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AMBULANCES, VEHICLES & TIRES
MAY-NOV. 1944

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff
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From Chief Staff Officer.

996/22/05

TO: Civil Affairs Section
(Attention: Colonel Cripps) 6 November 1944.

Reference our conversation this morning, I forward
you our file 449/GA on Ambulances.

One or two papers on this, e.g. page 15 and onwards,
may be of interest to you, but I cannot find ~~much~~ that
you probably would not have already yourselves.

W. Shipp Ltr

Chief Staff Officer
For Brigadier, Chief of Staff

Pass to P. H. S. *S. H. S.*

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

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Ref 449/31/CA

17 July 1944

SUBJECT: Ambulance and Hospital Equipment.

TO : Admin. Section
Exec. Section

Partly to our 449/31/CA of 8 July 44, copy of letter from Hq. AAI reference 1708/G(SER) dated 24 June 44, to the Rules regarding disposal of captured ambulances is forwarded for your information.

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NORMAN R. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

PK 4911

15 JUL Recd *RCM 16-449*
Subject:- Ambulances and Hospital Eqt.

ACC.
(RC and MG Sec
APO 394)

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HQ AAT

3332/Q(AE)

28
12 Jul 44.

In reply to your 449/28/CA dated 6 Jul, a
further copy is attached of this HQ letter 1708/G(SD2) of
24 Jun.

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IMB.

W. S. Norton Main
Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Ambulances and Hospital Equipment.

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1708/G(SD2)

24 Jun 44

CG Fifth Army
Eighth Army
5 Corps
2 Polish Corps
No 1 District
No 2 District
No 3 District

1. There is an urgent need for ambulances and mobile hospital equipment to cater for essential civilian services. Unless full use is made of all captured equipment this need can only be met at the expense of military requirements.
2. No captured ambulances or hospital equipment will be retained by units without the authority of this HQ. Applications should state WE, present holdings and deficiencies, and reasons for retention.
3. The location of any captured ambulances or hospital equipment of either civilian or military origin will be notified immediately after discovery to ACC with copy to this HQ and CEMEAC c/o HQ AAI.
4. Disposal instructions will then be given by CEMEAC.

L. M. Ingledew.
for Lieutenant-General, Lt. Col.
Chief of General Staff.

Copy to: ACC
CG FBS
CG ROME Area Comd
26 BLU att 2 Polish Corps
CEMEAC

Q(AE)
G - 4
Ord

Lt Col Shipp
Ex. Comr. will be interested

*Land copy to Admin Sec to P4 Sec.
See 31. Sec - for Tn Sec.*

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

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Ref/449/31/CA.

8 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Ambulances and Hospital Equipment.

TO : Admin Section.
Roun Section.

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There is forwarded to you for information copy of
letter AAI/3066/12/A(0) of 5 July 1944.

J.K.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Incl.
as above

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SUBJECT: Ambulances and Hospital Equip.

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/3066/12/A(0)

5 Jul 44

8 JUL 1944

FIFTH Army,
EIGHTH Army,
5 Corps,
1 District,
2 District,
3 District,
PBS.

1. Owing to the lack of civil ambulances and hospital equipment AMG has experienced considerable difficulty in handling civilian casualties, both war injuries and epidemic diseases.
2. Military assistance is uncertain as it is governed by operations.
3. It has now been decided that:-
 - (a) No captured Italian CIVILIAN ambulances or mobile hospital eqpt shall be removed from the district of capture but will be immediately handed over to the formation AMG Officer who will notify ACC of its location.
 - (b) MILITARY ambulances (GERMAN and ITALIAN) captured during the advance will be similarly handed over to the formation AMG Officer.
4. Details of vehicles handed over and their locations will be notified to this HQ.

MFR/IV.

Copies to:-

Q
Q(AE)
Med
G 4
G 1
ACC

7 JUL 1944

Brigadier,
D.A.G.

Ex Com 1244
See Supp. This is good
shall send a copy to Admin
88 Com. Section
J.E. 877

See 31

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

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Ref/449/29/CA.

6 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Ambulances.

TO : Admin. Section.

