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OPERATIONAL TRANSPORT, NORTHERN ITALY
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many books are required for study for the

Many
Trans for E.C.R.
Can
or not?
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 $G-4(B)$

To see 5 and try to please.

W. Throckmold
for Cal, 1808

pt. sec.
15 Feb

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ONE per province in PIEMONTE and
LOMBARDIA = 18 French please. Neither
VENEZIA nor AUSTRIA asked for them.
15 Feb 45. L. M. L. C. B.

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Chief of Staff:

To see if, please

W. T. Woodland
Jr. Col, DCOTs

Jan. Dec.
15 Feb.

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Ex Comm.

Ex Commr.
To see men 7 in response to your min 5, Feb 15th Feb

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many trucks are required to move
Transfer of E.C.R. Can 9 be told?

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G-4(B) To see 5 and reply, please.

W. Thompson
for Col. D.C.B.

Det. Sec.
15 Feb

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D.C.B.

ONE per province in PIEMONTE and
LOMBARDIA = (18) Trucks please. Neither
VENEZIA nor LIGURIA asked for them.
L. M. Lee. L. Col
15 Feb 5. G. 4. (B)

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Chief of Staff:

To see 7, please

W. Thompson
for Col. D.C.B.

Det. Sec.
15 Feb

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Ex Commr.

To see min 7 in response to your min 5, 15 Feb

W. 17/2

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Ex Commr.

Letter opposite to you by 4/3
in reply to V.P. M. letter at 12.10.57

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Letter underpin by EC. - cso 6 sec. 14/3 15/3.

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Encl. Copy R.C.

It is understood that C.F.M.G. have been approached re. transport for C.C.R. Please attach copy of your letter to this file. *Phisard Ream, May*
C.A. Section.

13 Mar.

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04 Sec. Discussions have taken place with N.M.H. and C.C.R. on the question of transport. The matter will be taken up with A.F.H.G. on the basis of T.O./W.E. as approved for Italian Army. The T.O./W.E. will be produced by C.C.R. H.G. on 14 or 15 March '55, when a letter will be prepared for J.P.'s signature.

*James Dillon M.L.C.
for D.D.S.*

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see minute L.O. 12.

Phisard Ream, May
C.A. Section.

14 Dec.

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memo.

Ref 21 spoke Capt Atkins (Econ Sec). No further action required in view of decision that R.C.s will have to provide list for C.C.R. in emergency from that which is available in regions.

17 Mar 45

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James D. Wilson M. Col.
for D.P.S.

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See minute L.O. 12.

Phonetic Reading, May. 10/11/51
C.A. Section.

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15 ARMY GROUP INFO AND TOSSANA REGION AFHQ EMILIA REGION

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17 May 1945

PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL PD

PARA ONE PD SIX COYS OF THIRD TRUCK BATTALION EQUIVALENT
LIFT OF FOUR LIGHT BRG TONS AVAILABLE APPROXIMATE TWO SIX
MAY FOR ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP USE DURING PHASE ONE PD

PARA TWO PD ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP INFO AND TOSSANA REGION CMA
AFHQ CMA EMILIA REGION FROM RE ALSO GIVE ACFT PAPER

PARA THREE PD BALANCE OF TWO COYS EQUIVALENT LIFT ONE SIX BRG
TONE AT PRESENT WORKING BETWEEN FLORENCE CMA LIVORNO BOTH
AVAILABLE ONE JUNE PD

PARA FOUR PD ALL TRUCKS ARE CIVILIAN TYPE VEHICLE THREE
BRG GTS AND BATTALION SHOULD BE UTILIZED AS UNIT DUE TO
CENTRAL BATTALION NOT CURRENT MAINTENANCE SYSTEM AND LACK OF
SPARE PARTS PD COYS CANNOT BE ~~DISPERSED~~ OVER WIDE AREA AND
OPERATED EFFICIENTLY PD

