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August 16th, 1944 - November 25th, 1944

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

PROCEEDINGS of a COURT OF INQUIRY

assembled at MMIA, NAPLES

on the 25 NOVEMBER 1944

by order of MAJ. GEN. L. BROWNING OB. OBE. MC.

G.O.C. Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (MMIA)

for the purpose of Investigating the circumstances

whereby a W.D. Vehicle, BIANCHI WD 17501, Regt.No.

NA 20911, was lost

PRESIDENT

MAJOR H.E.P.F. THURPP. The S. Stafford R.
(Attached MMIA).

MEMBERS

CAPTAIN R.J. PAXTER, RASC.
(Attached MMIA).

IN ATTENDANCE.

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

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FIRST WITNESS.

76056 CAPT. V.C.J. THURPP. The South Staffordshire, ~~attested~~ MIA,
Ct. States:-

Returning to billets on the night 18/19 Oct 44 I parked the car, requisitioned BIANCHI W.D. 17501 in the yard of the MIA officers Billet at 65 Via SALVATORE di GIACOMO, MARCELIANO (NAPLES) amongst the other vehicles parked there.

On the morning of 19 Oct 44 Dvr. TYLER, R.3, Major H.E. THURPP's Batman, reported that W.D. Vehicle FIAT No. 5648774 which had been parked, on my arrival the previous night beside the BIANCHI, had been found further down the road with a flat tyre and the chain, which had been used to immobilize the steering, cut in two.

On being asked if the BIANCHI was there he stated that he had not seen it, believing it still to be in workshops, whence I had collected it the previous evening.

A search was instituted in the neighbourhood but no trace could be found of the missing vehicle.

On arrival at the office on the morning of 19 Oct 44 I immediately informed the British and U.S. Military Police as well as the CARABINIERI REGALI.

Evidence, in the form of an addressed envelope, found in the yard after the theft led the C.C.R.R. to believe that it had been committed by a notorious gang of civilian car thieves.

Later the matter was reported to HQ, MIA.

QUESTION BY THE

COURT:-

on the night of 18/19 Oct 44 ?

ANSWER:-

I do not think so.

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Did you immobilize the vehicle on leaving it ~~dated~~

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Later the matter was reported to HQ, MIA.

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COURT:-

Did you immobilize the vehicle on leaving it ^{5.42} on the night of 18/19 Oct 44?

ANSWER:-

I do not think so.

Signed. V.C.J. THRUPT.

CAPT.

S. Stafford R. attached M.M.I.A., CAP.

Crucial Value Anticipation

SECOND WITNESS

14530283 PTE. JOHNSTON T., Royal West Kent Regiment, Attached MIA, CEF, States:-

On the morning of 19 Oct 44 at about 0730 hours I was told by Dvr. TIER that both FIAT No. 5648774 and BIANCHI No. 17501 were missing from their usual places in the yard of the billet.

I later found the FIAT abandoned in the road a short way from the house. One of the tyres was flat and the chain used to secure the steering wheel had been broken. I drove the car back to the yard.

Dvr. TIER and myself searched the neighbourhood but could find no trace of the BIANCHI.

14530283 PTE. JOHNSTON T.
Royal West Kent Regiment attached MIA, CEF.

FINDING OF THE COURT.

The court, having considered the evidence of the above witnesses and of the statement attached at Appendix "A" is of the opinion that:-

- (a) CAPT. V.C.J. THERUPP is unable to give a definite answer as to whether or not the vehicle had been immobilized it is not possible to establish categorically who was responsible for the loss. Further, the FIAT car, which had been immobilized, was removed so it is not possible to say whether the thieves came equipped to steal the vehicle, whether

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FINDING OF THE COURT.

The court, having considered the evidence of the above ^{5.11.91} witnesses and of the statement attached at Appendix "A" is of the opinion that:-

- (a) CAPT. V.C.J. THURPP is unable to give a definite answer as to whether or not the vehicle had been immobilized it is not possible to establish categorically who was responsible for the loss. Further, the Fiat car, which had been immobilized, was removed so it would seem that the thieves came equipped to steal the vehicle, whether immobilized or not.
- (b) In accordance with the statement at Appendix "A" the value of the vehicle is established as being *£50-0-0 Sterling*
- (c) Taking the finding in para (a) above into consideration, the court is of the opinion that the cost of replacement should be borne by the public.

