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U.S. CLAIMS OFFICES
JULY 1944 - NOV. 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

AC/14146/PS

24 Nov. 1945

SUBJECT : Applications for return of property
TO : P.M.G. MTOUSA

1. The attached applications from Pastina Domenico, Mariani Cesare and Laparelli Ernesto for the return of property, are forwarded to you for information and such action as you may deem necessary.

FJW/pl

Edward W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

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(Sig. Maj. Archer)

Arrested at Verona, where he resides temporarily, on the 3/7/45 was taken to concentration camp, with many of his colleagues at Modena. By orders of the American Command at said Camp, he was obliged to hand over all his pocket money amounting to 3000 lire as shown in copy of receipt written at edge (Please see orig. sheet).

The undersigned begs the Allied Commission to give disposition for the reimbursement of a/m money for which he thanks in advance

s/ Pastina Domenico

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(Translation M.C.)

Rome + Via Lariana N° 5

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

9-II-45

(M.M.I.A.)

Palazzo delle Corporazioni

R O M E

SUBJECT: Complaint made by Mariani Cesare.

The undersigned Mariani Cesare fu Giuseppe and di Calosi Ada, born at Certaldo 18 Feb. 1899 domiciled in Rome- Via Lariana N° 5 int A. Official with the Ministry of Communications - General Direction of the State Railway-Private and General Affairs. On 3 July 1945 I was arrested at Verona by order of the A.M.G. Command.

On 4th of same month I was interned with other colleagues in Prisoner of War- Enclosure Modena.

Owing to explicit orders of American Command at said Camp, I had to hand over all the money I had on my person: L.500 lire, as shown in copy of receipt issued and herewith enclosed (Please see original sheet.).

I beg the Allied Commission to dispose of the reimbursement of aforesaid sum, and accept my thanks in anticipation.

s/ Cesare Mariani

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9 NOV. 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

5 October 1945

AC/14146/PS

SUBJECT : Claims to U.S.

TO : U.S. Claims Service, Regional
Office VI APO 512 U.S. Army

REF: : REG/LN/qvq No R-0017-PD

1. We transmit herewith original letter received from Lt. Col. POLLOCK answering our letter of 22 July 45, for your file.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

RMP/G

Attached Lt. Col. Pollock's
original letter.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14146/PS

Tel.: 489081-257

17 September, 45

SUBJECT : Claim to U.S.

TC : U.S. Claims Service Regional Office VI
A.P.O. 512 - U.S. Army

REF. : RFG/LN/gvg of 31 August 1945
Number R-2017-PD

1. We have no evidence that the camera and equipment were ever returned to Barone Clerente.

2. We have a statement from Major Coxhead as follows :

a- Regret that I have no knowledge whatever of this case. Period referred to, that is arrest date and trial date, July 1944, if my records are inspected will I believe reveal I was in service in Velletri, Province of Rome, Region 4. That period Region 4 operated apart from City Administration.

3. G-1 British records do not indicate exact location of Maj. Coxhead as claimed. No record is available to prove or disprove his statement.

4. We mailed a letter to Lt.Col. Pollock 22nd July 1945 in England. No answer has been received but we are misofficially informed that Lt.Col. Pollock was seriously injured in a motor accident in Holland about a month ago, and is now not in the Army.

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5. Until we hear from Lt.Col. Pollock, we have no evidence to add to what has been ascertained, as his statement should clear the matter and all other avenues have led up to him and Maj. Coxhead, who denies knowledge.

6. Copy of letters to Maj. Coxhead and Lt.Col. Pollock are attached in duplicate for your files.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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UNITED STATES CLAIMS SERVICE
REGIONAL OFFICE VI
APO 512, U. S. Army

RFG/LN/evg

Ref. No.: R-2017-PD.

31 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Claim vs. U. S.

TO : Director, Public Safety Division, Allied Commission, APO 394,
U. S. Army.

1. Attached is correspondence and statements concerning claim of BARONE, Clemente, for a camera which, he alleges, was confiscated from him by the Military Police for failure to register it. Claimant was tried by an AMG court and fined. It is alleged that the camera was never returned although it was the intention of the court that it be returned. The attached correspondence and statements trace the camera to Col. Pollock, of the Public Safety Division (see statement by Capt. Gaziano). Major Coxhead of the Public Safety Division seems to have had some knowledge of this matter.

2. It is requested that a search be made of the records of the Public Safety Division concerning disposition of the camera. In particular, this office would like to know whether there is any evidence indicating that the camera was ever returned to its owner. In the absence of such evidence, it is requested that statements be secured from either Col. Pollock or Major Coxhead concerning final disposition of camera.

Roderick F. Greig
RODERICK F. GREIG,
Captain, Infantry,
Claims Officer in Charge.

8 Incl.: Correspondence and statements.

TO	INIT	DATE
DIRECTOR	<i>WOG</i>	<i>5/10</i>
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EXEC. OFFICER	<i>WOG</i>	<i>11-9</i>
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UNITED STATES CLAIMS SERVICE
REGIONAL OFFICE VI
APO 512, U. S. Army

RFG/LN/evg

Ref. No.: R-3017-PD.

31 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Claim vs. U. S.

TO : Director, Public Safety Division, Allied Commission, APO 394,
U. S. Army.

1. Attached is correspondence and statements concerning claim of BAYONE, Clemente, for a camera which, he alleges, was confiscated from him by the Military Police for failure to register it. Claimant was tried by an AMG court and fined. It is alleged that the camera was never returned although it was the intention of the court that it be returned. The attached correspondence and statements trace the camera to Col. Pollock, of the Public Safety Division (see statement by Capt. Gaziano). Major Coxhead of the Public Safety Division seems to have had some knowledge of this matter.

2. It is requested that a search be made of the records of the Public Safety Division concerning disposition of the camera. In particular, this office would like to know whether there is any evidence indicating that the camera was ever returned to its owner. In the absence of such evidence, it is requested that statements be secured from either Col. Pollock or Major Coxhead concerning final disposition of camera.

RODERICK F. GREIG,
Captain, Infantry,
Claims Officer in Charge.

8 Incl.: Correspondence and statements.

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UNITED STATES CLAIMS SERVICE
Regional Office VI
APO 512 U. S. Army

31 March 1945.

Ref. No.: R-2017-PD.

SUBJECT : Claim against U.S. by Barone, Clemente.

TO : Provost Marshal, R.A.A.C, U. S. Army

1. Barone Clemente, Via Sicilia 207, Rome, Italy, has filed a claim for payment of return of the following items:

1. Leica Camera (Summitar Lens F. 1:2)
2. Hector Lens F. 1:4, 5 cm 13,5
3. Elmar Lens 1:3,5 F. c/m 5
4. View finder
5. Range finder.

