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Subject :- Court of Inquiry

A/CI/1
10 Jan 44

To :- Asst. Commandant

Attached herewith original and two copies of Court of Inquiry held on the 5 Jan 44 to enquire into the circumstances in which a British motor lorry became involved in an accident on 27 Dec 43, forwarded for your opinion

Field
10/1/44

[Signature] Cant.
C.C. H. Coy. (Br. Sec)
M.S.S. & Hdg. Centre

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Army Form A2.

*N.B. — The Form being applicable to any Board, or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

The proceedings should be signed by the President and by each Member of the Board, etc.

Attention is particularly drawn to the Rules for Courts of Inquiry contained in Rules of Procedure 124-125A, and especially to Rule 125A(n); also to paragraph 764, et seq., King's Regulations, 1940.

PROCEEDINGS of a* COURT OF INQUIRY
 assembled at Military Government School & Holding Centre
 on the 5th January 1944
 by order of Lt. Col. R.M. Robertson, Assistant Commandant
Military Government School & Holding Centre TWT-27001
 for the purpose of enquiry into the circumstances in which
a British lorry became involved in an accident on
27th December 1943.

PRESIDENT.

Capt. Hodgson. M.B.

MEMBERS.

Lt. Challoner. L.

Capt. Tompkins. L.A.

IN ATTENDANCE.

Lt. Dudley Clark.

Pto Campbell. (American)

Pto Hanlon. J 3303135.

The COURT having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to
 take evidence.

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First Witness.

Lt. Dudley Clark. states:-

At 0830hrs on 28th December 1943 I was informed by Sgt Potter. that my 3 ton truck No 4875767 had been involved in an accident on the 27th December. 1943 whilst travelling from ALGIERS to TIZI-OUZOU carrying a load of petrol. I was also informed that Pte Hanlon, the driver was still with the vehicle.

I immediately proceeded to the scene of the accident which was between MENERVILLE and TIZI-OUZOU about 5 miles TIZI-OUZOU side of MENERVILLE.

The vehicle was on the right hand side of the road(south) facing TIZI-OUZOU with the right hand front wheel hard up against a tree which was one of an avenue of trees on the road side. The right hand front wing was buckled badly. The driver who had stayed with the vehicle was suffering from injuries to his right arm.

I conveyed this man to the 99th General Hospital. I contacted the 487 RASC Coy at ALGIERS who agreed to take the truck into their workshops for repair. This was done.

Signed:- Dudley Clark. Lt.
P.I.F.

Second Witness.

Pte Camarota states:-

On 27th December 1943, I was travelling in the front of a 3 ton truck belonging to the M.G.S. & H.C. TIZI-OUZOU. At about 1830hrs we were about 5 miles beyond MENERVILLE on the TIZI-OUZOU side.

Coming towards us were two motor vehicles driven by Arabs. They appeared to be racing. One was overtaking the other and both had brilliant lights.

The driver of the truck I was in, was dazzled by the lights of the oncoming vehicles and in order to avoid them pulled over to the right of the road and came into violent collision with a tree which bordered the road.

We were dazed by the shock of collision for perhaps two minutes. We tried to get out of the truck but the doors were jammed.

Neither of the Arab vehicles stopped. The driver of our truck complained of injuries to his right arm.

Signed:- Pte Anthony Camarota 32307425

Third Witness.

3308438 Pte Hanlon. J. states:-

On 27th December 1943, I was ordered to go to ALGIERS from TIZI-OUZOU to collect petrol. When I was returning to TIZI-OUZOU in the evening, about 5 miles on the TIZI-OUZOU side of MENERVILLE at about 1830hrs, I met two vehicles one of which was overtaking the other. Both were Arab vehicles and both had brilliant lights. I was for a moment dazzled by their brilliant lights and pulled over to the right to avoid a collision, coming into violent contact with a tree on the right hand side of the road.

I had with me as passenger, Pte Camarota of the U.S. Army. We were both dazed for a minute or two. Both the doors of the truck were jammed, but Pte Camarota got out through the left hand window. We found that the truck was too

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backy damaged to be moved. I was suffering considerable pain to my right arm.

Signed:- J. Haddon. Pte No 3308438.

OPINION.

The Court having diligently considered the evidence set before them are of the opinion that the damage to vehicle No 14875767 was caused by Pvr Haddon being dazzled by the lights of an approaching vehicle and having come into contact with the tree as the result of taking avoiding action.

President.
Member.
Member.

M.E. Hodgson. Capt.
L.A. Tompkins. Capt.
R.F. Challenger. Lt.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S OPINION

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S OPINION

Subject: Loss of Arms.

AG/CI/1
11.1.44.

To: Camp Commandant,
Region IV.

T/14522849 Dvr. Ambler. S. - P.A.S.C.

The attached proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held to enquire into the circumstances in which certain items of equipment on charge to the s/m O.N. were lost, are forwarded to you.

Will you please make the necessary stoppage in the men's pay in accordance with the attached A.T. 6993.

Field.
12.1.44.

 Capt.,
O.C.P. Coy (Br. Sec.),
M.G.S. & Hdg. Centre.

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LIST OF
 ARMS, (a) MIL: GOV: SCHOOL HOLDING (Unit or Department).
 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT, (a) CENTRE
 CLOTHING, (a) belonging to the above, reported lost, damaged or destroyed.
 STORES, (a) (a) out headings inapplicable. A separate form to be used for each of above. Station FIELD

CAT. or PART No.	ARTICLES		RATE	New Va. at Vocabulary rates or (b) actual cost of repair.			(c) Value at 75% or actual value if greater or less.			REMARKS
	Designation. (Registered numbers to be quoted where such exist.)	No.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
	<u>BAYONET MK IV</u>	<u>ONE</u>			<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>				
					<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>				
					<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>				
					<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>				

(b) Where the amount refers to cost of repair, it must be so stated.

(c) In the case of articles damaged beyond repair the residual value must

Signature of the officer in whose charge the articles are held.

Submitted

Signature of C.O.O. or D.A.M.O.S. AD.O.S. Sigors Area

Signature of the Sup

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MIL: GOV: SCHOOL HOLDING (Unit or Department).
EQUIPMENT, (a) CENTRE

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(in pads of 100)

belonging to the above, reported lost, damaged or destroyed.

Station FIELD

Date 12/1/04

(a) ☐ Check out headings inapplicable. A separate form to be used for each of above.

ARTICLES		RATE	New Va. at Vocabulary rates or (b) actual cost of repair.			(c) Value at 75% or actual value if greater or less.			REMARKS	Decision of the Superior Authority.
Designation. (to be quoted where such exist.)	No.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	It must be certified that the amount chargeable, when it is less than the Vocabulary rate, is the actual value at date of loss or damage beyond repair; the nature of the evidence on which the valuation is based must be indicated.	
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amount refers to cost of repair, it must be so stated. (2) In the case of articles damaged beyond repair the residual value must be deducted.

Submitted

Signature of C.O. or D.A. *MO S.*

Signature of the Superior Authority.

A.F.A. 2.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at 1st Coy. Office
Lt. Col. P. H. Robertson 14 Jan 44
by order of Assistant Commandant
to enquire into Military Government School, Holding Centre
on charge of Circumstances in which certain items of equipment
or about T/14522849 Dvt. Ambler S. were lost on
28 Dec 43

Major J. H. Hall RA President
Capt. R. F. Aldis RA
Lt. P. S. Coyne RAA Members

1st witness T/14522849 Dvt. Ambler S.
states during the voyage from England &
handed all my arms and equipment into the
stores. Two days before leaving all
arms & equipment were withdrawn from the
stores and re-issued to the men. The equipment
received by me was complete with bayonet
& scabbard. On the day of landing and
before leaving the ship we were ordered by an
N.C.O. not to put on our equipment until after
our money had been changed into French
money. After this time my equipment was
complete. Later on in the day we were
ordered to put on our equipment and dress in it.

Mayor... J. T. Hall... RA President.
 Capt. R. F. Aldin... RA
 Lt. P. S. Coyne... RA. A. } Members.

1st witness T/14522849 Dvt Ambler S.

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J. T. Hall

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Luji Ouyon I was ordered to hand in my rifle & Bayonet to the Quartermaster's Store. I told the Qms that my bayonet was missing and he therefore refused to accept the seaboard. After withdrawing my arms and equipment from the ship's store I did all I could to ensure the safe custody of my equipment. During the time I was at Huessein Day Transit Camp I twice reported the loss of my bayonet but nothing was done about it.

Sm. Amblee. 7/14522849. R.F.S.C.

Second witness ~~at~~ 774678 Sgt Burfield F. states During the parade prior to disembarking from the ship I assigned of the parade of which Dvt Amblee was a member if each man was in possession of his rifle, bayonet and ammunition. No loss was reported to me and in my capacity as acting C.S.M. for the voyage I reported to the R.S.M. that there ~~item~~ of equipment were complete. The loss of Dvt Amblee's bayonet was first brought to my notice on the 2nd January when checking his equipment with his H. 1154. I reported the deficiency to the Supt. of the Guard. Whilst at the Transit Camp at Huessein Day I ordered the Platoon Sergeant to check and a complete check of arms and equipment. There were no absences from this parade. The platoon sergeant each reported to me that all the equipment was in order.

