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MAINTENANCE  
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(1) Colonel Fiske  
(2) Colonel Parkin

To see —

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
(NEAR SCHIENON)  
APO 394

27 November 1944

SUBJECT: EM/OR and Motor Vehicle Strength

TO : Establishment Section, HQ AC.

1. Reference para. 8 "Minutes of Conference Held at Siena on Friday, 17 November, 1944" dated 19 November 1944, HQ AC, Office of O/S.

2. It is regretted that an up-to-date review shows that there is no surplus of EM/ORs or of motor vehicles presently available for duty elsewhere.

3. As of this date there are on temporary duty with Armies or other Regions 18 ORs, 30 EM, and 14 WD motor vehicles, exclusive of trailers.

4. EM/ORs and motor vehicles remaining with the Region are necessary to the proper functioning thereof.

5. It is also to be pointed out that all transport assigned this Region is worn out and requires careful marsing. It is felt that heavy use of this transport now would incapacitate vehicles for use in Lombard Region at a later date.

For the Regional Commissioner: *(Handwritten)*

*Julius Byles*  
JULIUS BYLES,  
Captain, FA,  
Adjutant.

Copy to:-

Ast. Adjutant Lombard Region  
C.O. Company "R"  
C.O. British Detachment  
G-1 (B)

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HEADQUARTERS  
VENEZIA REGION  
Allied Military Government  
Transportation Division  
AFC 394

21 July 45

TO : H.C. A.C.

Copy to : P.C.'s RAVENNA ( )  
PARMA ( )  
VENEZIA ( )  
TREVISO ( )  
UDINE ( )  
VICENZA ( )  
VERONA ( )  
TRENTO ( )  
BELLUNO ( )  
BOLZANO ( )  
Commerce Division

For guidance  
and information

SUBJECT : P.O.L. for Civilian Vehicles.

FILE No. : RXII/TN/4.9.

1. Attached copy of a letter from the local military is forwarded for your information.
2. Could you please insure that visiting officers and officials are correctly briefed as to the source of supply of P.O.L.
3. This H.C. is being constantly requested to provide petrol for all sorts of officers, government, etc. officials.

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J.S. WOODGER  
Colonel  
REGIONAL TRANSP. OFFICER



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SUBJECT :- Issues of POL to Italians.

295 Coy RASC (Gen Tpt). (2)

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25 coy RASC (LAC) (2)

1.- Cases frequently occur of Italian officers, including Naval and Air Force, and in some cases civilians, calling at "D. Petrol Points in possession of authorities given by Allied Officers to draw POL from "D.

2.- These authorities are irregular, and it is requested that you report all cases which come to your notice to this office.

3.- Only Italian Military who are under Allied Command may draw from "D., and such vehicles must be in possession of Work Tickets, or trip tickets stamped authorised to draw from "D.

4. All other individuals may be referred to C.I.P. it being the responsibility of MIA or the Naval or Air Force sub Commission AC to provide them with coupons.-

CMF  
14 Jul. 45  
BH/LD.

Major,  
OC RASC,  
210 Sub Area

Copy to :- 646 LofC R.E.L.E. Workshops  
HQ VENEZIE REGION, AMG (Regional Maintenance  
Officer) (2)  
228 Italian Tpt Coy AC  
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*Col. Fiske*  
*Col. has seen*

HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
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RIX/RC

10 February 1948

TO: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

My dear Admiral,

I quote a recent signal:

"TO EMILIA REGION FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FROM  
ALCOM (telegraphic gibberish omitted):  
MR. MERRITT H. TAYLOR DIRECTOR AND LT COL  
M.J. SIEFF COORDINATOR MOVEMENTS DIVISION TRANS-  
PORTATION SUBCOM DESIRE TO DISCUSS TRANSPORTATION  
MATTERS WITH YOU AT YOUR HEADQUARTERS ON THURSDAY  
EIGHT FEBRUARY. PLEASE ADVISE IF CONVENIENT"

and my reply:

"CONVENIENT FOR MISTER MERRITT H. TAYLOR AND LT  
COL M.J. SIEFF TO VISIT THIS HQ EIGHTH FEB"

We of Emilia Region are proud of our accomplishments  
here. We enjoy showing them to our friends, and appre-  
ciate visits by Headquarters officers which seem to indi-  
cate some interest in what we are doing. Consequently,  
it was only standard operating procedure to take the  
following steps upon receipt of the quoted signal:

a. The Regional Commissioner postponed a planned  
trip to the Fifth Army area.

b. The Regional Transportation Officer and his  
assistants prepared displays of their workshops, forms,  
methods and operations, not only at Regional Headquarters,  
but at Rimini, Cervia, Ravenna, Cesena, and Forli.

c. Directors of all Autotrasporti were instructed  
to be on hand all day Friday, February 9th for the purpose  
of explaining plans and methods of operation to distinguished  
visitors.

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d. Every mechanic and clerk, civilian and military, in the Transportation Division was alerted to facilitate the rapid but effective inspection by the Director, of the product of the blood, sweat and tears which have been expended by these people for months in creating an efficient motor transport organization out of salvage, discarded loot and vehicles which have been literally buried in the ground for years.

e. Provincial Commissioners of Ravenna and Forlì, and their officers, were alerted to furnish proper information, entertainment and accommodation for Mr. Taylor and Lt. Col. Sieff, whatever their needs and inclinations might be.

f. The Mess and Billeting Officer "laid on" an exceptional menu and entertainment, and prepared for the reception of Mr. Taylor, the room in our Officers' Mess which we (once confidently, later hopefully, now whimsically) refer to as the "Admiral's room."

The arrangements for overnight accommodation and entertainment, and the Friday trip, were perhaps not altogether justified on the basis of the express language of the signal, but most of our visitors, having come this far, do at least stay overnight and spend part of a succeeding day with us. I think it was a fair inference that this was Mr. Taylor's intention.

#### Denouement:

Thursday passed, with everyone concerned expectant, but nothing happened. In the afternoon, Headquarters AMG 8th Army informed us that Mr. Taylor had stopped there for lunch and had said that he expected to spend that night in Florence. He had, it was said, made no reference to Emilia Region, the Regional Commissioner, the Transportation Officer, or any transportation matter, except to announce the probable early arrival of an additional G.I. Company -- a matter discussed with the Regional Commissioner at Headquarters three weeks ago.

Mr. Taylor and Lt. Col. Sieff did not even pause at this headquarters on their way through. Except for the fortunate circumstance that Bq AMG 8th Army had other

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business with us in the course of which the fact of Mr. Taylor's brief stop there was disclosed, the entire Region Emilia Headquarters Mess would have kept dinner waiting for at least an hour in expectation of the arrival of these honored guests whose visit had been so carefully announced in advance and for whom such preparations had been made.

If it were not for the devastating effect on morale of the disappointment and chagrin of officers and men led to think that, at long last, the top people for whom they were working were going to exhibit a modicum of interest in the results achieved, only to have the original fear that there is no interest thus apparently confirmed, incidents of this kind could I suppose be regarded in essence as comically funny.

Perhaps this one is too, or will seem so when I recapture my perspective on the matter, which is missing today.

Sincerely,

Copy retained by COS

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WJG  
12 Feb

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JAN 23/2330A

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JAN 24/0900  
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MAIN AND 6TH ARMY  
M. ALON.

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Ref your 498 of 19 January. Have 3 machines requiring  
overhaul we would like exchanged. Suggest we collect when sending  
you jeep about 20 January.