2. According to allegations of claimant above items were confiscated by U.S. Military Police, on July 2, 1944, for failure to have items registered. Police concerned had offices at Piazza del Collegio Romano.

3. Further claimant alleges that he was tried by a A.M.C. court on 4 July 1944, and sentenced to 15 days imprisonment, but that this trial did not make any disposition of above items.

4. Request that this office be informed of status of above listed items.

WILLIAM R. ORLANDI
Major, J.A.G.D.
Claims Officer in Charge

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

RODERICK F. GREIG
Captain, Infantry

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1st Ind.
Office of the American Provost Marshal, Headquarters Rome Area, MTOUSA,
APO 794, U. S. Army, 2 April 1945.

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To: Claims Officer in Charge, US Claims Service, Regional Office VI,
APO 512, US Army.

The attached true copies of a receipt signed by Lt. Thomas A. Morris
are forwarded in compliance with request contained in paragraph 4 of basic
communication.

FOR THE AMERICAN PROVOST MARSHAL:

ALBERT ALVIN
Captain, Infantry
Administrative Officer

Ref. No.: R-2017-PD
2nd Ind.
U. S. CLAIMS SERVICE, REGIONAL OFFICE VI, APO 512, U.S. Army, 5 April 1945.
TO: Prosecutor's Office, Rome Region, Allied Control Commission, APO 394,
U. S. Army.

1. Attention invited to basic communication, 1st Indorsement and
inclosure including receipt signed by 2nd Lt. Thomas A. Morris.
2. Request compliance with Par. 4, of basic communication.

WILLIAM R. ORLANDI
Major, J.A.G.D.
Claims Officer in Charge

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

RODERICK F. GREIG
Captain, Infantry

PROSECUTORS OFFICE
ROME REGION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 U.S. ARMY

30 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Barone Clemente fu Antonio
M.P. Booking Number 1-167 Arrested 2/7/44

TO : Provost Marshal RAAC

1. The above arrest was made for possession of undeclared cameras and lenses described as follows:

" Leica camera No 385973 Ernest Leitz Wetzler No 564458 Leather Case Leitz Elmar F 5 CM 1-3-5 Elmar T-96M-4 No 519105 Mirino Universal Elcitz Wetzler "

The arrest report shows that the property was deposited at M.P. Headquarters District No. 1.

2. The reviewing authorities in the case make some criticism of "entrapment" and have asked for production of cameras.

3. The Court has called on the Prosecutors Office to produce the property involved.

4. May arrangements be made for delivery of these goods to Summary Court A at the Palace of Justice.

/s/ S. B. Gilreath
/t/ S. B. GILREATH, Capt.
Chief Prosecutor

Received the above described articles this 31 day of July 1944.

For the prosecute officer
/s/ Thomas A. Morris 2nd Lt.
O-1797333

This is a certified true copy:

/s/ Albert Alvin
/t/ ALBERT ALVIN
Captain, Infantry
Administrative Officer

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Ref. No.: R-2017-PD 4th Ind.
U. S. CLAIMS SERVICE, REGIONAL OFFICE VI, APO 512, U.S. Army, 21 April 1945.

TO: Headquarters Allied Commission, Legal Sub-Commission, Prosecutor, AMG,
Courts, Rome, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. In view of the fact that 2 Officers concerned were assigned to
Prosecutor's Office functioning in Rome, it is requested that this communica-
tion be forwarded to Officers having knowledge of this incident for compliance
with basic communication.

WILLIAM R. ORIANDI
Major, J.A.G.D.
Claims Officer in Charge

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

RODERICK F. GREG
Captain, Infantry

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HEADQUARTERS
LIGURIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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5 June 1945.

SUBJECT: BARONE Clemente fu Antonio, Claim by.

TO : HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394
(Attn: Legal Sub-Commission)

1. Reference your AC/4083/1/L. letter 1 June 1945.
2. I recall this case very clearly. The accused pleaded guilty and explained the circumstances. As to the articles he said they were very valuable and apart from actual value had an enhanced value for they were not replaceable. The story went that an officer asked him the price which was told the officer, the amount I have forgotten, the officer offered a sum much less than that stated which was not accepted. The officer then called in the police who confiscated the articles and laid the charge.
3. I recall that when asked for an order of restitution stating I could not make such an order as the articles were not before the Court not having been turned in by the police. None of the police concerned were present at Court.
4. I further recall that I personally drew the situation to the attention of whether initially with Major HENDRICKSON or Captain GILREATH I cannot recall, but at any rate we all including Lieutenant Morris knew of the situation and agreed that it was an injustice. At any rate the equipment was obtained from the police by prosecutors office as has been stated by Lt. MORRIS and I recall seeing it in the office at the time. I understood it had been returned in fact to the owner for such was the whole intention.
5. I recall emphasizing that the articles were not confiscated and may have endorsed such on record for benefit of reviewing authorities.
6. The above based on my recollection has been confirmed by John Hammerbauer who was the interpreter on the case and now in this office.
7. What procedure was followed by Lieutenant MORRIS or others I have no knowledge. It is clear in my mind that the accused knew of our efforts and that we had recovered the articles. It therefore seems peculiar that they should have deferred claiming until 31 March. I would, having regard to all the circumstances, assume that they had in fact recovered the articles.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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(sgd W. G. ELDER)
W. G. ELDER
Lt. Col., Cdn. Pro. C.,
Regional Legal Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CITY OF MILAN

SUBJECT: BARONE Clemente fu Antonio

Date, 24 May 1945

TO : Deputy Chief Legal Advisor, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. I have a separate recollection of some of the details of this case but have no record or receipts now. I recall that the defendant made application to Lt. Col. Pollack, Public Safety Officer, Rome City, for return of his camera, which was represented as being very valuable. The record of the case had been reviewed and inquiry made as to disposition of the camera since no order had been made concerning it. I consulted Lt. Col Elder, the judge; who said no order of forfeiture was intended.
2. Major HANDRICKSON, Regional Legal Officer directed me to collect the camera and deliver it to his office. The camera was brought in by the police and I delivered it to Capt Rosario GAZIANO, Deputy Legal Officer who gave me a receipt which was attached to the case file in the Prosecutors Office. It was his intention to consult Col. Pollack and either personally restore the camera to its owner or deliver it to Col Pollack for that purpose.
3. I recall that some days later he showed me a receipt or gave it to me for the file, a receipt running to him, but I do not recall if it was from the Public Safety Division or from the owner. It is my recollection that I was satisfied that the camera had been returned to the owner.
4. Copies of all the letters and receipts were attached to the case record, then in the Prosecutors Office and later transferred to Legal Division Lazio-Umbria Region. Since Capt. GILBERT has returned to the United States; Capt. GAZIANO, myself, Lt. Pollack and the Rome Region records are the only sources of information. The case file if still available does contain the receipts.
5. I shall be pleased to give any further help required to locate the property

(sgd Thomas A. Morris)

THOMAS A MORRIS
1st Lt. CMP

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS
LEGAL DIVISION

File No. 13 C/Leg/

16 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Barone Clemente, fu Antonio.

