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AQ/5 - M.T. Policy
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Opened Nov. 3, 1943 - Closed July 20, 1944

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SECRET
21 JULY 44

1. A, (G Ops), AAI

LO, CIL

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CIL TRANSPORT

1. At present there is no organisation for the control of CIL transport and no one can produce a vehicle state. The allotment of vehicles, even of single vehicles, is done by DAQMG. In theory units have a minimum scale of transport and a sort of GTQ holds a pool of vehicles to be allotted for various tasks. In practice I find that no one knows where vehicles are, by whom they are held, whether they are in working order. This is part to be attributed to the fact that we released some vehicles direct to NEMBO, others in a crisis of transport when they were not properly released to units using them.
2. The first requirement for proper organisation is a DDST, or some staff officer to be responsible for transport and nothing but transport.
3. He should make a survey of transport within CIL and give us a reliable state of transport within the formation.
4. He should pass higher formation reports as would a DDST of our own.
5. Unless we lay down a staff organisation for the proper handling of MT the present disorganisation may continue despite the great efforts of the DAQMG. I have suggested it here but as yet to no purpose. If we are to issue vehicles we may reasonably ask an exact statement of where they go and in what state of repair they are.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 114

Call

Spl. No.

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM
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Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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For Action

1211A LD 31 ITALIAN CORPS

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

AQ 1129(.) **RESTRICTED (.)** year Q/3 of 23 Jul (.) **FIRST (.)** Military HQ CALABRIA
should have sufficient vehicles only for military needs (.) **SECOND (.)**
advise sizes and quantity of tyres essential to keep minimum quantity
of vehs on the road for military repeat military needs only

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS { ENCRYPT } WIRELESS

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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Subject: Issue of military type vehicles by Yugoslav
Liberation Army CO to Italian civilians.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ. BELLA.
R O M E.
AQ/5.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

Your ref 12339/21 dated 12 June 44.

1. Please investigate the matter of six vehicles being sold by Major KOSULICH to Italian civilians further and determine :
- (a) If the vehicles were formerly the property of the Italian Army or whether they were civilian vehicles requisitioned by the Army.
 - (b) Upon whose specific authority he first secured the vehicles.
 - (c) From where he actually secured the vehicles.
 - (d) Does he have any written authority to dispose of the vehicles.
 - (e) Were vehicles permanently assigned or only temporarily assigned to him.
 - (f) What specific Allied HQ does he claim made the allocation of the vehicles.
2. With the above information, it should be possible for us to arrive at a just decision as to the final disposition of the case in question.

REP
for Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

REP/hh

WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB COMMISSION
REAR HEADQUARTERS, A.C.C.
APO 394.

Subject: Italian Army Vehicles.

To : Army Sub-Commission, Main H.Q. (MHA)
LEQUILE, (LECE).

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(112)
AG
18/7
ACC/WMD/4/4

10 July 1944

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1. Ref your AQ/5 dated 23 June 44 addressed to Chief Commissioner and passed to this Sub-Commission.
 2. I spoke to Colonel Noakes on 5th July, when he called at this H.Q., and pointed out that certain Italian equipment had been issued to the Yugo-Slav Army, such issue being provided for in para. 1 b. of the AFHQ letter quoted by you.
 3. I suggest that it is unlikely that motor vehicles should have been issued to the Yugo-Slav Army with permission to sell, and am of opinion that Major KOSULICH should be asked for further particulars before the vehicles are sold.
 4. A summary of the contents of A.F.H.Q. Circular No. 13 of 1 May 44 was issued in Daily Bulletin No 141 of this H.Q. so that all A.C.C. personnel have been informed.

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J.A. Campbell

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lt. Colonel,
Director, WMDSC.

Major PINKLEY.

Action - report to A/R

19/7

19-7 REP

letter asking major for more details

See folio 113

Subject: Spare Parts for Italian held British Vehicles.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (AMLA)
LECCLE (LECCLE)
AC/5.

11 Jul 44.

F.C., AAI.

1. Certain difficulties have arisen over the maintenance of, and provisions of spares for, British vehs held by C.I.L.
2. It is understood that the maintenance of Italian vehs is an Italian responsibility. DIME Polcorps, however, has raised the following points :-
 - (a) May Italian held British vehs (approx 400) be repaired in Italian Wkpps, thereby relieving the pressure on R.A.S.F. Wkpps.
 - (b) May spares be provided for this purpose?
 - (c) If spares are provided, what is the method and channel of supply, i.e. through British, Italian or Polcorps channels.
3. It is requested that a policy be formulated to cover the maintenance of, and provision of spares for, all Italian held British vehs, including those held by C.I.L.

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Copy to : EADMI MMIA.

for Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

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MESSAGE FORM

From - MMIA
To - MMIA LO Rear POLICORPS rptd MMIA LO DISTWO

SD306 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) FIRST (.) Request you keep MMIA fully
informed all arrivals Allied vehicles for GIL (.) SECOND (.) Unless
HALL is with you and dealing with the matter require also location cma number cma
class of serviceability and unit at present holding them of all GIL ITALIAN
vehs being replaced as per FIRST above

IN CYBER if liable
to interception

Priority

Date - Time

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copy A/G

(J)

Subject: Italian Army Vehicles.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
LHQ (LHQ)
AG/S. _____

1 July 44.

Lt. Col. MONT, MIA. LG.
c/o I.B.S., A.P.O. 509.

Ref your letter 197 of 11 June 44.

1. The policy on Captured Italian Vehicles is as follows :-
 - (a) Italian captured vehicles held by the Allies are NOT returnable to the Italian Army.
 - (b) Italian Army vehicles held by civilians can be reclaimed by the Italian Army, as SICILY is now under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.
 - (c) Trailers are considered as vehicles.
2. HQ AAF have been asked to consider the return of all Italian Army vehicles including "captured" vehicles, to the Italian Army.
3. You will be informed immediately a reply is received from HQ. AAF.

JB/hh.

Wid, Capt
Major General.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

Copy to: MIA LG with HQ 56 Area.

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Subject:- Italian Vehicles

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
Lecce. (LECCO)
AC/5

27 June 44

HQ A.A.I.

1. Hitherto it has been possible, though difficult, to maintain Italian troops in rear of the Army boundaries on the limited vehicles available. Events have proved that this has not been possible in the areas owing to the unreliability of the Italian vehs, and Allied transport has had to be provided. In this connection it is worth noting that the vehs originally sent up with 1 Reggimento Motorizzato, were the best available from Italian Sources.

2. The creation of Italian Wrecks, and the extension of existing ones, together with considerable cannibalisation of unserviceable vehs, has so far just maintained sufficient vehs on the road. But cannibalisation is a vicious circle, and a future shortage is inevitable.

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4. There are two ways by which an emergency can be prevented:-

(a) the issue of Allied Tpt to the Italians.

(b) the return of all Italian Army vehs, held by the Allies in ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA.

5. It is considered that before asking for Allied transport, full use should be made of Italian vehs.

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(a) "Requisitioned" Italian Material.

(b) "Captured" Enemy Equipment.

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7. Under AFHQ letter AC 091.711 (Italian) COT. ADM of 10 Feb 44, and AFHQ Circular No. 13 of 1 May 44, all "requisitioned" Italian vehs should be returned to the Italian Army. So far only a few have been returned, and mostly "non-runners".

8. "Captured" vehs, however, include all those taken in SICILY, and many of these are now with Allied Units on the Mainland.

9. Owing to difficulties of maintenance, Italian vehs in Allied hands, are liable to be run until completely unserviceable, and become a loss both to the Allies and the Italians. The Italians, however, have better facilities to keep these vehs in a sufficient state of repair.

10. It is therefore requested that all Italian Army vehs on the Mainland, Sicily and Sardinia, whether "requisitioned" or "captured" be registered without delay with a view to their return in the immediate future to the Italian Army, where this HQ can ensure that the maximum use is made of them.

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11. I consider that such action will solve the present difficulties, and postpone considerably the demands for Allied Transport.

May this be considered as very urgent please.

L. Browning
Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

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Subject:- Vehicle Marking - ITALIAN

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE. (LECCO)
AQ/51

27 June 44

HQ A.A.I.

Ref your 1706.4/1/G(3D2) dated 17 Jun 44.

1. It is agreed that a standard form of veh marking should be adopted by Italian units using British transport, and this should include all vehs of Allied origin.
2. It is further suggested that the same standard marking should be extended to include all vehs used by the Italian Army.
3. The Italian Ministry of War agree, and have submitted for approval the att design, which is distinctive and easily recognisable.
4. It is requested that approval be given for this design, and for it to be adopted for all Italian Army vehs, inclusive Allied vehs held by the Italian Army.

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Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

Copy to:- 'G' MMIA

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TRANSCRIPT

FROM ICS
TO NMIA

REF ICSM/1237

AG/5

Date 26 June.

Ref your AQ/1606 of 25 June(.) our 99 of 11 June repeated CEM Advise us latest policy and instructions regarding return of captured vehicles to Italian Army which are now held by Allies and Civilians(.) Request confirmation if captured vehicles trailers are in same category as vehicles above.(.)

Original in AQ/8.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF G-4
APO 394

DIE/HQRC/AMC

GA/101/16

25 June 1944.

SUBJECT : Vehicle Markings.

TO : Distribution 'A' (less outside Units).

Reference Establishment Memorandum No. 13, and this M.Q. Letters of even reference dated 9 May 1944 and 16 May 1944.

The following additional markings will be placed on British W.D. vehicles:-

In the case of vehicles with a right hand drive and not fitted with traffic indicators, the following will be painted in 2 ins lettering on the tailboard or rear of the vehicles:-

CAUTION -- RIGHT HAND DRIVE -- NO SIGNALS.

If, subsequently, traffic indicators are fitted to any such vehicles, the words "NO SIGNALS" will be deleted.

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S. W. Miller

S. W. MILLER.
Lieut. Col.
G-4.

To:

~~MMIA. Main.~~

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COPY TRANSLATION

From: /AIR MINISTRY
To: AREA

Ref. 12729/21/14.

19 June 44.

Subject: Means of Transport (MT)

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With ref to your AQ's of May 27 and with limited regard to the possibilities of increasing the output of military mobilization by means of requisitioning (the measures regarding full mobilization of MT vehicles distributed to units of the Italian Army are the CMF's) please note:

1. Lorries - Civilian circulation is very scarce owing to requisitioning some time ago for the requirements of the IT. Army, and the increasing inefficiency of the few remaining civilians owned lorries, because of the lack of tyres and spare parts.

This is so true that some Allied authorities state the beginning of the occupation, because the issue of lorries belonging to the Military Administration to civilians for the needs of the population, and insistent attempts by this Ministry to obtain the return most resistance from the Allied Auth. who have concealed the vehicles, and from the Italians who are using them.

For example lorries issued during October of last year to the Independent Unit for Special Equipment have not yet been returned, and the 14. Chief Engineer Works of No. 2 District with its 37/12/7 of April 24 (attached letter No. 1) requested that they be left at the disposal of the unit until the end of this month; 17 lorries were concealed by the Allied Authorities to the Royal Prefecture of Foggia, for food needs and 120 of that locality, with its letter dated June 2 (attached No. 2) does not consent that they be returned.

19 lorries have been at the disposal of the Administration Companies (CAIERS) and cannot be returned without causing serious crisis in the feeding of the Campagna Province.

160 It. Lorries in Campagna are at the disposal of Allied Authorities.

Besides these, which were issued or concealed in various manner, there are numerous other vehicles (the property of the Military Administration) which are in abusive possession of the civilians, and possessed them illegally during September of last year. This Ministry has tried and will try everything to re-enter into possession of such vehicles, but up to now only approximately ten have been recovered, as beside the difficulty in the investigations and

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For example lorries issued during October of last year to the Independent Unit for African equipment have not yet been returned, and the 24 Chief Engineer Works of No. 2 District with the 21/7/53/7 of April 24 (attached letter No. 1) requested that they be left at the disposal of the unit until the end of this month. 17 lorries were collected by the Allied authorities to the Royal Engineers of P.O. 1111, for food needs and fuel of that locality, with the letter dated June 2 (attached No. 2) does not comment that they be returned.

12 lorries have been at the disposal of the All-India Commission (Surrey) and cannot be returned without causing a grave crisis in the feeding of the C.O.P. 1111 Province.

130 re. lorries in P.O. 1111 are at the disposal of Allied authorities.

Besides these, which are issued or conceded in C.O.P. 1111, there are numerous other vehicles (the property of the military administration) which are in abusive possession of the civilians, who possessed them illegally during September of last year. This Ministry has tried to do everything to get rid of the possession of such vehicles, but up to now only approximately ten have been recovered, as beside the difficulty in the investigations and verifications on this matter, in some cases Allied authorities of Allied local units and authorities of other nationalities have intervened in favour of the detainees of the vehicles.

For example of the 9 lorries which were issued by HQ of Base 2 to M. J. COCHIN of the Jucalay A way of Liberation, 6 are now being sold or exchanged for cars to it. civilians (see letter 12322 of June 14 addressed to M.V.I.A. (attached No. 3)).

Through Major Hall's direct check up, the M.V.I. knows how much this Ministry is doing to increase the amount of repairs to vehicles distributed to the units; the work is slow and noticeably difficult owing to the fact that the repair of w/shops and the equipping of some had to be started from scratch.

The known lack of spare parts and tyres helps to slow down production at said establishment but we have reason to believe that with some measures already adopted and especially with the co-operation of the J.I.T. Agency which works in agreement with this Ministry, the supply of some more important spare parts now begun, can be increased. We cannot take action on tyres (the deficiency of which will soon put certain types of cars out of circulation) unless we receive aid from the Allies.

The amount of repairs completed during May shows a considerable increase over the previous month's (925 total repairs in comparison to an average of 360) and it is to be presumed that it can still be increased.

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However, it is still below the number of inefficiencies which are verified in the vehicles which are distributed to our units and which as it seems may that subjects them abnormal and rapid wear and tear.

As for lorries, the measures which in my opinion are necessary to overcome the crisis which is going on at the present time and which is getting worse every day are:

Facilitate return to it. Army of mil. vehicles now in the possession of other units or in possession of civilians, a thing which could be obtained with the concession to civilian authorities the foreseen aliquot of Allied vehicles.

It is to be foreseen that said vehicles - as those returned following Allied orders for the HQ 10 Vehicle Coy. MONOPOLI - will be returned in poor condition and needing many repairs, if not totally out of use. - concede assignment of tyres to put into efficiency the vehicles which at present are out of use, even though mechanically alright. This Ministry would be able to place into circulation again about 170 cars (now out on the road) if it could obtain the following assignments of tyres - 950 size 210 x 20; 20 size 150 x 20; 115 size 24 x 7.

B. automobiles. The situation is the same and even worse than the one described above for the lorries. A good 160 automobiles are off the road because of the lack of tyres, and could be placed on the road again if we receive 450 tyres size 500 x 15; 180 size 550 x 15; 85 size 160 x 40 and 75 size 6 x 16.

The supplies from requisitions is now close to nothing. The possibility of requisitioning, limited to provinces returned to us 1651 jurisdiction of the Italian Government, where the availability is reduced because of regions with limited amount of automobiles in circulation, is very limited owing to the numerous subtractions since the armistice, first by the Germans and then by the Italian and Allied Authorities.

During the last two months, notwithstanding the fact that we tried to increase the supply, we have been able to requisition only 28 automobiles which for the most part were mediocre. From the info which we possess about ninety were requisitioned by the Allies in the same period in the provinces of BARI, BRINDISI, LECCE, TARANTO and SALUNO.

During these requisitioning operations one of the greatest difficulties encountered was the fact that almost all of the civilian cars found with a travelling permit issued by the Allied authorities

the vehicles which at present are out of use, even though the Ministry would be able to place into circulation again about 170 cars (not on the road) if it could obtain the following assignments of tyres - 250 size 210 x 20; 30 size 150 x 20; 115 size 34 x 7.

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During the last two months, notwithstanding the fact that we tried to increase the supply, we have been able to requisition only 26 automobiles which for the most part were mediocre. From the info which we possess about ninety were requisitioned by the Allies in the same period in the provinces of Bari, Brindisi, Lecce, Taranto and Salento.

During these requisitioning operations one of the greatest difficulties encountered was the fact that almost all of the civilian cars were furnished with a travelling Permit issued by the Allied Authorities which according to the Liaison Officer with HQ 2 District SMF (attached letter 1) must be considered as a valid document for exemption from requisitioning.

Besides, very often cars which were requisitioned because the owner didn't have the above mentioned document, have had to be returned owing to intervention of Allied units, or presentation of the documents which appear to have been obtained after the requisitioning had been effected.

In such conditions the possibility of the functioning of HQs and large units under our command, is very serious. This is getting worse day by day and the moment is NTF far when it will manifest itself totally, with grave repercussions also on the possibility of complying with the urgency and adherence that we would like to do, to the request of the Allied HQ.

The measures on this question which we believe necessary are :

- a) Concede the assignment of the tyres mentioned above, which has been pointed out many times.
- b) Control the requisitioning in such a way as to assume a margin of them for the requirements of the Italian Army.

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Agreements which had been reached in regard to this same question by the It. Liaison Office and 2 District have not obtained the approval of higher Allied Authorities (see attached No. 5). A reconsideration of the question, intended to control this delicate matter would be advisable not only for the need for alleviating the crisis which the Italian Army is going through, but also to eliminate the inconveniences and discontentment of the owners of the automobiles requested by the Allied Authorities, who do not know it, when and what amount of the cost of their vehicle will be returned to them.

We have decided it necessary to deal frankly and in all its extent the question of vehicles because of the capital importance that it has for the life and use of the Army, and notwithstanding the constancy and intensity of the efforts that this Ministry accomplishes daily to overcome the continuous difficulties, it cannot be resolved effectively without the kind co-operation of the Allied Authorities, a co-operation which certainly in this occasion will be conceded with the urgent understanding that you have always had for the requirements of the Italian Army.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

2^a DIVISIONE - 1^a SEZIONE

N. di prot. 12429/21/Ad.-

P.M. 107, li 19 Giugno 1944.-

Allegati 5

Risp. al f. del

OGGETTO: - Mezzi di trasporto automobilistici.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA COMMISSIONE
ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO (A.M.M.I.A.)

e, per conoscenza: -

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto -

LEQUILE

P.M. 151
SEDE

In merito a quanto prospettato da codesta Sottocommissione con foglio AQ/5 del 29 Maggio c.a. e limitatamente a quanto concerne la possibilità di accrescere le attuali disponibilità militari a mezzo di requisizioni, ~~ma~~ (i provvedimenti relativi alla piena utilizzazione dei mezzi automobilistici in distribuzione alle Unità dell'Esercito sono di competenza dello Stato Maggiore R.E.) comunico: -

A) - Autocarri - Scarsissima, per non dire nulla, è la circolazione civile, sia per le requisizioni a suo tempo effettuate per i bisogni dell'Esercito, sia per la crescente inefficienza dei pochi automezzi rimasti a disposizione dei privati, per mancanza di gomme e di parti di ricambio.-

Ciò è tanto vero che le stesse autorità Alleate hanno, sin dall'inizio dell'occupazione, disposta la cessione ai civili, per i biso-

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Ciò è tanto vero che le stesse autorità Alleate hanno, sin dall'inizio dell'occupazione, disposta la cessione ai civili, per i bisogni della popolazione, di autocarri di proprietà dell'Amministrazione Militare ed insistenti tentativi di questo Ministero per ottenerne la restituzione incontrano resistenza sia da parte delle Autorità Alleate che gli automezzi hanno concesso, sia da parte di quelle italiane che li impiegano.-

Ad esempio: -

= 3 autocarri ceduti fin dall'Ottobre dello scorso anno all'Ente Autonomo per l'Acquedotto Pugliese non sono ancora stati restituiti, ed il 14 Chief Engineer Works del 2° District ha, con foglio CE/710/7 del 24 Aprile c.a. (Allegato 1), chiesto vengano lasciati a disposizione dell'Ente fino a tutto il corrente mese;

= 17 autocarri sono stati concessi dall'Autorità Alleata alla R. Prefet-

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tura di Potenza per i bisogni dell'alimentazione, e, con foglio in data 2 Giugno c.a. (Allegato 2), l'A.N.G.O.T. di detta località non consente vengano restituiti;

= 13 autocarri sono fin dallo scorso anno a disposizione del Commissariato dell'Alimentazione (Salerno) e non possono essere restituiti senza dar luogo a grave crisi nell'alimentazione delle provincie della Campania; = 160 autocarri italiani sono a disposizione in Calabria delle Autorità Alleate.-

Oltre ai predetti, ceduti o concessi in forma ufficiale, numerosi altri automezzi di proprietà dell'Amministrazione Militare sono in abusivo possesso dei civili che se ne sono illegalmente impossessati nel Settembre dell'anno scorso.- Questo Ministero non ha lasciato e non lascia nulla di intentato per rientrare in possesso di tali veicoli, ma finora soltanto una diecina ha potuto essere recuperata giacchè, a parte la difficoltà delle indagini ed accertamenti in questa materia, in qualche caso sono intervenute autorità od enti locali alleati o di altra nazionalità a favore dei detenuti dell'automezzo.-

Vedi ad esempio i 9 autocarri che risulterebbero ceduti dal Comando della Base Z al Maggiore Cosulich dell'Armata di liberazione iugoslava, dei quali 6 sono in corso di vendita o di permuta con autovetture a cittadini italiani (vedi foglio n°12332 del 14/6, diretto a codesta Sottocommissione).- (Allegato 3).-

E' noto a codesta Sottocommissione, per diretta constatazione del Maggiore Hall, quanto questo Ministero sta facendo per incrementare le riparazioni degli automezzi in distribuzione ai reparti; lavoro lento e di notevole difficoltà perchè dovuto iniziarsi dalla costituzione "ex novo" delle officine di riparazione e relative attrezzature.-

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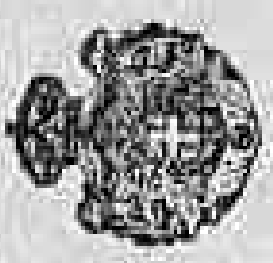
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sione).- (Allegato 3).-

E' noto a codesta Sottocommissione, per diretta constatazione del
Maggiore Hall, quanto questo Ministero sta facendo per incrementare le ri-
parazioni degli automezzi in distribuzione ai reparti; lavoro lento e di
notevole difficoltà perchè dovuto iniziarsi dalla costituzione "ex novo"
delle officine di riparazione e relative attrezzature.-

La nota mancanza di parti di ricambio e di pneumatici di scorta,
rallenta sensibilmente la produzione di detti stabilimenti, ma si ha moti-
vo di ritenere che con taluni ripieghi già adottati e, specialmente con il
concorso dell'Agenzia della Fiat, che lavora in accordo con questo Ministe-
ro, il gettito di talune parti di ricambio più importanti, ora appena al-
l'inizio, possa essere incrementato.- Nessuna possibilità di azione, inve-
ce, nel campo delle gomme, deficienza che darà luogo fra breve al totale
arresto della circolazione (per taluni tipi di macchine già in atto) se
non si avrà l'aiuto delle autorità alleate.-

Il gettito delle riparazioni ha già segnato nel mese di Maggio no-
tevole incremento rispetto a quelli precedenti (985 riparazioni complessi-
ve, in confronto ad una media di 360), ed è da presumere possa essere anco-
ra incrementato.-

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

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Risp. al f. _____ di _____ del _____

OGGETTO: _____

Tuttavia esso è ancora al disotto del numero delle inefficienze che si verificano negli automezzi in distribuzione ai reparti, anche per chè questi ultimi sono da molto tempo sottoposti a lavoro così intenso da dar luogo ad anormale e rapido logorio.