P. states During the parade prior to disembarking from the ship I assigned of the parade, of which Dot Ambler was a member, if each man was in possession of his rifle, bayonet and ammunition. No one was reported to me and in my capacity as acting C.S.M. for the voyage I reported to the R.S.M. that these items of equipment were complete. The loss of Dot Ambler's bayonet was first brought to my notice on the 2nd of June, when checking his equipment with his H. 1154. I reported the deficiency to the Sgt. of the Guard. Whilst at the Transit Camp at Hussein Bay I ordered three Platoon Sergeants to carry out a complete check of arms and equipment. There were no shortages from this parade. The platoon sergeant who reported to me that all the equipment was in order at no time prior to arrival at Fijian Bay. At no time did I receive a report that Driver Ambler had lost his bayonet.

110794678 Sgt Burfield. J. Royal Fusiliers

Questioned by the Court Dot Ambler S. 14522849 states I reported the loss of my bayonet to Sgt. J. Burfield personally at the Transit camp at Hussein Bay, when he was in the W.C.O.'s tent.

My equipment was not checked by my platoon sergeant at the Transit Camp. During this parade I was

Third Witness Frederick J. M.

Rolando, J. H. states from
enquiries, I have made the
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 & Hayonet combined M. 4 is
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W. L. D. H.

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Note: The last line and signature
of Dr. Carter for sheet 2 has
been inadvertently written at
the head of sheet 5.

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5.

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Dr. Amble S. T 14522849 K.F.S.C.

The court find

A. That T 14522849 Dr. Amble S is deficient of one Bayonet M.4.

B. That Dr Amble was negligent in not reporting the loss when asked on pit parade whether he was in full possession of his pit.

C. That the cost of the bayonet should be borne by Dr Amble S.

J. H. Wall
may. 1895

President.

J. H. Wall

Capt. R. H.

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J. H. Wall
Lieut

I agree with the findings of the Court.
of order T 14522849 Dr. Amble S. to pay for the

whether he was in full possession
of his bit.

C. That the cost of the bayonet
should be borne by Dr Ambler S.

J. H. Hall
may. NA

President.

J. H. Hall
Capt. R. H. 1895

J. H. Conyne
Lieut

I agree with the finding of the Court.
or order T14522849 Dr. Ambler S. to pay for the
cost of replacement of one bayonet.

W. H. Heston, Lt-Col
Asst-Squad M. S. S. 4th Co.

Field
6/1/44.

Statement of 3308438 Pte. Hanlon A.J. Black Watch.

Sir,

On the 27th December 1943 I was driving the truck in question returning from Algiers with a load of comprising of 18 - 50 gallon drums of petrol. The time was 18.00 hours and it was quite dark. I had just rounded a bend and an Arab truck came towards me on the wrong side of the road. It had one very bright yellow headlamp the beam from which blinded me for a moment and I had to swerve to avoid a collision with the vehicle. In swerving I hit a tree at the side of the road. My speed at the time was between 25 and 30 m.p.h.

4 JAN 44

3308438 Pte. Hanlon A. 189
3308438 Pte. Hanlon A.J

ACCIDENT REPORT

Upon our return trip from Algiers to Tizi Ozou, on the 27th of December 1943, we met with an accident involving 1 British 3 ton body and 1 Arab truck.

The cause of the accident was the coming vehicle's headlights, which was only 1 light of yellow color and the brown blinded the driver of the vehicle in which I was riding causing him to strike a tree. We were traveling at the rate of 30 miles per hour at the time of the accident. Both the driver and myself, were shaken up and dazed for some time after the accident. I would judge between five and ten minutes. The driver mentioned that he thought his arm was broken. I wasn't hurt myself, or shaken up. The doors were jammed so we climbed out the window to see the damage to the vehicle. After checking the damage, and finding out that it was impossible to move the vehicle, I stopped the first vehicle that came by and rode to Mennerville to phone the Dispatcher in charge of the Transportation of Headquarters Company.

The cargo we were carrying was 18 drums of gasoline. The cargo was undamaged. A 2½ ton truck relieved us of our cargo. The British driver then remained with his vehicle. I then proceeded on to Tizi Ozou with the load of gas.

The accident wasn't the driver's fault.

Pvt Anthony Camarata 32307425

Pvt. Anthony Camarata-32307425.
Headquarters Company
2675th Regiment ACC

*Anthony Camarata W.
M.T.O. M.B.S.*

Army Form B 117

REPORT OF INJURIES

(Other than wounds received in action)

To be rendered in accordance with instructions on the back of this Form.

1. STATEMENT TO BE SIGNED BY THE OFFICER OR SOLDIER.

I (No.) 3308438 (Rank) Private (Name) Hanlon Andrew (Regt. or Corps) 5th Black Watch(Unit) M.G.S. Hiding Centre hereby declare that an injury was sustained by me on the (Date) 27th 12 - 43
in the following circumstances: In swerving to avoid a collision with an
oncoming vehicle I ran into a tree alongside the roadDate: _____ Signature of Officer or Soldier: A. J. Hanlon, Pte.

2. NATURE, SITE AND SEVERITY OF INJURY.

man hit his elbow against inside of
vehicle causing some bruising of soft tissues
There was no bony injury. Injury was
slight.W. Humphreys Capt
Medical Officer.3. SHORT STATEMENT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES by an officer who has knowledge of the case. 189
witnesses must be attached to this form (see instructions overleaf)I visited the accident as soon as it was reported, the injuries
of Pte HANLON appear to conform with his statement.Robert Clark H.
M.T.O., M.G.S.

[P.T.O.]

4. COMMANDING OFFICER'S OPINION:

- (a) Was the individual performing military duty? YES
- (b) Was the injury due to his negligence? NO How far was he blameworthy? _____
- (c) Was it due to his misconduct? NO If, so in what way? _____
- (d) Was anyone else to blame? DRIVER OF OTHER VEHICLE
- (e) Is the injury suspected of being self-inflicted? _____
- (f) Did the injury occur on military premises and if so in what part of such premises? NO
- (g) Court of Inquiry: (i) Has any been held? NO (ii) Will any be held? NO
- (iii) Date and place _____

Date JAN 4/44

Commanding _____

INSTRUCTIONS

LT. Col. Robertson
1st Lt. Condit M.G.S. & H.C.

1.—This form is to be completed in all cases of injury (other than wounds received in action) involving the absence from duty of an officer or soldier, whether due to the individual's own act, or that of a comrade, or other extraneous circumstances.

2.—Where several casualties occur as the result of one accident, a separate form will be completed for each officer or soldier injured. A copy of the set of statements from the witnesses of the accident will be attached to each form (vide Part 3 on reverse and No. 3 of these instructions).

3.—Full statements are to be taken by an officer from the witnesses of the accident or, where there was no witness, from any persons to whom the injured officer or soldier may have mentioned his injury immediately after the occurrence. These statements will be signed by the persons making them and by the officer who takes them and will be forwarded with this form. Where it is intended to take disciplinary action, duplicates of these statements will be retained by the unit for use in lieu of a summary of evidence.

4.—A statement from the injured officer or soldier will also be forwarded if possible. This, however, should not be used as evidence in any subsequent disciplinary proceedings.

5.—Where the injury was incurred during sports or games the statement at (3) overleaf should show clearly (a) whether the game, match, tournament, etc., in which the injury was incurred was organised and, if so, who organised it; (b) whether the officer or soldier concerned had been selected or detailed to play in a representative military team or to compete as an individual. In the case of injuries at practice, it should be stated whether the individual was a selected representative of some military formation practising under authority.

6.—After final action this form will be disposed of in accordance with current instructions.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AS TO EVIDENCE IN CASES OF SELF-INFLECTED WOUNDS

7.—In these cases the statements mentioned in instructions 3 and 4 above should cover all material points, and should include anything that the accused said with regard to the matter.

8.—An officer or soldier is specially trained in the safe use of his arms and ammunition and evidence of any neglect of the ordinary precautions as to their handling in such cases usually has considerable bearing on the question of negligence. In cases of wilful self-wounding the fullest possible evidence should be obtained: unless the evidence is conclusive this charge should not be used. The charge will therefore usually be laid under section 40 Army Act—"Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in wounding himself through negligently handling a rifle," and an alternative charge to this effect should be made, even if the accused is to be tried under section 18 for wilful maiming.

Army Form A3576

(Revised August, 1942)

To be carried in an addressed envelope by every driver.

A.C.1312/1940

Cross out those words in ITALICS which do not apply.

WAR DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORT

THIS SIDE TO BE COMPLETED AT SCENE OF ACCIDENT. IF SPACE IS INSUFFICIENT, WRITE ON BACK.

