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The British Automatic Co. Ltd.,

REPORTED ON BY COMMITTEE.

11 OCT. 1916

PROPERTY LOSSES (IRELAND) COMMITTEE, 1916.

Inspector's Report.

Claim No. 1818.

Name of Claimant The British Automatic Co. Ltd. Occupation Company.

Situation of Property various situations (see claim Form).

Description	Claim	Insurance (if any)	Valuation of Buildings (Commissioner of Valuation)	Inspector's Valuation of full Damage	Loss Payable on basis of Insurance	Excess of Loss over and above amount payable under the Policies of Insurance
Automatic machines damaged and/or damaged beyond repair.	65. 2. 3.	---		65. 2. 3.	---	
Goods removed from machines	31.14. 0.	---		19.16. 7.	---	
TOTALS, £	96.16. 9.	---		84.18.10.	---	

Interests in the buildings

I have carefully inquired into this claim. I have read the correspondence and have had interviews with the Company's Irish Manager. The Machines damaged beyond repair are charged for at cost price, and a like remark applies to the cost of making good the remaining machines. I was not satisfied regarding the claim in respect of the contents of the machines, and on having the matter gone carefully into a considerable saving has been effected. The damage appears to have been caused by both Military and rebels.

Payment recommended £84.18.10.

Sept. 18th. 1916

Herbert Jones

INSPECTOR.

Award of Committee: Contents

Do. Buildings

REPORTED ON BY COMMITTEE

BRITISH AUTOMATIC COMPANY, Limited.

BRANCH ADDRESSES:

Bristol: Crayon Works, Portwall Lane.
Manchester: Collier Street Works,
Greengate, Salford.
Glasgow: Barrowfield Street.

HEAD OFFICE:

14, Appold Street, London, E.C.

57, TOWNSEND STREET,

DUBLIN.

13th Sept. 1916.

Mr. Dewse,

24 St. Andrews Street,

DUBLIN.

Dear Sir,

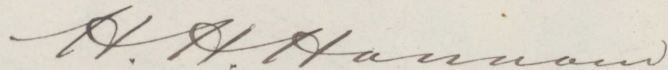
List of goods stolen from machines during the Rebellion.

Referring to our discussion on this matter on 7th inst, in regard to actual cost of the goods stolen from our machines £31. 14. 6.

I have been in communication with the Secretary in London, and I find the actual cost of these goods including delivery is £19. 16. 7.

Which please note.

Yours faithfully,



Manager for Ireland.

TELEPHONE NOS 2228 | LONDON WALL.
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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS. CRAYON, LONDON.

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THE BRITISH AUTOMATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

BRANCH OFFICES

MANCHESTER, Collier St Works, Greengate, Salford.
BRISTOL, Crayon Works, Portwall Lane.
GLASGOW, 100, Stamford Street.
DUBLIN, 57, Townsend Street.

APPOLD STREET,
LONDON, E.C.

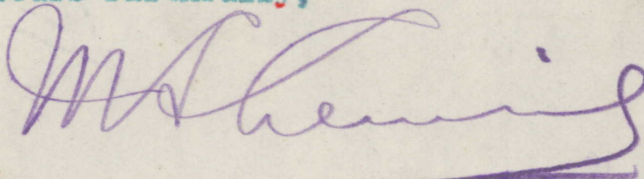
August 4th 1916

Messrs. Property Losses
(Ireland) Committee 1916,
51 St. Stephens Green, East,
DUBLIN.

Dear Sirs,

At the request of our District Manager
in Dublin I have duly executed the enclosed forms in the
presence of ^a ~~the~~ Commissioner for Oaths as I do not know
any Justice of Peace available at present. I hope the exe-
cution of the Documents in the presence of the Commissioner
for Oaths will be sufficient for your purpose.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary.

Enc.

Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.

51 ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN, EAST, DUBLIN.

Claim for Damages caused during the Disturbances on the 24th April, 1916, and following days.

I We The British Automatic Co. Limited now residing at 14 Appold street in the City of London do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that on or about the 26 days of April

1916, damage was done to the undermentioned Property, namely:—*

* State situation of property damaged.

