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10000 / 110 / 256 27/XOA - VEHICLES, LOST, STOLEN,
OR DAMAGED
APR. 44 - JULY 45

File: 27/XOA - CORRESPONDENCE DEALING WITH LOST, STOLEN OR DAMAGED
VEHICLES. - LIST OF PAPERS.

NUMBER	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
1	27 Apr 44	Hq, 2675 Regt	All concerned	Vehicles. (Cir #3).
1a	29 May 44	Hq, 2675 Regt	All concerned	Vehicles. (Cir #6).
2	13 Jun 44	Hq, AAI	CO, 2675 Regt	1st Ind re: responsbly for the loss of veh.
3	15 Jun 44	CO, 2675 Regt	CO, Hq Co	Buck slip re: above.
4	18 Jun 44	Col Farren	CO, 2675 Regt	Discly action.
5	19 Jun 44	CO, 2675 Regt	Col Farren	1st Ind re: above.
6	7 Apr 45	CO, 2675 Regt	Opinion of Rev Authority	
7	7 Apr 45	Adj, 2675 Regt	1st Lt Nardin	R/S veh #20302743.
8	7 Apr 45	S/Sgt Poletti	Lt Col Seith	1st Ind re: above.
9	25 Apr 45	CO, 2675 Regt	Adj, 2675 Regt	Buck slip re: above.
10	20 Mar 45	CO, 2675 Regt	CG, MTOUSA	Tracer re: above.
11	10 Feb 45	Hq, MTOUSA	CO, 2675 Regt	C/L Veh #285749
12	19 Feb 45	Lt Col Seith	Col Parkin	9th Ind - payment for property lost, etc.
13	23 Feb 45	CO, 2675 Regt	Toscana Region	C/L Veh #320131269.
14	10 Nov 44	AAI	All Concerned	1st Ind. re: above.
15	27 Mar 45	Col Parkin	G-1 (B)	Routine Orders re: Loss of Vehicles.
16	27 Mar 45	HQ Comdt	A/VP Est Sec	Ct of Inq AC-V-210.
17	30 Mar 45	G-4 (A)	Col Fiske	HQ 282
18	12 Apr 45	Lt Col Baldridge	Col Parkin	Cars AFSC.
19	18 Apr 45	HQ Comdt	A/VP Est Sec	HQ 282
20	19 Apr 45	AFSC	AVM F.J. Fogarty	HQ 282
21	1 May 45	HQ Comdt	A/VP Est Sec	Chrysler HQ 282
22	24 Apr 45	A/VP Est Sec	Hq Comdt	Chrysler HQ 282
23	25 Apr 45	AVM Fogarty	AFSC	Chrysler HQ 282
24	26 May 45	CO "T" 2675 Regt.	Col Parkin	Chrysler HQ 282 Report of Missing US truck.
25	20 May 45	Col Parkin	AFHQ	2nd Ind re: above.
26	7 Jul 45	Col. Parkin	MTOUSA	1st Ind Damaged Vech

13	23 Feb 45	CO, 2675 Regt	Col Parkin	G-1 (B)	Chrysler HQ 282
14	10 Nov 44	AAI	Toscana Region	A/VP Est Sec	Chrysler HQ 282
			All Concerned	Col Fliske	Chrysler HQ 282
15	27 Mar 45	Col Parkin		Col Parkin	Chrysler HQ 282
16	27 Mar 45	HQ Comdt		A/VP Est Sec	Report of Missing
17	30 Mar 45	G-4 (A)		AVM P.J. Fogarty	US truck.
18	12 Apr 45	Lt Col Baldridge		A/VP Est Sec	2nd Ind re: above.
19	13 Apr 45	HQ Comdt		Hq Comdt	1st Ind Damaged Vech
20	19 Apr 45	AFSC		AFSC	
21	1 May 45	HQ Comdt		CO "m" 2675 Regt.	
22	24 Apr 45	A/VP Est Sec		Col Parkin	
23	25 Apr 45	AVM Fogarty		AFHQ	
24	26 May 45	CO "m" 2675 Regt.		MTUSA	
25	20 May 45	Col Parkin			
26	7 Jul 45	Col. Parkin			

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ltr file AG 141.7/814 D-O, HQ, MTOUSA, dtd 3 Jul 45, to GO,
2675th Regt, subj: "Certificate of Loss - Requisitioned Ve-
hicle, CHRYSLER Imperial 1937 No. CD191x, Engine No. C.147723.
Requisitioned 3 August 1944".

1st Ind. CMP/jp
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, (OVHD), ALLIED COMMISSION,
APO 394, US ARMY, 7 July 1945.

TO: Headquarters, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army.

1. Since the Certificate of Loss was forwarded to your Headquarters, the Allied Commission Motor officer advises that parts were found for this car, and it was repaired without any expense to the United States Government.

2. Inasmuch as Headquarters, MAAP, were responsible for the original damage and cannibalization done to this US vehicle, it would be ironical to return it to them in first class operating condition as a reward.

3. This car is now operating and is needed by Allied Commission, and it is requested that the Certificate of Loss be returned and this case considered closed.

C.M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

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1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP, ALLIED COMMISSION,
APO 394, 29 May 1945.

TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, 2675th Regt. Allied Commission.
APO 394.

Forwarded for necessary information.

s/ C.W. Pepper, Maj
for JAMES J. CARNES
Colonel, Infantry

2nd Ind CMP/jp
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT (OVERHEAD), ALLIED COMMISSION,
APO 394, US Army, 20 May 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force
Headquarters, APO 512, US Army.

1. I am having a "sweet time" preventing the Italian's
from stealing my trucks, without but friends helping the
project.

2. It is suggested that you have your Provost Marshal
accompanied with a British Officer, to check up on this 418
Motor Vehicle Park.

C.M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

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2nd Ind.

C.O. 102 Cond A.F.