A. ACCIDENT		Date 27 DEC 43	Time 18.30	Place Tied Quarry - Menomville Road. County	Surname of Service Driver HANLON	No. of Service Vehicle 4875767	
B. OTHER VEHICLE		Lorry Motor Car Motor Cycle Bicycle Horse Van	Make	H.P.	Registration No. NONE	Name and address of Insurance Co. Insurance Certificate No. or Policy No.	
C. DRIVER OF OTHER VEHICLE		Name		Driving Licence Date	Address and Occupation		
D. OWNER OF OTHER VEHICLE		Name		No.	Address and Occupation		
E. INJURED PERSONS		Name	Age (approx.)	Address and Occupation	Telephone	Injury Slight Serious Fatal	
1. Pte. Hanlon		3308433	37	M.G.S. & Holdg. Centre		93 Gen. Hosp.	
2.							
3.							
F. WITNESSES		Name	Address	Telephone	Age approx.	Occupation	
1.		32307425					
2. Pte. Campanella A.			M.G.S. & Holdg. Centre		23	U.S. Forces	
3.							
G. APPARENT DAMAGE TO OTHER VEHICLE		(in greatest detail possible)					Can be seen at
		NONE					
H. INJURY TO ANIMALS		How many		Condition	Injuries	Telephone	
HORSE		COW	LED				
POULTRY		PIG	GRAY				
SHEEP		DOG	ING				
I. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY		Exact Location		Damage	IT was not with have to be KILLED		
		NONE			Property is NOT returned		
J. POLICEMAN		Name	Police Station	He did NOT see accident	A statement was NOT made to him	ROAD PATROL	
		NONE					
K.		No.	Service Vehicle	Other Vehicle	Branch	He did NOT see accident	

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INJURED PERSONS State whether civilian or in Armed Forces. If the latter, give Service, number and Unit.		Name 3308433 1. Pto. Union		Age (approx.) 37		Address and Occupation M.G.S. & Hldg. Centre		Telephone 99 Gen. Hosp.		Hospital (if known)	
WITNESSES Name, address etc., of every person present must be obtained.		Name 1. 32307425 2. Pto. Comarata A.		Address M.G.S. & Hldg. Centre		Telephone 25 U.S. Forces		Age approx.		Occupation	
APPARENT DAMAGE TO OTHER VEHICLE		NONE		(in greatest detail possible)		Can be seen at					
H. INJURY TO ANIMALS		Horse		How many		LED		Condition		Injuries	
I. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY		POULTRY		COW		PIG		DOG		IT was not killed	
J. POLICEMAN		Name		Police Station		He did NOT see accident		statement was made to him		Road Patrol	
K. LIGHTS		Service Vehicle		Other Vehicle		WARNING		NECESSARY		NOT GIVEN BY OTHER	
L. SPEED OF VEHICLE		Service		Other		ROAD SURFACES		WET		VISIBILITY	
M. I GAVE THE ACCIDENT SLIP BELOW TO Mr.		30 m.p.h.		30 m.p.h.		ROAD SURFACES		WET		VISIBILITY	

MAKE SKETCH ON BACK WHILE ON SCENE OF ACCIDENT

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Instructions to Driver

- (a) You must not admit liability by word or deed, or even discuss the question of blame, nor must the Service personnel with you.
- (b) Should a Police Officer appear on the scene, await his permission before continuing your journey. If he requires the location of your Unit or a statement from you or any Service personnel, this may be given to him, but only to him and out of the hearing of any other person. If your unit has a closed address you should, when giving the Police Officer its location, inform him that it must not be disclosed by him.
- (c) Report the accident immediately on your return. If you have been unable to give the Accident Slip below to the other person involved or to a Police Officer, you must inform your Commanding Officer of this so that he may report the accident to the Police within 24 hours in accordance with Section 27 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930. If you are not returning to your Unit within 24 hours, report the accident to the nearest Police Officer or Station.

Insert here
Initials of
Command

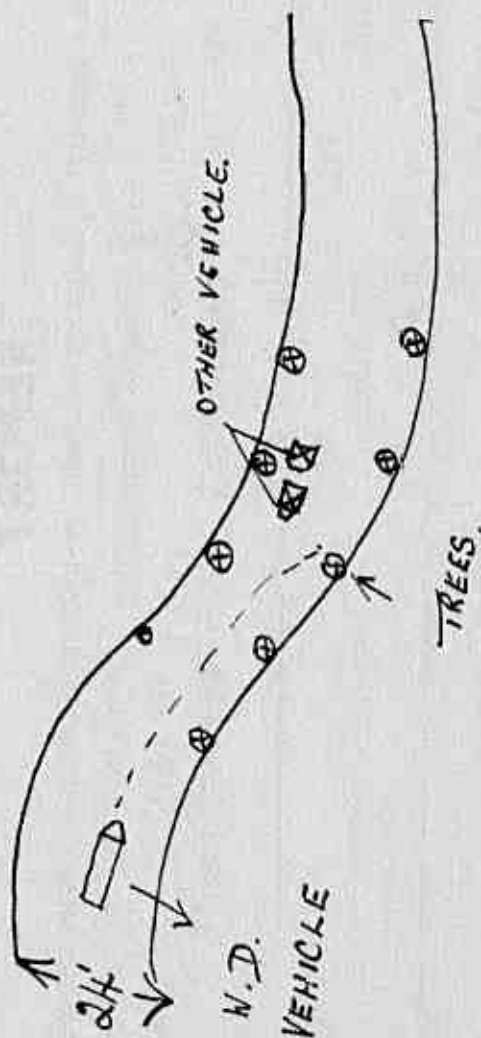
This Accident Slip must be given to the other person involved or to the Police Officer, if one appears on the scene.

SERVICE DRIVER	Name	Rank	Number	Unit	Vehicle No.	Code
ACCIDENT	Date	Time	Place	This slip is handed you for your convenience and is not to be taken as an admission of liability. [Please Turn Over.]		

This Report must be accompanied by the signed statements of the Driver and any Service Witness.

Wt 45808/886 2/43 51-6292

Use this space for SKETCH and particulars for which there is no room on Page 1.
Put in all the measurements, skid marks and details possible.



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TO BE COMPLETED ON RETURN TO UNIT.

N.	Name in full (all Christian Names) Andrew James Hanlon										Number 330838	Unit M.G.S. & Holdg. Centre	Driving Experience Years 5 Mths. 1 Civilian Service 10.4.28	Age 37	Rate of Pay per day 5/3
O.	SERVICE DRIVER		Rank 4875767	No. of Service Vehicle Commercial	Type of Bodywork Commercial	Load capacity 3 ton	Make COMMERCIAL	H.P. 35	RIGHT HAND DRIVE	Location of vehicle 487 G.E. Coy., R.A.S.O.					
P.	JOURNEY		Sgt. Potter		Serial No. 1	From Tizi Ouzou	To Algiers	Nature of Duty Petrol Load		Map reference of scene of accident 212079					
I declare that the above particulars and my signed statement are true in every respect. I hereby authorize the War Department if they so desire to instruct the Treasury Solicitor to act on my behalf if any proceedings which may be instituted against me arising out of the above traffic accident. Further, I authorize the War Department and the Treasury Solicitor to take such action as may be considered proper and generally to do what may be considered necessary in my interests by the Treasury Solicitor in his capacity as my Solicitor and legal adviser. This retainer includes my authority to admit liability if deemed advisable at a later date, after the facts have been fully investigated by the Treasury Solicitor.															
Or the War Department Law Agent in Scotland or the Chief Crown Solicitor for Northern Ireland, as the case may be.															
Q.	UNIT		Name M.G.S. & Holdg. Centre		Address c/o A.F.H.Q., B.N.A.F.		Telephone Judgement		Unit's file reference B.N.A.F.						
R.	HIRED VEHICLE		Hired through Centre		Contractor's Name & Address N/A		Name & Address of Insurance Co. (if applicable)		Insurance Cert. No.						
S.	DAMAGE TO SERVICE or HIRED VEHICLE and/or LOAD CARRIED		Front Axle bent		M/S Front Spring Broken		Cassio twisted.		M/S Front wing buckled.						
								Will probably be repaired by Base W/Shops		No. of Vehicle in charge of Unit 312					
T.	I certify that		ON		Name of Officer who gave authority for		(In greatest detail)		Name of Repair Shop or Garage		Number of previous accidents				

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TO BE COMPLETED ON RETURN TO UNIT.