Automatic Machines at various Railway Stations

and such damage was occasioned to the best of my belief by** Rebels

** Here state cause of damage.

The machines were broken and robbed of Contents. They were also used as barricades

And We further declare that the Property and Articles specified on the other side were so destroyed or damaged; that the Cost Price of same was as shown in each case; that at the time of the destruction or damage they were respectively of the Values specified under the head "Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage"; and that, in consequence of such destruction or damage, claim is hereby made for the sums specified under the head "Amount Claimed"; that the Claim is made by me

† Insert "Owner," "Lessee," or "Mortgagee," as the case may be.

as† owners; and that no person is interested in the said property except‡ ourselves

† Insert "myself," or "ourselves," and the names of Mortgagees, Lessors, Lessees, or joint owners (if any).

and that it is not insured by me or any other person, § except as follows, namely:—

§ Strike out the words following if the property is not insured.

Company	Policy No.	Amount £
.....	£.....
.....	£.....
.....	£.....

And We make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1835.

Made and subscribed the 3rd day of

August 1916, at 4 Broad Street Place in the said City of London

Asw before me, a Justice of the Peace for the said

City County.

Rushes Walker
Commissioner for Oaths.

Signature of Claimant of Claimants [Signature]
Secretary of the British Automatic Company Limited

NOTE—This Claim is to be furnished in duplicate, and should be accompanied by the Policies of Fire Insurance and the last receipt, in each case, or certified copies of same. When completed it is to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Committee, 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.

THE BRITISH AUTOMATIC COMPANY, LTD.
 DUBLIN BRANCH,
 57, TOWNSEND STREET.

LIST OF GOODS STOLEN FROM MACHINES DURING REBELLION. 1916.

Westland Rev. D & S. E. Rly.	5	11 3
Lansdowne Road. " "	6	18 3
Sidney Parade. " "	2	0 1
Kingstown " " "	1	11 2
Harcourt Street " "	2	17 0
Amiens Street " "	3	9 2
Enniscorthy " " "	2	11 6
Breadstene. M. Gt. Western Rly.	-	8 7
Amiens Street. Gt Northern Rly.	-	17 10
Denabate " " "	-	7 6
Skerries " " "	-	9 8
Kingstown East Pier.	3	12 6
Bull Wall. Dollymeunt.	-	7 4
Sandyceve. D & S. E. Rly.	-	11 8
TOTAL.....	331	14 6

FOR & ON BEHALF OF
 THE BRITISH AUTOMATIC COMPANY LIMITED,

W. L. Lewis
 SECRETARY.

H. H. Hamman
 Manager for Ireland.

57, Townsend Street,



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† Insert "Owner," "Lessee," or "Mortgagee," as the case may be.

and that it is not insured by me or any other person, § except as follows, namely:—

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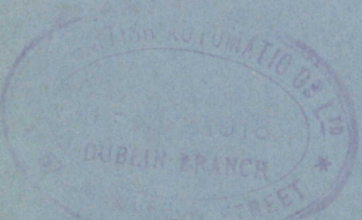
Company	Policy No.	Amount	£
.....	£.....
.....	£.....

§ Strike out the words following if the property is not insured.

And We make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1835.

Made and subscribed the 3rd day of

August 1916, at 14 Broad Street Place in the said City of London County, before me, a Justice of the Peace for the said



Signature of Claimant W.S. Cairns Secretary of Claimants The British Automatic Co. Limited

City County. Arthur Walker A Commissioner for both

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Lansdowne Road. " "	6	18	8
Sidney Parade. " "	2	0	1
Kingstown " " "	1	11	2
Harcourt Street " "	2	17	0
Amiens Street " "	3	9	2
Enniscerthy " " "	2	11	6
Breadstone. M. Gt. Western Rly.	-	8	7
Amiens Street. Gt Northern Rly.	-	17	10
Denabate " " "	-	7	8
Skerries " " "	-	9	8
Kingstown East Pier.	3	12	6
Bull Wall. Dollymeunt.	-	7	4
Sandyceve. D & S. E. Rly.	-	11	8
TOTAL.....	£31	14	6

FOR & ON BEHALF OF
THE BRITISH AUTOMATIC COMPANY LIMITED.