Signed.	H.E. THURPP. Major.	PRESIDENT.
Signed.	R.J. BAXTER. Capt.	MEMBER.

NAPLES.
25 Nov 44.

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APPEND "A".

C.L.O. R.E.M.E.

Subject:- Repairs to Impressed "B" Vehicle.

Ref:- CLO/85

Tel:- 52562

To:- M.M.I.A. L.O.
c/o P.B.S.

Date:- 27th Nov. 44.

BIANCHI (S 9) W.D. No. 17501.

Ref. your verbal request of 27th Nov 44.

1. The estimated value of the a/m vehicle on leaving this unit after repair is £ 50 (fifty pounds sterling).
2. This cancels the letter of 27th Nov 44.

Signed.

Major.
(M.MOSS)
O.C. Civil Labour Office
(North Africa)
R.E.M.E.
C.M.F. 000

Field
C.M.F.

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Army Form A.2.

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for the purpose of investigating the
circumstances whereby a WD
vehicle, BIANCHI WD 17501, Reg'd No
NA 20911, was lost.

PRESIDENT

MAJOR H.F. PF. THRUPP Jls Stafford R
(attached MMIA)

MEMBERS

CAPTAIN R.T. BAXTER RASE
(attached MMIA)

IN ATTENDANCE.

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

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FIRST WITNESS

76056 CAPT V.C.J. THRUPP The South Staffordshire
attached M.P.M.I.A. C.M.F. station:-

Returning to billets on the
night 18/19 Oct 44 & parked the car,
requisitioned BRADCH1 WD 17501 in
the garb of the M.P.M.I.A. officers,
Billet at 65, via SALVATORE di
S. ACOMO, MARICCHIA (NAPLES)
amongst the other vehicle parked
there.

On the morning of 19 Oct 44
Dvr TYLER, RE, Major H.E. THRUPP's
batman, reported that WD veh,
FIAT No 5648774 which had
been parked, on my arrival the
previous night, beside the
BRADCH1, had been found
further down the road with a
broken door handle which

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batman, reported that WD veh,
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been parked, on my arrival the
previous night, beside the
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flat tyre and the chain, which
had been used to immobilize the
sterning, cut in two.

On being asked if the
BRADCH, was there he
stated that he had not seen
it, believing it still to be in
the workshop, whence I had
collected it the previous
evening.

S. E. T. TWO.

FIRST WITNESS (continued)

Search was instituted in the neighborhood but no trace could be found of the missing vehicle.

On arrival at the office on the morning of 19 Oct 64 I immediately informed the British and U.S. Military Police as well as the GABMERS REAM.

Evans, in the form of an addressed envelope, found ⁵⁰⁰⁷ the year after the theft led the C.E.R. to believe that it had been committed by another person.

British and U.S. Military
Police as well as the GERMANY
REAR.

Evidence, in the form of an
addressed envelope, found ^{and}
the year after the theft led the
C.C.R. to believe that it had
been committed by a notorious
gang of civilian car thieves.

Later the matter was reported
to H.Q. M.M.I.A.

QUESTION BY THE COURT:- Did you impute to the
vehicle on leaving it parked on the
night of 18/19 Oct 44?

ANSWER:- No not think so.

~~Jeffrey~~ Capt
J. Stafford R. attached M.M.I.A., C.M.F.

SHE. T THREES. SANDWITNESS14530283PTE JOHNSTON T.Royal West
Kent Regiment, attached
MMIA., CMF,
States:-

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at about 0730 hours I was
told by Mr TYLER that both
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usual places in the yard of
the Billit.

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in the road a short way from
the house. One of the tyres was
flat and the chain used to
secure the steering wheel had
been broken. I drove the
car back to the yard.

Walter found the Fiat a hand down
in the road a short way from
the house. One of the tyres was
flat and the chain used to
secure the steering wheel had
been broken. Drove the
car back to the yard.

Mr TYLER and myself
searched the neighborhood but
could find no trace of the ~~vehicle~~^{car}.
BRANCH.