PARA FIVE PD AT PRESENT TWO BRG VEHICLES OF COY ARE DETAINED
FOR DOMESTIC SUPPLIES WITH DISPLACED PERSONS REFUGEE CAMPS AT
FORLI PD DEMAND LIKELY TO INCREASE PD THEREFORE REQUEST YOU
MAKE PROVISION FOR EQUIVALENT MAKE UP TO ONE COY THAT IS LIFT
OF EIGHT BRG TONS TO BE AT DISPOSAL OF GALT COMMANDANT
REFUGEE CAMP FORLI MAKE PD SUCH TRANSPORT TO HAVE UNIT
MAINTENANCE FACILITIES PD

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(Capt. Anthony)

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PARA FIVE PD ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP REQUESTED TO REPLY IMMEDIATELY
WHERE THEY REQUIRE BATTALION TO CONCENTRATE AND GIVE DETAILS
OF PROVISION MADE TO MEET LIFT REQUIRED IN PARA FOUR ABOVE PD
PARA SIX PD FOR TONGANA REGION PD QUEEN LIKE COYS WHICH YOU
WILL LOOSE WILL BE REPLACED BY TWO TWO TWO GENERAL TRANSPORT COY PD

Copy to:

ave Roads
M.F. Group
Economic Section
Ex. Commissioner
Displaced persons and Refugee S/O
Civil Affairs Section.

Transportation S/O
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NICHOLAS PIONEIRO
OWO U.S.A.
Assist Adjutant

W. Ainsworth
Capt.

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- Economic Section
- Ex-Commissioner
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- Civil Affairs Section.

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L.R. Amisworth
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NICHOLAS PIONEIRO
 CWO U.S.A.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission.

Tele : 478303

Our Ref : AC/754/82/Tn3.

1 May 45.

SUBJECT : H.W. Planning.

TO : H.Q. P.W.B. (News Branch)
(For attention Mr W.S. GAINOR)

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1. This letter confirms telephone conversation Major Stait -
Gardner/ Mr W.S. Gainer at 1700 hours today.

2. Attached is the script of a message which Mr Gainer agreed
to send out on behalf of this Sub-Commission. It is requested that
this matter be treated as extremely ^{URGENT} and that the action called for
be implemented without delay.

For the Director :

Stait
Major
for M.J. SIBFF. Colonel.

Copy to: Economic Section.
Tn 3/C - 3.
H.W. Planning Staff.
Executive Commissioner.
Public Relations.

(Bill Arnoldy)

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TO : FVB FLORENCE - FVB MILAN for GNADI

Info : 15 Army Group - 3 Army - 5 Army -
Regional Commissioners Emilia Region,
Lombardia Region,
Liguria Region,
Piemonte Region,
Venetia Region.

Para 1. Urgent all civilian load carrying vehicles organized into truck pools without delay.

Para 2. Request FVB commence maximum propaganda by all means stressing following points. (a) To meet urgent civil needs of civil population essential all truck owners notify AMG officials immediately of truck availability. (b) Trucks will be registered with AMG but not requisitioned by Allied military authorities except in case of military emergency. (c) Trucks will be allocated to high priority civil hauls operating under present owners payment being at official tariff rates. (d) Failure to disclose trucks will result in requisitioning and will cause grave difficulty in meeting essential civil needs for North from stocks of commodities assembled by the Allies.

Para 3. Agreed A.F.H.Q.

Copy to: Economic Section.

Tn S/C - 3

M.W. Planning.

Executive Commissioner.

Public Relations.

Robert Alexander
M.J. SIMP. Colonel.

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N.W. Planning.

Executive Commissioner.

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W. J. SIMP. Colonel.

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 17 April 1945.

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Transport for the North. Eoon Sec had indicated to 15 Army Group the date when the truck companies could be made available in the forward areas during Phase I. The 1,700 trucks now being received from U.S. would not be used for this purpose. The position was now satisfactory.