TO : Chief Legal Advisor, Hq, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Lt. Col. G. M. WELSFORD)

1. In reply to your letter on a/m subject, Ref. No. AC/4083/1/L of 1st June 1945, the following information is furnished with regard to the articles. I became familiar with the BARONE Clemente case when Major R.C. HENDRICKSON, Regional Legal Officer, told me in his office to take the Leica camera various lens and finders from Lt. T. A. MORRIS of Central Prosecutors Office. Lt. MORRIS left the photographic material which had not been confiscated by the Summary Court in the Legal Division headquarters; the camera, the lens, and finders were placed in a large manila envelope and placed in the Legal Division safe, which was locked. I remember giving Lt. MORRIS a receipt that he had turned in the camera lens and finders in BARONE case. Two or three letters were written to Mr. CLEMENTE BARONE from the Legal Division concerning his appeal to Colonel POLLOCK and how he was to collect his camera. Several weeks went by. Then Major Hendrickson told me to contact Lt. Col. POLLOCK, R.P.S.O., Region 4, and to request that the Public Safety Division keep the BARONE camera and equipment and return to the owner. I had two separate conversations with Col. POLLOCK concerning the BARONE camera case. Col. POLLOCK stated that as head of the Public Safety Division he would see to it that the camera and lens were returned to the owner if the Legal Division turned the equipment to Public Safety. I reported this to Major Hendrickson. Major Hendrickson gave me instructions that the large manila envelope containing the camera and equipment to be returned to BARONE Clemente be turned over to the Public Safety Division. From the safe in the R.L.O.'s office I took the large manila envelope containing the camera, lens and finders to the Public Safety Office downstairs and I received a receipt from Col. POLLOCK for the photographic equipment of the BARONE CASE. That is the last I saw of the BARONE camera, lens and finders. I returned upstairs to the Legal Office and reported to Major Hendrickson that I had turned over to the Public Safety Division the camera and showed him the receipt for it. Major Hendrickson instructed me to take the receipt to the Central Prosecutor's office to be filed with the BARONE case. I took the receipt to the Palazzo di Giustizia, Rome, where the Central Prosecutor's office was. I gave the receipt from Col POLLOCK, Public Safety Division, to Lt. MORRIS with instructions to place it with the BARONE Clemente case file. I mentioned to Lt. MORRIS that the Public Safety Division would return the property to the owner. The Summary Court cases for the city of Rome were kept in the Central Prosecutors office in the Palace of Justice. The Superior and General Court cases and the Summary Court records from the provinces were kept in the files at Region 4 Headquarters.

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All these records were turned in to Legal Sub-Commission, A.C., about April 1945.

2. I have the impression that subsequently either Colonel POLLOCK or Major COXHEAD of the Public Safety Division stated that the Camera and lens had been returned to the owner. Until I received your letter of 1 June narrating the claim of BARONE Clemente I had felt certain that the camera and lens had been returned to him.

3. I do not have files of the case record, receipts, or letters written at Region 4 Headquarter, concerning the BARONE camera. If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, I shall be pleased to do so.

(sgd A. Gaziano)

ROSARIO A. GAZIANO,
Captain, Inf.,
Legal Officer.

2 Incls.

- Incl. 1. Copy of letter of Major Orlandi, 31 March 45.
Incl. 2. Copy of letter of Lt. MORRIS, 24 May 45.

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UNITED STATES CLAIMS SERVICE
REGIONAL OFFICE VI
APO 512, U. S. Army

LN/prs

25 July 1945.

Ref. No.: R-2017-PD

SUBJECT: Claim.

TO : Hq., Allied Commission, Legal Sub-Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. A claim has been filed with this office by BARONE, Clemente, Via Sicilia 207, Rome, Italy. He alleges that he was arrested by U.S. Military Police on 2 July 1944 for failing to register a Leica camera; that he was sentenced to 15 days imprisonment or 1000 lire fine; that the judge, Major Elder, did not order the confiscation of the camera; but that, nevertheless, the camera was not returned to him.

2. It is requested that the case file on the above case be examined and this office informed whether there is any evidence (receipt signed by claimant) to indicate whether or not camera was ever returned to claimant.

RODERICK F. GREIG,
Captain, Infantry,
Claims Officer in Charge.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

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AC/4083/1/L.

7 August 1945.

SUBJECT : Claim by BARONE CLEMENTE.

TO : U. S. Claims Service
Regional Office VI
APO 512 U.S. Army.

1. Reference your letter R-2017-PD of 25 July 45.
2. The case file has been examined and inquiries made out it is regretted that there is no receipt or other evidence to indicate that the camera was ever returned to the claimant.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A.C. WRIGHT,
Major,
Judicial Branch,
for Chief Legal Advisor.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

22 July 1945

AC/14146/PS

SUBJECT : Claim by Barone Clemente

TO : Lt: Col. J.R. Pollock
Civil Affairs Section, War Office
London S.W.
England.

1. Barone Clemente of Rome has made claim for restitution to him of :

- a) Leica Camera (Summitar lens F. 1: 2)
- b) Hecter Lens. F. 1:4.5, 5 cm 13.5
- c) Elmar Lens. 1:2.5 F 6 cm 5
- d) View finder
- e) Range finder.

2. Allegations are that above equipment was taken from subject in a proceedings in Rome AMG Court and not returned to him.

3. Investigations and statements to date elicit that RAAC Police took the material and turned it to the court where turned it to the Legal officer and from the Legal officer to you. On each case a receipt was taken. Each officer has rendered a statement ending with your receipt to the Legal officer. All this took place during July and August 1944. Barone Clemente claims he has not received the equipment.

4. We request your statement regarding the above equipment for which your receipt was given.

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FFH/C

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

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17 July 45

SUBJECT : Claim by Barone Clemente

TO : HQ. AC. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Reference your AC/14146/PS of 9 July 45
a statement by Major Coxhead is given as endorsement
1 to the foot of your letter. *1113*

For the Regional Commissioner.