N.	Name in full (all Christian Names) Andrew James Hanlon		Number 330838	Unit 487 G.T. Coy., R.A.S.O.	Age 37	Date of entry into Service 10.4.28	Rate of Pay per day 5/3
O.	Rank 4875767	Civilian Occupation Commercial	Type of Bodywork 3 ton	Load capacity 3 ton	Make CORSEY	H.P. 35	Location of vehicle 487 G.T. Coy., R.A.S.O.
P.	No. of Service Vehicle 4875767	If a motor-cycle, were all those on it wearing crash helmets? (See A.C.I. 2287 (1941))		Nature of Duty Petrol Load		Map reference of scene of accident N.A. 1/50,000	
Q.	JOURNEY	Serial No. 27/12/43		From Algiers		To Algiers	
I declare that the above particulars and my signed statement are true in every respect. I hereby authorize the War Department to act on my behalf if any proceedings which may be instituted against me arising out of the above traffic accident. Further, I authorize the War Department and the Treasury Solicitor to take such action as may be considered proper and generally to do what may be considered necessary in my interests by the Treasury Solicitor in his capacity as my Solicitor and legal adviser. This retainer includes my authority to admit liability if deemed advisable at a later date, after the facts have been fully investigated by the Treasury Solicitor. Or the War Department Law Agent in Scotland or the Chief Crown Solicitor for Northern Ireland, as the case may be. Sgt. Potter Date 4 JANUARY 1945 Driver's Signature A. J. Hanlon							
R.	UNIT	Name L.G.S. & Holdg. Centre	Address c/o A.F.H.Q., B.N.A.F.	Telephone 1/1	Unit's file reference Judgement	Command B.N.A.F.	
S.	HIRED VEHICLE	Hired through (R.A.S.C. Unit)	Contractor's Name & Address W/A	Telephone 1/1	Name & Address of Insurance Co. (if applicable) Will probably be repaired by -	Insurance Cert. No. None W/Super	Rate of Hire per day None
T.	DAMAGE TO SERVICE or HIRED VEHICLE and/or LOAD CARRIED	Front Axle bent N/S Front Spring Broken Chassis twisted. N/S Front wing buckled. Engine off mounting		Name of Repair Shop or Garage None		No. of Vehicle on charge to Unit None	
U.	I certify that the Service Vehicle was being driven	Name of Officer who gave authority for issue of A.F.G.3518 Lieut. Dudley Clarke		ON ITS AUTHORIZED ROUTE		Number of previous accidents in which Driver has been concerned to blame None	
V.	Police Report	Inquest Depositions	Statements of Injured Persons	Statements of Witnesses	A.D. Claims to arrange	COURT OF INQUIRY	Place
W.	IT IS NOT INTENDED TO HOLD	Opinion of Officer commanding Unit as to responsibility. (Only to be completed on copy sent to Higher Authority)		References are to Sections overleaf.		Date 1.2.45	
X.	Punishment awarded	nil		Signature of Brigadier or other Commander 194		Signature of Divisional Commander 194	

Any correspondence concerning this accident should give all the particulars set out on the other side of this slip and be addressed to:-
THE SECRETARY, CLAIMS COMMISSION, WING HOUSE, PICCADILLY, LONDON, W.1. (In Northern Ireland to: 2, Malone Park, Belfast)

Should any person have been injured, full particulars should be given together with the address at which the person could be examined if necessary.
Should a vehicle have been damaged, the following information should be given: (i) the name and address of the Insurance Company; (ii) the number of the Policy; (iii) whether this is comprehensive, third party only or Road Traffic liability only; (iv) the amount of the excess (if any).

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SUBJECT:- Courts of Inquiry.

To:- Headquarters,
Algiers Sub-District.

BMS/36.

The attached Courts of Inquiries (four) relating to tents
damaged by fire, are forwarded for information and any action you
deem necessary, please.

In the field.
12th December, 1943.
NRS/


-----Capt.
Camp Commandant,
Military Govt. School & Holding Centre.

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S/Sgt. Roughton

The attached four copies of

inquiries are forwarded to you for

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S OPINION.

I entirely agree with the findings of the court.

Signed. R.H. Robertson. Lt. Col.
Asst. Commandant. M.C.S. & H.C.

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7 Dec. 43.

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COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Military Government School

& Folding Centre, on 2nd December, 1943,

by order of... Colonel Parkin, School Commandant,

to enquire into the circumstances of an outbreak of fire in a tent,

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..Major, N.T. Beard, President.

..Capt. A. Fryer,) Members.

..Capt. J.T. Gardham,)

The Court having assembled proceed to take evidence as follows:-

1st Witness.

Lt. (Q.M.) Rowlands, T. having been duly sworn states.
In the field on 13th Nov. '43 at about 1245hrs I noticed something burning at the back of "WASHINGTON" and proceeded to the site to investigate. I found that the tent which was situated behind the American Supply Room at the south end of "CENTRAL" had been damaged by fire. The fire had been put out. I was unable to ascertain the cause of the fire nor was there anyone on the site when I reached it. I reported the matter to the Provost Marshall. The damage is irreparable, the cost of a new tent is approximately 15 pounds (fifteen). There was no evidence of occupation of the tent.

Signed. Lt. Rowlands, F. (Q.M.)

2nd Witness.

1st Lt. Keys C.B. Inf. A.U.S. having been duly sworn states.
I am the Provost Marshall of 2675th Regiment, A.U.S. In the field on 13th Nov. '43. Lt. (Q.M.) Rowlands reported to me that the tent situated behind the American Supply Room at the south end of "CENTRAL" had been burned. I carried out an investigation and ascertained that the fire in question had been discovered and put out by Italian prisoners of war. I was unable to ascertain how the fire had been caused or by whom. There was no evidence of the tent being occupied.

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Major, H.T. Beard, President.
Capt. A. Fryer,) Members.
Capt. G.T. Gardham,)

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Signed. Lt. Rowlands. F. (Q.M.)

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Sgnd. Charles. B. Keys. 1st Lt. Inf.
Provost Marshall.

DECLARATION.

The Court having considered the evidence is of the opinion:-

- (a) That the evidence available does not permit of blame being laid against any person or persons and
- (b) That the cost be borne by the public.

2nd December, 1943.

Sgnd. H.T. Beard. Major. President.
A. Fryer. Capt. Member.
G.T. Gardham. Capt. "

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Declaration.

The Court having considered the evidence is of the opinion

- (a) That the evidence available does NOT permit of blame being laid against any person or persons.
(b) That the cost be borne by the public.

Sgnd. M.T. Beard. Maj. President.
A. Fryer. Capt. Member.
G.T. Gardham. Capt. "

COMMANDING OFFICER'S OPINION.

I agree entirely with the findings of the Court.

Signed R.H. Robertson. Lt. Col.
Asst. Commandant. M.G.S. & H.C.

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COMMANDING OFFICER'S OPINION.

I agree entirely with the findings of the Court.

Signed R.H. Robertson. Lt. Col.
Asst. Commandant. M.G.S. & H.C.

Field.
7 Dec 43.

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C O U R T o f I N Q U I R Y.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at. In the field.....

M.G.S. & Hdg. Centre.....on.....2nd December, 1943.....

by order of.....Colonel. Parkin. School Commandant.....

to enquire into the circumstances of an out-break of fire in a tent.....

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Major. N.T. Beard.....President.

Capt. A. Fryer.....)Members.

Capt. G.T. Gardham.....)

The Court having assembled proceed to take evidence as follows:-

1st Witness. No. 3236001 CQMS Harkes. J. having been duly sworn states:-
In the field on 2nd December, '43 I collected a tent from the Motor pool.
This tent had been burned. It is repairable but I have unable to obtain an
estimate of the cost of repair from D.A.D.O.S.

Sgnd. J. Harkes. CQMS.

2nd Witness. 1st Lt. Keys. C.B. Inf. A.U.S. having been duly sworn states:-
I am the Provost Marshall of 2675th Regiment A.U.S. In the field on or about
4th Sept. '43 I drove to the Motor pool to obtain petrol. While there I was
informed that a tent situated in the Motor pool had been burned. I investigated
the matter. I ascertained that the tent was being occupied Ptes Hazard John
J. (32100874) Hopkins. Earnest. W. (13053527) Podgorsky Bernard. Z. (10025738)
White. Jack. J. (15010028) all of whom were out that the time of the fire.
Property of pte. White, one of the occupants of the tent was badly damaged by the
fire.

Sgnd. Charles. B. Keys. 1st. Lt. Inf.
Provost Marshal.

3rd. Witness. S/Sgt. Iannacio Anthony. (31009127) A.U.S. having been duly sworn states:-

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Major, N.T. Beard, President.

Capt. A. Fryer,) Members.

Capt. G.T. Gardham,)

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Sgnd. Charles. B. Keys. 1st. Lt. Inf.
Provost Marshal.

3rd. Witness.

S/Sgt. Iannacio Antony. (31049127) A.U.S. having been duly sworn states:-

In the field in the early part of September '43 on my return one day to the Motor Pool from Algiers I was informed that the tent being occupied by Ptes. Hazard. J.J. Hopkins. E.N. Podgorsky B.Z. and White J.J. had been burned the day before. I investigated the matter but was unable to find out how the fire was caused. I was informed by Pte. White that he was lying on his bunk in the tent when he noticed that the tent was on fire. He proceeded to deal with outbreak, but was unable to rescue his own kit.

Sgnd. Antony Iannacio.
S/Sgt. U.S.A. 31049127.

4th Witness.

T-5 Hopkins. E.N. (13053527) A.U.S. having been duly sworn states:-

In the field about the beginning of Sept '43 I noticed a small crowd in the vicinity of the tent occupied by me and Ptes. Hazard. J.J. Podgorsky B.Z. and White. J.J. I investigated and found the tent on fire and gave assistance in putting it out. The fire appeared to be confined to the end of the tent occupied by Pte. White. I do NOT know the cause of the fire. To the best of my knowledge Pte. White was NOT in the vicinity of the "Motor Pool" at the time of the fire.

Sgnd. T-5 Ernest N. Hopkins. 13053527

5th Witness.

Major. Uhler, R.E.S. having been duly sworn states:-
I am the Acting Adj. of the 2675 Regt. Having assumed this office on or about the 6th Nov. 43 and to the best of my knowledge there are no Camp Standing Orders forbidding fires in tents.