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Tel: 735

16 March 1945.

Ref: 5823/21/EC

SUBJECT: Transport for CC.RR.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your 20 12/7.08 of 13 March 1945.

2. It should be explained further that the vehicles for which provision was requested are intended for normal police duties, e.g. mobile patrols in outlying districts, collection of CC.RR from outlying districts to bring them in to deal with situations in towns, etc. It has been estimated that allocation of 25 per Region for each of the Northern Regions would be required, i.e. a total of 100 vehicles. It will be seen therefore that any system of bidding is quite useless to meet the above requirements.

3. Since the Executive Commissioner's letter of 12 February was written, a further letter on the subject, reference 5823/14/EC dated 5 March 1945, was addressed to VP Civil Affairs Section, copy to you. 14

[Signature]
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel. 551

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ES/7.08

13 March 1945

SUBJECT: Transport for CC.RR.

TO : Executive Commissioner

MAR 15 1945

1. This letter is written with reference to your 5823/1/COS dated 12 February 1945.

2. Any mass movement of Carabinieri should be bid for in the usual manner through the Regional Transportation Officer. If this movement is intra-regional, it will be effected by local truck pools. If inter-regional over a long distance, the lift may be made by a unit of the AC truck regiment if so ordered by the AC Priorities Board.

3. Transportation Sub-Commission considers that if a definite allocation of vehicles is to be made permanently to mount a group of Carabinieri, the local Prefect should use his power of requisition to obtain the necessary vehicles from civilian sources. This step should only be taken in coordination with the Regional Transportation Officer so that vehicles vitally necessary to feed the population are not diverted to police work.

4. With regard to the permanent allocation of WD trucks assigned to AC, Transportation Sub-Commission considers that these are essential for the purpose of moving food supplies. The question of allocation of part of them to the CC.RR., is therefore being referred to the Priorities Board. As soon as a decision has been reached you will be informed.

[Signature]
AUG. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

cc: Priorities Board
(for necessary action -
para 4 above)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMIS. ⁵⁸²³
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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10 March 1945.

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SUBJECT: Transport for Communications for N.W. Italy.

TO : Regional Commissioner, LIGURIA Region.
Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region.
Regional Commissioner, PIEMONTE Region.

1. Reference Minutes of Meeting of N.W. Italy
Co-ordinating Planning Committee held on 3rd March 1945,
para. C ii, it is requested that the provision of transport
for the restoration of civil telegraphs and telephone
communications be given a high priority.

2. The situation, judging from past experiences,
will be that few communications will be intact, due to
damage incurred as a result of sabotage or the acts of war.
However it is probable that an adequate skeleton communication
system could be rapidly restored if some transport were
available for the movement of civil repair personnel and
essential stores, as it is likely that there will be a large
number of skilled idle personnel and adequate stores in the
area for such restoration purposes.

3. If such facilities could be restored early it will
have a very beneficial effect on the efficiency of Governmental
control and will also tend to reduce considerably the trans-
portation otherwise required to distribute instructions and
ascertain facts. Without assistance in respect of transport,
restoration of telecommunications may wait for a long time,
as the military, who in present areas have restored a skeleton
of civil circuits together with the provision of those for
their own use, will be in such small force as to be unable to
assist.

4. The transport requested is:

LOMBARDIA	- 4 Lorries
PIEMONTE	- 2 "
LIGURIA	- 2 "

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By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

ATC 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 5823/14/EC.

5th March 1945.

SUBJECT: Transport - NW ITALY.

TO : VP, Civil Affairs Section.

I refer to your AG/14153/EC of 28 February 1945.

1. I have discussed the possibility of allocating certain of the 1700 trucks to the CC.RR and have come to the conclusion that this would be wrong in principle. The trucks have been requisitioned for the distribution of civilian supplies and their use must be restricted to this.