I am having a "sweet time" presenting the "Shaham stealing my ducks with out our friends helping the protest."

2. Suggest your P.M. with a B.O. off
check up on this 4/16 M.V. Pash.

Q.M. Pash
C.O.

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Holiday

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COMPANY "T"
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION
(OVERHEAD)
APO 394

(24)

26 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Report on Missing U.S. Army Truck.

THRU : Col. CARNES, Commanding Officer, Motor Transport Group,
Allied Commission, (Overhead), APO 394, U.S. Army.

TO : Col. PARKIN, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission,
(Overhead), APO 394, U.S. Army.

On 18 May 1945 I was instructed to conduct a search for a lost vehicle that had been towed into a British workshop in the vicinity of Naples. On 21 May 1945 it was found that this vehicle had been first towed, by a British wrecker, into the 724 LOP C Workshop, REME on the Vesuvius Road near Naples. They in turn sent it to the 416 Motor Vehicle Park, Casalnuovo, Italy, which is some 5 miles Northeast of Naples. This 416 Motor Vehicle Park is equivalent to an American motor vehicle salvage yard.

The vehicle involved, a GMC, 2½ ton 6x6, cargo truck U.S.A. No. 4153527, was located in the 416 Motor Vehicle Park. There were approximately ten other GMC, 2½ ton American trucks in this same park. Some of them had the bumper markings, and the W.D. number on the hood and the tail gate painted over. Two or three of these trucks that had the W.D. number painted over had in place thereof a number beginning with an L-----, to replace the old number.

s/ Oliver C. Jessup
Captain CMP
Investigating Officer
Co. T, 2675 Regiment.

C O P Y

DO/PJP

Headquarters,
Mediterranean Allied Air Forces,
Royal Air Force, C.M.F.

25th April, 1945.

Dear B/B

I have caused inquiries to be made about the Chrysler car referred to in your letter AFSC/852/MP of the 19th, and as a result I do not think the M.T. Officer of this Headquarters Unit can justly be held to blame.

My information is that the car was transferred in a somewhat informal manner, and that no information was vouchsafed as to its origin, nor was any indication given to Staff or Unit M.T. Officers, here, that it had been procured on loan and was returnable.

I am unable to ascertain upon what authority Maynard was able to "promise you that everything would be put in order". He must have been fully aware of the difficulties in obtaining Chrysler spares.

Naturally, I much regret that the car should be returned in a state of disrepair, but in view of the extreme difficulty in procuring Chrysler spares, and to meet Sir John Slessor's personal requirements, it was judged expedient to maintain the other vehicle. This course was adopted by the Unit M.T. Officer with the full knowledge and consent of the P.A. to D/C-inC., at that time S/Ldr. Maynard.

I am told that there are no spares whatever available for this type of car, so beyond expressing regret I cannot see what can be done about it now.

Yours,

(illegible) FOGARTY

Air Vice-Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet, CBE, DFC,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

File

Date

25 April

FROM

Col. Paulin

TO

Deputy Chief of Staff

Staff Officer

Executive Officer (A)

Executive Officer (B)

G-1 (A)

G-1 (B)

G-4 (A)

G-4 (B)

Headquarters Commandant

Adjutant

FOR:

Draft of reply for signature of
Please see/telephone me about this
Investigation and report

Answer

Signature

Approval/Disapproval

Your Information and return

Your File

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INFORMAL ROUTING
HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

HQ COMMANDANT	
FILE	HRC/10/2
25 APR 1945	
SEEN	
COMDT	
ASST	
CC	

File:

Date

4/24

SUBJECT:

Fill in each column, initial action, and draw a line across the sheet just below initials. Number each memo consecutively in first column. Use entire width of sheet for long memos.

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No.	From	To	Date	
1	AVP	Hq Comdt AC	4/24	Reference your letter HqC 10/2 dated 18 April 45 Subject - Transport - Assigned Vehicle Have its parts been recovered that were stripped from Vehicle Hq 282? CMP
2	Hq Comdt	A.V.P. Lofsky	25 APR.	No. - The A.V.M. has written to M.A.A.F. for a full investigation to be made. R. Robertson HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Col. Parker
ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT

SUBJECT: Transport - Assigned Vehicles.

FILE No. HQC/10/7

TO Vice President, Establishments Section.

1 May 1945

I refer to my letter, reference as above, dated 18 April 1945, and now enclose herewith a copy of a letter sent by Air Vice-Marshal Bowen-Buesarlet to Air Vice-Marshal Fogarty, and a copy of a reply received from the Air Forces Sub-Commission, dated 30 April 1945.

I should be glad to have your further instructions in regard to this vehicle. In the meantime, endeavors are being made to procure the parts necessary for the satisfactory rehabilitation of this vehicle.

H. H. Robertson Colonel
H. H. ROBERTSON
Hq. Commandant.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION
ROME

AFSC/862/MT

19th April 1945.

Dear Fogarty.

I am afraid this is starting a topic about which neither you nor anyone else at M.A.A.F., except perhaps the Unit M.T. Officer, will know anything about.

2. A very long time ago John Orme asked me if I could find a really good Italian car for Sir John Glessor. I had a look round and eventually sent a Fiat down which was not satisfactory. I then offered him my own Chrysler Coupe which was requisitioned by the Allied Commission and lent to me for my personal use. I think that the car was actually ferried down by WALLER, who is at present the D/A.O.C-in-C's batman.

3. No-one ever said thank you to me for the car, and after some time I felt that it was time it should come back. I therefore made enquiries, and at first no-one seemed to know anything about it. Finally I was told that it had stripped its gear box and that they were trying to obtain another one from America through the good offices of GENERAL WILSON, via LADY RANFURLY.