Per quanto concerne gli autocarri pertanto, i provvedimenti a mio avviso indispensabili per superare la crisi già in atto e che va ogni giorno aggravandosi con ritmo accelerato, sono: -

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B) - Autovetture - La situazione è analoga, anzi più grave di quella sopra descritta per gli autocarri.- Ben 160 autovetture sono ferme per mancanza di pneumatici e potrebbero essere rimesse in circolazione se si riuscissero:- 450 pneumatici 500 x 15; 180 della misura 550 x 15; 85 della misura 160 x 40 e 75 della misura 6 x 16.-

Il gettito delle requisizioni è da tempo pressochè nullo.- La possibilità di requisire, limitata alle provincie ritornate sotto la giurisdizione del Governo Italiano, dove la disponibilità è già ridotta .../...

perchè regioni con limitata circolazione automobilistica, è decurtate dalle numerose sottrazioni avvenute a partire dall'armistizio, prime dai tedeschi, poi dalle autorità italiane ed alleate.-

Negli ultimi due mesi, non ostante si sia cercato in tutti i modi di accrescere tale gettito, si sono potute requisire soltanto 26 autovetture, per la maggior parte in mediocre condizioni di uso.- Dai dati in possesso di questo Ministero una ottantina sarebbero state nello stesso periodo requisite dagli Alleati nelle sole provincie di Bari, Brindisi, Lecce, Taranto e Salerno.-

Durante il corso di tali operazioni una delle maggiori difficoltà incontrate è dovuta al fatto che quasi tutte le autovetture civili sono munite di permesso di circolazione rilasciato da autorità alleate che, secondo quanto comunicato dall'Ufficio di Collegamento con H.Q. n° 2 District C.M.F. (allegato 4), deve essere interpretato come documento valido per la esenzione dalla requisizione.-

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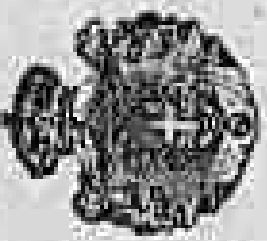
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- b) - disciplinare opportunamente le requisizioni in modo da assicurare un margine di esse per le necessità dell'Esercito Italiano.-

Accordi che al riguardo già erano stati convenuti tra l'Ufficio Italiano di Collegamento ed il 2° District, non hanno ottenuto l'approvazione delle superiori autorità alleate (vedi allegato n° 5).-

Un riesame della questione, inteso a disciplinare questa delicata materia, sarebbe opportuno non soltanto ai fini della necessità

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P. IL MINISTRO

Gen. Silvestri

COPIA

TRADUZIONE
CO/ve.

Dall'UFFICIO GENIO
Comando 2° District

(14 Chief Engineer Works,
n°2 District)

Tele N°12589
CE/710/7

= 24 Aprile 1944

OGGETTO: Acquedotto Pugliese - Trasporti.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
e copia:

ALL'ACQUEDOTTO PUGLIESE

1. Riferimento vostra lettera alla suddetta Compagnia P.M.107 e f°7454/21/Z6 del 16 Aprile.
2. E' di fondamentale importanza che questi veicoli non siano sottratti immediatamente alle Compagnia.
3. Come sapete, col sopravvenire dell'estate, il suo lavoro aumenta giornalmente, con conseguenti maggiori necessità di eseguire trasporti.
4. Stiamo facendo ogni possibile sforzo per ottenere copertoni e camere d'aria per mettere la compagnia in grado di usare i propri automezzi. Quando ciò sarà fatto sarà possibile alla compagnia di fare a meno degli autocarri.
5. Vogliate riesaminare le disposizioni date alla compagnia e prorogare la consegna di questi autocarri a fine giugno.

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Capo del Servizio Genio - Firmato:

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A. M. G. C. T.

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO TERRITORIO OCCUPATO 4797

P O T E N Z A P R O V I N C I A

Ora - A. G. C.

Vi spedito al N. 2	al foglio N. 19829
In data 16.6.44	del Ministero della
Guerra Direzione Generale della Mobilitazione	

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Potenza 2 Giugno 1944.-

AL :COMANDO PRESIDIO MILITARE - POTENZA -
e.p.c. a Regione 2, HQ (Ufficiale dei Trasporti)
:Maggiore H.H.NICHOLS - Commissario Provinciale - Potenza -

OGGETTO=Recupero automezzi militari.-

Con riferimento al foglio Prot.N° 1186/ord.del 25 Maggio sc.

Avevo sperato di essere in condizione di restituire tut-
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Ma temo che la situazione sia cambiata perchè dei 40 camion
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Io devo proteggere gli interessi civili e non mi sento giu-
stificato nel rilasciare qualsiasi altro veicolo Militare Italiano, al
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Se i Camions del Dipartimento della Guerra saranno ritirati io sarei forzato a fare assegnamento sui pochi camions civili ancora disponibili e sugli altri veicoli della Armata Italiana, per la distribuzione degli approvvigionamenti ai Comuni fuori di qui.

MAJOR

PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER POTENZA

T/to: H.H. NICHOLS



C O C P I A

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione
2^a Divisione - 1^a Sezione

Allegato al N. 3
in data 18.6.44
del Ministro della
Guerra Direttore Generale della Motorizzazione

N. 12332/21/Vo di prot.
P.M. 107, 14 giugno 1944
OGGETTO: - cessione di automezzi di tipo militare da parte del Comandante dell'Armata di Liberazione Jugoslava a civili italiani -

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA
COMMISSIONE ARMATA DI CONTROLLO

= L E G U I L E =

Il Comando del IX^o Corpo d'Armata con foglio n. 02/2936/Aut. del 9 giugno 1944, ha segnalato a questo Ministero che il Maggiore KOSULICH dell'Armata di Liberazione Jugoslava ha in corso trattative per la cessione a civili italiani di n. 6 automezzi già del R. Esercito, e cioè:-

- Fiat 626/M	telai n. 004150	motore n. 009617
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Poiché il Mags. Kosulich non è in possesso di alcun documento relativo alla cessione degli automezzi di cui sopra, si gradirà conoscere se la scrivente deve ritenere regolare tale cessione, per le conseguenti disposizioni del Comando del IX Corpo d'Armata che ha soppressuto per il

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P. IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
P/to : Col. A. Rampa

Il Capo d'Ufficio 1. Sezione
M. Per. Esercito (S. S. S. S.)



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UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO CON H.Q. N°2 DISTRICT C.

Allegato al N. 4 al foglio N. 12.22
in data 18.6.47 del Ministero della
Guerra Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione.

N° 1610 di Prot.

Barf, 116 marzo 1944.-
OGGETTO:- Requisizione automezzi civili italiani.-

ALL'UFFICIO ITALIANO DI COLLEGAMENTO CON

- 6^ BASE SUB AREA = BARI
- 52^ A R E A = TARANTO
- 71^ SUB AREA = BRINDISI
- 151^ SUB AREA = BARIETTA

Per conoscenza e norma degli uffici collegamento, nonchè degli
ufficiali automobilistici destinati a far parte delle rispettive commis-
sioni miste istituite presso ogni Area e Sub Area, si trasmettono copie
dei seguenti fogli;

- 1. - n. 2827 di prot. in data 4-2-44 del Ministero Guerra - Direzione
Generale Motorizzazione - 2^ Divisione;
- 2. - N: 1050 in data 11-2-44 diretto da questo ufficio all'H.Q. N°2 Di-
strict CMF (nel testo originale italiano);
- 3. - n. 1027 in data 2.c.m. dell'H.Q. 2° District (in traduzione con
il relativo allegato).

A titolo di chiarimento si precisa quanto segue:

- 1. - La regolazione delle requisizioni effettuate dall'8-9-43 in poi va
eseguita presso ogni Area o Sub Area a cura dell'apposita Commissione Mi-
sta, che trasmetterà il relativo elenco sia al Comando IX Corpo d'Armata -
Ufficio Automobilistico - sia All'Ufficio Italiano di Collegamento del
posto per la inclusione nell'elenco delle prestazioni.-
- 2. - A parziale modifica di quanto segnalato nei fogli rimessi in copia,
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 4. - Secondo intese raggiunte con l'H.Q. 6° Base Sub Area, i proprietari di autovetture già munite di un ordine di non requisizione da parte del Ministero della Guerra, e per le quali l'A.C.C. non avesse ritenuto di concedere il permesso di circolazione, devono rappresentare la cosa al predetto Ministero perchè lo stesso intervenga per la concessione del permesso di circolazione. Uguale procedura dovrà quindi osservarsi presso le altre Aree e Sub Aree.
- Pregasi pertanto curare che d'ora innanzi le requisizioni di autovetture civili italiane siano effettuate tramite l'Ordinance Branch dell'Area o Sub Area, a mezzo dell'apposita Commissione Mista, osservando strettamente le disposizioni di cui innanzi nonchè di cui ai fogli uniti in copia.
- Si prega accusare ricevuta.-

IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
F/to : Riccardo Vallone



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1979
16.6.44
Com. Difesa

OGGETTO :- requisizione di Autoveicoli civili italiani?-

HQ. 2 DISTRICT CMF
Tel. n° 12999
OS/4005
23 maggio 1944

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A decorrere dalla data di ricezione della requisizione dei veicoli civili italiani finora regolata secondo ai termini di cui all'ordine del giorno n. 175 del 1944, saranno invece effettuate secondo " A.B. 361 " .-

La requisizione NON - RIPETESI NON - devono essere effettuate in nome dell'Autorità Militare Italiana.-

P. C. C.  
Il Capo della Sezione  
(A. B. 361 - 1944)  
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OGGETTO :- requisizione di autoveicoli civili italiani.-

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HQ. 2 DISTRICT CM.F
Tel. n° 12999
OS/4005
23 maggio 1944

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P. C. C.  
Il Capo della Sezione  
(Sottosegretario alla Difesa)  
*Margherita*

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Col. DDOS

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OGGETTO :- requisizione di autoveicoli civili italiani.- 1642

HQ. 2 DISTRICT CM.F
Tel.n° 12999
OS/4005
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E' stato disposto dalle Superiori Autorità che lo schema di  
norme per la requisizione di autoveicoli civili italiani quale risul-  
ta dalla v.s. lettera n. 1050 in data 11-2-44 concordato con questo  
Comando, non è accettabile.-

Nessuna dettagliata spiegazione è stata fornita in merito.-

P. C. C.  
Il Capo della Sezione  
(Sottosegretario alla Difesa)  
*Margherita*

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Subject:- Italian Army Vehicles

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main HQ (MILIA)  
LEQUILE. (LECCE)  
AQ/5

23 June 44

Chief Commissioner,  
A.C.C.

1. Inviting attention to attached copy of translation of letter from the War Ministry.

2. Italian Military resources are property of the Italian Government under:-

Letter AFHQ. AG 091.711-1 GCT-AGM 10 Feb 44, and  
AFHQ Circular No. 13, 1 May 44.

3. Obviously, Italian Military vehicles should neither be retained by the Yugo-Slav Army nor sold or traded by them to Italian civilians.

4. Request that the proper Sub Commission be instructed to secure these vehicles from Major Kosulich and return them to the Italian Army.

5. Also request that all ACC personnel be informed of the contents of the documents listed in par. 2, above, insofar as Italian Army property is concerned.

*A. Browning*  
1641  
Major General  
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

CPK/p

*ch 23/6*

TRANSLATION.

FROM: War Ministry.  
: AMIA

REF: 12339/21/  
DATE: 12 June 44.

SUBJECT: Issue of military type vehicles by Yugoslav Liberation Army C.O. to Italian Civilians.

The H.Q. of 9th Army Corps with its 02/2936/Int. of June 9, 1944 reported that MAJOR KOSULICH of the Yugoslav Army of Liberation has made agreements for the sale to Italian civilians of 6 vehicles, belonging to the Italian Army at one time, namely :-

|            |                  |                  |
|------------|------------------|------------------|
| FIAT 626/H | Frame No. 004150 | Motor No. 003617 |
| " " "      | " " 002410       | " " 002626       |
| " " "      | " " 002377       | " " 002574       |
| " 666/H    | " " 002412       | " " 003315       |
| " 634/N    | " " 007373       | " " 002532       |
| LANCIA RG  | " " 2133         | " " 2133         |

Said Yugoslav senior Officer, at the request of Army Corps, affirmed that said materials were placed at his disposal by Allied Headquarters who authorized him to exchange said materials with other materials more suitable for the service of his Headquarters.

As MAJOR KOSULICH is not in possession of any documents regarding the consignment of the vehicles mentioned above, we would like to know if we are to consider said issue as regular, in order for us to give the consequent orders to the HQ of the 9th Army Corps, which is taking measures for the seizure and recovery of said vehicles for the Italian Armed Forces.

Dir. Gen.

1640

Subject:- Motor Tpt

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main HQ (MIA)  
LEWILL (LECOB)  
AQ 5/6  
21 June 44.

S.M.R.E.

Ref your 1/2505 Serv dated 14 June 44.

1. We have read with interest the a/m letter and fully appreciate the difficulties with which you have to contend.
2. It is regretted that we are unable to hold out any hope of immediate assistance.
3. In the meantime you should utilise to the best possible advantage your present available vehicles.

3rd/FAC

  
Major General  
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

Copy to:- Ministry of War

1639

INTERPRETEZA EF. AM. DELLA CAMMINA  
DIREZIONE AUTOMOBILISTICA

039912 / auto di prot.

R.M. 120, 12 19-0-944.-

OGGETTO: automezzi, versati dalla Divisione "Nembo"

AL ARMY SUB COMMISSION (I.C.C.)

SAFOLI

We beg to info. you that further to instructions from Allied HQ.  
the NEMBO inf. has. handed the following AT to the 10 br. Group.

Informasi che su disposizione del Comando Alleato

La Divisione di Penteria "Nembo" ha versato al 10<sup>o</sup> Raggruppamento

Autieri i seguenti automezzi:

- Autocarro Spx 18 ..... 18

Assegnati:

N° 2 al 10<sup>o</sup> Regt. Art. dg. "Bologna"

N° 1 al 31<sup>o</sup> Complementi C.I.L.

3. Agata dei Gori

N° 1 Ser. Spec. Sussit. Anzio

(approntato)

N° 2 Autodirappello Comando FF. AA.

Compagnia in sostituzione di

altrettanti guasti.

N° 1 al campo affluenza Afragola

N° 1 alla Direzione d'Artiglieria

N° 1 al Reg. 22. Vest. di Napoli

N° 1 al Dep. Artigl. di Napoli

N° 1 all'UFF. Mil. Urb. e Starchi

N° 7 al 10<sup>o</sup> Regt. Art. (in

corso di approntamento perché

non in perfetta efficienza)

Assegnati:

N° 7 al Dep. Artigl. di Capua

N° 1 Autodirappello Com. FF. AA. della

- Autocarro Bianchi Miles ..... 4

Assegnati:

N° 7 al Dep. Artigl. di Capua

N° 1 Autodirappello Com. FF. AA. della

la Divisione di Fanteria "Fiamme" ha versato al 10° Reggimento

Autieri i seguenti automezzi:

- Autocarro Spa 1914 ..... 18 assegnati:  
 No 2 al 10° Regt. Art. 42, "Bologna"  
 No 1 al Dep. Complementi C.I.L.  
 3. Agata dei Uori  
 No 1 Serbatoio. Sussit. - Anzio  
 (approntato)  
 No 2 Autodirigibile Comando P.I. in  
 compagnia in sostituzione di  
 altrettanti guasti.  
 No 1 al Campo Affluenze Afragola  
 No 1 alla Direzione d'Artiglieria  
 No 1 al Magazz. Vest. di Napoli  
 No 1 al Dep. Artigl. di Napoli  
 No 1 all'UFF. Mil. Imo. e Smeroni  
 - Napoli  
 No 7 al 10° Regt. to Autieri (in  
 corso di approntamento perché  
 non in perfetta efficienza)

- Autocarro Bianchi Miles ..... No 4 Assegnati:  
 No 1 al Dep. Artigl. di Capua  
 No 1 Autodirigibile Com. P.I. della  
 Campania  
 No 2 al 10° Regt. to Autieri (in ripa-  
 razione perché non efficiente)  
 - Assegnato:  
 al 10° Regt. to Autieri (in corso di  
 riparazione)  
 - Assegnato:  
 al 10° Regt. to Autieri (in corso di  
 riparazione)  
 - Autocarro Ceirano ..... No 1 Assegnato:  
 al 10° Regt. to Autieri

di ordine  
 IL CAPO DI  
 -MOSS. S. P. I. Fanteria-

*[Signature]*

1638

Subject: Transport

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main HQ (MCLA)  
Liaison (LMCE)  
AQ/5.

To: H.Q. 2 District

20 June 44.

1. I forward herewith relevant documents covering the "B.I.R." of 4 passenger vehicles on the W.E. of 33 Military Mission.
2. While the W.E. calls for Cars 4 str 4 x 2, and Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4, it is not considered reasonable for any request to be made for issues of this type in view of the serious shortages in the theatre.
3. The cars 4 str 4 x 2 now held are Italian civilian cars in somewhat uncertain state of mechanical efficiency, which is accentuated by the difficulty in obtaining spare parts for FIAT, LANCIA etc.
4. It is requested that authority be given for the issue of cars 2 str 4 x 2 Utility or other suitable vehicles to enable Liaison Officers to cover the large areas in which the Mission is concerned.

*[Signature]*  
Major General.  
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

Copy to - Comd.

Subject: Motor Transport.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main HQ (WHIA)  
LEWIS (LECOF)  
AG/5/1/

19 June 44.

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your Phonogram 12356/21/EG dated 13 June 44.

1. It is reported that of the 25 vehicles delivered to troops in CAMPANIA, 15 are non runners.
2. In view of this report it is essential that at least another 8 lorries are assigned immediately to Comando, E.F.A.A. CAMPANIA.
3. Please ensure that the 8 lorries are the largest type available.

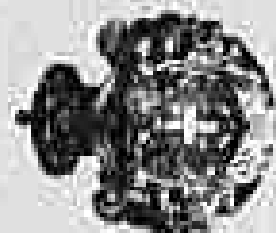
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*[Signature]*  
Major General.  
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

Copy to: AGC (Main)  
for WHIA. D.O.

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# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI

-- Sezione S.M. --

N. 1/2505 di prol. Serv.

Risposta al foglio N. AQ/5

P. M. 151, li

14 giugno 1944

del 29 maggio u. s. Allegati

OGGETTO: impiego automezzi. -

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.

LEQUILE

- 1°)- Circa il 35% degli automezzi dell'Esercito è inefficiente per mancanza di parti di ricambio e di gomme non disponibili e, poiché manca ogni fonte di approvvigionamento, tale percentuale tende ad aumentare. -
- 2°)- Gli automezzi efficienti rimasti alle varie unità consentono solo di far fronte alle più urgenti necessità di funzionamento delle unità stesse, aggravate dai prelievi che devono compiere in località lontane, e sono utilizzati anche per i più urgenti bisogni della popolazione civile (trasporti di derrate) e per conto degli Alleati, come in Calabria, ove 160 autocarri italiani sono a loro disposizione. -
- 3°)- Tutti gli automezzi sono stati sino ad oggi impiegati con un ritmo assai intenso. Pur tuttavia questo S.M., allo scopo di incrementare questo ritmo per un maggiore rendimento, ha anche disposto che i mezzi di trasporti esistenti presso ciascun corpo d'armata siano accentrati e posti per l'impiego alle dirette dipendenze dei <sup>PA33</sup>testesi. -
- 4°)- Non si può fare ulteriore assegnamento sulle requisizioni :
  - sia perchè questa fonte è ormai pressochè esaurita e sono note a codesta M.M.I.A. le condizioni in cui è rimasta la

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  - sia perchè sfruttata fino ai limiti di ogni possibilità anche da parte degli Alleati.
- 5°)- Per quanto riguarda i mezzi di trasporti dei reparti costituiti per gli A.A., si è di volta in volta convenuto con codesta Sottocommissione se, in base alle disponibilità, tali mezzi dovevano essere portati al seguito dei reparti oppure forniti dagli Alleati, ed a quest S.M. non risulta vi siano state deroghe alle prescrizioni contenute nei singoli ordini di approntamento.

La situazione degli automezzi militari, come è stato altre volte rappresentato a codesta Sottocommissione sia dal Ministero sia da questo S.M. (V. foglio n° 1/240/Serv. del 16/1/1944), continua a diventare sempre più grave.-

././.

Tutti i provvedimenti escogitati per fronteggiarla non sono che ripieghi i quali, mentre portano al massimo sfruttamento degli automezzi efficienti, riducono, purtroppo, la durata degli stessi per l'inevitabile usura dei mezzi già vecchi, senza che vi sia possibilità di poterli rimettere in efficienza o sostituire.