2. Have we ever submitted to AFHQ a formal demand for transportation for the CC.RR? They are part of the Italian Army. The Italian Army presumably has a 10/43 for transportation. The CC.RR should have its share.

3. It seems to me that the CC.RR is considered as part of the Army on some occasions, i.e., for rations, etc., but not on others.

4. If no formal requisition has been made, then we should, in conjunction with the Land Forces Sub-Commission, even at this late date, put up a case for AFHQ for the provision of, at any rate, the 100 vehicles for Northern Italy as proposed in your letter and the 48 5-ton trucks and 48 armoured vehicles mentioned in paragraph 3.

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M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Economic Section (for Transportation
Sub-Commission).

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M. S. LUSH

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Ref: 5823/14/EO.

5th March 1945.

SUBJECT: Transport - IN ITALY.

TO : VP, Civil Affairs Section.

I refer to your AO/14153/45 of 26 February 1945.

1. I have discussed the possibility of allocating certain of the 1700 trucks to the CC.MR and have come to the conclusion that this would be wrong in principle. The trucks have been requisitioned for the distribution of civilian supplies and their use must be restricted to this.

2. Have we ever submitted to AMM a formal demand for transportation for the CC.MR? They are part of the Italian Army. The Italian Army presumably has a HQ/45 for transportation. The CC.MR should have its share.

3. It seems to me that the CC.MR is considered as part of the Army on some occasions, i.e., for rations, etc., but not on others.

4. If no formal requisition has been made, then we should, in conjunction with the Land Forces Sub-Commission, even at this late date, put up a case for AMM for the provision of, at any rate, the 100 vehicles for Northern Italy as proposed in your letter and the 43 3-ton trucks and 48 armoured vehicles mentioned in paragraph 3.

MEL/JG.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Economic Section (for Transportation
Sub-Commission).

Frank G. M. R.

see M.15

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M. S. LUSH

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5823/13/EC

2 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Transport for CC.RR in Northern ITALY.

TO : VP, Economic Section.

1. The letter from VP, Civil Affairs Section, to the Executive Commissioner of 28 February 1945 is attached hereto, for study by your Transportation Sub-Commission.

2. Requirements laid down in this letter are to be discussed at the North West planning meeting tomorrow, Saturday, 3 March.

↑ Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: File 503/EC.

BELOW ARE MINUTES EXTRACTED FROM
C.A.Section file AC/14153/PS

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TO: Ex Commissioner.

At 37A is a reply to your 5823/10/EC (folio 30A). The views of P.S. S/C are at 36A.

Spare copy of 37A is loose in file for your retention.

C.A.Section,
28 Feb 45.

(Sgd) R.R.GRIFFS,
Col.

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C.A.Section.

Ex Commr has seen 37A and is instructing Transportation S/C to consider it and the matter will be raised at the N.W.Planning Meeting on Sat. 3/3.

1 Mar 45.

(Sgd) E.TALEOT,
Maj.

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Safety for C.O.S.
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

AG/14153/PS.

28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Transport for C.O.R. in Northern Italy.

TO: Executive Commissioner.

FEB 28 1945

1. The peacetime war establishment for C.O.R. trucks in the four northern regions is 527 (see Appendix "A" to 36a). This is obviously much more than can be allotted from the 1700 vehicles. It is felt by Public Safety and myself that a minimum of 100 vehicles should be allotted to the C.O.R. for these regions, starting with a provisional allocation of 25 per region. Experience may necessitate readjustment of the allocation between regions.

These trucks are used for normal police duties, e.g. small mobile patrols in outlying districts; collection of C.O.R. from outlying districts to bring them in to deal with situations in towns and so forth. It is not possible to rely on any pool that may be formed by Transportation Sub-Commission for these duties which are constant and wholetime.

2. In addition, verbal arrangements have been made with the Transportation Sub-Commission to bid on them for such matters as carriage of C.O.R. or clothing over long distances, e.g. from Rome or Naples to the North, and for the provision of trucks to distribute rations, and for other administrative purposes which can be conveniently handled by a local pool.

