

6

REH/vcw.

Stansgate
STANSGATE.
VP Adm. Sec.

4011/7

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL DIVISION
APO 394, U.S. Army

(5)

JWC/cm
3/6083/L

7 April 1944

SUBJECT: Sale of Allied Property by French Soldiers.

To : C.L.O. Legal Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

1. Reference is to attached report.
2. The matter is one that must be handled by higher headquarters.

J. W. Chapman
Lt. Col. for
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Lt. Col., J.A.G.D.
Reg. Legal Officer.

2nd Ind.

Ind 3-4
6038 (4)

Provincial Legal Officer Naples Province
To: Regional Legal Officer, Region III.

31 March 1944

1. The issue involved warrants consideration by
higher authority.

John K. Weber
JOHN K. WEBER
Colonel, Infantry
P.L.O., Naples Province

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
 AVERSA, NAPLES PROVINCE
 ITALY

25 March 1944

TO : P.P.O. Santa Maria

SUBJECT: Report of Incident.

1. The attached statement describes a case recently brought up for discussion at the Santa Maria Conference.
2. This headquarters has advised an officer representative of the French organization concerned that the sale of such material was entirely contrary to AFHQ policy, but could not get re-affirmation of a promise to return the £18,000 involved. In the meantime the six sacks of coffee are being held at the MP headquarters here in Aversa, and the civilian has approached the MP officers to obtain reimbursement of these funds.
3. In view of the arbitrary actions of the French officers concerned, it is requested that direct action by higher authority be immediately instituted.

R.M. Freeman
 R.M. FREEMAN, 1st Lt. CMP.
 P.P.S.O.

Major Parlin
AK
1st Endorsement

TO: C.L.O. Naples Province

1. The above matter involves a question of international policy.
2. It is forwarded to you for routing to higher authority.

Sergeant Parlin
 Major, CMP.
 L.O. Nos. Div.

29 Mar. 44

HEADQUARTERS 2651 MP Co.
APO 782

23 March, 1944.

SUBJECT: Sale of Government property.

TO : Lt. Freeman, A.M.G.

1. ^{or about} On March 10, 1944 it was reported to this office that an Italian civilian had just bought some merchandise from an Allied soldier. I, Sgt. Beckwith investigated and found in the possession of Giovanni Rubino, Via Littorio #11, Aversa, 6 bags of a mixture of barley, oats and a great amount of coffee, which at the time of the arrest this Italian civilian was sorting from these bags. I immediately arrested the Italian civilian and upon questioning him, he produced a receipt that a French Sgt. Candillayre of the Gestion Dis Substances, 321 had given him in the business transaction. This receipt stated that the civilian had paid \$30.00 per bag for the six bags.

2. The six bags of the mixed ingredients were taken to the police station along with the Italian civilian. Later in the day, I sent a patrol to apprehend the French Sgt. who had sold the merchandise. After questioning, the Sgt. stated that his superior officers had ordered him to sell these goods. We asked the Sgt. if he would ask his superior officers to report to the police station at their convenience so we could straighten the matter out.

3. Two French officers, one's name unknown and the other Lt. Giraud of the same outfit as the Sgt., reported to this station and Lt. Jake M. Orf talked with them. Lt. Orf states that the French officers had given order/s to have the goods sold and that they had no idea that they were violating any laws, and that it was an unfortunate situation and an unavoidable misunderstanding. They agreed with Lt. Orf that they would give the Italian civilian back his money and they could call for the merchandise, which is being held at MP headquarters.

4. Later the Italian civilian returned to the police station and told us that the French had refused to give his money back and wanted to know if he could possibly retain his merchandise. So I turned the case over to A.M.G.

OFFICIAL:

Allied Control Commission

R.M. Freeman
PPSO
Freeman

Sgt. Donald C. Beckwith
Sgt. Donald C. Beckwith,
32131116, 2651 MP Co.

(1)

I certify that the attached statement is true and correct
in every respect in regards to my investigation of the case.

OFFICIAL:
Allied Control Commission
R. M. Freeman
PPSO, Area.

James E. May
LT. JAMES E. MAY,
O-2055418, 2651 MP Co.