C.T. Francis
C.T. FRANCIS,
Lt. Colonel,
RPSO, LOMBARDIA REGION

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Tel: 489081-257

9 July 1945

AC/14146/PS

SUBJECT : Claim by Ettore Clemente

TO : RPSO Lombardia Col. Francis C.T.

We transmit this file and request that Major Coxhead, mentioned therein, attach a statement regarding his knowledge of the case.

Please return complete file with statement.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

EFH/pl

Recd 12/7
File 15

1st Endorsement

To Regional Public Safety Officer
Region N.O.



1. Regret that I have no knowledge whatsoever of this case. Period referred to, that is arrest date and trial date, July 1944, if my records are inspected will I believe reveal I was in service in Velletri, Province of Rome Region 4. That period Reg 4 operated apart from City Administration

15.7.45

John W. Chapman
Coxhead
Major

UNITED STATES CLAIMS SERVICE
REGIONAL OFFICE VI
APO 512, U. S. Army

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Ref. No.: R-2017-PD.

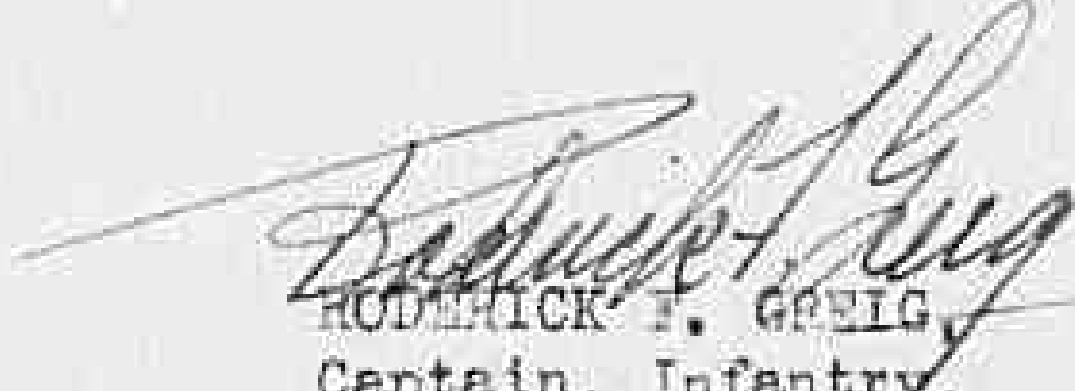
2 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Request for information.

TO : Public Safety Division, A.M.G., ^{ROME}~~Waples~~, U. S. Army.

1. Attention invited to attached correspondence and statements of Officers concerning claim of Barone, Clemente, Via Sicilia 207, Rome, Italy.

2. Request whatever information you may be able to furnish on this matter.


RODRICK F. GREIG
Captain, Infantry,
Claims Officer in Charge.

Incls.: Correspondence and statements of Officers.

UNITED STATES CLAIMS SERVICE
REGIONAL OFFICE VI
APO 512, U. S. Army

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Ref. No.: R-2017-PD.

2 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Request for information.

TO : Public Safety Division, A.M.G., ^{ROME}~~Naples~~, U. S. Army.

1. Attention invited to attached correspondence and statements of Officers concerning claim of Barone, Clemente, Via Sicilia 207, Rome, Italy.
2. Request whatever information you may be able to furnish on this matter.

RODERICK F. GREIG,
Captain, Infantry,
Claims Officer in Charge.

Incls.: Correspondence and statements of Officers.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

R-2017 PD

/mt.
23 June 1945.

AC/4083/1/L.

SUBJECT : Claim by BARONE Clemente fu Antonio.
TO : U.S. Claims Service, Regional Office VI
APO 512 - U.S. Army.

1. With reference to your letter of the 21st April, I enclose herewith:

- 1) Your file;
- 2) 2 copies of letter of 24 May 45 from Lt MORRIS;
- 3) 2 " " " " 5 Jun 45 " Col ELDER;
- 4) 2 " " " " 16 Jun 45 " Capt GAZIANO.

2. I suggest that further enquiries should be made from the Public Safety Division, AMG, Naples.

3. I regret the delay in replying to your letter, but the Officers mentioned above have all been in northern Italy and communications have been slow.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Wm E. Behrens
W. E. BEHRENS,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Advisor.

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UNITED STATES CLAIMS SERVICE
REGIONAL OFFICE VI
APO 512, U. S. Army

Ref. No.: R-2017-PD.

31 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Claim against U. S. by Barone, Clemente.

TO : Provost Marshal, R. A. A. C., U. S. Army.

1. Barone Clemente, Via Sicilia 207, Rome, Italy, has filed a claim for payment or return of the following items:

1. Leica Camera (Summitar Lens F. 1:2)
2. Hector Lens F. 1:4,5 cM 13,5
3. Elmar Lens 1:3,5 F. c/m 5
4. View finder
5. Range finder.

2. According to allegations of claimant above items were confiscated by U. S. Military Police, on July 2, 1944, for failure to have items registered. Police concerned had offices at Piazza del Collegio Romano.

3. Further, claimant alleges that he was tried by a A.M.G. court on 4 July 1944, and sentenced to 15 days imprisonment, but that this trial did not make any disposition of above items.

4. Request that this office be informed of status of above listed items.

William R. Orlandi
WILLIAM R. ORLANDI,
Major, J. A. G. D.,
Claims Officer in Charge.

1st Ind.

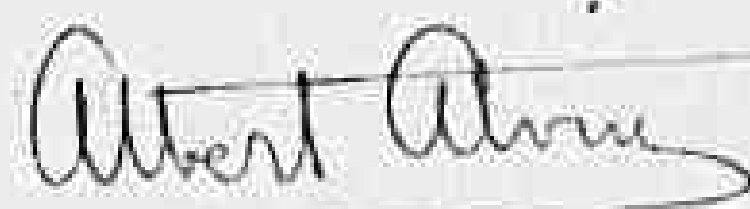
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Office of the American Provost Marshal, Headquarters Rome
Area, MTOUSA, APO 794, US Army, 2 April 1945.

To: Claims Officer in Charge, US Claims Service, Regional
Office VI, APO 512, US Army.

The attached true copies of a receipt signed by Lt.
Thomas A. Morris are forwarded in compliance with request
contained in paragraph 4 of basic communication.

FOR THE AMERICAN PROVOST MARSHAL:



ALBERT ALVIN
Captain, Infantry
Administrative Officer

Ref. No.: R-2017-PD.

2nd Ind.

U. S. CLAIMS SERVICE, REGIONAL OFFICE VI, APO 512, U.S. Army, 5 April 1945.

TO: Prosecutor's Office, Rome Region, Allied Control Commission, APO 394,
U. S. Army.