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1. In reply to your letter AGC/3005/1/PH of 7 June 1944, a reminder to AAI on the question of civilian ambulances captured in the forward areas has been sent today.
2. With regard to your request that a proportion of the thousand vehicles promised to AGC should be ambulances or other light vehicles suitable for use as ambulances, Economic Section regret that they are not able to release any of the thousand vehicles for this purpose. All the vehicles are urgently required at present for supply purposes.
3. It is considered that it might be possible to obtain surplus ambulances from forward areas which happen to be well supplied.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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

28

Ref/449/28/CA.

6 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Ambulances and Hospital Equipment.

TO : HQ. Allied Armies in Italy.

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With reference to my letter 449/15/CA of 12 June 1944,
I shall be grateful if you will confirm whether all Italian
civilian ambulances and mobile hospital equipment captured
during the advance may be handed over to A.C.C. as requested.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin. Section.

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446 *[initials]* 5 JUL 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

JBT/scm

ES/44

5 July 44

SUBJECT: Ambulances.

TO : C. A. Branch

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Reference folio 13 of attached file, para 4(b). No trace can be found of any request to this Section for action to be taken on this point. It is not considered that any of the 1000 vehicles could be substituted for ambulances.

1 Incl: File 449/CA

J. Bruce Thompson
J. BRUCE THOMPSON, MAJOR R.A.
S.O. 2 (C.A.), Economic Section

490 *[initials]*
lee
29 *[initials]*

SUBJECT: Tyres & Tubes.

449 INFO COPY C A B.

4 JUL 1944

AMC Rear Eighth Army.

OA/129

30 Jun 44.

Executive Commissioner's Branch,
HQ Allied Control Commission.

Copy to Economic Section, HQ ACC.

1. Ref signal 515 on a/m subject and our letter OA/129 of 23 Jun, copy to you.
2. If prompt replies are not received from PC's of newly occupied provinces you will appreciate the difficulties involved in obtaining such information.
3. It may be suggested that a blanket order be placed for veh tyres and tubes, of types known to exist pre-occupationally, by the Italian Government in Rome.

HEADQUARTERS
1 AUG 1944

ACTION COPY TO ECON-SEC. 91

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMC Eighth Army.

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

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Ref /4.9/36/CA

30 June 1944

SUBJECT: Motor Tires and Inner Tubes.

TO : R.C. Region III

1. Reference your FMV/23/41 of 8 June 44. The contents of your letter have been submitted to Economic Section for action and a copy of their reply is submitted for your information.

2. Please resubmit application for tires in another month when the matter will be again taken up.

[Handwritten signature]

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

JER/JR

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

Ref/449/21/OA

29 June 1944

SUBJECT: Motor Inner Tubes.

TO : Econ. Sect. (for Transportation Sub-Comm.)

Your letter Tn/177/101 of 27 June and enclosures
is acknowledged with thanks.



NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

JER/JR

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29 JUL 1947

CAB, Naples.

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission(Roads)
AFO 394

Tn/177/1

27 June 1944

SUBJECT: Motor Tires and Inner Tubes.

TO : Colonel NORMAN E. FISKE, Deputy Executive Commissioner

1. The Economic Section has no tires in the sizes requested.
2. It is believed rebuilt tires size (600 x 16) will be available in about one month. This depends upon how soon A.A.I. can get the tire repair plant at Bari in operation.
3. Tire requisitions(including these sizes) have been submitted to AFHQ but there is no indication as yet as to when these tires will be released to A.C.C.

See Folio 19

James J. Carnes,
Lt. Col., Inf.
Transportation Sub-Commission (Roads)
HQ. A.C.C.

Ref. Invt. 2 -

- ① REF/449/19/CA - 16 JUNE '44
② PHW/23/41 - 8 JUNE '44

Send a copy to ask
to Reg. 3. Kl. to ask
them to design limit
apply in
annexation
4900.

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

Ref/449/22/CA

29 June 1944

SUBJECT: Motor Inner Tubes.

TO : R.C. Region III.

1. The attached copy letter from Transportation Sub-Commission dated 27 June 44 is forwarded for information.
2. The Requisition Notes were today handed to Major McSweeney who will arrange to collect the inner tubes.

