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TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS
JULY-DEC. 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
(Adjutant's Department)
APO 394

4 December 1944

Adj: 510.

SUBJECT: Civilians in W.D. Vehicles

TO : O.C. British Troops, Rome

1. Reference your 1448, of 1 December, subject as above.
2. Attention is invited to AAI RO, Part II, Par 20, Orders 15-31, Serial 3, dated 24 March 1944, and Establishment Memorandum No. 19, this Headquarters, dated 22 July 1944, of which a copy is enclosed.
3. Passes are issued to civilians employed by AC/AMG, when travelling on official business, or business directly connected with the prosecution of the war effort. In most cases, such civilians are equipped with AC/AMG movement orders, when travelling any distance, and invariably when travelling in AC/AMG transport.
4. The pass prescribed by the AAI RO cited in Par 2 of this letter, and as informed to the subordinate units of this formation in the directive of which a copy is enclosed, is prescribed for use throughout AC/AMG. A sample of the pass in use at this Headquarters is shown attached. It is presumed that passes containing the same information as the sample attached (although possibly not of identical physical appearance) have been brought into use in the field, in order to comply with the standing instructions of AAI and this Headquarters.

For the Chief Commissioner:

NP
NICHOLAS PICOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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Establishment Memo #19 dtd 22 July 1944
Sample Pass to travel in W.D. Vehicle

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794, US Army

Ref: 14A8

1 Dec 44

Subject: Civilians in WD Vehicles

HQ Allied Commission

Copy to: HQ 3 District (pass referred to is enclosed)

A WD vehicle was recently stopped by CMP in Rome for conveying a civilian youth.

The Italian produced a printed ticket "Pass entitling bearer to travel in WD vehicle" purporting to be signed by "H. MITCHELL (?) Major Commanding AC AQUILA", made out in favour of SONSINI Antonio whom it authorised to travel in a WD vehicle on what appears to be a journey of purely academic nature.

In view of the strict regulations concerning conveyance of civilians in WD transport and the difficulties with which the CMP are confronted in dealing with the offence both from its military aspect and its possible association with serious crime, it will be appreciated if you will supply the following information:-

- (a) Is the pass issued by AC AQUILA a standard pass used throughout Allied Commission?
- (b) In what circumstances are these passes issued to civilians?

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A.L. LOUDON
Major
for Brigadier
Commander British Troops Rome

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY
(U.S. Contingent)(OVAC) APO 777
U. S. ARMY

AD 510

SUBJECT: Transportation of Civilians in
Government Vehicles.

TO : ALL Concerned.

14 August 1944.

Adjutant	W
U.S. Asst.	W
Asst. Asst.	
Chief Clerk	

1. It has been noted that considerable numbers of unauthorized civilian passengers are still being given transportation in Government vehicles.
2. Civilians (male and female) may be transported in vehicles being used for official business when their presence is necessary for the accomplishment of the official business for which the trip is being made. Only civilians (male and female) who are United States Government employees or who are members of the American Red Cross may be transported in vehicles being used for authorized special purpose trips. The giving of casual lifts to civilians is forbidden.
3. This practice of helping hitch-hikers constitutes a grave menace to our security in that it seriously impairs the effectiveness of security controls designed to restrict the movement of undesirable elements. It is known that enemy agents rely extensively on this mode of travel when operating behind our lines and that many have already made use of it. Of the agents so far captured no fewer than fifteen have stated that they were given rides in government vehicles either on the way to their target area, or on their return towards enemy territory.
4. All concerned are reminded that no civilian passengers may be transported in government vehicles unless in possession of an official pass authorizing such travel. Units and headquarters will impress on all drivers under their command the seriousness of this matter and ensure that they are conversant with the current instructions on this subject.
5. All personnel of this headquarters and subordinate commands are enjoined to abide by the spirit as well as the letter of the above directive.

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By command of Major General LEUNITZER:

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Frank W. Roberts
FRANK W. ROBERTS,
Lieut. Col., U.S.A.,
Adjutant General.