14530283 Pte. Johnston T.
Royal West Kent's Reg

SHEET FOUR.Finding of the Court

The court, having considered the evidence of the above two witnesses and of the statement attached at Appendix 'A', is of the opinion that:-

- (a) Capt. ~~Drumpp~~^{V.C.J. 1955.} is unable to give a definite answer as to whether or not the vehicle had been immobilized. It is therefore not possible to establish categorically who ^{is} ~~was~~ responsible for the loss. Further, the ~~F4H-1~~^{F4H-1 5:155} car, which has been immobilized

(a) Captain Campbell is to answer as to whether a definite answer as to whether or not the vehicle had been immobilized. It is therefore not possible to establish categorically who ^{is was the} ~~was~~ responsible for the loss. Further, the FBI 5-185 car, which has been immobilized, was removed so it would seem that the thieves came equipped to steal the vehicle whether immobilized or not.

(b) In accordance with the statement as Appendix "A", the value of the vehicle is established as being \$50-0-0 sterling

SHEET FIVE

(c) Taking the finding in para (a) above into consideration, the court is of the opinion that the cost of replacement should be borne by the public

H. D. Humphrey Mayor

PRESIDENT

Lawrence
Lafayette

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MEMBER

PRESIDENT

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MEMBER

W. D. Humphrey
Major

W. D. Humphrey
Major

NAPLES

25 Nov 44

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APPEAL X "A".

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Field
C.M.F.

Signed. Major.
(M.MOSS)
O.C. Civil Labour Office
(North Africa)
R.E.M.E.
C.M.F.

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Land Forces Sub Commission
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/6/2

6 Dec. 1944

COURT OF INQUIRY

CONVENING ORDER

By order of Maj. Gen. SHOWNING, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., a Court of Enquiry, composed as under, will assemble at HQ. MMIA, at a date to be determined by the President, for the purpose of investigating the circumstances whereby a W.D. Vehicle (Bianchi W.D. 17501, Reg. No. RA 20911, was lost.

PRESIDENT: Maj. D.S.L. ORRISON, 5th B. Innis. D.C.

MEMBER: Captain W.H.R. MAXWELL, R.A.

1. The evidence will be taken on oath.
2. The Court will record an opinion.
3. The Opinion of the Court will declare:-
 - (a) Who was responsible for the loss.
 - (b) The value of the lost vehicle.
 - (c) By whom the cost of replacement shall be borne.
4. The President will arrange for the attendance of any witnesses required by the Court.
5. Attention of the Court is directed to K.R. paras 768 & 767, and GRO's 157 and 244 of 1944.
6. The proceedings in triplicate will be handed to A/Q Branch, HQ MMIA upon completion.

F. J. NOAKES, Col.
D.A. & Q.M.S.
M. M. I. A.

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Lead Forces - US (CMAA-3)
(H.S.I.A.) R.O.H.E.
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2 Nov 44

ORDER OF THE COURT

CHURCHMAN ORDER

By Order of Maj. Gen. DUNN, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, a Court of Inquiry, composed as below, will assemble at HANCOCK FIELD, MD., at a date to be determined by the President, for the purpose of investigating the circumstances surrounding a vehicle accident on 17 Nov 1944, at 1700 H, near the 1700 H, was lost.

President: Maj. Gen. DUNN, U.S. Army, HANCOCK FIELD, MD.

Members: Capt. J. HANCOCK, HANCOCK FIELD, MD.

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WNR
Lt. Col. Maxwell
Lt. Col. Ray

1. The Court will record an opinion.
2. The opinion of the Court will be made to:
- (a) The was responsible for the loss.
- (b) The value of the lost vehicle.
- (c) By whom the cost of replacement shall be borne.

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3. Maj. HANCOCK will be responsible for making any statements required by the Court.
4. Attention of the Court is directed to H.S. pages 768 & 769, and GPO's 157 and 244 of 1944.
5. The proceedings in this case will be forwarded to 1700 H, and the same will be made to the President.

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Ed. HANCOCK
H.S. 768 & 769
GPO's 157 & 244

Green, Ray

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1. Ref. #1110 will be responsible for providing any information required by the Court.
2. Attention of the Court is directed to A.C. pages 758 & 760, and BRO's 157 and 244 of 1944.
3. The proceedings in this case will be forwarded to the Branch, as soon as possible.