4. After a great deal of delay the Allied Commission insisted on the car being returned to ROME whatever its conditions. It has now arrived back here, and I am told that the following parts have been stripped from it:

RADIO
ALL SHOCK ABSORBERS FRONT AND REAR
VOLTAGE REGULATOR
HEADLIGHT BULBS
WINDSHIELD WIPERS
HALF-SHAFT BROKEN, AND MAIN-SHAFT BALL BEARINGS BROKEN
AND OF COURSE THE DAMAGE TO THE GEAR BOX.

I am also told that the car was assigned to 15 M.T.R.L.U. on the 24th January 1945, and to 113 M.U. on the 4th February, 1945.

5. Naturally Allied Commission are extremely angry about this car, and I do not blame them. In my view it is entirely the fault of the Unit M.T. Officer at H.Q. M.A.A.F. (Unit). I went to see him personally about it and could get little satisfaction from him. I therefore went back again and saw MAYNARD who promised that everything would be put in order.

6. I am sorry to burden you with this, but I do think that the Allied Commission are entitled to some explanation. I rather doubt whether Sir John ever saw the car at all, and I asked him some questions about it and quite clearly he hardly knew of its existence, if indeed he did at all. I am inclined to think that the car was used to cannibalise for his own Chrysler.

TO: Air Vice-Marshal F.J. Fogarty, DFC, AFC,
H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F.

(Sgd) W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

COPY:
Transportation Sub-Commission, HQ. AC Rome
For information.

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FROM: Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.
(Office of the Headquarters Commandant).

DATE: 30th April, 1945.

REF : AFSC/852/Mr.

Subject: Assigned Vehicles.

Referring to your letter HQC/10/2 dated 18th April, 1945, addressed to the Acting Vice President, Establishment Section, enquiries were made at M.A.A.F. M.T. Section, at No. 113 M.U. and at No. 16 M.T.L.R.U., and it is evident that the Chrysler was used to maintain the C-inC's car in a serviceable condition while efforts were made to obtain spares from other sources.

2. In his reply to the Air Vice-Marshal, the Air Officer i/c Administration, M.A.A.F., expressed regret that they had been unable to find the necessary parts and that as he had no knowledge of the transfer he was unable to give any further help.

3. The radio, listed as missing, was not in the car when it was originally taken over from A.C. by Sgt. Mitton. He is positive on this point.

4. It is regretted that the car was returned in such a state of disrepair.

/s/ L.E. JARMAN, C/Capt.
Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

File

Date 19 April

FROM

TO

Col. Parkin ←
Deputy Ex. Commissioner

→ Staff Officer

Executive Officer (A)

Executive Officer (B)

G-1 (A)

G-1 (B)

G-4 (A)

G-4 (B)

Headquarters Commandant

Adjutant

FOR:

Comment

Draft of reply

Investigation and report

Answer

Signature

Approval/Disapproval

Your Information

Your File

Return, please

AIR Corps
Sub Com
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Headquarters Commandant

RHR/qj b

18 Apr 1945

HQC/10/2

SUBJECT: Transport - Assigned Vehicles.

TO : Acting Vice President, Establishments Section.

1. Your attention is invited to my letter, reference as above, dated 27 March 1945, in regard to vehicle HQ-282, Chrysler Imperial Coupe.

2. This vehicle was turned in to the Super Garage on 17 Apr 45 in the undernoted condition.

Transmission broken - vehicle was towed in. (Full details are not immediately available, but can be supplied when the transmission has been dismantled.

The following parts have been stripped from the vehicle recently:

- In doubt* →
- (1) Radio
 - (2) Shock absorbers (front and rear)
 - (3) Spare wheel, tire and tube
 - (4) Voltage regulator
 - (5) Two headlight bulbs
 - (6) Windshield wipers
 - (7) Horns
 - (8) Petrol tank cap

< 3. This vehicle is in poor condition due to the lack of maintenance. >

4. Record of vehicle shows that it was first assigned by Air Forces Sub-Commission to HQ, MAAF, and on 24 Jan 45 was transferred to 15th MTLRU. On 4 Feb 45 it was transferred to 113 MTRs and returned to this Headquarters as stated above on 17 April 45.

5. This matter has been discussed with Air Forces Sub-Commission (Group Captain Jarmin) who has undertaken to make enquiries with a view to the recovery of the parts which have been stripped from this vehicle.

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Copy to: Grp. Capt. Jarmin,
Air Forces S/C.
G-4 (A).

W. H. Robertson Colonel
W. H. ROBERTSON
Hq. Commandant.

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S-4-16-415

FROM: Lt. Col. M.H. Baldrige.

TO : Col. C.M. Parkin.

DATE: 12TH APRIL, 1945.

REF : AF30/851/MT.

MEMO: ON CHRYSLER CAR.

The Chrysler automobile that was assigned to the Air Forces Sub-Commission is now at the 113 M.U. garage at Castellammare near Naples.

I am informed by A.V.M. Bowen-Buscarlet that it is being held there awaiting new gears from the U.S.

This office is now attempting to return this car to the A.C. either under its own power or by towing. I suggest that you await developments for three days after which I will again report.

M.H. Baldrige
M.H. BALDRIGE, LT. COL.
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
OFFICE OF G-4

FJA/ccc

(17)

30 March 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Colonel Fiske.

1. When this headquarters arrived in Rome, some twelve (12) cars were requisitioned by A. C. and were given to the Air Forces Sub Commission in Rome. Colonel Eliot then gave a number of these vehicles to members of the Italian Air Ministry without authority.

2. When this office received this information, all vehicles found to be in use by the Italian Air Ministry were derequisitioned by A. C. and rerequisitioned by the Italian Air Ministry.

3. Eleven (11) of the twelve (12) cars originally requisitioned by A. C. were regularized, and one (1) vehicle, HQ 263, remains "whereabouts unknown". The Air Ministry is at present investigating this case.