J.P.K.
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

JSR/JR

Copy to [unclear] (Ref. [unclear] [unclear] of [unclear] 27 June 44)

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28 JUL 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission(Roads)
APO 394

Tn/177/101

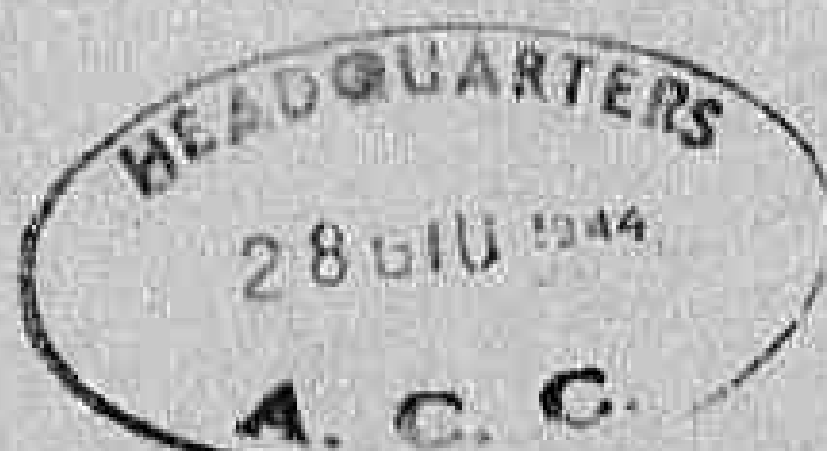
27 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Motor inner tubes.

TO : HQ. ACC. RC & MG Section, (Attn.: Maj. S. REAKES).

1. Reference your 449/20/CA dated 26 June '44. Here-
with please find requisition duly authorized by P.B.S. These
inner tubes can be collected at American Ordnance Base Depot
Number 0450 situated near the central Station Naples.

2. Tyre retreading plant - Bari.
For your information the retreading plant may be ready for work
in some 14 days. It is anticipated that a scheme will be evolv-
ed whereby this Sub-Commission will obtain grade C-1 tyres from
P.B.S. in the available Italian sizes for retreading, holding
in stock, and issuing out to essential Italian vehicles. A co-
py of the scheme will be sent to your Section in due course.



L.E. VINING
L.E. VINING

Lieut. Colonel,
Director,

Transportation Sub-Commission.

Incl.: 3.

Received requisition notes.

John W. Lweeney
Majr - R.W.O.

29/6. 4898

J.C. 29/6

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

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Ref/149/20/CA.

26 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Motor Tires and Inner Tubes.

TO : Economic Section - For Transportation Sub-Commission. (1)

1. Reference is made to this HQ letter 149/19/CA of 16 June 1944 and we shall now be glad to know if it is possible to supply these tires or some of them as they are still urgently required.
2. If tires cannot be provided may some inner tubes suitable for 5.50 x 15 (for Fiat 1100) be made available to Region III.
3. If these are available it will help Region III over an immediate difficulty but the tires will be required at the earliest.

May 1944

Getting 20 Inner Tubes
Retreading plant starting
in 10 or 14 days
JHR

ROBERT E. FLECK,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

JHR/RAO.

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Copy to: Region III - Your MM/23/41 of 8 June refers.

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B.H.
Noted J.S.

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

Ref/449/19/GA

16 June 1944

Major Piche
check up
21/6

SUBJECT: Motor Tires and Inner Tubes.

TO : Economic Section (for Transportation Sub-Comm.)

1. The undernoted tires and inner tubes are urgently required by Region III, viz.,

- a. 30 tires and inner tubes (5.50 X 15) for flat 1100
- b. 4 tires and inner tubes (7.00 X 15) for flat 500
- c. 4 tires and inner tubes (7.00 X 18) for flat 515

It is understood that tires 6.00 X 16 can be made available for (a) above by adjustment of the rim. This can be done and some wheels already have been modified to take this tire. It is also understood that tires 7.00 X 18 are or will be in stock and that four will be allocated for Region III. It is believed that there are no tires available to fit the flat 500 (b) above.