As time goes by

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I am cordial with the welcome on the

If the President will arrange for the extradition of my witnesses required by the case.

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Subject: Courts of Inquiry.
7888015 W/Cpl. BECK FHH.. R.T.R.

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Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/6/2

17 Sep 44

A.F.H.Q.

Proceedings in duplicate of a Court of
Inquiry concerning injuries sustained by the
a/m O.R. are forwarded for necessary action, please.

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GEO.A. SHIPLEY Lt.Col.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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Army Form A2.

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PROCEEDINGS of a* Court of Inquiry.....
assembled at MMIA HQ POMI.....
on the 19th August 1944.....
by order of Major General E. Browning C.B. O.B.E. D.C......
Cmdg 33 Military Mission......
for the purpose of investigating the circumstances in.....
which 7826015 W/CPL BECK F.H.M., R.T.R. MMIA.....
received injuries to his right wrist on the.....
night of 7th August 1944......

PRESIDENT.

Major P.W. SUYS MTR. CORPS. (MMIA)

MEMBERS.

2378280 B.O.M.S. Robertson A.R., R.A. (MMIA)

2347399 Sgt. LUCAS R.C.J., Royal Corps Sigs. (MMIA)

IN ATTENDANCE.

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The Court..... having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to
examine witnesses.

1st. Witness

7888015 W/Cpl BECK F.H.M. having been duly warned states:

On the night of the 7th Aug. 1944 I was walking along the street on the way back to my billet with Cpl. Davidson, between 21-30 and 22-00 hrs. A motor box tricycle came along, driven by an Italian, and knocked Cpl. Davidson.

The driver pulled up and Cpl. Davidson spoke to him in Italian, I did not understand what was said. A group of Italians collected and before long a free fight ensued, in which I was knocked out, presumably fell, breaking my wrist.

Signed: F.H.M. BECK Cpl.

Questioned by the Court:

Were you struck by the Italians, if so, where?

Yes, two blows on the face, one cutting my lip, the other on the left side of the jaw.

2nd. Witness

7880994 Cpl. Davidson H.M., R.T.R. (M.I.) having been duly warned states:

We were mixed up in a brawl, I being engaged by four Italians, and quite a few others attacking Cpl. Beck. On withdrawing I looked around for Cpl. Beck, and on not seeing him, owing to darkness, I made my way back to my billet. 5:78

Signed: H. Davidson, Cpl.

Questioned by the Court:

Then did you next see Cpl. Beck?

At approximately 01.30 hrs of the 8th Aug. when he was brought into the billet by the M.Ps.

How did the brawl start?

I was walking near the gutter, when a motor tricycle came along, knocking me down into the gutter. I asked the driver why he did not sound his horn, a crowd of Italians gathered and we were mixed up in a brawl.

When did the brawl occur?

Between 21.00 and 22.00 hrs, just as it was getting dark.

1st Witness

Recalled

7868015 W/Cpl Beck F.H.U. recalled and questioned by the Court:

What happened between the time of the accident and the time of your arrival at the billet?

I was lying on the pavement, and was accompanied away by some Italians on coming too. Eventually I contacted the Military Police, who took me back to the billet.

Had you had any drink?

A little, but I was not feeling intoxicated.

3rd Witness

Cpl. Stapleford J.S., C.M.P. documentary evidence attached.

4th Witness

Capt. G.S. Hyde Camp Cmdt, MMIA having been duly warned states:

7868015 Cpl. Beck F.H.U. in common with all other ranks under my command has a permanent pass entitling him to be out of billets each day until 23.00 hrs, unless otherwise detailed for duty.

On the night in question, the 7th Aug 1944, he had not been detailed for any duty.

P. J. Hyde
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Major, President.

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M. J. Hyde
at Roberts. Bound.

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R. J. Hyde
Sgt.

Members.

COPY OF EVIDENCE IN THE CASE OF
CPL BECK

788015 CPL BECK F.H. (R.A.C.)

SIR,

At ROME on 8/6/44 at about 0135 hrs, I was on duty at HQ Eastern Div Police District when the a/m N.C.O. was handed over to me by 2/Lt WICKELSON 7th Replacement Depot U.S. Army, who stated that the N.C.O. was sitting, blowing the horn, in the vehicle which was parked outside the officers apartment, 56 Via Panisperna.