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Action C -> (B) (2)

Info A/President  
Chief Commissioner  
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AMC REAR HQ & ARMY  
HQ ALCOM

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JAN 18 1955  
ROUTINE

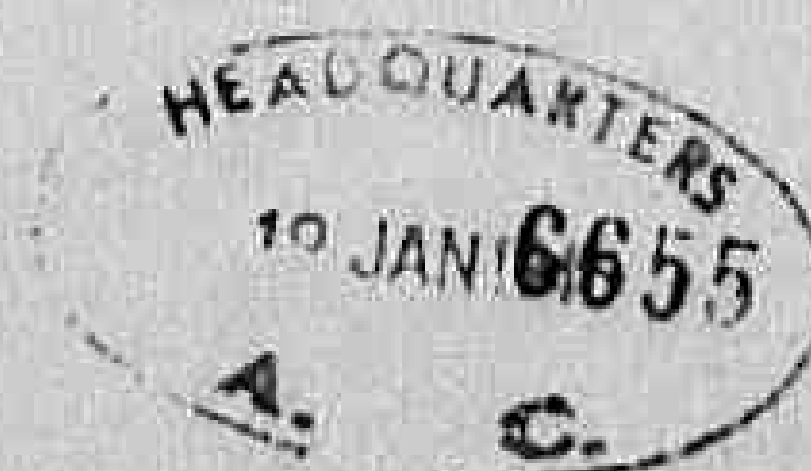
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Ref your signal number 9984 dated 17 January 45. Correct number of jeep is 5662599.

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Chief Commissioner  
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JAN 17/1130

AMG HQ REAR 8TH ARMY  
HQ ALCOM.

C/8373  
JAN 18/1020  
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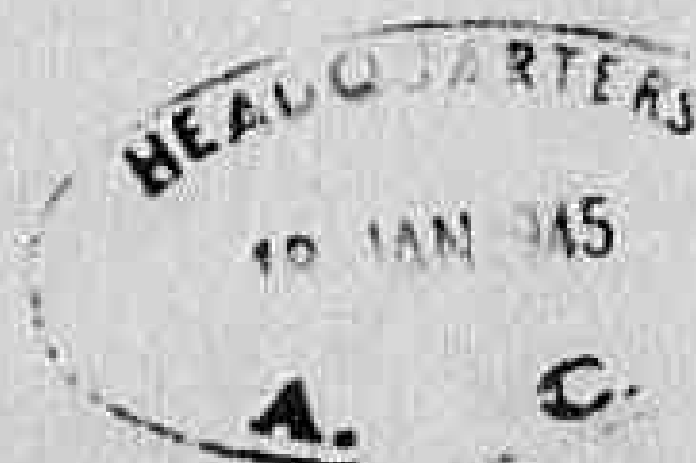
Reference your signal 9797 of 13 January. Motor cycle number C 5361770 S ARIEL and authority for issue was 13 CORPS VEHICLE PARK. NORTON motor cycle number C 4868453 was BLR on authority from 13 CORPS TPS WKSPS reasons gear badly worn engine spares not available.

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Chief Commissioner  
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**HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION**  
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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Date 21 Dec.

FROM

TO

Deputy Chief of Staff

Staff Officer

Executive Officer (A) ✓

Executive Officer (B)

G-1 (A)

G-1 (B)

G-4 (A)

G-4 (B)

Headquarters Commandant

Adjutant

FOR:

Draft of reply for signature of  
Please see/telephone me about this  
Investigation and report