2. These tires are required for civilian ambulance service which has been operating for a long time on a depleted service owing to shortage of tires and inner tubes. The service has now finally collapsed. For your perusal there is attached copy letter from Regional Public Officer Region III which shows how serious the matter is.

3. Please treat this matter as urgent and of the utmost importance and say where and when these tires and inner tubes may be collected. It is hoped that the full demand for (b) may be met.

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NORMAN E. FLECK
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:

R.C. Region III (Your RHM/23/41 of 8 June refers)

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

HEADQUARTERS
14610 1944
A. C. C.

ACC/3003/1/FH

13 June 44

SUBJECT : Ambulances and Hospital Equipment.

TO : Executive Commissioner. 15

- 1 Reference your 449/15 CA of 12 Jun 44.
- 2 It is noticed that instructions as to the disposal of MILITARY ambulances have been added to the end of para 4 of the draft as submitted to you.
- 3 It is pointed out that any diversion of military ambulances is a breach of the Geneva Convention. It may be desirable therefore to ask HQ AAI by phone to delete all words following the word "immediately" in line 4 of para 4 of your letter.
- 4 As for Italian Military Ambulances these are required for the re-organisation of Italian Military Units. These units will be of much more use than the ambulances without personnel and can be used as heretofore for assisting the civil population if so desired. It is considered therefore that Italian Military Ambulances should be handed back to the Italian Army as quickly as possible.

*being 449-15 to HQ
p. 14/16*

H. R. Cripps
H. R. CRIPPS,
Colonel,
for VP Admin Section.

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449
URGENT

CA Biffn. Sec Com 117

R/3164 1st Ind
HQ REGION 3, ACC, APO 394, U.S. Army, 10 June 1944.

CP/bb U-512

TO: HQ. ACC., R.C. & M.G. Sec.

1. I concur as to the urgency of the situation described by the Regional Public Health Officer in basic communication.
2. Immediate help is required.

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

Ex. Com

Re: ...

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await details
8/14/46

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(Newfield)

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HEADQUARTERS

10 JUN 1944

C. C.

1. Pl. See Ex. Com's ... of 14 - also 16 & 17.

2. This is very urgent. What are the prospects of getting (a) Tyre

(b) 15 Cur a weapon ... in loan to Re, 4894

Signature

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

WHC/jjs

PHW/23/41

Date 8 June

SUBJECT: Civilian Ambulance Service.

TO : Regional Commissioner.

1. The Civilian Ambulance Services have finally collapsed.

2. Repeated warnings of this inevitable issue have been given by this office in reports and special letters, without avail.

3. The Smallpox epidemic is not subdued yet and civilian cases have no means of being isolated with the rapidity which the highly infectious character of this disease demands.

4. If tyres were made available the Italian Red Cross could put seven Ambulance Cars on the road immediately. In the opinion of this office the situation demands that these be provided immediately, somehow, otherwise this office cannot hold itself responsible for the spread of Smallpox in the City and elsewhere.

5. By courtesy of 57 Area one Ambulance Car is being lent daily for Civilian purposes but this is naturally subject to military requirements and may be withdrawn at any time.

W. H. Crichton
W. H. CRICHTON
Colonel

Regional Public Health Officer.

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Copies to:

Director, Public Health Sub-Commission, HQ, ACC

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W. H. Crichton

W. H. CRICHTON
Colonel

Regional Public Health Officer.

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Copies to:

Director, Public Health Sub-Commission, HQ, ACC
PHO Naples City
Provincial Commissioner, Naples
ADMS, 57 Area

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

Ref/449/15/GA.

12 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Ambulances and Hospital Equipment.

TO : HQ. Allied Armies in Italy.

1. Due to the lack of civil ambulances and hospital equipment, Allied Control Commission has experienced considerable difficulty in handling civilian casualties. This is true both as to war injuries and epidemic diseases and may have serious results.
2. On many occasions, the assistance of the Army has to be sought and has been freely given.
3. This is not entirely satisfactory firstly because it reduces the number of ambulances at disposal of operational troops, and secondly because the vehicles are not at the complete disposal of A.C.C. and may be removed at any moment.
4. It is requested that orders may be issued that all Italian civilian ambulances or mobile hospital equipment which may be captured shall not be removed from the district of capture and shall be handed over to A.C.C. immediately, and that a proportion of the military ambulances (German and Italian) captured during the advance be allocated for the use of this Commission.