4. HQ 282 was retained by Air Forces Sub Commission and was recently turned over to the Headquarters Pool by this office.

To
Col Fiske Inf.
C M P

J. J. Amoroso
F. J. AMOROSO
1st Lt., Inf.
G-4 (A)

The Admiral
would like to know
who is actually using
this car.

See 1st Col Baldridge?

Carl of Ranfront

will be
towed
Monday

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P A to Air Vice
 Marshal ~~Stanton~~
 → Slessor
 Left two weeks ago
 Sir Marshal Guy ~~Stanton~~
 → Now PA → Harrold
 to Sir Guy

Borden de Biscarlet gave
 the car away
 Borden

Lady?
 Husband works in A.C.

Both Calpurns gone

Provincial Teams

2 Teams of 4 @
from Col Marshall
(or 5 1/2) (No transport)

2 Teams from ^{Col} Hancock
with transport.

Wants
2 teams at once

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Col. Parker

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 894
Office of the Headquarters Commandant

HQR/cjb

27 March 1948

HQC/10/2

SUBJECT: Transport - Assigned Vehicles.

TO : Acting Vice President, Establishments Section.

1. In accordance with instructions issued by G-4 (A), dated 1 March, on the above subject, and in compliance with these instructions, I requested that assigned vehicles should report to the Super Garage for checking purposes and for handing back to the officer concerned the G-4 (A) receipt and requesting that the receipt incorporated in my letter should be completed. My letter HQC/10/2, dated 15 March, refers.

2. The Air Forces Sub-Commission, to whom HQ-282 Chrysler Imper. Coupe was assigned, was requested to send in this vehicle to the Super Garage on 20 March. Undernoted is the reply which I received from which you will note that this vehicle has now been sent for use by some organization other than the Allied Commission.

FROM: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.
DATE: 20th March, 1948.
REF : AFSC/851/MT.

HQ. 282 CHRYSLER IMPER. COUPE LICENSE NO.
CD 121 X MOTOR NO. 3 147723

With reference to your HQC/10/2, dated 15 March, it is notified that this Unit will be unable to send this vehicle for check up on 20th March as same is still on loan to the Air Commander in Chief ROME and is being taken care of at that Headquarters.

/s/ 121222222222
J.G. WHITE, V/Lt.
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

[Signature] Colonel
R. H. ROSEN, SCS
Hq. Commandant.

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Director

Intelligence Div. - Air Force Sub Com.
Supposed to be in
Annex Bldg. ↔Room 54Paid by Air Force Funds as
Officer Status not AC FundsLt Col Baldridge 567

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COL
PARKIN

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
(Establishment Section)

CMP/YJA/806

04/41/A

27 March 1945

SUBJECT: Court of Inquiry.

TO : C-1 (B)

Reference to attached report of investigation and your letter of 24 March, subject as above, it is believed in the best interests of all concerned that a Court of Inquiry be held here at Headquarters or at Headquarters, Abruzzi-Marche, to determine who shall be financially responsible for this property which has been damaged and scrapped in such an irregular manner.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Acting Vice President

Co. E AC-V-210

*This case (R/S + Ct of Inquiry (3))
was handed to Maj. Hildebrand
by Col. Parkin on 16 May 45*

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EXTRACT COPY

ORDERS 299-301

AAI ROUTINE ORDERS

By General The Hon. Sir HAROLD R.L.G. ALEXANDER

GCB., C.S.I., D.S.C., MC., A.D.C.

Commander-in-Chief Allied Armies in ITALY.

Serial No. 36

10 Nov 44

Part I-GENERAL STAFF
NIL

J. HARDING,
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL,
GENERAL STAFF.

Part II-ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

299. Discipline-Loss of Vehicles.

1. Numbers of WD vehicles continue to be lost through being left unattended, contrary to the orders in force.
2. Where such a loss occurs adequate disciplinary action is often not taken, and there is a lack of appreciation of the seriousness of such occurrences and of the responsibilities of COs for vehicles on charge to their units and of individuals in charge of vehicles.
3. In the case of vehicle losses occurring on or after 15 Nov 44 disciplinary action will be taken against the person or persons responsible in all cases where an offence under the Army Act has been committed. Financial contributions should in such cases be effected by the award of stoppages rather than by agreements to pay. Trial will be by FOCM unless the authority having power to convene the court authorises summary trial.
4. In all such cases the responsibility of the CO will be considered, and evidence on this point taken at any Court of Inquiry. The CO is responsible for ensuring that adequate orders are issued to his unit in conformity with APHQ GHO 113 of 1944 AAI RO 181 of 1944, and that these are understood and obeyed.
5. The degree of negligence required to constitute an offence under Sec 24(2) or Sec 40 of the Army Act is not always understood.

J. HARDING,
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL,
GENERAL STAFF.

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5. The degree of negligence required to constitute an offence under Sec 24(2) or Sec 40 of the Army Act is not always understood. This is explained in the notes to those sections which are republished in para 7 below. The degree of negligence required is less than that commonly understood to be signified by the phrase "gross negligence" employed in KR para 759(b).

6. The following AFHQ GROs and AAI ROs refer:

AFHQ GRO 113 of 1944 - Guarding of WD Vehicles.

AAI RO 181 of 1944 - Guarding of Vehicles.

AFHQ GRO 157 of 1944 - Courts of Inquiry - Loss of WD Property.

AAI RO 246 of 1944 - Courts of Inquiry - Losses.

AFHQ GRO 244 of 1944 - Losses by Theft (Procedure).

AAI RO 250 of 1944 - Losses of Vehicles.

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EXTRACT COPY (AAI ROUTINE ORDERS, Serial No. 36, 10 Nov 44, cont'd).