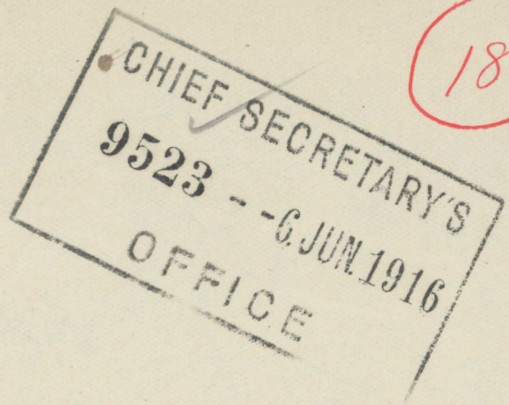
W.D. Curran *A.H. Harrison*

SECRETARY.

57, Townsend Street,



HQ44/81.



Under Secretary,
Dublin Castle.

Sir,

In continuation of this office memo No64153 (Q) dated 4th May 1916, I have the honour to forward herewith claims of the following:-

<u>British Automatic Co,</u>	57, Townsend Street,	Dublin.
Mr M. Higgins,	38, Upper Abbey Street,	do.
Mrs A. Manners,	11, Northumberland Square,	do.
Mrs Emma Arthurs,	135, Parnell Street,	do.
Mrs Mararget Richardson,	3, Waterford Street,	do.
Mr John Mordaunt,	7, Hammond Street,	do.
Mrs E. Murray,	9, Everton Tce, N.O. Road,	do.

Claimants have been informed that the Military do not admit any responsibility in the matter but I am referring their claims to you as a Civil Authority and propose to adopt a similar course with regard to other claims, which may come in, in view of the possibility of a Board of Assessment being assembled hereafter in your office.

F. S. Taylor

Colonel, A.D.S.T.
for Major-General i/c Administration,
Irish Command.

Headquarters,
Parkgate,
Dublin.
5.6.16.

Answer to file

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Misconduct alleged.

no information as to units.

Passed to "A".

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There is nothing to point to the troops
having been responsible in these cases.

J. P. D. A.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS :
"CRAYON, DUBLIN."

MEMORANDUM.

From

The British Automatic Company, Ltd.,

57, TOWNSEND STREET,

DUBLIN.

Head Offices :

Appold Street, London, E.C.

Branch Offices :

Manchester—Collier Street Works, Greengate, Salford.

Bristol—Crayon Works, Portwall Lane.

29th May 1916.

To

2nd. Lieut. P. J. Eames

Claims Office,

21a Lower Castle Yard.

Dear Sir,

Referring to yours of 29th inst, A21/30. I herewith return papers as requested.

Yours faithfully,

A. H. Hamann

Manager for Ireland.

BRITISH AUTOMATIC COMPANY, Limited.

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BRANCH ADDRESSES:
Bristol: Crayon Works, Portwall Lane.
Manchester: Collier Street Works,
Greengate, Salford.
Glasgow: Barrowfield Street.

57, TOWNSEND STREET,

DUBLIN.

HEAD OFFICE:
14, Appold Street, London, E.C.

27th May. 1916.

2nd. Lieutenant. G. M. Eames,
Claims Office, 59th N. M. Division,
21 A. Lower Castle Yard. DUBLIN.



Dear Sir,

Automatic Machines.

Referring to yours of the 26th inst, NO 21.A/9.

I beg respectfully to refer you to the report you kindly enclose of W. McLean. It does not give details of any stations. What you seem to require to be of any help to us in this investigation is- The date troops first took charge of each station concerned, and how they found the machines then.

- Glasses were broken to the machines at-
- Amiens Street
- Tara Street
- Westland Row.
- Lansdowne Road.
- Sidney parade.
- Kingstown.
- Kingstown Piers.

The date the Soldiers first went on duty and how they found the machines on the stations.

There is no doubt the Officer's report is mis-leading, and void of any intelligent information. If any parts were taken away by us, it was for repair purposes. We want to know who broke the machines, and caused them to need repairing?

THE BRITISH AUTOMATIC COMPANY/LTD
DUBLIN BRANCH
67 TOWNSEND STREET

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The only way to get at that information is to obtain a statement from the Officer in charge of the soldiers at each station concerned as to the condition of the machines when they went on guard.