HE/RAG.

Sgt. H. L. Bush.

Deputy
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

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Copy to: Admin Sec.

P/U
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Noted
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Subj: AMBULANCES

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Expos.

1. Please see 13.

2. At 12 is a draft letter to HAI. I have added the last sentence. I think it is only fair that we should have our share of captured material in view of the important job we do for the Army.

3. As regards para 4 (b) of 13, I understand that the balance of 1000 vehicles are all for trucks — too big. But I can't check this since both CROSTHARTS & BORDASS who know of this are away. I.O. think (but I'm sure) that they are 1/2 tonners. S. 10/6.

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1. Issue 12 as amended

2. Pass to Econ Sect for urgent consideration. //

? Ce. what action taken? El 4/7.

MS/10/6

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M. W. W. W.

At. Type 12 (as amended) to signature.

El 11/6

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449
- 8 JUN Recd
REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Administrative Section

ACC/3003/1/PH

7 June 1944

SUBJECT: Ambulances.

✓ TO : Executive Commissioner. ✓



1. Attached is a copy of the letter ref. ACC/3003/1/PH addressed to me by the Public Health Sub-Commission which sets out the position with regard to civilian ambulances. (encl "A") 12

2. The Public Health Sub-Commission has made some provision for vehicles to be used in the forward areas, at the present time there are available 5 for each AMG 5th and 8th Armies. I feel however, this is only somewhat of a temporary nature and that we have to look for a more permanent arrangement for the future.

3. I believe that the only course is to have permanently at the disposal of the Public Health Sub-Commission a number of ambulances or vehicles which can be used as such. You will see by Para. 14 that the estimated total of vehicles required for Regions I to VIII is 100 with an additional 20 for use within the forward areas.

4. I believe it is therefore unnecessary that we get from outside source the vehicles to cover these regions, suggest:

See 15
(a) That a letter on the lines of the attached draft at enclosure "B" be sent to HQ. AAI requesting the Army to hand over to this HQ. all civilian ambulances that may be found. These can then be allotted as Public Health sees fit.

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(b) That of the remaining vehicles which are yet to be allotted to make up the 1000 vehicles promised to ACC, a proportion be ambulances. Should this be impossible they should be light vehicles suitable for carrying civilian sick and wounded in an emergency, i.e. 15 cwt (British), or Weapon Carriers, (American).

2 - Encls:

"A" & "B"

Copies to:

P.H. Sub-Commission

Economic Section

See 15
Stansgate
STANS GATE
VP Admin Section

See 29890

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D R A F T

Encl: - "A"
to Ref. ACC/3003/1/PH
dated 7 June 1944

~~HEAD~~ HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Administrative Section

Reams

7 June 1944

SUBJECT: Ambulances and Hospital Equipment.
TO : HQ. AAI.

1. Due to the lack of civil ambulances and hospital equipment, ACC has experienced considerable difficulty in handling civilian casualties. This is true both as to war injuries and epidemic diseases and may have serious results.

2. On many occasions, the assistance of the Army has to be sought, and has been freely given.

3. It is considered that ~~this is not a~~ satisfactory state of affairs because ACC/AMG do not have complete control of the vehicles and are not able to transfer them as desired.

4. It is requested that orders may be issued that all Italian civilian ambulances or mobile equipment which may be captured shall not be removed from the district of capture and shall be handed over to AMG immediately. *and that a proportion of the military ambulances (German & Italian) captured during the advance be allocated to the use of the Commission.*

M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner
for Chief Commissioner.

3 This is not entirely satisfactory firstly because it reduces the number of ambulances at disposal of operational troops secondly because the vehicles are not at the complete disposal of ACC ~~and~~ ⁴⁸³³ may be removed at any moment

C O P Y

Encl: - "B"
to Ref. AOC/3003/1/PH
dated 3 June 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Administrative Section

AOC/3003/1/PH

7 June 1944

SUBJECT: - Ambulances for Civilian Wounded and Sick.