E ciò verrà a non lunga scadenza a pressochè paralizzare ogni possibilità di trasporti, grave pericolo che è indispensabile scongiurare:

- con l'assegnazione delle parti di ricambio e gomme più volte richieste;
- con la cessione degli automezzi necessari per i bisogni delle unità previste dal noto programma, come risulta dal foglio n° 6/3232/Serv. in data 31 maggio u.s. di questo S.M.;
- con la restituzione dei mezzi di trasporto impiegati per conto degli A.A. in Calabria, come da foglio di pari data n° 6/3829/Serv.-

Si nutre viva fiducia che codesta Sottocommissione esaminerà il grave problema con quella benevolenza che ha sempre dimostrato per i nostri bisogni e non mancherà di far ottenere quanto richiesto per evitare la gravissima ed irreparabile crisi che ci minaccia in fatto di automotomezzi.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.  
- G.B. Oxilia -

*G. Oxilia*

M/b

FO NOGRAMMA

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- M.M.I.A. = LEQUILLE  
- COFA CAMPANIA = NAPOLI

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GUERRAMOTORI N° 2336 /21/RG ALT DESTINATARIO M.M.I.A. LEQUILLE  
PER CONOSCENZA COFA CAMPANIA ALT RIFERIMENTO FONO AQ/1257 DATA DUE  
GIUGNO ALT INFORMASI CHE SONO STATI MESSI AT DISPOSIZIONE COMANDO  
FF.AA. CAMPANIA NUMERO VENTICINQUE AUTOCARRI EFFICIENTI VERSATI AL  
10° RAGGRUPPAMENTO AUTIERI DALLA DIVISIONE PANTERIA "MEMBO" ALT  
GUERRAMOTORI = 1200120644

re you AQ/1257 dated 2/6 @ Please  
note 25 efficient horses issued to 10th. BVR.

IL CAPO DIVISIONE

Col. Angelo Ramona

Sp. of "Membo" Inf. Div.

have been placed at

disposal H.A. Amato  
Campania

13/6

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Amato 7AB  
13 June



Army Sub Commission ACC  
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily  
c/o I.B.S. APO 550

SD/1/1  
14/6

~~94/2~~

No. 199

11 June 1944

Subject: Return of captured vehicles to Italian Army.

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)

The above subject has been brought up. Could you let this office have the latest policy and instructions regarding the return of these vehicles to the Italian Army which are now being used by the Allies and civilians.

*Lester R Albert*

LESTER R ALBERT  
Lt Col Inf  
L O Sicily

28/6/44

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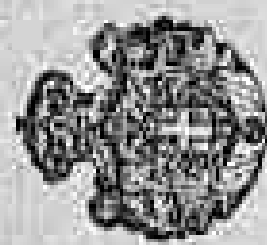
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*See folio 107*

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*Giuseppe P. 15 Jun*



# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE

2<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE - 1<sup>a</sup> SEZIONE

*AQ*

N. di prot. *12332/21*

P.M. 107 h 12 giugno 1944

Allegati

Risp. al f. del

OGGETTO: - cessione di automezzi di tipo militare da parte del Comandante dell'Armata di Liberazione Jugoslava a civili italiani. -

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA  
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

= LEGUILE =

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Il Comando del IX Corpo d'Armata con foglio n° 02/2936/Ant. del 9 giugno 1944, ha segnalato a questo Ministero che il Maggiore KOSULICH dell'Armata di Liberazione Jugoslava ha in corso trattative per la cessione a civili italiani di n° 6 automezzi già dell'1632

Esercito, e cioè:-

|              |                  |                  |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| - Fiat 626/M | telajo n° 004150 | motore n° 009617 |
| - " " "      | " " 002410       | " " 002626       |
| - " " "      | " " 002377       | " " 002574       |
| - " 666/M    | " " 002412       | " " 003815       |
| - " 634/M    | " " 007373       | " " 008832       |
| - Lancia RO  | " " 2133         | " " 2133         |

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COMMISSIONE ARMATA DI CONTROLLO

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| - Fiat 626/N | telaio n° 004150 | motore n° 009617 |
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Il predetto Ufficiale Superiore Jugoslavo, a richiesta del  
Corpo d'Armata, ha asserito che tali materiali sono stati messi a  
sua disposizione dai Comandi Alleati che lo hanno anche autorizzato  
a permutare il materiale stesso con altro più adatto al servizio del  
suo Comando.-

Poichè il Magg. Kosulich non è in possesso di alcun documen-  
to relativo alla consegna degli automezzi di cui sopra, si gradirà  
conoscere se la scrivente deve ritenere regolare tale cessione, per  
le conseguenti disposizioni al Comando del IX Corpo d'Armata, che ha  
soppressaduto per il momento al sequestro e al relativo ricupero de-  
gli automezzi a favore delle F.F.AA. Italiane.-

P. IL DIRETTORE GENERALE  
*Emmery*

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For Action

ACC Main

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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G WMA

Originator's No.

1307

Restricted (.) For Offenbauer (.) Inform DADME that

ALINE II will arrive NAPLES FRIDAY NINE JUNE (.) Refer your 568 of

7 Jun

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Subject:- British Army Vehicles held by Italian Army.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main HQ. (MIA)  
LEQUIL. (LEUCE)  
AQ/5  
June 44.

HQ. ACC for 34.

Reference your 94/101/1 dated 23 May 44.

1. British Army Vehicles found in Italian possession, and which have not been regularly issued for the use of the Italian Army by HQ. AAI, should be returned to the British Army.
2. The Army Sub Commission has no authority to allot British Army Vehicles.

*W. G. G. G.*  
Major General.  
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

1630

Copy to: HQ. AAI for G(AE)  
Col. Simmons thru Allied Garrison Comd.  
SARDINIA.

)with copies  
)Region 6 letter  
)L/1436 of 25/5/44  
and HQ.ACC letter  
94/101/1 of 28/5/44

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Ministry For War

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Chief Of The General Staff

G M/TA

Message Instructions

GR

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AQ 1257 Confidential (.) Reference this Hq AQ/5 of 29 May subject Motor Transport  
(.) Maintenance of Italian Forces and clearance of personnel supplies and stores in  
CAMPANIA is constantly held up by lack of transport (.) pending arrival vehicles  
ordered from SABINIA you will please assign forthwith twelve lorries for  
COMANDO.FA CAMPANIA (.) please acknowledge and confirm action taken

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF G-4  
APO 394

DHE/hhj.

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28 May 1944.

G4/101/1.

SUBJECT : British Vehicles in hands of Italian Army.

TO : Army Sub-Commission.

A215  
3015

Enclosed is copy letter received from Regional Commissioner, Region VI. Will you inform us if any policy has been laid down about British vehicles found in these circumstances.

If there is no objection from you, we would like to withdraw this and similar vehicles from the Italian Army and obtain permission for their use by the Region.

ACC ad Col  
S. W. Miller  
MMIA does not allow  
WD vehs, but ADI

S. W. Miller,  
Major, R.A.  
G-4.

File

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Copy to : Regional Commissioner, Region VI.  
(Suggested that you contact, to save time, Army Sub-Commission representative in Sardinia direct on these lines).

See folder 92  
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C O P Y.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
REGION 6

25 May 1944.

TO: Headquarters, A.C.C., (R.C. & M.G. Section).

SUBJECT: Captured British Vehicles in Italian Military Possession.

REFERENCE: L/1436

1. A British "Bedford" truck 3-ton 4 x 2 G.S. has been found in possession of an Italian Regiment on the Island, presumably a captured vehicle.
2. Except for a vital small part which could be obtained from Ordnance sources the vehicle, according to the Italian authorities, is in good running order.
3. Can information please be given as to what is the policy and procedure in regard to such vehicles. If this vehicle (or any others found if we are instructed to investigate further) were taken over by Region 6 they could be very usefully employed, in which connection please see my TPTN/1607 of 18 May 44 regarding Road Haulage Transport Pool vehicles.

(Signed) M. CARR, Brigadier.

M. CARR.  
Brigadier.,  
Regional Commissioner.

1627

Subject:- Motor Transport.

H.E. General Orlando. Minister of War.  
H.E. General Berardi. Chief of Staff.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main HQ. (MELA)  
LEQUILLE. (LECOE)  
10/5  
29 May 44.

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1. Further to my various letters regarding the full use of Italian Army resources.

2. I am informed by a member of my staff that certain vehicles have remained in the same place for three months without being used, and that a large number of such vehicles are in satisfactory operating condition.

Also, it appears that full use is not being made of the available vehicles, and that a number of vehicles are being retained by the remnants of units which have gone to work for the Allies instead of the vehicles going with the units which need them. Also, vehicles are being retained by units full time, when such vehicles could be used to serve several units.

3. It appears that arrangements must be made at once to ascertain the total number of vehicles available to the Italian Army, and then to reallocate the available vehicles in such a way that the maximum use is made of each vehicle. The requirements of certain units are acute, while other units have vehicles standing idle.

4. Until full use is made of Italian Army MT resources, and such resources as can be secured by your requisition to supplement the present Army stocks, further discussion regarding provision of MT from Allied sources is useless.

5. I would be pleased to receive information as to what action you are taking in this matter.

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fb/CPK

*Clayton P. Kerr*  
CLAYTON P. KERR.  
Colonel.

for Major General,  
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

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TO MMIA LEQUILE

Y LAC/rrc

Fod to

MMIALO HQ ACC

Allied Force Headquarters  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Army Sub-Commission  
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

23 May 1944

SUBJECT: Vehicle Report

TO : Commanding General, Allied Control Commission  
(Through C.O.G. Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Lequile)

1 Pursuant to instructions in letter your headquarters, Establishment Memorandum Number 6, dated 7 March 1944, a vehicle report is submitted as follows:

| VEHICLE # | TYPE         | LOCATION | DATE OF LAST<br>W/SHOP INSPECTION | WHETHER<br>SERVICEABLE | REMARKS |
|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| 20332423  | 1/2 ton Ford | Sardinia | 3 May                             | Yes                    | None    |
| 20397700  | 1/2 ton Ford | Sardinia | 22 May                            | Yes                    | None    |

For Colonel F. L. SIMMONS:

JEROME KESSNER  
Lieut Col, Infantry

1625

For MMIALO HQ ACC to send to  
C.G. ACC (on shore vehicle)

Twice returned by ~~LO's~~ at Naples.

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

AA/5  
M/5

Ref/161/80/CA

23 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Vehicles.

TO : Army Sub-Comm. Main HQ. (Lequille)

1. Reference your ~~AA/5~~ <sup>AA/5</sup> of 20 March 44.

2. I am now advised that the five Lancia vehicles referred to have been returned to the unit concerned.

*Norman E. Fiske* Capt  
NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner

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Subject;- A.B. 4I2.

Ad 5

24/5

W.M.I.A,  
HQ 5 Corps.  
O/2.  
22 May 44.

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Army Sub Commission.

- I. I am informed that A.B 4I2 has been translated into Italian.
2. If this is so, can you inform me where they may be obtained. About 50 copies would be required.

GO Donnell,  
Capt.,  
Liaison Officer.

Replied to  
19/7/44  
023  
who is  
arranging  
delivery direct  
to Capt Donnell  
8.77

Subject: Requisition of Vehicle.

HQ. 71. Sub Area.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

Main HQ. (AMIA)

REMIFF. (L. 032)

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20 237 44.

1. The following information was reported to this HQ by Captain Giameri, Italian Army, attached to 62nd Service Group, US Army.

a) Capt. Giameri, acting under instructions of 62nd Service Group, located a motor car, license No. 4926, and on 19 April received your authority to requisition for the 62nd Service Group to complete authorized equipment for that unit.

b) Capt. Giameri on 19 April placed the authorized requisitioned sticker on the windshield of the vehicle, locked the car, and secured the registration papers.

c) On or about 23 April, a US Officer, name unknown, representing Lt. Col. Gideon, 450th Bomb Group, US Army, removed the car from the garage, broke the lock, destroyed the requisitioned sticker, and proceeded to drive the car away by wrecker.

d) Capt. Giameri called Col. Gideon and asked for a conference. Col. Gideon sent a lieutenant to talk to Capt. Giameri. Capt. Giameri was informed that Lt. Col. Gideon had purchased the car from the civilian owner for \$170, and it in his possession and was going to keep it.

e) Capt. Giameri states that the owner was not paid prior to 20th April, and that no papers have been signed and no receipts were executed for the money which is alleged to have been paid.

f) The ownership papers are in the possession of Capt. Giameri.

2. If the information given is factual, it appears that this is an irregularity which tends to nullify the entire requisition system, resulting in the inability of Italian Officers to properly carry out the instructions in the Italian Army.

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c) On or about 23 April, a US Officer, name unknown, representing Lt. Col. Gideon, 450th Bomb Group, 85 Army, removed the car from the garage, broke the lock, destroyed the requisitioned sticker, and proceeded to drag the car away by wrecker.

d) Capt. Cianeri called Col. Gideon and asked for a conference. Col. Gideon sent a Lieutenant to talk to Capt. Cianeri. Capt. Cianeri was informed that Lt. Col. Gideon had purchased the car from the civilian owner for \$170, had it in his possession and was going to keep it.

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2. If the information given is factual, it appears that this is an irregularity which tends to nullify the entire requisition system, resulting in the inability of Italian officers to properly carry out the instructions of the unit to which they are attached. Also, if the Italian civilians can avoid requisitioning by sale of the property after requisition, a very serious situation will result.

Inasmuch as Policy is involved, in addition to the irregularity alleged, the matter is referred to you.

ED/GPK

Copy to: CG. 62nd Service Group.  
APO. 520, U.S. Army.

Major General.  
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Transport for Civil Supplies.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main HQ (MIA)  
LEQUE (LEQUE)  
AQ/5  
12 May 44.

Ministry of War.

*See Feb. 83.*

1. A number of 10-ton FIAT trucks have been rebuilt in the Middle East and are being brought in to ITALY during the next few weeks. 50 are due to arrive between now and 20 May.
2. These trucks are consigned to ACC for haulage of essential civil supplies under ACC arrangements, and will NOT be available for use by the ITALIAN Armed Forces.

tvn.JB.

*F. J. Noakes*  
Major General.  
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

Copies to: Stato Maggiore R Esercito.  
ORD MIA.

TRADUZIONE

84/1  
Dall'ARMY SUB COMMISSION, A.S.C.  
Main H.Q. (MMA)  
AQ/5 - 8 maggio 1944

OGGETTO :- cessione di rimorchi.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Si autorizza la cessione al M.E., 48 (Special Force), da parte del Parco di Mesagne, di n° 3 rimorchi di circostanza.-

P. IL MAGGIOR GENERALE  
Capo della Sottocomm. Alleata per l'Esero  
F/to: Magg. Coles

M/b

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione  
- 2<sup>a</sup> Divisione -

n° 9745/21/Aa?

P.M. 107, li 11 maggio 1944 1620

ALLA DIREZIONE DEL PARCO AUTOMOBILISTICO  
e, per conoscenza :-  
- ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO  
DELL'A.C.C. (M.M.I.A.)  
ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO MISSIONI ALLEATE  
DEL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
= MESAGNE =  
= LEQUILE =  
= S E D E =

.....per l'ottemperanza, con preghiera di comunicare tutti

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.....per l'ottemperanza, con preghiera di comunicare tipi  
e numeri di targa dei rimorchi ceduti.-



IL CAPO DIVISIONE  
(Col. A. Rampa)

*by clm*

*Lee Folio 82*

*11/2*

*in the  
void. request  
action to report  
type and number  
of trailers*

84  
Subject:- Transport for Italian Port Detachment Officer.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main HQ. (MMIA)  
LEQUITE. (LECCO)  
AQ/5

10 May 44

Ministry of War.

Copy to: ST (2)

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Reference is made to letter from this office on the above subject, File AQ5 dated 30 April 44.

It is requested that the necessary action be taken immediately, if it has not already been done, to supply this transport. Several unfortunate incidents have occurred which could conceivably have been avoided had the necessary transport been available.

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Major General.  
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
ECONOMIC SECTION  
AFO 394

NH/ml

ES/49

1 May 1944

SUBJECT : Return to Italian Army of Vehicles.

TO : Maj. Gen. L. Browning CB. OBE. MC. Army Sub Commission, ACC.

1. Under AFHQ (Adv Adm Ech) 36/21/03 of 8 Feb 44 para 2 (d), this HQ. has been notified that,

50 - 10 ton FIAT trucks

are being shipped to Italy from Mideast as part of the 400 trucks still due to make up a total of 1000 for civilian food transport.

2. These trucks are part of a total of 185 - 10 ton FIAT trucks captured from the Italian Army in ERITREA and driven up to CAIRO where they have been for the past 9 months.

3. Fifty of these have been reconditioned and rebuilt. They are expected to arrive in Italy between now and 20 May 44.

4. As these trucks have been assigned to this HQ. by AFHQ for Civilian Supplies Road Haulage Scheme, may steps be taken, please, to ensure that the Italian Army does not claim these trucks on arrival under HQ. ACC Executive Memo No. 32, of 24 Feb 44.

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*D. S. Adams*  
D. S. ADAMS  
Colonel, C. E.  
Executive Officer  
Economic Section

Copy to:  
C.A. Branch

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*For action*

*A.B.*

*10 May*

*done 11/5*  
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*See folio 85*

(1) Subject:- Issue of Improvised Trailers.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main No. (1000)  
REQUIS. (1000)  
AO/5  
May 44.

Ministry of War.

Authority is granted for issuing of 3  
improvised trailers to M.E.A.S (Special Force) from  
Mesagne.

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*[Signature]*  
Major General.  
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Issue of Materials.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

Main HQ (MMIA)

LECCE (LECCE)

AQ/15.

16 Apr 44.

MMIA LO Rear H.Q. Eighth Army.

1. Reference your MM/113/1 dated 5 April and our AQ 938 of 10 Apr 44.
2. We are advised by SMCE that a small portion of the items needed can be furnished from Italian sources. Details of items available and amount of each are indicated on the right hand margin of copies of Appendices 2 and 3 (in Italian) which are returned herewith.
3. This Headquarters cannot authorise issue of any of the additional needed items from British sources. The probability of any immediate change in the controlling policy is extremely doubtful

tvcs,CS

*W. H. Shapley H.A.*  
Major General.  
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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MATERIALE NECESSARIO ALLE 3 AUTOOFFICINE ATTREZZATE PER MEDIE  
RIPARAZIONI E PER UNA AUTOFFICINA ATTREZZATA PER LE GRANDI RIP.

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|                                                              |       |       |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| — Tubo di gomma per compressore                              | n.    | 100   | - 20      |
| — " " " " freni idraulici                                    | n.    | 100   | - 15      |
| { Tela smeriglio nei vari numeri                             | f.    | 300   | { 30      |
| { Smeriglio a grana fina ed a grana grossa                   | set.  | 50    | { 5       |
| — Ermetico per guarnizioni                                   | tub.  | 30    | - 5       |
| — Sughero in fogli                                           | f.    | 40    | 1/2       |
| Carta abrasiva                                               | f.    | 200   |           |
| — Rotoli di nastro isolante                                  | n.    | 30    | 5 kg      |
| Stagno                                                       | lbs   | 100   |           |
| Acido cloridrico                                             | qts   | 50    |           |
| — Fili comando per motocicli con relative guaine             | n.    | 100   | 1/2 kg 20 |
| Glicerite in fogli per guarnizioni                           | f.    | 200   |           |
| — Carta vetro in differenti misure                           | f.    | 500   | - 10      |
| — Acido solforico - per carica 60 batterie                   | lt.   | 100   | 1/2       |
| Tondino di ferro per costruzione catene mm 8/10              | lbs   | 15000 |           |
| idem mm. 12                                                  | lbs   | 24000 |           |
| Cordone segato premistoppa - in varie misure                 | yds   | 100   |           |
| Filo per candele                                             | yds   | 300   |           |
| — Cavo a bassa tensione                                      | yds   | 200   | 1/2       |
| Ribattini di rame                                            | lbs   | 60    |           |
| Saldatore ad ossigeno con cannelli compresi quelli da taglio | n.    | 5     |           |
| Cannelli con punte                                           | n.    | 5     |           |
| Rappezzi a freddo                                            | ecat. | 150   |           |
| Rappezzi a caldo in varie misure                             | "     | 200   |           |
| Tubi per acetilene                                           | n.    | 50    |           |
| Tubi per ossigeno                                            | n.    | 50    |           |
| Compressori per verniciare e gonfiare pneumatici             | n.    | 2     |           |
| Para per vulcanizzare                                        | lbs   | 1000  |           |
| Olio per freni                                               | lbs   | 300   |           |
| Tela per vulcanizzare pneumatici                             | yds   | 30    |           |
| Gomma in fogli                                               | lbs   | 300   |           |
| Olio pe ammortizzatore                                       | lbs   | 100   |           |
| Ferodo per freni differenti misure                           |       | 1615  |           |
| per autocarratte                                             | n.    | 300   |           |
| per autocarri                                                | n.    | 100   |           |
| per motociclette                                             | n.    | 100   |           |

Le Linee sono state osservate

## MATERIALI NECESSARI PER GLI IMMEDIATI BISOGNI DEGLI AUTOMEZZI

|                                    |                          |              |      |     |     |      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|------|-----|-----|------|
| Coperture                          | 600                      | x            | 16   | n.  | 20  |      |
| "                                  | 3,50                     | x            | 15   | n.  | 30  | - 10 |
| "                                  | 900                      | x            | 20   | n.  | 50  |      |
| "                                  | 7,50                     | x            | 20   | n.  | 200 |      |
| "                                  | 700                      | x            | 20   | n.  | 40  |      |
| Camere d'aria                      | 3,50                     | x            | 15   | n.  | 70  | - 15 |
| "                                  | 900                      | x            | 20   | n.  | 40  |      |
| "                                  | 7,50                     | x            | 20   | n.  | 250 |      |
| "                                  | 700                      | x            | 20   | n.  | 100 |      |
| "                                  | 600                      | x            | 16   | n.  | 25  |      |
| Candele                            | passo mm. 14             |              |      | n.  | 500 |      |
| "                                  | passo mm. 18             |              |      | n.  | 250 |      |
| Punte platinate p r autocarri -FL4 | Marelli                  | Spint.-      | paia |     | 40  |      |
| "                                  | "                        | autovetture  | idem | - " | 20  |      |
| "                                  | "                        | motociclette | idem | - " | 30  |      |
| Lampade per fari ( 12 volts )      | bilux                    |              |      | n.  | 300 |      |
| "                                  | per fanalini ( 6 volts ) |              |      | n.  | 300 |      |
| Bobine ( 12 volts )                |                          |              |      | n.  | 50  |      |
| Valvole per pneumatici             |                          |              |      | n.  | 400 |      |
| Cappellotti valvole per pneumatici |                          |              |      | n.  | 500 |      |
| Cinghie per ventilatori            | diametro                 | 56-1,5x7,8   |      | n.  | 20  |      |
| "                                  | "                        | 59- x 5,8    |      | n.  | 10  |      |
| "                                  | "                        | 49-3/4x1 1/2 |      | n.  | 20  |      |
| "                                  | "                        | 60 x 7/8     |      | n.  | 6   |      |

49 Army Sub Commission, ACC  
( M M I A )  
Rear H Q EIGHTH ARMY.  
MM/101/22. 80

29 Apr 44. HQ/5  
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10 Publications Depot  
BARI.

Copy to:- Army Sub Comm. ACC  
Main H Q ( M M I A )  
LEQUILE ( LECCE ) (you AQ/5 of 29 Feb 55 refers)

SUBJECT:- Veh Maint Booklet - ITALIAN.