Sgnd: R.T. Uhler. Maj. Adj. Adj.

Declaration.

The Court having heard the evidence is of the opinion that:-

- (a) The damage to the tent was due to the negligence of Lieuts Limbert and MacKenzie.
- (b) Having regard to all the circumstances Lieuts. Limbert R.C. and MacKenzie N.M. each contribute the sum of ten shillings towards the cost of repair; the balance to be borne out of Public Funds.

Signed:-

N.T. Beard. Maj. President.
A. Fryer. Capt. Member
G.T. Gardham. Capt. "

COMMANDING OFFICER'S OPINION.

I agree with the findings of the Court and recommend that the two officers concerned should each contribute the sum of 10/- (ten shillings) towards cost of repair and that the remainder of the cost of repair be borne by the public.

Signed. R.H. Robertson.

Asst. Commandant. M.G.S. & H.C. Lt. Col.

Field.
7 Dec. 43.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S OPINION.

I agree with the findings of the Court and recommend that the two officers concerned should each contribute the sum of 10/- (ten shillings) towards cost of repair and that the remainder of the cost of repair be borne by the public.

Signed. R.H. Robertson.

Lt. Col.

Asst. Commandant. M.G.S. & H.C.

Field.

7 Dec. 43.

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C O U R T o f I N Q U I R Y .

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Military Govt. School.
and Holding Centre, on... 1st December, 1943.....
by order of... Col. Parkin, Commanding 2675 Regiment.....
to enquire into the circumstances of an outbreak of fire in a tent.....
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- ..Major.. N.T.. Beard..... President.
- ..Capt.. A. Fryer.....)Members.
- ..Capt.. G.T. Gardham.....)

1st Witness.
The Court having assembled proceeded to take evidence as follows:-
Lieut. Limbert, R.C., General Service List having been duly sworn states
In the field on about the 15 Nov 43 my batman, Pte. Davies, reported
to me that the tent we were using as a ground sheet in out tent had been
burned. I inspected the tent referred to and saw that it had been
burned. I cannot say how this happened. I did have a fire in the
tent on about three occasions, for drying purposes, and on each occasion
I made certain that the fire was placed on a metal sheet. The tent
which was being used as a ground sheet was on the floor of my tent when
I took it over, and the tent was NOT occupied when I took possession.

Send :- R.C. Limbert, Lieut.

2nd Witness.
Lieut. MacKenzie, N.M. General Service List, having been duly sworn
states:- In the field on about the 15th Nov. 43 my batman, Pte. Davies,
that the tent we were using as a ground sheet, in the tent, I was occupying
with Lieut. Limbert had been burned. I inspected the tent and found
that it had been burned. We had used a stove that we had improvised
in the tent for drying. In my opinion the burn had been caused by
the heated bottom of this stove. I was NOT aware that it was a tent,
I supposed that it was a ground sheet that had been discarded.
It was in a dilapidated condition and was in the tent when we took it over

Major N.T. Beard.....President.
 Capt. A. Fryer.....)Members.
 Capt. G.T. Gardham.....)

1st Witness.

The Court having assembled proceeded to take evidence as follows:-
 Lieut. Limbert, R.C., General Service List having been duly sworn states
 In the field on about the 15 Nov 43 my batman, Pte. Davies, reported
 to me that the tent we were using as a ground sheet in out tent had been
 burned. I inspected the tent referred to and saw that it had been
 burned. I cannot say how this happened. I did have a fire in the
 tent on about three occasions, for drying purposes, and on each occasion
 I made certain that the fire was placed on a metal sheet. The tent
 which was being used as a ground sheet was on the floor of my tent when
 I took it over, and the tent was NOT occupied when I took possession.

Sgnd :- R.C. Limbert, Lieut.

2nd Witness.

Lieut. MacKenzie, N.M. General Service List, having been duly sworn
 states:- In the field on about the 15th Nov. 43 my batman, Pte. Davies,
 that the tent we were using as a ground sheet, in the tent, I was occupying
 with Lieut. Limbert had been burned. I inspected the tent and found
 that it had been burned. We had used a stove that we had improvised
 in the tent for drying. In my opinion the burn had been caused by
 the heated bottom of this stove. I was NOT aware that it was a tent,
 I supposed that it was a ground sheet that had been discarded.
 It was in a dilapidated condition and was in the tent when we took it over
 on 1 Nov 43.

Sgnd:- N.M. MacKenzie. Lt.

3rd Witness.

3954895 Pte. Davies. J.R. Welsh Regt. having been duly sworn states:-
 In the field on about 15 Nov 43 I was cleaning out the tent owned by
 Lieuts. Limbert and MacKenzie. I moved the stove in the tent and
 noticed that the tent which was being used as a ground sheet and upon
 which the stove rested had been burned. This was noticed by the senior
 batman, Pte. Joyce, Sgt. Parker inspected the damage. I was the
 batman allocated to the occupants of this tent and had so been for several
 weeks prior to the incident and during the whole of that period the tent
 was being used as a ground sheet and I did NOT notice any burns when /ie
 the tent was vacated by the previous occupants to Lieuts. Limbert & MacKenzie

Sgnd:- 3954895 Pte. J. Davies.

4 Witness.

Lieut. (O.M) Rowlands, T. having been sworn states:-
 In the field on about 20 Nov. 43 a tent was brought to me which was
 damaged by fire. Apart from this damage the tent was in good condition.
 The tent is repairable but the cost of repair cannot as yet be fixed by
 D.A.D.O.E.

Sgnd:- T. Rowlands. Lt.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S OPINION.

I am of the opinion that the damage by fire to the tent was caused through the carelessness of some person and that there is insufficient evidence to attach the blame to any individual. I recommend that the loss should be borne by the public.

Field.

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Signed. R.H. Robertson. Lt. Col.
Asst. Commandant. M.G.S. & H.C.

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C O U R T o f I N Q U I R Y .

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Military Government

School & Holding Centre. on ... 1st December, 1943.

by order of ... Col. Parkin, School Commandant.

to enquire into, out-break of fire in a tent.

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Major: N.T. Beard. President.

Capt. A. Fryer.)

Capt. G.T. Gardham.) Members.

1st Witness. Capt. EARL, H.E., A.U.S. having been duly sworn states:-
In the field on the 28th November, 1943. at approx 2300 hrs I returned to my tent after two days furlough and noticed that a hole approx 8ft x 5ft had been burned in my tent. I took no further action as I was informed that the damage had been reported to the Camp Commandant. There was no damage to my kit when I went on leave.

Signed. Howard. E. Earl. Capt.
A.U.S.

2nd Witness 5120129 Tpr. BARDELL, H. Recce Corps. having been duly sworn states:-
In the field on 28th November, 1943 at approx 1435 hrs I was at Miami on duty and smelt smoke. On investigating I found that the tent occupied by Capt. BUSKLEY and EARL was on fire. I gave the alarm and the fire was put out. I do not know how the fire occurred.

Signed 5120129 Tpr. Bardell. H.

3rd Witness. 3453311 Fus. MAYERS, R. Lances Fus. having been sworn states:-
In the field on the 28 November, 1943 at about 1500hrs, while on my rounds I noticed certain batman dealing with a fire at the tent occupied by Capt. Earl I assisted them.

Major. N.T. Beard.....President.
 ..Capt. A. Fryer.....)
Capt. G.T. Gardham.....)Members.

1st Witness.

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Signed 5120129 Tpr. Hardell. H.

3rd Witness.

3453311 Fus. MAYERS. R. Lances Fus. having been sworn states:-
 In the field on the 28 November, 1943 at about 1500hrs, while on my rounds I noticed certain batman dealing with a fire at the tent occupied by Capt. Earl I assisted them. I have no knowledge of how the fire originated. Nothing inside the tent was burned. The fire appeared to be confined to the canvas only.

Signed. 3453311 Fus. Mayers. R.

DECLARATION.

The Court having heard the evidence is of the opinion that the damage done to the tent occupied by Capt. Earl was due to a fire originating from external circumstances and

- (a) The is no evidence indicate that any person was to blame.
- (b) The cost of damage should be borne by the public.

1st December. 1943.

Signed. N.T. Beard. Major. President.
 A. Fryer. Capt. Member.
 G.T. Gardham. Capt. "

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COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Military Government School

...& Holding Centre... B.N.A.F. on ... 6th November 1943

by order of... Lt. Col. D.B. Aitken... Asst; Commandant... M.G.S. & H.C.

to enquire into... the... the illegal absence of and deficiencies of

... kit, if any of No. 4350894... Pte. Lewis P.H. of the South Staffordshire Regt

... and of 4928589... Pte. Lemm J.H. of the South Staffordshire Regt.

... CAPT. N.E. HODGES... (Hamps Regt)
... Lt. J.E. HAYES... President.

... LT. R.C. LINDERT... Members.

First Witness.

