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ALLIED COMMISSION  
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OFFICE OF G-4(A)

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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPR/14/Q

Tel. 478607

18 August 1945

SUBJECT : Vehicle Markings.

TO : H.Q. "D" Group, D.P. & R.S.C.

1. Enclosed is a copy of memorandum LIG/HQ/21 dated 4 August 1945 from Regional Commissioner Liguria Region.
2. May we please have an explanation of this alleged misuse of vehicle Markings.

For the Director.

*W. K. Brown*  
K.C. BROWN  
Lt. Colonel  
O.i/c ADM.

Copies to : G-4 (A), A.G. ✓  
Regional Commissioner Liguria Region.  
R.T.O. Lombardia Region.

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Ref : MAg/BA/21

4 August 1945

SUBJECT : Unauthorized Use of 'AMG' Vehicle Markings.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, Attention G-4 (A).

1. I had occasion to take particulars of a requisitioned vehicle which I saw halted on the road at Genoa on 3 August 1945. The car was being driven by Pte. Boyd, Cheshire Regiment, and the trip ticket appeared to be perfectly in order. The car, which belonged to a D.P. & R. camp at Como, had apparently brought a Swiss male civilian from Como to Genoa for the purpose of seeing relatives, and was returning to Como same night.

2. The car had no identification marks whatever on it, or official A.C. label on the windscreen, but it had painted on the back and the front of the vehicle 'AMG'. I draw particular attention to the use of the above markings, because strong measures have been taken in this Region to eliminate the use of the marking or windscreen label 'AMG' as it is irregular and open to serious abuse.

M. GARR  
Brigadier  
Regional Commissioner

c.c. - D.P. & R. Sub-Commission, Hq, AC/  
R.T.O., Hq, Lombardia Region.

HEADQUARTERS  
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
APO 782

MS/an  
23 October 1944

SUBJECT: Vehicles Without Proper Markings

TO : Headquarters, AMO, APO 394, U. S. Army

1. There has been a notable increase throughout the PBS area in the number of vehicles without proper or legible bumper markings. Marking of vehicles is covered by Army Regulations, and has been published repeatedly by the various headquarters in the Theater. Roughly, the vehicles referred to fall into the following classes:

a. No Markings: This includes a great many civilian type sedans, at least some of which are believed to be privately owned and not under requisition by any service.

b. Incorrect Markings: This includes vehicles in which the prescribed method has been deviated from. It also includes many ACC sedans, which bear no marking except the green and white insignia on the sides of the vehicle.

c. Illegible Markings: This includes those which have become obliterated or covered with mud.

d. Improper Markings: This includes markings indicating that vehicles belong in vehicle parks or other stocks, which should not be on the road without special indication that they are in transit to units. It has also been found that vehicles have been marked with incomplete markings, or markings deliberately intended to be unidentifiable.

2. The increasing use of improperly marked vehicles is playing directly into the hands of bandits, hi-jackers, thieves, and AWOL's, of which there have been a notable increase lately. Many of the above are using stolen cars in the furtherance of their activities, and find immunity in carrying unidentifiable markings. The control of their activities, as well as the recovery of stolen vehicles, will be greatly facilitated if trip tickets are more generally examined and vehicles are required to carry the prescribed identification.

3. This Headquarters is issuing new orders directing that all vehicles be promptly painted, front and rear, with complete, correct, and

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legible identification, and reminding the command that trip tickets must be carried at all times. (1)

4. Shortly after 1 November the Provost Marshal will commence an intensive campaign against improperly marked U. S. vehicles, making use of patrols and road blocks. Vehicles not marked in accordance with regulations may be impounded, and the drivers thereof, as well as drivers not having proper trip tickets, may be detained. Cars bearing general officers' plates will not be exempted from examination. (There are two cases on record of a general officer's car being hi-jacked.) Military Policemen will be authorized, where their judgment indicates it necessary, to approach drivers with drawn weapons. (There have been two attempted murders of individuals questioning drivers as to the use of their cars. In both cases the drivers were wearing officers' uniforms and the cars were stolen and improperly marked.) Vehicles refusing to stop when properly signaled may have to be fired upon.

5. It is not desired to embarrass the personnel of any other command; however, unless vehicles can be accurately and positively identified, they must be regarded with suspicion and the drivers thereof must be looked upon in the same way.

6. If cooperation in this campaign is desired, and to that end it is requested that you take action to insure that all vehicles in your command are properly marked, that your personnel is warned of the drive, and that your command be informed that the use of drawn weapons by Military Police involved in this drive is a necessary step.

7. A similar letter has been written to all U. S. headquarters, and to those having U. S. components.

For the Commanding Officer:

HARRISON SHALEN  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

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SUBJECT: Transmission of Correspondence

No.	From	To	Date	
1	Adj. Section	HQ AC Att'n. G-4	10/27	Attached forwarded as a matter within your cognizance.
2	Craig G-4W	Ex Off off (A)	28/10	We are drafting a letter to go to all unit COs re-minding them of responsibility in making vehicle
3	Ex Off NS	G H A	10/30/44	OK - I sent original of attached letter from PBS to SR 1st.
4	G-4W	Ex Off A)	Nov	Let me see draft before typing out Take care of PB

Sign each indorsement with last name in full. Draw line at end of your action. Use entire width of sheet for large indorsements. If additional sheets are needed, use this form, numbering all pages. Use only one side. Keep attached to this correspondence to be filed therewith.

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