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NOV. 44 - JUNE 45

## File: 15/XOA - HIRING &amp; RENTAL OF CIVILIAN VEHICLES. - LIST OF PAPERS.

NUMBER	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
1	16 Nov 44	G-4 (A)	Dep Ch of Staff	Rental of Civ Transp
2	8 Jan 45	Etab Sec	All Concerned	Rental of Civ Veh's.
3	16 Mar 45	Exec C US	AMG/5th Army	Hiring of Civ Veh's.
4	26 Mar 45	AMG/5th Army	Col Fiske	Hiring of Civ Veh's.
5	23 May 45	Exec C US	Mr. Antolini	Hiring of Civ Veh's.
6	14 Apr 45	MTUSA	All Concerned	Rental of Civ Veh's.
7	18 Jun 45	Exec C US	Lt Ameruso	Hiring of Civ Veh's.
8	16 Jun 45	G-5, APHQ	HQ, AC	Hiring not permitted
9	19 Jun 45	Etab Sec	All Concerned	Hiring not permitted

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
(Establishment Section)

04/41/A

19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Hiring of Motor Vehicles.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Instructions have been received from Allied Force Headquarters on the subject of hiring civilian motor vehicles.
2. AFHQ has ruled that rental of vehicles is NOT PERMITTED.
3. This ruling will be strictly complied with by all Regions and AMG 5th and 8th Armies.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:



C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Acting Vice President.

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G-5 Section  
APO 512

Ref. T-13

16 June 1945

SUBJECT: Hiring of Vehicles

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394  
(Office of the Executive Commissioner)

Ref your Memo Ref/90.12/Est dated 25 April 1945.

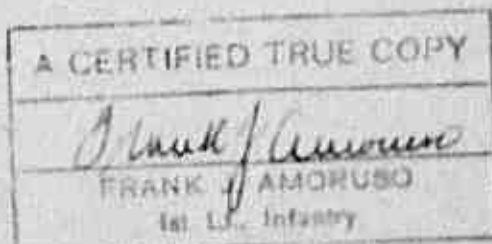
This matter has been the subject of much correspondence and discussion between the appropriate Staff Sections this Headquarters, and it has now been finally ruled, that the hiring of vehicles is NOT permitted.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

/s/ F.G. Jeffery

/t/ F. G. JEFFERY  
Captain, R.E.  
Economics & Supply Division

Copy to : Q(AE), AFHQ )  
          G-4, AFHQ ) For information  
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Date 18 June 1945

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No.	From	To	Date
1	Exec O (US)	G-4 (A) Lt Amoruso	<p>1. Attached herewith is ltr from G-5, AFHQ, dtd 16 June 45, whereby it has been ruled that the hiring of vehicles is NOT permitted.</p> <p>2. Request that you notify all regions, and return ltr mentioned in par 1 to this office.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/s/ C. M. P. C.M.P.</p>

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

*Frank J. Amoruso*

FRANK J. AMORUSO

1st Lt. Infantry

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MTUSA ltr file AG 451/764 D-O dtd 14 Apr 45.  
REQUISITION, DEREGISTRATION, OR RENTAL OF CIVILIAN MOTOR  
VEHICLES BY UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES.

For this information see File: 1/32/XOA.

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### INFORMAL BOUTING

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SUBJECT: 15/5/XOA

23 May 1945.

### Hiring of Civilian Vehicles.

**Hiring of Civilian Vehicles.**  
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C.M. PARKIN,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Executive Officer (US).

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No.	From	To	Date	
1	AVP Est Sec	GH A Lt Am		Give me draft for reply. Quote AFHQ orders on sentry etc QMP
2	Lt Amours	Col. Purkin	4-3	I believe we will be expecting this matter in due course as soon as authority to sent is obtained. JPT

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FIFTH ARMY  
APO 464

Col. Parkin  
received  
2/30/45  
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AES/EEH/Kr  
26th March 1945.

REFERENCE: 54/9

SUBJECT : Hiring of Civilian Vehicles.

TO : Colonel Norman E. Fiske, —  
Vice President,  
Establishments Section.  
H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION.

1. The Chief Accountant, H.Q. Allied Commission, Finance Subcommittee, commenting on the report of the Provincial Finance Officer for Lucca for the month of January, 1945, referred to a letter from H.Q. Allied Commission, reference G4/401/A, dated 8 January 1945, concerning the termination of authorisation to rent motor vehicles and asked the Finance Officer to confirm that the hiring of motor vehicles has now ceased.

2. By letter of 16 March 1945 from H.Q. Allied Commission, (Colonel Parkin), reference G4/41/A, it is stated that H.Q. Allied Commission does not feel that expenditures for rented vehicles can be met out of A.F.A. funds, and states that the Allied Commission will not be responsible for claims arising out of rented vehicles.