No 2659903 L/Sgt Weston S. states;

I am N.C.O. i/c unassigned men at the M.G.S. & H.C. B.N.A.F. On the 18th October 1943 I was handed an absentee report by Sgt E. Bush who has since proceeded overseas. It stated that No 14850894 Pte Lewis P.H. and No 4928589 Pte Lemm J.H. were absent over leave from 2359 hrs 17th October 1943. He informed me that these men has proceeded on pass to Algiers the previous day and had not returned. I reported the matter to the C.S.M. and caused their kits to be taken to the stores.

Second Witness.

No 4967340 C.S.M. Ward. G. states;

I am C.S.M. of the British H.Q. M.G.S. & H.C. On the 18th October 1943 I received a report from No 2659903 L/Sgt Weston S. that No 14850894 Pte Lewis P.H. and No 4928589 Pte Lemm J.H. were absent from 23.59hrs on the 17th October '43. I ordered their kits to be checked and taken into the stores and inventories made.

Third Witness.

No 7757185 Cpl. Box. J. South Staffordshire Regiment states.

...LT. R.C. LIBERT...}

Wm. Beecher Esq. President.
R. Hays Esq. Member.
R. C. Kimball Esq. Member.

Kit Deficiencies of 4928589 Pte. Lemm, J.H. South Staffords. Regt.

<u>ARTICLES</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	
DBawera Cell	1	-	2 1
Blouses B.D.	2	2	12
Boots Ankle	2	2	4
Greatcoat	1	2	11
Shoes Canvas	1		3 2
Trousers B.D.	2	1	19 6
Cap Badge	1		4½
Braces	1		1 5
Brushes Shaving	1		1 6
Brushes Tooth	1		6
Combs Hair	1		2
Knife Clasp	1		3 4
Lanyard	1		1
Razors Safety	1		5½
Trousers K.D.	2		13 6
Vests Tropical	2		3 1
Dressing Field	1		1 6
Shirts A.D.	1		9 3
Shirts K.D.	1		5 9
Hose Tops	1		1 6
Shorts K.D.	1		6 10
Socks Worsted	2		3 11
Towel	1		1
Total Cost of Deficiencies		<u>12</u>	<u>5 11</u>

Appendix B.

Inventory of Kit of No. 4928589 Pte. Iama J.H. South Staffs Regt.

Wig Bags 2
Shirts K.D. 1
Shorts K.D. 1
Shirt A.D. 1
Shorts Cellulose 1.
Blouses Denim 1
Jersey Pullover 1
Towels Hand 1
Cap Comforter 1
Hose Tops prs. 1
Socks prs. 1
Caps F.S. 1
Gaiters prs. 1
Brushes Boot 3
Brushes Hair 1
Holdall 1
Housewife 2
Field Dressing 1
Knives Table 3
Knives Dagger 1
Forks Table 2
Spoons Desert 1
Discs Identity 2
Bag - Personal Effects
Nets Mosquito 1

Valise 1
Straps Supporting 2
Straps Shoulder 2
Belts Waist 1
Pouches Basic 2
Frogs Bayonet 1
Haversack 1
Bottles Water 1
Carriers Water Bottle 1
Braces Left 1
Braces Right 1
Slings Rifle 1
Pullthroughs 1
Bottles Oil 1
Tins Mess 1
Helmets Steel 1
Groundsheets 1
Nets Covers Camouflage 1
Capes A.G. 1
Respirator Complete 1
Mosquito Cream Tins 1
Blankets G.S. 1

B/Bore 7757185

Date 1 November 1943.

Kit Deficiencies of Pte Lewis.E. No 1455894 South Staffords Regiment

	L	S	d
Anklets Web 1		4	0
Shirts K.D. 1		5	3
Socks Worsted 1		1	11
Boots Ankle 1	1	2	0
Blouses B.D. 2	2	12	0
Caps. F.S. 1		2	5
Trousers B.D. 2	1	19	6
Badges Cap 1			4 ¹ / ₂
Dressing Field. 1		1 -	1
Knife Clasp 1		3	4
Lanyard 1			1
Trousers K.D. 2		13	0
Vests Tropical 2		3	6
	<u>7¹/₂</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5¹/₂</u>

Unpriced Articles.

Waist Belt. 1
Tins Mess 1
Mosquito Cream 1

Appendix A.

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Inventory of Kit of 1455894 Pte. Lewis P. Smith Staff Sgt.

Bags Kit 2
 Shirts K.D. 1
 Shorts K.D. 2
 Shirts A.D. 2
 Blouses Denim 1
 Trousers Denim 1
 Shorts Cellular 2
 Towels Hand 2
 Vests P.T. 1
 Caps Comforter 1
 Jersey Pullover 1
 Hosiery prs. 2
 Socks prs. 2
 Braces prs. 1
 Shoes Canvas prs. 1
 Boots prs. 1
 Holdalls 1
 Brushes Brass 1
 Brushes Boot 2
 Brushes Hair 1
 Brushes Tooth 2
 Brushes Shaving 1
 Button Brass 1
 Combs Hair 1
 Razor 1
 Nets Mosquito 1
 Greatcoats 1
 Knives Table 1
 Forks 1
 Spoons 1
 Bags Pation 1

Haversack 1
 Bottles Water 1
 Straps Shoulder 2
 Straps Supporting Leather 1
 Frogs Bayonet 1
 Slings Rifle 1
 Braces Left 1
 Braces Right 1
 Groundsheet 1
 Helmets Steel 1
 Nets Covers Camouflage 1
 Ammo. Dummies rounds 5
 Valise 1
 Respirator Complete 1
 Wallets A.G. 1
 Caps A.G. 1
 Blankets G.S. 1

B/B Cox G.P. 7757185

Date. 1 November 1943

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OPINION. The Court, having diligently examined the evidence set before it, is of the opinion that No. 14850894 Pte Lewis, P.H. and No. 4928589 Pte Lemm, J.H. were absent from quarters on 18th October 1943 and are still so absent. Although no A.F. H 1157 is held by this unit in respect of these men and on the assumption that their kit had been made up to H.S. scale prior to their arrival at this unit, the Court is of the opinion that No. 14850894 Pte Lewis, P.H. is deficient of the kit and equipment listed in Appendix A attached hereto and that No. 4928589 Pte Lemm, J.H. is deficient of the kit and equipment listed in Appendix B attached hereto.

President
(E. Stages, P.H.) } Members.
R. C. Smith, P.H. }

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Court is of the opinion that No. 14850894 Plc Lewis P.H.
is deficient of the kth and equipment listed in
Appendix A attached hereto and that No. 4928589
Plc Lemm. J.H. is deficient of the kth and equipment
listed in Appendix B attached hereto.

President
(E. Stages, kth) }
R. C. Smith } Members.

2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION
DETACHMENTS 13 & 14
APO 512

Comdt.

5 November 1943

In reply refer to:
250.4

SUBJECT: Court of Inquiry.

TO : All concerned.

1400 hrs Today

1. A Court of Inquiry, composed as listed below, will assemble in Hq Company Office, (Br) on 6 November 1943, for the purpose of investigating and recording the absence, without leave, and deficiency, if any, in the Arms, Ammunition, Regimental Necessaries or Clothing of: 4928589 Pte LEMM, J. H., South Staffs Regt, and 14850894, Pte LEWIS, P. H., South Staffs Regt.

CAPT M. E. HODGSON
LT R. C. LIMBART
LT J. L. HAYES

President
Member
Member

2. On completion of these above proceedings the court will inquire into the circumstances in which a suitcase and personal kit belonging to Major A. Nevill, RA was lost on or about 26 September 1943. The court will express an opinion.

3. On completion of the above proceedings the court will inquire into the circumstances in which certain items of kit on charge to No 4384091 Pte Glass, R. were lost on or about 29 October 1943. The Court will express an opinion.

By order of Colonel PARKIN:

Morris K. Goldstein
MORRIS K. GOLDSTEIN,
2nd Lt., Infantry,
Assistant Adjutant.

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COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at... **Military**.....
 Government... **School, 3. NAF on...** 13 SEPT. 43.....
 by order of... **Col. PARKIN**... School. Commandant... N.G.S...
 to enquire into... **The loss of a Rifle. N° S. 24068...** the property...
 of... **5/10673614**... **Pte. BASTABLE. S.C.** on... **Saturday**...
 ... **28 Aug: 43**.....

LT COL R. Rapp... **President**...
R. W. Chappas... **229234**...
Members... **242757**...

The court having been duly convened, proceeds
 to take evidence:-
Pte. Bastable. C.C. States:-

While on a journey from Philippenville to Dingi
 on August 27th - 28th 43. I placed my rifle in a
 truck at the Staging Camp at Setif. On arriving at
 Dingi on August 29th 43 I was
 called away to unload Col. Platt's baggage. When
 I returned to the truck to recover my belongings,
 I found my equipment, but not my rifle. It was
 dark and I made as good a search as I could,
 but I have not been able to find it. I was
 not able to search the following morning

LT COL R. A. S. P. D. President,
 R. A. S. P. D. 229234
 R. A. S. P. D. 242737 Members.

The court having been duly convened, proceeds

to take evidence:-

S/10673614 Pte. Bastable C.C. States:-

While on a journey from Philippsville to Dingi Bungu on August 27th - 28th 43. I placed my rifle in a truck at the staging bank at Setif. On arriving at Dingi Bungu on evening of 29th August 43 I was called away to unload Col. Platt's baggage. When I returned to the truck to recover my belongings, I found my equipment, but not my rifle. It was dark and I made as good a search as I could, but I have not been able to find it. I was not able to search the following morning in daylight, as the trucks had left.

