

29 September 1945
Milan, Italy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: Stolen Vehicle $\frac{1}{2}$ ton Jeep, WD USA No. 20684089

1. On verbal orders from AC of S, G-2, CI, AFHQ, this officer in the company of Major Basil Simmonds, G-2, CI, AFHQ, left on 22 Sept. 1945, to conduct a survey of the Venezia-Giulia demarcation line.
2. On 23 and 24 Sept. 1945, these officers conducted the above survey, arriving in Trieste on the evening of 25 Sept. 1945. After reporting to GSI(b), XIII Corps, at Duino, these officers left Duino and arrived in Udine about 2030 hours same date.
3. These officers parked the above vehicle in the parking lot in front of the Albergo Italia, Allied Officers Hotel, and this officer personally immobilized it by locking it (lock and chain) and proceeded into the hotel to have their dinner. At the time there were about 15 to 20 vehicles in the car park.
4. About 2130 hours, having finished with dinner, this officer went outside to check his vehicle, and discovered that it was missing. This officer inquired about the above vehicle, but the military personnel in the car park stated that they had seen no one tampering with or driving away with the Jeep.
5. This officer immediately rushed into the hotel, and with the aid of Major Simmonds informed the CMP Provost Co. A, (British), the RAF Military Police, and the MP's of the 34th Inf. Div., all of Udine. A search was immediately organized for the stolen vehicle.
6. This officer accompanied a CMP patrol till 0300 hours in the morning of 26 Sept. 1945 without success. During this time this patrol and other military police patrols combed the city, its outskirts and the various airfields in the region.
7. At 0700 hours, on 26 Sept. 1945, this officer resumed the search without success. This officer personally advised the military police of Cividale, Trieste, Belluno, Venice, Treviso, Gorizia, Tarcento, and Vicenza of this loss, giving the markings and the WD, USA, No. of the Jeep.
8. CIC Hq., Zone I, in Cividale was also advised of the loss.
9. This officer left the region on 28 Sept. 1945 and returned to his proper station without recovering the above vehicle. The search, however is continuing.

AGENT'S NOTES:

1. This officer immobilised the above vehicle to the best of his ability.
2. The vehicle was in a car park under lock and chain when it was stolen.
3. This officer was on an assigned mission during the loss of the vehicle.
4. This officer did not lose the vehicle through negligence.
5. Everything within the power of this officer was done to recover the vehicle.
6. Ordnance installations were checked and advised in case the vehicle was stolen by military personnel to replace a unit's loss.
7. The vehicle was probably stolen by military personnel since the thief or thieves did not arouse the suspicions of the military personnel in the car park at the time of the theft.
8. Military police of the provinces of Venezia-Giulia, and Udine are still conducting the search.

NICHOLAS A. NATSIOS
2nd Lt., MI, ASN 02039645
Special Agent, CIC