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IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT A MILITARY UNIT BE USED IN ARMY AREA TO TRANSPORT
CIVILIAN SUPPLIES TO PARCE TO AREA WHERE ARE FROM AREA SIGNED STONE
PARCE CIVILIAN TRANSPORT CANNOT BE USED BECAUSE NO PROVISIONS ARE MADE
FOR CARE OF DRIVERS OR VEHICLES IN A CIVILIAN ORGANIZATION WHERE
TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS ARE CONSTANTLY CHANGING AND AS THEY ARE IN
THE ARMY AREA PARCE IS IN POSITION TO FURNISH FIVE ARMY ONE TWO ZERO
TRUCKS WITH CIVILIAN DRIVERS TO REPLACE FIVE FOUR EIGHT G T COY BUT
THESE CANNOT BE USED IN AN ARMY AREA TO ADD IS NOT IN
POSITION AT THIS TIME TO REPLACE THE FIVE FOUR EIGHT G T COY WITH A
MILITARY UNIT IS IN CONFERENCE AT LAI PARCE ONE MONTH AGO WHEN PARCE
IT WAS AGREED MOVEMENT OF CIVILIAN SUPPLIES IN ARMY AREA WAS AN ARMY
RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN ORDER IN LAI PARCE ONE MONTH AGO WHEN PARCE
ONE OF THE ONE EIGHT FOUR FOUR FOUR TO PRESENT SUPPLY POINTS ARE
CIVILIAN AND FURNISHING AND THE PRINCIPLE AND DISTRIBUTING POINT IS
AT PARCE ONE FIVE ARMY AND IS OPERATING FOUR OR FIVE SMALL DISTRIBUTING
POINTS BETWEEN CIVILIAN AND PARCE ONE THE DISTANCE INVOLVED IS
ABOUT ONE FIVE ZERO MILES TO

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LoT. MONTAGUE Jr
1st Lieut AGD
Adjutant

20 July 44

To : Transportation Sub - Commission (Roads)

Subject : Lost and stolen trucks of Italian Co's 1004-5 Q.M. ¹⁰²⁴⁻²⁵

1. Seven of the 6x6 Am. Army trucks operated by above Co's were lost or stolen during move into Rome 28 May to 18 June 44.

2. Immediately proceeding and following the capture of Rome the trucks operated by above companies were in constant use 24 Hrs a day in hauling Carabinieri, food, supplies and equipment under direction of RAC G.4 Fifth Army. Officers of RAC and Rome region picked up empty trucks at will on the roads and sent them on necessary but unrecorded missions. In several instances American and British soldiers took trucks from the Italian soldier drivers and drove the trucks away. In one known instance one truck was captured by the Germans. Several of the ~~Italian soldier drivers~~ truck we later found and returned. The available information is given in attached letter dated 7/7 44 from the Co's Commander.

The list of the lost trucks was sent to Prov. Marshall Rome by ex Officer ACC. but no reports have been received to date.

3. During the above operation of moving into Rome immediately behind the combat troops I was in charge of the operations of the above Co's. Every effort was made to keep the trucks under control and located. The Italian soldier drivers did a splendid job, especially considering that they had never driven in

convey, nor driven in convey or alone under army black-out regulations. The Italian soldier drivers were not trained in the ways of the Am. Army regarding the safeguarding and reporting of injured trucks.

4. The loss of above trucks was unavoidable in such a large movement and in combat areas.

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Major Spl. Res.

Trans. Sub-Comm. (Roads)

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- 2 - Trans. Sub - Comm.
- 1 - Italian Co's 1004 + 5
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1004-5 Italian Truck Companies
Rome Area Command, TCU. Division

7 July 1944

SUBJECT: Report--Lost Vehicles.

TO : Transportation Officer, ATT: Major G.B. Powers.

1. The following listed vehicles, two and one half (2 1/2) tons trucks, have been lost through the following means:

- a. 4123912 Stolen by American soldiers--15 June 44.
- b. 4104481 Stolen by American soldiers-- 7 June 44.
- c. 4224796 Stolen by American soldiers-- 7 June 44.
- d. 490122 Stolen by American soldiers-- 9 June 44.
- e. 41741 17 Stolen by American soldier-negro--11 June 44.
- f. 4118592 Stolen by British soldiers-- 13 June 44.
- g. 4173960 Stolen by British soldiers-- 16 June 44.
- h. 421 2551 Vehicle involved in accident--left on road--removed by M.P. or Ordnance--whereabouts unknown.

2. For your information, all drivers are present; none are absent without leave.

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GIOVANNI CARINOTTI,
Commanding Officer.

The following is a copy of the cable sent to Col. RUSSETT and signed by Brigadier LHS.

ROSE AREA COMMAND FOR ACC CASE FOR REGION IV FOR RUSSETT.

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EXCHANGED SECTION

ALL PLANNED AND MOVEMENT ALLOCATIONS OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY TRUCKS UNDER ROSE REGION CONTROL MUST BE SUBMITTED EARLY IN TRANSITATION SUB COMMISSION AT ROSE THE DAY BEFORE MOVEMENT, AND MADE IN PART TO ROSE AREA COMMAND FOR ACC CASE FOR REGION IV FOR RUSSETT FROM HIGH SIGNED STONE PAREN THE SECURITY OF TRANSPORTATION MAKES IT NECESSARY FOR ACC TO B. THE DAY TRUCKING TRUCKS AS TO WHICH SUPPLIES SHALL BE MOVED AND AT WHAT TIME TO ACC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CURRENT MOVEMENT ALLOCATION OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY TRUCKS UNDER CONTROL OF ROSE REGION TO ACC IS THE ONLY BODY THAT CAN BE IN THE POSITION OF COORDINATING AND DETERMINING RELATIVE NEEDS OF LINE REGIMENT FOUR AND FIFTH AND EIGHTH ARMY REGS

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