The N.C.O. was in a dazed condition, and was cut about the face, he stated he could not remember what had happened to him.

He was not in possession of AB.64 Parts 1 or 2. I obtained his particulars from an ACC pass in his possession and conducted him to his unit to verify same.

HE WAS SOBER.

(Signed) T.S. STAPLEFORD, Cpl
C.M. Police

ROME
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COURT OF INQUIRY held at HQ MMIA ROME
in the case of 7888015 Cpl. Beck.

Commanding Officer's Opinion

I am of the opinion :-

- (a) that 7888015 W/Cpl Beck, FHH was not on
duty at the time of the injury.
- and (b) that he was not to blame for the injury
he sustained.

L. Browning

Major General.

G.O.C.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

21 Sep 44.

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Subject: Court of Inquiry - Write-off.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6/2

14 Sep 44

H.Q., A.A.I.

Ref your 2104/204/Q2 of 30 Aug.

1. Proceedings of Court of Inquiry in duplicate are returned herewith with additional evidence as requested in your a/q letter.

2. Delay, caused by absence on duty of the President, is regretted.

SPA/hh


F.J. NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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Subject:- Write-off.

M.M.I.A.	A
FILE REF	6/2
Date Recd	2/18/81

HQ ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY.

Tel:- FILPOT 206.

2101/201/02.

30 Aug 44.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA),
HQ ACC.

Court of Inquiry proceedings forwarded under your reference AQ/6/2 dated 21 Aug., 44., are returned herewith.

It is requested that the following additional evidence be obtained:-

- (a) Evidence that the vehicle was on charge to 33 Military Mission at the time of the loss. The witness giving this evidence should produce to the Court a schedule in triplicate showing the assessed price of the vehicle.
- (b) Evidence as to whether Major Ryatt took any action on the publication of CRO.113/44., with particular reference to para. 8 thereof.

Please return all papers with your reply.

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Belmont
for
Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

C O P Y

PROCEEDINGS of a Court of Enquiry

assembled at In the Field
on the 18th day of August 1944
by order of Major General L. Browning C.B., O.B.E., M.C.
Commander, No. 33 Military Mission
for the purpose of investigating the circumstances
whereby a W.D. vehicle No. 5643070 became lost.

PRESIDENT

Major D.S.L. GREGGSON, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards

MEMBER

Capt. R.J. BAXTER, R.A.S.C.

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

1st Witness MAJOR E.F. BYATT, Intelligence Corps, having been duly sworn
states :-

In January 1944 at LEQUILLE (LECCE) I was allotted
Car No. W.D. 5643070, but owing to shortage of drivers I was
not given a driver and have never had one.

I arrived in Rome from LEQUILLE on the night of
17th July. On the 18th July morning I drove the Car to
HQ. ACC, Corporazione Building to report my arrival. On
reaching HQ I saw a number of cars parked outside the building
in an area marked A.C.C. CAR PARK. Several of these cars
were unattended and several were of civilian type with civilian
drivers standing near them. I parked my car in a vacant space
amongst the cars referred to above. I removed the Rotor arm
and turned off the petrol, the method I have always used when

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

1st Witness

MAJOR E.F. BYATT, Intelligence Corps, having been duly sworn states :-

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I went up to the 7th floor and reported my arrival to Colonel KERR 2nd in Command MMIA, 2nd in Command MMIA, Altogether I was upstairs for about an hour and a quarter. On going down again to the Car Park I discovered that my car was missing. I searched the Car Park to see if it had been pushed to another place. It was not in the Car Park and I made enquiries from both civilian and military drivers who were in the vicinity of the vacant space where my car had been, not none of them could tell me what had happened to it.

I concluded that it had been stolen and went at once to report the loss to the Military Police.

I also reported the loss to Capt. HYDE Camp Commandant MMIA. On the afternoon of the 18th July I reported the loss to the Carabinieri HQ in Rome, giving them a full description of the missing vehicle. I have been in touch with both the Military Police and Carabinieri on several occasions but neither of them have received any news of the car. It was impossible to lock the doors of the car.