3. The above does not include the provision of any transport for mobile C.O.R. units. It is considered that at least 4 battalions, one for each region, should be made available for the North. Each battalion consists of 500 men; 300 carried in 12 3-ton trucks and 12 armoured vehicles; the balance of 200 men being used as a reserve.

2 District have already indented on AFHQ for three mobile battalions for the three compartments within their area (see Folio 32a).

4. There is no difficulty in forming very quickly mobile battalions provided transport is available. The formation of the two mobile battalions in Sicily has broken down because M.M.I.A. are insisting on the return of their trucks by 15 March 1945 and it has not been possible to requisition suitable vehicles in their place.

/ 5. To sum up....

NOTE

[Folios referred to in this letter are on file AG/14153/PS and include file original of this letter submitted]

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5. To sum up, it is recommended:

- a) that 100 of the 1700 vehicles be allotted to the
G.I.R. for normal police duties.
- b) That this ~~Commission~~ ^{Commission} follow up the application by
2 District for three mobile battalions, asking
for the transport for four mobile battalions
in all.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5823/10/EC.

17 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Transport for CC.RR for N.ITALY.

TO : V.P., Civil Affairs Section.

1. You will remember at the N.W. Italy meeting on 12th February the question was raised as to the provision of load-carrying vehicles for the CC.RR. I also asked that Public Safety Sub-Commission should consider the setting up of mobile units in N.W. Italy on the same lines as in Sicily.

2. I find that of the four Regions in the North, two have asked for trucks for the CC.RR, two have not. We should have a coordinated policy on this and I should like to know what are the views of the Public Safety Sub-Commission and yourself. If these vehicles are to be provided they will have to come out of the 1700 vehicles allotted for carrying of supplies. In considering the matter we should have regard to former experience.

3. Will you also submit the views of the Public Safety Sub-Commission and yourself on this question of mobile CC.RR units in the North.

M. S. LUSH

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting held on 13 February 1945.

Transportation. COS stated that Transportation Sub-Commission must be quite definite as to transportation for 5 Army, both for C.C.R. and civil supplies. Both 5 Army and 15 Army Group had the wrong impression of what Transportation Sub-Commission could do and we did not want a repetition of the previous situation south of Rme. Eoon Seo were instructed to look into this situation carefully.

SWH/DHH/smd

INTER OFFICE MEMO
OFFICE OF G-4 (B)

Ext. 285

GA/LLO/4

SUBJECT: North-West Italy Vehicle Establishments

TO: C.O.S. (2)

12th February, 1945.

FEB 13 1945

You asked to have the question of the provision of vehicles for Carabinieri and Communications in North-West Italy put up to you for decision, vide Colonel Adams' representation at today's Conference.

A.

VEHICLES FOR CARABINIERI.

1. PIEMONTE and LOMBARDIA Regions asked for two load-carrying vehicles per Province and stated that the second was largely required in order to make the Carabinieri mobile. LIGURIA did not ask for a second load-carrier in each Province. It was stated at the Conference that the Committee realised that these vehicles should be supplied through Italian Army channels, but in fact they never were, and it was essential that the Carabinieri should be mobile.

2. This request was not approved as part of the Regional W/E by G-4, though such refusal did not question the necessity of vehicles for the Carabinieri. It was turned down because war establishment vehicles are provided for officers of the Commission and internal administrative arrangements. They are not intended, (and A.F.H.Q. will not sanction an increase) for civilian use.

3. On combined American and British establishments this Commission is entitled to ninety-six load-carrying vehicles, which is not even adequate to provide one load-carrier per Province throughout the Commission (excluding the Regions which are to be closed down) and also to provide for A.C. and Regional Headquarters, the Armies and the Displaced Persons Sub Commission. At the present time the latter Sub Commission is very short of load-carriers and we have had to issue it with 15-cwts. in lieu of three-tonners.

