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ITALIAN MILITARY RESOURCES
DEC. 1943 - SEPT. 1944

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SUBJECT: Civil Transport.

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13 Sep 44

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14 Sep 44

RE Allied Control Commission,
Executive Commissioner's Branch.

COPY TO Economic Section.



Ref your 162/14/44 of 11 Jul 44 and MIA letter 22/301/1/2 to you.

1. I forward herewith a list of Italian vans recovered, repaired or cannibalized by the IC of Rieti. These vans were instrumental in the collection of the grain crop for Rieti province and have now been brought to Ancona where they are being used for the same purpose.

2. In accordance with the authy given by MIA these vans are being retained in Italy.

O. A. SPENCER, Major

for group captain,
officer commanding,
MG Eighth Army.

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		List of vehicles of the pioti province.			
N.	TYPE	RI	Motor No.	Chassis No.	Line of type
1.	Piat 626	RI 105465	325012959	626007352	110 x 20
2.	piat 666	RI 2802	003735	001798	70 x 20 38 x 9
3.	piat 666	RI 934	365000782	665000786	" "
4.	Piat 626	RI 5467	013079	007661	110 x 20
5.	piat 624	TO 36091	000495	000478	112 x 9
7.	Alfa Romeo 500	RI 7802	151149	2152136	"
8.	Lancia 3 RD	RI 2862	1022047	461377	170 x 20 38 x 9
9.	Isotta Fraschini veena 81/46				" "
10.	Piandhi gillen RA 3951		600654810	10439	110 x 20
11.	Spa 38	RA 3950	022643	017821	52 x 6
12.	Spa 38	RI 5469	021178	017104	"
13.	Taurus	RI 5471	02170	02170	110 x 20
14.	Lancia 380		102 n 11597	n 564/10007	170 x 20
15.	Taurus	RI	23888	23888	110 x 20
16.	Spa (tractor) RI 5470		0066677	54089	50 x 9
17.	Spa (crane)		202672		1125 x 24

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List of vehicles of the Picti province.

Motor No.	Chassis No.	Size of tyre	Type of fuel.
386012539	626007552	210 x 20	Wood
003735	001758	270 x 20 38 x 9	"
366000782	666000786	" "	"
013079	007661	210 x 20	"
000496	000478	42 x 9	"
151449	2152186	"	Kafta
1022047	461577	270 x 20 38 x 9	"
		" "	"
600634820	10439	210 x 20	"
022645	017821	32 x 6	Gas.
021478	017104	"	"
02170	02170	210 x 20	Kafta
102 n 11597	n 56470007	270 x 20	"
23888	23888	210 x 20	Gas
0066677	54089	50 x 9	Kafta
202672		1135 x 24	Gas

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
C. M. F.

18 July 1944.

Dear Sir,

I am replying to your D.O. to Gay Shipp of 9th July, as he is away, on the subject of getting leave to cannibalise wrecked Italian Army vehicles. I enclose copy of a letter from MICA which I hope you will consider not unsatisfactory.

Lt.Col. C. Spencer,
AME Rear Eighth Army.

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161-2A CAB. 17 JUL Recd 25374 88
SUBJECT: - Italian Transport in forward Areas

Army Sub Commission MMIA (ADV)
R O M B

ED/301/1/2

16 Jul 44

HQ A.C.C.,
RC and MG Section

Ref your 161/84/CA of 11 July.

1. Authority is granted to AMG EIGHTH ARMY to salvage Italian Army vehicles in areas where no Italian military recovery organisation has been set up and to retain them on loan.
2. Your attention is drawn to our G/119 of 16 Jul 44.
3. Col Spencer's letter returned herewith.



ABO

Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
(MMIA - ADV)

see 89 5841

EXHIBIT:- Attachment of Italian Army Personnel

Army Sub Commission MMIA (ADW)
R O M E

6/119

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A.A.L.
A.C.C. (EC & MG Sec) for
MMIA LO FIFTH ARMY }
" " EIGHTH ARMY }

16 Jul 44

1. This HQ 6/119 of 4 July addressed to Col SAURO - SMK representative in Rome is cancelled.

2. In order that Italian Army property in the forward areas may be safeguarded in accordance with the terms of AMI 2030/12/42 of 1 July (copy attached), authority has been requested for two small detachments of not more than 3 officers and 5 men each to be attached to HQ 210 Div, and HQ Italian Forces under command EIGHTH ARMY, respectively.

3. The duties of these detachments would be as follows:-

- (a) To visit depots and premises belonging to the Italian Armed Forces as soon as possible after the occupation of an area.
- (b) To make lists of all stores, arms, munitions etc contained therein, sending copies to Ministry of War and MMIA.
- (c) To arrange for the property to be guarded. This will have to be done by civilians, since authority cannot be granted for personnel to be enrolled into the Italian Army for this purpose.
- (d) To attach notices to all the buildings referred to above declaring that they and the material inside are the property of the Italian Army and must not be requisitioned or interfered with without reference to Army Sub Commission A.C.C. (MMIA).
- (e) To recover all the Italian Army vehicles.
- (f) If unable to recover, to keep check of these vehicles and make every effort to control cannibalisation. In this respect, authority has been granted to AMI Eighth Army to continue to use on loan, any vehicles which they have salvaged in areas where no Italian military recovery organisation existed and which are essential for getting in the harvest.
- (g) To work in close liaison with Army Sub Commission Liaison Officers and AMI Fifth and Eighth Armies.
4. These detachments must be self-contained and have their own transport, should be prepared in anticipation of the Armistice agreement.

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Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
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Army Sub Commission A. C. 81A

16 Jul 44

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PR & NC Section

Ref our SD/301/1/2 of today's date.

Herewith letter which was not attached as stated.

Omission regretted.

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2. Now leaves the rub. Q (AE) of AAI have directed that all Italian Army or Italian type vessels taken from the enemy must go back to the Italian forces. It is even reported that the Italian Army is creating a salvage organization to accelerate this work.

3. I have spoken to Q (AE) about it and they are willing to give us permission to carry any German vessels of you which we can salvage. Italian sales, however, we can only keep by permission of MIA - a branch of AOC. I have spoken to Maj. Fieldman of MIA here. He agrees with me 100% that no Italian organization is likely to do more than scratch the surface when it comes to salvaging the innumerable wrecks scattered all over the Appennines. If this Italian salvage organization, however, appears in the flesh, obviously AAI will refrain from competing with it in its own selected area. Where, however, this organization is not working, it seems crazy that if AAI is willing to spend time and money cannibalizing wrecks in order to save the Italians' own grain harvest, that it should not be allowed to retain and keep such wrecks for that purpose. If ~~recovery~~ ^{recovery} is insisted on, obviously no AAI officer will bother to rescue the wrecked wrecks and it will gradually be rendered useless by rust and local stripping by civilians long before any Italian organization is likely to pull it in.

4. There is another alternative, I suppose, which is to let people salvage these wrecks (without saying anything about them) and when the Italian Army finds out about them to hand them over according to orders. This, however, does not appeal to anyone very much, and we would be happy if some sort of working agreement could be obtained by the Army sub-Committee to the effect that AAI may salvage Italian wrecks abandoned by the German Army in those areas where no Italian military recovery organization has been set up. If desired, such wrecks could be ~~handed~~ ^{handed} over to the prefect in the name of the Italian Government, and would be available for military use at a later date. In point of fact it is doubtful if most of them will last longer than is necessary to carry the requirements of military administration through the next few critical months.

Yours

Dean Spencer

Lt. Col. C. W. Shipp
HQ Allied Control Commission,
Executive Commissioner's Branch.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
E.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref 161/86/24

15 July 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Armed Forces.

TO : Distribution below.

For your information copy of letter Ref. No. 2039/2202 of 1 July 44 from HQ. AAI is given hereunder.

Subject: Italian Armed Forces

H.Q. AAI
OCP
2039/22/02. 1 July 44

CC First Army
Main HQ Night Army 2 District
Post HQ Night Army 3 District
HQ 5 Corps CC PBS
1 District CC RAC

1. The Italian Armed Forces are fighting and working as co-belligerents with the Allies in Italy. Their help can, however, only be effective if they have the means to administer and maintain themselves.
2. Cases have occurred (particularly in Rome and other newly occupied localities) where property, transport and materials belonging to the Italian Forces have been removed from them without proper authority and when the operational need for such action no longer existed.
3. In future no buildings, real estate, transportation or other materials belonging to the Italian Armed Forces or in the possession of effective units of the Italian Navy, Army or Air Forces, will be occupied, requisitioned, seized or made use of without prior reference to this HQ. This does not, however, preclude the rights of operational commanders to make such use of the items mentioned as may be necessary for operational reasons.
4. The Italian Commanders concerned have been authorized to place notices on their property indicating its ownership. These notices will be respected.

CC to: FWIT Main HQ Army Sub Commission LRUULE
/s/ A.L. FORTIN Brig. Genl.
For Major-General,
Chief Admin. Officer.

For your information copy of letter Ref. No. 2030/1202 of 1 July 44 from HQ. AMI is given hereunder.

Subject: Italian Armed Forces

H.Q. AMI
GIF

2030/1202.

1 July 44.

CC Fight Army

Main HQ Fight Army

2 District

Rear HQ Fight Army

3 District

HQ 5 Corps

CC PBS

1 District

CC RMAC

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Copy to: POWIT

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Main HQ Army Sub Commission LEQUILL

Adv. Army Sub-Commission, ROE

2057/02

/s/ A.L. HAMLEN Brig. Genl.
For Major-General.
Chief Admin. Officer.

NOELAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Subject: Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
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COL. SIMONS thru Allied Garrison Comd. SARDINIA 7 July 44
COL. PINSLEY at Adv HQ AGC, RMK
LT. COL. ALBERT C/O AGC SICILY REGION HQ, AGO 394.
MMA LG at HQ AGC NAPLES

" " " FIFTH ARMY
" " " REAR EIGHTH ARMY
" " " 2 POLISH CORPS
" " " 34 ITALIAN COMPS
" " " No. 2 DISTRICT
" " " 56 APPL
" " " 60 SUB AREA

(5 copies each
addressee)

Army Sub Commission, Rear HQ AGC, SALESNO.

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8/4/44

1. A copy of HQ AAI letter 2030/12/42 dated 1 July 44 is forwarded herewith for information.

2. Para. 3 of the above letter defines the correct procedure to be adopted for all such demands in future.

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Copy to: HQ AGC NAPLES (10)
HQ AGC REAR, SALESNO. (10)
TOTALI Area Combined HQ TALENTO.
Navy Sub Comm. AGC.

F. J. Novak
Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

Air Force Sub Comm. AGC.
101. DHD 67. MED. REAR, MMA.

Subject: Italian Armed Forces

CG FIFTH ARMY
Main HQ EIGHTH ARMY 2 District.
Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY 3 District
HQ 5 Corps CG, FEB
1 District CG, PMA.

H.Q., AAI,
CGF.
2030/12/42. 1 July 44.

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F. J. Noval
Major General
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

Copy to: HQ ACC Naples (40)
HQ ACC Rome, Salerno (10)
PITALI Area Combined HQ TARIATO. Air Force Sub Comm. ACC.
Navy Sub Comm. ACC. CH. OFD. MED. HEB. MIA.

Subject: Italian Armed Forces

H.Q., AAI.
CH.

2030/12/02.

1 July 44.

CG FIFTH ARMY
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HQ 5 Corps CG. HES
1 District CG. HALL

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(sgd) L.L. RUBEN Brig Genl.
for Major-General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to: POWIT
HALL
ACT Adv

Main HQ Army Sub Commission LBNVILLE.
Adv. Army Sub-Commission, RME
2037/02.

cc see 84

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/161/34/CA.

11 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Transport Forward Areas.

TO : M.M.I.A.

1. AMB Eighth Army are finding as they advance very little transport indeed left by the Germans. They have to re-organise civilian life and their main problem at the moment is getting in the harvest. This requires transport.
2. There is however a considerable quantity of lorries used by the German Army, but destroyed by us during their retreat. Col. Spencer, Supply Officer AMB Eighth Army, states that our GAO's and P.O's have got together a local Italian organisation for salvaging these lorries. This system is working very well even though they only get a few lorries which can operate for the short period required.
3. G (AB) of AMI have relinquished their claim to German makes of vehicles and G (SD) have confirmed. Italian makes of vehicles however need the permission of MMIA before they can be used. Col. Spencer has already spoken to Major Fieldman of MMIA who said that the matter would have to be referred to HQ.
4. I am therefore writing to you to give the strongest possible support to Eighth Army's request that they be allowed to use any Italian Army vehicles found wrecked on the road which they can salvage and put into operation in those areas where no Italian military recovery organisation has been set up. I attach original of a letter from Col. Spencer, Eighth Army, which further illustrates this point and would be glad if you could return it with your reply.

Spencer, Eighth Army

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ROSMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/161/83/GA

5 June 1944

SUBJECT: Salvage (Italian Carts)

TO : H q. No. 3 District.

1. Reference your PEO 500 of 12 May 44 and enclosures therewith.

2. I enclose for your information and action as necessary a reply now received on above subject.

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J.M.
ROSMAN E. FINER
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Handover of Italian Army Horses to Farmers

H.Q., A.C.C.,

RC & MG Section APC 394

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.,

Main H.Q. (MIA)

LEQUILL (LEUCO)

SE/24

30 May 44

Ref your letters 161/74/CA dated 15 and 23 May 44.

1. The delay in replying is regretted.
2. Animals are lent to bona fide farmers. The farmer signs a declaration to the effect that he is responsible for the well-being of the animal and that he is liable to pay damages if the animal suffers or dies through neglect. He is also liable to return all animals without delay on demand.
3. Any financial transaction is illegal.
4. Carts are not loaned to farmers.
5. Definite information of financial transactions or Italian Army carts in possession of farmers should be reported to this HQ who will order the Italian General Staff to investigate the matter and take any necessary disciplinary action.
6. Although both horses and mules may be lent to farmers, in point of fact only horses have been lent as every available mule is required by the Allies.
7. The position regarding all Italian Army equipment including animals is that everything in the hands of the Italians at the time of the armistice, belongs to the Italians.

In this instance if the location of the horses and carts can be forwarded to this HQ, the Italian General Staff will be approached with a view to effecting a loan to the RATD out as is known, there is a general shortage of carts for the Italian Army.

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Maj Gen.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & H.O. Section
APO 394

Ref: 161/51/CA.

1 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Horses and Carts.

TO : Army Sub-Commission.

Reference this Office memorandum 161/74/CA of 15 May 1944 and 161/79/CA of 23 May 1944, it would be appreciated if an immediate reply could be rendered on the subject in question.

ROSLAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
H.Q. & H.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/161/80/CA

23 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Vehicles.

TO : Army Sub-Comm. Main Hq. (Lequile)

1. Reference your ^{AQ/5} ~~Ref~~ of 20 March 44.
2. I am now advised that the five Lancia vehicles referred to have been returned to the unit concerned.

Robert Capt
ROBERT E. FINE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

o/u 7/2/44
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.O. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref/161/79/CA

23 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Horses and Carts.

TO : Army Sub-Commission.

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1. Reference out 161/74/CA of 15 May 44.
2. Can a reply be now sent to this office of the letter referred to above.


NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

16/2/44 Decd
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Ref : Tptn/40/34
Subject : Italian Army Vehicles
To : The Executive Commissioner.

19 May 44

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Reference your 161/38/CA of 13 April 1944.

The five Lancia vehicles referred to have been returned to the Unit concerned and receipts for same are held at this office.

JFH/WEC

J. F. D. Halstead Capt.
J.F.D. HALSTEAD.
Captain, R.A.S.C.,
Regional Transportation Officer (Roads).



5-2971 161 C.R. By 503777
Subject: Disposal of Italian Material.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MIA)
LEQUIL. (LECOE)
AQ/8

12 May 44

HQ. A.C.C.

See encl ② 75-76 N/T.
Further to MIA message AQ 1044 dated 30 April 44.

1. A copy of AG 091.711-1 (ITALIA) GGT-AGM dated 10 Feb 44 is forwarded herewith.
2. Para. I(b) of AFHQ Circular No. 13 dated 1 May 44 is also pertinent and is quoted below :-

" Ib. Italian Material. All Italian Material belonging to all arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces and in the possession of the Italians at the time of the armistice is considered as Italian Material and, except as otherwise directed by this HQ is reserved for the use of the Italian Army under the direction of the Army Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission."

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Major General.
Army Sub Com A.C.C.

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10-12, US SECRET AREA ITALIAN MOST SECRET.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
APO 512

AG 091.711-1 (Italian) GCT-AM REVISED

Subject: Disposal of Italian Army.

To : Commander in Chief, Allied Central Mediterranean Force.
Deputy President, Allied Control Commission (Lt. Gen. Mason MacFarlane)
Deputy Vice President, Army Sub Commission (Brig C.C. Duchesne)

1. The following policy regarding the Italian Army and its resources is announced. So much of P/109 of 3 October, letter this HQ's, file AG 400.93-1 GCT-AM, subject "Italian Equipment", dated 2 December 1943, and any other instructions as are in conflict herewith, are rescinded. The Deputy President Allied Control Commission, in collaboration with Commander-in-Chief, Allied Central Mediterranean Force, will issue the detailed instructions necessary to implement this policy.
2. The Italians will assemble the following units:
- a) The division to be organized and placed in combat as soon as practicable.
 - b) Two additional divisions which are to be trained, armed and equipped for combat at a later date, depending on our requirements and the general supply situation. Pending our decision to place them in combat, they will be at the disposal of the Italian Government, who will locate them as directed by C-1a-C, Allied Central Mediterranean Force to meet the needs of internal security (eg CALABRIA).
 - c) The DAPINO Brigade and NUBO Division will be included in one of the other of the divisions referred to in (a) or (b) above.
 - d) A total ration strength of 32,000 for these three divisions has already been agreed between Allied Central Mediterranean Force and Marshal MANGA.

3. The Italian Division now in SICILY (SARAJA Division) will remain intact and be equipped from Italian sources on a scale commensurate with its mission of internal security.

4. In order to meet the requirements of para's 2 and 3 above, the Italians may call forward the necessary uniforms and equipment from SARAJA. Priorities of shipping bids will be established by Allied Central Mediterranean Force in the normal manner.

5. Captured Italian military resources in SICILY have been allocated to the OSS/SOE and will not be available to the Italians except as declared ~~amess~~ by the OSS/SOE.

6. Italian military resources on the mainland will be reserved for use by Italian troops and released to the Italians forthwith. The Italians will inventory and keep the Allied Control Commission and Allied Central Mediterranean Force fully informed of the status of their resources.