7. (a) The footnote "neglect" in Sec 24, Army Act, reads:-

"This is not intended to punish a soldier for a deficiency in his kit occasioned by accident or mere carelessness, but for loss by culpable neglect. On the other hand, the fact that a man has not got his arms, regimental necessaries, etc., at a time when it was his duty to have them, is prima facie evidence of his having lost them by neglect, and the court may call on him to show that the loss was not occasioned by any fault on his part."

(The same principle applies to every kind of loss, including loss of vehicles, mentioned in Sec 24(2)).

(b) The definition of "neglect" given in notes to Sec 40, Army Act, reads:-

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HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, (OVERHEAD), ALLIED COMMISSION,
APO 394, US Army, 23 February 1944.

TO: Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region, (Senior U. S.
Officer), Allied Commission, APO 394, US Army.

1. The Certificate of Loss of Commanding Officer,
Company "H", is returned disapproved for the following
reasons:

a. The record throughout shows carelessness and
utter disregard for the safety of US property. Leaving
this vehicle unattended on a street at night invited theft.

b. MTCUSA orders were not complied with as remov-
ing distributor head, instead of using lock and chain device,
and keeping vehicle guarded.

c. The Provincial Commissioner who was in charge
of the Province on the day the vehicle disappeared, should
be held pecuniary responsible, unless he can show that
another officer failed in his duty. (AAI Routine Orders
299-301, Serial No. 36, dated 10 November 1944, by Gen. Hon.
Sir Harold R.L.G. Alexander).

2. Major Prigmore's investigation was approved in my
absence, and I do not concur.

C.M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

2 Incls: n/c.

1/4 ton Truck 4x4 C+R

USA 520131269

Cy R dtd 5 Feb 45 \$353.33

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HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION
(OVERHEAD)
APO 394

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19 February 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Colonel C. M. Parkin.

1. Re: Certificate of Loss, 1/4-ton C&R, USA No. S20131269, property of Company "H", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission.

2. I have reviewed the evidence concerning the loss of the above-mentioned vehicle as contained in the Report of Investigation of said loss initiated by Major John W. Frigmore, OMP. According to the testimony of all the witnesses, there is no question as to the fact that the vehicle may have been lost through carelessness. However, I doubt very much that this loss can be specifically tied down to any one officer, as at the time of the loss the officer who originally authorized the vehicle to be kept at the enlisted men's billet for emergency purposes had been re-assigned prior to the 12th of October 1944. The only officer who exercised jurisdiction over the property between the period October 12th and October 26th was the Provincial Commissioner - one Lt Col G. W. Quinn-Smith (British).

3. In view of the Court of Inquiry findings which exonerated him, I doubt very very much that a Report of Survey would bring to light any different recommendations than those of the Investigating Officer appointed by this headquarters. The loss of the vehicle occurred approximately ten days after the officer who originally authorized the use of this vehicle left that particular Provincial team.

4. We have been investigating every case of loss where vehicles are concerned, either due to theft or accident, in order to conserve officer man-hours that are necessary to be devoted to these matters, as you can readily understand that the case must be investigated to secure sufficient evidence to support the Report of Survey before it is referred to an officer to act in the capacity of Surveying Officer. Accordingly, the provisions of AR 35-6640 provide that an approved Report of Investigation may be used as the basis for a Report of Survey. If this matter is referred to the Surveying Officer in view of the findings of the Report of Investigation, it will mean an exact duplication of effort on the part of the Surveying Officer. Therefore, if it is still your desire that this vehicle be surveyed, recommend that this Report of Investigation be forwarded to Commanding General, MTOUSA, for review.

Howard K. Smith
HOWARD K. SMITH
Lt Col, FA
Asst Exec Officer
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AG 141.8/764 JA-O 9th Ind
HEADQUARTERS MFOUSA, APO 512, 10 February 1965.

ABK/303

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd), APO 394.
FROM: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command Allied Force, APO 512.

Reference 3d indorsement, the Theater Judge Advocate has expressed the following view:

"The fact, if such it be, that property of the United States was stolen by United States military personnel is no necessary indication that it is being devoted to the use of the United States, and, in the absence of conclusive evidence that such property is being devoted to the use of the United States, such fact is no excuse for failure to pay therefor by the person who allowed the property to be stolen by his fault or neglect."

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MCNABNEY:

A. B. KING,
Lt Colonel, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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Col. N. E. Fiske

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HEADQUARTERS
2678TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD)
APO 394

GMP/jp
20 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Damage to Truck (US).

TO : The Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 512, US Army.
THRU : Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied
Force Headquarters, APO 512, US Army.

1. In this case, the truck was damaged while in charge of a British Officer and British driver conducting a driver's test for an Italian civilian. Place was Aquila Province on AMG duty.

2. Investigating Officer (US) finds "that a thorough enough examination was not made of applicant's qualifications, amounting to gross carelessness and absence of good judgment." (See Exhibit "C", i.e., of the British Officer in charge).

3. British Court of Inquiry (see Exhibit "H-3"), finds damage was caused by unavoidable accident and no one is to blame and that the cost of damage should be borne by the Public (American) being an American vehicle.

4. It is believed that a claim exists in favor of the United States against the British Officers involved in this accident, and these papers are being forwarded under the provisions of subparagraph 7e, Circular 74, Headquarters NATOUSA, dated 23 May 1944.

CMP
C.M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

1 Incl:

Certificate of Loss, US Vehicle #285749, w/ Investigation thereto, Exhibits "A" to "N".

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INFORMAL ROUTINGHEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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File:

Date 25 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Rept of Survey, Company G, USA Vehicle #20302743.

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No.	From	To	Date
1.	CO 2875 Regiment 2875 Regt	Asst. Comd.	
			1. Under date of 7 April 1945, the above Report of Survey and allied papers were transmitted to 1st Lt John S. Nardini, Company G, by 1st Indorsement for remark, requesting his reply by indorsement thereon. 2. If no reply has been received todate, you will send out a tracer. 3. Bring this Report of Survey to my attention when reply from Lt Nardini is received.
			C.M. PARKIN, Colonel, Infantry, Commanding.