1. Attention invited to Basic communication, 1st Indorsement and
inclosure including receipt signed by 2nd Lt. Thomas A. Morris.

2. Request compliance with Par. 4, of basic communication.



WILLIAM R. ORLANDI,
Major, J. A. G. D.,
Claims Officer in Charge.

3rd Ind.

Hq. Allied Commission, Legal Sub-Commission, Prosecutor A.M.G.
Courts, Rome, APO 394, U.S. Army. 18 April 1945.

TO: U.S Claims Service, Regional Office VI, APO 412, U.S Army.

1. This office has no information concerning the camera in
question. The case of Barone Clemente was not prosecuted by me
and no record of it appears in this particular office.

2. Suggest the Judge that adjudicated the case be contacted. 5780

Louis A. Sabatino
1st Lt. F.A.
Prosecutor, A.M.G. Courts, Rome.

Ref. No.: H-2017-PD.

4th Ind.

U. S. CLAIMS SERVICE, REGIONAL OFFICE VI, APO 512, U.S.Army, 21 April 1945.

TO: Headquarters Allied Commission, Legal Sub-Commission, Prosecutor, AMG,
Courts, Rome, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. In view of the fact that 3 Officers concerned were assigned to Prosecutor's Office functioning in Rome, it is requested that this communication be forwarded to Officers having knowledge of this incident for compliance with basic communication.

WILLIAM R. ORLANDI,
Major, J. A. C. D.,
Claims Officer in Charge.

PROSECUTORS OFFICE
ROME REGION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394 U S ARMY

30 JULY 1944

SUBJECT: BARONE Clemente fu Antonio
M P Booking Number 1-167 Arrested 2/7/44

TO : Provost Marshal RAAC

1. The above arrest was made for possession of undeclared cameras and lenses described as follows;

" Leica camera No 385373 Ernest Leitz Wetzler
No 564458 Leather Case Leitz Elmar F 5 CM
1-3-5 Elmar F-96M1-4 No 519105 Mirono Universal
Eleitz Wetzler "

The arrest report shows that the property was deposited at M.P. Headquarters District No 1.

2. The reviewing authorities in the case make some criticism of "entrapment" and have asked for production of cameras.

3. The Court has called on the Prosecutors Office to produce the property involved.

4. May arrangements be made for delivery of these goods to Summary Court A at the Palace of Justice?

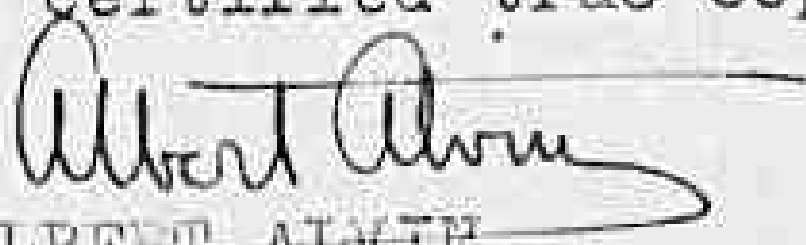
/s/ S B Gilreath,

/t/ S B GILREATH, Capt.
Chief Prosecutor

Received the above described articles this 31 day
of July 1944.

For the prosecute officer
/s/ Thomas A. Morris 2nd Lt.
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This is a certified true copy:


ALBERT ALVIN
Captain Infantry
Administrative Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS
LEGAL DIVISION

File No. 130/Leg/

16 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Barone Clemente, Su Antonio.TO : Chief Legal Adviser, HQ, Allied Commission, AGO 394
(Attn: Lt. Col. G. M. WELLSFORD)

1. In reply to your letter on a/m subject, Ref. No. AD/4085/1/L of 1st June 1945, the following information is furnished with regard to the attache. I became familiar with the BARONE Clemente case when Major W. C. HENDRICKSON, Regional Legal Officer, told me in his office to take the Leica camera various lens and finders from Lt. W. A. MORRIS of Central Prosecutors Office. Lt. MORRIS left the photographic material which had not been confiscated by the Summary Court in the Legal Division headquarters; the camera, the lens, and finders were placed in a large manila envelope and placed in the Legal Division safe, which was locked. I remember giving Lt. MORRIS a receipt that he had turned in the camera lens and finders in BARONE case. Two or three letters were written to Mr. CLEMENTE BARONE from the Legal Division concerning his appeal to Colonel POLLOCK and how he was to collect his camera. Several weeks went by. Then Major Hendrickson told me to contact Lt. Col. POLLOCK, R.A.C., Region 4, and to request that the Public Safety Division keep the BARONE camera and equipment and return to the owner. I had two separate conversations with Col. POLLOCK concerning the BARONE camera case. Col. POLLOCK stated that as head of the Public Safety Division he would see to it that the camera and lens were returned to the owner if the Legal Division turned the equipment to Public Safety. I reported this to Major Hendrickson. Major Hendrickson gave me instructions that the large manila envelope containing the camera and equipment to be returned to BARONE Clemente be turned over to the Public Safety Division. From the safe in the R.A.C.'s office I took the large manila envelope containing the camera, lens and finders to the Public Safety Office downstairs and I received a receipt from Col. POLLOCK for the photographic equipment of the BARONE CASE. That is the last I saw of the BARONE camera, lens and finders. I returned upstairs to the Legal Office and reported to Major Hendrickson that I had turned over to the Public Safety Division the camera and showed him the receipt for it. Major Hendrickson instructed me to take the receipt to the Central Prosecutor's office to be filed with the BARONE case. I took the receipt to the Palazzo di Giustizia, Rome, where the Central Prosecutor's office was. I gave the receipt from Col. POLLOCK, Public Safety Division, to Lt. MORRIS with instructions to place it with the BARONE Clemente case file. I mentioned to Lt. MORRIS that the Public Safety Division would return the property to the owner. The Summary Court cases for the city of Rome were kept in the Central Prosecutors Office in the Palace of Justice. The Superior and General Court cases and the Summary Court records from the provinces were kept in the files at Region 4 Headquarters.

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All these records were turned in to Legal Sub-Commission, A.C., about April 1945.

2. I have the impression that subsequently either Colonel KILLICK or Major COCHRAN of the Public Safety Division stated that the Camera and Lens had been returned to the owner. Until I received your ^{letter} of 4 June narrating the claim of BARONE Clemente I had ^{felt} certain that the camera and lens had been returned to him.

3. I do not have files of the case record, receipts, or letters written at Region 4 Headquarters, concerning the BARONE camera. If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, I shall be pleased to do so.

(sgd A. Gasiano)

RODOLFO A. GASIANO,
Captain, Inf.
Legal Officer.