(sgd) E.F. BYATT Major

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2nd Witness

Capt. G.F.HYDE, Pioneer Corps, Camp Commandant, MMIA, having been duly sworn states :-

On the morning of the 18th July 1944 Major BYATT telephoned to me and told me that his car had been removed from the Car Park at HQ AMC and that he suspected that it had been stolen.

He also informed me that he had informed me that he had informed the Military Police of its loss.

The records in my office show that the present day government price for a new car, similar to the missing one is one hundred and twenty two pounds.

In consideration of the length of time the car has been in use and that it was a 1938 model, I consider that its value at the time of the loss was in the neighbourhood of Forty Pounds.

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(sgd) G.F.HYDE

3rd Witness

Documentary. A Certificate in accordance with G.R.O. 244/44 from O.C. 111 Provost Company was examined by the Court and is attached to the proceedings marked exhibit A.

The Court having Re-opened on 13/9/44 proceed to take further evidence. The 2nd witness having been recalled states:-

I produce vehicle casualty report No. 6 dated 31st March 1944, submitted by M.M.I.A. by the late Camp Commandant, Captain N.W. COLLETT. Marked exhibit B and attached to the proceedings. (True copies) In consultation with D.A.D.M.E. R.A.A.C. I estimated the value of the car at the time of loss to be £39-0-0 (Thirty nine pounds) and I produce A.F. 998. Marked exhibit C and attached to the proceedings.

(sgd) G.F. Hyde

4th Witness

Lt Col F. J. NOAKES. C.B.E.
Manchester Regt A.A.&Q.M.G.; MMIA having been duly Sworn states:-

I certify that authority was given to Major BYATT to drive Lancia car W.D. No. 5643070 in January 1944 when it was allotted to him. At that time this H.Q. was deficient of six drivers. Major BYATT was authorized to drive the car until such time as either a suitable civilian driver could be found or until a military driver was posted to the W.E. of this H.Q. During this period the car was on charge to No. 1114843 gunner BETWORTH A.P. Royal Artillery for the purpose of maintenance only. Major BYATT's duties were all short journeys in the locality of the H.Q. and did not involve long or over night duties.

The journey to ROME after which the car was stolen was the official move of this H.Q. from LEQUILLE to ROME and Major BYATT was shown in the movement table as responsible for driving the vehicle W.D. No. 5643070 to ROME.

(sgd) F. J. NOAKES, Lt. Col.

President.

D.S.E. Eregson, Major 5th R.I.D.G., Rome, 13th Sept 1944.

Exhibit "A"

Subject: Loss of MT by theft.
Certificate in accordance with GRO 244/44

To: MMIA Army Sub Commission
A.C.C.

111/PRO/5
17 Aug 44

Lancia W.D.No. 5643070

1. Certified that the loss of the a/m vehicle was reported to this unit on 18 July 44.
2. The loss was reported to APM(Br) RAAC for insertion in the official missing vehicle lists, and published for local circulation.
3. To date this unit has no information concerning the recovery of this vehicle.

(sgd) C.E.MERCER Captain
O.C. 111 Provost Company.

UNIT:- Army Sub Commission (ACC) Main H.Q. (M.H.I.A.) Vehicle C

Number and date of last

REPORTING ALL CASUALTIES OF "A" "B" AND R.A.S.C. VEHICLES, EXCLU

W.D. No.	Make and Type	FROM		
		UNIT	ARMY OR BASE and L.of C. AREA	UNIT
643070 (LB2987)	Lancia Car 4x2 4-seater.	Italian Civilian Source.		Army Sub C (ACC) Main (M.H.I.A.)
643071 (LB4887)	Lancia Car 4x2 4-seater.	-do-		-do-
643072 (LB4187)	Lancia Car 4x2 4-seater.	-do-		-do-
643073 (LB4959)	Bianchi Car 4x2 4-seater.	-do-		-do-

Distribution:- Q(AE) ATTC., B.H.A.P.
Q(AE) L. G.H.Q., M.H.F.
Ordnance Officer, 71 Sub Area.

(Signed)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY of document produced at Court of Inquiry

..... *B. H. G. Sen* Major, President

Exhibit B

H.Q. (M.M.I.A.)