TO : - VP Adm Sec.

1. The need for ambulances in both rear and forward areas is vital.
2. As enemy troops retire and our troops move forward civilian ambulances become either destroyed or requisitioned.
3. A certain number of civilian ambulances in rear areas could be made servicable by the procurement of tyres to fit them.
4. Attempts to secure such tyres have been made both through MMIA and the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission.
5. These attempts have been unseccessful.
6. The only solution which remains is to ask for part used ambulances to be obtained through military services.
7. One hundred such ambulances would be needed for distribution from Region I - VII, keeping a few in reserve for Region VIII.
8. The above estimate is submitted on the grounds of necessity of transport of Civilian sick.
9. In the forward areas, immediate transport of civilian wounded is an urgent problem.
10. Ten ambulances each are required by AMG 5th and 8th Armies.
11. If AMG does not have these ambulances, the ones of moving civilian wounded falls upon the military authorities who already have clossal problems of their own to deal with.
12. If twenty ambulances cannot be allocated to AMG 5th and 8th Armies, twenty 15 cwt. trucks, which can be adapted each to carry two stretcher cases, would be suitable substitutes.
13. The needs of the forward areas are the most immediate and pressing, but those of the rear are also of a high priority.
14. The total requirements, as envisaged by this Sub-Commission are as follows:

	<u>Regions I - VIII</u>		<u>Forward Areas.</u>
Ambulances	100	Ambulances	20
		or 15 cwt.	4888

/s/ G.W. Frizelle Lt. Col.
G.S. PARKINSON, Brigadier

Director, Public Health Sub-Commission

PH/GMF/ja

449 *Whe*
23 JUN Recd. *MA Br*
REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Administrative Section

ACC/3003/1/PH

30 May 1944

SUBJECT: - Tyres for Civil Ambulances.

TO : - Executive Commissioner.
HQ ACC, APO 394.

1. In view of the fact that many Italian Red Cross ambulances in ACC Regions cannot function because of lack of tyres and upon receipt of a request from the Regional Commissioner, Region III for a specific number of tyres, the Public Health Sub-Commission has tried to obtain release of tyres through MMIA and the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission.
2. Copies of the replies from MMIA and Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission are attached.
3. As it appears from these replies that there is no hope of obtaining tyres for Red Cross ambulances, the only alternative is to make a direct appeal to AAI for the release of a number of complete ambulance cars.
4. Regions and AMG 5th and 8th Armies have been requested to submit their estimates of the number of ambulance cars required.
5. When all replies have been received, it will be possible to submit a bulk demand for these vehicles.

PH/GMF/ja

Stansgate
STANSGATE
VP Adm Sec.

Incl:

Copy of Letter dated 29.5.44 from I. & C. Sub-Comm.
Copy of Letter AQ/5/1 dated 18 May 44 from MMIA.

Copy to: - Regional Commissioner, Region III.



REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Industry & commerce Sub-Commission

SAC/hft

29 May 1944

SUBJECT: Tires for Civil Ambulances
TO : Public Health Sub-Commission

1. Your letter of May 10, 44, ref. ACC/3003/1/ PH reference A/M, subject was forwarded to our Hq for action.

2. Supplementing our telephone conversation of 25 May in which we advised you "that it is not possible to obtain tires and tubes of the sizes specified for Italian Red Cross vehicles. There are no U.S. sizes corresponding to the sizes indicated."

3. The above information was given to us by Lt. Col. Robert A. Martino Executive, Requisition Division, Hq ACC, with his letter of 23 May ref. Reqn. Div-451-92, subject: Tires & Tubes.

STEPHEN A CRUMP
Lt Col, AUS
LO, Ind & Com Sub-com

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COPY

Subject; - Tyre and Ambulances for Civil Use.