Cyril Claxton

Pte S/10673614

S/11864 S.S.H. D.S. Crawford. R.A.S.C. States:-

Whilst on a journey from Philippsville to Dingi Bungu the equipment and arms of the other ranks in the contingent were carried 187

in the vehicles with personnel. During the night 27th - 28th Aug 43 I ordered all men to have their rifles under their mosquito nets.

On morning of 28th Aug 43 all kit & equipment was again loaded into personnel trucks. On the morning of the 29th Aug 43 Pte Bastable reported to me that he could not find his rifle. I told him to make a search of the tents and quarters occupied by the draft. The rifle could not be found; I therefore ordered an arms inspection and checked that we could not find the rifle. I ordered Pte Bastable to make a written report to the company Office regarding the loss.

[Signature]
Sgt. Bradfoot

S/103101 S/Sgt. Morton R. R.A.S.C. States:-

On morning of 28th Aug 43 when the contingent was preparing to have a Staging Camp at Setif Pte Bastable asked me whether we were changing vehicles on the next phase of the journey. I said not and ~~assigned~~ ^{assigned} Pte Bastable

ordered an arms inspection and checked that we could not find the rifle. I ordered Pte Bastable to make a written report to the Company Office regarding the loss.

I. Bradford/smy

S/103101 S/SGT. Morton R. R.A.S.C. States:-

On morning of 28th Aug: 43. when the contingent was preparing to leave a Staging Camp at Setif Pte Bastable asked me whether we were changing vehicles on the next phase of the journey. I said Not and ~~assigned~~ ^{assigned} Pte Bastable to load his kit into the truck. The equipment was placed close to mine, & his rifle was placed under the seat.

Question: Did you see the rifle on arrival at Singi Beyrou?

Answer: I saw a number of rifles with mine but could not recognise any one as belonging to Bastable

Charles W.

The Court was here Adjourned.

9679 her Colonel W. C. Platt. The
Sherwood Foresters. attached G. W. P.
School and holding Centre being duly
down states. On 28th Sept 1943 at Sirtif
Staging Camp I was the last officer to
leave and inspected the site. The site was
clear of no equipment or arms were left
behind. I saw the Bastable with his
wife before embarking and told him on
which truck to travel.
No arms were taken off the trucks on
the journey to Tizzi Ouzon.
The Bastable had been doing business
me and it is possible that in unloading
officers pit at Tizzi Ouzon his wife was
left behind on a truck & taken away
by the enemy in the dark.

Colonel
Platt

Findings of Fact.

- (a) There is no evidence to show that the night NO 5-24068. did arrive at Tiz-over
- (b) NO: 8/10673614 The ^{partly} JASTAONE CC is to blame in that he failed to call in night NO 5-24068 or a light from vehicle a arrival at Tiz-over, or to draw other in the past immediately that he could not find it.

(c) That the work be done

- (a) by NO 8/10673614 The JASTAONE CC as to one third of the vocabulary rate.
- (b) by the public as to ^{the} two thirds of the vocabulary rate.

President. *R. M. Knipp, Jr. et al.*

MEMBERS { *E. H. H. H. H.*
R. W. H. H. H.

to be put immediately that we can't not find it.

(c) That the goal to move

(a) by NO 5/106-3612 The Justice CC as to
one third of the vocabulary rate.

(b) by the picture as to ~~total~~ two thirds
the
of the vocabulary rate.

President. R.R. Lippert, Jr.

THINGS { to be done
R.W. Chalmers, Jr.

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I agree with the opinion of the court.

J.D. Cullen

Attest.

As Clerk of the Court.

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2886386. Pte. Smith. L. (Gordons).

LIST. S. 1.

One Pr. Boots Ankle.	...	...	£.	s	d.
One Pr. Trousers. K.D.	...	...	1	2	0
One Shirt Bush.	...	...		6	6
				5	3

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President. Donald H. Haslam. Capt.

Members. (R.W. Challenor. Lieut. 229234.
 (E. Hoyle. Lieut. . 242157.

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2886386. Pte. Smith. L. Gordons.

LIST. S. 2.

	£.	s.	d.
One Pr. Boots Ankle.	1	2	0
One Pr. Trousers K.D.		6	6
One Shirt Bush.		5	3
One Pr. Shoes Canvas.		3	2
One Overalls American.		16	0
	£ 2	12	11.

President. Donald H. Haslam. Capt. R.A.

Members. R.W. Challenor. Lieut. 329234.
E. Hoyle. Lieut. 242757.

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A. F. A. 2.

COURT of INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Military Government School... 'In the field'..... 31st August, 1943.
by order of Colonel Parkin... Commandant Military Government School...
to enquire into the circumstances in which certain items of kit belonging to 2856326 Pte. Smith, L... were lost.

Capt., D. H. Haslam.. R.A. President.
 Lieut., R. W.. Challenger.. Repce.
 Lieut., E. Hoyle.. D.W.R. } Members.

The Court having been duly convened, proceeds to take the evidence:-

2886386. Pte. Smith. L. (Military Government School) states:-

I have been at the school about five weeks. On 24th August '43, I left my tent about 1800 hours. I share a tent with L/Cpl Jones. When I went out I laced the tent up. I returned about 2330 hours just after L/Cpl. Jones. In consequence of what he said I checked my kit and found the articles in S.I (attached) missing. I also found the following missing:-

One Pr. P.T. shoes.
One American Overalls
Complete Shaving Kit.

I reported it that night to the P.S.M.. I am sure these things were in my tent before I went out. Our tent is close to the road behind the main O.Rs. accomodation, and is not fenced off from the road. When I got back both ends of the tent were open.

(signed) L. Smith, Pte.

3236001 C.Q.M.S. Harkes, J. (M.G.S.) states:-

Capt. D.H. Haslam... R.A. President.
 Lieut. R.W. Challenger... Repce.
 Lieut. E. Hoyle... D.M.R.) Members.

The Court having been duly convened, proceeds to take the evidence:-

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- One Pr. P.T. shoes.
- One American Overalls
- Complete Shaving kit.

I reported it that night to the R.S.M.. I am sure these things were in my tent before I went out. Our tent is close to the road behind the main O.Rs. accomodation, and is not fenced off from the road. When I got back both ends of the tent were open.

(signed) L. Smith. Pte.

3236001 C.Q.M.S. Harkes. J. (M.G.S.) states:-

On 1st September, 1943 as a result of information received, I made out the attached lists S.I and S.2: the values stated are the correct vocabulary prices of the articles enumerated. Pte. Smith did not bring A.F. H. 1157 to the school, nor has he had his kit checked. I therefore cannot say whether he was deficient of any kit on the 24th August, 1943.

(signed) J. Harkes. C.Q.M.S. 1873

President.....Donald H. Haslam. Capt. R.A.) All
 Members.....(R.W. Challenger. Lieut. 329234.) } M.G.S
 (E. Hoyle. Lieut. 242757.) & H.C

The Court having been duly re-convened proceeds to consider the evidence:-

The Court are of the opinion that there is no reason to disbelieve the evidence of the witnesses, and that it is not possible to attribute the loss to the neglect of any individual.

The Court recommends that the cost of replacement be borne by the Public.

Donald H. Haslam. Capt. R.A. President.

R.W. Challenger. Lieut.)
E. Hoyle. Lieut.) Members.

.....Lt. Col.
Assistant Commandant,
Mil. Gov. School & Holding Centre.

4032174. I/Cpl. Jones. D. (K.S.L.I.) LIST. J.I.

			£.	s.	d.
One Greatcoat D.M.	....	....	2	8	6
One Pr. Shorts K.D.	....	....		5	6
One Shirt Bush.	....	....		5	3
One Blacket.	....	....		13	6
One Mosquito Net.	....	....		15	0
TOTAL.			£ 4	7	9d.

President. Donald. H. Haslam. Capt. R.A.

Members. R.W. Challenor. Lieut. 229234.
E. Hoyle. Lieut. 242753. 1872

1874211	Fus.	Thorne. C. (R.I.F)	LIST. T.I		
			£.	s.	d.
One Bags. Kit.	.....			5	3
Two Pr. Trousers K.D. (6/6d.)				13	0
One Shirt Bush.	.....			5	3
One Shorts K.D.	.....			5	6
Two Vests. Tropical 1/4d.				3	6
Three prs. socks. Worsted. 1/11d.				5	9
One pr. Boots Ankle.		1		2	0
One pr. Hosetops.	.....			1	9
One Housewife.	.....				7
			£ 3.	2	7

President. Donald H. Haslam. Capt.

Members. (R.W. Challenor. Lieut.
 (229234.
 (E. Hoyle. Lieut.
 (242757

A.F.A. 2.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Military Government School

'In the field' on 31st August, 1943.
by order of Colonel Parkin. Military Government School.
to enquire into circumstances in which certain items of kit belonging to
4032714 L/Cpl. Jones. D. were lost.
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Capt. D. H. Haslam, R.A., President.
Lieut. R. W. Challenger, Repce.
Lieut. E. Hoyle, D.V.R., Members.