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HQ ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO No. 794, US Army

Ref: AG510

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Subject:- use of Government Transport in
violation of Curfew Regulations

23 July 1944

1. Reference this headquarters letter reference AG510 dated 12 July 1944, the following amendments are made which are applicable to British troops only.
2. With reference to paragraph 1 of the above quoted letter, there is no authority for allowing civilians to ride in British WD transport for recreational purposes.
3. With reference to paragraph 2, the following procedure will apply to British officers who are forced to be out on duty after Curfew:-

- (a) Application for a permanent after-curfew duty pass must be made to the Deputy Provost Marshal ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND.
- (b) Casual after-curfew passes valid for one night only may be issued by Commanding Officers.

For the Commanding General:

I. E. Cheek
I. E. CHEEK
Capt., AGD
Actg Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO # 394
(Establishment Branch)

22 July 1944

ESTABLISHMENT MEMORANDUM

NUMBER 19)

USE OF GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION

1. Vehicles of ACC, whether military or civilian type, will be used only for official business. Vehicles will not be used to commute between the office and hotels or the office and billets within walking distance (1 mile).

2. Attention is invited to Part II, Par 20, Orders 15-31, Serial No. 24 March 44, Hq AJI Routine Orders which states:

"1. Vehicles owned or hired by the WD will not be used to convey civilians unless: -

- (a) They are Government Officials, or
- (b) They are travelling upon official business or business directly connected with the prosecution of the war, or
- (c) They are civilian employees of the WD in course of their duties.

2. All civilians travelling in WD vehicles under the conditions set out in para (1) above will be in possession of an official pass prepared in accordance with the proforma shown below. Such passes will be signed by the OC the Unit authorizing such travel.

PASS ENTITLING BEARER TO
TRAVEL IN WD VEHICLES"

(Identify No.) _____
(Full Name) _____
(Unit or Affiliation) _____
is hereby authorized to travel in WD
vehicles in the course of his/her
official duties.

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 (Full Name) _____
 (Unit or Affiliation) _____
 is hereby authorized to travel in WD vehicles in the course of his/her official duties.
 Place) _____
 (Date) _____

Commanding _____
 (Unit)

- 3. It is forbidden to give casual lifts to civilians.
- 4. Disciplinary action will be taken against any officer EM/OR disregarding this order.

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3. Attention is also invited to Ltr. AG 510, dated 12 July, "Q. Roma Allied Area Command, which states:

"1. Permission to use Government vehicles to transport civilians for organized recreation does not include individuals riding around the city of Rome independently. This practice, particularly with regard to the transportation of civil an women, has resulted in a considerable amount of unfavorable comment. Future violations will result in the impounding of the vehicle and the discounting of all passengers, and the driver, on the spot.

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2. Curfew in Rome is 2000 hrs., for all troops including officers. All vehicles moving on the streets of Rome after curfew without proper authority will be impounded, and all passengers, including the driver, discounted on the spot."

John J. McLaughlin
JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN,
Colonel, Infantry, U.S.
Establishments Officer
For the Executive Commission

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LT Macnamara

The Brigadier mentioned
this at the meeting this morning,
and I believe would like to see
it. Please return, as it is my
only copy.

20 July 1944

Thank you

LOUIS T. MONTAG, Jr.
7 1st Lt. AGD.
Adjutant

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO #794, U. Army

AG 510

14 JUL 1944

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12 July 1944

Subject: Use of Government Transportation and Violation of Curfew Regulations.

To : All Units located in Rome Allied Area Command.

1. Permission to use government vehicles to transport civilians for organized recreation does not include individuals riding around the city of Rome independently. This practice, particularly with regard to the transportation of civilian women, has resulted in a considerable amount of unfavorable comment. Future violations will result in the impounding of the vehicle and the dismounting of all passengers, and the driver, on the spot.

2. Curfew in Rome is 2300 hrs, for all troops including officers. All vehicles moving on the streets of Rome after curfew without proper authority will be impounded, and all passengers, including the driver, dismounted on the spot.

By command of Major General JOHNSON:

I. E. Cisek
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Capt AGD
Actg Adj Gen

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