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Incl. 1. Copy of letter of Major CHIANDE, 31 March 45.
Incl. 2. Copy of letter of Lt. MORRIS, 24 May 45.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CITY OF MILAN

SUBJECT : BARONE Clemente fu Antonio.

Date, 24 May 45

TO : Deputy Chief Legal Advisor, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. I have a separate recollection of some of the details of this case but have no records or receipts now. I recall that the defendant made application to Lt Col Pollack, Public Safety Officer, Rome City, for return of his camera, which was represented as being very valuable. The record of the case had been reviewed and inquiry made as to disposition of the camera since no order had been made concerning it. I consulted Lt Col Elder, the judge; who said no order of forfeiture was intended.

2. Major HENRICKSON, Regional Legal Officer directed me to collect the camera and deliver it to his office. The camera was brought in by the police and I delivered it to Capt Rosario GAZIANO, Deputy Legal Officer who gave me a receipt which was attached to the case file in the Prosecutors Office. It was his intention to consult Col. Pollack and either personally restore the camera to its owner or deliver it to Col Pollack for that purpose.

3. I recall that some days later he showed me a receipt or gave it to me for the file, a receipt running to him, but I do not recall if it was from the Public Safety Division or from the owner. It is my recollection that I was satisfied that the camera had been returned to the owner.

4. Copies of all the letters and receipts were attached to the caserecord, then in the Prosecutors Office and later transferred to Legal Division, Lazio-Umbria Region. Since Capt. GILBERT has returned to the United States; Capt. GAZIANO, myself, Lt. Pollack and the Rome Region records are the only sources of information. The case file if still available does contain the receipts.

5. I shall be pleased to give any further help required to locate the property.

(sgd Thomas A. Morris)

THOMAS A MORRIS
1st Lt CMF

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HEADQUARTERS
LICUÑA REGION
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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5 June 1945.

SUBJECT : R. JOSE Clemente su Antonio, Claim by.

TO : HON. JAMES, MILITARY COMMISSION, APO 394
(Attn: Legal Sub-Commission)

1. Reference your AG/483/1/L. letter 1 June 1945.
2. I recall this case very clearly. The accused pleaded guilty and explained the circumstances. As to the articles he said they were very valuable and apart from actual value had an enhanced value for they were not replaceable. The story went that an officer asked him the price which was told the officer, the amount I have forgotten, the officer offered a sum much less than that stated which was not accepted. The officer then called in the police who confiscated the articles and laid the charge.
3. I recall that when asked for an order of restitution stating I could not make such an order as the articles were not before the Court not having been turned in by the police. Some of the police concerned were present at Court.
4. I further recall that I personally drew the situation to the attention of whether initially with Major HAMMERBAUER or Captain GIJERMAN I cannot recall, but at any rate we all including Lieutenant Morris knew of the situation and agreed that it was an injustice. At any rate the equipment was obtained from the police by Prosecutors office as has been stated by Lieutenant MORRIS and I recall seeing it in the office at the time. I understood it had been returned in fact to the owner for such was the whole intention.
5. I recall emphasizing that the articles were not confiscated and may have endorsed such on record for benefit of reviewing authorities.
6. The above based on my recollection has been confirmed by John Hammerbauer who was the interpreter on the case and now in this office.
7. That procedure was followed by Lieutenant MORRIS or others I have no knowledge. It is clear in my mind that the accused knew of our efforts and that we had recovered the articles. It therefore seems peculiar that they should have deferred claiming until 31 March. I would, having regard to all the circumstances, assume that they had in fact recovered the articles.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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(sgd R. G. KILMER)
R. G. KILMER,
Lt. Col., Cdn. Prov. G.,
Regional Legal Officer.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

*This goes to Public
Safety Sub-Commission
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1378/F

12 July 1945

SUBJECT: Claim of:
Ferdinando Zancolatti
Piazza S. Lorenzo, 4 - Firenze.

TO : Vice-President, Establishment Section.

1. The attached correspondence is forwarded as it comes within your sphere of action.
2. I would suggest for your consideration that, with the closing down of the Northern Regions in prospect, ~~the~~ the Establishment Section should emphasize the necessity of paying or otherwise disposing of all unpaid bills and requisitions before the closing date. Our Regional Finance Officers have attempted to stress this point but apparently with little success.
3. With respect to bills received by AC HQ after a Region has closed, I would suggest that they be handled like other unpaid bills, and passed to the Italian Government for investigation and settlement. G-4 (A) has received from us a copy of the MTCUSA instructions for the handling of such bills, and I suggest that AC might adopt the same procedure.

TO		
DIRECTOR		
DEPUTY DIR.	14/7	
EXEC. AD.	17/7	
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ADM.		
SECURITY		
CHIEF CLERK		

(signed) A.P. GRAFFIEY-SMITH
Brigadier

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

File 9A

Tel: 489081-257

9 July 1945

AC/14146/PS

SUBJECT : Claim by Barone Clemente

TO : RPSO Lombardia Col. Francis C.T.

We transmit this file and request that
Major Coxhead, mentioned therein, attach a statement
regarding his knowledge of the case.

Please return complete file with
statement.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478709

19 March 1945

AO/14146/PS

SUBJECT : Claim for sheltering ex POW

TO : Allied Screening Commission CMF

Herewith is forwarded memorandum and relevant documents submitted by Giuseppe PRATI, Lagune di Bisano, Monterenzio, Bologna, in respect of shelter given by him to escaped prisoners of war.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APG 354

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16 March 1945

SUBJECT : Claim for hiding Allied Escapees.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,
H.Q., Allied Commission.

Director	
Deputy Director	
Exec. Officer	
Chief Clerk	
Sec. W. H. S.	
Personnel	
Training	
Security	
Chief Clerk	

Forwarded for onward transmission to
Allied Screening Commission, please.

For the Regional Commissioner.

C. T. Francis

C. T. FRANCIS
Lt. Colonel
Regional Public Safety
Officer

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File 6A

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081-686

10 February 1945

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~~AC/14154/PS~~

SUBJECT : Claim by Profeta Giuseppe
TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

1. Your 13048/F, dated 5 February, 1945, subject as above, refers.
2. Captain A. Gold, A.U.S., who apparently contracted for the services of the a/m, is a legal officer and at the time mentioned was Provincial Legal Officer.
3. Considering the foregoing, I am transmitting your letter to Legal Sub-Commission for further action.

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

Copy to:
Legal Sub-Commission. with all previous copies.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : A73300

31 December, 1944

14146
AC/14036/15/88

SUBJECT : United States Claims Office.

TO : Ministry of Interior
Director Public Security.