- I. The following policy regarding the Italian Army and its resources is announced. So much of P/IO9 of 3 October, letter this HQ's, file AG 400.93-I 007-AM, subject 'Italian Equipment', dated 2 December 1943, and any other instructions as are in conflict herewith, are rescinded. The Deputy President Allied Control Commission, in collaboration with Commander-in-Chief, Allied Central Mediterranean Force, will issue the detailed instructions necessary to implement this policy.
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4. In order to meet the requirements of para's 2 and 3 above, the Italians may call forward the necessary uniforms and equipment from SARDINIA. Priorities of shipping bids will be established by Allied Central Mediterranean Force in the normal manner.
5. Captured Italian military resources in SICILY have been allocated to the OSS/SOE and will not be available to the Italians except as declared amess by the OSS/SOE.
6. Italian military resources as the maintained will be reserved for use by Italian troops and released to the Italians forthwith. The Italians will inventory and keep the Allied Control Commission and Allied Central Mediterranean Force fully informed of the status of their resources.
7. a) For administrative details governing rations and clothing for the Italian Armed Forces see Admin. Memo No. 2, this HQ's, dated 10 January 1944, and letter to HQ Allied Control Commission dated 9 January 1944, subject, 'Supply Organization - Italian Military', file AG 400-I (Italy) QIS-AGM.
b) The total number of personnel to be maintained under the procedure referred to in sub-paragraph (a) will not exceed the ceiling of 500,000 including Army, Navy, Air and Carabinieri. The figure of 500,000 is a maximum and in view of the increasing demands upon Allied resources every effort will be made to effect progressive reductions of the total.
c) The Italian combat divisions will, insofar as possible, be equipped from Italian resources. Essential items which cannot be supplied from these sources should be reported to this HQ with a view to securing the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff for issue.

(11)

As a matter of general policy it is impracticable at this time to release any Italian Prisoners of War, either officers or men, now held in service units in North Africa. The release of a limited number of non-specialist officers will be made, at the discretion of this HQ, upon request. Requests may be made for any officer prisoners in the United States.

Subject to the above, the labor requirements of COMUSMACV and the defense requirements of SARDINIA, the remainder of the Italian Forces are at the disposal of Allied Central Mediterranean Force, which, in conjunction with the Allied Control Commission, will be responsible for the assignment of elements of the Italian Army as required by its subordinate commands and separate commands, including Air and Naval, in the mainland of ITALY as well as in SICILY and SARDINIA.

The Military Mission with the Italian Army (EMIA) becomes the Lead Forces Sub Commission of the Allied Control Commission. The Land Forces Sub Commission of the Allied Control Commission is designated as the agency for receiving and implementing, in accordance with the terms of this directive, all demands from Allied Central Mediterranean Force for Italian Army units and resources. The senior member of the Land Forces Sub-Commission is designated as a member of the Allied Control Commission and will act as its representative with Allied Central Mediterranean Force.

By command of General WILSON.

H.V. ROBERTS
Colonel, AGD.
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
H.Q. & H.Q. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref/161/74/GA

15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Horses and Carts.

TO : Army Sub-Commission.

1. Attached copy letter, passed to this office by D.P.M. Hq. No. 3 District, is forwarded for your information.

2. Would you please enable me to reply to paragraph (4) of the document.

Capt. H. Baker

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Bu 72^S / JMS^S
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A. H. Newcomb
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SUBJECT: Salvage

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DAD Salvage 3 District

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The attached copy letter is forwarded for information and any action deemed necessary.

GWR/GP

Ransom
Major.
(G W Ransom).
for Lt-col.
Deputy Provost Marshal.

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Subject :- Salvage.

DAD Salvage
3 District
C.F.

1. I have recently located in this area at least two Italian Army carts which are in possession of farmers. I believe there are others. In one case investigated there was also an Italian Army horse. The farmer produced a document which disclosed that the horse and cart had been "lent" to him by a rather nebulous official described as "The Commandant of Battinaglia" on his making a deposit of 2000 lire. The arrangement seems to be that when the farmer returns the horse and cart he will receive back his 2000 lire - perhaps!

2. I am convinced this is a racket. Presumably the local Italian C.O. debilitated his unit by hiring out his transport. There is no way of identifying the Italian unit, but it was perhaps the local Blackshirt Legion.

3. The A.A.T.D. very badly needs two horses and carts for local duty to replace A.T. from camp. I have for instructional training which is at present held up for want of vehicles. It is also wanted for local anti-aircraft work and could again be fully and usefully employed on salvage duties. Storage and drivers can be arranged locally.

4. Could you inform me whether the arrangement described in para 1 above is a genuine and authorized scheme or whether I can impound the vehicles and horses? In any case I see no reason why civilians should be allotted captured Italian equipment which could be more usefully employed in a British military unit at least for some time to come.

5. Could you please assist by ticking up this letter on my 5824?

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Lieut. Colonel, R.A.
Commanding 1st Field Depot Regiment, R.A.
A.A.T.D. C.F.

C.F.
3 May 44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED OFFICIAL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

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13 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Losses in Sicily.

TO : Army Sub-Commission (Lecce)
" " (Salerno)

The attached copy of letter received from
Region I, reference RC/321 of 8 May 1944, is
forwarded for your information.

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Capt. H. Baker

ROBERT H. FINE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMAND, GERMANY
R.O. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/161/50/CA

13 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Vehicles.

TO : R.O. Region II.

Reference your Tptn/40/30 of 22 April 44.
Will you please say if there are any developments
in respect of the five vehicles to be returned.

Capt. H Baker

NORMAN K. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE:RC/321

8 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Equipment

TO : Executive Commissioner
R.C. & M.C. Section
A. C. C.



Your 161/42/CA of 23 APR

1. The Italian Air Force Command in SICILY is under Colonnello RAVARDINO: the sub-group active in salvaging I.A.F. material is under Lt Col PACINI.

2. This salvage sub-group has worked very closely since its arrival last year in the island with this Headquarters, then A.M.C. It has received constantly either my personal attention or that of my Liaison Officer with ITALIAN authorities.

3. All salvaged materials on the island in I.B.S. area have been centred in C.E.M.E.C. with whom it has been part of the work of this Headquarters to recover materials sold by C.E.M.E.C. to civilians, though by right being claimed by I.A.F. All salvage materials were controlled by this organisation of MATOUSA including I.A.F. materials; intervention towards recovery has been made whenever practicable.

4. In addition, no A.C.C. Officer has been permitted to dispose of any salvaged enemy captured material except through C.E.M.E.C. or 1 DISTRICT. All Provincial Commissioners were instructed early in the year, and specially reminded in March and April of our obligations for help towards I.A.F.

Handwritten signature and date 10/5/44

A.M. MANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

COPY TO: Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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FILE:PC/321

8 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Lorries in Sicily.

TO : Executive Commissioner
R.C. & M.C. Section
A. C. C.

Reference ATSC/S.655/EQ of 28 APR.

1. The Istituto Nazionale Trasporti is the operating organization actually created by A.M.G. Region I; all profits above cost of operations are payable to the Finance Division A.C.C. HQ. Region I, re. A.M.G. HQ. Numbered Memoranda No. 56 dated 31 DEC 43.
2. The statement in para one of Air Forces Sub-Commission letter in reference to lorries of Regia Aeronautica is not clear. Regia Aeronautica to date has not presented any vehicles in their possession to I.N.T. for registration, markings etc.; they have agreed they would. They are at the disposition of R.A. in Region I even after such presentation. Further agreement was made that whenever and wherever they stopped any lorries, formerly R.A., they would be made available to them; but that the procedure of registration and permit issuance for same was to be followed. Letter A.C.C., Sicily region HQ. file HC/356.3 dated 10 APR to Executive Commissioner for Transportation Sub-Commission has this stipulation in para 3. "R.A. will not be permitted to remove any transport from Sicily without special authorization from the Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Naples."
3. In reference to the statement in para 2 letter HQ. A.M.G. No. 564, 30 OCT 43, it is not possible to see wherein Region I has violated it. Para 3 states that "trucks under direct control of S.C.A.O.'s being used for transport of food supplies are not to be included". These trucks (I.N.T.) are still under control of the Provincial Commissioner; with a Regional Road Haulage Transport Control Officer at A.C.C. HQ. to control and supervise this A.C.C. created agency for movement of A.C.C. and essential goods of high-priority nature. R.A. on several occasions has apparently impounded trucks already under control of I.N.T. and it was a series of such interference of A.C.C. orders that paved the way for conference and agreed understanding between A.C.C., R.A. and

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3. In reference to the statement in para 2 letter HQ, A.M.G. No. 554, 30 OCT 43, it is not possible to see wherein Region I has violated it. Para 5 states that "trucks under direct control of S.C.A.O.'s being used for transport of food supplies are not to be included". These trucks (I.N.T.) are still under control of the Provincial Commissioner; with a Regional Road Haulage Transport Control Officer at A.C.C. HQ. to control and supervise this A.C.C. created agency for movement of A.C.C. and essential goods of high-priority nature. R.A. on several occasions has apparently impounded trucks already under control of I.N.T. and it was a series of such interference of A.C.C. orders that paved the way for conference and agreed understanding between A.C.C., R.A. and I.N.T. The directive issued by General Rambien of the 17 MAR 44 has not reached this office. It is to be noted that A.C.C. Region I is not on the Distribution List.

4. All captured enemy vehicles were turned over to the old A.M.G.O.T. by 15 Army Group and subsequent instructions received through C.E.M.E.G., re A.T.H.C. Cir. No. 63, 3 SEP 43, "instructions for allocation and assignment of captured enemy material", is responsible for same. To date we have had no instructions as to release or allocation of this material. In a memorandum A.M.G. HQ. Region I dated 8 FEB 44 "Captured Enemy Vehicles Sold" signed by Lt Col Charles Poletti R.C. it was stated that all such vehicles including those sold by A.M.G. officers in the past were to be recovered and turned over to I.N.T.

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5. It must be remembered that even with aggressive tactics in the recovery of this material (vehicles), the 500 none too good trucks A.C.C. now controls in this Region, are fast being deadlined due to wear and tear, and lack of replacement of parts, tires, batteries etc. requested several times to higher echelon and not as yet obtained. It is estimated that nearly 40% of our lorries are in need of repairs, daily. A.C.C. has gone to financial expenses in putting these lorries into running order because they are vital to necessary transportation of essential goods in this Region while the total number operated is now taking a downward trend.