Reference my MM/101 of 3 Mar 44. 100 copies  
for US

May a reply to a request from this office  
for 250 copies of SPEZIONE, MANTINIMENTO E  
CURA VEICOLI DELL ' ESERCITO be given as soon  
as possible.

M. Fieldman  
Major,  
Liaison Officer.

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ST to see

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1. May

Subject:- Transport for Italian Port  
Detachment Officer.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main No. (2217)  
12 JUL 44 (13001)  
A/S  
20 April 44.

Ministry of War.

Copy to S.I.(E)

In order to allow the Italian Port Detachment Officer properly to carry out his duties, it is necessary for him to have means of transport. His accurate supervision is essential if Italian supplies are to be safeguarded and ships are often berthed up to some two miles apart.

You will, therefore, please issue the necessary instructions to PFAA, CAMPANIA to provide the necessary transport to enable him to control the whole port.

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F. J. No and  
for Major General.  
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

See folio 84

Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, 103.  
c/o Mor & Th.  
AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon,  
C.M.F.

INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION.

27/2/44 10/5

ITALIAN ARMY.

Our reference : ACC Tn/39/39

Date : 25 Feb 44.

TO : Main H.Q., ACC.  
(Economic Section).

SUBJECT : 1001 Gen. Tpt. Coy., (Italian).

1. Lt. Halstead Regional Road Transport Control Officer (Roads), Region II, reported to this Sub-Commission, Thursday afternoon, 24 Feb 44, having previously reported to Col. Fiske.

2. He states that 1001 Gen. Tpt. Coy., (Italian), has been inspected by the R.C., Region II (Lt. Col. McCaffery), Capt. Roberts (Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC) and himself. The following facts were ascertained regarding the Coy.

(a) Originally formed by No. 2 District for docks clearance, i.e. short journeys.

(b) The British Cadre provided to form and operate this Coy., was the HQ Platoon of a Water Tank Coy., R.A.S.C. which also had available its own Workshop Platoon.

(c) The vehicles are Class 2 vehicles and in poor condition. The vehicle strength of the Coy. is:

- 120 x 5 ton load carriers
- 5 x 3 ton for domestic purposes
- 1 x 3 ton for carrying spare parts
- 5 x 15 cwt. One per Platoon
- 1 x 15 cwt. For Workshops
- 3 x 15 cwt. On Coy. HQ.
- 10 Motor Cycles.

Of the above one 3 tonner has been stolen and at the time of the inspection, 33 x 3 tonners and 4 M/Cs. were shown. Vehicles Off Road on the Coy's estate board and they comprise seven different makes.

(d) All vehicles are minus tool kits (jacks, pumps, wheel braces etc).

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(e) All vehicles are without super structures and canopies and a large percentage are without lights.

(f) The Coy. has no Workshop equipment or fitters tools. There are supposed to be 16 Italian fitters on the Coy. strength, but the Coy. Commander could only produce one at time of inspection.

(g) Application was made by the C.O. British Cadre for five vehicle tool kits and this application was refused.

(h) Personnel of the Coy. consists of 140 drivers, 50 O.Rs. for General Duties and 8 Officers.

3. As you are aware this Coy. is required for the distribution of civilian supplies and this will necessitate the Coy. being split up over Region II. Having regard to the points set out above, it will be appreciated that 1001 Gen. Tpt. Coy. is not fit to fulfil the requirements and will not be able to operate successfully unless provided with a British Cadre for administration and workshops.

4. It will also be seen from the facts stated in 2 (c) that the personnel of the Coy. are not sufficient for efficient operation, e.g. only 140 drivers for 145 vehicles, this includes 10 motor cycles. The Italian Coy. Commander has, himself, notified the Commander, 9th. Italian Army Corps by letter that he has not sufficient personnel. Copy of this letter (translation) attached.

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5. Region II is not prepared to accept responsibility for or to attempt to use this Coy. until the major deficiencies referred to above are made good. This Sub-Commission endorses the attitude of Region II and would emphasise that the ultimate intention for this Coy. to work in the forward areas renders it essential that the Coy. shall be properly equipped and that it should not be completely helpless in the way of self-maintenance.

*S.A. Fitch*

S.A. FITCH,  
Colonel,

Director, Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, AGC.

Copy to :- Brigadier Lush, Chief Executive Commissioner,  
Brigadier Duchesne, M.F.I.A. /

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TRANSLATION.

HQ. 1001 MOTOR TRANSPORT DETACHMENT.

File No. 576/2A

Jalodai Colle,  
16 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Organisation of 1001 Motor Transport Coy.

TO : HQ. IXth. Corps.  
Office of the Adjutant and Mobilization.

This HQ on 15 Feb 44 has complied with the Order No. 1809, dated 13 Jan of SARE (General Staff, Royal (Italian) Army), Office of the Adjutant and Mobilisation, and has duly notified the latter that it was ready to move forward with establishment as prescribed in the Appendix to the abovementioned order.

The same afternoon, this detachment received from English Army HQ a total of:

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Motor Cycles  | 10  |
| 15cwt. Trucks | 3   |
| 3 ton Trucks  | 126 |

Distributed as follows :

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| <u>Hq. Platoon.</u> | <u>each.</u> |
| Motor Cycles        | 5            |
| 15cwt. Trucks       | 2            |
| 3 ton Trucks        | 8            |

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <u>Maintenance Squad.</u> |   |
| 15cwt. Trucks             | 2 |
| 3 ton Trucks              | 3 |

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| <u>Section.</u> |    |
| Motor Cycles    | 1  |
| 15cwt. Trucks   | 1  |
| 3 ton Trucks    | 23 |

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Permit me to point out to you that such a complement of vehicles, it is not possible for this detachment to function for a few days, until the detachment has no personnel on the sick-book, on leave, or detached for other duty. This is because, as is known each operating section has the following establishment :-

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Officers        | 1  |
| N.C.Os.         | 2  |
| Dispatch Riders | 1  |
| Technicians     | 2  |
| Mechanics       | 1  |
| Drivers         | 23 |

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Maintenance Squad.

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
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| 3 ton Trucks  | 3 |

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| Technicians     | 2  |
| Mechanics       | 1  |
| Drivers         | 23 |

Total (excluding officers and N.C.Os.) 27 men, of which 25 are assigned a vehicle (1 motor cycle, 24 trucks).

It is necessary, therefore, for each section to have the following personnel:

- 4 Squad Commanders, with no vehicles assigned to them.
- 8 (Minimum reserve drivers.
- 1 Assistant driver for the 15cwt. truck.
- 1 cook, in case the section becomes detached (from the main body).

HQ. Platoon.

With a reduced establishment of 28 men and 15 assigned vehicles, it cannot move at all.

If the HQ Platoon does not have assigned to it:

- 4 Gas and Oil Squad, which should have at least 4 men.
- Any personnel for supervision and control of vehicles.
- Any personnel for a Motor Transport Office, or despatching office.

Furthermore there is lacking:

- A Supply N.C.O., a Mess Corporal, cooks, tailor, shoemaker or barber. Also necessary would be 4 men for miscellaneous services.

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Maintenance Squad.

It would be necessary to increase the number of drivers from 3 to 5, and to increase the number of technicians, in view of the increase of the number of vehicles over that of the normal motor transport detachment, and also in view of their used condition, and the necessary repairs and good maintenance necessary to keep them operating.

Specifically it is proposed to increase the establishment as follows:

In each ) Drivers.....13  
Section ) Cooks..... 1

HQ, Platoon ) Drivers and clerks.....15  
              ) Basics for general service.. 6

Maintenance ) Drivers..... 2  
Squad         ) Technicians..... 5

It would be desirable that this personnel were soldiers of serious character suited for working with the Allies which is not easy task.

It is suggested furthermore, that the posting of an additional officer would be desirable, in fact indispensable to the charge of movements and the direction of the maintenance shop, which may assume great importance in view of the bad condition of the vehicles.

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The Commanding Captain.  
(Signed) Fernando Calfa.

Subject +: Italian Army Vehicles.

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Army Sub Commission (ACC)  
Main HQ (MMIA)  
Leguile (LECCE)

110/8  
31 March 44.

To: QAE  
HQ A.A.I. (Admech)  
CMF

It is understood that many Italian Army Vehicles are held in RVS and Salvage. As it is the policy to return gradually all Italian Army Vehicles to the Italian Army, may the vehicles held in RVS and Salvage be released to the Italian Army. They will clear all these vehicles under their own arrangements.

*[Signature]*

Brigadier  
Army Sub Commission (ACC)

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SUBJECT: Attachment of 1001 G.T. Coy to A.C.C.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main HQ (MMIA)  
LEQUILIE (LECCE)  
AQ/5

9 Mar 44.

A.C.M.F. (ADMCH) (2)

Lt. Gen. Sir NOEL MASON MACFARLANE HQ., A.C.C. NAPLES. (2))  
Internal Tptn Sub Commission, A.C.C. NAPLES. ) for  
A.C.M.F. for Brig. FOSTER (G.C.D.D.) ) infor-  
H.Q. No. 2 District. ) nation.  
H.Q. No 2 Region A.C.C. MATERA. )

1. Ref your 30/21/43 of 8 Feb. I inspected 1001 G.T. Coy at PALO DEL COLLE (P 2876) on March 8 with results as shown in Appendix A, and para 3 below.

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3. MY INSPECTION of 1001 G.T. Coy on March 3 revealed the following:-

(a) Of 127 load carriers, sixty six were unfit for duty.

(b) Of these sixty six not one had any lights.

(c) Strength 7 officers and 185 other ranks: this included 140 drivers and only 2 fitters.

(d) Tools, one inadequate set per thirteen vehicles. No workshop vehicle, no garage. Petrol and oil drawn from C.I.P. civil stocks at MONOPOLI sixty kilos distant.

(e) The one British officer present had arrived March 4.

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(f) The Italian Comdg officer, Capt. CALFA is useless and I am arranging for him to be changed.

(g) Details at Appendix A.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS.

(a) The sixty six unfit vehicles be inspected by R.F.M.E. and action decided on consequent report. My own REME officer is temporarily in SARDINIA.

(b) An Allied attached section is required since this and the P.B.S. unit are to be used in Army areas under war conditions; and their problem is therefore different to that of the 300 civilian driven vehicles allotted to A.C.C. Regions for load distribution of civilian supplies. Since the number of vehicles involved in 1001 G.T. Coy is 135 and in P.B.S. unit, 80 these Allied sections should be in principle three quarters and one half of the strength detailed in Appendix C. Without these Allied personnel the units will fail in their role and the running of civilian supplies to ROME will then perforce fall on military units.

(c) An adequate strength of Italian personnel is required. Unit should have personnel in the proportion of its 135 vehicles to the 178 vehicles of a full G.T. Coy. I recommend :

|                             |    |   |     |        |              |
|-----------------------------|----|---|-----|--------|--------------|
| Headquarters                | .. | 5 | off | 39     | other ranks. |
| Four transport platoons     | .. | 4 |     | 240    |              |
| One workshops platoon.      | .. | 1 |     | 56     |              |
| One relief driver increment | .. |   |     | 31     |              |
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The extra personnel required can be found from Item 1011 on programme for which 200 drivers are now collected at PULIGNANO. The workshops platoon may have to be partly civilians paid by Allied cadre from A.C.C. funds; but the older the vehicles, the greater the need.

(d) The workshop lorry and the stores lorry now being allotted to the unit by 2 District be authorised for retention.

5. Three officers are being lent for one month. Immediate action is required to provide the above while they are still there.

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Unit should have personnel in the proportion of its 135 vehicles to the 173 vehicles of a full G.T. Coy. I recommend :

|                                |      |     |     |              |
|--------------------------------|------|-----|-----|--------------|
| Headquarters                   | .. 5 | off | 39  | other ranks. |
| Four transport platoons        | .. 4 |     | 240 |              |
| One workshops platoon.         | .. 1 |     | 56  |              |
| One relief driver increment .. |      |     | 31  |              |

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Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

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APPENDIX A.

POINTS NOTED BY B.IG. DUCHESNE WHEN INSPECTING  
1001 G.T. COY., ON MARCH 8th.

1. Of 127 load carriers, 66 were off road.
2. These 66 were of seven different makes, BEDFORD, DODGE, CHEVROLET, G.M.C. and 3 kinds of FORD. They comprised three class 2 twenty five class 3 eleven class 4 one class 5 and twenty with no classification number written on, remaining six stated to be in 697 L of C R.E.M.E. at CAPURSO fifteen miles away.
3. Of these 66 trucks, not one had lights.
4. Tools for 127 trucks consisted of:
  - (a) Ten fitters' kits averaging each 3 D/E Box spanners, 3 open spanners, 1 hammer, 1 pr. small pliers, 1 tommy-bar, 1 file 1 oilcan.
  - (b) Incomplete sets for one Smith, one Carpenter, one Electrician, one Trimmer.
5. No workshop lorry, no garage, all work in open.
6. Petrol and oil drawn from C.I.P. civil stocks at MONOPOLI sixty miles distant.
7. FOOD. The extra 2 oz. P. Meat, given to working personnel of other G.T. Coys, was not drawn as not attached to an Allied unit to get it from. Arrangements required through Allied attached section.

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APPENDIX B.

1001 G.T. COY PRECIS OF FLAMBO INSTRUCTIONS.

- Feb 8 FLAMBO 36/21/Q3 orders DDST to attach to A.C.C.G.T. Coy strength 120 load carriers; and CG. PBS a transport unit of 80 vehicles. No copy to MMIA.
- Feb 9 FLAMBO 2553 G (SD) authorises 2 DISTRICT to post away from 1001 G.T. Coy. 3 offrs and 100 men. (Residual authority therefore is for unit of 7 offrs and 298 men). No copy to MMIA.
- Feb 19 FLAMBO SD 830/17693 added MMIA states Allied Cadre hitherto attached 1001 G.T. Coy being removed.
- undated  
about  
Feb 23 FLAMBO SD 426/18302 added MMIA confirms that Allied Cadres will not be supplied.
- Feb 24 FLAMBO 36/21/Q3 lays down maintenance policy for British vehicles handed over to A.C.C. (Military transport units defined as "attached" in letter of 8th) . No copy to MMIA.
- Feb 28 FLAMBO 2553 G (SD) loans three RASC officers for one month, and orders replacement of unfit vehicles.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

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- Feb 25 A.C.C. Tn/39/39 by Internal Transportation Sub Commission refusing to take over 1001 G.T. Coy as it then was.
- March 2 REPORT by Major LENTZNER of M.M.I.A. agreeing with A.C.C. Tn/39/39 above.

APPENDIX C

EXTRACTED FROM FLAMBO LETTER 4491/ST3 dated 28 JAN 1944.

Proposed W.E. for a British Cadre for attachment  
to an Italian Army General Transport Company.

H.Q.

|                            |   |                    |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| O.C. British Cadre (Major) | 1 |                    |
| Admin Capt.                | 1 |                    |
| " Subaltern                | 1 |                    |
| C.Q.M.S.                   | 1 |                    |
| Admin Sgt.                 | 1 |                    |
| " Cpl.                     | 1 |                    |
| Driver Mechanics           | 1 |                    |
| Driver Batmen              | 2 |                    |
| Privates (general duties)  | 2 |                    |
| Cook                       | 2 | May be employed    |
|                            | 1 | Italian Civilians. |

Workshops Element.

|                         |   |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Workshop Officer (Capt) | 1 |  |
| M.S.M.                  | 1 |  |
| M.S.S.                  | 1 |  |
| Blacksmith              | 1 |  |
| Carpenter & Joiner.     | 1 |  |
| Turner.                 | 1 |  |
| Electrician             | 1 |  |
| Fitters                 | 1 |  |
| T.M.T. Clerks.          | 3 |  |
| T.M.T. Storeman         | 2 |  |
|                         | 2 |  |

Includes: 2 Sgts  
2 Cpls.  
2 I/Cpls.

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Total: Officers 4  
O.Rs. 23 (3 of these may be employed civilians)

5. Interpreters are required and if not available from the Italian Company may be civilians.

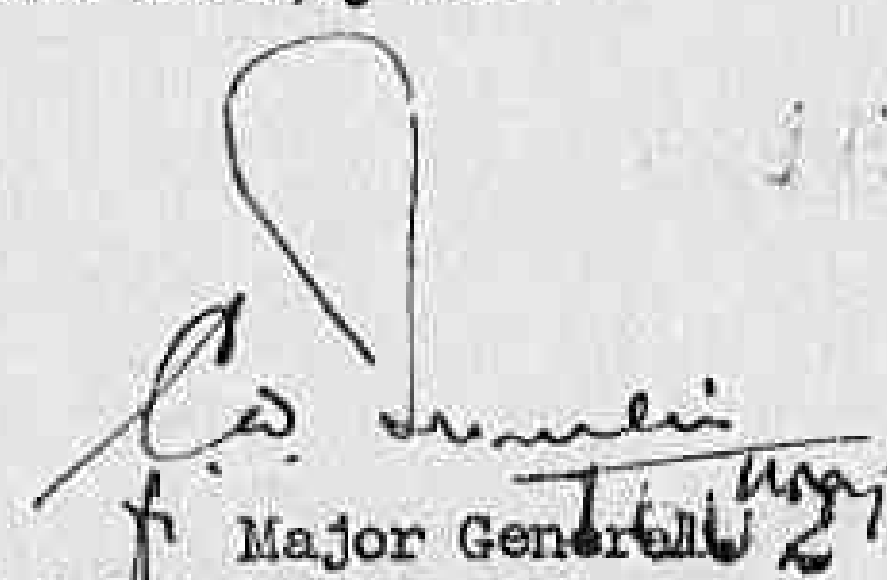
SUBJECT:- Maintenance of TARANTO DICAT

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HQ., AAI (Adm Ech)  
CMF  
1036/1/Q1

Army Sub-Commission, ACC -----  
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3, Mar 44

1. Information has been received that the TARANTO DICAT which is under command of 8 AA Bde is so defioient of transport that it is no longer able to maintain itself and as such is becoming a liability on the vehs of 8 AA Bde.
2. In accordance with HQ., AAI ADM INSTRUCTION NO.3 of 19 Mar the maintenance of the Italian Army in rear of Army boundaries is the responsibility of the Italian Military.
3. In a signal received from Flag Officer TARANTO and ADRIATIC No. TA 454/51 of 26 Mar it is stated that the supply of transport, lubricating and cleaning materials to these batteries is a military commitment.
4. The Naval Sub-Commission already know of this position and it would be appreciated if you would please clarify the point at issue.

  
Major General  
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- "Q" No.2 District  
Naval Sub-Commission ACC  
Flag Officer Taranto and Adriatic

MILITARY MISSION

Date 3 Apr 44 Aq/S  
to  
ITALIAN ARMY. 557

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

Ref/161/32/CA.

25 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Vehicles.

TO : R.C. Region II.

*Sgt, we do not appear to have rec'd. Ho.*

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 (CMF) Italian Heavy Mobile Workshops must take place as soon as possible.

3. Please advise this H.Q. when this action has been taken.

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MILITARY MISSION.

Date 18 Mar 1945

ITALIAN ARMY.

*NORMAN H. FISKE*  
NORMAN H. FISKE  
Colonel,  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner.

Copy to: Army Sub-Commission.

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Hq Allied Control Commission,  
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Army Sub Commission, ACC  
Main HQ (MOTIA)  
Legione (Lecco)  
Aq/5  
20 Mar 44

Ref your letter 161/26/GA 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

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Brig  
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.G. Section  
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Ref/161/26/GA.

12 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Vehicles.

TO ✓: Land Forces Sub-Commission.

12 Mar 44  
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Reference Executive Memorandum No. 32 of 24 Feb 44 and instructions from A.F.H.Q.

1. Please see attached copy letter from Region II.
2. The organization of Road Haulage 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.

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10.5  
18 March 44

to Duffield White  
Major

for MORRIS E. FISKE  
Colonel, Cavalry,  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner. 1597

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

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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 (C.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 LEQUILLE 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 organisation. 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.

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(Signed)

M.C. Fricker, Major,  
Executive Officer.  
Region 2.

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NO. 2 DISTRICT.  
M.M.I.A.

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*Q. Lile*

*10.5.  
16 March 1944  
RA*

SECRET CIPHER

Question has arisen as to the responsibility for transport; lubricants and cleaning materials for the ITALIAN Naval manned A/A defences in the TARANTO area.

I have informed 8 A/A BRIGADE that I consider this to be a military commitment but I shall be grateful for confirmation.

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HEADQUARTERS  
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MILITARY MISSION.

ESTABLISHMENT MEMORANDUM

NO. 6

Base 10 *Base* *AS S. 24*

7 MAR 1944

TO  
ITALIAN ARMY.  
SECTION I

The following Orders relating to U. S. Army Motor Vehicles in the Allied Control Commission will be effective immediately.

