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Sept. 10, 1946 - Jan. 24, 1947

Subject:- Transport

HQ 3 Army Gp RA(Fd)

AQ 162/389

5 BLU

Ord

27 Jan 47

Ref your AQ/58/87 dated 24 Jan 47.

1. Action is being taken by this HQ to obtain an immediate replacement for the lost veh.
2. In order to regularise the matter however, you are requested to arrange for a Court of Inquiry to investigate the loss.
3. Attention is invited to AGRA RO 276/46.

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Maj
DAA & QMG

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Handwritten notes:
X Temporarily this JAG will be arranged for a Present from AAG? members can be supplied from this HQ. *Quinn 2/2/47*

SUBJECT:- Transport.5 British Liaison Unit.
Tele: UDINE 1555
82/58/87

24 Jan 47.

HQ 3 AGRA

Chevrolet 15 cwt truck WD No 5182943.

Ref telephone conversation 2/3 Q - DAA & GNG this HQ of 24 Jan 47.

1. Details of the loss of the a/m truck are now forwarded herewith.
2. Disciplinary action against the driver PIETRO GORI is in course of progress through the Italian Military Authorities, though there is no reason to believe that he was implicated in the actual theft.
3. It is pointed out that the loss of this vehicle is seriously hampering the work of this HQ the more especially as transport difficulties in this ELU have always been acute.
4. It is therefore earnestly requested that write-off action please be completed as soon as possible in order that a replacement truck may be obtained.

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Diary

Cardwell
Lt. Col.
CI.

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SUBJECT:- Stolen Transport.

3 British Liaison Unit.
Tele: UDINE 1555
M/55/36

23 Jan 47.

CMP UDINE D Pro Coy.
CMP PORDENONE

5182048

1. On 16 Jan 47 at about 2100 hrs a Chevrolet 15 cwt truck WD. No. ~~5182048~~ on charge to this unit was stolen by some person or persons unknown whilst temporarily left unattended in PORDENONE.
2. The loss was reported to your HQ at PORDENONE a few minutes after its occurrence and a jeep patrol searched the area without success.
3. The details of the loss were again confirmed with HQ CMP UDINE on 17 Jan 47, when it was learned that wide circulation had been given to the loss, including radio transmission.
4. Will you please furnish reports to this effect for the purposes of the enquiry now being held regarding the loss of the vehicle.

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A. L. M.
Major,
DAA & CMC.

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Diary

Sir
In reference to the stolen vehicle N° 5182048
we informed how H. G. Uclina and Minestre
also we searched the area of Pordenone but found
no trace of vehicle.
N° 144,41440. H. G. LeQuem. R.
C. R. M. Bolin
Pordenone.

Wt. 54208/789, 128m. 3/44, Orch. St. T51-4735

Army Form A2.

*N.B. — The Form being applicable to any Board, or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

The proceedings should be signed by the President and by each Member of the Board, etc.

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 Regulations, 1940.

PROCEEDINGS of a* Court of Inquiry

assembled at Hq 5 British Liaison Uniton the 30 Jan 1947by order of Lt Col. A.H.G. WATKIN
Comd 5 B.L.U.for the purpose of Inquiring into the loss of 15 car
truck WD No 5182048 on the night of 16 Jan 47 at POLDENONE

PRESIDENT.

Capt B.E.H. SWEETLAND

MEMBERS.

Capt J. ALDRIDGE. REME

IN ATTENDANCE.

Court

The Court having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to
take statements from the witnesses and consider the evidence.

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Statement of MAJOR A GRAY RADAA & QMG 5 B.L.U.

On 16 Jan 47 at about 1900 hrs Driver 1/c PIERRE GORI was ordered to proceed in Chevrolet 15 cwt truck WD No 5182043 to FORT MONROE on a properly authorized detail from this HQ.

At About 2230 hrs he reported to me that he had temporarily left his truck unattended outside a restaurant and that it had disappeared during his absence.

The C.M.P. at FORT MONROE had already been informed of this and a general search was in progress in view of the fact that another vehicle from a different unit was also missed at the same time.

I at once confirmed all details with the C.M.P. at FORT MONROE and later communicated with C.M.P. HQ at UDINE.

No trace of the missing vehicle has yet been reported to this HQ.

A. Gray
Major,
DAA & QMG.

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STATEMENT OF Dvr GORI PIETRO
(Inc Italian Army Attd 5 B.L.U.)

La sera del 16 Gennaio 47, mi fu ordinato di recarmi a Pordenone con il mio camioncino Chevrolet WD No 5132043.

Arrivai a Pordenone circa alle 20,30 e lasciai la macchina all'esterno del Teatro Verdi dove c'erano anche molte altre macchine.

Circa alle 2200 sentii fame ed andai pertanto a mangiare alla trattoria "Al Carvo" nelle immediate vicinanze del posto di parcheggio. Quando uscii dalla trattoria la Chevrolet non c'era e dopo una veloce ricerca di essa, comunicai l'accaduto alla C.M.P. ed al Maggiore Gray della mia Unità che pure parlò immediatamente con la polizia e confermo che pattuglie di polizia su "jeeps" erano alla ricerca.

Signed: GORI PIETRO Dvr.