Vehicle Casualty Report :-
Date:-

No. 6.
31st March 1944.

Number and date of last Vehicle Casualty Report:- No. 5.
29.2.44.

"B" AND R.A.S.C. VEHICLES, EXCLUDING 2nd LINE REPAIR.

FROM		TO		AUTHORITY
	ARMY OR BASE and L.O.F. G. AREA	UNIT	ARMY OR BASE and L.O.F. G. AREA	
Civil-		ARMY Sub Comm. (ACC) Main HQ (MMA)	71 Sub Area.	"Q" Branch, Headquarters, 71 Sub Area. Mar. 1944.
COB.		-do-	-do-	
-do-		-do-	-do-	
-do-		-do-	-do-	

Area.

(Signed) H.W. COLLETT, Captain,
Camp Commandant, for Brig. Comdr.
Army Sub Comm. (ACC) (MMA)

document produced at Court of Inquiry.

G. W. Sen... Major, President.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

LIST OF { ARMS, (a)
PERSONAL EQUIPMENT, (a)
CLOTHING, (a)
STORES, (a) } ARMY GUN COLLECTION. (Unit or Department).
belonging to the above, reported lost, damaged or destroyed.
(a) Strike out headings inapplicable. A separate form to be used for each of above. Station.....Field.

[illegible]

(b) Where the Discount refers to cost of repair, it must be so stated. (c) In the case of articles damaged beyond repair the residual value

Signature of the officer in whose charge the articles are held

Submitted

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

Signature of _____

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION. (Unit or Department). Army Form G 998
(a) belonging to the above, reported lost, damaged or destroyed. (in pads of 100).
at headings inapplicable. A separate form to be used for each of above. Station Field. Date 13th Sep 1944

No.	RATE	New Value at Vocabulary rates or (b) actual cost of repair.			(c) Value at 75% or actual value if greater or less.			REMARKS 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.	Decision of the Superior Authority.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
1	1.12	12						Proceeding on count of injury loss at H.Q. Army Sub Comm. (M.B.I.A.) on 18/Aug/44. Vehicle stolen on the 18. Aug. 1944.	Exhibit C.

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Submitted

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

Signature of the Superior Authority.

O P I N I O N

The Court having carefully considered the foregoing evidence are of the opinion that :-

(a) The loss of the vehicle was occasioned by it not being sufficiently immobilised, but that Major EYATT was not to blame, in that he had taken reasonable precautions for the safeguarding of the vehicle and had placed it in what was reasonable to assume was a W.D.Car park.

(b) The value of the lost vehicle is approximately Forty Pounds.

(c) The Court consider that the cost of replacement should be borne by the public.

(sgd) PRESIDENT: D.L.Gregson Major, 5th R.I.D.Gs.

(sgd) Member: R.J.Baxter RASC.

I concur.

(sgd) L. BROWNING

ROME
19 Aug.

Major General
Director, M.M.R. 466

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Curry SPc

PRB/R10

August 8, 1944

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JORDAN ("News Chronicle")

It is a thousand pities that the strong administrative hand of Mason MacFarlane is no longer in control of ACC. Whatever his political failings may have been he was a first class organiser. Already his absence is remarked on and regretted by the more serious of the staff who claim that the whole organisation is beginning to disintegrate. Minor corruption is creeping in. Pretty Roman faces - and they are legion - or the socially prominent, can obtain privileges that are denied to others. One beautiful, socially prominent woman I know, who used to be one of Ciano's mistresses, left this morning for Capri by car, where she has taken a villa. On the other side the Italian Government nominee for the Directorate of Press in Italy has been waiting some time for transportation to take up his duties, but it cannot be found for him, and as he has no beautiful wife who is apt to forget her own tongue sometimes and slip into German, he is likely to wait around a bit longer. PWB is trying to extend its authority for all channels of information here even though its terms of reference were designed to limit its sphere of influence. What the Italian Government needs is its own news agency and if restoration of the freedom of the press means anything they ought to have it. PWB is trying to block that, (CENSORED: by pretending that the terms of the Armistice prohibit a resumption of such service. This is not true. Such matters are at discretion of the Supreme Commander). There can be no real chance of a resumption of good life unless and until there is freedom of the press. There is not, and if PWB has its way that freedom will be further off than ever. The best thing that could happen to Italy at present

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Writing of some of the other problems which confront the Government the correspondent mentions that stocks of wine in the South of Italy cannot be moved because of lack of transportation; that grain cannot be brought in to the granaries and that it is a race between the Government and the black marketeers as to who gets it first because of this. Few Italians will lift a finger to help one another. They seem to think it is the duty of the Allies to feed them. When it is a question of getting foodstuffs into the urban areas at fixed prices, lorries mysteriously break down or disappear altogether.