1st Ind. NWD/jp
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, (OVERSEAS), ALLIED COMMISSION,
APO 394, US Army, 7 April 1945.

TO: 1st Lt John S. Mardini, Company "C", 2675th Regiment.

THRU: Commanding Officer, Company "C", 2675th Regiment, APO
394, US Army.

1. For remark.
2. Attention is directed to action recommended by the
Appointing Authority.
3. Your reply, by indorsement hereon, will be submit-
ted in five copies.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PARKIE:

H.W. DRACHOFF,
Lt Col, AGS,
Adjutant.

1 Incl:

R/S and allied papers, USA Vehicle #20302743.

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Ref: R/S dtd 5 March 45, USA Vehicle
No. 20302743, Company "C".Hq 2675th Regiment,
Allied Commission,
APO 394, US Army
7 April 1945.

1. I concur in that part of the recommendations of the Surveying Officer, in that the Accountable Officer be relieved of responsibility and accountability for the property listed thereon, money value \$703.50.

2. The recommendation that the Responsible Officer, 1st Lt John S. Wardini, Company "C", 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, be relieved of responsibility, is not concurred in.

3. It is common knowledge that a lock and chain device on the steering wheel, and removal of distributor rotor will not prevent a vehicle being stolen; that units of our army and Allied Armies, when they need a vehicle, steal it by towing it away with a heavy truck. Therefore, Circular No. 6, this headquarters, dated 29 May 1944, (See Exhibit "F"), was published to safeguard vehicles of this Regiment. Paragraph 1a states, "No motor vehicle of this Regiment will be left unattended at any time, except when it is parked in an authorized guarded motor pool".

4. In this case, there was no military reason for parking the lost vehicle at the Red Cross. Ample guarded parking lots have been provided in Florence. Members of this command must comply with existing orders and directives, or suffer the consequences of reimbursing the Government when property is lost through negligence and non-compliance of orders, as well as disciplinary punishment when appropriate.

5. Recommend that the Responsible Officer, 1st Lt John S. Wardini, have the amount of \$703.50 stopped against his pay at the rate of \$100.00 per month, until paid.

C.M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

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Col C. M. Packer
Reviewed with me.
I apologize for the
paper branch long time.
R. H. Farnon
14-11-1918

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1st Ind. CMP/jcn
HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION (PROV),
APO 394, U. S. Army, 19 June 1944.

TO: Colonel R. H. Farren, Executive Officer, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. To date no disciplinary action has been taken against any person who has reported his vehicle as stolen, except the survey for the jeep (1/4 ton) night duty car at Salerno, stolen in May 1944, which was disapproved by General Lemnitzer. This case is to be reconsidered by the Surveying Officer.

2. According to American Army procedure, a lost or damaged vehicle is listed upon a "Report of Survey", said report being referred to an officer of field grade, for investigation of the circumstances leading to the loss of Government property, and his recommendation for fixing the responsibility of the loss, when approved by a General officer, is final.

3. Attention is invited to attached Circulars No. 3 and 6, this headquarters, dealing with stolen vehicles and papers relative to the stolen Salerno vehicle. Request return of these office papers.

4. Rumor has it that two U. S. vehicles have been stolen from Company "D", 2675th Regiment, Region IV, in the past week. Surveys or written reports have not been received to date.

C. M. Parkin
C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

2 Incls:

- 1 - Circular No. 3, this hq.
- 2 - Circular No. 6, this hq.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION
OFFICE OF G-4
APO 394

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18 June 1944.

SUBJECT : Stolen Vehicles.

TO : Officer Commanding, 2675 Regiment, A.C.C.

Reference A.C.C. Daily Bulletin Number 143 (17 June 1944), para 2.

The Executive Commissioner directs me to request that you will forward to him a report stating in each case the disciplinary action which has been taken against the person responsible for the loss of each of these vehicles.

R. H. Farnen

R. H. FARNEN,
Colonel.
Executive Officer.

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INFORMAL ROUTING

HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(PROVISIONAL)
APO 394

Received Hq. Co.
2675th Regt. ACC
Time 1635
Date 16 June 44

File:

Date

SUBJECT:

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1	CO 2675	CO Hq Co 2675		This was the survey of the night duty car at Salerno. Takes steps that instructions of a specific nature are issued in Italian for all Italian drivers. Give me Copies C M P.
2	CO Hq Co 2675 Regt ACC	CO 2675th Regt ACC	19 Jun 44.	200 copies of the attached circular were given to Lt White, Hq Transportation Officer. Lt White, turned them over to Lt. Tedcare (Italian Officer) with instructions that he read and explain the circular to all the civilian and soldier drivers of this headquarters. In addition each civilian and soldier driver is to receive a copy of the circular and sign a statement to the effect that he understands all the provisions of said circular. J. R. R. 3735 Incl: Cir#6, Hq 2675th Regt ACC dtd 29 May 44 (Translated in Italian).

AG 141.8 1st Ind. FWR/wk
HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY (U.S. Contingent)(Prov), APO 777, U.S. Army,
13 June 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regt, ACC (Prov), APO 394, U.S. Army. (2)

There is insufficient proof offered to relieve the responsible officer from necessary responsibility for the loss of this vehicle. The fact that an Italian was the driver of the vehicle was sufficient cause for the issuing of specific and detailed instructions for the security of the vehicle and for assuming that special precautions were taken for protection of the vehicle when left by the driver. In absence of convincing testimony that intelligent and adequate preventative measures had been taken, the attached survey must of necessity be disapproved.

By command of Brigadier General LEMNITZER:

/s/ Frank W. Roberts,
/t/ FRANK W. ROBERTS,
Lieut. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

1 Incl: n/c.

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QUARTIER GENERALE
2675 REGGIMENTO
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
(1STV IADIC)
APO 374

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CIRCOLARE
No. 6.