4. An increase of ninety-eight three-tonners has been asked for, but has not yet been approved, and if it is approved, it is still likely to be some time before we get the vehicles. We are pressing for a release in anticipation of approval, and if we get them we can allot a proportion to North-West Italy.

(and is before M.E. Committee)

B.

VEHICLES FOR COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMISSION.

1. The number of vehicles asked for was as follows:

	15-cwt or 2-ton	3-ton or 2½-ton
LIGURIA	1	1
PIEMONTE	1	1
LOMBARDIA	2	2
Total:	4	4

2. These vehicles were requested for setting up or repairing civil communications, that is to say, a civilian commitment. In view of this, the same remarks apply as in the case of the Carabinieri vehicles. The Communications Sub Commission has a

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(and is before N.E. Committee)

B.

VEHICLES FOR COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMISSION.

1. The number of vehicles asked for was as follows:

	15-cwt or $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton	3-ton or 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton
LIGURIA	1	1
PIEMONTE	1	1
LOMBARDIA	2	2
Total:	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

2. These vehicles were requested for setting up or repairing civil communications, that is to say, a civilian commitment. In view of this, the same remarks apply as in the case of the Carabinieri vehicles. The Communications Sub Commission has a considerable number of vehicles all over Italy being used in similar work or for postal duties. These vehicles have normally been issued by districts and are not part of the war establishment of the Commission, for the reasons already given.

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C. POSITION RE W/E LOAD-CARRYING VEHICLES.

I think the following tables will give a good idea of the difficulties. They show the suggested figures for 15-cwts. and three-tonners put forward by each Region and the total number now in the Southern Regions.

1. Establishment requested by Northern Italy.

	<u>15-cwt. or $\frac{3}{2}$-ton</u>	<u>3-ton or $2\frac{1}{2}$-ton</u>
LIGURIA	10	7
PIEMONTE	23	23
LOMBARDIA	31	33
VENEZIA	40	15
VENEZIA GIULIA	18	-
Total:	<u>122</u>	<u>78</u>

2. Vehicles now in the Southern Regions.

	<u>15-cwt. or $\frac{3}{2}$-ton</u>	<u>3-ton or $2\frac{1}{2}$-ton</u>
SARDINIA	-	3
SICILY	-	2
SOUTHERN	27	12
LAZIO UMBRIA	11	6
ABRUZZI MARCHE	32	7
Total:	<u>70</u>	<u>30</u>

It will therefore be seen that even if all the Southern Regions were stripped bare, we could not nearly meet the demands of the Northern Regions.

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1. Establishment requested by Northern Italy.

	<u>15-cwt. or $\frac{1}{2}$-ton</u>	<u>3-ton or 2$\frac{1}{2}$-ton</u>
LIGURIA	10	7
PIEMONTE	23	23
LOMBARDIA	31	33
VENEZIA	40	15
VENEZIA GIULIA	18	-
Total:	<u>122</u>	<u>78</u>

2. Vehicles now in the Southern Regions.

	<u>15-cwt. or $\frac{1}{2}$-ton</u>	<u>3-ton or 2$\frac{1}{2}$-ton</u>
SARDINIA	-	3
SICILY	-	2
SOUTHERN	27	12
LAZIO UMBRIA	11	6
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12 February 1945.

Subject: Transport for CO.BR

To : DCOS, Establishment Section,
A/DCOS, Economic Section.

1. The provision of vehicles for the CO.BR for the North-western Provinces is one of immediate urgency. The Public Safety position in this area is such that we cannot afford to allow Regional Commissioners to enter their Regions without a mobile police force. It is essential, therefore, that a certain number of vehicles should be found for the Regional Commissioners and that their provision should be considered not in the light of a flat refusal but in the light of providing a modicum of their necessities.

2. Please coordinate and report what can be done.

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Form 3.

M.S. Lovell
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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