1. With reference to your letter AAC/10470, dated 1 November 1944, the following information respecting U.S. Claims Officer is forwarded.

2. Regional Claims Offices have been established up to date as follows :-

Regional Office I at Via del Chiostro 9, Naples, with jurisdiction to process all claims arising in the provinces of Naples, Littorio, Benevento, Frosinone, Avellino and Salerno.

Regional Office II, formerly located in Foggia, and now at Via Abate Giama 39, Bari, with jurisdiction to process all claims arising in the provinces of Campobasso, Foggia and Potenza.

Regional Office III at Via Abate Giama 39, Bari with jurisdiction to process all claims arising in the provinces of Bari, Matera, Taranto, Brindisi, Lecce, Cosenza, Catanzaro and Reggio Calabria.

Regional Office IV at Via Bari 36, Palermo, Sicily, with jurisdiction to process all claims arising in the Island of Sicily.

Regional Office V at Via San Benedetto 20, Cagliari, Sardinia, with jurisdiction to process all claims arising in the Island of Sardinia.

Regional Office VI at Largo del Lombardi 21, Rome, with jurisdiction to process all claims arising in the provinces of Rome, Aquila, Chieti, Pescara, Viterbo, Rieti, Terni, Treviso, Ascoli Piceno, Macerata, Ancona, Perugia and Grosseto.

Regional Office VII at Via Camille Cavour 15, Florence, with jurisdiction to process all claims arising in the provinces of Livorno, Pisa, Lucca, Pistoia, Siena, Firenze, Arezzo, Pesaro and Forli and the Republic of San Marino.

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3. It is provided that an investigation shall be conducted by a duly appointed unit investigating officer wherever in this theatre a claim is made against the United States Forces, or private property is damaged or destroyed, or injury or death results to any civilian other than an employee covered by workman's compensation.

4. Claims against the United States Forces for personal injury, death or property damage asserted by civilian inhabitants of Allied occupied Italy may be filed in any of these offices either by hand or through the civil postal system.

5. There is no special procedure laid down for the filing of claims by civilians other than the requirement that they must communicate their claims in writing in Italian or English in such manner that they may properly be understood to any one of the Regional Offices above described within one year after the date of the incident as a consequence of which the claim is asserted.

6. It is desired to make clear that awards are not made on any claim presented to this Service based upon an alleged death, injury or damage arising from any incident in the combat activities of the United States Forces.

7. It is also desired to make clear that this Service does not have jurisdiction with respect to claims based upon the authorized and regular procurement activities of US Forces. Such claims are properly presented to the procurement agencies concerned.

8. As soon as any new Regional office is established all appropriate agencies, is AMO, Mayor, Carabinieri, etc in the provinces within its jurisdiction are notified.

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

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UNITED STATES CLAIMS SERVICE
Office of the Deputy Chief Claims Officer in Italy
APO 794 U. S. Army

24 December 1944

SUBJECT: United States Claims Office.

TO : Director Public Safety Sub-Commission, (Col. John W. Chapman, J. GB),
Allied Commission, APO 394, US Army.

1. Reference is made to your letter, 18 Dec 44, above subject, your file number AC/14030 ^{14030/15/PS} with which you enclosed a copy of a letter from the Italian Ministry of the Interior dated 1 Nov 44, their number 442/10070, subject, U.S. office for damages caused by troops. ²⁶
2. The letter from the Ministry of Interior to you advised that the "Corriere" of Florence, issue of 7 Oct 44, published information to the effect that the United States Government had opened an office in Florence dealing with damage caused by actions of the U.S. Government or its troops for incidents not consequences of War actions, and that the Florence office was competent for incidents occurring in the Provinces of Leghorn, Pisa, Lucca, Sienna, Florence, Arezzo, Pesaro and Forli and the Republic of San Marino.
3. The letter of the Italian Ministry of Interior requested that you advise whether such information published is true, if so whether said office was recently constituted, whether there exist like offices in other centers, what activity they are carrying out, what procedure they are following, etc.
4. Your attention is invited to Circ #74, Hq. MTOUSA, dated 25 May 44, and Circ #126 Hq. MTOUSA dated 19 Oct 44, Sec 1, amendatory of Circ #74.
5. As you will note therefrom it is provided that an investigation shall be conducted by a duly appointed unit investigating officer wherever in this theatre a claim is made against the United States Forces, or private property is damaged or destroyed, or injury or death results to any civilian other than an employee covered by workman's compensation.
6. Where such incident involves fatal or other injury or damage to property of a civilian inhabitant a copy of the Unit Report is directed to be furnished to the United States Claims Service.
7. Sec III of same Circular confirms the establishment of the United States Claims Service, in Allied occupied Italian Territory and is the controlling authority governing the activities of the Service.
8. Pursuant to the authority contained in said Circular the Theatre Judge Advocate has caused to be established to date, seven Regional Offices of the Claims Service, in occupied Italian Territory. They are as follows:

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Regional Office I at Via del Chiostro #9, Naples, with jurisdiction to process all claims arising in the provinces of Naples, Littorio, Benevento, Frosinone, Avellino, and Salerno.

Regional Office II, formerly located in Foggia, and now at Via Abate Giama #83, Bari, with jurisdiction to process all claims arising in the provinces of Campobasso, Foggia and Potenza.

Regional Office III at Via Abate Giama #83, Bari with jurisdiction to process all claims arising in the provinces of Bari, Matera, Taranto, Brindisi, Lecce, Cosenza, Catanzaro and Reggio Calabria.

Regional Office IV at Via Bari #36, Palermo, Sicily, with jurisdiction to process all claims arising in the Island of Sicily.

Regional Office V at Via San Benedetto #20, Cagliari, Sardinia, with jurisdiction to process all claims arising in the Island of Sardinia.

Regional Office VI at Largo dei Lombardi #21, Rome, with jurisdiction to process all claims arising in the provinces of Rome, Aquila, Chieti, Pescara, Viterbo, Rieti, Terni, Perugia, Ascoli Piceno, Macerata, Ancona, Perugia and Grosseto.

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9. Claims against the United States Forces for personnel injury, death or property damage asserted by civilian inhabitants of Allied occupied Italy may be filed in any of these offices either by hand or through the civil postal system. They are investigated by a United States Claims Officer and, after all available evidence of all material and relevant facts has been obtained, the record of each such claim is forwarded to this office located at #32 Piazza Augusto Imperatore, Rome.

10. After review of the record by a Review Board constituted of qualified officers of the Judge Advocate General's Department the claim, if it involves not more than 50,000 lire is determined by the Deputy Chief Claims Officer, if it involves more than 50,000 and not more than 250,000 lire it is determined by the Theater Judge Advocate, and if more than the latter sum by the Theater Commander.