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It is said that hundreds of vehicles are hidden away in the catacombs of Rome, and that the entrances have been blown in to prevent their being found and used. Yet if foodstuffs can be brought in for sale at uncontrolled prices there is plenty of transport available.

KILGALLAN (INS)

Sends an account of an interview with Colonel O'Dwyer. He says that O'Dwyer is Vice President of the Economic Section of the ACC, with the personal rank of Minister, and that he was recently nominated Brigadier General by President Roosevelt. But Colonel O'Dwyer did not say much about his work as he prefers to tell the whole story when he is more acquainted with the facts.

WILLIAM ROSPIGLIOSI (INS Staff Correspondent)

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MOORE ("Daily Telegraph")

Prices of stamps in Rome are slumping. Buying of stamps was formerly an investment and insurance which was practised by thousands during the war and the fall in prices now is partly an indication of returning confidence in the future. It is also a sign, however, that dealers are having to sell out to get money to buy food on the black market.

A complete set of the Vatican stamps last year cost approximately £17; during the German occupation this set rose to £105. Today the set is costing £37.

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VIRGINIA COWLES ("Daily Telegraph")

Sends a long article on a visit to Castelnuove, Buchine, and San Leoline, and gives eye witness accounts of massacres by the Germans in those villages.

PACKARD (UP)

BRIA (AP)

Sforza, in his capacity of High Commissioner for the punishment of Fascist crimes has handed a list of 310 Senators to the tribunal. The list is divided into 6 classes. There were formerly 420 Senators, and this leaves only 110 who were not on the list.

The first group includes senators who were Ministers, Under Secretaries of State, Presidents or Vice Presidents of the Senate, or of the Chamber of Deputies, after the 3rd January 1925.

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Subject: Write-off.

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Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/6/2.

21 Aug 44

To: H.Q., A.A.I. for 'Q'

1. I forward, herewith proceedings of Court of Inquiry on loss of Motor Vehicle on charge to 33 Military Mission.
2. I concur with the findings of the Court and request that authority be granted for the missing veh to be struck off charge.
3. This vehicle was a civilian Lancia, requisitioned.

FJN/hh

[Signature]
Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
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7 Aug 44

COURT OF ENQUIRY

CONVENING ORDER

By order of Maj. Genl. L. BROWNING, C.B., O.B.E., M.C.,
a Court of Inquiry composed as under will assemble at H.Q.,
M.M.I.A. at a date and time to be determined by the President,
for the purpose of investigating the circumstances in which

7336015 W/Cpl. BECK, F.H.H.
R.T.R., M.M.I.A.

received injuries to his right wrist on the night of 7 Aug 44.

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2347379 SGT. LUCAS R.C.J., R.O.Sigs.

1. The Court will not record an opinion.
 2. The attention of the Court is directed to K.R. 733. b2
 3. Camp Comdt. MMIA will be responsible for warning any witnesses required by the Court and for providing Stationery (AF.A2 & AF.B117).
 4. The proceedings in triplicate will be handed to A/Q Branch MMIA upon completion.
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President, for the purpose of investigating the circumstances
whereby a W.D. Vehicle No. 5043070 became lost.

PRESIDENT: Maj. D.S.L. GREGSON, 5 Ins.D.G.

MEMBER: Capt. J.M. BAXTER, R.A.S.C.

1. The Court will record an opinion.
2. The Opinion of the Court will declare :-
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 - (a) Who was responsible for the loss.
 - (b) The value of the lost vehicle.
 - (c) By whom the cost of replacement shall be borne.
3. Camp Comdt MMIA will be responsible for warning any witnesses required by the Court, and for supplying Stationery - (AFs.A2).
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