6. After presentation of facts and conditions as they are in this Region, if it is the wish that the situation stand as is, or that changes are to be effected, such instructions will be carried out.

7. The Transportation Sub-Commission has full information concerning A.C.C. Motor Highway Operation Region I.

A. N. Hancock
A.N. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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Copies TO: Air Forces Sub-Commission
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Transportation Sub-Commission
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED C. AIR COMMISSION
R.C. & A.C. Section
APO 394

3 May 1944

Ref/161/45/CA.

SUBJECT : Italian Air Force Equipment.

TO : Air Force Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your APO/1,653/22 of 20 April 1944 and our 161/42/CA of 23 April to Regional Commissioners, copy to you.
2. A reply has now been received from Region III as per attached.
3. On receipt of further replies you will be informed.

WILLIAM E. FLECK
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

28 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Equipment.

TO : Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, A.C.C.

Reference your 161/42/CA 23 April 1944.

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in your a/m communication Major W.G. Fletcher has been appointed as the officer in Region 3 Headquarters to liaise with the Italian Air Force Officers in the matter referred to. For information: Major Fletcher's telephone number is 10183 extension 110.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Alex H. White
Lt. Col.
Executive Officer

Col Bowman

To acc please
will you clear with E.C. 1/15

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27 APR 1944
HEADQUARTERS
CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

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05/1/44

Ref : Tptv/40/30
Subject : Italian Army Vehicles
To : Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters A.C.C.

22 April 1944

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Reference your 161/38/GA of 13 April 1944.

The Provincial Commissioner at Potenza, has been instructed to return the five vehicles quoted.

You will be informed when this order has been executed and a copy of receipt for vehicles handed over will be forwarded to you.

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G.H. McCaffrey
G.H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.,
Regional Commissioner.



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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 39.

Regional Control And Military Government Section.

23rd April 1944.

Ref: 161/43/CA.

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Equipment.

TO : Air Officer Commanding,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
ITALY.

I attach an instruction sent to Regional Commissioners on the subject raised in your APO/4.651/43 dated 20th April. Will you tell Italian Air Force officers to refer any such matters to the Regional Commissioners who will give them all assistance.

MS/Lan
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MS/Lan

Copy to: Secretary General.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 161/42/CA

23rd April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force Equipment.

TO : Regional Commissioners,
Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI.

1. I enclose copy of a letter from A.C.C., Air Forces Sub-Commission. You should appoint an officer or officers on your staff to assist Italian Air Force officers in this matter.
2. In the meantime I have asked the Air Vice Marshall to refer his officers to you. You should give them all assistance.

MH/JG.

M.S. Love
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Air Forces Sub-Commission.
Secretary General.

*Replies: see 45 (Reg 3)
49 (Reg 1)*

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FROM:- AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
BARI.

TO:- ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS,
NAPLES.

DATE:- 20th April 1944.

REF:- AFSC/S.653/EQ.

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22 Apr 1944
DFE

Chief Commissioner

During my recent visit to Naples I stressed the importance of all equipment belonging to the Italian Air Force being retained so that it would be usefully employed in the I.A.F. operational effort. We have frequently received reports from Sicily, and to a lesser extent Sardinia, that in spite of orders issued, material is being requisitioned by the Allied Forces, and in some cases has been sold by local tender.

2. It is suggested that a great deal of time and correspondence could be saved, if an Officer of the Allied Control Commission could be appointed in each of these regions as the representative of the Air Forces Sub-Commission, and to whom the local I.A.F. Commanders could make their representations in any case of misappropriation of material which would be of use to the I.A.F. effort.

3. In my view it would not be necessary to appoint a special Officer to carry out whole time duty in this matter, as he would be called upon to intervene on very rare occasions, and I would suggest that the possibility should be examined of giving this duty to some Officer in addition to his present duties.

Brig. Lush

W.A.B. - Biscarlet

W.A.B. BOWEN-BISCARLET,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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22 Apr 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/92/73/GA.

13 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Transportation.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region XI.

Reference your Ltr/43/52 of 29 Mar 44.

1. (a) The 2002 S.F. Coy (Italian) has now been re-equipped with 120 new British trucks and has been undergoing a short course of training. The training should be complete by now and the Coy in operation.

(b) A British Cadre has been posted and a new Commanding Officer (Italian) appointed to the Coy.

2. Under the A.C.C. Road Haulage Scheme 150 new British trucks will be issued shortly to Italian civilian contractors and will operate in your Region.

3. Under these circumstances there will be no need for a loan of a R.A.S.C. Coy.

L R
NORMAN B. FIDLER,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Copy to: Economic Section.
Establishments Branch.
File 161/GA.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMER. COMMISSION
R.C. & E.C. SECTION
APO 334

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Ref/161/38/DA

13 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Vehicles.

TO : R.C. Region II.

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Ref. your GEM/pjh of 28 Mar 44.

1. As soon as the 1001 G.T. Co. (Italian) is in operation you will hand back the 5 Lancia trucks to 38 (GEM Italian Heavy Mobile workshops. The 1001 G.T. Co (Italian) should be in operation now. If this is so the trucks will be handed over immediately.

2. Please report the present position and state when the trucks will be handed over.

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NORMAN H. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
Army Sub-Commission (Ref. 40/5 of 20 Mar. 44)

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SUBJECT: Transportation - Region II.

3 April 44.

TO : Colonel Adams, Economic Section.

1. Two letters from R.C. Region II recently received are flagged and show the extreme difficulties of distribution of foodstuffs and movement of refugees in that Region.

2. The question mentioned in "B" of the retention of the 5 Landia trucks which Region II at present hold on loan from the Army Sub-Commission is quite a simple one to settle. It is however part of the whole problem mentioned in "A", and this appears to involve the loan of one complete G.T. Company, which you will see from his letter, General Robertson is not at all anxious to make.

3. The root of the difficulty seems to be the condition of the trucks in 1001 G.T. Company, which is extremely poor. This is confirmed by the condition of the vehicle recently handed over to No. 5 Region. Colonel Whittley, R.C., told Brig. Lush on his visit there last week that out of 58 vehicles only 39 could be started by their drivers, and 38 of these arrived with difficulty in G.S.F. It looks as if the Army are passing, not unreasonably, their very worst transport on to us.

4. Have you any complete suggestion to offer to alleviate the distressing transportation situation in Region II, or must we ask General Robertson for an extra G.T. Company?

G.W.I. SHIPP,
Lieut. Colonel.

Same letter in 4A file
+ on arrival in helicopter etc

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At Col Shyng:

M. Sec 33-35. If you approve
I will reply to 35 that R.C. will
keep the Trucks until they
are replaced.

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Major Reiter

Request. M. reply -

Done J. 12/4

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1st Ind.

HQ, ACC, Region II, APO 394, 28 Mar 44.

To: Executive Commissioner, R.C. and M.C. Section,
ACC Headquarters, Naples.

1. The situation in Potenza Province with respect to the trucks mentioned in the basic communication is still the same as it was on Mar 7th. None of the Road Haulage Transport expected within a few days after Mar 7th has been received. We can do either of two things - turn these trucks over to the Italian Army and halt the distribution of foodstuffs and refugees, or retain the trucks until their replacements are available and continue the distribution of foodstuffs and refugees. I have been informed by the Supply Officer of Potenza that this fleet of trucks constitutes 45% of the effective capacity of their trucking vehicles. We shall await your decision.



G. H. McCaffrey
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Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.

See 38

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/161/32/CA.

25 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Vehicles.

TO : R.C. Region II.

1. Reference is made to your letter A/32/17 of 7 Mar 44 and our 161/26/CA of 12 Mar 44 to Land Forces Sub-Commission, a copy of which was sent to you.
2. The period of two weeks referred to in para.3 of our 161/26/CA of 12 Mar 44 expires tomorrow and the handing back of the 5 Lancia Trucks to 38 (GEP) Italian Heavy Mobile Workshops must take place as soon as possible.
3. Please advise this H.Q. when this action has been taken.

Norman E. Fisher
NORMAN E. FISHER
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Army Sub-Commission.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Ref : Sytn/40/27

29 Mar 44

Subject : Italian Army Vehicles - Potenza Province

To : Brigadier C.M. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.
Executive Commissioner H.Q., A.C.C.

1. The following details are forwarded as requested by Col. Adams, in order to substantiate previous statements that the above vehicles are indispensable for haulage of civil supplies.

2. There are seventeen trucks comprising 3 x 2 ton, 9 x 3½ ton and 5 x 6 ton, and when serviceable, are employed 100%.

3. At present only 39, civilian vehicles are available and a considerable number of these are V.O.R., due to lack of spare parts.

4. Approximately 25,000 kilometres are run each month in order to collect and distribute 2,000 tons of foodstuffs.

5. Whilst all food supplies are, and have been distributed, there is a considerable delay, as for example, it was impossible to distribute the supplies of seed potatoes before part of this consignment went rotten.

6. The rough surfaced roads, steep gradients (many of the communes in this Province are situated at a high altitude) and constant adverse climatic conditions lay a heavy burden on an inadequate fleet of vehicles with such an arduous task to perform.

7. It is therefore not surprising to learn that at times only 50% of the vehicles are available, the remainder being V.O.R., due in the main to overwork and subsequent lack of maintenance.

8. In addition to civil supplies, road transport has been required for the transporting of refugees and, in connection with the recent railway accident, a number of oxen had to be carried.

9. The Provincial Commissioner of this Province estimated that his future transport requirements would necessitate ninety additional vehicles. It is hoped to allocate 40 x 3 ton vehicles to this Province when the Road Transport Scheme is in operation.