Army Sub-Commission, ACC
Main HQ. (MMIA)
LEQUILM. (LECCE)
AQ/5/1

18 May 1944.

Public Health Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. Reference your letter ACC/3003/1/PH dated 14 May 1944.
2. The Italian Army are critically short of both tyres and ambulances. Issues from Allied sources to meet Italian military needs are not at present allowable.
3. Further, this Headquarters has no authority to transfer any existing vehicles or tyres from the Italian Army to civilian agencies. We regret we are unable to help in this instance.
4. Letter from HQ. Region III dated 25 April 1944 returned herewith.

(signed) G.A. Shepley, Lt.Col.

For Major General,
Army Sub-Comm. ACC.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
A. P. O. 394 U.S. Army

25 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Ambulances for civilian service.

TO : Executive Commissioner A.C.C. Hqs.

1. I have received the following from the Regional Public Health officer concerning the dire need of more ambulances for civilian service:

"a) The situation regarding Civilian Ambulances Services is as follows:

	From Italian Red Cross	From Army	Totals
Naples City	4	3	7
Salerno Province	2	-	2
Naples Province	nil	-	-
Benevento Province	nil	-	-
Avellino Province	nil	-	-

- b) The vehicles from the Italian Red Cross are liable to frequent breakdowns; they have no spares and have only got the tires they are running on. Even if tires were made available, as is in fact being attempted now, it is felt that the relief will only be temporary.
- c) The three Army ambulances are on loan and may be withdrawn at any time.
- d) There is enough work in Naples City itself to keep the present allocation of ambulances busy the whole time, leaving nothing for work in the Provinces where ambulances are frequently required. Reliance in emergency now has to be placed on odd lifts and Army transport which is often not available.
- e) It is considered that an essential service of this character should not be left to chance and that provisions on a sound basis should be made by the permanent allocation of a fleet of ambulances of a type for which spares can be made available under existing circumstances.

f) The following are the estimated requirements of ambulances:

Naples City	4
Salerno Province	2
Naples Province	7
Benevento Province	7
Avellino Province	2
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Could these be made available?"

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2. After discussion with President of Red Cross and others, in addition to Regional Public Health Officer, I am of the opinion that we need ambulances badly in this Region. If an epidemic of scarlet fever occurs for instance we will be right up against it.

3. We can improve the situation by obtaining some Army tires. This would permit the use of 5 additional ambulances now in dead storage. Furthermore, in a short while even the ambulances presently operating will have to be laid up because of lack of tires. The tire requirements are:

No.	30	tires	with	inner	tubes	sizes	5.50	x	15	for	a	Fiat	1100
"	4	"	"	"	"	"	4.00	x	15	"	"	"	500
"	4	"	"	"	"	"	7.00	x	18	"	"	"	515

4. We can also improve the situation by having the Army turn over to A.M.G. some of the ambulances the Army no longer finds useful. Such ambulances A.M.G. could then consign to the Italian Red Cross which is earnestly struggling to do a good job within its most limited resources.

s/ Charles Poletti
t/ Charles Poletti
Lt. Colonel
Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

BRIGADIER LUSH
EXEC. COMMISSIONER.

28 May, 1944.

SUBJECT: Civilian Ambulance Service for Corps Areas.

TO : Brigadier Parkinson, DPH, HQ, ACC (Rear).

Observations and experiences on T/D with 5th Army AMG (Field) during past few days emphasize the absolute necessity of more definite and specific arrangements for civilian ambulance service through each SCAO concerned. More time is lost in attempts to get transportation for these casualties than is usually required to get the casualties to the hospitals once transport is acquired. At present the SCAO's of 5th Army AMG (Field) are dependent upon the 401 Medical Collection Company (A) for transport of civilian patients to hospitals. This involves unnecessary loss of time and travel by CAO's. For instance, word comes in to the CAO that a child has a foot blown off by a mine and it is not known whether the child is dead or alive. Transport in CAO Office must be reassigned, (when it is available) in order for someone to investigate, then go to Collection Company and ask for transportation to hospital. The C.C. Ambulance then has to go over the same ground to get patient, etc., etc. When the 401st C.Co. is moved from present location the problem will be more acute in all probability.

Ambulances are not necessary for this purpose. Weapons carriers or 15Cwt trucks could be equipped for use as two litter ambulances as well as being available for other specific needs in Medical Supply and related fields. Two (2) such vehicles assigned to each Corps (SCAO office) would be adequate. One (1) such vehicle would make it possible for all real emergencies to be taken care of without unusual delay.