11. After such determination this office causes to be forwarded to the claimant through the Regional Office, a notice of disallowance stating the grounds on which the claim was disallowed or, in the case of an allowance, a notice of award which notifies the claimant of the office to which to present himself to receive payment. In the case of an award this office simultaneously notifies the Ministry of Finance of Italy to make payment of the award to the specified claimant through its specified office in the claimant's home neighborhood. The award is then paid by the Ministry of Finance and an appropriate notification is furnished this office.

12. There is no special procedure laid down for the filing of claims by civilians other than the requirement that they must communicate their claims in writing in Italian or English in such manner that they may properly be understood to any one of the Regional Offices above described within one year after the date of the incident as a consequence of which the claim is asserted.

13. It is desired to make clear that awards are not made on any claim presented to this Service based upon an alleged death, injury or damage arising from any incident in the combat activities of the United States Forces.

14. It is also desired to make clear that this Service does not have jurisdiction with respect to claims based upon the authorized and regular procurement activities of US Forces. Such claims are properly presented to the procurement agencies concerned.

15. As the Allied Armies in Italy move forward additional Regional Offices will be established at appropriate convenient locations as required and personnel and facilities permit. As soon as any Regional office is established all appropriate agencies, ie AMG, Mayor, Carabinieri, etc in the provinces within its jurisdiction are notified.

For the DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE OFFICER in Italy:

George S. Banigan
 GEORGE S. BANIGAN,
 Captain, J.A.G.D.,
 Executive Officer.

TO		
COL. CHAPMAN	W6	4/1
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILCOX		
MAJ. LUCKMAN		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBURY		
MAJ. BALLANCE		

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14030/15/PS

Tel 489081 Ext 502
16 December 1944

SUBJECT : U.S. Claims Office.

TO : U.S. Claims Service, Piazza Augusto Imperatore No. 32, Rome.
(Attn: Captain Banigan.)

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Herewith is translated copy of letter received at this
office from the Director of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior.

Could this office be supplied with the information asked
for so that the Director may be so informed.

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

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Transm. A.G.R. 2°
 Prot. N. 442/10470 Allegato 1

OGGETTO Ufficio Statunitense per i danni
 provocati dalle truppe.

Indudate
 Roma 10 Dicembre 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la

P.S.

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Respett. del
 Suo Suo N°

In relazione alla richiesta telefonica,
 si trasmette copia della ministeriale 1° No-
 vembre u.s. N. 442/10470, relativa all'oggetto.

TO	Si	prepara
CH. PM. N.		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILSON		
MAJ. UCKERT		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBURY		
MAJ. BALLANCE		
CAPT. POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

una cortese sollecita risposta.

PEL MINISTRO

12/9B
 In response to your request we transmit copy of
 the ministerial n. 442/10470 dated 1st Nov. 44
 re subject.

A courteous quick reply would be appreciated.

See 8A-100

Translation RV.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
P.S. Gen. HQ.

1st November 1944.

N. 442/10470

Subject : U.S. Office for damages caused by troops.
To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

The "Corriere" of Florence dated 7 Oct.44, has published the following information:

"" ~~At~~ U.S. Office for damages by troops.
" As is known in via Sassetti I existed an office dealing with denunciation of damages, both personal and property, ^{superior to} the population suffered by Allied troops. We learn now that the U.S. Government has opened an office dealing with damages caused by actions of the U.S. Government or by its troops, for incidents not being consequences of war actions. The Florence Office is competent for the incidents occurring in the Provinces of Leghorn, Pisa, Lucca, Siena, Florence, Arezzo, Pesaro, Forli and the S.Marino Republic. Said office is located in Via Cavour 15.""

This stated, in order to inform the population, we beg that Sub-Commission to kindly communicate whether the information published by the "Corriere" of Florence is true and if so, whether said offices have been recently constituted and also whether there exist ~~like~~ offices in other centres; what activity they are carrying out, what procedure is generally adopted for the denunciations presented by those concerned and ~~every~~ ^{any} information on the functioning for the ascertainment and the eventual reimbursement of the war damages suffered by civilians. Awaiting a courteous reply, we are thanking you.

For the Minister
Ferrari

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COPIA

Roma, 10 Novembre 1944

Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

ON COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

ROMA

Divisione G.R. Sez. II
Prot. N. 442/10470 AllegatiProposta al Foglio del
Dir. Sez. N.

OGGETTO

Ufficio statunitense per i danni provocati dalle truppe

Il Corriere di Firenze del 7 Ottobre scorso ha pubblicato la seguente informazione:

- "Un Ufficio statunitense per i danni delle truppe.
- "Esisteva-come è noto- in Via Sassetti I un ufficio relativo alla denuncia di danni personali o alle proprietà subiti dalla popolazione da parte delle truppe Alleate. Si apprende ora che il governo statunitense se ha aperto un suo ufficio per quanto riguarda i danni causati da atti del governo degli Stati Uniti o dalle sue truppe, quando questi incidenti non sieno i risultati di atti di guerra.
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"Tale Ufficio ha sede in Via Cavour 15."

Ciò premesso, allo scopo di renderne edotta la popolazione civile, si prega cote sta On Sottocommissione di compiacersi, ove nulla osti, far conoscere se l'informazione pubblicata dal Corriere di Firenze sia esatta, nel caso affermativo, se detti uffici siano stati istituiti di recente e se ne esistono di consimili in altri centri; quale attività svolgono, quale seguito viene dato, in genere, alle denunce presentate dagli interessati.

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ed ogni informazione sul funzionamento e sulla procedura eventualmente praticata per gli accertamenti e l'eventuale rivalsa dei danni di guerra, subiti dai civili.

In attesa di un benevole, cortese cenno di riscontro, si ringrazia.

PEL MINISTRO

f/to Ferrari

Per copia conforme

Roma 10 Dicembre 1944

IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE A.G.R.



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Si sarà grati a codesta On. Commissione se vorrà compiacersi fornire, con cortese sollecitudine, le notizie chieste con la lettera in data 1° novembre u.s. n. 442/10470, relativa alla informazione pubblicata sul giornale "Il Corriere di Firenze" del 7 ottobre circa l'esistenza in detta città di un ufficio statunitense per i danni provocati dalle truppe.

PEL MINISTRO

Sub. United States office for the damage made by the troops.
We will be grateful to this Commission if they will be willing to give with courteous solicitude the news requested by the letter dated November 1, u.s. n. 442/10470 relative to the information published on the paper "Corriere di Firenze" on October 7, about a United States office existing in that city for the damages made by the troops.

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