10. Even with the possible addition of the above mentioned vehicles it must be borne in mind that the present civilian vehicles are in a poor condition and deteriorating rapidly, hence the use of these Italian Army vehicles without which, the supply distribution in this Province would be

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3. At present only 35, civilian vehicles are available and a considerable number of these are V.O.R., due to lack of spare parts.
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G. H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.,
Regional Commissioner.

Copy to : Col. Adams, Executive Officer, Economic Section.
Col. S.A. Fitch, Director, Internal Transportation Sub-Commission.
Regional Supply Officer, Region II.
Provincial Commissioner, Potenza.

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ORDERS

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DISTRICT ROUTINE ORDERS

By Major-General A. A. B. DOWLER, C. B.
Commanding, No. 2 DISTRICT.

Serial No. 4

January 20, 1944

Part I. - General Staff.

86. Italian Vehicles.

(a) Military Vehicles.

1. In accordance with orders previously issued captured Italian military vehicles may NOT be retained by units unless a retention certificate is held, issued by Army H.Q. or General Staff H.Q. 2 District.

2. Trailers may be retained.

3. Units still retaining Italian Military Vehicles without a certificate will therefore:—
either (a) Hand them in to RVS to Vehicle Coy MONOPOLI (Eastern Italy)
or RVS 574 Vehicle Coy Arty Bks. NAPLES (Western Italy);
or (b) Apply for retention authority through normal channels which will only be given in very special circumstances.

(b) Civilian Vehicles.

4. Italian Civilian Vehicles may only be held if properly requisitioned by the Ordnance Branch of the Area or Sub Area concerned, and the requisition formally approved by General Staff H.Q. 2 District.

5. Units holding civilian vehicles which have NOT been properly requisitioned as above will apply forthwith for covering authority to retain. This authority will only be given against WE or on a special case being made out.

(c) General.

6. All Italian Vehicles properly held by units must be in possession of WD markings, painted prominently on front and rear, and will be reported in the unit census return of vehicles.

7. Authority is delegated to 57 Area and 94 Sub Area to act on behalf of General Staff H.Q. 2 District in all matters enumerated above without reference to 2 District.

8. With effect from 1 March 44 disciplinary action will be taken in all cases which contravene the above orders.

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37. Rifles, 303 No. 4 MC(T) (Snipers Rifles).

1. War Office letter 57/SA/206 (Inf. 2), dated 22 November 1941, is quoted below together with relative extracts of A.C.I. 943 of 1942.

I am directed to inform you that cases have occurred where Telescopes No. 32 have been returned to REME Workshops, whilst the Unit retains the rifle.

I am also to say that it is emphasised that the Rifle is issued from the factory as a complete Snipers equipment. If any replacement or repair is required, the equipment will be returned complete.

I am to add that attention will be drawn to A.C.I. 943/1942.

Extract from Army Council Instruction 943/1942

Sniping Rifle Rifles (Rifle No. 4 Mk2 (T))

3. Each telescope is zeroed to the particular rifle to which it is fitted; it is, therefore, essential that the rifle and telescope are always kept together. To facilitate identification, the following markings have been approved and must be checked before assembly.

- (a) The rifle will be marked with number of the telescope, stamped on the flat portion of the butt behind the cocking piece.
- (b) The box housing of the telescope will be stencilled with the number of the rifle on the outside of the box, under the word 'rifle'.
- (c) On the inside of the lid of the box for the telescope will be marked the number of the rifle and the number of the telescope.

2. The above is published for strict compliance by all units.

(To be republished in Area and Sub Area orders — applicable to all troops)

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O.N.D. SISMEY

Lt Col. G.S.

Part II. - Administrative Staff.

38. Dress — Head - Dresses.

1. In spite of previous instructions to the contrary many officers and O.Rs. continue to wear forms of head-dress to which they are not entitled.

2. This practice will cease forthwith.

3. The attention of all ranks is drawn to A.C.I. 1407 and 1408 of 1943 for compliance.

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39. Theft from W D Vehicles.

1. DRO 111/43 is cancelled.

2. Commanding Officers will impress on all drivers under their command the necessity for ensuring the security of their vehicles and loads at all times, in view of the prevalence of thefts.

3. Whenever a second man is carried on a vehicle, he will travel in the back.

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40. Concession Telegrams.

Reference D.R.O. 18/44.

Amendment. — For G.R.O. 62/43 read G.R.O. 61/43.

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41. Prohibited area - Foggia.

1. Owing to the unsatisfactory sanitary and hygienic conditions in FOGGIA the following restrictions will come into immediate effect:—

- (a) FOGGIA will be regarded as a prohibited area, and no British Troops will be sent there unless it is operationally essential.
- (b) There will be no staging either for road or rail parties in FOGGIA.
- (c) No movement orders will be issued ordering units to report to Movements FOGGIA for onward routing.

These orders will be strictly observed by all British Troops.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT AND FORMATION ORDERS)

1413 Q

42. Damage to Bailey Bridging.

Reports have been received of Bailey bridges being damaged through overloading. In many cases vehicles do not carry classification signs and consequently cannot be checked by CMP.

Bailey Bridging is in demand for forward areas and replacement is difficult apart from making additional work for R.F.s.

All vehicles will be checked periodically to ensure that they bear the correct classification sign and drivers ordered to observe this at all bridges and to reduce speed when crossing.

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43. Dumps.

The Appulian Aqueduct Company has stores dumps at various stations along its system. The stores in these dumps are necessary reserves for the repair and maintenance of this important and essential water supply service, and of further aqueduct systems to the North for which this company has undertaken responsibility.

These dumps are clearly marked with notices, and removal of stores from them is strictly prohibited, except when authorised by Chief Engineer No. 2 District.

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44. Tracing of Vehicle.

WD Ambulance No. A 25994-3304-2378 has been reported as being involved in an accident on 31 Oct.

The unit holding this vehicle on charge will forward AP A 3076 immediately to DAD Claims and Hirings TARANTO.

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45. Tracing of Vehicles.

It has been reported that the u/m vehicles were involved in accidents on the dates appearing opposite the number of the vehicle:—

VEHICLE NO.	DATE OF ACCIDENT.
1. 08025	3. 12. 43.
2. Br. 2728271	4. 12. 43.
3. L. 4066854	4. 12. 43.
4. Z. 3201074	12. 10. 43.
5. 301. 308304.B.J.P.-E.4	1. 11. 43.

The units holding these vehicles on charge will immediately forward to D.A.D. Claims and Hirings TARANTO completed AF. A3696 and statements of witnesses, and send a report confirming that it has been done to this H.Q.

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46. Tracing of Vehicle.

The undermentioned vehicle was lost in MOLPETTA between 1400 hrs. and 1410 hrs. 2 Jan. 44. Bedford 15 cwt. No. Z. 4907382. Chassis No. M.W.D. 46818. Contract No. V. 5062. Any knowledge of above to be reported to «A» H.Q. 2 District.

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47. Tracing of Motor Cycle.

Any unit with knowledge of the following will report same immediately to «A» Branch 2 District.

BSA Motor cycle C. 4038756

This machine was involved in an accident on the FOGGIA MANFREDONIA road and was missed after this accident.

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48. Officers' Shop BARI

Ref. DRO 35/44.

It is confirmed that Officers' Shop, BARI will open on 20 Jan. '44.
Times of opening: 0900—1230 hrs. 1430—1700 hrs. Daily

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C. P. R. JOHNSTON,

Colonel,
Col. i/c Admin.

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APO 394

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Ref/161/32/CA.

25 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Vehicles.

TO : R.C. Region II.

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2. The period of two weeks referred to in para.3 of our 161/26/CA of 12 Mar 44 expires tomorrow and the handing back of the 5 Lancia Trucks to 38 (CMF) Italian Heavy Mobile Workshops must take place as soon as possible.
3. Please advise this H.Q. when this action has been taken.

[Signature]
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
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Copy to: Army Sub-Commission.

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Ref/161/31/CA.

25 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian State Railway Equipment.

TO : R.O. Region III.

15, 16, & 24

1. Reference the attached copies of correspondence, it is now necessary that the two vehicles of which temporary retention was requested by P.O. SALERNO in para. 3 of his letter of 3 Mar 44 be handed back to the 2nd Italian Railway Engineer Group.

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2. Please advise this R.O. when this action has been taken.

[Signature]
ROBERT E. FIEKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Copy to: Army Sub-Commission

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Subject:- Italian Army Vehicles

HQ Allied Control Commission,
R.C. & M.G. Section

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMA)
Leggione (Lecce)
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10 Mar 44

Ref your letter 161/26/CA dated 12 Mar.

1. It is noted that the five Lancia trucks belonging to 38 Italian Heavy Mobile Workshops will be required by Region 2 ACC until at least 26 Mar.
2. Owing to the urgent need to recover all Italian Army vehicles for their own use, it will be appreciated if the handover can take place as soon as possible after that date.

cc/m

f. J. Noam.
for Brig
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

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Ref/161/29/CA.

24 March 1944

SUBJECT: Army Sub-Commission

TO : Army Sub-Commission (Adv)(Salerno)
(Attention: Lt. Col. Quin Smith)

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1. Reference letter 3398 of 14 March 1944 arrangements have been made which it is hoped, will clarify the position of the Advanced and Main Hq. of the Army Sub-Commission and facilitate the distribution and routing of correspondence.

2. Attached is a copy of a notice that has been issued to the Central Registry and the C.A.Br. Registry (which deals also with correspondence and files of R.C. & M.G. Section).

3. Executive Memoranda.

A copy of Executive Memorandum No. 32 is enclosed. A complete collection of all ACC Memoranda is being published shortly - it is now in the press. Your suggestion regarding limited distribution is being adopted.

NEWMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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22. ARMY SUB COMMISSION, DESIGNATION and LOCATION FUNCTIONS OF ADV HQ. 29A

~~1~~ Informed that NMIA to become Army Sub Commission of the Allied Control Commission.

<u>LOCATION</u>	Main HQ	LEQUILE	Q. 9257
	Adv HQ	SALERNO	
	Outstations	NAPLES, BARI, CATANZARO, Rear EIGHTH ARMY, Col. F.D. SIMMONS HQ in Cagliari, SARDINIA; Also an LO with each of the two CORPS HQ in EIGHTH Army and with HQ 3 District.	

Responsibilities of Adv HQ.

All questions affecting:

- (a) Liaison with Comando Supremo.
- (b) Liaison with all Sections and Sub Commissions of A.C.C.
- (c) CC, RR, and R&P.
- (d) Displaced persons incl ITALIAN soldiers of YUGOSLAV origin.
- (e) Repatriated ITALIAN P.O.W.
- (f) Propaganda and press censorship in relation to ITALIAN Army.

1. Extract from Rear Hq ACC Daily Bulletin 38.

ARMY SUB-COMMISSION: Attention is directed to the fact that the Army Sub-Commission is divided into an Adv. Section at Rear Hq ACC, Salerno, and Main Hq at Lequile near Lecce, Apulia. It is essential that this be considered by all concerned in the dispatch and routing of correspondence for the Army Sub-Commission. Normal correspondence should be addressed to Main Hq. (Ex O).

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14 March 1944

TO: Deputy Executive Commissioner, Main HQ. A.C.C.,
Naples.

1. Reference your 161/26/CA of 12 Mar. addressed to "Land Forces Sub-Commission". This letter and enclosure has been forwarded to Main HQ. Army Sub-Commission as the subject has not been dealt with in this office.

2. It would be appreciated if all Branches at Naples could be asked to distinguish between Advanced and Main HQ. Army Sub-Commission when forwarding correspondence. Functions of each were outlined in MMIA signal No. Q59 of 19 Feb. and repeated in my 2428 of 3 Mar. Much delay and unnecessary correspondence is caused here through the constant necessity to reforward documents to LEQUILE or in returning correspondence because the files are not in this office.

Your 202/24/CA of 101/57/CA of 11 Mar. is an example, also your 161/26/CA of 7/10/44.
3. Executive Memorandum No. 32 quoted in your letter is not in possession. The following only have been received:- 33, 26, 25, 23, 22, 21, 17, 16, 2. May those not in possession be forwarded, please. It is assumed that Executive Memoranda are normally forwarded to Sub-Commissions. If this is not so, would it be possible in the case of limited distribution to state the same fact effect as a notice in the next issue which receives a general distribution.

J. W. Quinsmith
Lt. Col.
(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

Copy to: Army Sub-Comm.,
ACC Main HQ (MMIA),
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TO: FATIMA FOR AG

FROM: FATIMA HEAR FROM QUINSMITH SIGNED MACFARLANE

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REF NO 2428 3rd MARCH



REFERENCE YOUR 1468 OF MARCH 1st. PLEASE INFORM ORIGINATOR THAT DUCHESNE IS AT MELA (LEOGE) AND NOT REPEAT NOT AT FATIMA HEAR. HEAR FARGO 1145 OF 21st FEB ADDRESSED HERE HAD TO BE PARAPHRASED AND FORWARDED UNDER PBS (WHO ENCODIFIED) REFERENCE NUMBER 9000. LOCATIONS OF SUBCOMMISSIONS ARE CLEARLY SET OUT IN MELA SIGNED 59 OF 10TH FEB ADDRESSED FARGO. REQUEST YOU ENSURE ALL DEPARTMENTS FATIMA UNDERSTAND IT

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

12 March 1944.

Ref/162/26/CA.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Vehicles.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

Reference Executive Memorandum No. 32 of 21 Feb 44 and instructions from A.P.H.Q.

1. Please see attached copy letter from Region II.

2. The organization of Road Recharge Transport is in progress in the area but this progress is slow owing to lack of vehicles and unroadworthiness of the few already supplied.

3. In view of last para. it is requested that the hand over be allowed to remain in abeyance for a further period of two weeks from this date.

MURRAY E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Region II (Further report requested by 24 Mar 44)
C-4 (HQ.ACC)

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COPY
HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region 2

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Ref: A/32/17.

7 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Vehicles.

TO : G-4 (Attention Major Miller R.A.)
H.Q. A.C.C. APO 394.

Copy to: P.C. A.C.C. Potenza.

With reference to your G-4/101/2 dated 3.3.44, the case is as follows :

Since the early days of the occupation 5 Lancia trucks belonging to 38 (O.M.P.) Italian Heavy Mobile workshops have been at the disposal of the Civil Authority at Potenza for food distribution purposes.

Towards the end of February, the M.M.I.A. at LEQUILLÉ asked for the return of these trucks to the unit for operational purposes.

The P.C. pointed out that, while he appreciated the operational need, they form an essential part of the food distribution organization. On telephone instructions from your branch of H.Q., the hand over was put in abeyance.

The result of a hand-over now would be that that tonnage of rationed foodstuffs could not be distributed to Communes. The recent influx of refugees to Potenza Prov. has placed a greater strain on a transport system that was previously weak, and the sudden removal of these trucks would be a very serious matter just now.

For the R.C.

(Signed)

R.G. Pricker, Major,
Executive Officer.
Region 2.

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FROM	OFFICER	TO
	Brig. M. S. Lush	
	Col. N. E. Fiske	
	Lt. Col. T. Farley Smith	
✓	Major Driffeld-White	✓
	Major Van Dusen	
	Capt. Talbot	✓
	Capt. Carr	
	Capt. Stewart	
✗	Registry	✓

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Await application for
retention reference in
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SALERNO PROVINCE

5 MAR 1944

A. C. C.

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Subject :- Italian State Railway equipment

To :- Deputy Executive Commissioner, HQ. ACC., P.C. and M.G.
Section A.P.O. 394

From :- P.C. Salerno

Ref your 161/16/CA of 26 Feb. 44.

1. A representative of the 2nd Italian Railway Engineer Group called at this office yesterday and produced copy of a letter stating the new policy with regard to handing back Italian Military Vehicles to the Italian Army. This letter has not yet been received in this office.

2. Vehicles (a) and (b) in the letter of 18 Feb. 44 from the Allied Force Military Railway Service were handed back to the 2nd Italian Railway Engineer Group.

3. Vehicles (c) and (d) are urgently required for the distribution of supplies in this province and are working under the supervision of the Provincial Supply officer. On receipt of the above mentioned letter application for their retention will be forwarded through appropriate channels.

Robertson
Lieut - Colonel 5753

P.C. SALERNO PROVINCE

3 March 44

Copy to H.Q. Region III.

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U.S. Army

28 FEB 1944

A. C. C.

27 February 1944

SUBJECT: Joseph Jannel (Giuseppe Iannel)

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner,
Hq A.C.C., R.C. & M.G. Section.

1. Reference is made to your letter Ref/161/13/CA dated 24 February 1944.

2. The following documents are forwarded for your retention:

- a. Correspondence to you from PBS and your letter under reference.
- b. File copy of a statement by Capt A.E. HEATH, Security Officer, dated 11 February 1944 (submitted to Lt. Col. Alfred C. BOWMAN, Liaison Officer, HQ A.C.C. on 11 February 1944).
- c. Letter to me from Capt HEATH, dated 26 February 1944.

3. You will observe that the vehicle referred to in General BASSO's letter, dated 30 January 1944, has now been returned.

4. Eng Giuseppe Iannel is collaborating wholeheartedly with my Security Officer and I am satisfied with the latter's explanation. I now consider the matter closed.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI,
Lt Col., ABS,
Regional Commissioner

Spoke Lt Col Bowman - we agree with last decision. 5-2
Bowman has got his car and although Iannel seems to have
had some right to it from us we want to make it up
again. *CP*

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

26 February 1944

SUBJECT: JOSEPH JANNEL.

TO: Regional Commissioner,
Region 3.

1. Reference attached letter from A.C.C., HQ, R.C. and M.G. Section, dated 24/2/44, I am forwarding a copy of a statement which I submitted to Lieut. Colonel ALFRED C. BOWMAN, Liaison Officer, HQ, A.C.C., Provincia Building, dated 11 February 1944, following our conversation and his verbal request on the same day.

2. You will observe that the Executive Officer, Colonel FORESTER instructed me to have the vehicle returned forthwith. This has been done. (Vide pencil notes on copy of statement under reference.)

3. I presume that due to an oversight, Colonel BOWMAN did not submit my statement through the proper channels, hence the present request. I trust that the information given is satisfactory and meets with your approval.

A. E. Heath
A. E. HEATH,
Capt., I. C.,
Regional Security Officer. 5791

1 Incl.
Copy of Statement.

→ *Capt/Heath* ^{18H 27/2/44}

*Noted. I take it no action
is necessary on my part
Poletti*

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Colonel Kraep
For inf. & retention.

12/2/44.

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U. S. Army

Done. 12/2/44
11 February 1944

SUBJECT: 1180 Fiat Motor Car, plated F.E. 4378.

TO: Lieut. Colonel ALFRED G. BOWMAN,
Liaison Officer, HQ, A.C.C., Provincia Building.

FROM: Regional Security Officer (G-2).