1. Regional Commissioners and the SCAO 5th Army, AOC, Company Commanders 2675th Regiment, AOC, and all officers having or operating U. S. Army Motor Vehicles will immediately contact the nearest U. S. Army Ordnance Medium Maintenance Shop and arrange for the 6000-mile technical inspection of each vehicle assigned. All vehicles assigned will be given this technical inspection as rapidly as the Ordnance Shops can process them. Arrangements with the Ordnance Shops will be completed by 20 March 1944, and the records of the Motor Transport Officer will indicate the Ordnance Company to which each vehicle is assigned for inspection and repair.

2. Officers in charge of Headquarters AOC Motor Pools at Naples and Salerno, Regions III, IV, and AOC 5th Army (Hq. Co., Companies "C," "D," and "G," 2675th Regiment, AOC) will make their technical inspection arrangements with the 38th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Co., Naples.

3. In addition to the 6000-mile technical inspection by Ordnance Shops, each vehicle will be inspected by a qualified mechanic once every thousand miles or once every thirty days provided the vehicle has not traveled a thousand miles before the end of the thirty-day period. The attached form will be used for each of these inspections and will be filed with the dispatch records. Motor Transport Inspectors of this Headquarters will check dispatch records to ascertain completeness of these forms.

4. Captain George N. Davis, AOC, G-4 Section this headquarters, has been appointed Motor Transport Inspector, 2675th Regiment, and placed in charge of maintenance of all American AOC/AMG Transport. All Officers concerned will give him all co-operation and necessary facilities to

process them. Arrangements with the Ordnance Shops will be completed by 20 March 1944, and the records of the Motor Transport Officer will indicate the Ordnance Company to which each vehicle is assigned for inspection and repair.

2. Officers in charge of Headquarters ACC Motor Pools at Naples and Salerno, Regions III, IV, and AS 5th Army (Hq. Co., Companies "C," "D," and "G," 2675th Regiment, ACC) will make their technical inspection arrangements with the 38th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Co., Naples.

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4. Captain George M. Davis, GAO, G-4 Section this headquarters, has been appointed Motor Transport Inspector, 2675th Regiment, and placed in charge of maintenance of all American ACC/AMG Transport. All Officers concerned will give him all co-operation and necessary facilities to enable him to efficiently carry out his assigned duties.

5. Owing to a shortage of drivers, it will probably be necessary for Italian soldiers, Italian civilians, American and British soldiers to drive both American and British Army Vehicles both now and in the future. Officers in charge of Motor Transport must insure that all drivers have been trained, tested, and found qualified prior to entrusting vehicles to them. Otherwise, the officer may not be relieved of financial responsibility in case of damage to the vehicle. American and British drivers should, where possible, be assigned to drive vehicles of their own Army. When vehicles of one nationality are without drivers and qualified drivers of the other nationality are available, they will be used.

6. It is essential that complete Motor Transport records are maintained at this Headquarters and by all subordinate units. As there is no Table of Equipment established for each Region (Company), there can be no fixed allotment of vehicles to Regions (Companies). As the varying situations demand, vehicles will be transferred by this Headquarters from and to the various Regions (Companies).

7. No transfers or exchange of assigned vehicles will be made without the authority of the Executive Officers communicated through

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C-4 Section of this Headquarters.

3. Regions and ACC 5th Army through the Company Commanders of the 2675th Regiment, ACC, and all other Officers concerned, will render a report to this Headquarters not later than noon on 27 March 1944, indicating the Ordnance Companies servicing vehicles assigned to them or a complete explanation of the difficulties which have prevented such inspections and servicing. Assistance, when requested, will be given by the Motor Transport Inspector in making such arrangements.

9. A complete report will be submitted to reach this Headquarters by noon on the 21st day of each month, giving the following information:

| Vehicle Number | Type | Location | Date of Last W/Shop Inspection | Whether Serviceable | Remarks |
|----------------|------|----------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
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10. Motor Transport Inspectors of this Headquarters will make periodic spot checks of all motor pools operated by organizations of this command and of vehicles assigned to various Sub-Commissions. These officers are available to assist motor transport officers in any way possible to insure the establishment of suitable motor pools and to clarify and expedite the supply of necessary replacement parts. Transport problems should be reported to this Headquarters, addressed to C-4 Section.

11. The Commanding General, ACC, desires the above orders to be put into effect at once and expects all officers concerned to do everything in their power to improve the standard of motor maintenance in ACC.

SECTION II

The following orders relating to British W.D. Vehicles in the Allied Control Commission will operate immediately.

1. Regional Commissioners, C.C.A.O. 5th and 8th Armies, and all officers having W.D. Vehicles on charge, will contact their nearest Area or Sub Area Commanders, and arrange with them for the affiliation of each vehicle to a R.C.A.O. or R.A.C.O. Workshop for maintenance purposes. The affiliation is to be completed before March 20, 1944.

2. All W.D. Vehicles will be sent to their affiliated workshop for

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11. The Commanding General, AOC, desires the above orders to be put into effect at once and expects all officers concerned to do everything in their power to improve the standard of motor maintenance in AOC.

#### SECTION II

The following orders relating to British W.D. Vehicles in the Allied Control Commission will operate immediately.

1. Regional Commissioners, C.C.A.O. 5th and 8th Armies, and all officers having W.D. Vehicles on charge, will contact their nearest Area or Sub Area Commanders, and arrange with them for the affiliation of each vehicle to a R.A.S.C. or R.A.S.V. Workshop for maintenance purposes. The affiliation is to be completed before March 20, 1944.

2. All W.D. Vehicles will be sent to their affiliated workshop for inspection on days allotted by the Officer i/c the Workshops concerned.

3. Each vehicle will be taken off the road one day a week, when it will be maintained up to driver's repair capacity.

4. The daily task system will be enforced.

5. A.B. 405 will be completed and signed monthly by a responsible officer.

6. A.B.s 412 will be kept up to date and signed by the driver of the vehicle concerned.

7. Tools will be checked weekly and the result recorded.

8. Work Tickets will be signed by an officer or the Transport Sergeant.

9. Capt. J. Carter, R.A.S.V., G-4 Section of this Headquarters, has been appointed M.T. Officer and placed i/c of British AOC/AAV transport

Establishment Memorandum No. 6

from today. He will shortly be visiting the H.Q. of all Formations, to advise on M.T. maintenance. The fullest use should be made of his services, and all possible facilities accorded to him in the execution of these duties.

10. Arrangements are being made at this H.Q. for the attachment of trained maintenance personnel to units of AOC/A.G. Their duties will be to supervise the maintenance of British transport, in accordance with instructions issued from this H.Q. from time to time. Their reports will be submitted direct to the officers concerned who will take appropriate action on them.

11. Arrangements have been made with A.C.M.I. (Adv. Admin. Ech.) for unit maintenance teams (Officers R.L.L.L., R.A.S.D. etc.) to carry out spot inspections of A.C.C. Tpt., and every facility must be accorded to these teams during their visits.

12. It will be appreciated that owing to a shortage of drivers, it may be necessary for American and British, and possibly Italian soldiers, or civilians, to be employed as drivers of either American or British vehicles. The principle of one driver to one vehicle will be observed.

13. Complete M.T. records will be maintained by all concerned. As the A.C.C. War Establishment is not to be broken down, a fixed allotment of transport to Formations cannot be made. In any case, as operational conditions change, so accordingly will this H.Q. direct the movement of transport.

14. No transfer or exchange of vehicles on charge to Formations will take place without the authority of the Executive Officers, communicated through G-4 Section of this H.Q.

15. Regions, and A.L.C. 5th & 8th Armies, will render a report to his H.Q., not later than noon on March 27, to the effect that the aff  
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ation of vehicles to Workshops has been arranged.

16. A further return is required by the 21st of each month, giving particulars of both W.D. and Requisitioned transport held on charge on the 15th of each month. The return will give the following details:

| Vehicle | Type | Location | Date of | Whether | Remarks |
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| Vehicle Number. | Type. | Location. | Date of Last //Shop Inspection. | Whether Service-able. | Remarks. |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
|-----------------|-------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|

17. The Chief Commissioner looks to all officers concerned to put this scheme into effect at once, and to do everything in their power to improve the standard of vehicle maintenance in the A.C.C.

By command of Lieutenant General MACFARLANE:

*J. J. ALBRIGHT*  
Colonel, Inf.  
Establishment Officer.

Incl.

Vehicle Inspection Report Form

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SUBJECT: Vehicles.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main HQ (MMIA)  
LEQUILE (LECCE)  
AQ/5

11 Mar 44.  
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The attached Establishment Memorandum No. 6 from HQ., Allied Control Commission is forwarded for information and necessary action.

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Brig.  
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

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VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT

Date \_\_\_\_\_

W.D. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Mileage \_\_\_\_\_

Drive \_\_\_\_\_ Body Type \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Legends: Satisfactory, X - Adjustment, XX - Repair, Defective.

OK - Defect corrected, L - Lubricate

|                                    |       |                                                  |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Vehicle markings                | _____ | 31. Steering mechanism                           | _____ |
| 2. Interior of cab                 | _____ | 32. Steering knuckle                             | _____ |
| 3. Doors                           | _____ | 33. Wheel bearing                                | _____ |
| 4. Horn                            | _____ | 34. Spring & shackles                            | _____ |
| 5. Fire extinguisher               | _____ | 35. Shock absorbers                              | _____ |
| 6. Rear view mirrors               | _____ | 36. Brake lines                                  | _____ |
| 7. Windshield                      | _____ | 37. Master cylinder                              | _____ |
| 8. Windshield wipers               | _____ | 38. Differential                                 | _____ |
| 9. Panel instruments               | _____ | 39. Transmission                                 | _____ |
| 10. Lights & warning<br>deflectors | _____ | 40. Transfer case                                | _____ |
| 11. Brakes                         | _____ | 41. Propeller shaft & jts.                       | _____ |
| 12. Clutch pedal                   | _____ | 42. Pillow block                                 | _____ |
| 13. Handbrake                      | _____ | 43. Driving axles                                | _____ |
| 14. Starter                        | _____ | 44. Muffler & tail pipe                          | _____ |
| 15. Radiator                       | _____ | 45. Tires: (1) _____ (2) _____                   |       |
| 16. Hose connections               | _____ | (3) _____ (4) _____ (5) _____                    |       |
| 17. Fan and fan belt               | _____ | (6) _____ (7) _____ (8) _____                    |       |
| 18. Ignition system                | _____ | (9) _____ (10) _____                             |       |
| 19. Battery & connection           | _____ | 46. Wheels & axle flge nuts                      | _____ |
| 20. Air cleaner                    | _____ | 47. Winch & cables                               | _____ |
| 21. Fuel filter                    | _____ | 48. Tarpaulin & fastenings                       | _____ |
| 22. Carburetor & contls.           | _____ | 49. Tools and equipment                          | _____ |
| 23. Governor & seals               | _____ | 50. Body                                         | _____ |
| 24. Fuel & oil lines               | _____ | 51. Bumpers                                      | _____ |
| 25. Filler breather cap            | _____ | 52. Towing hooks & pintles                       | _____ |
| 26. Engine oil                     | _____ | 53. Safety chains & straps                       | _____ |
| 27. Engine                         | _____ | 54. General lubrication                          | _____ |
| 28. Engine mountings               | _____ | 55. General appearance                           | _____ |
| 29. Generator                      | _____ | 56. Operators permit (yes<br>or no)              | _____ |
| 30. Starting motor                 | _____ | 57. Accident form 26 (yes or no)                 | _____ |
|                                    |       | 58. Driver's knowledge of<br>vehicle (yes or no) | _____ |

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RECOMMENDATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

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APPENDIX C

Expenditure for Pariso letter 4491, ST3 dated 28 Jan 1944

Proposed W.E. for a British Cadre for attachment to an Italian Army General Transport Company.

H.Q.

|                            |   |                      |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------|
| O.C. British Cadre (Major) | 1 |                      |
| Admin Capt                 | 1 |                      |
| " Subaltern                | 1 |                      |
| C.Q.M.S.                   | 1 |                      |
| Admin Sgt                  | 1 |                      |
| " Cpl                      | 1 |                      |
| Driver Mechanics           | 2 |                      |
| Driver Batmen              | 2 |                      |
| Privates (general duties)  | 2 |                      |
| Cook                       | 1 |                      |
|                            |   | ) May be employed    |
|                            |   | ) Italian Civilians. |

Workshops Element.

|                         |   |                    |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Workshop Officer (Capt) | 1 |                    |
| M.S.M.                  | 1 |                    |
| M.S.S.                  | 1 |                    |
| Blacksmith              | 1 |                    |
| Carpenter and Joiner    | 1 |                    |
| Turner                  | 1 |                    |
| Electrician             | 1 |                    |
| Fitters                 | 3 |                    |
| T.M.T. Clerks           | 2 |                    |
| T.M.T. Storeman         | 2 |                    |
|                         |   | Includes : 2 Sgts. |
|                         |   | 2 Cpls.            |
|                         |   | 2 L/Cpls.          |

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Total : Officers 4.  
O.R.'s. 23 (3 of these may be employed civilians)

5. Interpreters are required and if not available from the Italian Company may be civilians.

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| M.S.S.                  | 1 |                                            |
| Blacksmith              | 1 |                                            |
| Carpenter and Joiner    | 1 |                                            |
| Turner                  | 1 |                                            |
| Electrician             | 1 |                                            |
| Fitters                 | 1 |                                            |
| T.M.T. Clerks           | 3 |                                            |
| T.M.T. Storeman         | 2 |                                            |
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Subject:- Documents for MT Vehicles

MMIA LO, Rear EIGHTH ARMY

Feb 58  
Army Sub Commission, ACC  
MAIN HQ (MMIA)  
LEQUILE (LECCE)  
AC/5  
10 Mar 44

Reference your MM/101 dated 26 Feb 44.

S & T No 2 District are ordering the printing of translations of AB 412,  
in addition to other essential documents.

cc/ma

*J. B. L. 10*  
Brig  
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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Army Sub Commission, ACC  
( M M I A ) Rear H Q  
EIGHTH ARMY  
MM/101.

26 Feb 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC  
Main H Q ( M M I A )  
LEJULLE.

SUBJECT:- Maintenance of British Vehicles  
in Possession of ITALIAN Units.

Further to my MM/101 of 25 Feb 44.

May I be informed whether you consider it  
necessary to obtain A.B. 412 in ITALIAN for issue  
to ITALIAN drivers of British vehicles?

M. Feldman

Major,  
Liaison Officer. 1586

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available from Publication Dept  
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SUBJECT: Italian Wksps.

*File 86*  
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main H.Q. (MMIA)  
LEQUILE (LECCE)  
AQ/5  
7 Mar 44

MMIA LO  
Rear HQ Eighth Army

Ref. your MM/115 dated 29 Feb 44.

1. There is a very serious shortage of Wksps. in the Italian Army, and this makes it necessary for the Italian War Ministry to place them where they can serve the greatest number of vehicles.
2. It is therefore unlikely that a Wksp will be available for 209 Div, until more are available on the Mainland.

CGL.

*9/2nd, Capt*  
A Brigadier 1585  
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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A/R  
Army Sub Commission, ACC  
( L M I A ) Rear H Q.  
BRIGHT ARMY.  
MM/115

29 Feb 44.

MILITARY MISSION

From 2 hours 20/51

Army Sub Commission, ACC  
Main H Q ( L M I A )  
LEQUILB.

SUBJECT:- ITALIAN Workshops.

209 Div. H Q has lost its workshop section, consisting of a lorry and four skilled mechanics, by order of Gen. ALIBERTI. Gen. P. ORLANDI put up a stiff fight, but was obliged to give way.

This is particularly distressing, as my efforts to recover ITALIAN lorries have met with some success.

At A C P 3 there are 8 - 10 lorries needing very slight repairs to become roadworthy. Another 6 - 8 are due from Canadian Corps. All these have been turned over to 209 Div. Until the workshop lorry and mechanics are returned, these lorries will remain in the Park and deteriorate.

ITALIAN staff cars too need constant attention.

Further the mechanics would have been most useful for the 209 Div. course for drivers at FIMOLI.

May Gen. ALIBERTI be requested to return the workshops and mechanics, as soon as possible?

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MILITARY MISSIVE

*N. Field*

Date

To

Major,  
Lincoln Officer.

COPY FROM ADV HQ.

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SUBJECT ( ) R.E.M.E. WORKSHOPS.

A.F.H.Q. ADV ADM ECH  
C.M.F.

31/5/43

24 Feb. 44.

A.C.C. Army Sub-Commission

623 Workshops at MESSINA will shortly be under control of D.D.M.E. at this HQ and it is proposed to earmark it largely to serve Italian Military Forces.

This workshop is able to carry out 3rd echelon repairs of small arms, artillery equipments, saddlery, textiles and also has a good manufacturing potential. Woodwork of all kinds can be carried out.

Would you please say to what extent you will be able to use this workshop and if possible give an estimate of the amount of work likely to be involved.

Until further notice this workshop will not be available for the repair of M.T. Vehicles.

Major General  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

C opy to:-R.E.M.E.  
No. 1 District  
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MILITARY MESSINA

Date 2 June 44 10/5

to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

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COPY FROM ADV HQ.

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Army Sub Commission, A C C  
( M M I A ) Rear H Q  
EIGHTH ARMY.  
ME/115

24 Feb 44.

Capt. O'Donnell,  
M M L O  
1 Canadian CORPS.

MILITARY COMMISSION.

Date 27/2/44 AG/S

ITALIAN ARMY. *Ex.*

SUBJECT:- Transport.

39.

1. According to A F H Q Adv. Adm. Ech. 36/5/25 of 3 Feb 44 in cases when issues of Allied vehicles are made to ITALIAN units without British cadres " Issues will be made to a British unit to be nominated by the formation under whose command the ITALIAN unit is working. The British unit nominated will hold these vehicles on their charge and will be responsible for them. "

2. In accordance with this policy M M I A L Os, EIGHTH ARMY will NOT take on their charge any vehicle allotted for use by the ITALIANS. Such vehicles will be on charge of the employing unit.

3. Vehicles for ITALIAN H Qs will be on charge **1582** follows :-

I F H Q Main  
I F H Q Rear  
15 Reg.  
112 Reg.  
141 Reg.  
Regroup. Genio.

H Q EIGHTH ARMY.  
60 SUBAREA  
60 SUB AREA ADV.  
Canadian CORPS.  
36 AREA  
CE Main EIGHTH ARMY.

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60 SUB AREA ADV.  
Canadian C RPS.  
86 AREA  
CE Main EIGHTH ARMY.

*M. Feldman*

Major,  
Liaison Officer.

Copies to :- B.G.S. Main EIGHTH ARMY.  
Army Sub Commission, ACC Main Hq (MOTIA) INDIA.  
H Q 86 AREA.  
Capt. Herbert MMLO 60 SUB AREA ADV.  
Lieut. Bourne MMLO 60 SUB AREA.  
I F H Q EIGHTH ARMY.  
HQ Canadian CORPS.  
H Q 60 SUB AREA.  
CE Main EIGHTH ARMY.  
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T.O.R.

TRANSLATION.

From: S.M.D.E.

To: M.M.I.A.

240/Serv.  
16 Jan 44.

For Cond.

1. HQ Italian Forces in CAMPANIA have been approached by HQ, PBS with their 451.01 BEPSC dated 31 Dec (with one enclosure) in an attempt to hasten the replacement of vehs out of order in the 1st Mod Sae Gp., as well as the supply of tyres and spare parts to it.

HQ Italian Forces in CAMPANIA wrote to PBS (000 dated 3 Jan) stating that it was not possible to do this, since, as they had stated before: -

- They have no vehs, stores of tyres or spare parts.
- They are unable to recover those vehs which were once U.S. property and are now in the unlawful hands of civilians because the latter, armed with statements by various Allied authorities, refuse to part with them.
- They are unable to repair broken down vehs because the 10th M.T. Regt, the only M.T. unit in the area, has not been allowed to reoccupy its own barracks with attached Workshops and because the civilian garages in NAPLES are all working exclusively for the Allies.
- They have no breakdown vehs for towing vehs.

2. The critical situation in the question of M.T. portrayed by Italian HQ CAMPANIA is, however, the same in all our units.  
In fact our M.T. resources, very limited at that, are totally unsuitable for the requirements of the various Hqs, and units which have use of them, nor is it possible to increase their number since the only source of supply requisitioning is well nigh exhausted.

A high percentage, estimated at approx. 30% of these vehs is off the road and we have not the means of repairing them, for the following reasons:

- (a) Tyres are lacking; you have already been informed of this by our letter, (2716/03 dated 27 Dec 43) and by the Divisione Generale della Motorizzazione, and a reply is awaited.
- (b) Spare parts are lacking; up till today we have been trying to meet the most pressing requirements with the stocks available and by capitalisation, but this system will no longer be of any use both because the source is almost exhausted and because it is not always possible to obtain the required parts from vehs that are out of order.

...because the Allies have requisitioned, besides

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Regt, the only M.T. unit in the area, has not been allowed to recover its own barracks with attached Workshop and because the civilian garages in MAFES are all working exclusively for the Allies.

- They have no breakdown vans for towing vans.

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- (a) Tyres are lacking; you have already been informed of this by our letter, (2713/55 dated 27 Dec 55) and by the Divisione Generale della Motorizzazione, and a reply is awaited.
- (b) Spare parts are lacking; up till today we have been trying to meet the most pressing requirements with the stocks available and by capitalisation, but this system will no longer be of any use both because the source is almost exhausted and because it is not always possible to obtain the required parts from vans that are out of order.
- (c) Absence of workshops because the Allies have requisitioned, besides that of the 10<sup>th</sup> Autieri Regt (MAFES) the 9<sup>th</sup> Autieri Regt (MAFI), the only M.T. repair units in the liberated territories, besides the largest civilian shops. Those which are still available to us consist of a few unit workshops and on one or two small civilian shops which with their fittings cannot cope with ever increasing repair jobs.

3. This state of affairs growing worse every day, threatens to compromise before long and irreparably, our whole system of essential fuel for supplies and the needs of our organisation which is more than ever indispensable in view of the small output of the railways.