29 Maggio 1944

VEICOLI RUBATI.

Riferimenti:

Manuale per Corte Marziale, Esercito S.U.
Circolare No. 2, Quinta Armata, 1941
NATOUA ltr. cartella: (AG 400.73/156-0), responsabilità per la perdita di veicoli, in data 5 Settembre 1943.
Memorandum M.6 Q.G. ACC, in data 7 Marzo 1944
Circolare N.9, NATOUA, in data 22 Gennaio 1944 (Sex.I)
Circolare N.4, SO. 2675 Regg. ACC, in data 28 Aprile 1944.
Regolamenti 35-6640 Esercito degli S.U.A.

1. Dovranno essere applicate le seguenti misure di sicurezza per veicoli:

a. Nessun moto-veicolo di questo Reggimento dovrà essere lasciato incustodito in qualunque momento, tranne allorché sia in parcheggio in un autorizzato o custodito luogo di raccolta di moto-veicoli.

b. Quando viene condotto in qualsiasi posto di parcheggio (custodito o non) l'autista dovrà subito girare le ruote anteriori a sinistra o a destra, immobilizzando il veicolo mediante la chiusura della catena attraverso lo sterzo o la leva di ingranaggio.

c. I conducenti di moto-veicoli del 2675 Reggimento, ACC, saranno in qualunque momento in possesso di un biglietto di viaggio. Questo biglietto sarà portato addosso dall'autista e non lasciato nel veicolo, perché possa essere usato da un ladro durante l'assenza dell'autista.

d. I veicoli del 2675 Reggimento non saranno custoditi che dagli autisti a nome dei quali sono emessi i biglietti di viaggio dei veicoli.

e. Gli ufficiali non dovranno inviare i loro autisti per incarichi, per l'adempimento dei quali essi dovranno lasciare incustoditi il veicolo in zona congestionata. Per esempio, "soldato Jones, recatevi in macchina al palazzo della Banca e consegnate questo pacco alla stanza 3 al sesto piano". L'Ufficiale di Ispezione noterà tali ordini e terrà l'Ufficiale interessato pecuniariamente responsabile nel caso che il veicolo sia rubato.

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R I S T R E T T O
DittamatoCirc. No. 6 (29 Maggio 44)
Q.G. 2675 Regg. ACC. (seguito)

1. Gli ufficiali non dovranno guidare i veicoli di questo Reggimento e meno che non ne abbiano specifiche autorizzazioni da questo Quartier Generale o dai Quartieri Generali della G.A.C. ed in tal caso soltanto quando il veicolo sia stato opportunamente autorizzato a viaggiare. Il biglietto di viaggio dovrà indicare che l'ufficiale è il conducente autorizzato. I permessi di guida degli ufficiali saranno rinnovati ogni 60 giorni.

2. I segnalati quantitativi di veicoli del Reggimento perduti o rubati denotano riluttanza da tutti gli interessati nella protezione dei beni del Governo.

a. Nella massima parte dei casi, i veicoli perduti o rubati sono stati lasciati incustoditi in zone congestionate.

b. La situazione citata ha raggiunto un punto tale che lasciare veicoli incustoditi o non immobilizzati equivale ad invito di rubarli e farli appropriare.

c. Allorché tali veicoli rubati sono mantenuti in servizio militare, i fatti non sono alterati, in quanto che l'unità che li perde dovrà essere rifornita con veicoli in sostituzione, mentre quella che trattiene i veicoli rubati è colpevole di eccessiva disponibilità di veicoli.

d. In alcuni casi i veicoli non custoditi, fermati con antena, sono stati portati via a riserchia da ladri.

3. Tutti i moto-veicoli mancanti o rubati di questo Reggimento saranno investigati da un ufficiale nominato da questo Quartier Generale.

4. La perdita di un veicolo costituirà sempre altra evidenza della violazione dei suindicati ordini. Risultando provata tale violazione, l'autista o l'ufficiale interessati saranno tenuti responsabili di qualsiasi perdita finanziaria o danno.

Per ordine del Colonello PARKER:

UFFICIALE:

MORRIS E. GOLESTERN,
1st Lt. Punteria
Aiutante.R. T. UNLIE,
Ten. Col. AGT.
Ufficiale Esecutivo.

DISTRIBUZIONE: "X"

A TRUE EXTRACT TRANSLATED COPY:

FRANK A. SACCA,
WONG, USA.

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2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(PROVISIONAL)
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H. Col. Miller
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29 May 1944

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NUMBER 5)

STOLEN VEHICLESReferences:

Manual For Courts-Martial, U. S. Army.

Circular #2, Fifth Army, 1944.

NATCUSA ltr, file: (AG 400.73/156-0), Responsibility for Loss of Vehicles, dated 5 September 1943.

→ Establishment Memo #6, Hq ACC, dated 7 March 1944.

Circular #5, NATCUSA, dated 22 January 1944, (Section I).

Circular #6, Hq 2675th Regt, ACC, dated 26 April 1944.

U. S. Army Regulations 35-640.

1. The following security measures for vehicles will be taken:

a. No motor vehicle of this Regiment will be left unattended at any time, except when it is parked in an authorized guarded motor pool.

b. When driven into any parking lot or motor pool (guarded or unguarded) the driver will at once point the front wheels left or right, immobilize the vehicle by locking the chain through the steering wheel or on the gear shift lever.

c. Operators of 2675th Regiment, ACC, motor vehicles will have in their possession a dispatch ticket at all times. This ticket will be kept on the driver's person and not left in the vehicle to be used by a thief in the driver's absence.

d. 2675th Regiment vehicles will not be driven by other than the drivers in whose name the vehicles are dispatched.

e. Officers will not send their drivers on missions that require them to leave the vehicle unattended in congested areas. For example, "Pvt Jones, drive down to the Blank Building, and deliver this package to Room B on the 6th Floor". Survey officer will note such orders and hold the officer concerned peculiarly responsible in case the vehicle is stolen.