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DEC 24 1944

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONER HQ ALLIED COMMISSION REGION V AQUILA INFO HQ ALCOM

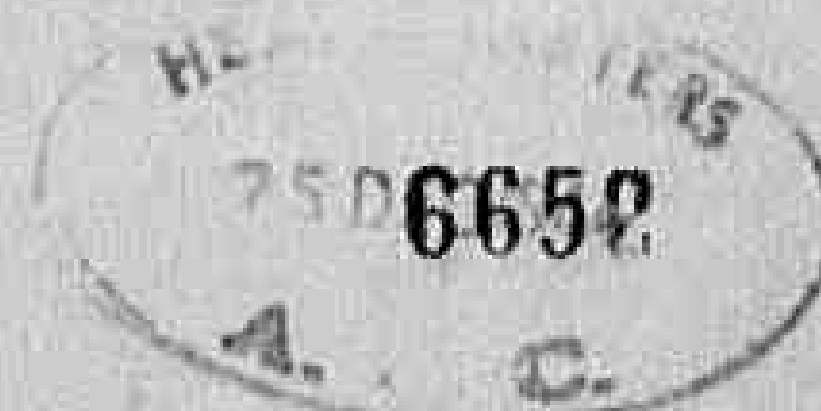
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2 officers of the Combined Inspection team AFHQ and 7 Ora will visit your HQ  
27 December to commence a survey of road transport in region 5. Please arrange accommo-  
dation

*To Lt Montant.*

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**HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION**  
ESTABLISSEMENT SECTION

File

Date 21 Dec

FROM

TO

Deputy Chief of Staff

→ Staff Officer

Executive Officer (US) < CP

Executive Officer (B)

G-1 (A)

G-1 (B)

G-4 (A)

G-4 (B)

Headquarters Commandant

Adjutant

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~~ESTAB SEC.~~

ROSE AREA JTF HQ COMMAND  
1201 1000 US Army

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TEP/lwt  
19 December 1944

SUBJECT: 4 Wheel Drive Vehicles for Forward Units

TO : See Distribution

1. Owing to the very severe conditions now being experienced in the forward areas, it has become imperative that as many 4 wheel drive vehicles as possible are made available to operational units.
2. A number of 4 wheel drive vehicles are known to exist among Units in Base and L of C Areas which could be exchanged for the 4 x 2 vehicles held on the charge of operational formations.
3. Units will therefore report to this HQ not later than 31 Dec 44 the number of Class 1 vehicles held of the following types:

Cars 5-ton 4 x 4  
Cars 4-ton 4 x 4  
Ambulances 4 x 4  
Trucks 2-ton 4 x 4  
Trucks 15-ton 4 x 4  
Lorries 3-ton 4 x 4.

NIL returns will be submitted.

HEADQUARTERS  
21 DEC 1944  
A. C.

ALBAN LOW  
Brigadier  
Deputy Commander

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ACTION - G-4(B) (5)  
INFO - TN.S.C  
- G-4(A)  
- H.Q. COMDT  
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HQ, A.C.C.Suspense \_\_\_\_\_ Date 23-9-44

FROM	TO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Establishment Br Director	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Officer (A)	
Executive Officer (B)	
G-1 (A)	
G-1 (B)	
G-4 (A)	
Adjutant	
Hq Comdt	
2675th Regt, CO	
2675th Regt, Adj	
2675th Regt, S-4	
Super Garage	
<i>Col. Hulse</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

FOR: Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remarks/Recommendation ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Information ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approval/Disapproval \_\_\_\_\_  
 Appropriate Action \_\_\_\_\_  
 Investigation & Report \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dispatch \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS:

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

Tele. 489081 - Ext. 280

22 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Motor Transportation Liguria Region.

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

1. You will find attached hereto comments by the various officers concerned in the furnishing of motor transportation to Liguria Region.
2. Their remarks may be summarized as follows in reply to Col. Feasey's letter: It will be noted that 14 passenger-carrying vehicles were assigned. Inasmuch as the strength of Liguria Region is 65 officers and the Region is composed of only four provinces, this would seem to be sufficient organic military transportation.
3. Liguria Region, upon the division of Region X, was assigned one third of the vehicles originally assigned to Region X, that is to say that Piemonte Region received two thirds of the original assignment and Liguria Region received one third. Piemonte Region consists of seven provinces and considerably more territory.
4. Inasmuch as the Regional Commissioners of Region IX, XI, XII and Piemonte Region have expressed to the Establishment Branch their complete satisfaction with the manner in which issues of motor transportation were made to them, it appears unusual that Liguria Region received all of its vehicles in the poor condition they report.
5. You will note from the comments of the British and American G-4s and of the Headquarters Commandant that it is impossible, without having access to the vehicles and their maintenance forms, to state the exact condition in which they were issued.
6. Transportation Sub-Commission has assumed the responsibility for maintenance of motor transportation within regions and has a Maintenance Officer with Liguria Region. They have received a copy of Col. Feasey's letter.
7. As to paragraph 9, I do not know of any region that has sufficient transportation to move as a unit. Present regulations do not prohibit the requisitioning of civilian transport. In fact, an Army order