It is therefore necessary and a matter of some urgency that a solution be found: with this end in view we ask you to draw the attention of the Allied authorities to our needs in order that they may yield us the following:

- (a) The supplies of tyres already requested and such spare parts as will be notified by the Divisione Gen. della Motorizzazione.
- (b) The return to us of the barracks and attached workshops of the 10<sup>th</sup> Autieri Regt in MAFES, the shop of the 9<sup>th</sup> Autieri Regt in Bari as well as any other shops that can be made available to us.
- (c) The possibility of a supply of vehicles (cars and lorries) even if only for the units employed by the Allied armies.
- (d) The power to recover every type of vehicle which was once the property of the Amministrazione Militare and is now unlawfully in the hands of civilians throughout liberated Italy, even if these civilians are in the service of Allied bodies.

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In the latter case, the vehs once they are again in possession of the military authorities would be made available to the Allies if required with any drivers.

(c) Permission to transfer to ITALY from SARDINIA those vehs which can be recovered there (investigations are in progress) by means of reductions in establishments which we have found necessary to order, in order somehow to meet the present needs in the country.

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TRANSMISSION008/aut  
3 Jan 4.

From: HQ Italian Forces in CAPANIA (Q Brnd.)

To: P. R. S.

The question of supply of vehs and M.T. equipment to 1st. MG. Me G. by AR. in CAPANIA has not, nor will have, in the immediate future, any satisfactory solution for the following reasons:

1. This Command has no available M.T. units or depots of types or spare parts on which to draw. We just manage to keep on the road the few vehs we have for essential services.
2. All vehs which once belonged to the Army and are now unlawfully in the hands of civilians are used if they are in working order by authority of various Allied authorities (A.M.A.S.P. - Local Governments - Police, various military units etc.) It has never been possible to recover these vehs without long discussions with these authorities who more often than not refuse to concede provided the users of the vehs are working (or say they are) for the Allies themselves or in the Food Supply services.
3. Those vehs which were recovered with the use of your authorizations are real wrecks which had already been denied of all useful parts firstly by the Germans, then by civilians and finally by the Allied elements, doubtless irresponsible.

In order to rebuild the above wrecks 10th Antieri Regt will need its own heavy and heavy or at least the use of the machinery of more important workshops in NAZIS.

Each one of my requested requests for the above have been opposed by the Allied authorities (see L.G. 604 BPS dated 28 Nov 43, L.G. 604 BPS dated 20 Dec 43, and conversations with Capt. MURRAY of A.M.A.S.P.)

Further 10 Antieri Regt has no facilities for towing broken down vehs in that it has no break down lorries. I demand by me for two such lorries was not receipted (see L.G. 400 BPS dated 6 Dec 43)

Also it is worth noting that Allied officers and ORs have several times entered the improvised M.T. parts of 10 Antieri Regt and have carried away the little there was in working order (for example: amongst others, see my 662 of 1 Dec and 720 of 4 Dec 43.)

4. In order to reach a practical solution to the problem, radical steps must be taken decided on, i.e.:-

- that this HQ and, on its behalf 10 Antieri Regt be empowered to requisition bringing back on its charge all kinds of vehs once the property of the Italian Army and now in unlawful possession of civilians regardless of the fact that they are in the service of Allied organizations which invariably intervene in attempts to prevent the recovery or identification. Bearing in mind that where necessary these vehs will always remain at the disposal of the Allies in any capacity you wish.

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- that we be given some wishes for repairs.
- that we be given special recovery vehicles.

Should it not be found feasible to meet these requests bearing in mind that 10 Autieri Regt has already supplied all it could to 1st. Mob Bde G, no other course is open but to demand that which is required from S.M.I. B. on whom, as you know, the 1st Mob Bde G depends for all purposes. However I shall myself also inform the S.M.I. B. and the War Ministry with this letter, attaching a copy of the letter you have sent to me.

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Antonio BASSO.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO SERVIZI-Sezione S.M.

For R E M E

N°1/240/Serv.di prot.

F.M.151, li 16 Gennaio 1944

OGGETTO: Rifornimento automezzi, gomme e parti di ricambio.

Allegati n° 2

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 18/1/44 10/5

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE  
presso il R.Esercito Italiano

ITALIAN ARMY.

L E Q U I L E

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1°)- Il Comando del P.B.S., con foglio n.451.01 BPPCG del 31 dicembre u.s.(allegato 1), si è rivolto al Comando FF.AA.della Campania per sollecitare la sostituzione degli automezzi inefficienti del 1° Raggruppamento motorizzato nonchè l'assegnazione al Raggruppamento stesso di gomme e parti di ricambio.

Il Comando FF.AA.della Campania con suo foglio n.008 del 3 c.m.(allegato 2) ha comunicato al P.B.S.di non poter provvedere a quanto richiesto perchè, come altre volte aveva rappresentato:

- non dispone di automezzi, nè di magazzini gomme e parti di ricambio;
- non ha possibilità di recuperare gli automezzi già dell'Amministrazione militare ed ora in possesso abusivo dei civili perchè questi, non dichiarazioni delle varie autorità alleate, si sottraggono alla restituzione dei mezzi;
- non ha possibilità di riparare i mezzi inefficienti perchè il 10° reggimento autieri, unico ente automobilistico della zona, non ha potuto riavere la propria caserma con annessa officina, e perchè le officine civili di Napoli lavorano tutte ad esodo;
- si può vantaggioso degli alleati;
- non dispone di carri gru per poter rimorchiare autocarri inefficienti.

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- non dispone di carri gru per poter rimorchiare autocarri inefficienti.

2°)- La critica situazione in fatto di materiale automobilistico rappresentata dal Comando FF.AA. della Campania è purtroppo la stessa che si riscontra presso tutti i nostri reparti.

Infatti gli automezzi di cui disponiamo, assai limitati, sono del tutto inefficienti ai bisogni dei vari comandi, enti e reparti che devono esserne dotati, nè è possibile aumentarne il numero perchè l'unica fonte di rifornimento, la requisizione, è pressochè esaurita.

Una forte percentuale di tali automezzi, che si aggira sul 30 %, è ferma senza possibilità di poterli rimettere in efficienza per cui:

- a)- mancano le gomme; a tal riguardo codesta M.M.I.A. è stata interessata sia da questo Stato Maggiore (foglio 2718/6 27 dicembre u.s.), sia dalla Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione e si è in attesa di una risposta;
- b)- mancano le parti di ricambio; sino ad oggi si è cercato di far fronte alle più urgenti necessità con quanto era disponibile.

bile e con quanto recuperabile dal disfaccimento di altri automezzi, ma ciò non sarà più attuabile anche perchè questa fonte di rifornimento è pressochè esaurita e perchè non sempre è possibile trarre dalle macchine inefficienti quello che occorre;

c)- si difetta di officine, perchè gli alleati hanno requisito, oltre quella del 10° autieri (Napoli), quella del 9° autieri (Bari), gli unici enti automobilistici esistenti nella zona liberata, nonchè le maggiori officine civili. Sono rimaste a nostra disposizione poche officine di reparto e qualche piccola officina civile che, per mezzi e per attrezzature, non possono far fronte al lavoro delle riparazioni in continuo aumento.

3°)- Tale situazione, aggravandosi giornalmente, minaccia di compromettere, a non lunga scadenza ed in modo irreparabile, tutto il problema dei trasporti necessari ai rifornimenti ed al funzionamento della nostra organizzazione, oggi più che mai indispensabili dato lo scarso rendimento delle ferrovie.

E' perciò necessario ed urgente porvi rimedio, ed a tale scopo questo Stato Maggiore prega codesta M.M.I.A. perchè, convinta delle nostre necessità, voglia compiacersi rappresentarle alle autorità alleate perchè ci concedano:

- a)- i rifornimenti di gomme già richiesti e delle parti di ricambio che segnerà la Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione;
- b)- la restituzione della caserma con annessa officina del 10° autieri in Napoli, l'officina del 9° autieri in Bari, nonchè, qualchè altra officina che possano rendere disponibile;
- c)- la possibilità di un rifornimento di automezzi (autovetture ed autocarri) se non altro per i bisogni dei reparti impiegati dalle armate alleate;
- d)- la facoltà di recuperare, in tutto il territorio dell'Italia liberata, ogni genere di autoveicolo già dell'Amministrazione Militare ed ora in possesso abusivo dei civili, anche se prestano servizio presso elementi alleati. In questo caso i mezzi, una volta ritornati in possesso dell'autorità militare, verrebbero messi se richiesti, a disposizione degli alleati dalle autorità stesse, con

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- e)- l'autorizzazione a trasportare dalla Sardegna in continente gli automezzi che sarà possibile recuperare nell'isola (accertamenti in corso), per effetto di riduzioni di organico che questo Stato Maggiore ha ritenuto necessario ordinare per far fronte in qualche modo alle attuali esigenze in territorio.

STATO MAGGIORE, ESERCITO  
SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
- Adamo Mariotti -  


/mi 307-104

Comando del P.B.S. - A.P.O. 732

451.01 BEPCG ( 21 dic. 43 )

31 dicembre 1943

O G G E T T O:- Rifornimento di automezzi e parti di ricambio.

Al: Generale Antonio Basso, Cte. FF.AA. della Campania.

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- 1.- Ripetute richieste sono state trasmesse al Vostro Comando affinché venissero forniti automezzi per rimpiazzare quelli perduti in combattimento del 1° Ragg.to Motorizzato, e parti di ricambio e gomme per mantenere in efficienza i predetti automezzi. A tutt'oggi nessuno automezzo e pochissime parti di ricambio sono stati forniti.
- 2.- Il 1° Ragg.to Motorizzato non può essere impiegato con successo senza il necessario appoggio da parte degli Enti Italiani di rifornimento. E' indispensabile siano prese pronte ed attive misure per procurare gli automezzi precedentemente richiesti al Vostro Comando, nonché una scorta ragionevole di parti di ricambio e gomme per gli automezzi delle Unità Italiane in servizio con la 5<sup>a</sup> Armata e con il P.B.S.-
- 3.- Su richiesta del Vostro Ufficiale di collegamento, Ten.Col.Scialla, furono date al Ten.Col.Trapanese del 1° Autocentro le necessarie credenziali affinché potesse raccogliere gli automezzi in mano a civili, nonché parti di ricambio e gomme. Dopo parecchie settimane i risultati raggiunti dal Ten.Col.Trapanese e dal suo gruppo, pare siano del tutto negativi, e per quanto è a conoscenza di questo comando non un solo automezzo è stato fornito al 1° Raggruppamento Motorizzato.

- 4.- La situazione va immediatamente corretta, altrimenti questo comando dovrà informare la 5<sup>a</sup> Armata che il Comando FF.AA. della Campania non è in grado di appoggiare il 1° Raggruppamento Motorizzato in combattimento.

Si gradirà una pronta risposta sulle misure che prenderete per porre rimedio a questa situazione non soddisfacente.

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Eto A.W. TENCE

Gen. di Brigata - Esercito S.U.  
Comandante



C. C.  
UFFICIO DI S.M.  
CAV. SERVIZIO

(A. Quercia)  
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COMANDO FF. A.A. DELLA CAMPANIA  
- INTERVENIRE -

n° 008 /auto di prot.

COPIA T T C: - Rifornimento automezzi e parti di ricambio. -

P.M. 120, -

AL P. B. S.

(Rif. f. 451.01 BBPG. del 31 dicembre 1943)

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.E. - Servizi I -

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

- Direzione Gen. della Motorizzazione

AL A.P.H.Q.

- NAPOLI -

P.M. 151 (alleg. 1)

P.M. 107 (alleg. 1)

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La questione del rifornimento da parte della FF. A.A. della Campania di automezzi e materiale automobilistico per il 1° Raggruppamento Motorizzato, non ha avuto né potrà avere un'immediata futura soluzione soddisfacente per i seguenti motivi:

- 1°) questo comando non dispone di unità automobilistiche né di magazzini di automezzi e parti di ricambio a cui attingere. A mala pena riesce a mantenere in movimento i pochi automezzi che possiede per i servizi più indispensabili;
- 2°) tutti gli automezzi, già dell'Esercito ed ora ~~XXXXXX~~ abusivamente in mano ai civili, se efficienti, circolano per effetto di autorizzazioni rilasciate dalle varie autorità alleate (A.M.G.S.T. Governi locali - Polizia - varie forze armate alleate - etc.). Non è stato mai possibile recuperare tali automezzi senza lunghe pratiche

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3°) gli automezzi inefficienti che si sono recuperati con la Vostra autorizzazioni, sono dei veri e propri rottami, che erano già stati spogliati di ogni parte utile prima dai tedeschi, poi dai civili ed infine anche da elementi alleati, certo irresponsabili.

Per ricostruire detti rottami occorre che il 137^o reggimento autieri riabbia la propria caserma, la propria officina che possa almeno disporre delle attrezzature delle più importanti officine civili di Napoli.

Ogni mia ripetuta richiesta in tal senso è stata sempre respinta dalle autorità alleate (vedi foglio A.G. 601 DGDS del 28/11/943 - foglio A.G. 601 DGDS del 20 dicembre e colloqui verbali col Capitano Murcell dell' A.F.H.Q.).

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Inoltre, il 10° reggimento autieri non ha mezzi necessari per il servizio dei relitti, in quanto non dispone di carri gru. Una richiesta fatta dal mio comando alle autorità alleate per avere due carri gru non è stata accolta (vedi foglio A.C. 400 - 3591 BGSDS del 6/12/43).

Non è, poi, inutile ricordare che diverse volte ufficiali e soldati alleati sono penetrati negli improvvisati paracadeggi del 10° autieri ed hanno portato via quel poco che vi era stato raccolto di efficiente. (per esempio: fra gli altri - vedi mio foglio 562 del 1° dicembre e foglio n° 720 del 4 dicembre u.s.).

4°) Per provvedere rapidamente alla soluzione del problema occorre decidere per provvedimenti rinfacciosi.

- questo comando, e per esso il 10° reggimento autieri, abbia facoltà di requisire, riprendere in carico automezzi di ogni genere già dell'Esercito italiano ed ora in possesso abusivo di civili e ciò indipendentemente e senza riguardo al fatto che essi prestano servizio presso elementi alleati che invece intervengono sempre per impedire la raccolta o la identificazione.
- avere a disposizione qualcuno officina per le riparazioni automobilistiche.
- avere a disposizione automezzi speciali per recupero.

Cve non si ritenga addivvenire a tali provvedimenti, tenuto conto che il 10° reggimento autieri ha già consegnato al 1° raggruppamento motorizzato quanto era in suo possesso e che poteva essere utile ai bisogni del raggruppamento stesso, non resta altra possibilità che quella di chiedere quanto occorre allo Stato Maggiore dell'Esercito Italiano, da cui, come è noto, il 1° raggruppamento motorizzato dipende e tutti gli effetti. Comunque ne informo anch'io, con la presente comunicazione, lo S.M. R.E. e Ministero Guerra, allegando copia della lettera che mi avete inviata.



IL CORONNELLO DI S.M.
UFFICIO SERVIZI
(L. Quercia)

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
COMANDANTE LE TR. AL. DELLA CAMPANIA
F/to Antonio Basso

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- *Per il 100 reggimento autieri, con l'Armato, nessuno tempo a dipendere da lui, anzi per avere a disposizione qualche officina per le riparazioni automebilitati- che.*
- avere a disposizione automezzi speciali per recupero.

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IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA
COMANDANTE IN P.F. AL. DELLA COMPANIA
2/te Antonio Basso

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C. C.
IL COLONNELLO DI S.M.
UFFICIO SERVIZI

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29 Feb 44.

Ref your letter, MM/101 dated 25 Feb 44.

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Date 27 Feb 44. 1015.

TO
ITALIAN ARMY.

SUBJECT:- Maintenance of British Vehicles in
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I F H Q is preparing a course for drivers in view of
the likelihood of receiving Allied vehicles in the near
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The problem of maintenance would be easier if we could
issue to ITALIAN drivers a translation of the R E M E
booklet on the daily task of drivers.

Can you please inform me whether you have any
objection to such a booklet being issued to ITALIAN drivers?
If not, are any such books available for delivery to this
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booklets are available, could steps be taken to produce
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The problem of maintenance would be easier if we could issue to ITALIAN drivers a translation of the R E M E booklet on the daily task of drivers.

Can you please inform me whether you have any objection to such a booklet being issued to ITALIAN drivers? If not, are any such books available for delivery to this office? About 200 would be required. Finally, if no booklets are available, could steps be taken to produce quantities of such a booklet?

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Major,
Liaison Officer.

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TO **Rptd Air Div ACC BARI** (W) For Information (Info) Magn Instr Co

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649 (.) Reported that numbers of ITALIAN AIR FORCE vehs have been handed over to ITALIAN Army (.) Request you confirm if this is correct giving number of vehs concerned

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

AIR DIVISION

DO/RJW/305

22nd February 1944.

Dear *Duchess*.

Your signal regarding Sardinia, originated on February 10th and addressed to Fatima(Air) for Foster, only arrived yesterday at Bari. It was posted I think from Salerno.

If you ever wish to get in touch by Signal more rapidly, the best address is Air Div. A.C.C. Bari.

This however by the way. Moriarty has been in today and I can only confirm what I told him. I have a very small staff and a large area to cover. At present I have two Officers working with the Allied Control Commission Headquarters at Naples - Wing Commander Winter and Squadron Leader De Haan - and it is my intention to place Sardinia and Sicily in their realm. They will make periodic visits and I have instructed them to contact your man Colonel Simmonds at the first opportunity. I presume Simmonds is stationed at Cagliari where I believe both General Webster and General Pinna have their Headquarters.

I am sorry I can't have a man permanently there to help but at the moment it is out of the question as I haven't got the body to spare.

Yesterday I received a report that No.1 District (Col.Gould) was handing over Italian Air Force M.T. to the Italian Army. You can imagine my reactions. I signalled Gould saying that all Italian Air Force assets on the Island had been handed over to me for disposal and invited him to have the vehicles handed over to Lt. Palma, the Italian Air Force Salvage Officer at Catania airfield. As you know, the M.T. situation is very bad with the Regia Aeronautica especially now with units stationed all over the place.

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If the Italian Army have in fact stolen some of my property,

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If the Italian Army have in fact stolen some of my property, thus repeating an offence for which they have not yet been punished, it would be very grateful if you would issue instructions that in this instance their return must be made.

Yours sincerely,

R. W. Inter.

Brigadier Duchesne, G.B.E., M.C.,
M.M.I.A., Lequile.

Lt Col. Moriarty

*Get Q to signal No. 1 District about it & ask for reply
giving no of Apr free vehicles to be accepted to Apr Dn Acc
BARR.*

22/3 1947

SUBJECT: Italian Military Transport for A.C.C.

Major LEONARD. MIA IO att 31 Corps.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
LEONARD (LINDOR)
AQ/5.
24 Feb 44

In confirmation of verbal instructions: -

1. Copy of 36/21/03 of 8 Feb attached. Take copies of all signals etc from our files on this subject since that date.
2. Inspect 1001 G.T. Coy and truck unit being formed by P.B.S. and report.
3. Visit 2 DISTRICT and discuss with Col. i/c Administration (Col. JOHNSON) and D.A.S.T. (Col. WARREN.)
4. Visit Col. ADAMS, Economic Section, HQ A.C.C. NAPLES (next to P.B.S.) and find out how these units are to be operated. Keep Lt. Col. QUINSMITH (Tel. PANDA 51) informed.
5. Visit Brig Gen HAMILTON. AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon with my compliments, and explain the position to him.
6. Thereafter use your initiative and report, in writing, the steps necessary to carry out the orders given in 36/21/03 of 8 Feb.

TWS.

Edward J. ...
Brigadier.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

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W. K. C. L. H. J.

Brigadier.
Army Sub Commissioner, A.C.G.
(Drafted letter, now absent on duty)

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SUBJECT: Transport for A.C.C.

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AFHQ ADV ADM ECHOLON
CMF

C.G., P.B.S.
D.D.O.S.
D.D.S.T.

36/21/03

8 Feb 44.

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(c) The units mentioned in (a) and (b) above, should preferably be manned by Italian military personnel, but this is left to the discretion of the authorities responsible for providing them. They will be made available by 20 Feb. Deputy President A.C.C. will inform C.G., P.B.S. and this H.Q. where they should report.

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100	Marked from vehicles ex M.F.B.D.O. Sicily.
100	Due 28 Feb 44.
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400	Additional vehicles to complete requirements are now being sought by AFHQ from MIDEAST.
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CJK/JS

(sgd) A.L. HAMBLETT,
Brig Gen
for Major General.
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- HQ, A.C.M.F. - G(SD)
Deputy President A.C.C.

A.F.H.Q. - O(AE). (2)
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C-4. S.D.

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MESSAGE FROM.

To : MMIA LO att DISTWO.

From : MMIA

Q 632 22 1515A

Ref your ME/104 of 19 Feb (.) Decision awaits return
Major HALL about 29 Feb

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MESSAGE FORM

To : PBS cite BPTN copy FLAMBO attention DCOT.

From : M.M.I.A.

Ref your 902 dated 21 (.) This matter is now in the
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MESSAGE FORM

To : FLAMBO FATIMA rptd FARGO for ADAMS.

From : M.M.I.A. from DUCHESNE Q 612 21 1030 A

FIRST for FLAMBO for HAMLEEN (.) Your SD/830/17693 of 19 Feb

(.) FLAMBO letter 36/21/03 of 8 Feb detailed for attachment to FARGO one CT Company of 120 vehicles from FLAMBO plus one transport unit of 80 vehicles self contained in every respect from PBS (.) FLAMBO letter 36/5/Q3 of 3 Feb lays down that CT Coys will have an Allied Cadre for documentation census returns plus issue and indenting for spares (.) It is clear therefore on orders issued that these units should be fully up to War Estab in personnel and have Allied attached sections (.) SECOND for FATIMA for QUINSMITH (.) Contact both Colonel ADAMS and Brig Gen HAMPLEN and get this matter fully ventilated and cleared up

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To : PBS rptd FLAMBO FARGO for ADAMS
From : M.M.I.A. Q 605 19

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Ref our Q 576 of 17 and FLAMBO 36/21/03 of 8 (.) The function of Allied cadres attached to Italian truck coys is to carry out correct documentation and to ensure maintenance of vehicles and transmission of Allied orders (.) Suggest following personnel for American cadre attached to QM Truck Coy (.) ONE officer ONE TRUCKMASTER sjt ONE staff sjt mess ONE staff sjt motor ONE company clerk ONE despatcher ONE cook ONE mechanic FOUR drivers (first class)

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Rear HQ (MMIA)
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16 Feb 44.