3. This matter is puzzling inasmuch as at the Regional Commissioners Conference in Rome on Thursday, March 8th, the question of authorisation to hire was brought up and at that time Brigadier Grafftey-Smith indicated that in his opinion there was no insuperable obstacle to the payment of rental for hired cars.

4. It is felt that possibly the reluctance to authorise the hiring of cars arises out of the belief

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that it is a device to obtain motor transportation over and above that authorized for requisition. This is not the case with A.M.G. Fifth Army. Cars are rented in lieu of requisition and it is thought that this is a more economical and more effective way of procuring motor transport. The fact is that motor vehicles will appear when renting is in prospect but remain hidden when the prospect is requisition.

5. It is requested that this question be re-opened and that permission be granted to rent motor vehicles in lieu of requisition where, in the discretion of the S.C.A.O., rental appears a more economical and more effective means of acquiring transportation. This letter is sent pursuant to telephone conversation between the undersigned and Colonel Fiske.



EDGAR ERSKINE HUME,  
Brigadier General, GSC.,  
Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

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16 March 1945

SUBJECT: Hiring of Civilian Motor Vehicles.

TO : Commanding General,  
AMG, 5th Army,  
APO 464, U. S. Army.

1. Attached is a copy of GH/41/A of 8 January 1945 which quotes the authority by which permission granted for rental of civilian motor vehicles was rescinded.

2. This Headquarters therefore does not feel that expenditures for rented vehicles can be met out of AFA funds and AC will not be responsible for claims arising out of rented vehicles.

3. If authority to rent was granted to AMG, 5th Army Headquarters, by 5th Army then this Headquarters has had no knowledge of it and expenditures should be met through the responsible 5th Army channels and not through AC.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Executive Officer (US)

1 Incl.  
Incl 1. Ltr. Hq AC, Establishment  
Section, dtd 8 Jan 45.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 398  
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

*C. M. Parkin*  
*CP*  
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8 January 1945

SUBJECT: Rental of Civilian Motor Vehicles.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Change No. 1 to Establishment Memorandum No. 12, this Headquarters, dated 27 April 1944, rescinded all authority granted to Regional Commissioners to rent civilian motor vehicles.

2. Paragraph 3, MTOUSA letter, AG/451/764 D-O, dated 17 December 1944, subject: "Requisitioning, Derquisitioning, and Rental of Civilian Motor Vehicles by the U. S. Military Forces," states "No vehicles will be rented from owners without prior approval of MTOUSA Headquarters."

3. Any verbal or written authority, British or American, issued from this Headquarters to Regional Commissioners, authorizing rental of civilian motor vehicles, is hereby rescinded.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

*C. M. Parkin*

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Colonel, Infantry  
Executive Officer (US)

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GA/hl/A

16 November 1944

SUBJECT: Rental of Civilian Transport.

TO : Deputy Chief of Staff.  
Allied Commission.

1. In accordance with verbal request that this section enumerate advantages and disadvantages of whether civilian vehicles should be made available on a rental basis, the following is submitted:

a. Advantages.

- (1) Vehicles now kept in hiding by civilians would be offered to AC personnel if price of rental were satisfactory.
- (2) Number of vehicles available would probably increase considerably and better cars would be made available to AM officers in the forward areas.

b. Disadvantages:

- (1) Accurate records would be difficult to keep. Hiring would be strictly a Regional affair, but should claims arise about vehicles, such as stolen or having become unroadworthy in the service of AC, claims would be made against AC and this headquarters would have to deal with them with little or no knowledge of the actual happenings.
- (2) Hiring of vehicles would also limit the use of the vehicle. In principle the vehicle really should not be taken out of province it was hired in. This would not be so if vehicle was requisitioned.
- (3) Hiring also limits the readjusting of vehicle strength; one province or Region may have too many vehicles and

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Rental of Civilian Transport.

others too little. If vehicle was requisitioned, transfer of vehicle can be made to adjust such conditions.

- (4) Many hired vehicles would have to be made road-worthy by the use of American and British W. D. parts, tires and tubes especially. If at any time vehicle becomes unroadworthy, these same parts would have to be removed, therefore the owner would not receive the vehicle back in the same condition as originally hired by AC.
- (5) Responsibility and proper accountability cannot be placed on any officer if vehicle should be wrecked or stolen, whereas if vehicles are requisitioned, they can be considered W. D. property and treated as such.

3. After careful analysis of advantages and disadvantages, this section feels that the present method of obtaining vehicles (requisitioning) be continued until it is proved that vehicles are not available, in which case immediate steps can be taken for rental of vehicles needed.

F. J. AMORUSO  
1st Lt., Inf.  
Civ. Req. Sec., G-4

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