I have discussed this particular situation with Brigadier Lush, Executive Commissioner, by telephone who suggests that such vehicles might be "cannabilized" from salvage depots and "it is the Public Health Sub-Commission's responsibility to see that these ambulances are made available". It is my opinion that the chances of success through such a procedure are nil. Also, that this Sub-Commission has neither personnel to investigate such a possibility nor facilities and personnel to do the rebuilding even if a few vehicles could be found for making one or more makeshift affairs. The time element is a vital factor if the welfare of these unfortunates is to be considered. Perhaps G-4 of HQ, ACC could be requested to follow-up on this possibility.

Would it be possible for this information and request to be expedited through channels for an immediate decision? In the meantime what shall I tell the SCAOs concerned?

WILSON C. WILLIAMS, Lt. Col. M.C.
Deputy Dir. P.H. Sub-Commission.

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Brigadier Lush, Exec. Comm.
Lt. Col. Parr, DPHO, 5th Army AMG.

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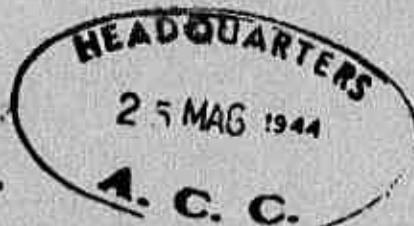
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24 May 44

SUBJECT : Ambulances for Civil Use

TO : Executive Commissioner HQ. ACC.

- 1 Reference your L. 101 dated 20 May 1944, attached is the observations of Director of Public Health.
- 2 This matter was raised at the Chief Commissioner's conference on 22 May and as then pointed out, there exists a very serious shortage of ambulances and of vehicles suitable for adaption. In addition, tyres are in extremely short supply.
- 3 The Director of Public Health is making every endeavour to improve the position, and to balance the claims of various regions; it is however essential that he be furnished with the requirements of A.M.G. 8th Army.



R. P. Cripps
STANEGATE
VP Adm Sec.

(Signed in absence on duty)

See 154881

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Public Health Sub-Commission

22 May 1944

ACC/3003/1/PH

SUBJECT: - Ambulances for Civil Use.

TO : - VP Adm Sec.

Reference L. 101 dated 20 May 1944 from Brigadier Lush.

On 8 May 1944, all Regions and AMG 5th and 8th Armies were asked to submit to this HQ a list of their requirements as regards ambulance cars and tyres for such vehicles.

So far, only two replies have been received and AMG 8th Army has not yet submitted its requirements.

It is not anticipated that ambulances can be expected for some time to come.

Copies of relevant correspondence are attached.

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(Signed) G. S. Parkinson, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Comm.

Incl;
Copy of ACC/3003/1/PH dated 8.5.44.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Public Health Sub-Commission

ACC/3003/1/PH

8 May 1944

SUBJECT: - Ambulances.

TO : - Regional Commissioner, Region V, Att: RPHO.

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"	"	"	II,	"	"
"	"	"	VI,	"	"
"	"	"	VII,	"	"
SCAO, 5th Army, Att: Public Health Officer.					
SCAO, 8th Army, Att: " " "					

1. Kindly inform this office by return of: -

- (a) The number of tyres and inner tubes by sizes required to make ambulances in your area servicable.
- (b) The number of new ambulances required in addition to
'a) to institute an efficient ambulance service.

2. It cannot be promised that your requirements will be met in full, but every effort will be made to do so.

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(Signed) G. S. Parkinson, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Comm.

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R.O. & M.O. SECTION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.F.O. 394.

Ref: L-101.

20 May, 44

V.P.
Admin Sect.

1. I enclose copy of letter from D.D.M.S. Eighth Army. The question of ambulances for civilians in the Army areas, as well as in the Regions, is vital and urgent. May I know

- (a) what steps have been taken to obtain the vehicles
- (b) how many S.C.A.O. Eighth Army can expect, and when.

M. S. Lutz

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Public Health Sub-Commission.

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