To: COL. SIMONS Army Sub Commission, C/O
Allied Garrison Comdr SARDINIA.
Major LAMPERT, MMIA LO C TANDARO, CALABRIA.
Capt. MONICO, MMIA LO C/o FIAMMO (for Lt COL OPENHUBER)
Capt. CHURPP, MMIA LO HQ 2 DISTRICT.
Major VI LUMAH, MMIA LO RASH FIGHTER AREA.
COL. ADAMS, Economic Sub Comm HQ, A.C.C. NAFLER.) for
Lt COL GUINS ITH, Army Sub Comm, A.C.C. SALERNO) information.

Subject: Italian Military Transport for A.C.C.

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2. It is the intention to use these units as a central reserve for distribution of civilian supplies on the Mainland; and probably to extend the system to SARDINIA. Their technical maintenance is an Allied Army responsibility, and Army Sub Commission LOs should help them on demand.

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Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Transport for A.C.C.

APPENDIX 'A'.

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AFHQ ADV ADM NOVELON.

C.F.

C.G., P.B.S.
D.D.O.C.
D.D.I.T.

36/21/03.

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(sgd) AL HARBAN
Brig Gen,
for Major General
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

CJK/JS

Copy to: HQ, A.C.C.F. - G(8D).
Deputy President A.C.C.
A.F.M.G. - Q(AE) . (2)
D.D.A.S.
G-4 S.D.

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SUBJECT : Transport for A.C.C.

ADV ADM BABELON,

CITE.

C.G., P.B.S.
B.D.C.S.
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36/24/53.

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By C.G., P.B.S.	300	2 1/2-Ton Trucks, are being shipped for the purpose from ORAN and are due HANES by 15 Feb. Of these 80 may be retained by P.B.S. as offset to those supplied with the unit mentioned in para 2(b)
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By D.D.C.S. PLANSO

The following consignments of 3 Ton Lorries 4 X 2 are

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By D.D.O.S. NIMMO
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100	100	100	400
Marked from vehicles in M.N.B.D.C. Sicily	Due 28 Feb 44	Due Mar 15, 44	Additional vehicles to complete requirements are now being sought by AFHQ from MIDEAST.

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Brig Gen,
for Major General
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

GTJ/JS

Copy to :- HQ, A.C.C.F. - G(AD).
Deputy President A.C.C.

A.P.H.Q. - S(AB). (2)
D.D.M.B.
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MESSAGE FORM.

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Date Time.

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From: M.M.I.A.

To : FLAMBO rptd 15 ARMY GROUP.

Q 386 (o) Ref your Q 8941 of 11 Jan (o) Under present conditions it is impossible to maintain Italian Army lorries belonging to Italian Units under command FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies owing to difficulty of spares and lack of them (o) For this reason and that of military politics recommend issue these eighty lorries to Italian units in Combat ZONE where they can get Allied spares parts and maintenance (o) Owing to the consequent dispersal suggest these vehicles can only be taken on charge by Italian units operating them, who should be affiliated to nearest R.A.S.C. or R.E.M.E. unit for supply of spares and advice on maintenance (o) Instruction on Census might be given and returns collected by Italian Force Hq in each Army (o) Do you consider practicable (o) 15 Army Gp 1702/45/GSD2 of 9 Jan refers

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By *Bylanthine Day* 1553

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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Transport

HQ 15 Army Gp
1702/45/G.302

MILITARY MISSION

9 Jan 44

Q(AE) AFHQ Adv Adm Ech

Date 10/1/44 AS/S

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Reference your letter 31/5/Q(AE) dated 2 Jan 44.

1. It is agreed that Class II lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 should be supplied to the Italian Army.
2. Accordingly 80 3 ton 4 x 2 Class II are released ex RVS MONOPOLI release serial 1204. It is suggested that these should be taken on charge by MMIA.
3. Please arrange for a representative of MMIA to visit RVS MONOPOLI and select the vehicles.

6 B.P. Type 4
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[Signature]
Maj-Gen,
CGS.

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Copy to:- DDOS AFHQ Adv Adm Ech
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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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6 Bnlt For 1st Coy.

IL. 10 Veh Coy.

M.M.L.A. 10 mt DISTO.

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Q.360

Should Major Hall D.D.D.M.E. REIA visit you 12 Jan

please inform him urgently to visit D.V.C. MONOPOLI with a view
to collecting 80 3-ton class 2 lorries released by FILAOT under
serial 1204 to Italian Army (.) Probable allotment will
be to Italian units with Eighth Army

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REPORT ON THE TRANSITION AND P.O.L.
SITUATION IN CALABRIA.

The present position of the above is as follows:-

The main source of transport to Italian military, there being very little transport held by military companies, private contractors etc. As a result, men, armaments are severely handicapped unless the military come to their rescue. Such services consist of the A.A.S., electric light company, telephone companies and the railways, both state and private. Also the supply of A.A.S. for civilian supplies etc.

That little transport is held privately is a deplorable state due to the extreme shortage of fuel and engines. There are military needs derived from these companies etc. It has been found that military lorries for transport of fuel and other should be bought in used when purchasing state. Large lorries.

The delivery of timber from sawmills to railways, purchased by D.O.L., A.A.S., A.A.S., depends to a large extent on Italian army lorries.

Another use which state. Corps lorries is called upon to perform the salvaging of enormous stocks of ammunition etc., which have abandoned in various parts of the country.

L.O.L.

The only source of supply of the vital commodity at present is Italian military. This is actually in statement for the following reasons.

(a). The Italian military have had practically no L.O.L. for months, with the result that since October 1941, many L.O.L. will not be received out. This complicates the repair of tanks, etc. salvaging ammunition, petrol and oil containers.

(b). U.O.L. is in a state of emergency through military stocks are stored pending to U.O.L. A.A.S. A.A.S. is in a state of emergency of U.O.L. for the sole use of timber etc. An allocation should also be made for other military services as provided in the above.

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY, N. Y.
JANUARY 10, 1901.
SIR:
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.
Very respectfully,
J. B. CROSSLAND, Attorney General.

The delivery of liquor from Canada to relatives, associated by D.W.W., W.C.A.A.B., students was together to Canada for 1000000.

around the world. Some people called upon to defend it and others to defend the world. The world is not a country, it is a country.

(2) $\Delta_{\text{O.T.}}$

The only source of supply of water actually connected to project is
Tubing #1100. This is actually a distribution line. The "bottling
house",

(8) The "Traveler's Utility" have had previously no ...
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So many matters were now I got to know, three D.O.s. applied, still so quiet:-

- I. Italian Army.
 - II. A.D.U.C.S.
 - III. Civil ex G.I.S. (under control).
- { ps. up to date present 9 M.D.T. Run not brought in any P.O.B. supply.

Figure 1

• Dear friends
I am so glad to hear from you all.
I hope you are all well and happy.
I will write again soon.

On 31 Dec. 48, (ref. 3.2/1), a Leo of Guelled G.C., who's address is in the building program is stated, again to the committee, 3.2/1, to carry on with the contract. To keep some records of the Leo's name to be in the future.

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literally containing out for me. I received a letter from the...
to Columbia University in the Department of...
to 816... received...
received.

Notes -

On 20 Dec. 13. (ref. 13.1/1), I received 13.1.1, no. 2, dated 13.1.1, stating that the A.A.A. 13.1.1, dated 13.1.1, was not received by the...
to 816... received...
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On 21 Dec. 13. (ref. 13.1.1/2), I also received 13.1.1, no. 3, dated 13.1.1, informing him that his...
to 816... received...
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I also wrote to 13.1.1, no. 2, dated 13.1.1, (ref. 13.1.1/3) planning for an...
to 816... received...
received.

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SUBJECT:- Transport - General

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

CMF

36/1/01

4 Jan 44

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Copy to:- DDW

With further reference to your AQ/5
of 27 Dec 43.

1. The question of the loan of lorries
to the Italian Army in the north is still under
consideration.

2. It is understood that the total Allied
requirements for the movement of timber in CALABRIA
are 60 lorries and not 80 as quoted by you. These
60 lorries include the 45 asked for in my letter
36/1/3 of 24 Dec 43. This request can therefore
be disregarded.

MILITARY MISSION 19

Date 8 Jan 44 Aq/5.

TO
ITALIAN ARMY.

[Signature]
Brigadier.
DQNT.

Covered by issue of 80 lorries
Regt 220

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SUBJECT:- Transport - General

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

CMF

36/1 Q.1

30 Dec 43

MEMO —

Copy to:- 15 Army Group

Ref your AQ/5 of 27 Dec 43.

The question of releasing eighty lorries to the Italian Army in the North is being taken up.

In the meantime, if the Italian Army finds it impossible to provide for the essential maintenance of any particular unit which is working for Allied formations or Areas, application for assistance in any particular case should be made to the formation concerned or, in the case of units not in Army Areas, to PRS or No.2 District.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 8 Jan 44 AQ/5.

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

*Covered by memo of 80 lorries
Bogott*

[Signature]
f Brigadier.
DQM.

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SUBJECT:- Transport - General

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon
CMF

36/1 Q.1

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Copy to:- MMIA (ref
Q265 of 28 Dec).

30 Dec 43

The Italian Army are providing eighty lorries to assist in the movement of timber in CALABRIA.

Their POL allotment will require to be increased to meet this commitment. Will you please take up this question. It would appear that the best method would be to increase the despatches to CATANZARO.

Prof. McKim May
- Jun

Brigadier.
DQMG.

DADST is not

Circular

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Ans/S
01/01

Subject: Italian Army Transport

AFRICA ADV ADV INFORMATION

15 ARMY GROUP FOR INFORMATION

File Copy
Military Mission to
Italian Army
AG/5
27 Dec 43

1. In my AG/5 of 18 Dec addressed to Italian General Staff copy to you I ordered the Italian Army to provide:-

(a) 80 lorries averaging 3 tons each in CALABRIA for the carriage of timber for Allied purposes from forest to rail. This order was placed at the request of Brig FOLLEY acting for your D.A.W.

(b) transport for distribution of food to civil population as at present. AMCOF are going to confirm actual requirements.

2. The Italian Army are so short of transport that they are sending bus, for labour and engineer work in the Combat Zone, equipped with only one lorry. I recommend therefore the loan to them of 80 lorries, for the period that the Allies require in CALABRIA the loan of 80 lorries from them. Do you agree?

3. It is obviously to our advantage to use in CALABRIA lorries that are trained and administered by the Italians. On the other hand we must ensure that units sent to the forward areas are capable of maintaining themselves in food and water; and that Italian officers have enough MI to organise the supervision and administration of their men. For the rationing of the Italian Army, transport is necessary for the purchase and collection of local supplies as laid down; and for drawing in bulk from Allied Depots and subsequent distribution. Their transport is short and spare parts hard to come by.

4. If agreed in principle that we should hand to them in the North as many lorries as we demand from them in the South, I think it would be possible to organise my safeguards that you think essential. The lorries could remain on charge of the appropriate Sub Area and be called in for periodical inspection.

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John H. H. H.

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John P. ...

Brig
Genl

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI - Sezione S.M.

N° 1543 di prot.

P.M. 151, li 23 dicembre 1943.-

OGGETTO: Mezzi di trasporto italiani.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE PRESSO L'ESERCITO ITALIANO
(rif. f° AQ/5 in data 15/12/1943)

LEQUILE

Si comunica che tutti gli automezzi disponibili sono in distribuzione ad unità e reparti.

Detti automezzi sono impiegati per soddisfare tutte le esigenze manovrandoli e spostandoli da località a località in relazione alle richieste contingenti.

La suddivisione di essi per categorie richieste, si rende pertanto impossibile.-



UFFICIO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Mariotti -

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(2). For the use of the British, as follows:-

Five 5 to 6 tonners plus trailers {Wafta}.
Ten 5 to 6 " " "
Ten 3 tonners with large bodies.

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The trucks in (I). will report under officer plus necessary M.C.O.'s, mechanics with tools etc., to Lt. Munro in COSMZA. The trucks will be under the command of your officer who will receive his orders from Lt. Munro. Lt. Munro will arrange supply of petrol, oil etc., for the trucks. You will see to the feeding; pay etc., of the men.

At the moment, Lt. Munro is using 5 trucks loaned by you to A.M.G.O.T., COSMZA. As A.M.G.O.T. presumably does not need these trucks, you may withdraw them from A.M.G.O.T. and use same for this work.

Ref (2). These trucks will for the present work under my orders. I want the following organisation:-

One officer to be in charge of the section who will keep close contact with me for his orders of work etc.

An officer i/c of the section in the field to see that the section is working, receiving its ration, Wafta, oil etc.

Provide a Sgt. Mechanic to at least 5 trucks. The Sgt. will be in charge of the subsection and will be fitted out with necessary tools etc.

These trucks will obtain their supplies from 31st. Italian Corps who will give me a weekly return, in duplicate, of P.O.L. the trucks use. Please advise what you estimate will be the P.O.L. requirements for these trucks per day., allowing for a daily run of 100 kms.

Note that all the trucks will be carrying either finished timber or logs and should be suitable for the use.

Please treat this letter as urgent and send your officer to contact me as soon as possible. Re trucks, for the Americans, herewith letter of introduction to Lt. Munro.

Copies to:-DDW.AFHQ.AAE.
Lt. Munro, 40th. Engineers, COSMZA.
MEMA. (appendix attached).

P.A/S.
X/12

Johnston
Major.

For 2000/116
Carroll

M.V.J.

APPENDIX.

ITALIAN TRANSPORT.

The above trucks were requested by Brig. FOLKE on his recent visit here. I am sure the Corps can supply same if you supply WAPPA (not dieseline), petrol, oil and brake fluid etc. My estimate is approx. 500 Gallons of petrol, 300 gallons WAPPA and 30 gallons lubricating oil daily.

I suggest that as 31st. Corps are short of heavy lorries and trailers, you transfer and exchange 15 of our 3 tonners for ten, 5 to 8 ton lorries plus trailers which are more suitable for hauling of timber.

W.V.J.

John Hunter
Major.

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SUBJECT:- Transport - General

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon
CMF
36/1 Q

MMIA

24 Dec 43

Copy to:- Works
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1. Large purchases of timber are being made in CALABRIA to meet the requirements of the US and British Armies.
2. It is considered that 45 lorries are required for British purposes in the area CROTONE - COSENZA - CATANZARO for a period of at least three months to assist in moving timber to the railway loading points.
3. Civilian transport is not available. Will you please say what Italian Military lorries can be made available to assist in this work. The necessary fuel required by this transport would be provided from military sources.

Handwritten signature

Major General.

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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*Checked with
our HQS 218 Dec?
In any case
by our HQS 27 Dec*

*139 Cimentale
Bogot
26/12*

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Subject:- Transport in CALABRIA

S M R E

Copy to:- AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon
15 Army Group
No 2 District

Military Mission to
Italian Army

AG/5

18 Dec 43

1. I am directed to instruct you that adequate military transport is to remain in CALABRIA for the following services:-

a) Distribution of food for the civil population; the same numbers of lorries as now supplied to AMGOT. Believed to be about 70 lorries, for which POL will be provided by AMGOT.

b) Maintenance of those portions of the L of C from REGGIO to TARANTO and REGGIO to NAPLES that have been entrusted to XXI Corps. I believe this normally calls for about 50 lorries, for which POL should be provided from Italian Army stocks.

c) Carriage of timber required by the Allied and Military Authorities. This has been fixed at 80 lorries averaging 3 tons each for which POL will be provided by the Allied Military Authorities.

2. The number of lorries in CALABRIA is shown at Appendix A. These figures are based on information produced by HQ 31 Italian Corps.

3. a) The above estimate total of 120 lorries for civil population plus units on L of C northwards from REGGIO are already being provided and involve no change.

b) For carriage of timber some 40 lorries are already in use and it is desired to raise this figure to 80. I will take up with the Allied Military Authorities the matter of re-providing 80 lorries on loan from Allied Stocks to the Italian Army for the ~~period of the loan~~.

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Etc/et

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ETG/cc

Appendix 'A'LOBBIES of XXXI Italian Corps - CALABRIA

<u>Unit e Reparto</u>	<u>10 - 18 ql</u>	<u>30 ql</u>	<u>50 - 60 ql</u>
1. Auto drappelo XXXI C.A.	-	20	-
2. 66 Autogruppo	-	8	-
3. 179 Autoreparto	4	36	9
4. 204 " "	-	28	2
5. Mantova Div	93	73	22
6. 211 Div Costiera	5	14	-
7. 212 " "	1	22	9
8. 214 " "	-	1	-
9. 227 " "	2	33	7
10. Comando Artiglieri XXXI C.A.	1	51	11
11. Comando Genio XXXI C.A.	2	31	1
12. C.C.R.R. XXXI C.A.	-	5	-
13. Comando Territoriali CATANZARO	2	8	6
Total	110	330	177

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

N. di prot. 121/C. P.M. 107 16 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Trasporti italiani
Italian transport

TO: SMRE

ALLO S.M.R.E.

AD/S P.M. 151

MMIA e, per conoscenza:

for info →

ALLA M.M.I.A.

17/12.

LEQUILLE

ARCHIVATA

Si trasmette - per competenza - il
foglio AQ/5 del 15 corrente della M.M.I.A.

all'oggetto: - Trasporti italiani.-

Letter AQ/5 dated 15 Dec from MMIA is forwarded
to you for action.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
(Col. R. Fiore - Vernazza)

Fior Vernazza

18/12 Refers to request for a state of 2° of forces
required for CALABRIA. 1538

Subject: Italian Transport

Ministero della Guerra

Military Mission to
Italian Army

A2/5
15 Dec 43

1. It is required to know the minimum number of lorries (Auto pesanti) that are considered necessary for the maintenance of the Italian Army.

2. Therefore a statement is requested, to show under FOUR categories, the number of lorries required for:-

- a) Drawing in bulk from Allied sources.
- b) Local Purchase.
- c) Distribution to Formations and units.
- d) Normal internal maintenance.

3. It is not necessary to show the numbers required by each Formation or unit, but only the total numbers required in:-

- a) Apulia and Lucania.
- b) Calabria.
- c) Campania.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

- Gabinetto -

N° 6. di prot.

T.M. 107, 11 23 novembre 1943.

OGGETTO: Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione.

ALLO S.M.R.E.
AL COMANDO 72. AA. CAMPANIA
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
AL COMANDO DEL 12 CORPO D'ARMATA
AL COMANDO DEL 13 CORPO D'ARMATA
AL COMANDO DEL 14 CORPO D'ARMATA
AL COMANDO DEL 15 CORPO D'ARMATA
AL COMANDO CAMPI DI RIQUADRAMENTO
AL COMANDO CC.RR. ITALIA INTERATA
ALL'UFFICIO STRALCIO COMANDO 7° ARMATA
ALL'UFFICIO STRALCIO INTERAMMIA 7° ARMATA
ALLA COMMISSIONE MILITARE SCIOGLIMENTO MILIZIA

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO
AL MINISTERO DEGLI ESERCI
AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
AL MINISTERO DEGLI INTERNI
AL MINISTERO GRACIA E GIUSTIZIA
AL MINISTERO EMIGRAZIONE NAZIONALE
AL MINISTERO DEI LAVORI PUBBLICI
AL MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE
AL MINISTERO INDUSTRIA, COMMERCIO E LAVORO
AL MINISTERO AGRICOLTURA E FORESTE
AL MINISTERO DELLE FERROVIE, MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
E TRASPORTI IN COMMISSIONE
AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA MERCHANTILE
AL MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E TELEGRAFI E COMUNICAZIONI
RADIOFONICHE
ALL'ISPEZIONE GENERALE DELL'ESERCITO
AL COMMISSARIATO DELL'ALIMENTAZIONE
ALLA MISSIONE BRITANNICA PRESSO L'ESERCITO ITALIANO
ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE IN COLLABORAMENTO CON IV° CRISTO
ARMATE ANOLO-AMERICANE
ALL'UFFICIO ITALIANO DI COLLABORAMENTO CON U.C. DISTRETTO

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AL COMANDO CAPO DI RIORINAMENTO P.M. 107
AL COMANDO C.C.R.R. ITALIA IRRERATA B A R I
ALL'UFFICIO STRALCIO COMANDO 7° ARMATA P.M. 107
ALL'UFFICIO STRALCIO INFERENZA 7° ARMATA T.M. 107
ALLA COMMISSIONE MILITARE SCIOGLIMENTO MILITIA B A R I

c. per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO P.M. 151
AL MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI P.M. 151
AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA P.M. 151
AL MINISTERO DELL'AGRICOLTURA P.M. 151
AL MINISTERO DEGLI INTERIORI P.M. 151
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AL MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E TELEGRAPHi E COMUNICAZIONI RADIOFONICHE P.M. 151

ALL'ISTITUTO GENERALE DELL'ESERCITO 1536
AL COMMISSARIO DELL'ALIMENTAZIONE P.M. 151
ALLA FISCIONE BRITANNICA PRIMO L'ESERCITO ITALIANO ISQUALE
ALLA FISCIONE MILITARE DI COLLEGIAMENTO CON XV° GRUPPO B A R I
ARMATE ANGLO-AMERICANE B A R I
ALL'UFFICIO ITALIANO DI COLLEGIAMENTO CON H.Q. DISTRICT NR. 2 G.M.F. B A R I
AL COMITATO ITALIANO PETROLI B A R I
ALL'A.S.I.P. CARBONARI B A R I
ALL'A.S.I.P. LUNARIFICANTI B A R I

Dal 1° dicembre c.a. le seguenti attività, finora svolte dalla Sezione Automobilismo dell'Ufficio Servizi dello S.M.M., saranno di competenza di questo Ministero - Direzione Generale della Motorizzazione -

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- requisizione e derquisizione automotomensi;
- provvista e distribuzione automotomensi, risconti, somme e materiali vari;
- depositi carburanti;
- assegnazioni carburanti e lubrificanti ad enti militari e civili;
- movimento del personale del Corpo Automobilistico;
- riparazioni officine militari e civili;
- recupero mezzi e materiali;
- concessione modelli 1 - 2 e M per gli ufficiali;
- acquisti e contratti;
- collaudi.