Pursuant to our conversation and your verbal request on 11 February 1944, I submit the following statement for your information and action:-

1. On or about 4 October 1943, the undersigned Officer was introduced to General ETCOAR PERDIOCHI through some mutual friends of whose integrity there was no doubt and who had been instrumental in sheltering the General during the German occupation and in fact, preventing him from being arrested by them. It transpired that General Perdicchi had served in Libya as OC Centro Automobilistico and was subsequently appointed Inspector General of the Italian Motor Transport in Campania and Calabria.

2. At the time (October) Regional Headquarters was finding it extremely difficult to provide sufficient motor transport for the various services; examples: distribution of foodstuffs, grain, flour, etc.

3. General PERDIOCHI suggested that, as Senior Officer in the Naples Area and since he had a very profound knowledge and experience of motor transport as a whole, it would be a useful contribution both to the Allies and to the local inhabitants if all possible military transport and material (lorries, cars, tires, etc.) were collected and placed in some form of a motor park under his control and from which the Allied Military Government could withdraw such vehicles as would be required to supplement its own.

4. On or about 6 October, General PERDIOCHI was presented to Brigadier General (then Colonel) HME, to whom he explained his plan. Brigadier General HME agreed with his suggestions in principle but requested him to obtain an authorization from the Italian Military authorities, then in Bari/Brindisi.

5. After a considerable lapse of time - chiefly due to the extremely bad communications, General PERDIOCHI proceeded to contact his Italian Command, having made tentative arrangement to recuperate

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1100 Fiat Moto Car.
11 Feb 1942 C. d.

a certain number of motor cars and lorries belonging to the 10th Auto Regiment which had been dispersed and hidden to prevent the material falling into German hands. He also issued directives to members of his Staff that they should collect the numbers and description of any Italian Military vehicles which might be in the possession of unauthorized persons and/or civilians throughout Naples and the Naples Area. A certain number of motor ambulances and staff cars were also known to have been removed and in certain cases, repainted or camouflaged in one way or another.

6. General PERDICHCHI returned to Naples towards the end of November or the beginning of December with written authority from the Italian Command and this was shown to General BASSO, who had recently taken over the command of the Italian Military garrison of Naples from a certain Colonel BIGNARDI. General BASSO officially recognized in writing General PERDICHCHI's appointment. These documents are doubtless in the possession of the general.

7. Observing that there were no restrictions, with the approval of Brigadier General HURLE, permission was granted by the Public Safety Division, Allied Military Government, Region 3, Headquarters, to Lieut. Colonel MINETTI, CO. of the CC.M., Naples to cooperate with General PERDICHCHI and his Staff in the recovery of the military vehicles and equipment.

8. General PERDICHCHI placed the above mentioned military truck RE 43378 at the disposal of the undersigned Officer. In the meantime, Engineer GIUSEPPE JANNEL, until his demobilization towards the end of December (exact date not known), had been requested by General PERDICHCHI to act as a confidential informant and to keep him informed of any developments in the General's absence as Engineer JANNEL was considered by the General and by the undersigned Officer to be a man of the highest moral integrity.

9. Engineer JANNEL meanwhile kept very closely in touch with the undersigned Officer and provided information of a political and general nature which proved of great value to the then G-2 Section in Region 3 Headquarters. Realizing the potential value of this contact, the undersigned Officer authorized Engineer JANNEL to use the Fiat 1300 truck for the purpose of:-

a. Continuing his investigations re the Italian military equipment (reports of which are understood to have been submitted to General PERDICHCHI on various dates during the time he was absent from Naples) and

b. To allow Engineer JANNEL to carry out special investigations (black market, motor car permits and security investigations) for and on behalf of this G-2 Section.

Authorization to this effect was handed to Engineer JANNEL in a letter dated 22 December 1943 and signed by this Officer.

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1300 Fiat Motor Car
11 Feb 1944 contd.

10. Meanwhile, an application was made to the licensing officer, Municipio, Naples, for the renewal of a motor permit for the above-mentioned truck for the period January 20 - February 29. The appropriate green pass was subsequently issued and placed on the wind-screen of the above mentioned truck.

11. This Officer, based on the fact that General PERDIGGI was appointed as Inspector General of Italian Motor Transport for the whole of Liberated Italy, maintains that the General was authorized to place the above mentioned truck at the disposal of this G-2 Section and that, by virtue of the work, the latter was justified in releasing for specific purposes the truck to Engineer JANDEL with whom he was and still is, collaborating. Doubtless this point can be cleared up by the respective Generals.

12. As a result of the above mentioned truck being stopped by an Italian M.P. when driven by Engineer JANDEL on 25 January 1944, an Italian Major - accompanied by the Italian military liaison officer, Col. DEL MONTE, came to these Headquarters on the afternoon of, it is thought, 26 January 1944, to request information from Colonel KRASOF, the R.C.A.D. This officer was requested to attend and gave an explanation in some detail to those present. Certain objections were raised by the Italian Major representing General BARBO to the effect that an agreement had been reached (it is believed between PER, AMO and the Italian Military Command) whereby all Italian military vehicles could be recovered by the appropriate Italian Military authorities. This Officer recalls that Colonel KRASOF stated that this was true as to such Italian military vehicles as had not already been issued with the appropriate green car permits. At the time the Major claimed that this particular truck did not have a green car permit. Colonel KRASOF requested that this statement be confirmed. The following morning, Colonel DEL MONTE informed this officer that the vehicle was provided with a green car permit.

13. In this connection, this Officer understands that General PERDIGGI recently visited Naples to investigate certain officers and men - SA are alleged to be implicated, of the 10th Auto Regiment, who are believed to have been connected with black market activities, using Italian military vehicles. This Officer is also aware that a certain Lieut. RITCHDALE is at present being held on such a charge at the Poggioreale prison.

14. It is, for obvious reasons, requested that wherever possible, as little publicity as possible should be given to the fact that Engineer GIUSEPPE JANDEL is closely collaborating with these Headquarters (Public Safety and Security Officer) as he may be instrumental in bringing to light a vast organization of black market operators.

1200 First Major
11 Feb 1944 General.

Investigations are nearing completion and any precipitated action
might prejudice the issue.

A. E. Smith
A. E. SMITH,
Capt. I. C.,
Regional Security Officer.

Copy to:

H.C.A.O., Region 3,
(For information)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
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Ref/161/13/CA.

24 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Joseph Jannel.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III.

Your comments are requested on the attached correspondence which has been forwarded on to us from P.B.S.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/161/16/CA

28 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian State Railway Equipment

TO : Provincial Officer, Salerno Province

1. Copy of letter from Allied Force Military Railway Service dated 18 February 1944 is attached hereto for compliance of a case for postponement.

NORMAN R. FIERKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to Region II.

(This has been sent direct to Salerno to prevent delay.)

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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director General

A. P. O. 400
18 February 1944

Subject: Italian State Railway Equipment.

To : Commanding Officer, Hq AMG, Salerno Province

Thru : Hq. A.C.C., APC 394, U.S. Army

Request that the following described motor vehicles charged to AMG of Salerno Province be returned for the essential use of the 2nd Italian Railway Engineer Group, assigned for duty to the Military Railway Service under the provisions of General Order No. 60, AFHQ, 22 October 1943:

- a. SPA 38, License No. RE 135328, used by firm RONCA, Cava dei Tirreni.
- b. Bianchimiles, License No. RE 117041, used by "Comune di S. Marzano".
- c. Bianchimiles, License No. RE 117068, used by Pepe Raffaele at Pagani, SPA 38.
- d. Bianchimiles, License No. RE 135318, used by Monopolio Tabacchi at Cava dei Tirreni.

For the Commanding General:

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[Signature]
S. R. B. B. B.
Captain, I.C.
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/161/12/CA.

24 February 1944.

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 32)

TO: Regional Commissioners Regions II, III, IV, V.

ITALIAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

1. Instructions from A.F.H.Q. require Italian Military resources on the mainland to be released to the Italians forthwith. Requests have been received for the return to Italian control of such equipment, including military transport, as is now in the hands of A.C.C. on the mainland. Accordingly, all such equipment should at once be turned over to the Italian Military authorities.
2. If in special cases the release of Italian military equipment would seriously hamper the work of ACC/AL., report should be made immediately to this Headquarters requesting permission for temporary retention and stating the time when the equipment will be released. Report of this action should be made to the local Headquarters of Districts or Base Sections pending instructions from this Headquarters.

By Command of Lieutenant General MASON McFARLANE.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Ref/161/13/CA.

24 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Joseph Jannel.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III.

Your comments are requested on the attached correspondence which has been forwarded on to us from P.B.S.

S. H. Fiske
NORMAN H. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Col. of piece -

1. Recommend PBS handle
such cases thru Distwo
when in Distwo Territory
2. Recommend Regions be
informed that any trucks be
returned when Trucks for Civ.
Sup. are available, JFC

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PBS 14135

AO 400.3591 BPQDS (3 Feb 44) 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS, PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782 18 FEB 1944

ADM/dvg

TO: Commanding General, Allied Control Commission, APO 394

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1. Forwarded requesting your assistance in obtaining the return of Italian military vehicles.

2. Since arrangements have been made to provide British and United States military vehicles for use in moving food supplies, it would appear that it should now be possible to return to the Italian army the military vehicles which have been appropriated under various guises by various services and organizations.

3. With particular reference to the vehicles listed by General Basso in the attached letter, it would appear that their return to the Italian army should be made as soon as possible on the presentation of satisfactory evidence that they are in fact military property.

For the Commanding General:

L. F. Nickel
L. F. NICKEL,
Lt. Colonel, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SALERNO PROVINCE

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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Vehicles

To :- Lt.Col. NICKEL, AGD - PBS, APO 782

Ref your AG 400.3591 EPDGS of 3 Feb 44.

All the vehicles mentioned in General BASSO's letter of 3 Feb 44 to H.Q., PBS, are being used for food supply and civil administration in the EBOLI District of SALERNO Province under the following authority contained in a letter to the SCAO, SALERNO Province from H.Q., Region II dated 24 DEC 43.

