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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
JAN. 45 - SEPT. 45

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HEADQUARTERS
2675th REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERSEAS)
APO 394

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17 September 1945

SUBJECT: Sale of vehicles to the Italian Government.

TO : Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782, US Army
Attn: Ordnance Officer

1. Attached hereto are Shipping Tickets in quadruplicate transferring 563 $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks, 200 $1\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks, and 100 1 ton trailers. Credit has been given by consignees as listed on the Shipping Tickets for 112 $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks, 3 $1\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks, and 65 1 ton trailers.
2. These vehicles were loaned to the Allied Commission and used in the interest of the Italian economy.
3. The delay in signing is regretted by this Headquarters and it is felt an explanation is necessary. 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, did not become accountable for these vehicles until October 1944. Previous to that time Transportation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, was accountable and 2675th Regiment refused to accept responsibility for vehicles that were not properly signed for by American officers. Therefore, it was necessary to turn the transfer over to the Transportation Sub-Commission who had operational control over part of the original shipment. The Shipping Tickets were transferred to the Transportation Sub-Commission in June 1945 and returned on 15 September 1945.
4. One copy of these Shipping Tickets is being retained by this Headquarters as a credit to our property book and one copy is being turned over to the Chief Accountant, Allied Commission, who will charge the Italian Government a sum based on a price set by higher headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JAMES E. REED
Captain, Inf
Acting Adjutant

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S/T (quad)
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INFORMAL ROUTING

HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(TO: [REDACTED])
AFO 394

File: 23/XOA

Date 17 Sept. 45.

SUBJECT: Transfer of W.D. Motor Vehicles.

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No	From	To	Date	
1	C. O. 2675th Regt., AC.	Chief Commis- sioner (Thru: Ex. Commissioner.)	17/9/45	<p>1. The underlisted property of 2675 Regt. AC, was transferred to the Italian Government on 15 Sept. 45.</p> <p>563 - 2½ Ton W.D. Trucks 100 - 1 Ton W.D. Trailers 200 - 1½ Ton W.D. Trucks</p> <p>In addition, credit was given by P.B.S. for all vehicles salvaged, as follows:</p> <p>112 - 2½ Ton W.D. Trucks (salvaged) 65 - 1 Ton W.D. Trailers (salvaged)</p> <p>2. This equipment was used by Truck Operating Group and A.C. Truck Pools.</p> <p>3. The a/s property was signed for by the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Treasury of the Italian Government.</p> <p>4. This fine piece of work is due to the accounting for these vehicles by S-4, 2675th Regiment. At one time over 100 were not accounted for by the Truck Pools.</p> <p>C. M. PARKIN Colonel, Inf., Commanding.</p>

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Memo to C/P
(Mr. Ex. Com.)

The under lists

Property of 2675 Ray transferred
to Italian Gov. on 9/15/45, was met
by

9/15/45

Regiment 2675 out of Truck
picture - This property was on 2675 books

563 - 2 1/2 Ton WD Trucks

~~100~~ - 1 Ton WD Trailers

200 - 1 1/2 Ton Truck

Credit { 112 - 2 1/2 Ton WD Trucks (Salvaged)
65 - Trailers 1 Ton Salvaged

This ^{was} Equipment used by Truck Operating
Group & AC Truck Pools.

~~Advances~~ Signed by { Minister of Transport
Minister of Treasury.

By Transportation Sub Comm.

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ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE: FHGDS, FHGEG.
AGWAR WASHINGTON AND TROOPERS LONDON, INFO: ALCOM.

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1. Distribution of local and imported commodities for civil population in this theatre has been a continuing problem. Maximum use of indigenous vehicles is being made, but these 5 to 10 year old trucks are in very many instances lacking in tires, tubes and batteries, as well as major repair parts. Tires, tubes and batteries, approved by combined chief of staff for procurement through service channels, have been requisitioned, and some furnished from theatre stocks. Military vehicles, to the extent of 550 trucks, 2 2 ton 6x6 and 100 trailers cargo, 1 ton, from US ARMY, and 550-3 ton lorries from BRITISH ARMY have been loaned to AC for civil transport requirements. As territory is expanded and indigenous vehicles fail through use, an ever increasing demand is inevitable as indicated by LAC aigrams 95 and 96 to combined chief of staff.

2. Certain Allied Military vehicles, including those in para 1 have, in the light of operational efficiency, outlasted their military usefulness, either in this area, or for reshipment elsewhere.

3. A. It is proposed to sell to the Italian Government, for controlled use in movement of essential supplies, those Allied Military vehicles enumerated in para 1, plus any other which it may be found necessary to furnish, and can be spared from theatre stocks or salvage.

B. The sale of vehicles to be when, in the opinion of the supreme Allied Commander, the Italian Government organizations have demonstrated their ability to efficiently operate and maintain them.

C. It is further proposed to furnish repair parts from military sources, on a priority below the military requirements.

4. This proposal is agreed by US and BRITISH.

5. It is recommended that authority be granted to sell military vehicles and maintenance parts to the Italian Government in accordance with the above proposals.

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