Such a report may prove helpful to yourselves, and to us.

Yours faithfully,

H. H. Harman

Manager for Ireland.



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Claims Office,
59th N.M.Division.

To:-

British Automatic Coy, Ltd,
57, Townsend Street,
Dublin

Gentlemen,

Reference your letter re damage to
Automatic machines, the attached Minute from the G.O.C.
Royal Artillery is forwarded for your information.



P. J. James 2/Lt.

2/Lieut.

Claims Officer.

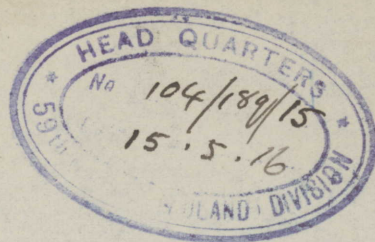
21a, Lower Castle Yard,
Dublin.

26/5/16.

H.Q.,

59th Division.

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The attached letter is forwarded for your information.

The machines have been inspected, and in one or two instances the drawers and tray containing chocolate have been removed, but apparently by the owners themselves.

W McKeon

Bde. Major, R.A.,
for G.O.C.R.A., 59th Division.

KINGSTOWN.
13/5/16.



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 Greengate, Salford.
 Glasgow: Barrowfield Street.

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57, TOWNSEND STREET,

DUBLIN.

—*—*—*—

HEAD OFFICE:
 14, Appold Street, London, E.C.

15th May. 1916.

Captain.

D. A. A. Headquarters, 59th Div.

North Circular Road.

Sir,

Damage to Automatic Machines.

In reply to your 154/18/ Q /15. in regard to my communication in reference to machines damaged at Railway stations. I have no actual proof that they were damaged by the troops, but I was at Kingstown Pier on 1st May, and our large machine there was then in perfect order, and soldiers were on duty in the vicinity of our machines, Yet two days later we found the machines had been forced open and rebbed.

That is the only position we can be sure about.

My real object in bringing this to your notice is that the particular soldiers on duty might report how they find the machines when taking over their particular posts, and no doubt a notice from these in authority, would be helpful in protecting our machines.

Yours faithfully,

A. H. Hamman

Manager for Ireland.



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Headquarters,
59th Division,
46, N. Circular Road,
DUBLIN.

14th May 1916.



Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 9th instant has been forwarded to this Office.

Before taking any further action in the matter will you kindly inform me what evidence you have to show that the damage to the automatic Street machines was done by the troops.

Yours faithfully,

Captain.
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
59th Division.

Irish Automatic Co. Ltd.,
57, Townsend Street,
D U B L I N.



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14, Appold Street, London, E.C.

57, TOWNSEND STREET,

DUBLIN.

9th May. 1916.

The Officer Commanding the Troops,

KINGSTOWN.

Sir,

Our Automatic Sweetmeat Machines on the Dublin & South Eastern Railway, have been much damaged and the goods stolen, at the following stations-

Amiens Street.
Tara Street.
Westland Row.
Lansdowne Road.
Sidney Parade.
Kingstown.
Kingstown Piers.

As there are Soldiers at these stations, I shall be glad if you could cause some inquiry to be made into the matter. In the meantime I am having the machines repaired.

This, as you can easily imagine, represents a very large loss to us.

Yours faithfully,

H. H. Hannan

Manager for Ireland.



LIST OF MACHINES DAMAGED.
REBELLION IN IRELAND.
1 9 1 6.