The Court having been duly convened, proceeds to take the evidence:-

4032174 L/Cpl. Jones. D. Military Government School states that:-

I have been at the school since it opened. On 24th August, '43 I left my tent, which I share with Pte. Smith, at 1745 hours. I did not return until 2330 hours. When I went into the tent there were marks as if someone had been walking on my bed and I noticed some of my things were missing. I made a check and found the articles in list J.I. missing. I found later that my jersey-pullover and a ring were missing. I reported the matter to the R.S.M. I have since found no tract of them. My tent is close to the road and is not fenced off. There is no guard.

(signed) L/C. D. Jones.

2886386 Pte. Smith L. (M.C.S.) states:-

I share a tent with L/Cpl. Jones. On 24 August '43, I left the tent about 18.00 hours. When I did so I tied up both ends of the tent.

(signed) L. Smith. Pte.

4032174 L/Cpl.

Capt.: P.H. Haslam, ... R.A., President.

Lieut.: R.W. Challenor, ... Repce.

Lieut.: E. Hoyle, ... (Members, ...)

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(signed) L/C. D. Jones.

2886386 Pte. Smith L. (M.C.S.) states:-

I share a tent with L/Cpl. Jones. On 24 August '43, I left the tent about 19.00 hours. When I did so I tied up both ends of the tent.

(signed) L. Smith. Pte.

4032174 L/Cpl. Jones recalled states:-

I am sure that the articles I have lost were in my tent when I left at 17.45 hours on 24 August '43. When I returned the front of the tent was open but the back was laced up.

(signed) L/Cpl. D. Jones.

3236001 C.Q.M.S. Harkes. J. (Military Government School) states:-

On 1 September '43 as a result of information received, I made out the attached list J.I the values stated are the correct vocabulary prices of articles enumerated. L/Cpl. Jones did not bring A.F.H. 1157 to the school nor has he had his kit checked. I therefore cannot say whether he was deficient of any kit on the 24th August.

(signed) J. Harkes, C.Q.M.S.

President.....Donald H. Haslam. Capt. R.A.) All of
Members.....R.W. Challenor. Lieut. 229234) M.C.S.
(.....E. Hoyle. Lieut. 242757) & H.C.

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The Court having been duly re-convened proceed to consider the evidence:-
The Court are of the opinion that there is no reason for disbelieving the evidence
of the witnesses and that it is not possible to attribute the loss to the neglect
of any individual. The Court recommends that the cost of the replacement be borne
by the Public.

(signed) Donald H. Haslam. President.
Capt. R.A.

R.W. Challenor. Lieut.) Members.
E. Hoyle. Lieut)

.....Lieut Col.
Assistant Commandant,
Military Government School & Holding C.

A.F.A. 2.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Military Government School
 In the field.....on 31st August, 1943.....

by order of Colonel... Parkin... Commandant... Military Government School.....

to enquire into the circumstances in which certain items of kit belonging to...

1874211 Fus... Thorne... were lost.....

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Capt... D.H. Haslam... R.A. President.

Lieut... P.W. Challenger... Repce.

Lieut... E. Royle... D.T.R...) Members.

The court having been duly convened proceeds to take the evidence.

No. 1874211. Fus. Thorne. E. states:-

At 1800 hours 25th August 1943 I left my tent which was at the South end of basket ball court. At that time I know that my kit-bag was in the tent. When I left Pte. O'Burge was the only one in the tent. The next time I was in the tent was at 2200 hours. I looked for my kit-bag in order to get out my long trousers. My kit-bag was not in the tent. The articles set out in list T.I (attached) were all in the kit-bag, together with a surgical truss. I searched for the kit-bag but have not been able to find it. I reported the matter to the C.Q.M.S. next morning and have since made a report to Company Office. There is no guard on this part of the ground, but it is wired off from the road, with the exception of a gate.

(signed) E. Thorne. Fus.

3235001 C.Q.M.S. Harkes. J. (Military Government School) states:-

On September 1st 1943 as a result of information received, I made out the attached list T.I; the values stated are the correct vocabulary prices of the articles enumerated. I am not sure how long Fus. Thorne has been at the school; he did not

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Capt. D.H. Haslam... R.A. President.

Lieut. R.W. Challenor... Repce.

Lieut. E. Hoyle... D.T.R.) Members.

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(signed) E. Thorne. Fus.

3236001 C.Q.M.S. Harkes. J. (Military Government School) states:-

On September 1st 1943 as a result of information received, I made out the attached list T.I; the values stated are the correct vocabulary prices of the articles enumerated. I am not sure how long Fus. Thorne has been at the school; he did not bring A.F.H. 1157, nor has he had his kit checked. I therefore cannot say whether he was deficient of any kit on the 25th August, 1943.

(signed) J. Harkes. C.Q.M.S.

1874211 Fus. Thorne recalled, states:-

It is not correct to say I reported my loss to the C.Q.M.S. I went to H.Q. Company Office, and saw an officer, whose name I do not know, who told me to report to the P.S.M. I was subsequently told to put in a written report. I have been at H.Q. about a week.

4349054 Pte. O'Berg. F. (Military Government School) states:-

I remember the 25th August 1943 when Fus. Thorne lost his kit-bag. In the evening Fus. Thorne left the tent about 1800 hours. I was the only one left in the tent and went out about 10 minutes later. When I left I put down the plaps of the tent and tied them up. I returned about 2200 hours with Fus. Thorne. When I came back the plaps were up. There was nobody in the tent. A little later Fus. Thorne said he could not find his kit-bag. I helped him to look for it but could not find it.

(signed). F. O'Berg.

4545114 Pte. Steward. J.W. (M.G.S.) states:-

I share a tent with Fus. Thorne, Pte. O'Jerg. On 25th August 1943., I left the tent about 1640 hours and did not return until 1330 hours. When I went in the plaps at one end of the tent was closed, but they were open at the other. We left the tent at 1940 hours and did not return until after the film-show in the town. I don't know what the time was.

(signed) J. Stewart.

4809636 Pte. Spence. J. (M.G.S.) states:-

On 25th August 1943 I was with Pte. Stewart in the evening. I have read his evidence and corroborate it.

(signed) J. Spence.

President. Donald H. Haslam. Capt. R.A.) All of
Members. R.W. Challenor. Lieut. 229274.) M.G.S.
E. Hoyle. Lieut. 242757.) & H.C.

The Court having been duly re-convened proceeds to consider the evidence:-
The Court are of the opinion that there is no reason to disbelieve the evidence of the witnesses, and that it is not possible to attribute the loss to the neglect of any individual.

The Court recommends that the cost of replacement be borne by the public.

Donald H. Haslam. Capt. R.A. President.
R.W. Challenor. Lieut.) Members.
E. Hoyle. Lieut.)

.....Lt Col.

(signed) J. Spence.

President. Donald H. Haslam. Capt. R.A.) All of
 Members. R.W. Challenor. Lieut. 229274.) M.G.S
 E. Hoyle. Lieut. 242757.) & H.C.

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Donald H. Haslam. Capt. R.A. President.
 R.W. Challenor. Lieut.)
 E. Hoyle. Lieut.) Members.

.....Lt Col.
 Assistant Commandant,
 Mil. Gov. School & Holding Centre.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

Subject: COURTS OF ENQUIRY

Ref: WGH/36/3

To: Capt. Hoyle

From: Capt. D.H. Haslam, R.A.

Herewith proceedings of Courts of Enquiry, with opinion of Court in each case.

In the Field,
14 Sep 43.

.....Capt.
Staff Capt. "A",
Military Government School ^{18 Aug}
Centre.

SUBJECT :- Report on a Jurico

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17 Sep 53

2nd Echelon

2757029 Pte SHADE G
(Black Watch)

It is not considered that a Court of Inquiry would throw any light on this matter and AF 1117 is accordingly forwarded completed at Part 7 to the effect that the above-named man was on duty and not to blame.

MLL
Brigadier,
Camp ALGERIA AREA.

Copy to:- Camp Comdt
Military Government School
& H.Q.
(Ref HQS/12/19 dated 10 Sep 53)

1833

Subject:-Court Of Inquiry.

DCME/36/3

The Executive Officer
"HQ" (Amer)

May a Court of Inquiry be convened to inquire
into the loss of a Sea Kit Bag the property of S/13075919 S/Sgt H.
Carpenter R.A.S.C. which was lost on Aug;28/43.

In the Field.
Sept.18/43.
CWR.

A. Henry
Captain.
Camp Commandant.
Military Government School & H. C.

Copy to O.C. "HQ" Company who will arrange for all witnesses to
attend. List of Lost Articles attached.

1867

Subject:- Courts of Inquiry.

The Adjutant
Military Government School & H.C.

URGENT

36/2

May A Court of Inquiry be assembled to inquire into the loss of a rifle No S24068 the property of No S/10673614 Pte Bastable C. on Saturday 28th August. It is suggested that one of the u/m Officers be detailed as President.

Col Cripps (BR)
Maj Buchanan "

Witnesses -; Col Platt (BR)
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