P. C. G.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen. Arturo Fardocchi)



F. F. F.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO
P/te: T. Orlando

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IL SOTTOSCRITTO
E/col T. Orlando

- concessione modelli 1 - 2 e X per gli ufficiali;
- acquisti e contratti;
- collaudi.

P. C. G.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen. Ettore Verdicchi)



Verdici

SUBJECT: TRANSIT

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
SD/1/1
19 Nov 41

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Chief of Staff
State Maggiore A. Sceriffo

COPY TO: File AG/2

1. The object of this letter is to collect data appertaining to the transport of the Italian Army in ITALY; with a view to formulating a policy to make the maximum available for operational units.

2. PRESENT SITUATION, as known in my office on 15 Nov, is summarized in Appendix 'A'. It discloses:-

(a)	11 Corps = 89 lorries over 3 tons.	183 between 1 - 3 tons
	11 Corps = 179	221 " " " "
	1111 Corps = 450	129 " " " "

(b) From the above 1111 Corps appear to have a considerable number of lorries: of their total I understand that 75 lorries are working for ANGOI and 90 lorries on work connected with the British 1st of 3 through CALABRIA: the 16 lorries with MASTOVA Div are the same number that it had before 11; Inf Regt was sent to NAPLES so presumably some are now spare.

(c) Under 11 Corps the 1st Regt Autieri is shown as possessing 27 heavy and 107 light lorries and 141 trailers.

(d) The patrol situation in CALABRIA is unsatisfactory and lorries have been off the road for lack of it. This will form the subject of a separate letter.

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(e) The needs of CAMPANIA require consideration since it will be an Italian Army responsibility to feed all their units south of the Combat Zone in CAMPANIA as from 15 Dec.

(f) Generally it appears practicable to allot only essential transport to formations and to withdraw a considerable number of lorries to centralise control.

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3. REQUISITIONED VEHICLES

As notified in my AD/1/1 dated 17 Nov it is policy gradually to return N° 10 Vehicle Park MCMOPOLI vehicles formerly requisitioned by the British Army : for release to Italian units employed in the Combat Zone. These vehicles will be in need of repairs and spare parts, and their repair requires organising.

4. PERSONNEL

In mid October Gen H BERTON enquired whether sufficient Italian Officers and men could be found to man 360 British lorries if required. He has just informed me that these personnel will now not be required: so would be available for returned lorries and any transport pool you organise.

5. MAINTENANCE

A thorough inspection of all vehicles should be made by competent officers to list the spare parts and work required to keep them efficient. I shall be happy to hear the results and be of any assistance I can.

ABC

Atkinson

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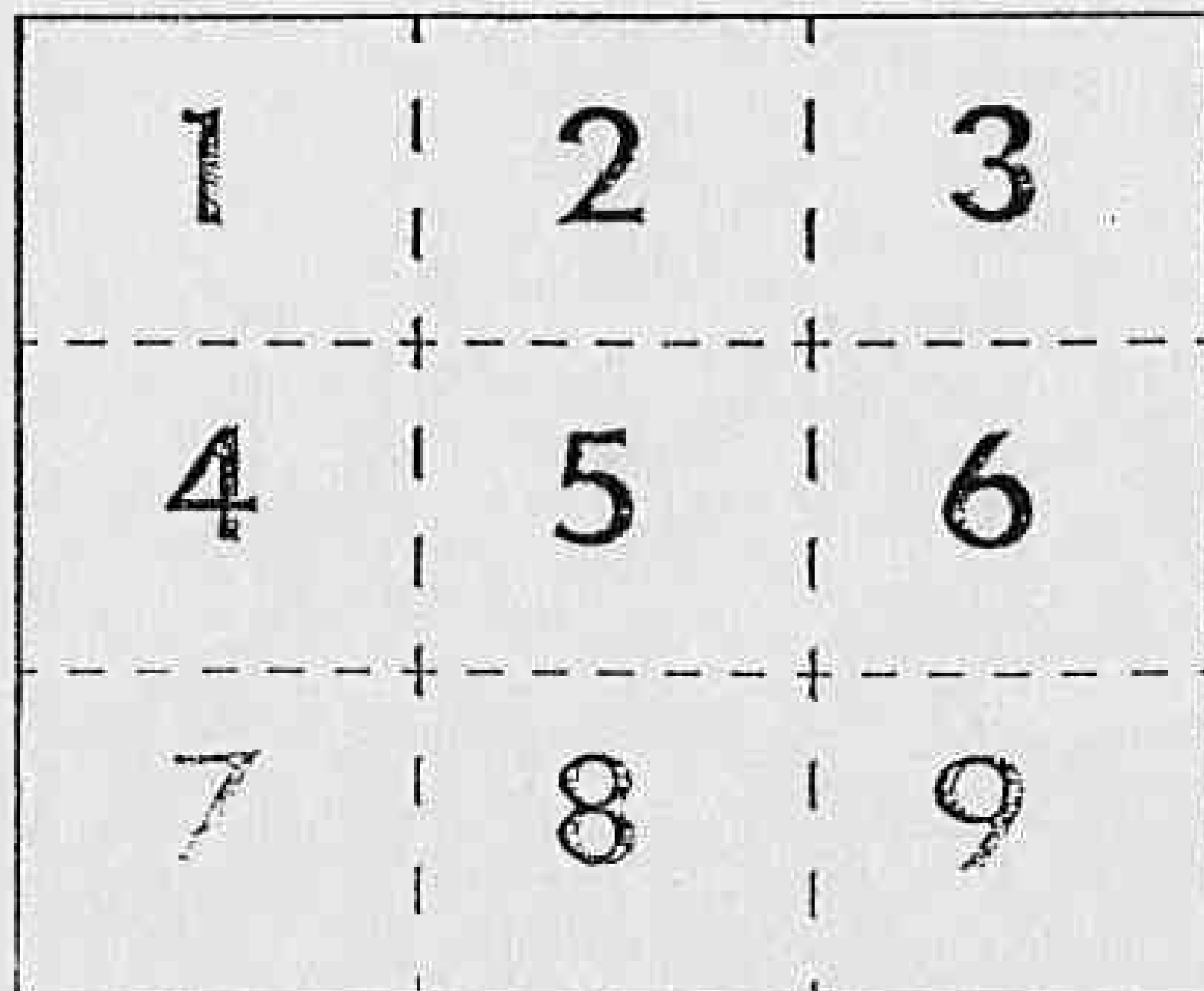
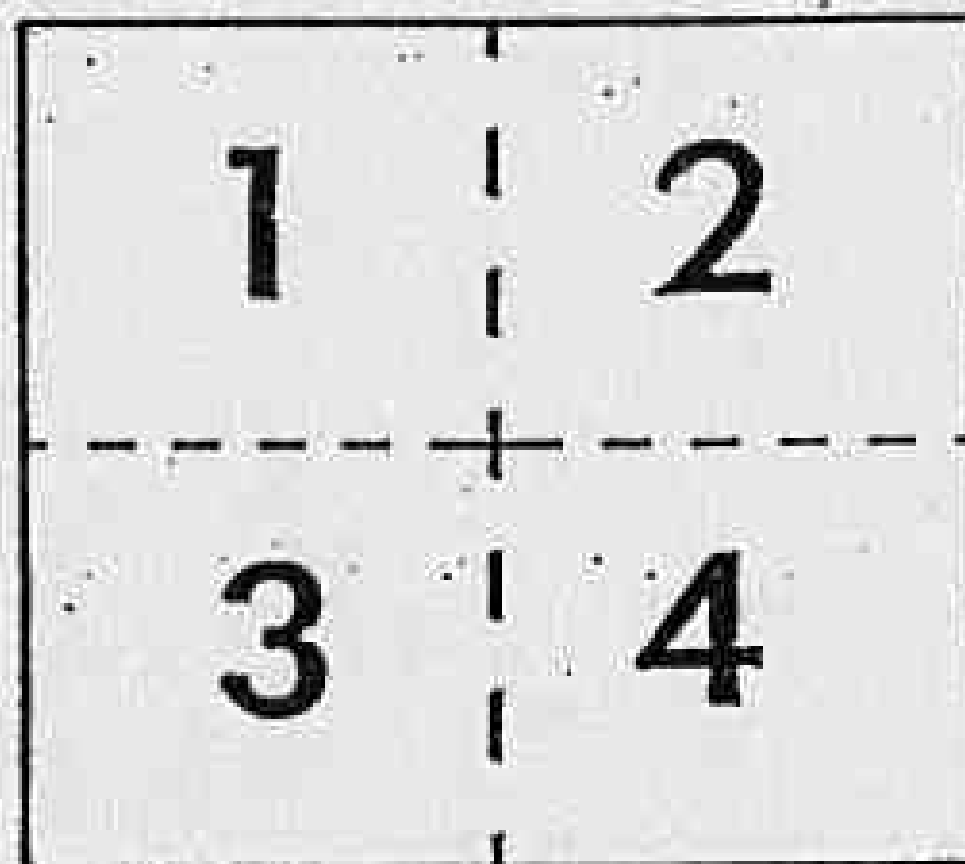
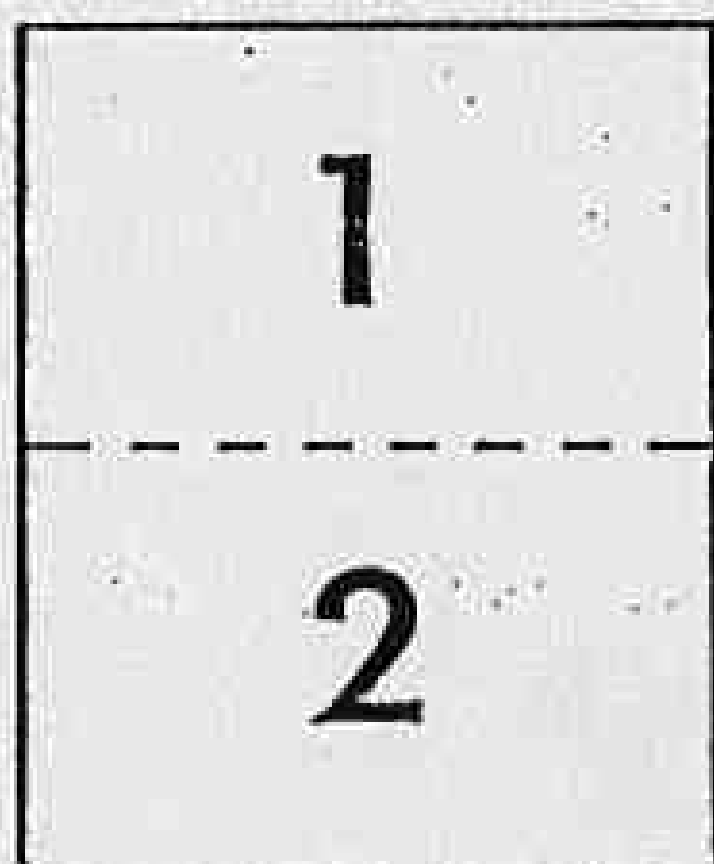
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SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



COMANDO DELLA 7^a ARMATA
Stato Maggiore-Ufficio Operazioni

SITUAZIONE DI DETTAGLIO DEGLI AUTOMEZZI ALLA DATA DEL

R E P A R T I	DISLOCAZIONE	MOTOCICLI				AUTOMEZZI			
		Semplici	con Motocarri.	Moto- trici- clicli	Auto- vetture	Autocarri < 3 T.	Autocarri > 3 T.	Autocarri 10 T.	Trattori
<u>7^a ARMATA</u>									
STATO MAGG.--Q.G.-- CC.RR.	Monteroni	27	-	2	16	14	-	-	-
REPARTI DIPENDENTI DAL COMANDO ARTIGL. D'ARMATA		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REPARTI DIPENDENTI DAL COMANDO GENIO D'ARMATA		1	-	-	1	18	8	-	-
CAMPI DI RIORDINAMENTO		-	1	-	5	2	-	-	-
TOTALE		28	1	2	22	34	8	-	-
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FESA ANTIPAR		48	5	29	28	131	58	-	17
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TOTALE		104	30	47	53	183	77	12	20

COMANDO DELLA 7^a ARMATA
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RELAZIONE DI DETTAGLIO DEGLI AUTOMEZZI ALLA DATA DEL 7 NOV. 1943.

CATEGORIA	MOTOCICLI					AUTOMEZZI					TOTALE	NOTE
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MANTOVA DIV						92	31	39	
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227 " "						6	17	4	
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	23	7	13	5	-	2	9	-	-	-	16
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SEGRETO 12A

COMANDO DELLA 7^a ARMATA

Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Operazioni

n. 2/4057a di prot.

P.M. 107, li 20 novembre 1943.

OGGETTO : Trasporti.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA = LEQUILLÉ

Riferimento foglio AQ/5 in data 8 corrente di cotesta Missione.

Interessati gli organi tecnici competenti, Questi hanno rappresentato l'impossibilità di provvedere alla costituzione di una autosezione in Puglia e di una in Calabria, data la scarsità di autocarri efficienti.

Pertanto queste comande è spiacente di non poter aderire alla richiesta di cotesta Missione.

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE CAPO DI S.M.
(Raffaele Pelligrè)



R. Pelligrè

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B7 WD, Hambro Division
 Project 15/11

1000 Hq, Eighth Army
 C. I. I.

1000 Hq, Eighth Army

13 Nov 43.

15 NOV. 1943

22/5.

Subject: ADV ADV Movement.

1000 Hq, Eighth Army

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1. A considerable amount of 100 tpt is at present being employed by formations on -

(a) Evacuation of refugees from IFA areas.

(b) Bringing IFA supplies for the civilian population remaining in IFA areas.

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Returning 100 tpt can to a certain extent bring back refugees but in many cases the destination of the refugees is quite different to that of the 100 tpt, and in consequence delay in the maintenance of IFA occurs.

2. Demands on tpt for the above purposes are increasing as new areas are occupied, and there are findings it more and more difficult to provide it. As too I of 3 sets longer it will be quite impossible to provide any tpt without prejudice to the maintenance of the IFA tpt.

3. It is therefore requested that 100 Italian lorries with Italian drivers be allotted as early as possible to IFA.

1. A considerable amount of IWD tpt is at present being employed by formations on -

- (a) evacuation of refugees from IWD areas.
- (b) bringing IWD supplies for the civilian population remaining in IWD areas.

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Returning means tpt can to a certain extent bring back refugees but in many cases the destination of the refugees is quite different to that of the initial tpt, and in consequence delay in the maintenance of IWD occurs.

2. Demands on tpt for the above purposes are increasing as new areas are occupied, and these are finding it more and more difficult to provide it. As the L of C gets longer it will be quite impossible to provide any tpt without prejudice to the maintenance of the IWD tpt.

3. It is therefore requested that 100 Italian lorries with Italian drivers be allocated as early as possible to 100, 100th Army for allocation to 100th Army attached to Corps; these lorries to be used for the sole purpose of evacuating refugees and distributing supplies to civilians in IWD areas.

It is emphasized that 100 lorries is the minimum demand to meet present requirements and further tpt may be necessary at a later stage.

Whitehead Brig.

General,
G.O.C. 100th Army.

13/11/44

Shall we want Italian Army (G.O.C.) of the

possibly, add to our own IWD and as well as

to let. Coy for this purpose?

At first

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Subject :- Formation of Italian G.T. Coys.

A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon,
C.M.F.

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Nov. '43.

Brigadier Duchesne,
B.M.M. to 7th Italian Army.

Your AQ/5 of 31 Oct. '43.

The decision re employment of
Italian military personnel to work in
British units has not yet been received
from A.F.H.Q. As soon as a decision is
given you will be informed.

RMJG/emb.

W. Goldie
Major-General,
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

*Q. sorry, I suppose this should have been
shown to you first and on your Circulation*

*See Folio 60
23 original letter to Army
33 remainder to Hambro.*

15 NOV. 1943

Subject:- ITALIAN ARMY TRANSPORT.

British Military Mission to
7th: Italian Army
AQ/5

9 Nov 43

General UTILE?
Comd Italian Mission to
15 Army Group.

General PERDICCHI for information

1. General PERDICCHI, Inspector of Transport S.M.R.E. wishes to visit FIFTH and EIGHTH ARMY areas to inspect transport of Italian units working there. In addition he wishes to visit in the Naples area all former Italian Army M.T. Depots and Workshops to discover what has happened to the transport and spares previously located there.
2. He can of course visit General BASSO without special arrangements. He can also visit General DAPINO's Combat Team. As regards other areas the following will be necessary.

(a) EIGHTH ARMY Area

arrange please.

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Permission from 15 Army Group which you will

(b) FIFTH ARMY Area

Permission from American Army Base Section (Brigadier General PENCE). Capt MURCELL, my Liaison Officer, with General BASSO, can assist in obtaining this.

Cl. Utile
Brig
Comd

EJC.

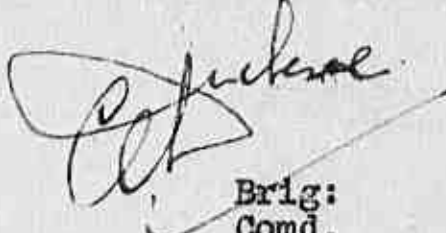
Subject: Transport.

British Military Mission to
7 Italian Army
AC/5
8 Nov 43

HQ 7 Italian Army

- I. In order to be able to move Italian Units quickly on demand it is desired to organise and keep in readiness
 - (a) One Transport platoon in APULIA
 - (b) One Transport platoon in CALABRIAeach of strength sufficient to lift one battalion.
2. These transport units to be composed of Italian lorries and Italian personnel; and to be available to ferry units to destination, returning on completion. Sufficient petrol and diesel oil should be kept in readiness for a journey of two hundred kilometres; and I will arrange for refills for the return journey.
3. Will you please proceed with the organisation of these units. A suggested establishment is attached, as basis for discussion, at Appendix 'A'.
4. This letter has no connection with my AC/5 dated 31 Oct. to raise transport companies of Italian personnel with British lorries which is a separate question.

EJC


Brig:
Comd.

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Appendix 'A'

~~4/11/81~~ 8/1/81

Car for Officer Commanding
Two Motor Cycles
30 x 3 ton lorries (or equivalent) plus 10% spare
= 33 x 3 ton lorries

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BC/

Comando 7° Armata
Stato Maggiore
Ufficio Ordinamento

P.M. 107, li 2 / 11 / 1943 - A.

LA MISSIONE MILITARE
BRITANNICA

LEQUILE

Prot. N. 4/1507/OM

Risposta al foglio del

Div. Ser. N.

OGGETTO Costituzione di un autogruppo con personale italiano e automezzi inglesi.

Seguito foglio N° 2/9612 in data 18 ottobre 1943 di questo comando.

L'approntamento del personale per la costituzione dell'autogruppo all'oggetto è ultimato.-

Si interessa pertanto codesta Missione per l'assegnazione dei 360 autocarri inglesi occorrenti per il completamento del reparto

d'ordine
IL GENERALE DI DIV. CAPO DI S.M.
(Raffaele Pelligra)

Raffaele Pelligra

Trattare per ogni lettera un solo argomento ed indicare nella risposta il numero di protocollo
a l'ufficio cui si risponde.

Indicare telegrafico: : o/o parola n.

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No. 783020

SUBJECT: Vene for P of a
Sub Commission.

British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.
Ref No. A2/5.

17 Oct 43.

Allied Mission
BRINDISI.

H.Q. No. 2 District
(POINTE BLANC)

(for information)

1. The attached letter, which has already been passed to you once, is being forwarded again as it is felt that it is intended for you.
2. This Mission has had no contact or previous dealings with F of E Sub Commission.
3. It is presumed that the vehicles concerned will be requisitioned from civilian sources, since the present policy is to avoid taking transport from the already inadequate resources of 7 ITALIAN ARMY.

Brigadier.
Comd. British Military Mission.

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SUBJECT: Tren Cort.

British Military Mission.
Ref No. AQ/5.

17 Oct 43.

BV

H.Q. 7 ITALIAN ARMY.

H.Q. No. 2 District
(FORTBASE)

(for information)

1. In confirmation of my conversation with General ARISIO on 16th, I write to inform you that General ROBERTSON has under consideration the formation of transport companies using lorries provided by the British Army and manned by ITALIAN officers and personnel. A small British detachment, possibly about one officer and ten men would be included for liaison purposes.

2. I am to request that you will study the question of forming three such companies each of 120 vehicles, making 360 vehicles in all.

General ROBERTSON would like you to reply as soon as possible, as to whether it is generally feasible.

C. H. H. 1023

Brigadier,
Comd. British Military Mission.

SUBJECT: = FORMATION ITALIAN G.T. Coys

British Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
AQ/5
31 Oct 43

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

1. In mid-October General ROBERTSON asked me verbally to find out whether, if British lorries were produced, the Italian Army could find sufficient officers and drivers to man three General Transport Coys of 120 lorries each. In my signal Q/15 of 18 Oct I replied that they could.

2. I write to enquire whether the question is still current and whether there are as yet any developments.

Col. Luchene
10.22
Brigadier.
Comd. British Military Mission.

SUBJECT:= Movement of Italian Vehicles

Allied Military Mission

British Military Mission
to 7 ITALIAN ARMY
AQ/8
3 Nov 43

The attached translation of a letter received from
7 Italian Army is forwarded for whatsoever action is
considered necessary.

JGB/ABC

Spid, Capt
for Brigadier.
Commanding.
British Military Mission.

TRANSLATION

2 Nov 43

B.M.

Civil Affairs Branch
7 Italian Army.

SUBJECT:= Circulation of Vehicles

Vehicles in possession of regular passes issued by
the "Consigli Provinciali dell'Economia" in non-controlled
territory and by LX Corps have been stopped by Anglo-
American troops. In the non-controlled territory these
soldiers stated that the above passes were not in order
and that all vehicles should have passes issued by the
Allied Authorities.

With reference to the above we ask you to inform the
competent Allied Authorities that there are no such passes
issued by Allied units in territories where civil powers
are in Italian Authorities' hands.

(signed)

PELLIGRA
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