"The principle is that vehicles essential for civil administration and supply must be retained by AMG, and when divergent claims arise, this HQ will take up the matter with the appropriate authority."

All vehicles mentioned in Gen. BASSO's letter were found abandoned in the EBOLI District and put into running order in order to supply food for the communes many of which were severely hit by the operations in September.

Two of the vehicles namely the 621 Fiat Truck and the 1500 Fiat car were ~~reported~~ by the CAO, EBOLI District as civilian vehicles there being no evidence that they belonged to the Italian Army. A return of all Italian Military Vehicles being used for civilian food supply in SALERNO Province has been rendered to H.Q., 94 Sub Area and it was understood that the Italian Army Units engaged in recuperating Italian Army Vehicles would not take any such vehicles without prior reference to H.Q., 94 Sub Area and to me.

May I please be informed if it is now the intention of the Italian Army to recover all vehicles previously belonging to them, and what evidence they will produce that these vehicles, where doubt arises, did in fact belong to the Italian Army?

While not wishing in any way to deprive Italian troops at the front lines of transport, it must be borne in mind that many of the communes in the EBOLI District have been severely damaged by military operations and some have also had their own vehicles requisitioned for allied military purposes and to lose what transport they at present have for haulage of food supplies is likely to

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12 Feb. 44

COPY TO: HQ, Region II

CAO, EBOLI

Enclosed copy of Gen BASSO's letter of 3 Feb 44 to PBS & letter of PBS TO SCAC Salerno of 3 Feb 44

Lieut-Colonel
P.C.C., Salerno Province

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ARMED FORCES OF SAMBANIA
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P.M. 120; 11 3-2-1944

Subject : Recovery of automotive equipment belonging to Italian Army.

To COMMANDING GENERAL P.B.S.
APO 782

The "Southern Italy Society" (SAIN), Eboli, possess the following equipment, belonging to Italian Army:

- 1 621 Fiat, truck
- 3 Re Lancia, trucks
- 1 35 Spa, medium truck
- 1 1500 Fiat, car

and certain amount of tires.

The American Major Commanding the A.M.G. of Eboli, is impeding the recovery of the above equipment and that all existing in 26 towns round Eboli; in fact, according to what we are told, he has threatened to arrest Capt. FERRI of the 10th Motorized Rgt., and member of the Italian Automotive Recovery Commission, as soon as he was informed that some of the above named vehicles had been stopped.

Your Command is therefore requested to instruct the A.M.G. Region 2, Salerno, to facilitate the recovery of every vehicle belonging to the Italian Army existing in the Eboli Zone and illegally possessed by Civilians, who are using them for their own profit.

The Commanding General
Antonio Basso

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

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AG 451 HPCOS (15 Feb 44)

15 February 1944

Subject: Release of Italian Army Trucks

To : Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U. S.
Army (Attention Col. Fiske)

1. Inasmuch as letter AFHQ, dated 10 February 1944, subject, "Disposal of Italian Army", charges the Deputy President, ACC, with the responsibility for implementing the latest policy regarding the disposal and equipment of the Italian Army, the attached complaint of General Basso is referred to your office for such action as may be deemed advisable.

2. General Basso has been informed that the matter is now in your hands.

For the Commanding General:

Francis H. Oxx
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COMANDO FF.AA.DELLA CAMPANIA
INTENDENZA

to Brigadier General
A. W. PENCE = P.B.S. =
NAPLES

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 0427/auto Allegati 2 Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO: 1100 Fiat Motor Truck-plated R.E. 43378.=

- 1°-) On 25th inst. Italian M.P. stopped the ex-sergeant Jannel Joseph, formerly belonging to the Italian Army, because he was charged of illegal possession of a motor-truck, property of the Italian Army. Sergeant Jannel exhibited a regular authorization from the A.M.G. dated 22/11/43, copy enclosed. A green pass and licence plate NA. 43378 have been granted to substitute the former R.E. 43378 (Italian Army 43378).
- 2°-) The A.M.G., interested on this matter, has ordered by letter, copy of which is also enclosed, the return of the truck to its possessor.
- 3°-) Apart from the fact that Gen. Perdicchi had no authority to deliver military equipment to civilians, I observe that whenever a vehicle belonging to the Italian Army is stopped, it must be soon after released by order of A.M.G., under various pretexts. It results to this Command that the use of this truck is not always legal.
- 4°-) In this situation undoubtedly I cannot proceed to recover all automotive equipment, property of the Italian Army, illegally possessed by civilians, and it is impossible to me to provide the necessary efficient equipment to the 1st Mot. Group, as desired by you with letter no. 451.01/BPPCG, dated 31 dec.43. This vehicle, in fact, could have been of great help to that Command.
- 5°-) However I have ordered that the above mentioned truck be registered by the 10th Motorized Rgt. and returned to the A.M.G. through Sgt. Jannel.-
- 6°-) Your kind reply would be appreciated.

The Commanding General
Antonio Basso

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COMANDO FF.AA.DELLA CAMPANIA
I N T E N D E N Z A

n°0427 /auto

P.M.120,11 29 gennaio 1944.

O G G E T T O: autofurgoncino Fiat 1100-targa R.E. 43378-

GENERAL A.W. P E N C E
Peninsular Base Section

N A P O L I

- 1)- Il giorno 25 gennaio 1944 è stato fermato dai CC.RR.l'ex sergente automobilista Jannel Giuseppe perché in possesso dell'autofurgoncino in oggetto, appartenente all'esercito italiano.

Il sergente Jannel era in possesso di una autorizzazione rilasciata dall'A.M.G.in data 22-12-1943, che si allega in copia.

L'automezzo è provvisto di " Pass" verde intestato con targa N.A. 43378, anziché R.E. 43378.-

- 2)- Interessato l'A.M.G., questi, con lettera che si allega in copia, ha ordinato la restituzione dell'autofurgoncino al sergente Jannel.

- 3)-A parte la nessuna facoltà del Generale Ettore Ferdicchi a concedere a civili automezzi di pertinenza dell'amministrazione militare, sta il fatto che ogni qualvolta i CC.RR.procedono al "fermo" di autoveicoli appartenenti alle FF.AA.italiane - come il presente caso del sergente Jannel (che tra l'altro risulta pervirsi dell'automezzo per scopi non sempre leciti), il predetto A.M.G. ne ordina la restituzione sotto pretesti vari.

- 4)-Così stando le cose è fuori di dubbio la mia impossibilità a procedere al recupero degli automotomezzi del R.Esercito, in possesso abusivo presso i civili, e, in conseguenza a rinforzare e rimpiazzare gli automezzi inefficienti del 1°Raggruppamento Motorizzato, come da Vostro desiderio espressomi con lettera n.451.01/BPPCG, in data 31-12-1943.-

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L'autofurgoncino in questione, infatti, sarebbe stato oltre-
modo utile e necessario ai bisogni del predetto raggruppamento.

- 5)- Ho disposto, comunque, che il furgoncino sia assunto in regolare
carico dal 10° reggimento autieri e restituito all'A.M.G. per ma-
ni del sergente Jannel.
- 6)- Gradisci una cortese ~~sollecita~~ risposta in merito.-



IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
Comandante le FF.AA. della Campania
-Antonio Basso-

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, US ARMY

Att.1)

26 January 1944

Subject: Motor-Truck RE.43378

- 1)- It results to this Command that Eng.Jannel Joseph has been stopped by Italian M.P. and invited to present himself at your Hqs, in order to give explanations about the possession of the motor-truck RE.43378.
- 2)- The above named Engineer collaborates with this Amg., as it appears from the permit given him on 15th instant.
- 3)- Gen.Perdicchi put at disposal of this Command the motor-truck in question which has been delivered to Ing.Jannel Joseph on account of the missions he has to perform by order of our G-2 Section.
- 4)- It is requested to return this vehicle to its possessor.

N.E.HEATH
Capt.I.C.
Ass.Adj.Gen.



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A. Valle, 1st Lieut.

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HEADQUARTERS
Region Allied Military Government
APO 394 U.S. Army

26 January 1944

SUBJECT: autovettura R.E. 43378

TO: COMANDO FF.AA.DELLA CAMPANIA

NAPOLI

- 1)- Ci risulta che nel pomeriggio di ieri è stato fermato l'ingegnere Jannel Giuseppe da militi dell'Arma dei CC.RR. ed invitato a favorire presso codesto Comando per schiarimenti circa il possesso del furgoncino RE.43378.
- 2)- Il suddetto ingegnere collabora con questo Governo Militare Alleato, come risulta dal permesso rilasciatogli in data del 5 gennaio 1944.
- 3)- Il furgoncino fu messo alla disposizione di questo Comando dal generale Ettore Perdicchi ed è stato in seguito affidato all'ingegnere Jannel perché possa esplicare certe mansioni per conto della Sezione G-2.
- 4)- Si chiede che sia restituito all'interessato.

N.E. HEATH
Capt. I. C.
Ass. Adj. Gen.

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Att.2)

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REGION ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

Naples January 22th 1944

Subject: Delivery of a motor-truck.

Mr. Jannel Joseph has been authorized by Gen. Perdicchi -
Ministry of War, and by this Command to use the 1100 Fiat Motor-Truck
plated RE.43378

A.E. HEATH
Capt. I.C.
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REGION ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

Napoli, 22 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Concessione automezzo.-

Il sig. JANNEL Giuseppe autorizzato dal Gen. Perdicchi,
del Ministero della Guerra, e da questo Comando può usufruire del
Furgoncino Fiat 1100 targa R.E. 43378.-

A.E. HEATH
Cpt. I. C.
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