Station & Railway	Glasses Broken	Castings Broken	Cost of Workman's Time			
Westland Row. Dublin & S.E.	2 Biscuit Glasses 7 side 8 Column	2 Enamels 1 Cig & Match Front 1 Doz Split Pins 1 Hanger Shoe for combined	½ day at 4/- per day	=	2 0 Glasses 7½ Castings 2 4	4 11½
Lansdowne Road "	1 Nestle 10 Side. 8 Column	1 Grip Front 1 Pistol Front 3 Drawer Plates 1 Long Cash Drawer 1 Choc. M/c Plate 1 8 col. Front 1 8 col. Back 2 A.W. Locks 1 Pistol " 1 Grip " 1 Bag "	1½ days at 4/- per day	=	6 0 Glasses 1 8 Castings 1.5. 3.	£1 12 11
Sidney Parade "	4 Biscuit Glasses 4 Long Col. " 8 Side Glasses		½ day at 4/- per day	=	2 2 Glasses 2 0	4 2
Kingstown "	2 Nestles 1 Long Column 6 side "	1 A.W. Lock 1 Locker 2 Nestle Guards 1 Doz Split Pins	1 day at 4/- per day	=	4 0 Glasses 3 0½ Castings 6 3	13 3½
Harcourt Street "	4 Long Col. Glasses 2 Biscuit " 11 Side Col " 2 Nestle "		1 day at 4/- per day	=	4 0 Glasses 4 5½	8 5½
Amiens Street "	2 Nestle Glasses					
Ennisecorthy "	6 small side glasses 2 Long Column "	1 Grip door 1 " door 1 Pistol door 1 " lock S.I. Front door " lock 1 Underneath Cash drawer 2 Front S/M Doors 2 Drawers for S/M 1 Long Centre Column	1 day at 7/8 per day 1 day at 4/- "	=	11 8 Glasses 3 4 Castings 10 3½	1 13 3½
Broadstone. Mid Gt. Western	2 Long Glasses 5 small " [Side]		½ day at 4/- per day	=	1 0 Glasses 9½	1 9½
Amiens St. Gt. Northern	2 Long Column Glasses		Workman's Time	=	5 5 Glasses 1 10 " 3½	7 6½
Donabate " Skerries "	1 Nestles Glass 1 Long Col. Glass					
Kingstown. East Pier	2 Nestle Glasses 1 Side Col. Glass	2 Cash Locks 2 A. Iron Locks 1 Top Lock 1 Guard for Nestles 1 Doz 3/16 Screws	1 day at 4/- per day	=	4 0 Glasses 2 6½ Castings 13 2	19 8½
Bull Wall. Dollymount Bay	1 Nestle Glass	1 Nestle Cash Lock 1 " Top " 1 Back for Nestles 1 Front " "	1 Day at 4/- per day	=	4 0 Glasses 1 3 Castings 7 6½	12 9½
Sandycove. Dublin & S.E.	2 Side Glasses	1 Delivery Drawer	1 day at 4/- per day	=	4 0 Glasses 1 1 Castings 3 9	7 10
Westland Row	1 6 Column M/c smashed beyond repair 1 8 " " " " "				6 Column 8 " " " " "	£14 0 0 18 15 6
Harcourt Street	1 Football M/c " " "				Football	25 0 0

FOR & ON BEHALF OF
THE BRITISH AUTOMATIC COMPANY LIMITED.

M. J. Keenan
.....SECRETARY.....



H. H. Harrow

Manager for Ireland.

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Lansdowne Road "	" " 1 Nestle 10 Side. 8 Column	1 Grip Front 1 Pistol Front 3 Drawer Plates 1 Long Cash Drawer 1 Choc. M/c Plate 8 col. Front 1 8 col. Back 2 A.W. Locks 1 Pistol " 1 Grip " 1 Bag "	1½ days at 4/- per day	=	6 0 1 8 1.5. 3.	= 41 12 11
Sidney Parade "	" " 4 Biscuit Glasses 4 Long Col. " 8 Side Glasses		½ day at 4/- per day	=	2 2 2 0	= 4 2
Kingstown "	" " 2 Nestles 1 Long Column 6 side "	1 A.W. Lock 1 Locker 2 Nestle Guards 1 Doz Split Pins	1 day at 4/- per day	=	4 0 3 0½ 6 3	= 13 3½
Harcourt Street "	" " 4 Long Col. Glasses 2 Biscuit " 11 Side Col " 2 Nestle "		1 day at 4/- per day	=	4 0 4 5½	= 8 5½
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Skerries "	1 Long Col. Glass					
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Bull Wall, Dollymount City	1 Nestle Glass	1 Nestle Cash Lock " Top 1 Back for Nestles 1 Front "	1 Day at 4/- per day	=	4 0 1 3 7 6½	= 12 9½
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SECRETARY,

H. H. Hanrahan