5 British Liaison Unit.
Tele: UDINE 1555.
30 Jan 47.

CONVENING ORDER

1. By order of Lt Col A.H.G. WATKIN Commander 5 B.L.U. a Court of Inquiry will assemble on 30 Jan 47 at 1500 hrs at HQ 5 B.L.U.
2. The Court will be composed as under -
Capt B.E.H. SEWELL RAOC - President
Capt J. ALDRIDGE REAME - Member
3. Inquiry will be made into the loss of Chevrolet truck WD No 5182048 on the evening of 16 Jan 47 at PORDENONE.
4. The Court will record an opinion.

Major,
DAA & QMG.

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Army Form A2.

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PROCEEDINGS of a Court of Inquiry

assembled at HQ 5 British Liaison Unit

on the 30 Jan 1947

by order of Lt Col A.H.G. WATHEN

Comd 5 B.L.U.

for the purpose of Inquiring into the loss of 15 owt

truck WD No 5182048 on the night of 16 Jan 47 at FORDENONE

PRESIDENT.

Capt B.E.H. SEWELL, RAOC

MEMBERS.

Capt J. ALDRIDGE, RME

IN ATTENDANCE.

The Court having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to

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Statement of MAJOR A. GRAY, RA

DAA & QMG 5 B.L.U.

On 16 Jan 47 at about 1900 hrs Driver I/c PIERCE GOAT was ordered to proceed in Chevrolet 15 cwt truck WD No 5482043 to FORDENONE on a properly authorised detail from this HQ.

At about 2230 hrs he reported to me that he had temporarily left his truck unattended outside a restaurant and that it had disappeared during his absence.

The C.M.P. at FORDENONE had already been informed of this and a general search was in progress in view of the fact that another vehicle from a different unit was also missed at the same time.

I at once confirmed all details with the CMP at FORDENONE and later communicated with CFP HQ at UDINE.

No trace of the missing vehicle has yet been reported to this HQ.

A. Gray
Major,
DAA & QMG.

1. QUESTION:- Did you impress upon the driver not to leave the vehicle.

ANSWER:- No, but I told him to take every possible precaution as his load was precious.

2. QUESTION:- How long before the driver left HQ, did he know where he was going.

ANSWER:- Just before he left.

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A. Gray
Major,
DAA & QMG.

Unit was also missed at the same time.

I at once confirmed all details with the CMP at FORDRONE and later communicated with CMP HQ at UDINE.

No trace of the missing vehicle has yet been reported to this HQ.

Alman.
Major,
DAA & CMC.

1. QUESTION:- Did you impress upon the driver not to leave the vehicle.

ANSWER :- No, but I told him to take every possible precaution as his load was precious.

2. QUESTION:- How long before the driver left HQ, did he know where he was going.

ANSWER :- Just before he left.

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Alman.
Major,
DAA & CMC.

STATEMENT OF Dvr GORI PIETRO
(Inc. Italian Army Attd 5 B.L.U.)

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On the evening of the 16 Jan 47 I was ordered to proceed to Pordenone with my Chevrolet truck WD No 5182048.

I arrived at Pordenone at about 2030 and parked my truck outside the Theatre Verdi where several other vehicles were also standing.

At about 2200 hrs I felt hungry and therefore went to the CERVO Hotel in the close vicinity of the parking place to eat. When I came out from the restaurant the Chevrolet was missing and after a quick search for it I communicated with the C.M.P. and Maj. Gray of my Unit who also at once spoke with the police and confirmed that police patrols in jeeps were in progress.

Signed: GORI PIETRO Dvr.

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Amherst
This Court having considered the ~~witness~~ is of the opinion that:-

1. The Chevrolet truck WD No 5182048 was stolen on the night of 16 Jan 47 at Pordenone by some person or persons unknown.
2. The loss occurred due to the fact that the truck was left temporarily unattended by the driver i/o PIETRO GORI.
3. All possible measures were taken to ~~to~~ attempt to recover the loss.
4. The truck was on a correctly detailed duty.

Signed PRESIDENT:*W. H. H. H.*
MEMBER: *J. H. H. H.*

Capt.

Just.

ME.

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Subject:- Court of Enquiry.

4 OCT. 1946

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q.499

1 Oct 46.

To :- 5 BLU.

Ref your AQ/58/84 dated 24 Sept 46.

Original proceedings of Court of Enquiry on the
CODROIPO Ammunition Dump explosion were forwarded to Ministry
of War under cover of our Q499 dated 23 Sept.

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E.F. BYATT, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT:- Court of Enquiry.

5 British Liaison Unit.
Tel 1555

A/58/84

24 Sep 46.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

1. Attached is a letter received from the Ministry of War requesting for a copy of the enquiry on the GORDOLFO Ammunition Dump explosion.
2. It would be appreciated if it could be pointed to the Ministry of War that no further action can be taken by this H.Q. (See our A/58/77 of 6 August and your Q.499 dated 26 August 46).


Major,
DAA & QIG.

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Original sent to .Q. M.M.I.A.

C O P Y

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Divisione Ufficio Amm. 2a.

Roma, 10 settembre 46.

No. 100362/4/641

Oggetto:- Scoppio del deposito esplosivi di
COSEAT (Codroipo).

Al 5 B.L.U. -- UDINE

Con riferimento al foglio No. Q/499 in data 2.8.946 dell'A.C.
L.F.S.C. (M.M.I.A.) pregasi fornire con cortese urgenza notizie circa
le risultanze dell'inchiesta sulle cause che determinarono lo scoppio
del Deposito di esplosivi di Coseat (Codroipo).

p. IL MINISTRO

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