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Hq 2675th Regt, AGC, (Cont'd)

~~f. Officers will not drive vehicles of this Regiment unless they have special authority from their Headquarters or Headquarters AGC and then only when the vehicle has been properly dispatched. The dispatch ticket will show that the officer is the authorized driver. Officer's driver permits will be renewed every sixty days.~~

2. The quantities of lost or stolen vehicles of the Regiment reported indicate laxness among all concerned in the safeguarding of Government property.

a. In the majority of cases, lost or stolen vehicles have been left unattended in congested areas.

b. The situation cited has reached the point where unattended or non-immobilized vehicles are equivalent to an invitation to steal or appropriate same.

c. When such stolen vehicles are retained in military service, facts are not altered in that units losing same must be re-equipped with substitute vehicles whereas those retaining stolen vehicles are guilty of excess vehicular equipment.

d. In some cases unattended vehicles locked with a chain have been towed away by thieves.

3. a. All missing or stolen motor vehicles of this Regiment will be surveyed by an officer appointed by this headquarters.

b. When survey officers find that a member of our allied armed forces is responsible for the loss of the vehicle, his commanding officer will be so notified and the survey officer will recommend a charge against the allied country on the U. S. lease lend books.

c. Attention is directed to sub-paragraph (3)b, Paragraph 10, AR 35-6640.

"The surveying officer will rigidly scrutinize the evidence, especially in cases of alleged theft or embezzlement, and will not recommend the relief of all parties from responsibility unless fully satisfied that those charged with the care or shipment of property or who are responsible for the observance of regulations governing its preservation, use, and issue have performed their whole duty in regard to it."

4. The loss of a vehicle will be prima facie evidence of violation of the above orders. Upon conviction of such violation, the driver or officer concerned will be held liable for any pecuniary loss or damage.

By order of Colonel PARKIN:

OFFICIAL:

MORRIS E. GOLDSTEIN

1st Lt., Infantry

(pf)

Adjutant

DISTRIBUTION: "X"

R. T. UNDER

1st Col, AGC

Executive Officer

HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(PROVISIONAL)
APO 39A

27 April 1944

CIRCULAR)

NUMBER 3)

VEHICLES

1. A brief report of loss, damage, or destruction through enemy action, theft, accident, and salvage will be submitted to this headquarters within 48 hours by the responsible officer. Report will give time, place, serial number, kind of vehicle, and what occurred.

2. The following action will be required in addition:

a. Where the loss, damage, or destruction is by reason of enemy action, the property may be dropped on certificate with supporting papers of the responsible officer and no report of survey need be made (Par 7, Cir #76, NATOUSA, 43). This certificate will be forwarded in quadruplicate by a letter of transmittal to the Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, ACC, for approval. If approved, a signed copy will be returned for Company files, to be used as a credit voucher (Par 7a, Cir #76, NATOUSA, 43). A replacement vehicle will be requisitioned by the Regimental Supply Officer, 2675th Regiment, ACC, supported by a copy of the certificate.

b. Where the loss or destruction is not by reason of enemy action, the responsible officer will either pay for the property or initiate a report of survey (Par 1 & 2, AR 35-6640 and Par 8, Cir #76, NATOUSA, 43). Failure to initiate a report of survey within thirty days, unless justified as being by reason of no fault or neglect, may result in a charge being made for the vehicle or property on the responsible officer's pay voucher (Par 8, AR 35-6640). It is the duty of the Company Commander to provide adequate clerical help to aid the responsible officer in drafting and initiating a report of survey. Before any officer initiates a report of survey, he should study the following regulations and forms: Cir #76, NATOUSA, 43; Cir #100, NATOUSA, 43; AR 35-6640; and WD AGO Form 15.

c. Where report of survey is initiated by the responsible officer, it will be referred along with all supporting papers, certificates and affidavits to Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, ACC. All papers to be prepared in quadruplicate (Par 8b, AR 35-6640).

d. In the case of enlisted men, where the loss or damage or destruction is not by reason of enemy action, a statement of charges will be preferred, or a report of survey will be initiated as in the case of an officer, by the Company Commander (Sec I, Cir #35, NATOUSA, 44).

Cir #3 (24 April 44)
Hq 2675th Regt, ACC

3. In case of property worn out through fair wear and tear, the salvage receipt will be attached to the requisition and forwarded to this headquarters. The following certificate will be written on the requisition, and signed:

"I certify that the items listed hereon are replacements for like items which have been worn out through fair wear and tear while in the Public Service, and due to no fault or neglect on the part of any individual concerned."

4. To further clarify responsibilities of officers and to protect the Company Commander and the Regimental Commander, the following statement will be put on all Memorandum Receipts issuing vehicles to responsible American officers: (AR 35-5520)

"It is understood by signing this M/R I am personally responsible for the maintenance and condition of the above vehicle/s. I will submit all necessary reports called for by the Company Commander. I will not release the above vehicle/s to anyone without first clearing with the Company Commander, and that if I fail in any way to safe-guard the above U. S. Government property I am subject to disciplinary action as well as being financially responsible. I certify I have read and understand the above."

5. The following security measures for vehicles will be taken:

- a. No vehicle will be left unattended or non-immobilized at any time.
- b. Operators of motor vehicles will have in their possession a Dispatch ticket at all times.
- c. The motor vehicle will not be driven by other than the driver in whose name the vehicle is dispatched.

g. NO VEHICLE WILL BE DISPATCHED UNLESS IT HAS A LOCK AND CHAIN DEVICE ON THE STEERING WHEEL or equally effective locking device on the driver's controls.

By order of Colonel PARKIN:

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