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states that vehicles will not be requisitioned by combat units, but will be left for requisitioning by GAO. It is true that Liguria Region cannot requisition in its present location.

8. As to the request for additional transportation, you are familiar with the fact that we have practically stripped this Headquarters as well as the rear Regions of War Department vehicles and are now at about the limit of our issues.

E.L. CLOUGH,  
Colonel, A.B.D.,  
Executive Officer.

cc. to:  
Col. Fiske  
Col. Parkin

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HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

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15 September 1944

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SUBJECT: Report on Condition of Motor Transport.

TO : G-4 (A), Headquarters, A.C.C.

1. The following vehicles were issued to this Region prior to its departure from Rome for its present Headquarters:

- (1) Ford Staff Car (B)
- (2) 3/4 Ton 4x4 W/C's (A)
- (2) 2 1/2 Ton 6x6 Trucks (A)
- (1) 3/4 Ton 4x4 OAR (A)
- (6) 1/4 Ton 4x4 Jeeps
- (2) 1/4 Ton 4x4 Amphibians (A)
- (2) 1 Ton Trailers (A)
- (3) 1/4 Ton Trailers

Examination disclosed that the vehicles in general were in exceedingly poor condition.

2. The Ford Staff Car had no spare wheel, tire, or tube. It had four different sizes of tires. The carburetor, fuel-lines, and air filter were so dirty that the car could not function properly. The clutch was out of adjustment; the generator discharged instead of charging; nuts and bolts in general needed tightening. Apparently this vehicle had not been checked in the work shops before being issued.

3. The 3/4 Ton 4x4 OAR had a broken front gear and the front drive cannot be used.

4. One jeep has a broken frame and two jeeps have not been provided with tire racks for spare wheels.

5. This group of vehicles has had twelve (12) flats which were not the result of punctures.

6. Two motorcycles were issued, one of which is in such poor condition due to a bent frame that it is useless. It is hoped that the second one can be made serviceable.

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7. One patch only was supplied for tire repairs.

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8. It appears that these vehicles were not properly checked or placed in a serviceable condition before being issued. The nearest repair point from the present Headquarters of this region is approximately 145 miles distant. With the equipment available to the Motor Maintenance Officer only minor repairs can be effected at this Headquarters. One 2-1/2 Ton 6x6 truck sheered the pinion rod to the rear spring before traveling 100 kilometers, and will thus be out of action for several days. This leaves only one large truck available.

9. It is also desired to point out that insufficient transport was issued to effect a move of this Region all in one unit, and that it is not possible under present regulations to requisition civilian transport. If possible, it is requested that the following additional WD transport be issued to this Region:

- (2) Staff Cars
- (2) 3/4 Ton 4x4 CARS
- (2) 2-1/2 Ton 6x6 Trucks
- (2) 3/4 Ton 4x4 W/Cs
- (4) 1/4 Ton 4x4 Jeeps
- (2) 1 Ton Trailers
- (2) 1/4 Ton Trailers.

/s/ G. G. Feasey  
/s/ G. G. FEASEY  
Lt. Col., RA  
Regional Commissioner

C.C. to:  
Brigadier Insh  
G-4 (B), ACC  
Transportation S/C, ACC  
Hq Gadt, ACC

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